



Middle East

OMAN

- STABLE, LIBERAL MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRY
- FRIENDLY ENGLISH-SPEAKING POPULATION
- GOOD INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES
- AUTHENTIC ARABIAN CULTURE
- HOME OF BEDOUINS AND CAMELS
- HISTORIC FORTS
- ANCIENT VILLAGES
- HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN THE MIDDLE EAST
- WAHIBA SANDS – TRUE DUNE DESERT SCENERY
- LONG, SPECTACULAR COASTLINE
- PICTURESQUE WADIS
- ANCIENT DATE PALM GROVES
- AFLAJ - WORLD HERITAGE IRRIGATION CHANNELS
- NESTING TURTLES
- WHALES AND DOLPHINS
- GOOD DIVING AND SNORKELLING

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Our directors, Alan and Caroline Godwin, first visited Oman in 1993. They had such fond memories of that time that when the opportunity arose to revisit with their children Tom and Tilly in tow, they jumped at the chance.

Despite observing some changes, Oman essentially remained the same: a safe, friendly, well run, liberal-minded Middle Eastern country of only three million people with a long, distinguished history, governed by the benevolent and popular Sultan Qaboos and offering great diversity. (Sinbad was in fact an Omani around whose true exploits a collection of myths arose.)

Oman may not appear to fit neatly into our main programme, but it really

does offer a great deal for families looking for a relaxing yet different holiday with fascinating culture and history, and a little wildlife both above and below the sea's surface.



Baby green turtle



WHEN TO GO

The country's climate, like its topography, is diverse with seasonally humid coastal areas and a hot, dry desert interior. In the interior summer temperatures can soar to 130 degrees F (54 C). Most visits occur during the cooler winter months between October and April, when temperatures are usually very pleasant and humidity is low. Although Oman's rainfall is generally light and irregular, Dhofar province in the south catches the Indian Ocean monsoon that falls between June and September. Its climate is dramatically different to the rest of Oman due to the effects of the monsoon, creating humidity and moderate temperatures of around 30 degrees C when the rest of the country is baking hot.



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Wildlife-wise, birds are the main attraction, with 85 resident species, swelled seasonally to a total of around 450 species. It is one of the best destinations in which to spot the steppe eagle (sometimes up to 100 at a time) and there are many shorebird and seabird species to be seen along its long, varied coastline. In addition, one can visit turtle nesting beaches, go diving and snorkelling and watch dolphins cavorting offshore near Muscat and humpback whales further down the coast. The reintroduced Arabian oryx is an inspiring conservation story, and there are a host of other mammal species such as Arabian leopard and caracal which inhabit Oman (but are rarely seen).

The scenery in Oman is spectacular. It boasts the Middle East's highest mountain (Jebel Shams at 10,000 feet); a vast area of true sand-dune desert populated by Bedouin and their camels; biblical-seeming wadis (dry river beds) where date palms grow; deep gorges and grand canyons; and a diverse and impressive coast. The southern Dhofar region is completely different to the arid north, having a monsoon season, fields of dairy herds, groves of frankincense trees and important archaeological sites – this is ancient Arabia Felix, the land of the legendary Queen of Sheba.

If you and your family have enjoyed more adventurous long-haul wildlife holidays in the past and are looking for a shorter flight (only seven and a half hours), more relaxation and a different angle, please consider Oman – we highly recommend it.

Peaceful and safe, Oman occupies a total of nearly 310,000 square kilometres, divided into eight main regions. It lies on the Tropic of Cancer in the extreme southeast corner of the Arabian Peninsula and borders the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean. There is little or no malaria risk in Oman.

MUSCAT

Old Muscat occupies a small bay guarded by a pair of ancient forts and containing the Sultan's main palace, museums, government buildings, mosques and houses. However, the term Muscat is used to denote the various continuous settlements spreading west and south east from Old Muscat which together make up the modern capital, as well as the coastline and interior of the administrative region of Muscat (the smallest in Oman).

Muttrah

As well as being Muscat's main port and business district, Muttrah also houses the capital's main souk, or market, a labyrinthine warren of lanes lined with small shops selling everything from traditional clothing and frankincense to electronic goods and silver Omani daggers.



