



## A'SHARQIYA SOUTH

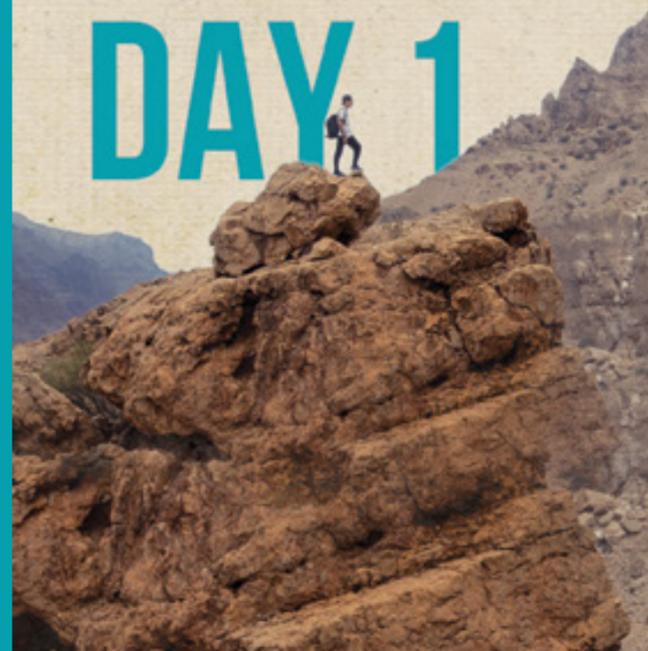
The Sharqiya South Governorate is considered to be one of the most diverse environments in the Sultanate, where towering mountains, golden desert sands, and vast coastline merge together. Stunning scenery can be found everywhere and visitors can explore the wide desert expanses, hike up vibrant mountains slopes, relax in serene wadis, enjoy meals in mysterious alley ways or discover history in majestic ancient forts.

The undoubted highlight for many is the pristine beaches, where it's possible to witness a variety of endangered turtle species laying their eggs.

## HOW DO YOU REACH A'SHARQIYA SOUTH ?

Sharqiya South is located 140 km from the Muscat Governorate and can easily be reached via the new Quriyat-Sur road that connects the Muscat and Sharqiya governorates.

# DAY 1

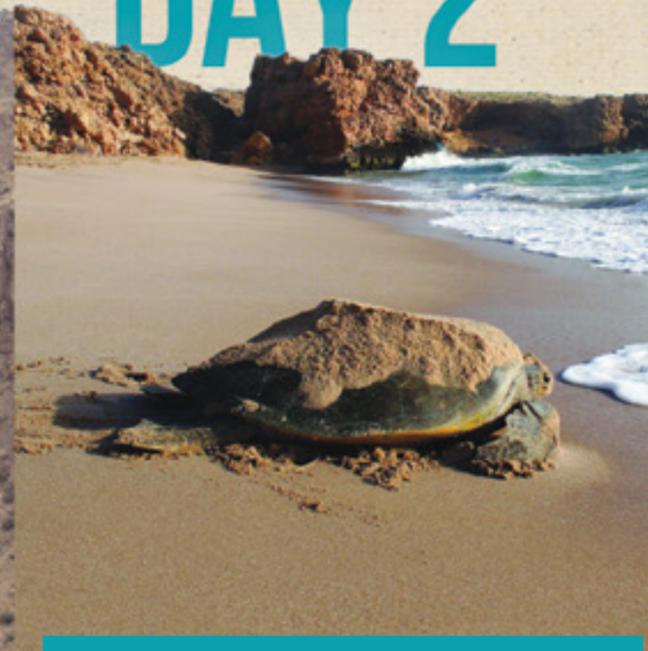


A good way to begin the trip is by taking in the beauty of Wadi Tiwi, followed by a boat ride at Wadi Shab, where the green banks create a relaxing ambience that is perfect for a spot of lunch, basking in the beauty of nature. From there, uncover the secrets that the ancient cemetery of Kabikab, which is located adjacent to the Quriyat-Sur road.

