

Al Dakhiliyah Governorate

Where Rich Heritage Meets Contemporary Charm



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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!



Discover the
Rich Heritage



Discover the rich heritage and modern charm of Al Dakhiliyah Governorate, an area where the echoes of history sit hand-in-hand with the vibrant pulse of the present. Explore ancient villages, impressive valleys and towering mountains, all embraced by an exceptional climate year-round. Immerse yourself in the authenticity of life at Nizwa Fort, breathe in the purity of the air on Jabal Shams, and savour the seasonal harvests of Al Jabal Al Akhdhar.

Al Dakhiliyah Governorate is a vibrant tapestry woven from rich historical, geographical, and cultural threads, creating a unique tourist destination. Here, the richness of the past seamlessly blends with the beauty of the present, all set against a backdrop of breathtaking natural scenery. Let's uncover the wonders of Al Dakhiliyah Governorate!





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Nizwa

A Realm of Unmatched Beauty





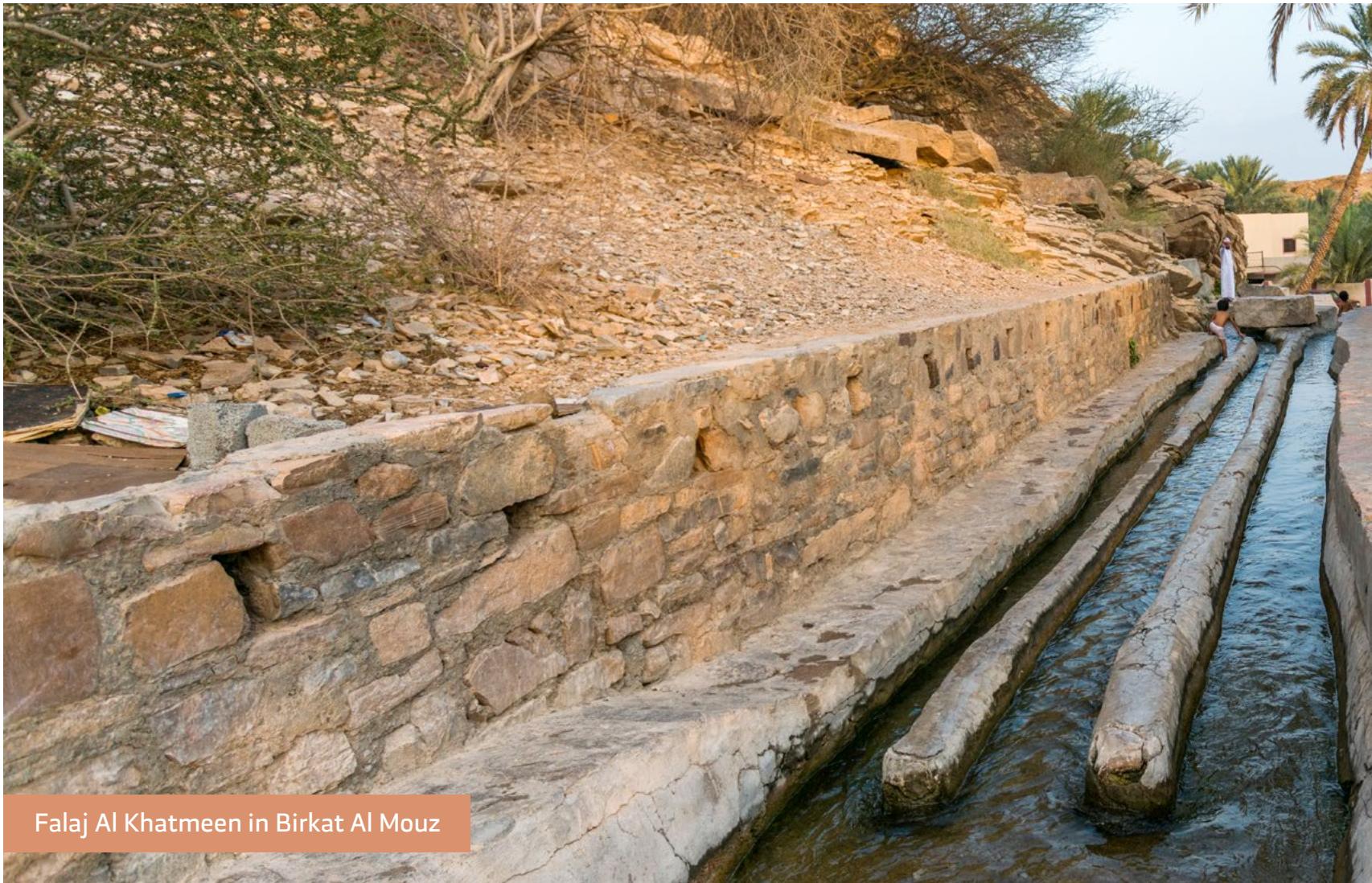


Nestled in the heart of Al Dakhiliyah Governorate, Nizwa is a city brimming with history and natural charm. At its centre stands the iconic **Nizwa Fort**, a towering landmark offering breathtaking views of the city. Adjacent to the fort lies the vibrant souq, where the rich traditions and flavors of Oman come alive. Inside the Fort's museum, rare artifacts tell the story of the city's history, while cultural events provide an immersive glimpse into the city's heritage.