The Grand Mosque

A “must see” for every visitor, the Grand Mosque with its five minarets, courtyards, gardens and huge dome is a magnificent example of modern Islamic architecture. Completed in 2001 and built using the finest materials and fittings, the result is visually stunning. For instance, the carpet in the main prayer room is the largest in the world, occupying 600 weavers for four years, and the remarkable Swarovski crystal chandelier contains in excess of 100 bulbs.



Grand Mosque



Crowne Plaza Muscat

The hotel, nestled above Qurum beach, enjoys panoramic views of the Gulf of Oman. Set in 10 acres of landscaped gardens within the prestigious Qurum Heights area, the hotel's facilities include floodlit tennis courts, swimming pool, children's pool, squash courts, a fully equipped fitness centre, bar, four restaurants and a small private beach. It is ideally located a short five-minute drive from the shopping area of Qurum, a 15 minutes from Muttrah souk, 20 minutes from Seeb International airport, and 10 minutes from the government and diplomatic districts.



Shangri La's Bar Al Jissah Resort



Shangri La's Bar Al Jissah Resort

Actually three hotels on one 124-acre site with beach and mountain backdrop, this is in our opinion the best resort in Oman for families. The six star Al Husn is effectively adults only, but the other two, Al Bandar (for adults and older children) and Al Waha (for families of all ages – interconnecting rooms available) are practically conjoined and right on the beach. Facilities include a number of pools, Jacuzzi, tennis courts, dive centre, spa, health centre and gym, table tennis, a floating channel connecting the pools, and a variety of very good restaurants (Al Tanoor does the best buffet we have seen). Diving, snorkelling, dhow and catamaran cruises and dolphin watching excursions may be booked here.

DIVING AND SNORKELLING

Some of Oman's best diving and snorkelling sites can be enjoyed in the Gulf of Muscat. These include the Daymaniyat Islands, a proposed marine reserve, Cat Island, Fahal Island and the area of Al Jissah (where the Shangri La is), to the south east of Muscat. Plenty of corals and marine life can be seen in large numbers, including turtles, sharks, moray eels and rays. The government's laudable 1996 National Coral Reef Management Plan aims to preserve the health of the reefs. Children from 12 upwards are able to take introductory diving courses – check with us for details. Other good marine life areas include the Musandam Peninsula and Salalah (see below).



Wadi Bani Awf

THE HAJAR MOUNTAINS

This impressive mountain range, which the Omanis compare to a human backbone, forms a great arc extending from the north west of the country towards the south east. Its highest peak, Jebel Shams, reaches an altitude of some 3,000 metres – the highest in Arabia. The scenery is stunning in this unspoilt region, with various wadis, gorges, canyons and mountain villages to explore as you travel upwards on steep mountain roads in your 4x4 with private guide/driver.



Jebel Shams Camp



Jebel Shams Camp

Situated just below Jebel Shams peak and very close to the awesome “Grand Canyon”, the camp consists mainly of walk-in tents with private lavatories and shared washing facilities, but also offers a block of three simple en suite rooms built of stone. Although all the accommodation is basic, it is clean, was renovated in 2009 and the little restaurant provides tasty regional meals. It is well worth staying here for its superb location – it can be quite cold, so take warm clothing.

Wadi Ghul

At the foot of the mountains, its entrance guarded by the ancient abandoned village of Ghul, the wadi cannot fail to impress as you venture further into its steep-sided gorges passing small ponds and groves of tinned date palms redolent of biblical times. Each spectacular section offers a different viewpoint, eventually leading to a small traditional village inhabited by one extended family of carpet weavers.



NIZWA

Situated at the foot of the Hajar Mountains at the crossroads of important ancient caravan routes, the former capital of Oman boasts a famous souk and the restored Nizwa Fort with its museum and massive round tower, built first in 1668. Note the literal pitfalls to trap unwary invaders, who also risked having boiling date syrup poured over them from slits above the passage up to the main tower. The nearby fort at Bahla, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is undergoing renovation at the time of writing, but the interesting Jabrin Fort, close to Bahla, can be visited to view its painted ceilings, courtyards, towers, dungeons, secret passages, false floors, tunnels and other escape routes.



