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Muscat Governorate



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And experience a journey like no other

Situated at the southeastern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, the Sultanate of Oman is a captivating blend of tradition and modernity. A land of striking contrasts, Oman boasts towering mountains and vast seas, sandy deserts and crystal-clear wadis, offering environmental diversity that is just waiting to be explored. From the bustling charm of traditional souqs to the sophistication of modern markets and the serenity of green parks, you can find the perfect spot for both relaxation and leisure.

Oman's 11 governorates offer a kaleidoscope of distinct landscapes and captivating tourist attractions, each with its own unique charm from lush oases and dramatic deserts to historic forts and bustling souqs.

Here, history is deeply rooted in every corner, while unspoiled nature invites you to unwind and reconnect. The country's

extensive coastlines, stretching for thousands of kilometers, are a haven for marine enthusiasts and tranquility seekers alike, offering both serene beaches and thrilling water-based adventures.

The towering mountains provide a refreshing escape during the hot summer months, while the seasonal climate is ideal for those in search of pleasant weather. Experience the thrill of swimming in vibrant wadis or feel the adrenaline rush of exploring the vast, desert dunes.

At the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism, we are committed to enriching the tourism experience, crafting unique journeys across the governorates of the Sultanate of Oman. Together, we strive to cultivate innovative, modern tourism that fulfills your aspirations and surpasses your expectations. We are thrilled to have you with us - let's explore Oman together!

Muscat Governorate stands out with its prime location between the Sea of Oman and the Eastern Hajar Mountains, comprising the Wilayats of Muscat, Mutrah, Bawshar, Al Seeb , Al Amirat, and Quriyat.

As the capital of Oman, Muscat boasts breathtaking landscapes that perfectly complement its well-preserved architecture, showcasing the traditional elements that define the country.



The Most
Beautiful
Moments of
Bright Sunlight



Al Sifah Beach

The governorate is home to numerous stunning beaches, rich in ecological diversity and the coastline also boasts two major modern sailing centres; Al Mouj and Marina Bandar Al Rowdha.







Mutrah Souq



In addition to the castles, forts, and museums that highlight Muscat and Oman's rich heritage and culture, the traditional markets, bustling shopping centers, lush parks, and lively city atmosphere ensure that Muscat Governorate remains a must-see destination for visitors to Oman.

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Muscat

Majestic Forts and Soft Sandy Beaches







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Muscat is the political, economic, and administrative center of Oman, home to the ruling authority and government institutions. The Wilayat features the twin majestic forts of **Al Jalali and Al Mirani**, standing guard at the entrance of Muscat Bay for over 400 years. Visit Al Mirani Fort to enjoy the azure waters before sipping a cup of coffee at the fort's peak.



Close to the forts, you'll find the magnificent **Al Alam Palace**, adorned with its unique façade featuring columns covered in stone mosaics of blue and gold hues—a perfect spot for photography and leisurely walks.

Al Alam Palace





Nearby, **The National Museum** offers a wide array of exhibits related to Oman's history, arts, and civilization, alongside some artifacts of the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said – may he rest in peace.

The National Museum

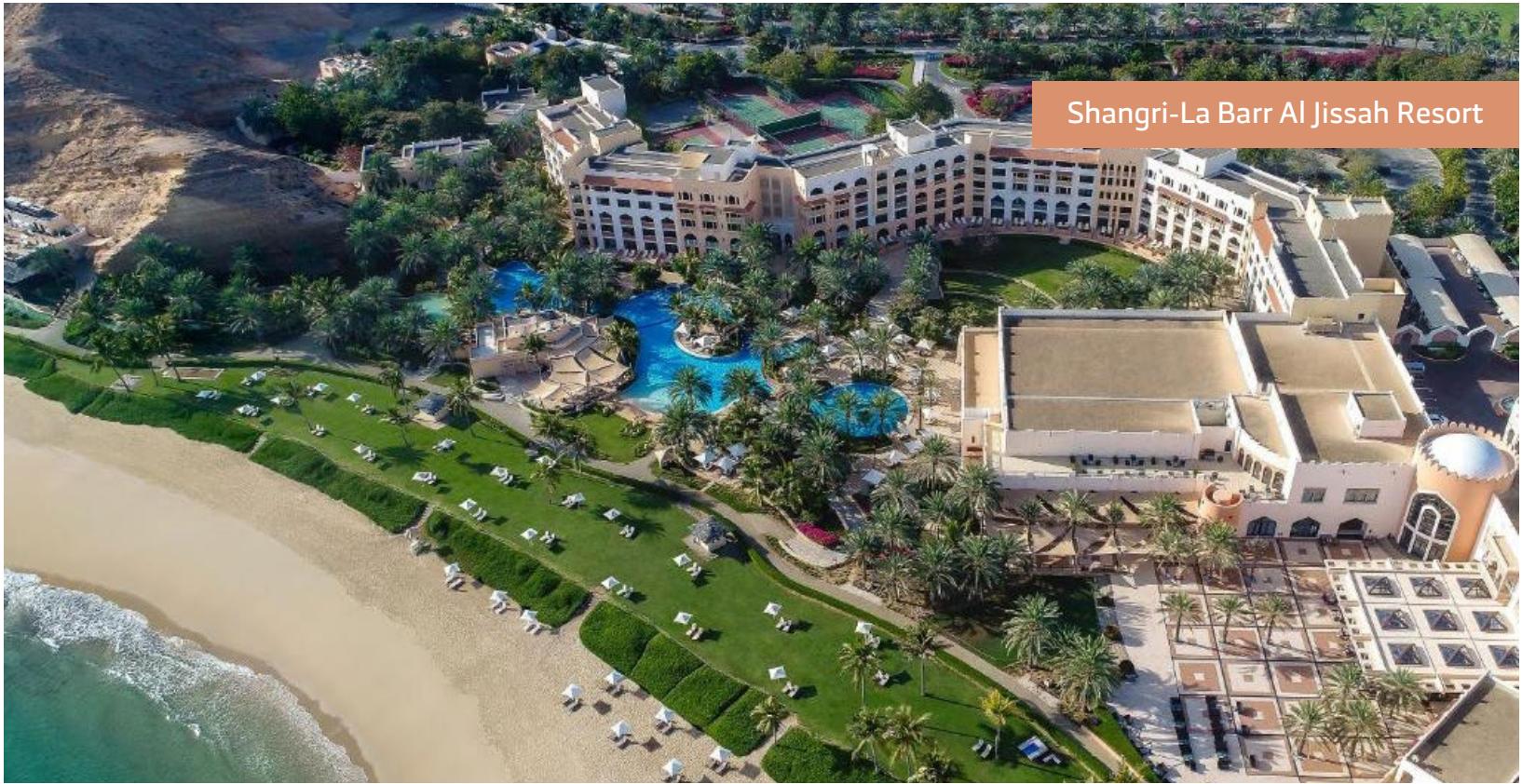
Nearby museums include the **Bait Al Zubair Museum**, which showcases traditional Omani artifacts and attire, and hosts key cultural and artistic events, and **The Arts Hall at Bait Muzna** which specializes in art exhibitions.