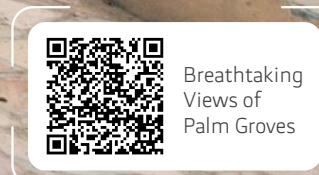




Falaj Daris



Falaj Al Khatmeen in Birkat Al Mouz



Breathtaking
Views of
Palm Groves

Explore the enchanting oasis of Nizwa, where over 89 aflaj (ancient irrigation channels) and freshwater springs wind through the landscape. Among them is **Falaj Daris** with its crystal-clear waters flowing through lush gardens, offering a serene retreat. Nearby, the UNESCO-listed **Falaj Al Khatmeen** in Birkat Al Mouz highlights the ancient ingenuity of Oman's traditional water systems.

Al Aqur



Harat Al Aqur



Wadi Tanuf



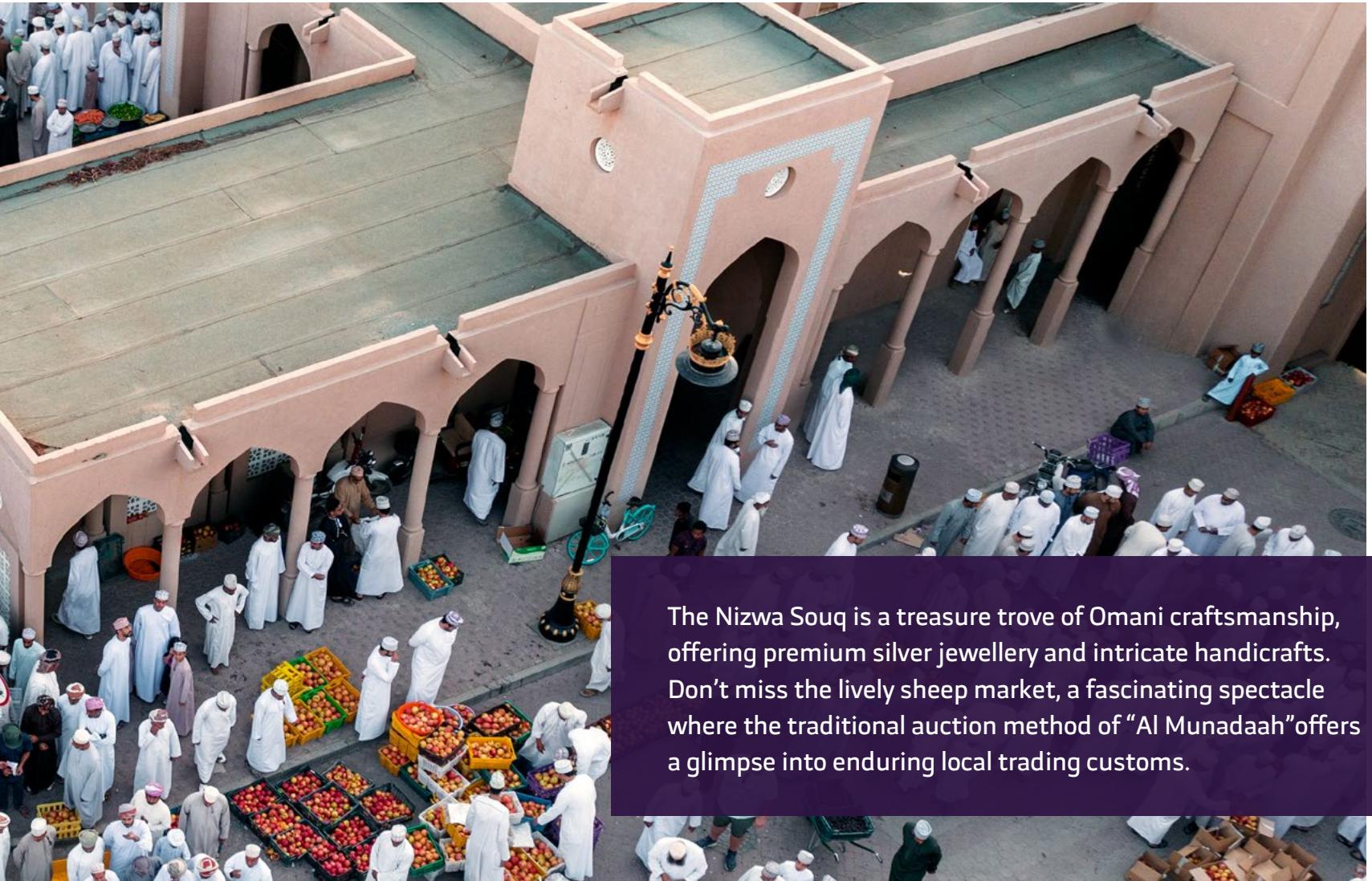
Nizwa souq

No visit to Nizwa is complete without a journey to the beautiful **Wadi Tanuf**, an idyllic escape for peaceful reflection. Wander through Nizwa's timeless neighbourhoods, such as **Al Aqur**, **Al Sibani**, and **Farq**, where heritage-style inns provide authentic stays steeped in history.



Nizwa souq





The Nizwa Souq is a treasure trove of Omani craftsmanship, offering premium silver jewellery and intricate handicrafts. Don't miss the lively sheep market, a fascinating spectacle where the traditional auction method of "Al Munadaah" offers a glimpse into enduring local trading customs.



Wander to **Wadi Al Muaydin** in Birkat Al Mouz, where expansive pools and striking landscapes promise a refreshing escape.