Next, get back on the road and drive into the Wilayat of Sur where you can find historical sites such as the Al Sinaslah and Bila Sur castles, comprising of several towers. In Sur you will also find the Fatih al Khair Ship and Marine Museum and the hanging bridge of Khor al Batih, which is a perfect location to take a panoramic photo that captures the sea together with the bridge and mosque minaret.

If you have time there are a number of highly recommended surrounding beaches including Deffah, Shyaa', Al Khabbah, and Ras Rwais.

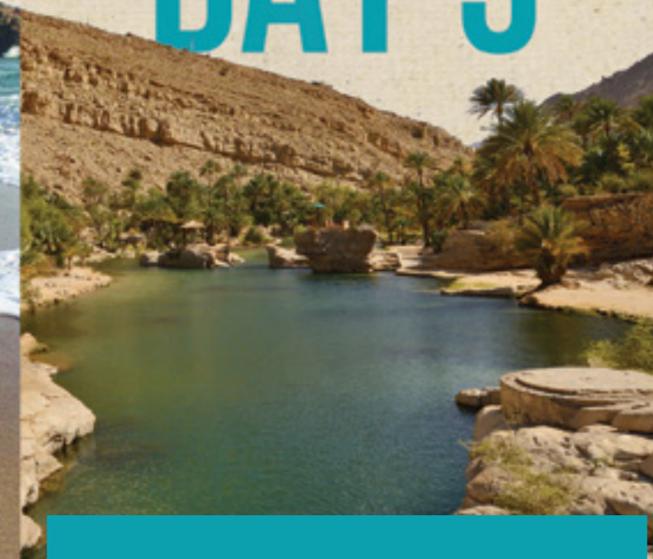
# DAY 2



After breakfast, drive towards the small village of Wadi Al Minqal, which is famous for its huge palm-tree farms, before heading to Wadi Bani Jaber. On the way there, it is also possible to embark on a voyage on a traditional 'Dhow' in Khor Grama. On-board the 'Dhow', the cool sea breeze and the accompanying relaxing sound of the waves provide a truly traditional sailing experience. Not far from Khor Grama, the Ras al Hadd Castle has been standing tall since the 15th century and its location at Ras al Hadd makes it the first place in the Arabian Peninsula to see the sunrise each day. Also located nearby is Ras al Jinz, where 4,300 year old historical landmarks can still be found today, a testament to their former glory.

As night falls, especially during the summer months, you might be lucky enough to observe the unique occurrence of turtles laying their eggs at the beach. In order to be able to view this intriguing spectacle, a pre-booking with the Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve is required. If you see turtles in the wild, please turn off all lights and never use flash photography.

# DAY 3



For avid nature lovers, we suggest a trip to Markha Tourist Park, along the banks of Wadi Markha, downhill from Wadi Bani Khalid. The Park consists of several beautiful streams, waterfalls, and small caves. Wadi Siq and Wadi Sabt are also popular places to visit.

For those keen in exploration, there are many forts and castles nearby, including the 9th century Jalan Bani Bu Hassan Castle, which was rebuilt in the 19th century. Campers and desert adventure lovers can alternatively take on the famous rust-coloured Sharqiya sands in Jalan Bani Bu Hassan.

With regard to religious tourism, the Al Hamouda Mosque, which was established 500 years ago, offers multiple domes with intricate arabesque designs. In Al Ashkharah, the beauty of the coastline is the main attraction, where you will find thousands of local and migratory birds. Eat lunch and relax at the prepared majlis before exploring the port where there are a number of marine activities available, such as surfing, jet skiing, or going on a boat trip.

# DAY 4



Spend your last day visiting the unique paradise of Masirah Island. On the way there you will pass by a number of iconic locations, such as Khuwaime and Quroun beaches, Sharqiyah sands, and the Shannah port where the car-ferry stops. After boarding the car-ferry to the island, there are many inviting beaches to explore, including Ras al Half, Byadh, or Al Eijah.

There are also a wide selection of wadis to choose from when deciding where to settle down for lunch, including Wadi Bilad, Wadi Qitarah, Wadi Araf, and Wadi Haql. It's also possible to buy fresh fish from the nearby fish souq for your meal.

## 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.
- Keep your environment clean by disposing of litter in the designated dustbins.

This itinerary can be shortened or extended depending on the time you have to explore the governorate.

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