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Ministry of Tourism  
Your custom journey to Oman

Salalah reveals corners of the country that are still untouched by tourism.

To embark on this impressive journey, you'll head straight to Salalah in the south of Oman. There, you can explore the entire region and discover the diversity of the Dhofar Mountains. The Caribbean-like sandy beaches also invite you to swim in the sea, relax, and reflect on all the experiences at the end of your journey.

Of course we will customize your trip to your personal ideas and wishes. We love Oman and are happy to assist you from A-Z in planning your vacation.

Highlights

- Experience the diverse capital city of Dhofar
- Climb the breathtaking mountain scenery of the Dhofar Mountains and explore the Green Wadi Darbat
- Spend some lazy days in Salalah, also called "the Caribbean of the Middle East"

Summary

10.07.24 (1 Night)	Anantara Al Baleed Salalah	Salalah
11.07.24 (13 Nights)	Anantara Al Baleed Salalah	Salalah
24.07.24		

DETAILS

-  TRAVEL DATES  
10.07.24 - 24.07.24
-  NUMBER OF PERSONS  
2 ADULTS
-  DURATION  
15 DAYS

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## Services

### Accommodations

10.07.24 - 24.07.24	Anantara Al Baleed Salalah 1x Deluxe-Zimmer mit Meerblick breakfast
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## Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 - 2, 1 Overnight stay

Arrival in Salalah (+ transfer)



Upon arrival in Salalah, you will be met by your private driver at the airport. From here, you will be taken to your hotel for the next few days.

### Stay in Salalah

Welcome to the south of Oman! The most beautiful sandy beaches of the country and the pristine landscapes of the Dhofar mountains await you here. Let your soul dangle and relax to the sound of the sea, or discover the surrounding area on an excursion. The next days are at your leisure.

### ACCOMMODATION

#### Anantara Al Baleed Salalah

breakfast

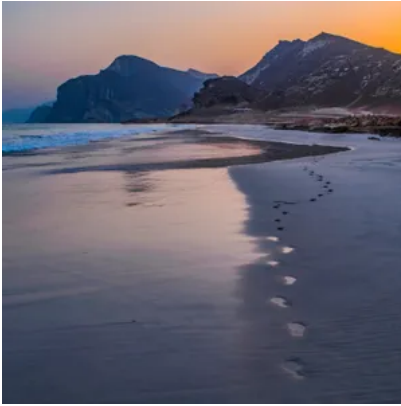
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Day 2 - 15, 13 Overnight stays

City Tour Salalah (HD ca. 4 hrs.)



Enjoy a half-day glimpse into the city center of Salalah:

Begin the excursion with a visit to the country's second-largest mosque, the impressive Sultan Qaboos Mosque situated in the city center. Dominated by warm sand colors and illuminated by several crystal chandeliers, the interior of the mosque manifests a special and peaceful atmosphere.

After a short photo stop at His Majesty Sultan Qaboos' official palace ("Al Husn Palace," not publicly accessible), take a stroll through the remaining old Haffah Souk, famous for its sale of high-quality frankincense and a variety of other souvenirs, including colorful clay incense burners with traditional patterns. Here you will receive ample information about the use of frankincense and its unique qualities.

Continue to the Land of Frankincense Museum, located in the UNESCO World Heritage site of "Al Baleed." Explore the museum, which is one of the newer additions to Oman's heritage and cultural scene. The museum is house to two halls: the historical hall, with general representations about the Sultanate of Oman, and the maritime hall, featuring exhibitions on the development of the country's rich marine history, as well as carefully carved replicas of ancient Omani boats and ships used in trade.

- Route: Salalah - Sultan Qaboos Mosque - Al Husn Palace - Al Haffah Souk - Al Baleed National Museum of the Frankincense Land - Salalah  
Distance: 16 km  
Driving time: approximately 0 h 45 min

#### 13.07.: Mountain Safari (FD Tour approx. 6hrs)

Embark on a safari to the Dhofar Mountains:

Today, you will drive past scenic Jabali villages and landscapes, ascending to the mountain range of Jabal Samhan, reaching a breathtaking plateau at an altitude of almost 1300 meters.

From here, on a clear day, you will have a stunning view of the East Coast on one side and the vast Qara Mountain range on the other. Make a stop at one of the world's deepest sinkholes (211 meters deep and 150 meters in diameter), Tawi Attair, also known as the "Well of Birds." Many birds frequently visit this place throughout the year.

Along the way, you will frequently stop at unique landscapes and viewpoints for photo opportunities. Another highlight is the "evergreen Wadi Darbat," where you can take a relaxed walk along the wadi bed surrounded by camel, goat, and cattle herds. Near the picturesque village of Taqah, you will drive to the renowned Taqah Plateau to enjoy a fantastic panoramic view from the cliff down to the coast. With a bit of luck, you may even spot a herd of dolphins, rays, or turtles from this vantage point.

- Route: Salalah - Taiq Cave - Jabal Samhan- Tawi Attair - Wadi Darbat - Taqah Plateau - Salalah  
Distance: 181 km  
Driving time: approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes

Today, you will drive westward on the only road that leads from Salalah towards Yemen.

Stop at Mughsail Beach, where the white sand meets the deep blue of the Indian Ocean. Here, during high tide, you can marvel at the natural seawater fountains, also known as "blowholes."

Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere by the sea and listen to the sound of the waves, amplified by the Marneef Cave.