Wadi Al Muaydin





Bait Al Ridaydah Fort



End your journey by exploring Nizwa's architectural marvels, including the **Sa'al Mosque**, **Al Yaaribah Mosque**, and **Bait Al Ridaydah Castle**, each a testament to the city's rich cultural heritage.

Bahla

Unveiling Unique Treasures Around Every Corner





Bahla enchants visitors with its timeless charm, where every corner reveals a story waiting to be uncovered. This enchanting oasis is steeped in history, with ancient forts and castles echoing tales of a rich legacy, while the archaeological villages showcase the enduring legacy of Omani craftsmanship.

Start your journey at the UNESCO World Heritage-listed **Bahla Fort**, a monumental structure surrounded by lush palm groves. Meander through the charming old neighbourhoods of Bahla, such as **Al-Aqur, Al-Ghazili, and Al-Hawiya**, where you'll find a maze of mud-brick homes and mosques, each radiating an undeniable historical charm. The vibrant **Bahla Souq** is a hub of traditional crafts and handmade goods, offering an authentic glimpse into local artistry.

local artistry



No visit to Bahla is complete without experiencing the architectural wonder of **Jibreen Fort**, nestled at the edge of the sprawling Seih Al Shamkhat plain. Adorned with intricate carvings and exquisite designs, Jibreen Fort highlights the breathtaking artistry that defines the region.



Bisya and Salut Archaeological Visitor Center

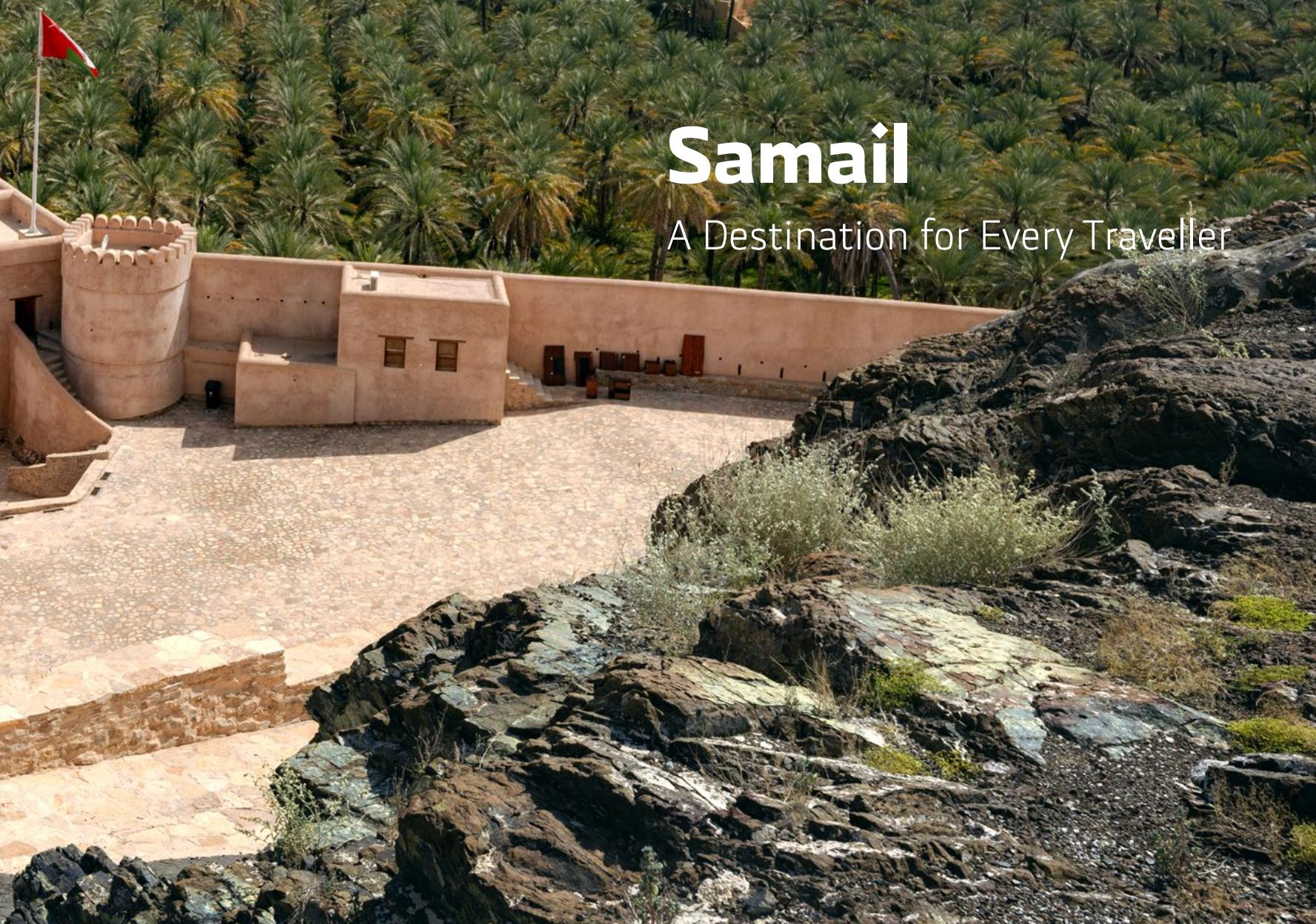




Visiting the **Bisya and Salut Archaeological Visitor Center** allows you to immerse yourself in the rich historical significance of the region while discovering the intriguing story of archaeological exploration.

