

MAP OF OMAN



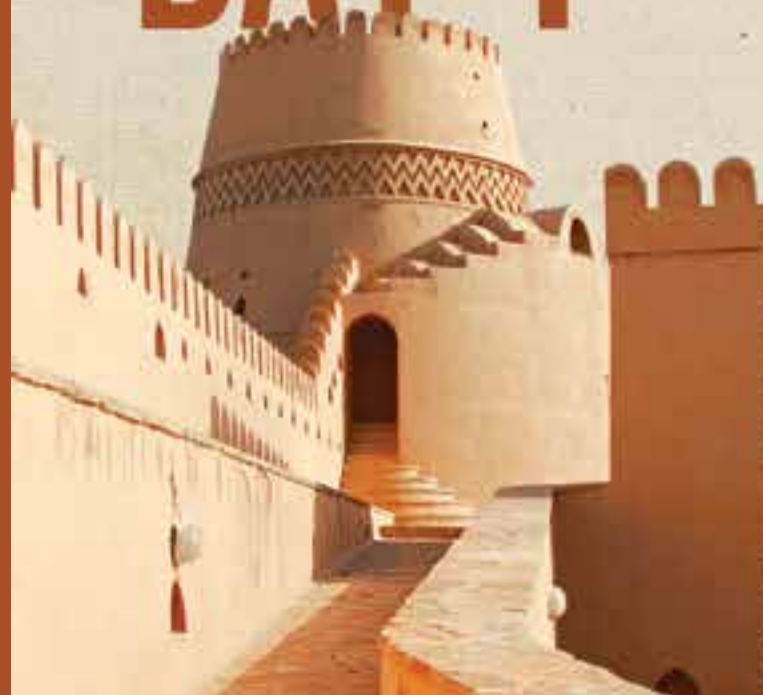
AL BURAYMI

The governorate of Al Buraymi is situated in north-western Oman, on the border of the United Arab Emirates. Despite its size, it's a place rich with ancient villages, charming forts and an abundance of hidden natural treasures. It's also your gateway to explore the golden sand dunes of the Empty Quarter (Rub Al Khali) - the world's largest sand desert.

HOW TO GET TO AL BURAYMI

Al Buraymi is approximately a 370km drive away from Muscat. Take either the Al Dhahirah (Ibri - Hafit) inland road or the North Al Batinah (Sohar - Wadi Al Jizzi) coastal road.

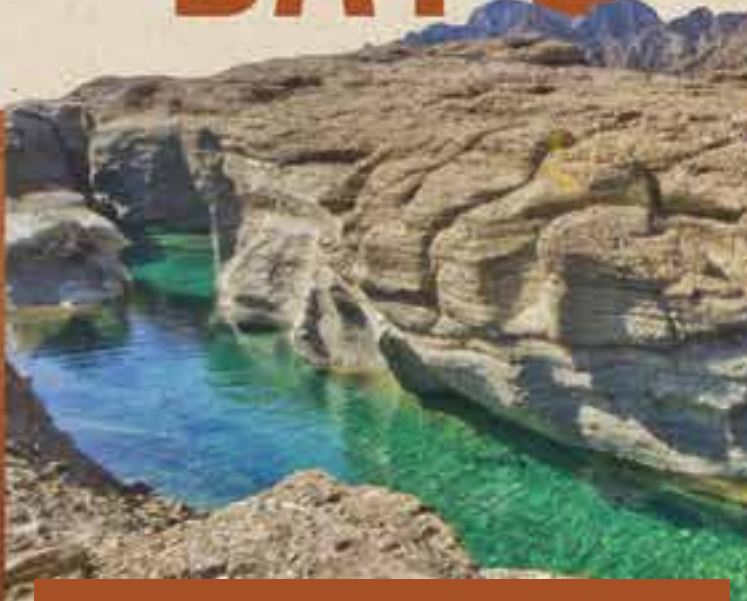
DAY 1



Start your day early at Al Buraymi's magnificent 'Gate' for some great views of the city. Spend the morning at the nearby Al Khandaq Fort which is more than two-hundred years old.