To the southwest of Al Alam Palace in Old Muscat, you'll find the **Omani-French Museum**, which highlights the historical ties between Oman and France, offering a comprehensive overview of Omani history over the past three centuries. Additionally, the **Muscat Gateway Museum**, located at the entrance from the Wilayat of Mutrah to Muscat, provides an insightful look into the city's history and development.



The Arts Hall at Bait Muzna





Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort

For those seeking relaxation or who are eager to dive and explore marine life, Muscat boasts numerous stunning beaches. Visit **Bandar Al Jissah Beach**, surrounded by honey-colored cliffs, where the high mountains create an atmosphere of privacy and tranquility. Behind the beach, in the heart of the valley, you will also find one of the finest tourism and hotel development projects, Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort.

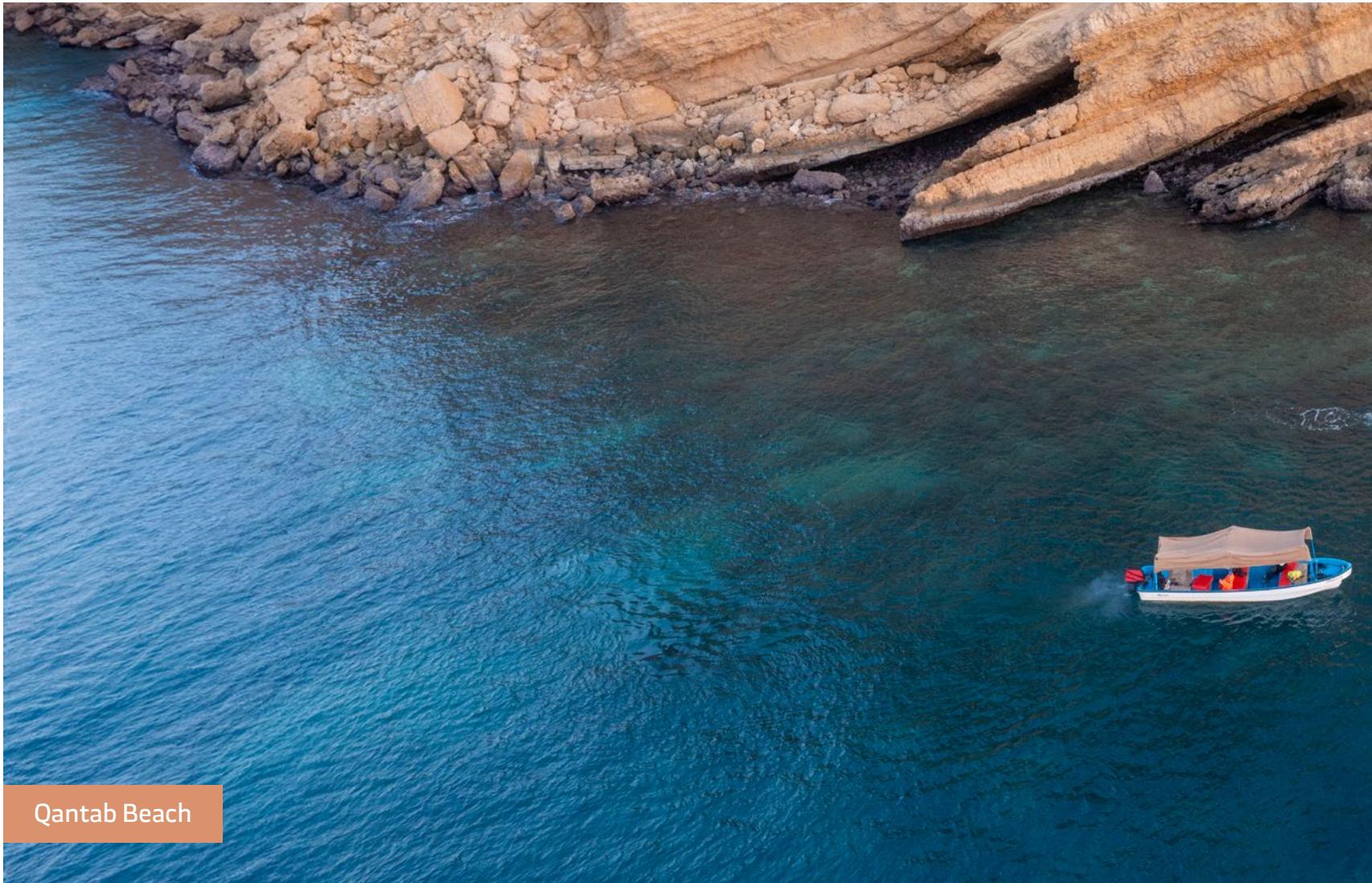




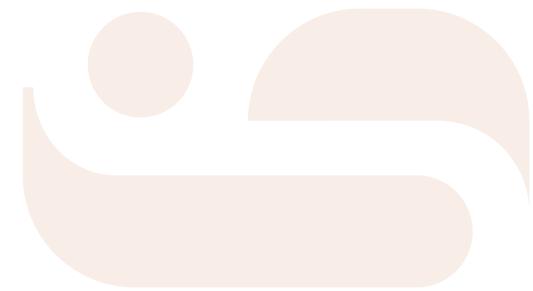
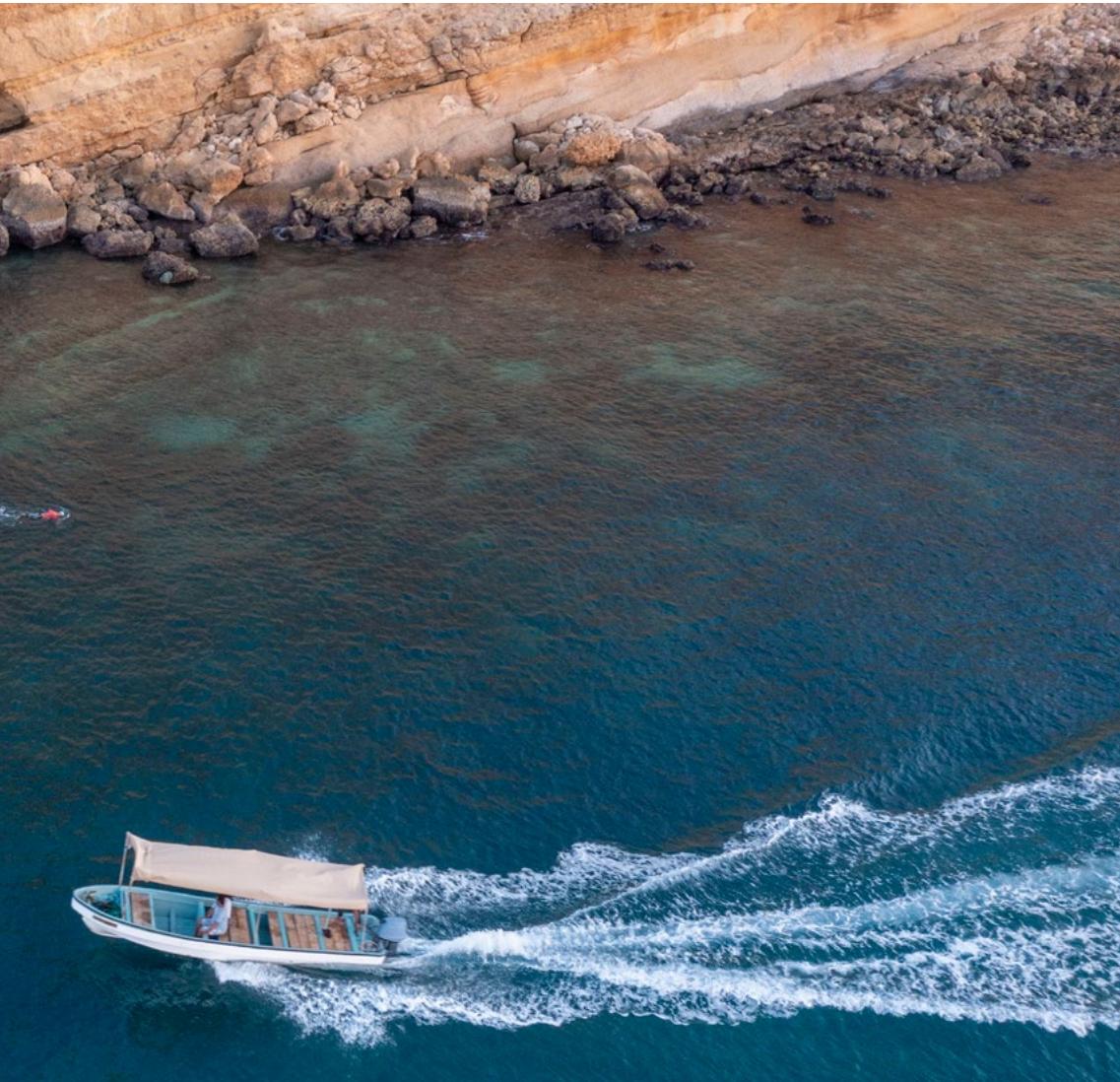
Accessing **Al Sifah Beach** is via a winding road carved through the mountains, making it a breathtaking tourist attraction, enhanced by the presence of the Jebel Sifah Resort, reachable in less than an hour by boat from **Marina Bandar Al Rowdha**.