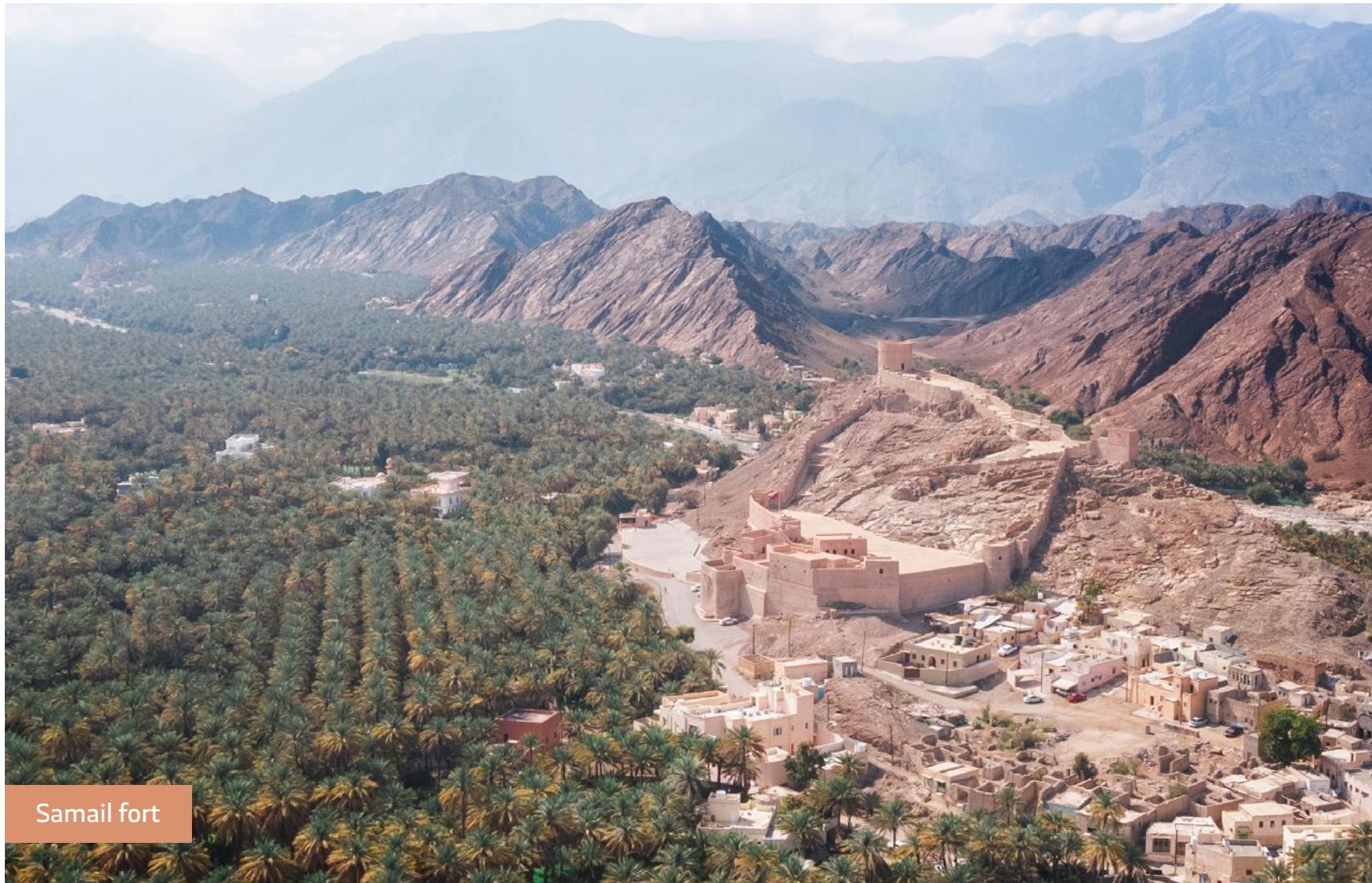
In Bahla, famous for its pottery and ceramics, you'll have the chance for hands-on participation in the art of pottery-making and painting at a local workshop, creating your very own masterpiece.





Samail

A Destination for Every Traveller



Samail fort



Step into the enchanting Wilayat of Samail, known as Al Fayha, where lush oases, bountiful orchards and crystal-clear springs await your exploration. Begin your journey at the majestic Samail Fort, a historic landmark rising from a rocky cliff, offering breathtaking views of the picturesque Wadi Samail.

In the nearby Al Daqaqueen, the tranquil Mazin bin Ghadouba Mosque and Al Midhamar Mosque add to the allure of the area, each steeped in Oman's rich history and cultural heritage. Just a short walk from **Samail Fort**, you'll find the lively **Falaj Al Samadi**, which thrives on the rich fertile waters of **Wadi Samail** and is known for its verdant landscapes and abundant palm groves.

Don't miss the unique experience of the hot Falaj Al Manabik, where the waters reach 45 degrees Celsius, flowing alternately to the nearby villages of Hail and Al Manabik. For history enthusiasts, the ancient **Al Jamaar neighborhood** offers a treasure trove of stories waiting to be discovered, revealing the narratives of life that have flourished here over the centuries.

Samail is also famed for its vibrant textile industry, allowing you to dive into the art of local craftsmanship. Here, you can find beautiful traditional items like the wizrah and sayh, alongside a variety of handcrafted textiles that showcase the region's rich cultural legacy.

