



الكثبان الذهبية للسياحة
Golden Dunes Tours

Salalah West tour - Splendours of Dhofar



Half day tour to Western Dhofar

Daily departure at 08:30 hrs am or 14:00 hrs

We start our half day exploration of Dhofar's west by driving towards the Qara mountains. On a road steadily winding up a steep incline, herds of camels and cattle are a common sight which gives a scenic view of a traditional Dhofari rural beauty. Visit the ancient tomb of Prophet Job situated in the scenic green mountains of the Salalah plains. Experience the legendary story of Prophet Job and his devoutness. Proceed to the beach of Mughsail where the white sand touches the deep blue sea of the Indian ocean and at high tide waves burst through the natural titanic "blow holes", at the far end of the rocky beach with a cave-like entrance.

We thereafter continue along the hair-pin-bend road towards western boarder of Oman, with its breathtaking cliffs on either side to see the historical Frankincense trees growing in their natural habitat, deep down in the valleys, dotting the dry and craggy countryside.

We take a short walk into the valleys to smell the holy incense amidst the scenic view of the region.

On our return journey we make a photo stop at the lagoon at Mughsail where migratory birds – occasionally Flamingos – are a common sight.

Return to the hotel.

Note: Ladies must cover their heads with a scarf when visiting Job's Tomb and all guests should be dressed decently (no shorts and sleeveless blouses). Guest must remove their shoes inside.

Price per person (net incl. all local taxes and service charges):

Up from min. 2 paying persons: USD 70,00 pp with English speaking guide or driver guide.

Services included: half day tour with English speaking driver guide, bottled drinking water in the car.

Note: The Splendours of Dhofar (Salalah West Tour) can be combined with The Historical Dhofar (Salalah East tour) or Salalah city tour as a full day tour.

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Salalah East Tour – Historical Dhofar



Half day tour to Eastern Dhofar

Daily departure at 08:30 hrs am, except Fridays

The excursion begins with a visit to the old fishing village of Taqah, famous for the manufacture of dried Sardines and its traditional and old "Dhofari houses". Visit the century old Taqah Castle the former official residence of the governor of the region.

Continue onto the ancient ruins of the once famous city of Sumharam at Khor Rohri. The city was the easternmost outpost of the Hadramaut Kingdom on the ancient incense route between the Mediterranean Sea, Persian Gulf and India. Khor Rohri was an important port on the coast of Dhofar and one of the major trading cities with frankincense, believed to have been the hub and harbor for the shipping of Frankincense (UNESCO World Heritage site).

A picturesque drive then leads to Mirbat, the ancient capital of Dhofar and the beginning of the Frankincense trail. Stroll through the streets lined with old Omani mud houses and visit the twin-domed Bin Ali's Tomb as a photo stop.

On the way back to the hotel, explore the natural spring of Ayn Razat, beautifully laid out amidst the tranquil lush mountains and nourished every day of the year by natural underground spring water.

Return to the hotel by late noon.

Price per person (net incl. all local taxes and service charges):

Up from min. 2 paying persons: USD 70,00 pP with English speaking guide or driver guide.

Services included: English speaking driver guide, all entrance fees to the mentioned sites, bottled drinking water in the car.

Note: The Historical Dhofar (Salalah East tour) can be combined with Salalah city tour or Splendours of Dhofar (Salalah West tour) as a full day tour.



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Salalah City Highlights



Half day city tour in Salalah

Daily departure at 08:30 hrs am or 16:00 hrs, (Fridays and Saturdays dep. At 16:00 hrs only).

Start from the hotel to visit "The Museum of the Frankincense Land". Opened in July 2007 at Al Balid Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site located in Salalah, the Frankincense Land Museum is the latest addition to Oman's heritage and cultural scene. It houses two main halls, namely the History Hall (depicting the geography, history of the ancient Frankincense trail and historical background of the Sultanate Oman through a number of archaeological findings) and the Marine Hall (featuring displays about Oman's rich marine history).

After the visit of the museum drive through lush green plantations of vegetables and fruits. Make a brief stop to taste a fresh coconut water drink at fruit stalls (at own cost) lining the streets within the periphery of the old Salalah town (Haffah). Make a photo stop at the impressive Sultan Qaboos Mosque.

View the official palace of His Majesty the Sultan, the Al Husn Palace, and stroll through the old Haffah souq, famous for the sale of high quality Frankincense and numerous other Dhofari traditional souvenirs.

Visit the new Salalah region of the gold and silver souq, with ample opportunity for shopping, before return to the hotel.

Price per person (net incl. all local taxes and service charges):

Up from min. 2 paying persons: USD 70,00 pP

Included services: half day tour with English speaking guide or driver guide, entrance fees to the mentioned sites, bottled drinking water in the car.

Note: City Tour Salalah can be combined with Historical Dhofar (Salalah East Tour) or Splendours of Dhofar (Salalah West tour) as a full day tour.



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Salalah Landscapes



A full day excursion to the mountains and beaches by 4x4 vehicle

Daily departure at 08:30 hrs am.