Al Sifah Beach





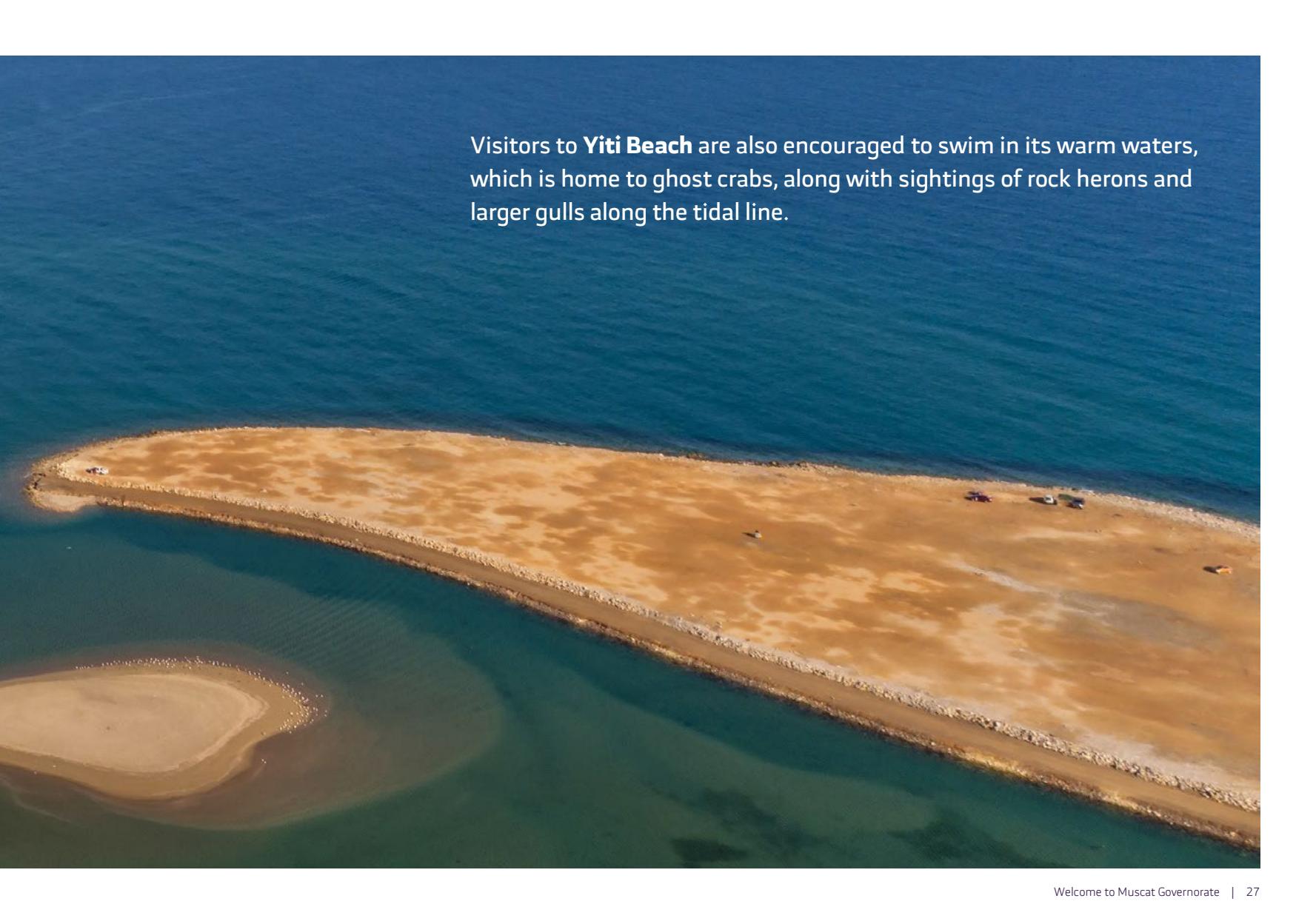
Qantab Beach



You can also rent a boat from **Qantab Beach** to enjoy the scenic coastline of Old Muscat, just 20 minutes away by sea.



Yiti Beach



Visitors to **Yiti Beach** are also encouraged to swim in its warm waters, which is home to ghost crabs, along with sightings of rock herons and larger gulls along the tidal line.

Yenkit Beach is a charming marine bay located just 25 kilometers from Al Hamriya Roundabout. The best way to visit is by boat, with a short 25-minute journey from Marina Bandar Al Rowdha. Along the way, visitors can enjoy close-up views of gray herons and watch cormorants fishing beneath the steep cliffs.



Yenkit Beach



An aerial photograph capturing two kayakers on a river, framed by dense mangrove forests. The kayakers are positioned in the center of the frame, one in a red kayak and the other in a blue kayak, both facing towards the top of the image. The river's water is a dark, reflective greenish-blue, contrasting with the vibrant green of the surrounding mangrove trees. The mangroves are characterized by their intricate, root-filled structures that create a complex, almost abstract pattern. The overall scene is one of tranquility and natural beauty.

Kayak Bandar Al Khiran

Bandar AlKhiran is a wonderful tourist destination, known for its calm waters and gentle hills. Visitors can relax on the sandy beaches, go birdwatching to spot a variety of species, or explore the vibrant underwater world at numerous diving spots, including a shipwreck just offshore.







For those seeking a luxury escape, consider booking a stay at the award-winning **Al Bustan Palace Hotel** or the Jumeirah Muscat Bay Hotel.



