

DESERT EXPEDITION - RUB AL KHALI

11/01/2027 - 20/01/2027

A trip for desert lovers : 8 nights in the Empty Quarter, far from civilisation... Suitable for strong hikers as well as more contemplative people. The only requirement : willing to experience an immersion in the desert!



Level 2 & 3	Tours which can include full-day hikes (up to 800m elevation gain) and not too difficult aquatic hikes. We have cars with us during the whole tour ; if some persons do not want to do some hikes or some canyons, they can always go by car to the arrival point and enjoy free time in beautiful places, or even often be offered an alternative easier program.
Length	10 Day
START	11/01/2027 @ 08:00 AM Meeting at the hotel Salalah Beach Villa
ENDS	20/01/2027 @ 06:00 PM We drop you at the hotel Salalah Beach Villa
	2 Nights in accomodations (hotel, guesthouse, lodge, etc...)
	8 Nights wild camping (with tents, thick mattrass, mats, dishes, cooking dear), comfortable (but with no toilets) with the assistance of vehicles. Usualy tarpicpants pitch their tent by themselves while we set up the collective camp Click here for more information about wild camping
Price per person	970 OMR (2539 USD) **
GROUP OF	4 To 10 **
** SMALL GROUP	We can guarantee departure with 2 participants if you agree to pay an extra of 730 OMR (1911USD) per person.
EXTRA	If we finaly reach 4 participants, of courser the extra does not apply and the price remains 970 OMR (371 USD) per person.
Tour guided in	English
Guide	

Itinerary

Salalah - Rub Al Khali Desert - Jebel Al Qamr


Note about luggage transportation

We have vehicles ; so luggages are always transported by car. You only have to carry daypack while hiking.

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 earlier in the afternoon and do a longer tour alone. In the desert, we'll have 2 different camp sites for respectively 4, 4 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.

[Click here to get more information about the running of a desert trip](#)



DAY 1

11/01/2027

- Lunch - Dinner

☛ Salalah

✓ **Salalah Food Souq (1 hour)**

Salalah food souq is worth a visit : it is very lively! We find there wonderful fishes, meat, vegetable, fruits, dates, and traditional medicines...

☛ Transfer to our campsite in Rub al Khali (4 hours 15 - 310 Km)

✓ **Short walk in the sands to see the sunset (1 hour)**

☛ Rub Al Khali Desert

We go have a walk across the high dune of the Rub Al Khali (Empty quarter in arabic), the huge and arid desert of Saudi Arabia that crosses Oman's border. We'll walk up a dune to see sunset in this unbelievable landscape...

- Level 2*

- Walking time : 1 to 2 hours

- Height difference : +150m/-150m

**Camping in the desert**

We set our camp at the foot of the huge dunes of the Rub Al Khali

Individual camping tent



DAY 2-4

12/01/2027 to 14/01/2027

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

✓ Hiking in Rub al Khali (8 hours)

Morning, we start walking from our camp. We climb several high dunes which surround us : the ascent is sometimes exhausting, but the descent is quick and fun and gives us sometimes the opportunity to have the dune sing. Around noon, we walk back to our camp and have lunch and rest under a shady place. Late afternoon, we climb another huge dune to get to its summit and enjoy a wonderful sunset at the top.

- Level 2 & 3*
- Walking time : 4 to 6 hours
- Height difference : +250m/-250m

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Individual camping tent



DAY 5

15/01/2027

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

✓ Hike in Rub al Khali (8 hours)

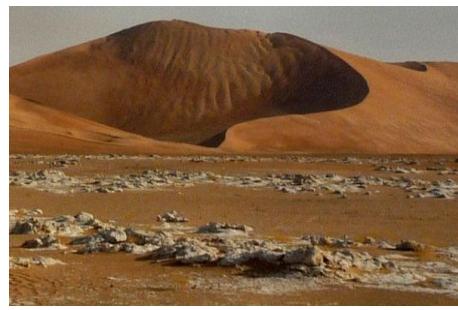
We walk through the desert in the morning time : we walk sometimes on the sabkha (the vast flat area between the big dunes), sometimes on small dunes, and we ascent one or two high dunes. Around noon, we reach our new camp site, have lunch and take rest while it's hot. We then take time to set up our tents and late afternoon we climb one of the high dunes around us to see sunset.

- Level 2 & 3*
- Walking time : 4 to 6 hours
- Height difference : +250m/-250m

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Camping



DAY 6-8

16/01/2027 to 18/01/2027

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

✓ Hiking in Rub al Khali (8 hours)

Morning, we start walking from our camp. We climb several high dunes which surround us : the ascent is sometimes exhausting, but the descent is quick and fun and gives us sometimes the opportunity to have the dune sing. Around noon, we walk back to our camp and have lunch and rest under a shady place. Late afternoon, we climb another huge dune to get to its summit and enjoy a wonderful sunset at the top.

- Level 2 & 3*
- Walking time : 4 to 6 hours
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Camping



DAY 9

19/01/2027

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

✓ Morning walk in the dunes (2 hours)

Rub Al Khali Desert

this morning, we climb one of the big dunes and enjoy a last view over this sea of sand...

- Level 2 & 3*
- Walking time : 1 to 2 hours
- Height difference : +150m/-150m

 Transfer to Salalah (3 hours 30 - 275 Km)

 Hotel at the beach

We spend the night in this nice hotel. The hotel is located in Al Dhariz, facing the sea, and has a swimming pool.

Standard Direct Sea-view room

breakfast at the accomodation



DAY 10

20/01/2027

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

 Transfer to wild beaches in Jebel Al Qamr (1 hour - 70 Km)

 Jebel Al Qamr

✓ **Short walk on the coast (3 hours)**

We have a short walk in a rocky blockfield facing the sea. Some blocks have very strange forms and some of them even have trees growing on them... The sea is beautiful. Here, we are below the clouds during the monsoon, which make the best climate for frankincense trees (Boswellia Sacra) and Desert Roses (adenium obesum). Finally we reach a nice sandy beach.

- **Level 1***

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

✓ **Swimming on a white sandy beach (2 hours)**

 Jebel Al Qamr

We enjoy a swim in the Indian Ocean on one of the numerous beaches of the bay.

 Transfer to Salalah (1 hour - 70 Km)

 Hotel at the beach

We spend the night in this nice hotel. The hotel is located in Al Dhariz, facing the sea, and has a swimming pool.

Standard Direct Sea-view room

breakfast & dinner at the accommodation



ⓘ 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