



CHRISTMAS FAMILY TOUR IN OMAN

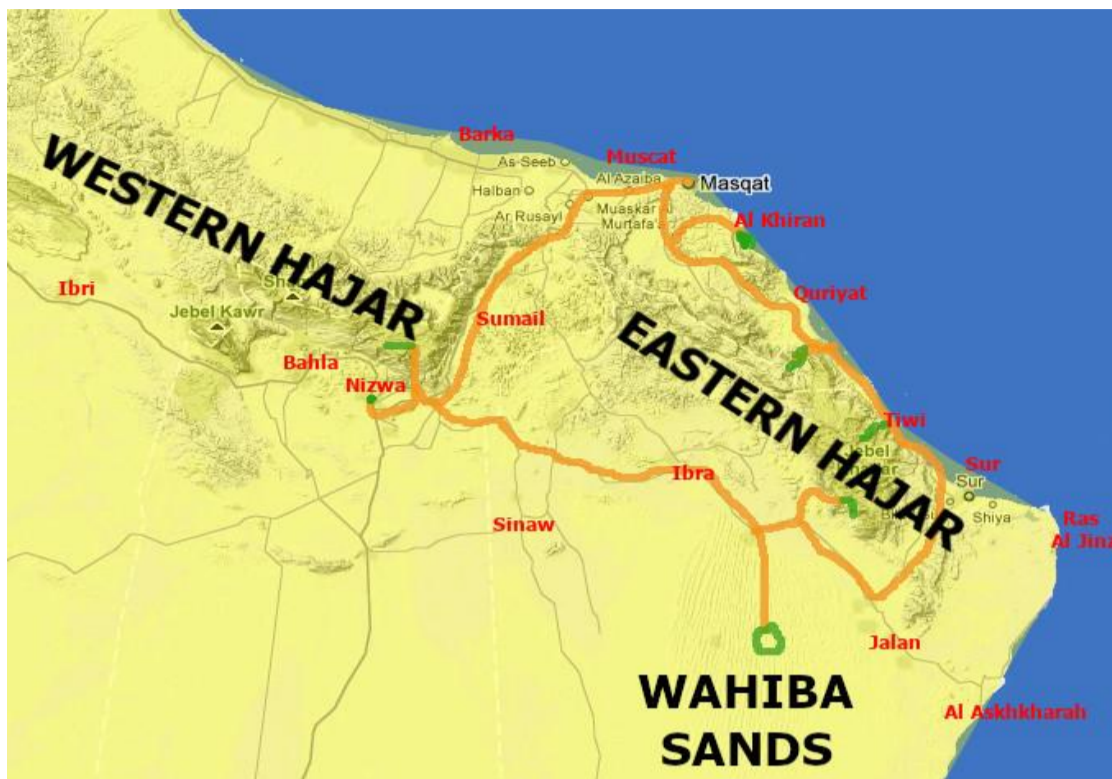
26/12/2024 - 02/01/2025

A tour specially designed for families : an overnight in an mountain village accessible only by foot, 2 nights and 1 day in the sand dunes, swim in several wadis, and wild sand beaches!



Level 2	Quite easy tours with easy hikes (no more than 4 hours walking and 300m height difference). These tours might include swimming but no aquatic hike nor canyoning. There is always the option, for the participants who wish it, not to do the walk ; when possible, an alternative program can be offered to them ; otherwise, they will wait in a beautiful spot.
Length	8 Day
START	26/12/2024 @ 08:00 AM Meet in front of Naseem Hotel (Mutrah Corniche, Muscat) We might also be able to pick up you directly from your hotel... just ask when booking...
ENDS	02/01/2025 @ 06:00 PM We can drop you anywhere in Muscat (hotel, airport, bus station, private house)
	2 Nights in accomodations (hotel, guesthouse, lodge, etc...)
	3 Nights wild camping (with tents, thick matrass, mats, dishes, cooking gear), comfortable (but with no toilets) with the assistance of vehicles. Usualy tarticipants pitch their tent by themselves while we set up the collective camp
F B F	1 Nights camping under the stars, with minimum equipment, without assistance of vehicles
Price per person	550 OMR (1440 USD)
GROUP OF	3 To 10
Tour guided in	English
Guide	

Itinerary Jebel Akhdar - Nizwa - Wahiba Desert - Wadi Bani Khalid - Sur - Wadi Tiwi - Wadi Al Arbeyeen - Bandar Khayran



Nota sobre la transportacion del equipaje We have vehicules ; so luggages are transported by car. Most of the time you only have to carry day-pack while hiking.