Mutrah

Where Life Tastes Different



Mutrah is a unique wilayat, overlooking the Arabian Sea, renowned for its stunning architectural buildings and its ancient souq. Begin your visit at the scenic waterfront, the **Mutrah Corniche**. This beautiful walking path stretches from the fish market to the gates of Muscat, offering stunning views along the way.

Admire the charming white fishermen's houses, some of which are over 400 years old, while enjoying the azure sea, gentle breezes, and the breathtaking backdrop of the dramatic ophiolite mountains.



Mutrah from the sky



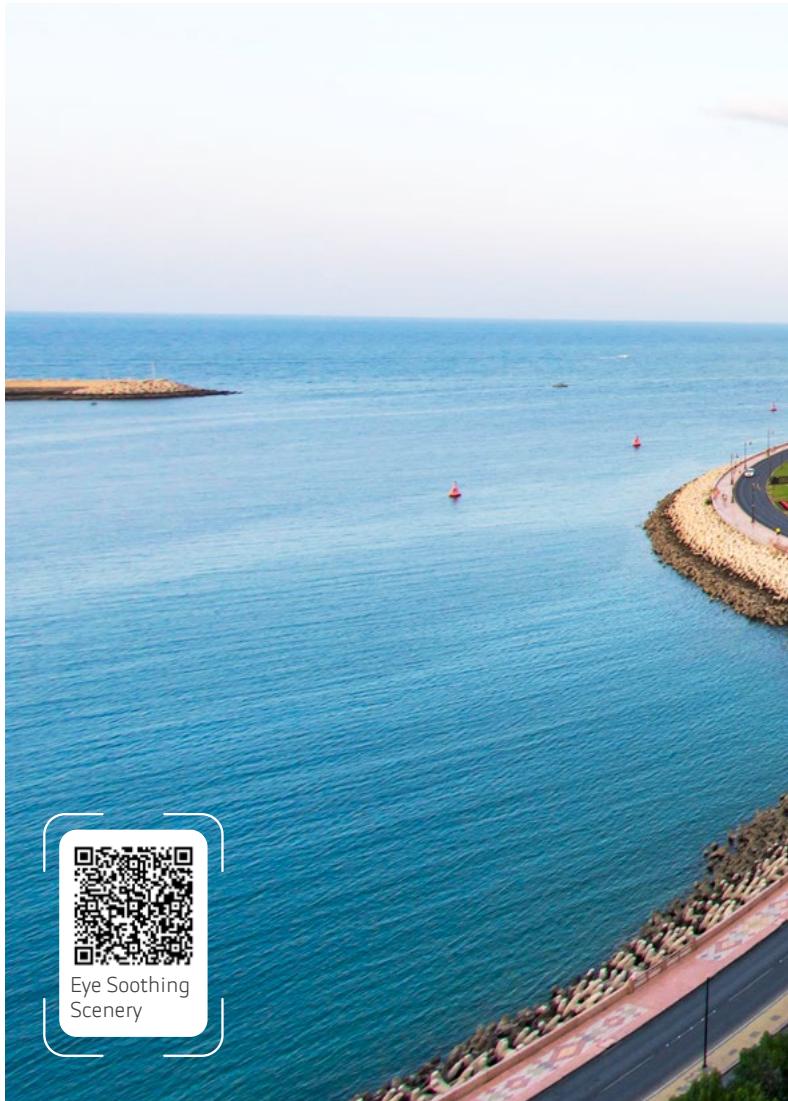




Head to the **Mutrah Souq**, the most famous traditional market in Oman, characterized by its winding alleys and the unique scents that fill the air. The souq features a diverse array of products including fabrics, perfumes, frankincense, and a gold market.

Close to the souq, perched atop the mountain, lies **Mutrah Fort**, which overlooks Sultan Qaboos Port.

Climb to the fort for stunning panoramic views of the wilayat from the fort's cafe, where the vast blue waters extend as far as the eye can see.





Mutrah Fort

Riyam Park





Test your fitness by climbing the **Mutrah Geological Trail** near Riyam Park or visit **Kalbuh Park**, which overlooks the sea halfway between Mutrah and Muscat.

This beautiful spot is nestled between towering mountains and the vast ocean and is ideal for picnics and leisurely walks along the paved path within the park. Before reaching the park's entrance, there is also a small beach for safe swimming and snorkeling.







Armed Forces Museum



Visit the first airport in the governorate, now the **Armed Forces Museum at Bait Al Falaj**, to delve into Oman's military history. The museum displays military equipment from the Omani Armed Forces, including tanks, ship models, and the attire worn by military personnel.



Mutrah Corniche



Mutrah



A wide-angle, aerial photograph of Mutrah, Oman, at night. The city is nestled in a valley between dark, rugged mountains. The town is illuminated with numerous lights from buildings and streets, creating a warm glow. In the foreground, a large cruise ship is docked at a pier. The sky is a deep orange and pink, suggesting the photo was taken during sunset or sunrise. A small orange rectangular box in the top right corner contains the text "Mutrah at night".