Beyond Mughsail, you will find one of the most popular viewpoints in the south. The hidden view of the small bay, not visible from the road, is simultaneously one of the most popular photo spots. Along the way, you will encounter the historic frankincense trees in their natural habitat every step of the way. They represent the highlight of the valleys of the dry and rugged landscape. Now, follow the serpentine roads with their breathtaking slopes on both sides and you will have in no time the opportunity to reach the hidden bay by car. A short detour there will finally convince you of the beauty of the Hidden Bay. A dreamy beach awaits you, surrounded by majestic cliffs and lapped by crystal-clear water. Here, you can enjoy peace and privacy away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

- Route: Salalah - Mughsail - Fazayah Beach - Salalah

Distance: 144 km

Driving time: approximately 2 hours 50 minutes

#### **17.07.: Historical East Salalah (FD Tour approx. 7 hrs.)**

Discover the history of Salalah:

You will drive to the ancient ruins of the once-famous city of Samharam (Khor Rori). The city was one of the eastern outposts of the Hadramaut Kingdom, situated between the Mediterranean, the Persian Gulf, and India. Khor Rori was one of the most important trading partner cities for frankincense, possibly even the center and main port for the shipment of frankincense (UNESCO World Heritage site, "the Frankincense Route").

A drive through picturesque landscapes will take you to Mirbat, the former capital of the Dhofar region. Stroll through the alleyways with historic Omani mud houses, which, despite their decay, still feature traditional doors and window frames, and make a photo stop at an old cemetery next to the mausoleum of Bin Ali. The double dome of the mausoleum is a classic example of medieval architecture.

In the old fishing village of Taqah, famous for its production of "dried sardines" and its traditional and centuries-old "Dhofari houses," you will visit Taqah Castle, the former official residence of the region's governor (Wali), and gain insight into the rich history of the region.

- Route: Salalah - Mirbat - Samharam - Taqah - Salalah

Distance: 144 km

Driving time: approximately 2 hours 20 minutes

#### **19.07.: Wadi Darbat Hike (FD Tour approx. 6 hrs)**

Explore the evergreen Wadi through a walk:

While most tourists only stop at Wadi Darbat to take a few pictures, you can instead discover what lies on the other side. Hike over a small hill to find Wadi Darbat's hidden treasure: large fig trees, exciting caves with stalactites, vines, and some water pools that most people don't get to see from the parking area.

With a little bit of luck, you may encounter falcons, eagles, crows, bees, partridges, and many other interesting animals. Take a walk through the completely natural and untouched Wadi until you find a beautiful spot to take a break. With traditional drinks and snacks, you can relax, take photos, and enjoy nature before heading back.

#### **21.07.: Jabal Qamer Safari (FD Tour approx. 10 hrs)**

Enjoy one of Oman's most spectacular mountain routes:

You will drive through the area west of Salalah towards the Yemeni border, passing through the "Mountain of the Moon," Jabal Qamer. Here you will discover canyon-like wadis deeply embedded in the landscape and make numerous photo stops. It marks the beginning of one of Oman's most impressive mountain routes.

Along the way, you will also visit the Shaat Sinkhole and the famous Shaat viewpoint, where standing at 1000 meters, you will have a breathtaking view along the cliff coast. You will continue driving towards Yemen. After a few kilometers on the mountain plateau, you will take the spectacular off-road route to the fishing village of Rakhvit. Located 24 kilometers away. Adventure feeling guaranteed!

your stay in Oman. Away from tourist crowds, you will experience tranquility amidst traditional buildings. Afterwards, drive back through the small fishing village where time seems to have stood still. Old, dilapidated mud houses exude a medieval flair. Absorb the impressive impressions before returning to the hotel via winding roads.

#### 23.07.: Springs Tour ( FD Tour approx. 6-7 hrs)

Dhofar is famous for its more than 360 water springs. Most of these underground reservoirs have water throughout the year.

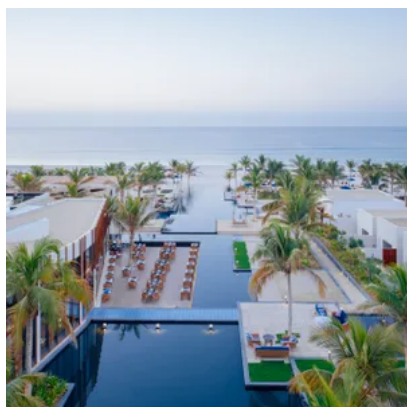
In the afternoon, you will drive into the mountains to Ayn Athum, where the spring forms beautiful waterfalls in the summer. During the rest of the year, it dries up, revealing the stalactites on the steep slope. Next, you will visit Ayn Tabrook, a spring with a falaj system, and Ayn Hamran, a spring in a circular basin. This spring is one of the most well-known and abundant in Dhofar, with water flowing all year round. Explore the natural spring "Ayn Razat" as well. Beautifully located among peaceful and lush mountains, it draws its sustenance from an underground water vein every day of the year. Ayn Sahalnoot is one of the most beautiful natural springs in Dhofar, surrounded by stunning landscapes with natural rock formations. The active spring provides ample water throughout the year. Ayn Garziz is located in a small forest with shaded trees, stretching at the foot of the surrounding mountains. At first glance, this spring often appears to be dry, but you can usually hear the sound of water at least. Before returning to the hotel, spend the evening on a mountain, from where you can enjoy a breathtaking view of Salalah. Watch the sunset and witness the city gradually illuminate with its many lights.

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Day 15

End of the Trip (+ Transfer)



Ma'a As-Salama! Today, it's time to bid farewell to a journey filled with new experiences. You will be picked up by your private driver, who will take you back to Salalah Airport. From here, you will begin your journey back home. We wish you a pleasant flight!

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**Services not included**

Flight tickets

Visa costs

Meals that are not mentioned in the itinerary

Gasoline

Early Check-in and late Check-out, if not mentioned in the itinerary

Personal expenses such as e.g. tips, laundry, mini-bar, shopping, etc.

International Travel insurance



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