EXCEPTION : This trip has several consecutive hiking days (days 1, 2) during which we do not have access to the cars (and thus to the main luggages) in the evening. During those days, you'll have to carry your own personal belongings which you need at night,water, and part of the lunch. We can store your main luggages during that time. There is no safety issue. Overnight 1 we sleep **UNDER THE STARS** and you'll have to carry also own sleeping pad and sleeping bag.

About Desert We usually go for a hike of 3 to 5 hours in the morning. Heat and soft sand can make it a bit difficult. Late afternoon, we go for another walk around the camp from 1 to 2 hours. It is always possible for someone not to do the walk and stay at the camp or go for a shorter walk. On the other hand, the ones who want to walk more can go erlier in the afternoon and do a longer tour alone. In the desert, we'll have one single camp site for 2 nights. On the camp, we set up a big tent (pictures below) to have shade at noon and to protect us in case of sandwind.



DAY 1

26/12/2024

- Lunch - Dinner

Day with no car assistance**We leave the vehicle(s) in the morning at the start of the hike****We do not have access to the luggages in the evening**
 Transfer to a high village in Jebel Akhdar (2 hours 57 - 230 Km)

✓ **Hike to an oasis in a canyon (4 hours)**

We start from a village located at an height of 2000 m and we walk the same way as the villagers who go work in the gardens, some 700 meters down. When we get to the bottom of the valley, we first discover a village with many houses built under the cliff. A bit further down, we finally discover the gardens where grow palm, lime, banana tree, garlic, and sweet potatoes. The place is really beautiful.

➤ *Jebel Akhdar*

- **Level 2 & 3***

- **Walking time : 2 to 4 hours**

- **Height difference : +100m/-700m**

F B F Overnight in the old village

We sleep in the old village near the oasis. We are hosted by villagers. As the village has no road access and is not inhabited full-time anymore, comfort is rustic and we have to bring our sleeping pads and sleeping bags. According to western standards, this overnight is between bivouac and homestay. If needed, some donkeys can help us carry our things. A good evening, and a very local experience!

Under the stars



DAY 2

27/12/2024

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

Day with no car assistance

We find the vehicle(s) again after finishing the hike

✓ **Hike to leave the oasis (4 hours)**➤ *Jebel Akhdar*

We come back the same way as the day before : the path is well built and we walk slowly, so, the climb, despite the elevation, is not difficult!

- Level 2 & 3*
- Walking time : 3 to 4 hours
- Height difference : +700m/-100m

🚌 Transfer to Nizwa (1 hour 30 - 90 Km)

🏠🏠🏠 **Beautiful hotel with simple comfort**

A beautiful hotel located in an old quarter of Nizwa, just behind the souk. It's a complex of several old houses which have been renovated with a lot of taste.

Standard Room

breakfast at the accomodation



DAY 3

28/12/2024

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

➤ Nizwa

✓ **Souq of Nizwa (1 hour 30)**

Nizwa is a major city of Oman located at the foot of the mountains in the interior. In the past it was the capital of the country and remains the cultural center of the country for mountain people. The Souq was rehabilitated some 15 years ago. Friday is the market day, called 'Souq Al Jumaa', and brings visitors from the nearby mountains as well as bedous from the desert side. The livestock souq is particularly worth a visit. But you find also the fish souq, vegetable souq, meat souq, as well as some people saling moutain honey, dates, incense, and anything you might need.

🚌 Transfer to our campsite in the Wahiba Desert (3 hours - 220 Km)

➤ Wahiba Desert

✓ **Sunset in the dunes (1 hour)**

We start a walk across the dunes in late afternoon. The heat isn't too strong anymore and the sunlight is the more beautiful. The setting sun always gives changing colour to the sand and the shades. This a great unforgettable time.

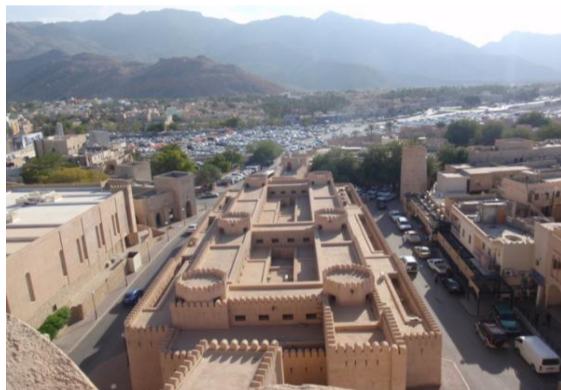
- Level 1*



Camping in desert

Quiet and enchanting place...