Falaj Daris Hotel

Named after one of the most famous aflaj (see below) the hotel is quite simple, with small but pleasant rooms laid out around two swimming pools. The rooms are air-conditioned with en suite shower rooms, and facilities include a bar and restaurant, and local entertainment is provided on most evenings.

WAHIBA SANDS

Akin to the Empty Quarter of Saudi Arabia, this smaller area of true sandy desert has been of scientific interest since a 1986 Royal Geographical Society expedition documented 16,000 invertebrate species, 200 species of birds and other fauna, and 150 species of native flora. Named after the Bedouin Wahiba tribe, the 12,500 sq km of area presents a surprising diversity of terrain, the most impressive of which are the dunes rising to upwards of 150 metres.



Desert Nights Camp

The first luxury desert camp in Oman, it offers very comfortable two-bedroom, tent-style bungalows for families, a recreation room, good food and friendly service. You can opt to take quad bike tours or camel rides in the desert (short taster camel rides are laid on each morning), or just relax and soak up the desert atmosphere. Our driver/guide will be on hand to take you “dune-bashing” or to one of the Bedouin camps to meet the family and its treasured camels, take coffee and perhaps don some traditional dress (females only). Each evening, the camp takes its guests by 4x4 up the top of a dune to view the sunset – an unforgettable sight: it’s great fun to walk down the dune afterwards back to camp.



Al Raha Camp

More rustic yet perhaps more authentic than Desert Nights, Al Raha offers a budget option for exploring the sands of Wahiba. Accommodation is in simple block rooms or family tents for four. As well as camel rides and quad bike safaris, activities here include dune skiing and motorbike hire for “dune bashing”. Spit roasts around a camp fire and traditional Arabic entertainment are featured on various evenings, and there is a small playground for younger children.

WADI BANI KHALID

When we first set eyes on this amazing wadi 16 years ago, it was practically deserted and completely unspoilt: almost biblical in its timelessness and natural beauty. Now the authorities have seen fit to erect signs, build a café and concrete roadway as well as other “improvements” to cater for the increasing number of visitors (try to avoid Thursdays and Fridays). Despite that, one can still appreciate why this is perhaps the best loved wadi in Oman, with its large pools, abundant vegetation and impressive gorge filled with cool spring water into which one can swim for some distance.

SUR

Sur has been the centre of the dhow building industry for many hundreds of years, and was the main port serving Oman's trading interests in East Africa, especially Zanzibar, once ruled by the Omani Sultans. One can visit the boatyards and enjoy a stroll along the sandy beach, taking in the view of the old merchant houses in the attractive village of Al Ajyah across the mouth of the lagoon with its historic fort.



Sur Plaza Hotel

An unpretentious medium-sized hotel just out of town, with standard tourist-class rooms, a swimming pool area (renovated in 2009), restaurant and bar. Perhaps the best option in town.

Ras Al Hadd / Ras Al Jinz

About 40 minutes' drive from Sur are the beaches of Jinz and Hadd, where turtles have been coming to nest for thousands of years. One can stay in Sur before an evening visit, or better still book a night's stay at the Visitors Centre. Tours are now much better organised than in the past, with small timed groups (each led by a naturalist guide) walking the few hundred metres from the centre to the restricted beach to view (with luck) green and other turtles laying their eggs, and the newborn flapping their way down to the brilliantly phosphorescent waves. Photography is strictly forbidden at night (although allowed on morning tours), noise and light are kept to a minimum and only a small part of the beach is accessible, leaving the majority of the extensive sands undisturbed.



Ras Al Jinz Scientific and Visitors Centre

A very modern facility containing ten rooms (one needs to book early), gift shop, large audio-visual display screen and restaurant. By staying here, one can visit the beach at dawn as well, when photography is allowed.