Tour starts in the morning after breakfast by 4x4 WD vehicles towards Jebel Qara Mountains. The first stop at Ayn Sahalnoot is a beautiful, serene location in the middle of the Dhofar mountains. Enriched with an incredible birdlife and natural limestone formations around a natural spring.

Continue the drive through scenic Jebali villages and landscapes with numerous photo stops at interesting locations. Passing Zayk we will reach the magnificent deep blue-green pool of Wadi Ayun. The deep Wadi cuts into barren hills running north-south what gives a great experience of the nature there.

On a road steadily winding up a steep incline, herds of camels and cattle are a common sight which gives insights of a traditional Dhofari rural beauty. Visit the ancient tomb of Prophet Job situated in the scenic green mountains of the Salalah plains. Experience the legendary story of Prophet Job and his devoutness.

Proceed along the beach of Mughsail where the white sand touches the deep blue sea of the Indian Ocean. A drive along the hair-pin-bend road with its breathtaking cliffs on either side takes you to one of the most attractive beaches in Dhofar, the Fazayah Beach. On the way along you can see the historical Frankincense trees, growing in their natural habitat, deep down in the valleys, dotting the dry and craggy countryside.

We take a short walk into the valleys to smell the holy incense amidst scenic view of the region.

Experiencing the beach environment, here the Fazayah Beach will add an unforgettable memory to your Oman tour. There is golden sand at the beach with pristine turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean. The beach is bordered with wonderful landscape of mountain cliffs together with typical desert fauna.

Return to the hotel by evening.

Price per person (net incl. all local taxes and service charges):

Up from min. 2 paying persons: USD 190,00 pP

Incl. services: full day tour with English speaking guide or driver guide by 4x4 WD vehicle, picnic lunch, bottled drinking water in the car.

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Rub Al Khali – The Empty Quarter



Full day excursion to the desert by 4x4 vehicles

Daily departure at 07:30 hrs am

Once you are in Dhofar, it is an absolute must to visit the Rub al Khali desert, the so called Empty Quarter, Dhofars most remarkable and popular site with its unspoilt and magical sand dunes.

The tour starts in the morning from the hotel by 4x4 WD vehicle driving towards the Qara mountain range with its spectacular view of the Salalah plains dotted with thick shrub and woodland. After having a small break in Thumrait town, which was famous as a Bedouin settlement, we proceed west on graded road crossing the huge gravel desert of Al Nejd.

After a 175 km journey from Salalah city we reach the first attraction in the desert, arriving at the "Lost City of Ubar" (UNESCO World Heritage site). This legendary ancient kingdom, known as Ubar, was said to have existed in one of the most inhospitable places on earth – a vast and forbidding Rub Al Khali desert, appropriately known as the Empty Quarter. According to myth, the desert swallowed up Ubar. Quite literally, it sank without trace – becoming the fabled "Atlantis of the Sands". This once buried city, which was spotted by satellite, give you a glimpse of the value of work carried out by a team of explorers in 1982 led by Sir Ranulph Fiennes.

After walking around the site we proceed to the Empty Quarter to experience the biggest sand desert in the world by rambling on fascinating sand dunes. A breathtaking overview of the vast desert awaits you on the top of the dunes. We settle down for a typical Arabian lunch/picnic lunch in the desert thereafter.

On the return to Salalah we drive into Wadi Dawka (UNESCO World heritage site), known as the Frankincense Wadi, which is also well-known as the biggest collection of the naturally grown Frankincense trees in the region. Experience the Frankincense and its use in the past as well as in the modern world.

Return to Salalah by sunset.

Price per person (net incl. all local taxes and service charges):

Up from min. 2 paying persons: USD 195,00 pP

Included services: full day tour with English speaking guide or driver guide, picnic lunch, bottled drinking water in the car.

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Jebel Safari - Jebel Samhan and Wadi Darbat



Full day excursion to Dhofar mountains by 4x4 WD vehicle

Daily departure at 08:00 hrs am

Tour starts from the hotel in the morning by 4x4 WD vehicle for a full day safari into the Dhofar mountain range.

Driving through the scenic village of Taqah we make a photo stop at the village for a panoramic view from above a cliff, well known as Taqah Plateau. Then drive into the ever green Wadi Darbat for a relaxing stroll along the Wadi bed, surrounded by herds of camels, goats and cattle. In the khareef season (monsoon period) one could also witness an almost 100m natural water fall.

The next stop is one of the worlds largest sink holes (211 m deep and 150 m in diameter) situated at Tawi Attair, also known as the "well of birds", who frequent this location the year through.

Continue journey into the mountain range of Jebel Samhan to a breathtaking plateau at a height of almost 1700m. This location is commonly known as the "Grand Canyon" of Dhofar and gives a complete view of the east coast to the one side and the vast Qara mountain range to the other.

Picnick lunch in this splendid nature scene and after lunch we continue the journey from the plateau into the adjacent Qara mountain range and drive through scenic Jebali villages and landscape with numerous photo stops at interesting locations.

Return to Salalah by evening.

Price per person (net incl. all local taxes and service charges):

Up from min. 2 paying persons: USD 190,00 pP

Included services: full day tour with English speaking guide or driver guide by 4x4 WD vehicle, picnic lunch, bottled drinking water in the car.