Individual camping tent



DAY 4

29/12/2024

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

✓ **Hiking in the Wahiba Sands (6 hours)**

We start walking early morning when the sun is not too strong. We walk some 3-4 hours in this wonderful landscape of sand dunes. Around twelve, when the sun reaches its highest point, we stop to have lunch and rest under the shade. At the end of the afternoon we start walking again around our camp to see sunset. In the desert, the walking time is only informative and we can adapt the length of the stages according to the group.

➤ *Wahiba Desert*- **Level 3***- **Walking time : 4 to 5 hours**- **Height difference : +100m/-100m****Camping in desert**

Quiet and enchanting place...

Individual camping tent

DAY 5

30/12/2024

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

🚌 Transfer to Wadi Bani Khalid (1 hour 30 - 80 Km)

✓ **Hike to waterfalls and swimming (3 hours)**

The lower part of this valley forms a narrow and wild canyon. We start from a lovely village in the valley and cross its palm garden to access the entrance of the canyon. We hike in the canyon between big boulders (the way is not very easy but doesn't last long) until we arrive to a splendid pool with waterfall. We have rest here and enjoy a swim. For those who like jumping, a very nice 10 meters jump is possible there... According to the rains and floods which change the river course, it can happen that we need to swim or hike in the water to reach the waterfalls

📍 Wadi Bani Khalid

- Level 2*

- Walking time : 1 to 2 hours

🚌 Transfer to Sur (2 hours - 150 Km)

🏠🏠🏠 Hotel apartment facing the sea

Standard Room



DAY 6

31/12/2024

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

➤ Sur

✓ **Visit of the city of Sur (2 hours)**

Sur is a big city living quietly. It is built on the seashore and extends along a wonderful lagune. It was famous in the past for the naval construction. This traditional industry is declining but there is still one factory which produces wonderful traditional arabic dhows. We stop to visit it. We then walk up to a watch tower from which we have the best view over the city.

🚌 Transfer to Tiwi (0 hour 45 - 60 Km)

➤ Wadi Tiwi

✓ **Short hike through palm gardens in Wadi Tiwi (2 hours)**

We hike in the wadi, through the palm garden (which also hosts bananas, papayas, mango trees, lime, etc...). Water flows in the river bed, flanks are covered by lush green gardens, dominated by steep cliffs.

- **Level 2***

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

**Camping in the gardens**

We camp in a private garden in the wadi. The place is great and walking around late afternoon is great : wild, superb views and lots of birds! We have 2 flat terraces to set up the camp, a falaj (water chanel), and toilets.

Individual camping tent



DAY 7

01/01/2025

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

🚌 Transfer to Wadi Al Arbeyeen (1 hour - 80 Km)

✓ **Walk and swim in Wadi Al Hail (4 hours)**

👉 Wadi Al Arbeyeen

We start with a refreshing swim in the vast pool down the village where we park. We then walk up the wadi around large boulders and across water pools until the canyons narrows to form very long pools. We swim there and go back the same way.

Warning : in some places, you might have to step in the water ; you shoes and pants might get wet...

- **Level 2***

- **Walking time : 2 to 3 hours**

🚌 Transfer to our campsite (0 hour 30 - 30 Km)



Camping at the foot of the mountains

We set up our camp on a flat area at the foot of beautiful mountains, with a panoramic view

Individual camping tent



DAY 8

02/01/2025

Breakfast - Lunch -

 Transfer to Bandar Khayran (2 hours - 120 Km)

✓ **Day at the beach : walking, swimming, and snorkeling (6 hours)**

 *Bandar Khayran*

The bay of Bandar Khiran is very rocky and hosts many small coves. We start from a high point, where the views over the bay are superb. We walk down on an easy path to reach a white sand beach, where we'll spend the day. We can go swimming and snorkeling (great marine life with many multicolor fishes, corals, and even sometimes turtles). We'll also have lunch there ; usually we try to grill fish or seafood. We can also have a longer walk to visit other beaches. Finally, we'll go back the same way.

- Level 2 & 3*

- Walking time : 0 to 1 hours

- Height difference : +50m/-50m

 Transfer to Muttrah (0 hour 45 - 50 Km)


① Difficulty level Hiking & 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