Mutrah at night



Bawshar

A Bridge Between Tradition and Modernity

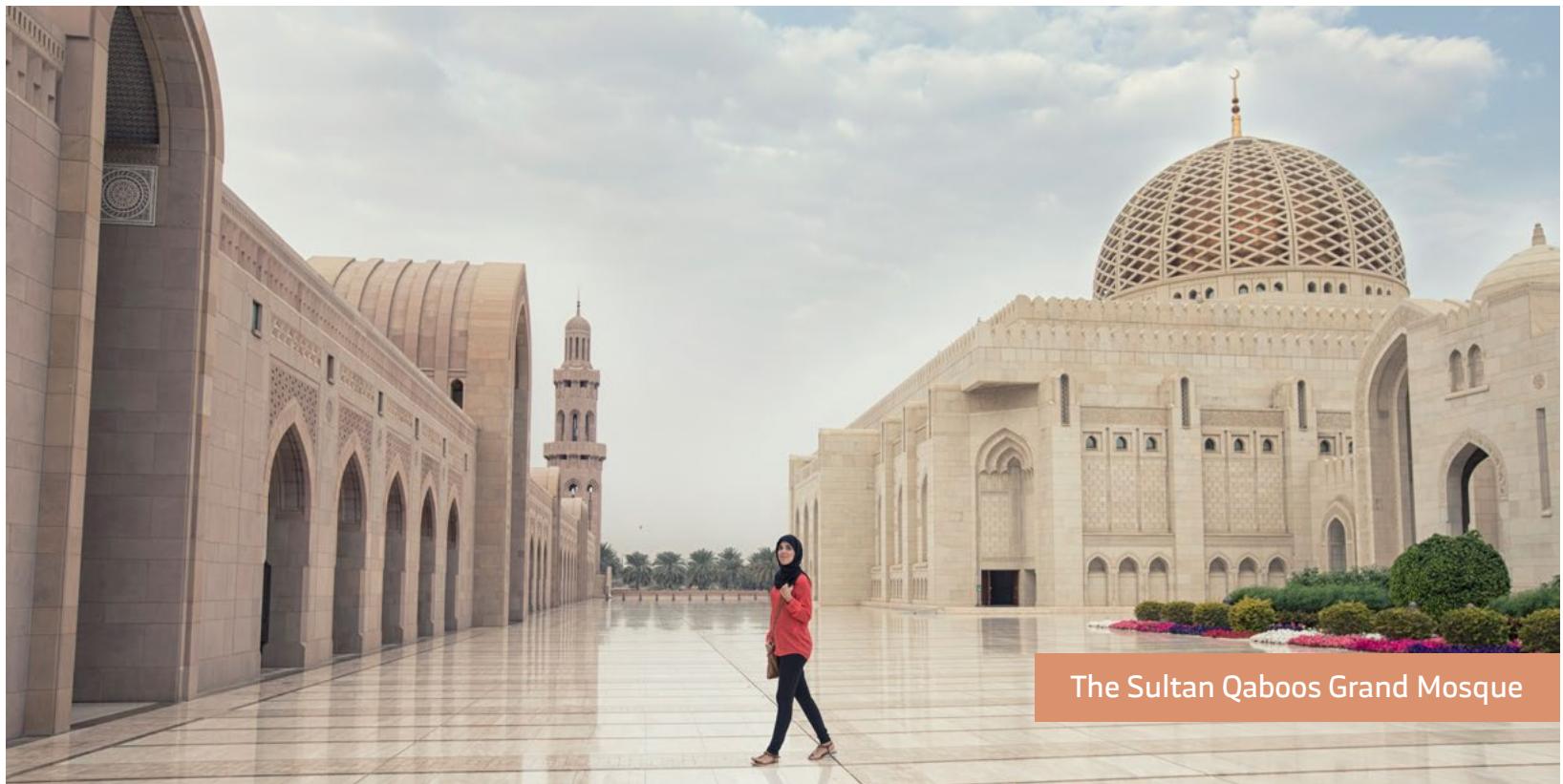


The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque



Bawshar is known for its modern urban planning, featuring numerous cultural landmarks and contemporary developments. The area is home to various government institutions, embassies, Media City, and the largest commercial centers, all of which

play a key role in driving the region's economic growth. **The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque**, located south of Sultan Qaboos Road in Al Ghubrah, is set on a raised platform and was built with exceptional craftsmanship and the finest materials.



The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque

Be sure to visit Bawshar's architectural gem, the **Royal Opera House**, where the classical-style auditorium, with seating for over a thousand, is designed to offer a full visual and auditory experience, enhanced by advanced acoustic effects. This prestigious venue is the perfect spot to enjoy a wide range of world-class performances, from Baroque chamber music to jazz fusion, along with many other musical genres.



Royal Opera House



Royal Opera House

For a memorable family outing, we recommend visiting Muscat's largest park, **Al Qurum Natural Park**.

At its core, you'll find expansive green areas shaded by ancient trees, including the iconic Ghaf tree. The park is perfect for hiking and enjoying various recreational activities, featuring a well-equipped playground, a small lake for paddle boating, and the impressive "City" theater, which hosts live performances such as concerts, plays, and children's competitions.



Al Qurum Natural Park







You can also visit **Bait Al Maqham Fort**, once the residence of Mrs. Thuraya bint Mohammed bin Azan, offering stunning views of the surrounding farms and palm groves of Bawshar. For those interested in Oman's natural heritage, the **Natural History Museum** in Al Khuwair features exhibits on the country's vital environmental aspects, including native plant and animal species. The **Children's Museum** in Al Qurum provides an educational and interactive experience, helping kids explore various scientific concepts. Additionally, the **Bait Adam Museum** showcases a personal collection of traditional Omani jewelry, engraved images, maps, and classical artifacts.

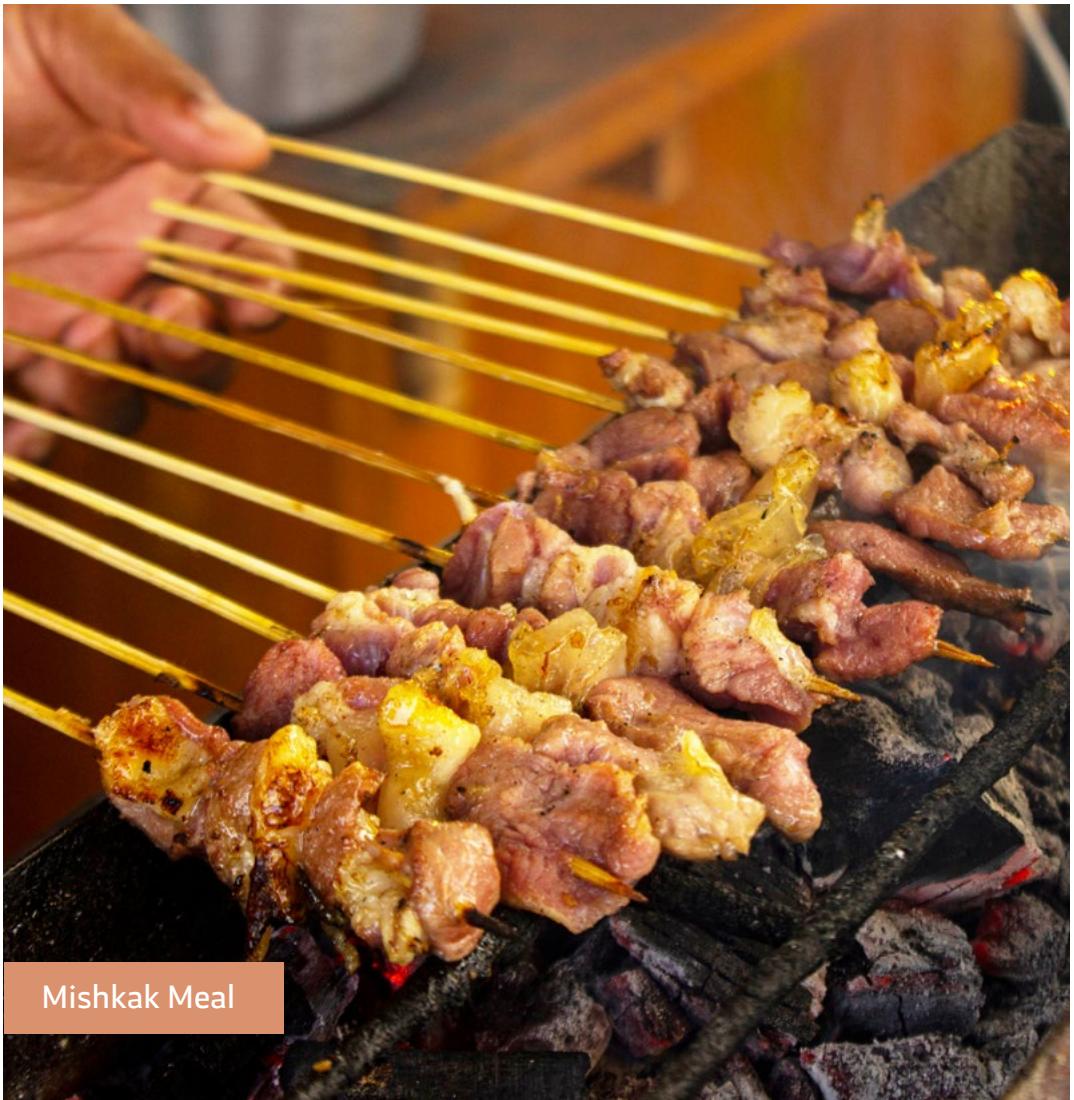
The Planetarium in Al Qurum is an educational museum designed to amaze visitors with stunning cosmic views displayed overhead at a 180-degree angle across an 11-meter screen. It features modern projection devices and a variety of activities to enhance understanding of the solar system and the universe beyond.

