



### 3 Days Dhofar – Two nights in the Empty Quarter

Enjoy the luxury of a comfortable two-night expedition deep in the heart of the breath-taking Empty Quarter, the largest sand desert in the world. Our route takes us via much of Dhofar's most impressive scenery including stunning mountain chains, the fabled Frankincense route and the magnificent dunes of the Rub Al Khali.

Sleeping tents vary according to the location but are always appointed with proper mattresses, crisp cotton linen, feather pillows and traditional furnishings. Each sleeping tent has its own private bathroom tent, open to the skies and furnished with soft towels, basin, shower and a selection of soaps and lotions.

The camp will offer a large, evocative majlis, decorated in a style in keeping with the ambiance of the environment, with cushions and rugs, topical books, boules, board games and yoga mats. At the desert camp we will offer sandboarding. Dining is at a properly laid table under the stars beside a crackling fire. Food is, as far as possible, locally sourced, freshly prepared by our camp chef and always delicious. We use limited electric light, and the emphasis is on preserving the atmosphere through natural lighting provided by candles, oil lamps and camp fires.

#### Day 1

After a short flight from Muscat to the historic southern town of Salalah, you will be met by one of our experienced guides. We take the road up and through the Qara Mountains, making stops on the way to absorb the beautiful views of the mountains and wadis on our way through the rocky desert.

We stop at Wadi Dawkah, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Land of Frankincense”. Wadi Dawkah is a major place where the frankincense tree (*boswellia sacra*) can be found in large numbers and frankincense is harvested to this day. The incense comes from its gum, and it has been harvested and traded by Omanis for millennia.

After a delicious lunch at Thumrayt, we make a stop at another site of the Land of Frankincense UNESCO site, the caravan oasis of Shisr, where we visit the remains of what is believed to be the lost city of Ubar.



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We then turn into an extremely remote and isolated area, where traffic is almost nonexistent. We leave the main track and weave our way through the grandeur of the russet red sand dunes of the Rub al Khali, the Empty Quarter. Our camp is set deep in the dunes and we arrive in time for you to explore your surroundings and take in the exquisite sunset.

Upon arrival at the private camp you will be greeted by the Hud Hud team with cold flannels and a refreshing drink and given some time to settle in. Relax from the comfort of your tent, or in the majlis, and soak up your surroundings before enjoying a spectacular sunset view from the camp.

Enjoy some nibbles and drinks while our chef prepares a tasty freshly cooked dinner.

Following dinner take a walk among the dunes to marvel at the night sky or relax by the campfire.

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## Day 2

Watch the sunrise over the imposing dunes from camp or, for the more energetic, make your way to the top of one! After a relaxing breakfast, there will be ample opportunity to explore this unique and hauntingly beautiful environment. A walk through the windswept dunes reveals the diversity of the region as well as the incredible plant life.

We pack a delicious picnic lunch and set out to explore the beautiful desert area, stopping to search for geodes that are often hidden in the sand.

In the evening, if possible, we visit a local Bedu from the Al Rashidi tribe to see his black camels and fascinate you with a wealth of detail about the disappearing way of life of those who still depend on them.

Another delicious dinner will be served at camp.

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## Day 3

Today, we will leave our desert camp behind and retrace our steps to Thumrait and onwards to Salalah in time to bid you farewell before your flight back to Muscat. If you will extend in Salalah or have a late afternoon flight we can add in some sightseeing on the way or we can explore the town of Salalah.