Manah

A Hidden Gem in the Heart of Oman





Discover the enchanting Wilayat of Manah, a hidden gem nestled within the stunning landscapes of Oman. This captivating destination offers a wealth of remarkable attractions for curious travellers. Your adventure begins at the majestic **Al Fiqayn Fort**, located a mere 2.2 kilometers north of Sultan Qaboos Mosque. From the fort, embark on an adventure to the captivating **Falaj Al Fiqayn**. Originating from the surrounding hills, this ingenious waterway flows through a five-kilometre underground tunnel before emerging just north of the fort, a testament to Oman's rich irrigation heritage.





Al Fiqayn Fort

Immerse yourself in the wonders of the **Oman Across Ages Museum**, where history comes alive. Here, you can journey through an incredible timeline that spans 800 million years, uncovering the rich tapestry of Oman's past. This captivating museum not only highlights the geological marvels of the region but also delves into the lives and cultures of its earliest inhabitants. Witness the remarkable achievements of the Renaissance era while catching glimpses of the innovative aspirations that shape Oman's future.



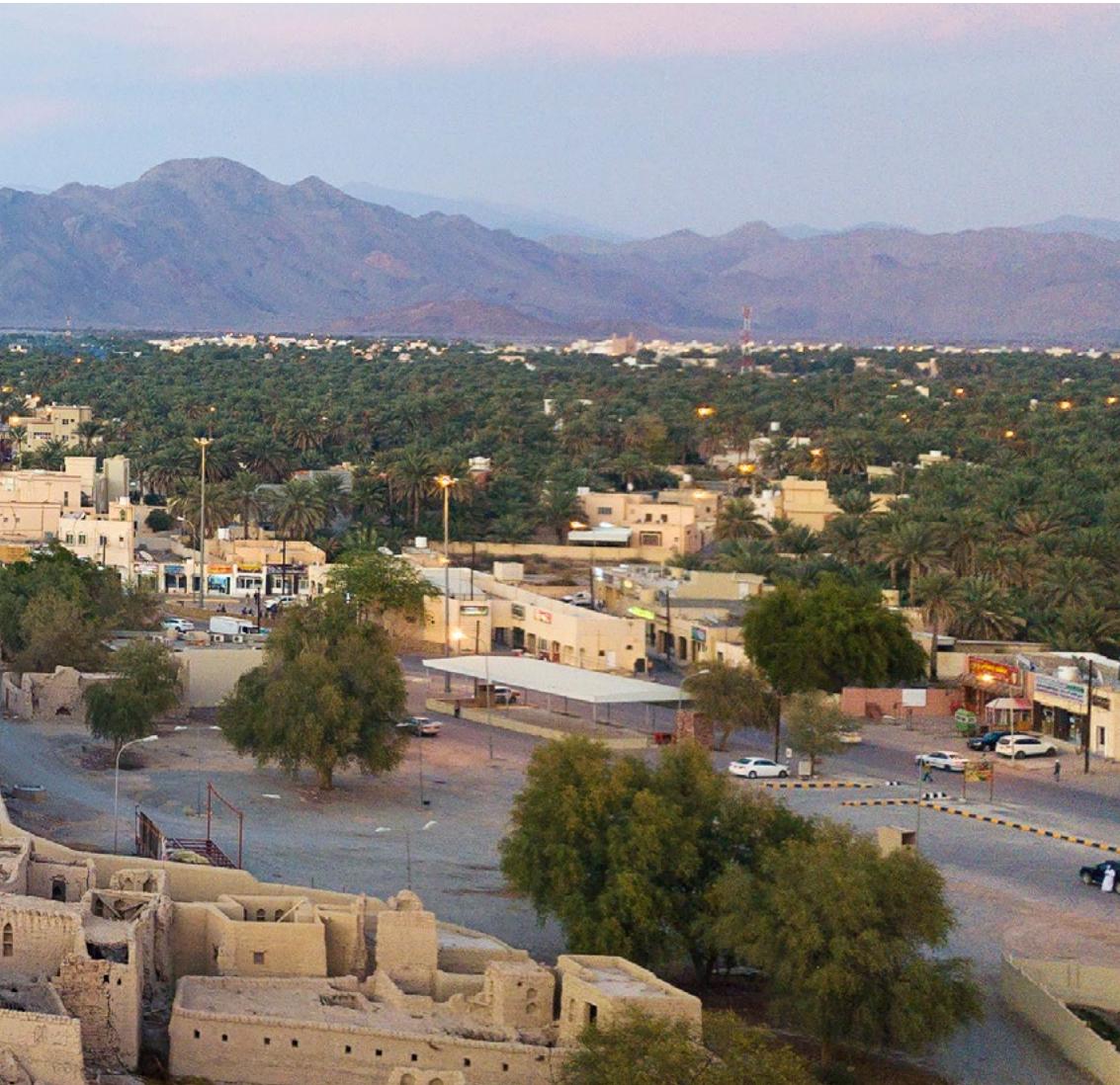
Oman Across Ages Museum

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Al-Bilad neighbourhood





As your journey unfolds, be sure to visit the historic **Al-Bilad neighbourhood**, a remarkable heritage site filled with over 300 ancient mud-brick houses that stretch endlessly across the landscape and offer a fascinating glimpse into the architectural and cultural legacy of the region.

Al Jabal Al Akhdar

Exceptional Weather and Enriching Tourist Experiences



Ignite Your
Sense of
Adventure



Unveil the wonders of Al **Jabal Al Akhdar**, a destination that epitomizes Oman's natural beauty. Begin your journey with a scenic ascent from Birkat Al Mauz, leading you to the breathtaking heights and stunning vistas of this iconic mountain range, soaring over 2,300 meters above sea level.