Al Qurum Beach is a vibrant area of golden sands that provides an ideal place for relaxation, football, walking, and family picnics. Various shopping complexes, restaurants, and trendy cafes overlook the beach, offering spectacular views, especially at sunset. The beautiful park at **Al Athaibah Beach** is also nearby.

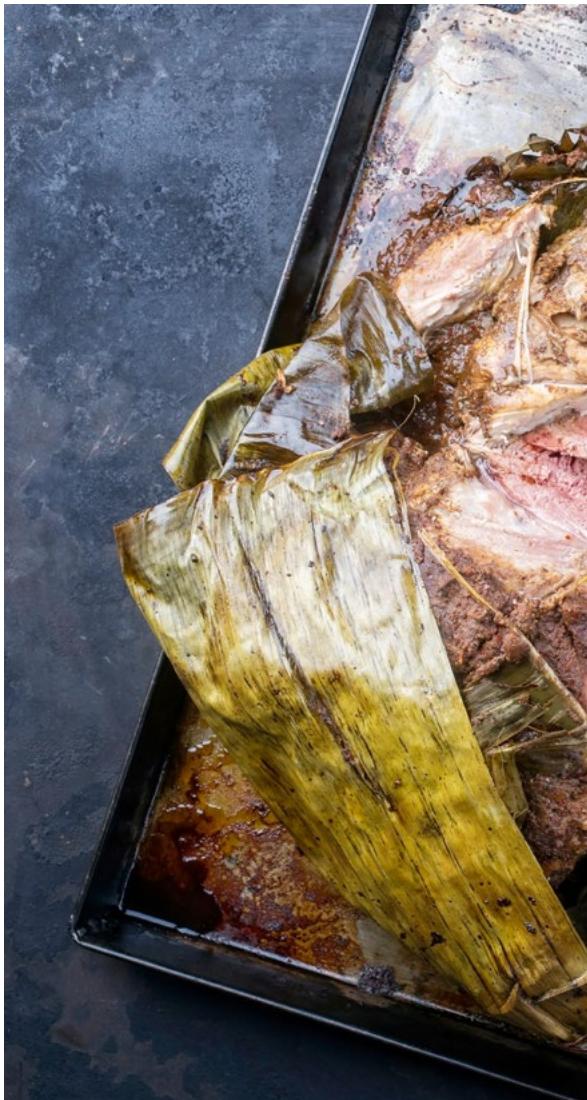


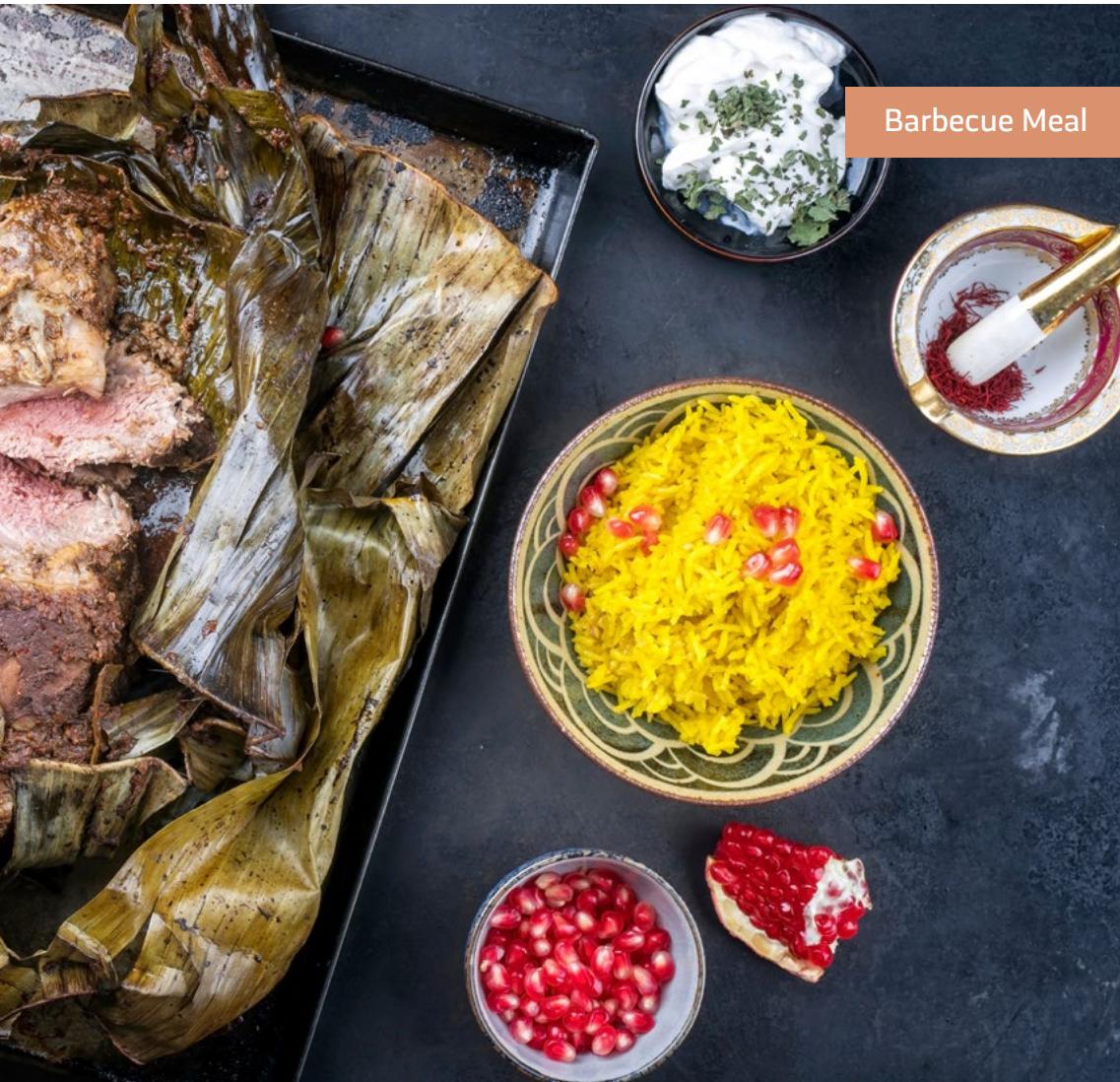
Al Qurum Beach





Mishkak Meal





Barbecue Meal



Complete your visit to Bawshar by shopping the world's most famous brands at Oman Mall, Avenues Mall, Grand Mall, as well as City Centre Qurum, Al araimi Complex, and Sabco.



Al Seeb

The Richness of Nature and Urban Lifestyle



Al Seeb welcomes you at Muscat International Airport, the main airport in Oman, with its stunning architectural design that has earned numerous international awards.

Start your journey at **Almouj Muscat**, a comprehensive project that includes a promenade, park, shops, numerous local and international restaurants and cafes, specialized boutiques, luxurious accommodation, and a golf course. You can also rent boats and yachts for private excursions to nearby islands.



