



# DISCOVER AD DHAHIRAH

## MAP OF OMAN



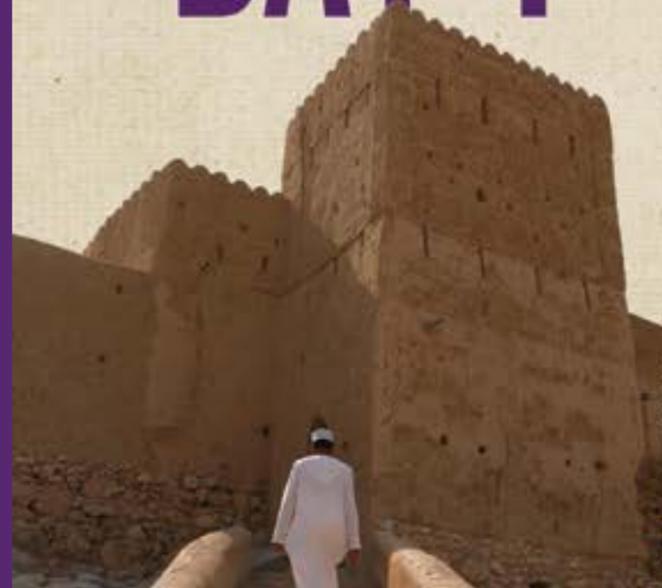
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From the foothills of the Al Hajar Mountains in the north to the Empty Quarter in the west, the Ad Dhabirah Governorate holds a collection of priceless icons of heritage and historical significance; some of which date back nearly 4,000 years and are classified as UNESCO World Heritage sites. The experience of visiting Ad Dhabirah is unparalleled, with near limitless desert plains for as far as the eye can see connected to one of the largest sand deserts in the world. There are also a wide range of ancient forts and castles to explore, as well as opportunities to experience authentic Omani culture.

## HOW DO YOU REACH AD DHAHIRAH?

The Wilayat of Ibri is the largest regional center in the governorate of Ad Dhabirah, located in the western part of the Sultanate. It can be reached via a road that connects directly to Muscat and covers a distance of around 280 Kilometers. It is also accessible via an alternative road that passes through Ar Rustaq in the South Al Batinah Governorate. Those arriving from the UAE can drive for 300km directly to the Governorate, or they can fly to Sohar Airport and then drive 165km to the center of the Wilayat of Ibri. What truly distinguishes the governorate geographically however, is its proximity to the UAE and Saudi Arabia, making it one of the primary destinations for those visiting Oman from other GCC countries.

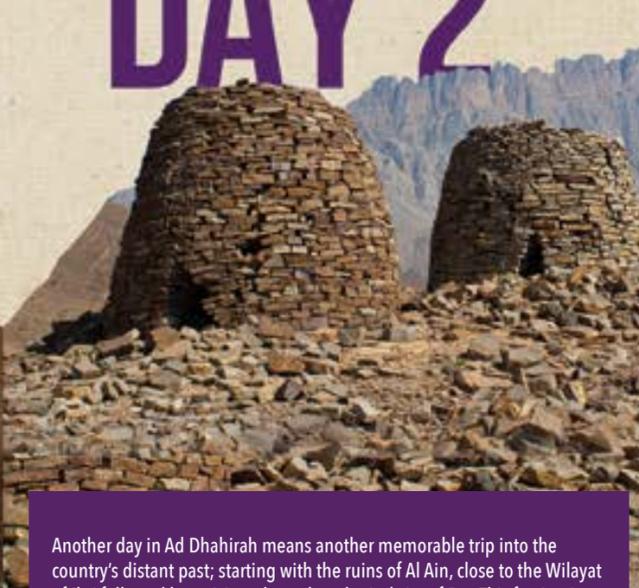
# DAY 1



The Wilayat of Ibri is home to some of the most historically important forts and castles in the country, which can serve as a perfect starting point for a journey into the Governorate. The first of these is the Ibri Castle and nearby Ibri Souq, the perfect place to get a better understanding of Omani customs and traditions. Located a short distance away is the As Sulayf Castle, which includes a number of buildings and houses surrounded by a huge wall and high towers with a falaj and park, making it an ideal picnic spot.

The next two castles to visit are the Al Iraqi Castle and the Al Ainayn Castle respectively, as well as the old town of Al Ghabi. As the sun sets, we recommend a climb up the Kawas Mountain overlooking the entire city; it can make for a great spot to capture some beautiful panoramic shots of the scenery below.

# DAY 2



Another day in Ad Dhabirah means another memorable trip into the country's distant past; starting with the ruins of Al Ain, close to the Wilayat of Ibri followed by a visit to the archaeological site of Bat. This fascinating site dates as far back as the third millennia BC and can make for yet another great place to capture some lasting images.

If you are a camping or nature enthusiast, it would be worth your time to visit the nearby Wadi Dhum. It is a place that offers some of the most captivating wildlife in the region and is also a great place to camp for the night with clear views of the skies above. Other great camping spots include Wadi Al Hajer, Wadi Maqnyait, or even the Bilad As Shuhoom Dam.

Want to take a break from nature and history? The Wilayat has you covered there as well, sporting some of the governorate's largest shopping malls; each offering a wide ranging selection of products from both local and international brands.

# DAY 3



You can start your third day in the Governorate with a trip to the nearby Wilayat of Dhank to visit the ancient fort of Al Munayak, one of the most important landmarks in the area.

From here you can take a trip to Wadi Al Fatah and even visit the quaint town located in Wadi Qumera. The surrounding mountains are also perfect for a spot of nature and wildlife photography. The nearby Wadi Fida is also a great place to rest and have lunch.

# DAY 4



As with Ibri, there is a stunning fort worth visiting in nearby Wilayat of Yanqul called Al Marah Fort. Located nearby is another one of the region's old souqs, where you can converse with the sellers to get some deeper insight into the culture and traditions of the area.

From here you can take a trip to Wadi Falaj Al Sedaireein and then onto the old town of Al Waqba; taking the opportunity to walk down its ancient streets and capture some beautiful photographs.

For the more adventurous it would be worth heading to Rimal Masrooq located on the outskirts of Wilayat Ibri. The area is famous for its desert sport activities including sand-skiing and dune bashing, both with recreational off-roaders and SUVs.

## 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.