

## WHITE DESERT

*From Nizwa, and through the Huqf region, we take you to a wonderful and still unspoiled desert. 2 and a half days hiking through sand dunes and on the beach...*

### DAY 1 *( - Lunch - Dinner)*

 **Transfer Nizwa - Al Ghaba (2 hours - 200 Km)**

 **Transfer Al Ghaba - Jebel Kobra (0 hour 30 - 25 Km)**

✓ **Short walk in the rocky chaos of jebel Kobra (2 hours )**

We stop at the foot of the cliffs made of white lime stone. We then walk across the many small gorges which. It is a very exclusive place with unbelievable landscapes. Rocks are having very particular shapes...

- **Level 3\***

- **Walking time : 1 to 2 hours**

 **Transfer Jebel Kobra - Jebel Srj (0 hour 45 - 55 Km)**

✓ **Jebel Srj (2 hours )**

We stop to have a look at a strange sandstone range in the middle of an arid plane. The rock has been eroded by winds and offers very tortuous shapes

- **Level 1\***

 **Transfer Jebel Srj - Khaluf's Desert, between rocks and sand (2 hours - 150 Km)**

 **Bivouac in the desert**

We set up our camp at the start of the sand dunes.

**Individual camping tent**

### DAY 2 *(Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner)*

✓ **Hike across sand dunes and rocky outcrops (6 hours )**

A very beautiful day : we walk across sand dunes and meet on the way many rocky outcrops. The sand is sometimes red, and sometimes white. We arrive at our camp around noon and enjoy some rest under the shade. Late afternoon, we walk to the top of the sand dunes to see sunset over this spectacular landscape with trees, rocks, and sand...

- **Level 2\***

- **Walking time : 4 to 5 hours**

 **Bivouac Desert**

We set up our camp in the sand, in an 'acacia forest'. Around us are some rocky hills and Sanddunes

**Individual camping tent**

### DAY 3 *(Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner)*

✓ **Hike across White desert (6 hours )**

We have a long hike in a wonderful and unexpected landscape. We start from our campsite where the sand is red. We cross several small plateau. Between them we find sand ; the more we walk the whiter is getting the sand. Finally we discover wonderful wholly white sand dunes. Irreal landscape... We walk across the dunes and arrive to the sea around noon... We set up our camp, have lunch, and enjoy swimming in the indian ocean. Late afternoon, we start walking again across white sand dunes to enjoy sunset.

- **Level 2\***

- **Walking time : 3 to 5 hours**

#### **Bivouac in the White desert, next to the sea**

We set up our camp in the first dunes of the white desert, just 50 meters from the sea. This place is magical and unusual : on one side we have pure white dunes, whereas on the other side we have the Indian Ocean...

**Individual camping tent**

**DAY 4** (Breakfast - Lunch - )

#### ✓ **Hike on the beach (4 hours )**

We leave our camp walking to reach Khaluf's village : a long stretch of white sand along the indian Ocean.... On the way we'll probably see dead turtles (sometimes even whales) washed ashore, and for sure many sea birds. We finally arrive in the village of Khaluf (a village of bedouin fishermen) which it is worth seeing : old 4WD pushing boats bringing fish, old arabic dhows off the coast, and thousands of sea birds flying above us...

- **Level 2\***

- **Walking time : 3 to 4 hours**

#### **Transfer Khaluf - Nizwa (3 hours 30 - 350 Km)**

### **Difficulty level Trekking & Easy Walking**

- Level 1** No difficulty. Easy and short walks. Appropriate for anyone walking occasionally
- Level 2** Easy hikes with elevation gain of less than 300 meters with no big terrain difficulty
- Level 3** Hikes with an elevation gain from 300 to 800 meters. Appropriate for those who are used to walk in the mountain. The hikes mentioned Level 3 with a lesser elevation gain present terrain difficulties
- Level 4** Hikes with an elevation gain from 800 to 1100 meters. For fit mountain hikers
- Level 5** Long hikes with an elevation gain of more than 1000 meters and may require scrambling or easy climbing in some parts of the trail