Al Mouj Golf



Discover the beauty of the Omani Botanic Garden in Al Khoudh, where you can explore Oman's diverse environments, from mountains and deserts to wadis and coastal areas. The garden features innovative pathways, suspended bridges that offer unique views, and inviting spaces to relax. Enjoy the scenic vistas from cafes, ride the cable cars, and learn about sustainability at the renewable energy center.

Al Seeb Beach features a picturesque walkway lined with restaurants, perfect for hosting events and parties. In the morning, the bustling fish market offers a wide selection of fresh catch while the Al Seeb Market is a vibrant shopping hub.









Al Sahwa Park

As you circle around Al Sahwa Roundabout, you'll catch sight of **Al Sahwa Park**, which features diverse green spaces and fountains which are popular with young families.

Wadi Al Khoudh is perfect for swimmers as the valley flows with clear waters, allowing you to immerse yourself in its transparent pools and host a family barbecue by the riverbank.

Explore historic homes at Al Khoudh Village or shop at luxurious malls such as **Muscat City Centre**, **Muscat Mall**, or **Al Araimi Boulevard**, where you'll find a variety of local and international stores and restaurants. Don't forget to shop local at **The Village** near Al Seeb Beach and the **University Square** near Sultan Qaboos University.

Quriyat

A Legend Between Coast and Mountain







Al-Sirah Tower



Quriyat is renowned for its breathtaking natural beauty, where the sea, plains, mountains, and valleys come together in perfect harmony. From its scenic coastline, you can easily transition to the mountain peaks.

Begin your exploration at **Quriyat Fort**, located in the town center with views of the sea. Enjoy the refreshing sea breeze before heading to **Al-Sirah Tower**, which offers stunning views of the fishing port and **Al-Sirah Park**.

Don't miss a visit to **Wadi Dayqah**, one of the largest wadis in Oman, flowing from North Sharqiyah Governorate through the Eastern Hajar Mountains to the southern coast of Quriyat at Daghmar.

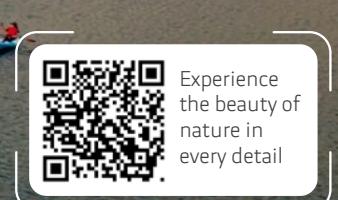
The expansive water catchment area has facilitated the construction of one of the largest dams in the Arabian Peninsula, the **Dayqah Dam**, which features a public park and recreational facilities.

Wadi Dayqah





Wadi Dayqah





The Refreshing
Sounds and
Colors of Nature

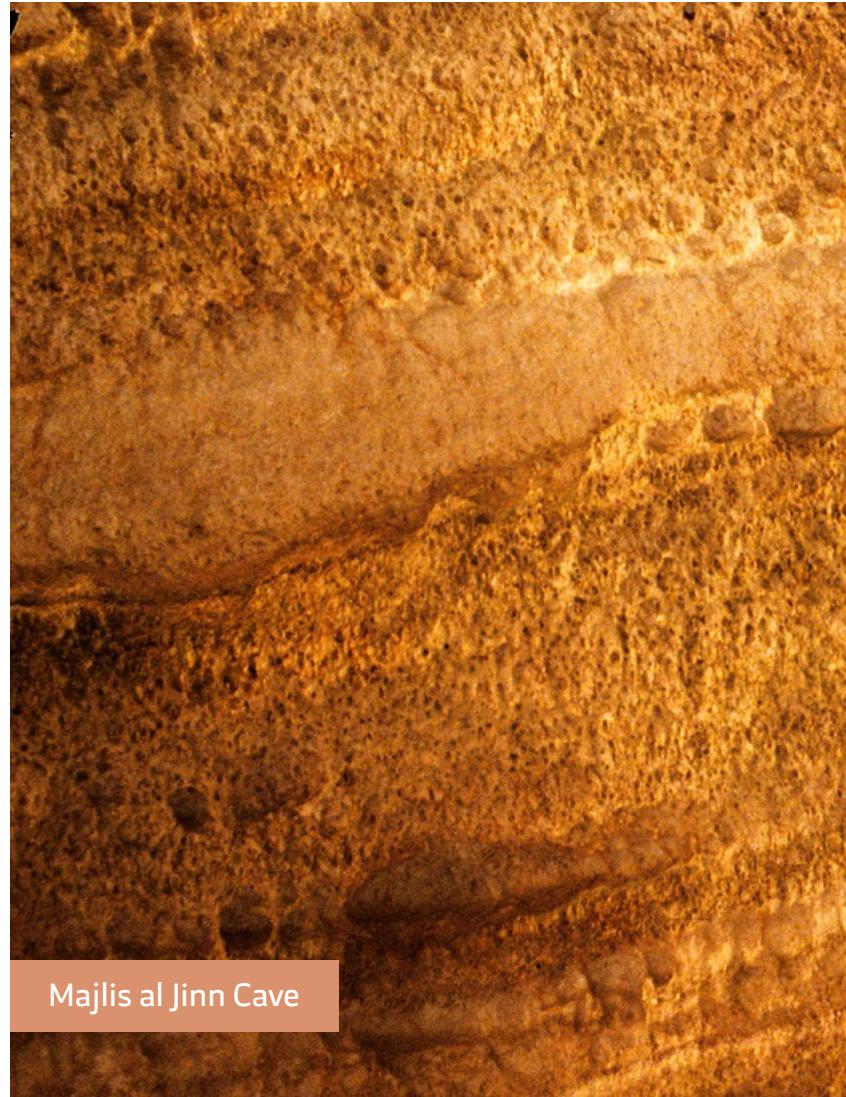


Deep within the mountains lies **Wadi Al Arbeieen**, approximately 50 kilometers south of Quriyat. This wadi flows year-round, offering beautiful trails and inviting pools for swimming.

Wadi Al Mazara, just 30 kilometers southwest of Quriyat, is also a favored tourist spot, known for its terraced fields of date palms, papayas, and bananas, along with small fish inhabiting the wadi's pools.