DHOFAR & SALALAH

In the far south bordering Yemen, Dhofar has a monsoon climate giving green dairy pastures, mountain mists and mild summer temperatures, in stark contrast to the rest of Oman. Dhofar does have its desert – Rub Al Khali is part of the largest sand desert in the world (the rest being in Saudi Arabia's Empty Quarter) – but the mountains and beaches are the main features of interest. Historically, it was the land of the Queen of Sheba and part of Arabia Felix; the tomb of Job is found in the Dhofar Mountains which form a spectacular backdrop to its sleepy coastal capital, Salalah. Frankincense trees are the historical cash crop (visit the site of Wadi Dawkah Frankincense Nature Reserve, part of a World Heritage listing by UNESCO), but there are also coconut groves and sub-tropical fruit trees. In winter many migratory birds visit the area, including numerous raptors. Diving and snorkelling here rank among the best in Oman. In Salalah itself, one can visit the Al Balid Archaeological Park and Museum of Frankincense (a World Heritage Site) the ruins of old Salalah, the Khor Salalah Bird Sanctuary and the town souks.



Crowne Plaza Resort, Salalah

The best hotel option in this quiet town of few hotels, the resort is situated in 45 acres of lush tropical garden, overlooking the Indian Ocean on a long stretch of sandy beach just 8 minutes' drive from the city centre and souks. All rooms including the 19 three-bedroom family villas are well appointed and equipped with private bathroom. It boasts a fitness centre, spa, four pools, the Splash Fountain for young children, tennis and squash courts, dive centre and babysitting service.



Private Family Villa

Reef and Rainforest is able exclusively to offer a large, staffed beachfront B&B villa in Dahariz, just west of the Crowne Plaza, for families wanting something different to the usual hotel. The location right next to a khor (creek) gives easy access to good bird watching, surfers will appreciate the long board break right outside the villa, and the walled garden provides privacy and safety for younger children (there is no swimming pool). With three large double rooms, one junior and one senior suite both sleeping four, there is ample accommodation for one large family, or two family groups. On site are wireless internet access, satellite TV, beach fishing gear and kayaks. Lunch and dinner are available on request with one day's notice. It is recommended to hire a car for independent exploration, or we can arrange guided tours for you. A 34ft Proline motor boat may be available for hire, either for fishing or a coastal excursion.



MUSANDAM PENINSULA

The rest of Oman is physically separated by 70km of United Arab Emirates land from the strategic Musandam Peninsula, with its fjord-like inlets, rocky coastline, good marine life, deep gorges and mountains which soar to a height of 1800 metres above sea level. Musandam guards the southern part of the Strait of Hormuz which lies between the Omani and Iranian coasts – the only entrance to the Persian Gulf and a major shipping lane. There are two flights a week from Muscat to Khasab, the main town with 18,000 of the region's 27,000 people, or one can travel by road (around 7 hours) during which you cross the UAE border twice.



Six Senses Hideaway, Zighy Bay

This is the luxury option in Musandam, with well appointed villas of various sizes, each with private pool, and dramatic setting fronting a long sandy beach with high mountain backdrop. Facilities include a gym, spa and large pool. The hotel is best suited to families with older children in search of pure pampering and cosseted relaxation.

THE FALAJ SYSTEM

UNESCO has granted World Heritage status to the system of irrigation channels known as aflaj which enabled, and still enable, crops and date palms to be cultivated in arid areas far away from the source of water. Some were built more than 1500 years ago, while others date from the beginning of the 20th Century. There are three types: Da'ndi – long tunnels dug into the ground to depths of dozens of metres and extending several kilometres, with continuous water flow and access holes for maintenance; Aini - fed by springs, including thermal ones; Ghiayl – a channel tapping the flow of water rising in the gravel found in wadis.

Golden Tulip, Khasab

The only mid-range hotel available in the area, the Golden Tulip has a main pool and children's pool, café, bar, restaurant, table tennis, gym and sea- and mountain-view rooms, many inter-connecting. Activities on offer include a dhow cruise, mountain safari, dolphin watching boat trips, diving and snorkelling from its on-site dive centre, and barbecue nights.



Traditional Coastal Cruises

We can offer a variety of short cruises aboard traditional craft out of Khasab around the Musandam coast. Suited more to families with older children, the options include a full day dhow cruise to Khor Sham, two overnight programmes and one of two nights and three days duration. In 2009, two new yachts were added. Both are packed with exciting features especially designed for families seeking greater sea adventure. One has seating capacity for 15-20 people and four berths. The other, a Turkish gullet, has an overnight capacity of 12 people, with kayaks and a speed boat. Both have fully equipped kitchens and fishing equipment.



