



Four Night Ibra Itinerary Dimaniyat Islands, Bandar Khayran and Ras Abu Daud

Embark on an extraordinary overnight boat cruise onboard Hud Hud's Luxury Modern Dhow **Ibra**. During this 4 night / 5 day journey we will first stay for 2 nights at the Dimaniyat Islands, a small archipelago located off the coast of Muscat, known for its pristine beauty, rich biodiversity, and protected status as a nature reserve before sailing onwards for a night at Bandar Khayran, another area known for its snorkelling and diving sites. Our final stop will be at Ras Abu Daud from where we can continue along the coast to the port of Quriyat.

The Ibra can comfortably accommodate 8 guests for an overnight charter in 4 guest cabins (2 Double + 2 Twin). Each cabin comes with Italian style spacious bathrooms, equipped with a shower, wash basin, toilet and storage shelves. There are several comfortable seating areas to relax and enjoy the beautiful landscape; a large air-conditioned indoor lounge with ample seating and a dining table and 3 outdoor seating areas, including sun beds and an outdoor dining table. Meals will be cooked fresh by the onboard chef.

Day 1

Today at 10:00 we embark on the Ibra from the Al Mouj Marina and sail to the Dimaniyat Islands, where we will spend two nights. The Dimaniyat Islands are a protected and uninhabited group of nine beautiful islands 18 km off the Batinah Coast north of Muscat. The islands are Oman's only marine National Nature Reserve and play host to a number of native birds and it is a successful breeding sanctuary from April through to October (as a result it is not allowed to set foot on the islands between May and October).



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The journey to the islands from Muscat will take two hours – a great opportunity to enjoy a morning snack, get comfortable, sit back and relax as the coastline gradually disappears and the islands slowly appear on the horizon. There are sometimes dolphins swimming alongside to keep you company.

The Ibra will anchor in a tranquil bay where you will enjoy a freshly prepared lunch cooked by your onboard chef.

After lunch there is time to swim, snorkel, Stand Up Paddle Board, discover the islands or just relax onboard.

Dinner and overnight on the Ibra at the Dimaniyat Islands

Day 2

After a relaxing breakfast on board and perhaps an early morning swim, we can cruise around to another of the islands and spend the morning snorkelling among the coral, stand up paddle boarding, watching the sea birds from the boat or simply absorbing the tranquillity of the islands.

If you are keen to do some diving we can arrange to have a boat with a dive guide and all necessary equipment to join us today for a couple of dives. We can also arrange for some fishing or other watersports such as e-foiling.

Lunch will be served on board or on the beach (kindly note that due to the bird migrations we cannot set foot on the islands between May and October).

Final afternoon of relaxation followed by another scrumptious dinner.

Dinner and overnight on the Ibra at the Dimaniyat Islands

Day 3

After a relaxing breakfast on board and a final swim we will cruise towards Bandar Khayran, a labyrinth of islands, beaches, mountains, bays and natural channels, where we will spend the night. This journey will take about 3 hours and on the way we will be cruising past Fahal Island, a fossilised limestone formation with three prominent pinnacles that peek out above sea level. It is also known as Shark Island due to the large number of black-tip reef sharks found in the shallow sandbank.



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After reaching Bandar Khayran we will anchor in a tranquil bay, where you can have a quick swim while our chef is preparing lunch.

After a delicious lunch served onboard, you can swim, snorkel, discover the different bays by Stand Up Paddle Board or just relax.

Bandar Khayran is also known for its diving spots and we can arrange for a diving boat to meet you there if you would like to go on a dive or we can involve one of our partners to supply kayaks, e-foils or other watersports.

For dinner we can do a beach BBQ or we can have dinner onboard and head to one of the beaches afterwards for some marshmallow roasting over a campfire, giving us also a great spot to watch the stars.

Dinner and overnight on the Ibra at Bandar Khayran

Day 4

Today we leave Bandar Khayran behind to venture further along the coast towards Quriyat for our last destination of Ras Abu Daud. Less known than Bandar Khayran, this is another great location for swimming, snorkelling and exploring. Breakfast, Lunch and dinner will be served on board.

Dinner and overnight on the Ibra at Ras Abu Daud

Day 5

This morning we sail a little further to the coastal town of Quriyat, before we say farewell to the Ibra and her crew and meet our guide for the day who can take us for some wadi exploration before dropping us back to our hotel in Muscat