Explore the
Hidden Charm of
Stunning Villages



Al Jabal Al Akhdar



Inhale the
Sweet
Fragrance of
Roses



As spring arrives, the **Saiq Plateau** transforms into a vibrant tapestry, adorned with the blossoms of pomegranate, almond, and peach trees, creating a picturesque backdrop that draws tourists to relish the bounties of nature and engage in the delightful harvest season.

While the summer sun heats the valleys below, the mountain's temperate climate offers a refreshing respite. Wander through ancient villages and terraced fields, each rich in cultural history. In winter, a serene chill settles in, occasionally adorning the landscape with a delicate layer of snow. Strolling through **Wadi Bani Habib** during this season offers a unique and exhilarating experience, with breathtaking views and refreshing mountain air that invigorate the spirit year-round.



Bidbid

A Tranquil Retreat



Situated amidst Oman's stunning topography, the Wilayat of Bidbid offers a mesmerising tapestry of soaring mountains and lush valleys that enchant every visitor. The mineral-rich formations of **Jabal Al Hamr** and **Jabal Hameem** invite exploration, surrounded by aromatic herbs and vibrant greenery.

Begin your adventure at **Bidbid Fort**, perched alongside the palm-fringed banks of **Wadi Bidbid**, which stretches for nearly three kilometers. This historic site provides not only a glimpse into the region's rich heritage but also sweeping views of the surrounding natural beauty.

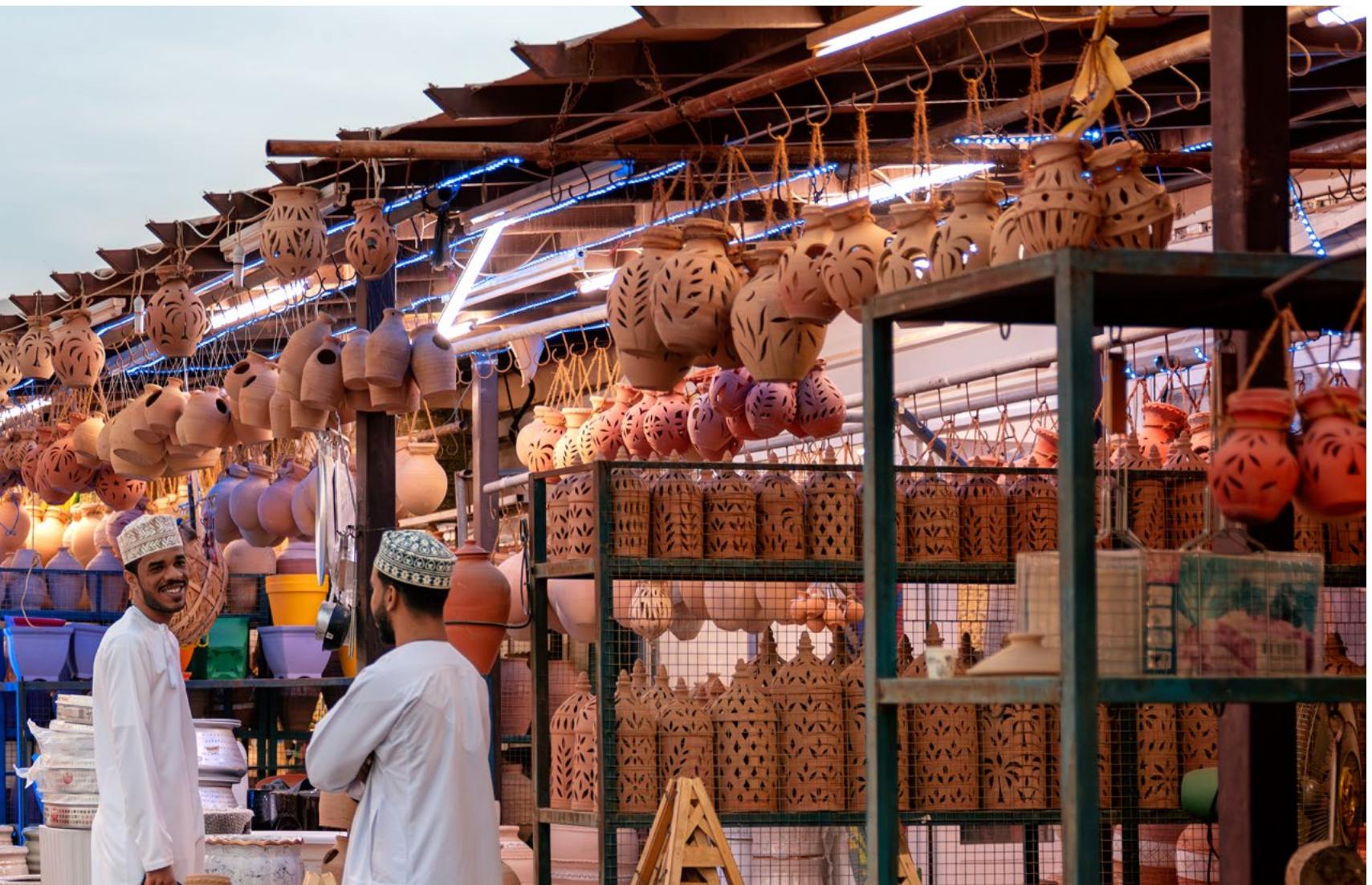


Bidbid Fort



Afterwards, immerse yourself in the tranquil and refreshing waters of **Wadi Fanja, Al Amqat, and Nafaa** before taking a stroll through the charming **Fanja Souq**, a lively marketplace brimming with local crafts and goods. This vibrant hub is particularly renowned for its exquisite pottery, reflecting Oman's rich artistic heritage. During Eid, the souq transforms with the "Habtah" markets, filling the air with festive cheer. The joyful sounds and the tradition of cannon fire resonate throughout the area, creating a celebratory atmosphere that beautifully showcases Oman's cultural richness.





