Turtle Beach, Sharqiyyah Sands, Nizwa, Bahla and Jabreen

DURATION: 3 days/2 nights
DEPARTS: 0830 Daily
PLACES TO VISIT: Turtle Beach, Wadi Shab, Sharqiyyah sands, Wadi Bani Khalid, Hoota caves, Jebel Shams, Al Hamra, Bahla, Jabreen and Nizwa.
INCLUSION: Private Transport, pick up and drop at hotel, soft drink or water and a guide

Day 1: Turtle Beach via Wadi Shab
Pick up at the hotel around 8:30am using 4x4 vehicles, drive out of Muscat via fishing village of Qurayyat on the way to Wadi Shab. On the way visit the Bimah Sink-hole. Wadi Shab is a picturesque fishing village overlooking old dwellings and ancient houses. Through this breathtaking wadi with fresh water that flows from the mountain springs, we walk along banana plantations, date palms and up narrow rocky paths. Drive to Ras Al Had via Qalhat village (the ancient capital of Oman during the Persian conquest of Oman). Drive through the seafaring town of Sur to see its tourist attractions and move on towards Ras Al Had area that is famous for its turtle nesting spots. It’s a haven for some of the rare and endangered turtle species. Arrive at Turtle Beach Resort (Half Boarding). The resort consists of huts with basic setup which is situated right at an excellent beach. After dinner we will drive to Ras al Jenz, (a protected turtle nesting ground sanctuary), where a guided tour by the sanctuary guard is given.

Day 2: Wahiba Sands via Wadi Bani Khalid
Check out from the Turtle Beach Resort and drive to Al Askharah Beach. Al Ashkharah is one of the popular places to surf on the Indian Ocean with reasonable swell. Then proceed to Wadi Bani Khalid, a beautiful Wadi with clear deep blue waters, where the shades of the palm trees are inviting for relaxing. Later drive to Wahiba Sands where sand dunes rising up to 200 meters and stretching as far as the eye can see. Enjoy an exhilarating round of “dune bashing” in 4WDs. The sands are the traditional homes of the nomads and the Bedouins. In the middle of the desert we stop to visit a Bedouin home. Stay overnight at a traditional desert camp and experience a night in Bedouin way of life. You will be staying in traditional Bedouin style accommodation and enjoy a traditional Arabic meal, Omani coffee and dates.
Day 3: Nizwa, Bahla and Jabreen

In the morning at Wahiba you will be able to watch a desert sunrise if you wake up early. After breakfast, you may try free camel ride before departing for Nizwa where you will visit the Nizwa fort which has been strategically built atop a hill with its colorful domes and bustling traditional market below. From there on we will be driving to Bahla with a photo stop at the Bahla fort, the oldest and first Omani pre Islamic fort. From here, drive to Jabreen castle, the finest of Oman’s castles built around late 17th century. The castle displays beautiful ceiling paintings and intricate wood carvings. From Jabreen fort you will be driven back to Muscat via picturesque villages of Izki, Samail and Fanja before arriving at Muscat late in the evening.

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

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