

Oman

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Oman due to terrorism and armed conflict. Some areas have increased risk.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[968] 24-643-400; US Embassy in Muscat, P.C. 115, Madinat Al Sultan Qaboos, Muscat, Oman; ConsularMuscat@state.gov;

<https://om.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

968

Local Emergency Phone

999

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Oman: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, anthrax, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

Climate

Dry desert; hot, humid along coast; hot, dry interior; strong southwest summer monsoon (May to September) in far south

Currency (Code)

Omani rials (OMR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): G



Type G

Major Languages

Arabic, English, Baluchi, Swahili, Urdu, Indian dialects

Major Religions

Muslim

Time Difference

UTC+4 (9 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

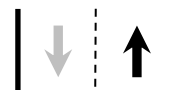
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International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Wahiba Sands; Musandam Fjords; Ras al Jinz; Jebel Akhdar; Salalah; Bahla; Masirah Island; Archeological sites at Bat, Al-Khutm, & Al-Ayn; Grand Mosque in Muscat; Souq Muttrah

Major Sports

Dhow racing (sailing), horse racing, falconry, camel racing, bull fighting

Cultural Practices

It's considered impolite to point with your index finger. Instead, use a fully open hand with your palm facing upward.

- Always greet people with a smile and Salamalekum (Hello).
- Omanis are very modest people, so it's best to wear clothing that covers the arms, legs, and cleavage.

Tipping Guidelines

A tip of 10% is considered the norm at restaurants and hotels. Rounding up or letting the driver keep the change is appropriate for taxis.

Souvenirs

Khanjar daggers, silver boxes inlaid with lapis lazuli, coffee and tea sets, frankincense and incense burners, clay pots, Quran stands, silver and gold jewelry, hand-woven goat-hair carpets, woven baskets

Traditional Cuisine

Shuwa — lamb or goat meat coated in a spice blend of chili peppers, cardamom, cloves, cumin, or coriander then wrapped in banana or palm leaves and placed in a woven bag before being roasted and smoked in underground pits; typically served on a bed of rice with a tomato-based sauce