Al Hamra

A Rich Tapestry of Nature and History



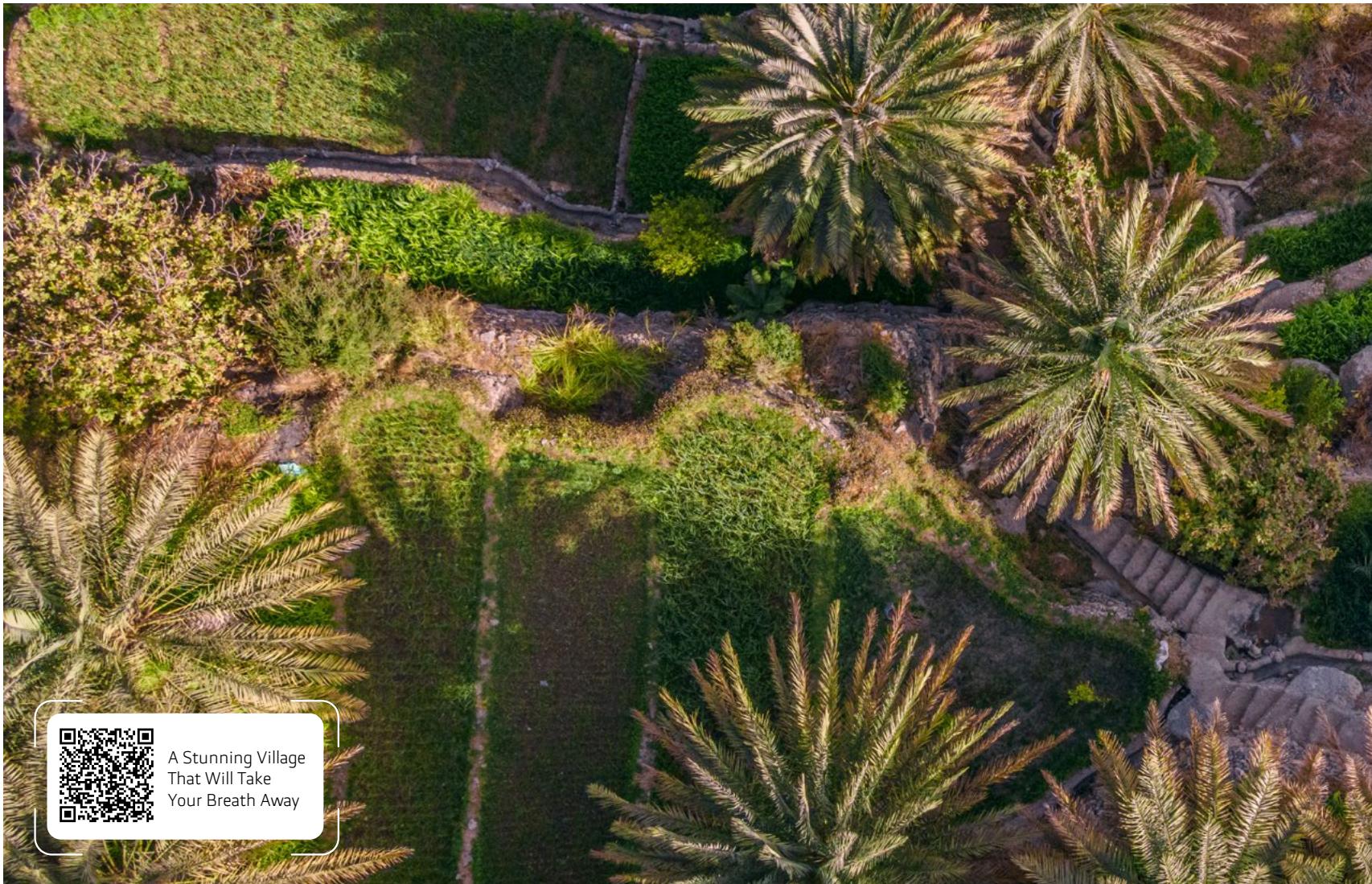


In Al Hamra, Oman's incredible natural beauty and historical charm blend seamlessly to create a truly memorable experience. Nestled between towering mountains and sprawling plains, Al Hamra is home to **Jabal Shams**, the tallest peak in Oman, standing over 3,000 meters high and visible from several miles away. The scenic **Nakhur** trail winds its way from the quaint village of **Al Khatim** to the distant homes of Al Sab, offering breathtaking views year-round. In winter, snow occasionally dusts the mountaintops, transforming the landscape into a rare and magical sight in Oman. Don't miss the breathtaking views from **Al Alamin**, where you can soak in the beauty of the mountains and valleys while enjoying the gentle breeze. Take time to explore **Wadi Al Nakhr** village and its **wadi** and be sure to visit the remarkable **Hasat Bin Salt**, a large ancient rock with human face engravings dating back centuries.

