

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Oman due to terrorism and armed conflict. Some areas have increased risk. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

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

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

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/>

LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQIA+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.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. <http://www.who.int/>

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

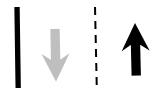
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International Driving Permit

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

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