Dolphins near Muscat

SAMPLE ITINERARY No.1

A GENTLE FAMILY JOURNEY IN OMAN

Perfect for families with younger children desiring a half term beach holiday with a difference: desert scenery, dolphin watching by boat, an overnight excursion for nesting turtles, and an evening 'Palaces and Forts' catamaran cruise. After a seaside spell in Muscat, drive to Sur with your private guide. See the historic port, then enjoy night and morning visits to an important green turtle nesting beach. After seeing the amazing Wahiba sand dunes, relax at possibly the most child-friendly resort in Oman, rounding off a stress-free yet stimulating and fulfilling family holiday for all.

DAY 01: Depart London.

DAY 02: Arrive Muscat. Met & tfr into town. O/n Crowne Plaza, BB.

DAY 03: Day at leisure. O/n Crowne Plaza, BB.

DAY 04: Private tfr via Bimah sinkhole, picnic lunch on beach, Wadi Shab, Wadi Tiwi, Qalhat ruins to Sur. Town tour, then tfr to Ras Al Hadd area. Evening turtle watching tour. O/n Ras Al Jinz Visitor Centre, HB.

DAY 05: Early morning turtle watching. Tfr to Wadi Bani Khalid. Tfr to Wahiba Sands for some "dune bashing". Return to Muscat. O/n Shangri La's Bar Al Jissah Resort (Al Waha), BB.

DAY 06: Day at leisure. O/n Shangri La's Bar Al Jissah Resort (Al Waha), BB.

DAY 07: Morning dolphin-watching boat trip. O/n Shangri La's Bar Al Jissah Resort (Al Waha), BB.

DAY 08: Afternoon coastal catamaran cruise to Muscat and return. O/n Shangri La's Bar Al Jissah Resort (Al Waha), BB.

DAY 09: Tfr Muscat airport. Fly out. Arrive London Heathrow.

Trip Tip: This tour works well for half term week in October and February. For these half terms and the Christmas holidays, early booking is strongly advisable.

SAMPLE ITINERARY No.2

OMAN'S COAST, MOUNTAINS AND WADIS – FOR FAMILIES

This leisurely family tour takes in Muscat's old town, colourful souks and amazing Grand Mosque. Next venture into the scenic Hajar Mountains in a 4x4 with private guide, climbing to the highest peak in Arabia. Explore wadis, ancient date palm groves, souks and historic forts. Stay in luxury amidst the vast sand dunes of Wahiba enjoying "dune-bashing" and perhaps camel or quad bike riding. Drive to Sur for dhows before visiting one of the world's best turtle beaches for night and morning turtle watching. Return to Muscat via some more sites for seaside luxury, comfort and relaxation mixed with dolphin watching - the final leg of this fulfilling and fun-filled family adventure.

DAY 01: Depart London.

DAY 02: Arrive Muscat. Met & tfr into town. O/n Crowne Plaza Muscat, BB.

DAY 03: Day at leisure. O/n Crowne Plaza Muscat, BB.

DAY 04: Private half-day tour of Grand Mosque, Muttrah souk, old Muscat. O/n Crowne Plaza Muscat, BB.

DAY 05: Tfr to Wadi Bani Awf. Picnic lunch. Drive into mountains to Grand Canyon. O/n Jebel Shams Camp, HB.

DAY 06: See Grand Canyon, Wadi Ghul, Jabrin Fort, Bahla Fort. Arrive Nizwa. O/n Falaj Daris Hotel, HB.

DAY 07: Tfr via souk and old village to Wahiba Sands. O/n Desert Nights Camp, HB.

DAY 08: Day at leisure. Complimentary camel ride and dune sunset visit. Optional: quad bike tours, long camel rides. O/n Desert Nights Camp, HB.

DAY 09: Tfr via Wadi Bani Khalid to Sur. Visit dhow yard. Tfr to Ras Al Jinz. Night turtle watching. O/n Ras Al Jinz Visitors Centre, HB.

DAY 10: Morning turtle watching. Visit Qualhat ruins, Wadis Shab and Tiwi. Picnic lunch. Tfr to Muscat. O/n Shangri La's Bar Al Jissah Resort (Al Waha), BB.

