

Northern Loop

Day 1

You will be picked up from your Muscat hotel and enjoy a city tour of Muscat, taking in the Grand Mosque, Muttrah Souq, the Sultan's Palace and the Bait Al Zubair Museum. After lunch you head to Jebel Shams, pass by the terrace farming village of Wadi Ghul, before finally ascending the Arabian Grand Canyon "Jebel Shams". The drive up or down the mountain is magnificent. You spend tonight on top of the mountain with fantastic views over the surrounding area.

O/N Camping L/D

Day 2

You drive across to Jebel Al Akhdar today. There is lots to see and experience in year-round destination of Jebel Al Akhdar – villages on the plateau like Al Aqr, Al Ayn, Ash Sharjah plus the old town of Bani Habib and Diana's Point (named after Princess Diana's visit by helicopter in 1990) – all of these offer stunning views, picnic sites, rich flora and interaction with locals worth experiencing and discovering on foot. After lunch you head down into Nizwa and check into your hotel.

O/N Al Diyar Hotel B/L/D

Day 3

The expedition begins early morning and will lead you to the Wahiba Sands, the desert of the red and white dunes of which some reach 200m high. You will stop at a Bedouin house and have a chance to taste local Omani coffee and dates.

O/N Camping B/L/D

Day 4

Breakfast at the camp. After breakfast, you will visit to Wadi Bani Khalid, Oman's best loved wadi! Wadi Bani Khalid, its stream maintains a constant flow of water throughout the year. Large pools of turquoise and emerald colored water, lined with lush green palm trees, are scattered along the course of the wadi and invite you to jump in to refresh. You explore the town of Sur before heading on to your camp at Fins Beach for the night.

O/N Camping B/L/D

Day 5

Today you return to Muscat and tour arrangements end.

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Departure Dates: 11th September, 2nd October, 23rd October, 13th November, 4th December, 1st January, 22nd January, 12th February, 4th March, 25th March, 15th April

Also available in reverse: 23rd September, 14th October, 4th November, 25th November, 16th December, 13th January, 3rd February, 24th February, 16th March, 6th April, 27th April

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