One Day: Muscat City Tour

DURATION: approx. 4 hours
DEPARTS: 0830 Sat to Thursday
INCLUSION: Private Transport, pick up and drop at hotel, soft drink or water and a guide

The tour will start from Muscat and you will be picked up from your hotel around 8:30 in the morning and you will visit key landmarks of the city including Grand Mosque, Qurm beach, Muttrah Fish market and Souk where you will find exquisite Omani Khanjars and other local souvenirs.

After pick up from hotel, the first stop is a visit to the Grand Mosque, the largest mosque in Oman which was inaugurated by Sultan of Oman in 2001 and has the world's Second largest hand-woven carpet and chandelier. From here you will be taken on a scenic tour taking in the Ministries, Embassies in Qurm Park Beach and on to Muttrah Corniche, with a stop at the recently opened Bait Al Baranda museum. You will then continue onto the Fish Souk and Al Dhalam Souk, Oman’s largest indoor market. At the Souk, built in traditional style, you will find exquisite silver jewellery, frankincense, intricately hand-made Khanjars (daggers) and other handicrafts. Your guide will also show you the local Omani sweet Halwa from one of the shops within. The trip to souk will allow you to buy and stock up on all type of souvenirs to take home.

The tour continues east along the Corniche to Muttrah (Old Muscat). Here you will visit the charming Bait al Zubair, a private museum housing traditional Omani items reflecting the country’s rich heritage. Nearby is the magnificent Al Alam Palace, official palace of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos flanked by the 16th century Portuguese forts Mirani & Jalali, rebuilt by the Portuguese around 1558.

Passing through the fishing villages of Sidab and Haramel you will be taken along the scenic coastal route towards the Al Bustan Palace Hotel and later back to your hotel via the surrounding Mountains where you will enjoy a breathtaking view of the surrounding areas of Ruwi and Wadi Kabir.

EXCLUSIONS: flight tickets, visa charges, meals (apart from Breakfast) and other expenses on personal nature.

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