The Governorate of Muscat is located on the coastline of the Sea of Oman, and is sheltered by the Eastern Hajar Mountains. This unique location between the sea and mountains gives Muscat spectacular views and a varied landscape. This is complemented by unique architecture that presents Muscat as a modern city with a rich history, combining authentic Omani traditions with a modern interpretation.

**How do you reach Muscat?**

Muscat can be reached by air, land and sea. The city is served by Muscat International Airport in Al Seeb. It can be reached by car, with numerous exit/entry points from both the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia and is accessible by sea on one of several cruise liners that call into the Sultan Qaboos Port.

Begin your trip with a visit to one of the most iconic buildings in the Sultanate – the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. This is one of the largest mosques in the world and has remarkable architecture and interior design. Admire the domes, minarets and intricate carvings that adorn the mosque.

Next, visit the Royal Opera House Muscat - a modern cultural masterpiece. Ten minutes away from the Opera House is one of the oldest and most beautiful traditional markets in the capital – the Mutrah souq, where you will find antiques, traditional Omani khanjars and the best Dhofari frankincense. At the entrance of the souq is the Muscat Corniche that overlooks the Sea of Oman, and if you are lucky, you might catch a glimpse of the royal yacht ‘Al Said’, docked at the port.

Following the road down from the Mutrah Corniche, you will eventually reach the distinctive ‘Al Alam Palace’ of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. The huge courtyard outside the palace is an ideal place to photograph the building.

Start your day with a quick visit to the planetarium to learn about the solar system in intriguing new ways. From there, maybe take a picnic and head to Yiti beach for an open-air lunch on the soft, golden sands.

Next, travel to Bandar Khairan where dense trees grow alongside the clear, azure water, then head back to Muscat and stop by at The National Museum that contains a number of cultural displays about Omani heritage and tradition. If you have time, you can also stop by other local museums such as Bait Al Baranda and Bait Al Zubair.

**Day 1**  

**Day 2**  

**Day 3**

**Day 4**  

**IMPORTANT TO KNOW**

- Please observe Omani customs and dress modestly.
- For one-person group U2C in mountain routes and ensure proper supervision of the tour will help avoid any accidents.
- Do not leave your boat unattended.
- Always offer a family member, friend, or acquaintance your destination and expected date of your return.
- Deal only with licensed tourist boats, as they will be properly equipped with the required safety equipment as per the law.
- Do not use public or walk alone. Most beaches can be a dangerous environment.
- Do not photographed people when entering private properties without permission.

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