



Hud Hud Travels



Hud Hud Private Camps

We have collected a few tips and pointers about what to expect when on a trip with Hud Hud as well as answers to some questions we have been asked. We hope this helps.

Your Trip Your guide will collect you from the hotel or the airport on the first day of your trip at a pre-arranged time. You will have the opportunity to discuss the planned itinerary and speak to your guide about what you would like to experience during your time with us, and the itinerary can be tailored accordingly. This can also be discussed ahead of your trip if you have anything specific in mind.

Arrival/Departure This is very much dependent on your itinerary, but you are likely to reach camp between 4pm and 5pm, in time for sunset. Departure times are usually between 8 and 9am to make the most of the day.

Accommodation We use a variety of sleeping tents depending on the camp location and time of year. In order to ensure your stay is as comfortable as possible, we always assess the temperature and weather before determining which style tents to use. Bedrooms offer a high level of comfort with beds made up with mattresses, duvets, pillows and cotton sheets. Each bedroom has a separate bathroom tent positioned close-by. There is also a large majlis tent with Arabic style seating for relaxing in. Meals are served at a dining table under the stars.

Bathroom Facilities Toilets are 'African style long drops' and are covered by a wooden seat. We use gravity-fed showers and heat the water upon request. Towels are changed daily.

Vehicles We use 4x4 Toyota Land Cruisers. These are the best option for off-road driving and are very comfortable. Each vehicle can carry a maximum of four passengers, although we recommend for comfort a maximum of three adults per car. If you are traveling in a larger group then you will be split between two, or more, vehicles.

Child Seats

We can provide safety seats for children traveling in our vehicles upon request.

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Driving Distances

Direct drive times from Muscat to our camp are between 2-3 hours with the exception for Bar Al Hickman which is a 6 hour drive. However, we offer a full day of bespoke sightseeing from Muscat to our camps with our friendly Omani guides.

Tipping Whereas there was less of a tipping culture in Oman in the past, tips are standard in the industry now are much appreciated by the camp staff and guides. Please give any tips for the camp team to the camp manager who will arrange for it to be divided equally between each member and please tip the guide separately from the camp team. As a guideline OMR 10-20 per day for the guide and OMR 20-40 per night for the camp staff would be very kind.

Climate From October to March, daytime temperatures range from 25-38°C and night time temperatures in the desert can drop to around 10°C (over the winter months). Mountain temperatures typically drop a further 10°C. Where possible, we will have a campfire and during the cooler months we provide hot water bottles.

Meals

We provide a picnic lunch each day you are traveling with us. In the camp, our chef will prepare a delicious three course dinner and a continental breakfast in the morning, complemented by a selection of freshly cooked dishes. Please advise on booking if you have any specific dietary requirements or food allergies.

Drinks

We have a selection of soft drinks and fruit juices in the camp, along with coffee and a variety of teas. If you would like anything specific, then please let us know in advance and we will do our best to provide it. We are not permitted to provide alcohol but will happily chill and serve anything you bring with you. Alcohol is not readily available in the country so we suggest you pick something up at the duty free shop in the arrivals hall at Muscat Airport. Each adult is permitted four bottles.

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Things to do

In the Majlis there are a variety of topical books, board games, sandboard (for the desert), snorkelling and fishing gear (beach camps) selection of outdoor games, an iPad with a star gazing app and some information on the local Flora and Fauna.

Power

We use quiet generators during the day to power our fridges and freezers but we turn them off once dinner has been served to ensure that you can really appreciate the remoteness and solitude of the areas we camp in. There are no power outlets in the sleeping tents but if you need to charge anything please ask a member of our staff.

Mobile Coverage

There is no mobile phone signal at camp. We do have a satellite phone for emergencies. During the day you should have a good signal when traveling. If you are expecting a call or need to make one then please mention this to your guide and they can ensure you are reachable at the given time.

Insects

Mosquitoes are uncommon where we camp, however, if your trip also includes a stay in the mountains then we recommend carrying a good insect repellent for the evenings. The safari tents that we use, are fitted with interior mesh door.

Clothing

Loose, light, summer clothing is appropriate for travelling during the day time, and a jumper or fleece may be needed when in camp during the evenings. We suggest wearing closed-toe shoes in the desert and mountains. Although Oman is fairly relaxed, we would advise that you dress conservatively with knees and shoulders covered when visiting local areas. During your trip, you may do some walking through wadis where the ground is uneven, so we would suggest you pack comfortable walking shoes or boots along with swimwear for taking a dip in one of the secluded pools. Ladies are required to cover knees and elbows when swimming in wadis. For visiting the grand mosque ladies must cover up from head to toe including their hair and men must wear long trousers, cover shoulders and any tattoos that may be visible.

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Ramadan The holy month of Ramadan is a time where Muslims fast from food and water during the day, breaking their fast after sunset at a meal known as iftar. During this month, it is illegal to be seen eating, drinking or smoking in public during the day. If you are visiting Oman during this time, please be respectful to those fasting by adhering to local law. Women may also wish to cover themselves more conservatively during this time whilst in public places. Please note, whilst at camp, food and drinks will be served as usual.

Currency

The currency in Oman is the Omani Rial (OMR). One Rial is divided into 1000 Baisa. Notes are issued in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20 and 50. The Rial is pegged to the US Dollar at a rate of approximately USD 2.6 to one OMR.

Visas

Tourist visas need to be purchased online prior to travel using the following website <https://evisa.rop.gov.om>, the visa costs OMR 20 for a 30 day tourist visa or OMR 5 for a 10 day tourist visa, it normally takes 48 hours to process the visa but kindly note that the visa cannot be applied more than 1 month before arrival, as it will only have 1 month validity.