From there, head off to explore Wadi Modhaba and its historical village. Enjoy an al fresco lunch by taking a picnic and sitting under the shady palm trees. After lunch, stop by at the Al Hilla Fort, once the residence of the local Sheikh, before moving on to Al Buraymi Souq to browse traditional handmade crafts that tell the story of this region's rich history.

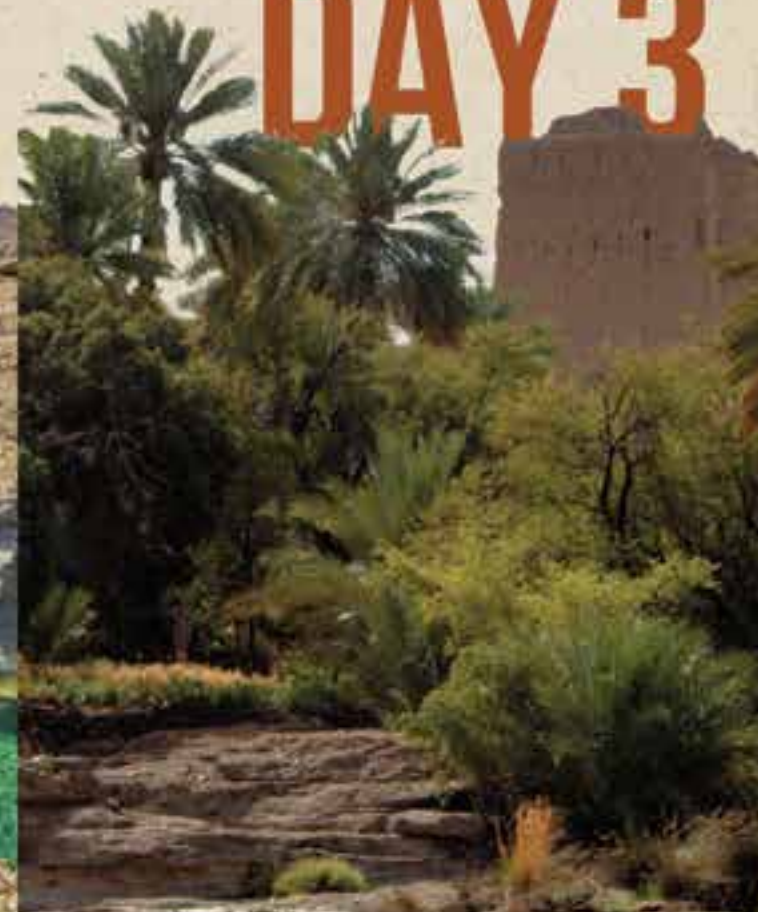
DAY 2



Make the most of the cool temperatures at sunrise by getting outdoors and heading to Mahdha for a beautiful and quiet hike through Al Qitar Mountain. Look out for the 'hanging gardens', an area of lush plant and birdlife suspended from the cliff face.

Get back in the car and head a little further to Wadi Sharm and its rustic village where the Falaj irrigation system (water channels) flows smoothly through the picturesque palm tree gardens. Afterwards, cool off from the afternoon heat by taking a swim in the crystal clear waters of nearby Wadi Al Qahfi or Wadi Khamis.

DAY 3



Head to one of Al Buraymi's ancient villages such as Al Jazeera, Al Khatwah or Al Khadhra to discover what life was like in Oman in times gone by.

The beautiful village of Al Khadhra, set on the edge of a wadi usually has flowing water bubbling along its route.

DAY 4



Take a 4WD and head off on an adventure into Al Sanina Sands, the Omani gateway to the Empty Quarter (Rub Al Khali), which is the world's largest sand desert.

Enjoy activities such as sand skiing, quad biking, dune bashing and camping.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- Please observe Omani customs and dress modestly.
- Use an appropriate SUV on mountain routes and ensure proper operation of the vehicle's 4WD systems before undertaking any such trips.
- Ensure you have adequate water, food and fuel.
- Always inform a family member, friend, or acquaintance of your destination and expected date of your return.
- Do not camp in wadi beds; flash floods are a common occurrence.
- When entering private property, please ask for permission before taking any photographs or eating fruits from any nearby farms.