DAY 11: Day at leisure. O/n Shangri La's Bar Al Jissah Resort (Al Waha), BB.

DAY 12: Morning dolphin-watching boat trip. O/n Shangri La's Bar Al Jissah Resort (Al Waha), BB.

DAY 13: Day at leisure. O/n Shangri La's Bar Al Jissah Resort (Al Waha), BB.

DAY 14: Tfr Muscat airport. Fly out. Arrive London Heathrow.

Trip Tip: Perfect for a fortnight's half-term holiday in October and/or February, or for Christmas – highly advisable to book early.

SAMPLE ITINERARY No.3

THE GRAND FAMILY TOUR OF OMAN

A fine itinerary for families with older children, avoiding larger hotels while exploring Oman's deserts, mountains and coasts. Following Muscat, explore wadis, mountains, forts and the amazing Wahiba Sands, then, with luck, witness egg-laying turtles and their young trying to reach the sea. Fly to monsoonal Dhofar in the south with a very different climate and feel to the arid north, for beaches, diving, birdwatching, frankincense groves, and the archaeological sites of Arabia Felix. Then return home having experienced all that is best in Oman.

DAY 01: Depart London.

DAY 02: Arrive Muscat. Met & tfr into town. O/n Crowne Plaza Muscat, BB.

DAY 03: Private half-day tour of Grand Mosque, souk, old Muscat. O/n Crowne Plaza Muscat, BB.

DAY 04: Tfr to Wadi Bani Awf. Picnic lunch. Drive into mountains to Grand Canyon. O/n Jebel Shams Camp, HB.

DAY 05: Visit Wadi Ghul, Jabrin Fort, Bahla Fort. Arrive Nizwa. O/n Falaj Daris Hotel, HB.

DAY 06: Tfr via souk and old village to Wahiba Sands. O/n Desert Nights Camp, HB.

DAY 07: Day at leisure. Complimentary camel ride and dune sunset visit. Optional: quad bike tours, long camel rides. O/n Desert Nights Camp, HB.

DAY 08: Tfr via Wadi Bani Khalid to Sur. Visit dhow yard. Tfr to Ras Al Jinz. Night turtle watching. O/n Ras Al Jinz Visitors Centre, HB.

DAY 09: Morning turtle watching. Visit Qualhat ruins, Wadis Shab and Tiwi. Picnic lunch. Tfr to Muscat. O/n Crowne Plaza Muscat, BB.

DAY 10: Fly to Salalah. Tfr to hotel. O/n Crowne Plaza Salalah, HB.

DAY 11: Day at leisure. O/n Crowne Plaza Salalah, HB.

DAY 12: Full day guided tour to Taqa fort, Queen of Sheba's ruins, frankincense groves, Mirbat, Bin Ali's tomb, etc. O/n Crowne Plaza Salalah, HB.

DAY 13: Day at leisure. O/n Crowne Plaza Salalah, HB.

DAY 14: Fly to Muscat. Tfr to hotel. O/n Crowne Plaza Muscat, BB.

DAY 15: Tfr Muscat airport. Fly out. Arrive London Heathrow.

Trip Tip: In Salalah stay instead in a private beachfront villa with hire car for privacy and independence. Or replace Salalah with Musandam (see main text).

THE MEANING OF TAILOR MADE – Our individual tailor-made tours offer full date flexibility and freedom of choice regarding locations (subject to availability). The above itineraries are good examples of what is possible, and can be altered and/or extended to suit your individual preferences. Please call us on 01803 866965 for an initial consultation. **PLEASE NOTE:** No flights, accommodation or services as detailed in any proposals are guaranteed or reserved until a deposit is paid: therefore, early booking is strongly advised. **PRICES:** Please refer to the price sheet supplied with this supplement.