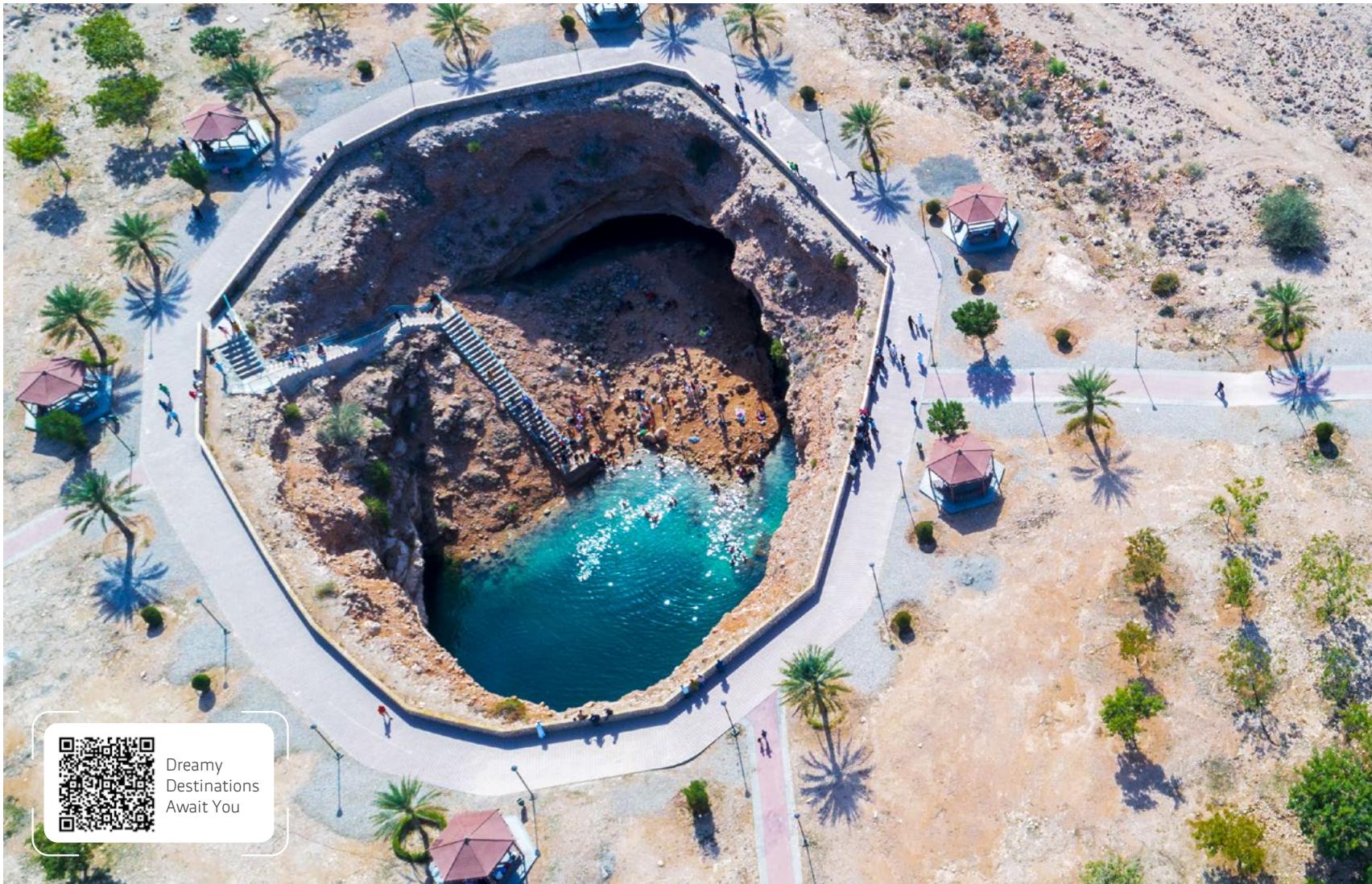
Explore the **Majlis al Jinn Cave**, one of the largest caves in Oman, which is hidden high above the coast. This immense cave spans over 4 million cubic meters, with a height of 150 meters from the ground to the ceiling. Its massive size and remote location make it a must for cave explorers.

Quriyat is also home to beautiful beaches like **White Beach**, a stunning cove near the southern village of Fins, along the coastal road between Sur and Quriyat. This beach is famous for its white sands formed from ancient coral reefs, making it an ideal spot for picnicking and camping near the sea.



Majlis al Jinn Cave





Dreamy
Destinations
Await You



Visit the coastal “**Hawiyat Najm**” park, which overlooks the Sea of Oman and offers a perfect blend of rocky landscapes and soft sands.

The park features a beachfront on its eastern side and boasts a series of circular oases with star-shaped gardens full of shade from the nearby trees and plants. At the park’s edge, you’ll discover a rocky opening to a water spring known as “Hawiyat Najm.” The terraced access to the water makes it an ideal place for swimming.

Al Amirat

Abundance of Nature and Urban Development









Arabian gazelle

Al Amirat is undergoing a rapid urban transformation, with a growing population and an expanding network of modern roads connecting it to other governorates.

A must-visit is the **Al Siran Nature Reserve**, which offers unique biodiversity, including a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, insects, amphibians, and native plants. The reserve is home to endangered species such as the Arabian ibex, Arabian oryx, Arabian wolf, lynx, wildcat, and mountain fox. Visitors can also explore over 400 plant species and spot numerous resident and migratory birds, including laughing doves, little owls, wild pigeons, Arabian partridges, hoopoes, sandgrouse, Egyptian vultures, falcons, and eagles.

Visit **Wadi Al Mih**, along with its surrounding archaeological village, to wander through orchards and aflaj (traditional irrigation channels) and hike up the mountain for sightings of various wildlife and unique rock formations.

Enjoy quality family time at **Al Amirat Park**, which features sprawling green areas or spend a beautiful moonlit night at **Al Amirat Pass**.



Wadi Al Mih





Wadi Al Mih

Majestic Museums and Forts



Fort	Location	Visiting Hours	Fees	No Fees
Al Jalali	Muscat	Not Allowed		
Al Mirani	Muscat	Thursday to Saturday: 8 AM - 12 AM Sunday - Wednesday: 8 AM - 11 PM		
Mutrah Fort	Mutrah	Daily: 8 AM - 9 PM		
Quriyat Fort	Quriyat	Sunday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM		
Al Sirah Tower	Quriyat	-		
Bait Al Maqham Fort	Bawshar	Sunday - Thursday: 8 AM - 2 PM		

Museum	Location	Hours of Operation	Fees	No Fees
Sultan's Armed Forces Museum	Mutrah (Ruwi)	Sunday to Thursday: 8 AM - 1:30 PM Saturday: 9 AM - 12 PM, 3 PM - 6 PM		
Bait Al Zubair Museum	Muscat	Saturday to Thursday: 9:30 AM - 6 PM		
Bait Muzna Hall	Muscat	Saturday to Thursday: 9:30 AM - 6 PM		
Oman French Museum	Muscat	Sunday to Thursday: 8 AM - 1:30 PM Saturday: 9 AM - 1 PM		
Muscat Gate Museum	Muscat	Sunday to Thursday: 8 AM - 2 PM		

Museum	Location	Hours of Operation	Fees	No Fees
Bait Adam Museum	bawshar (Qurum)	Requires prior booking		
Planetarium	bawshar (Qurum)	Requires prior booking		
Natural History Museum	bawshar (Al Khuwair)	Sunday to Thursday: 8 AM - 1:30 PM Saturday: 9 AM - 1 PM		
Children's Museum	bawshar (Qurum)	Sunday to Thursday: 8 AM - 1 PM		
National Museum	Muscat	Saturday to Thursday: 10 AM - 5 PM Friday: 2 PM - 6 PM		

To Preserve These Places, Please Follow These Guidelines:



Leave the place as clean as you found it.



Please adhere to the social values of Omani society and dress modestly.



Protect wildlife and plant life and keep water channels clean by sticking to designated paths.



Use only four-wheel drive vehicles on mountain tracks and ensure you have enough water, food, fuel, and spare tires.



Ensure the four-wheel drive system in your vehicle is functioning well, and inform a close person about your travel destination and expected return time.



Avoid camping in the bottoms of valleys due to potential flooding.



Photography on private property is prohibited without prior permission.



Choose licensed tour boats equipped with safety gear that meets legal standards.

Let's keep it clean Muscat deserves it!



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