



# Hud Hud Travels



## 2 nights on Bar al Hickman Beach

A stylish comfortable mobile safari, encompassing two nights and three days in beautiful northern Oman taking in much of Oman's impressive scenery and covering coast, traditional towns and souks.

Sleeping tents vary according to the season but are always appointed with proper mattresses, crisp cotton linen, pillows and traditional furnishings. Each sleeping tent has its own private bathroom tent, open to the skies and furnished with soft towels, basin, shower, a toilet 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 beach camp we will have 2 Stand Up Paddle Boards for you to use. Dining is at a properly laid table under the stars beside a crackling fire. Food is, as far as possible, locally sourced (or self caught if you would like to try your hand at some fishing), 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

We head out of Muscat after breakfast, passing by the village of Fanjah for a photoshoot after which we continue to Sinaw. This is where the Bedouins come to do business and the souq, particularly on a Thursday, can be a thriving and fascinating affair with all the hustle and bustle of a Middle Eastern market at its finest. Sinaw souq is amongst one of the oldest preserved souqs in Oman and one of the few places you can find traditional silver Bedouin jewellery.

We will have a tasty picnic lunch enroute.

We continue south until, by late afternoon, we pass by Muhut and cross a 40km salt flat before reaching our camp in Bar Al Hickman, set on a white sand beach at the Indian Ocean. It is a large salt pan that is home to a vast community of sea birds as well as a host of migratory birds.

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## Day 2

We will enjoy a leisurely day on the beach with fishing, beach driving, snorkelling and Stand Up Paddleboarding or perhaps we can visit the local towns and buy fresh fish if we don't succeed in catching our own, which our chef can prepare for dinner.

Alternatively we can drive to Filim to see the flamingos and onwards to Khalouf village and the nearby Sugar Dunes where we can have a swim before returning to our camp (this will be about 2 hours each way).

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## Day 3

Today we make an early start and wind our way north to the fishing village of Qihayd, where the desert dunes meet the sea. We continue further north to pass the fishing port of Al Ashkharah and onwards to Sur. There are many fishermen and a thriving fish industry that has existed for centuries. There is a small dhow factory where the traditional sailing boats that have taken Omani explorers, traders and colonialists to the furthest reaches of the Indian Ocean, are still made.

We will then continue our route up the coast on the sea-side of the Hajar range stopping at one of the wadis (if time allows) or the Bimah Sinkhole for a swim.

Alternatively, we can also retrace our route to Sinaw and onwards to Manah to visit the new Oman Across the Ages Museum before returning to Muscat.

Invigorated, we arrive back in Muscat in the late afternoon.