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TM1: A Gentle Family Journey In Oman

Date	Adult Price	Child Price
01 Jan - 12 Feb 10	£2195	£1274
13 Feb - 20 Feb 10	£2350	£1298
21 Feb - 26 Mar 10	£2195	£1274
27 Mar - 5 Apr 10	£2452	£1333
06 Apr - 13 Apr 10	£2428	£1333
14 Apr - 12 May 10	£2195	£1274
13 May - 10 Jul 10	£1981	£1163
11 Jul - 15 Aug 10	£2059	£1222
16 Aug - 17 Sep 10	£1981	£1163
18 Sep - 09 Dec 10	*£2381	*£1362
10 Dec - 23 Dec 10	*£2459	*£1421
24 Dec - 31 Dec 10	*£2381	*£1362

Prices are based on flights with Oman Air.
The Catamaran cruise only takes place on Mondays.
Christmas and Easter supplements may apply.
* Please refer to the Explanatory Notes.

TM2: Oman's Coast, Mountains And Wadis – For Families

Date	Adult Price	Child Price
01 Jan - 12 Feb 10	£3393	£1869
13 Feb - 20 Feb 10	£3540	£1897
21 Feb - 26 Mar 10	£3393	£1869
27 Mar - 5 Apr 10	£3642	£1928
06 Apr - 13 Apr 10	£3564	£1869
14 Apr - 30 Apr 10	£3393	£1869
01 May - 10 Jul 10	*£3333	*£1839
11 Jul - 15 Aug 10	*£3395	*£1898
16 Aug - 09 Dec 10	*£3689	*£1995
10 Dec - 23 Dec 10	*£3767	*£2076
24 Dec - 31 Dec 10	*£3689	*£1995

Prices are based on flights with Oman Air.
Christmas and Easter supplements may apply.
* Please refer to the Explanatory Notes.

TM3: The Grand Family Tour Of Oman

Date	Adult Price	Child Price
01 Jan - 25 Mar 10	£3555	£1950
26 Mar - 5 Apr 10	£3680	£1995
06 Apr - 13 Apr 10	£3595	£1950
06 Apr - 30 Apr 10	£3555	£1950
01 May - 10 Jul 10	*£3489	*£1895
11 Jul - 15 Aug 10	*£3567	*£1976
16 Aug - 09 Dec 10	*£3868	*£2096
10 Dec - 23 Dec 10	*£3946	*£2165
24 Dec - 31 Dec 10	*£3868	*£2096

Prices are based on flights with Oman Air.
Christmas and Easter supplements may apply.
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

All the tours in our Family Wildlife Adventures brochure are samples of what can be arranged on a tailor-made basis and, as such, can be altered to suit your family's particular needs. Should you wish to change any of the specified itineraries, please call one of our specialist consultants on 01803 866 965 to discuss your holiday requirements and receive a personalised quotation.

The prices indicated are per person and normally based on a family of four (two adults and two children) sharing one room unless otherwise stated. Child rates apply to children aged 2-11. For children above this age, adult rates apply. Infant rates are available on request.

Other family arrangements, such as two adults and one child or two adults and four children, may lead to a change in accommodation and prices – please call 01803 866 965 for a definitive quotation.

Prices are deemed correct at time of writing (please see date of issue) but may change to reflect significant variations in airport taxes, fuel surcharges, room rates, and other unforeseen events. Please call our office on 01803 866 965 to obtain a definitive costing prior to booking.

* Prices marked with an asterisk are based on estimates and as such are particularly vulnerable to change. Please call our office on 01803 866 965 to obtain a definitive costing prior to booking.

Prices include economy return flights based on the airlines mentioned: please call for prices for alternative airlines or for seat upgrades.

Prices are based on specific airlines, specific economy seating classes and specific grades of hotel room. The price may change if those are not available at time of booking. WE STRONGLY ADVISE BOOKING EARLY TO SECURE THE PRICES QUOTED, PARTICULARLY AS THE SEATING CLASSES QUOTED FOR ARE USUALLY THE FIRST TO BE FILLED.

Prices normally include accommodation, transfers, international and domestic flights, specified activities and tours, guide services, reserve entrance fees, meals as stated (RO = room only, BB = breakfast, HB = breakfast and dinner, FB = all three meals) and full payment protection with ATOL. Prices do not include insurance, optional activities and tours, bottled water, other meals, drinks, gratuities or local airport departure taxes.

Adequate insurance cover is mandatory. Please supply us with details of your cover.

ABBREVIATIONS: TM1 = Tailor-Made Itinerary No.1; Date = Departure Date from UK unless otherwise specified.

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