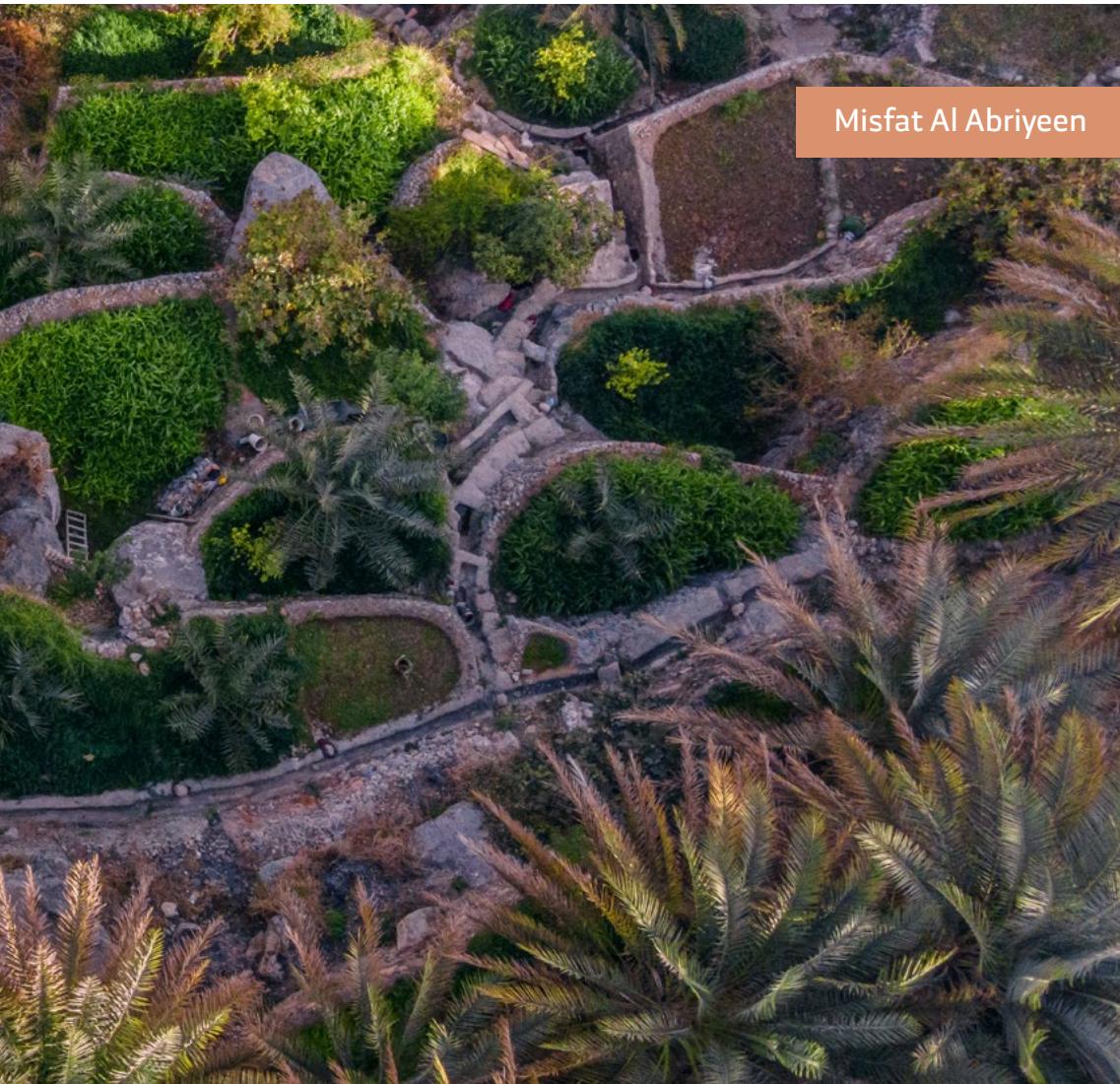




Explore the Majestic
Heights of
Sultanate of Oman



A Stunning Village
That Will Take
Your Breath Away



Perched 1,000 meters above sea level, the mountain village of **Misfat Al Abriyeen** boasts lush gardens, scenic walking trails and unique architecture that blends effortlessly with the landscape.

The area offers charming accommodations in restored heritage inns, where you can enjoy traditional Omani cuisine in a tranquil and atmospheric setting. With convenient parking nearby, you can leave your car and stroll through the ancient homes, fields, and tourist spots that make Misfat Al Abriyeen so enchanting.

On the way to Misfat Al Abriyeen, discover the breathtaking **Al Hoota Cave**, a marvel of rock formations and hidden aquatic life, including blind fish that inhabit its underground lake. Finally, for families seeking cooler temperatures and a peaceful retreat year-round, the **Eastern Hatt Mountain** provides the perfect escape.





Al Hoota Cave

An aerial photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, large, light-colored, craggy rock formations are scattered across the ground. In the middle ground, there are several terraced agricultural fields with various crops growing in them. A small, simple building is visible among the fields. The background shows more of the desert terrain with sparse vegetation and a few more buildings. The lighting suggests it is either sunrise or sunset, casting a warm glow on the rocks and fields.

Izki

Verdant Valleys and Serene Oases



Al Nizar village





Immerse yourself in the timeless allure of the Wilayat of Izki, where ancient history intertwines with vibrant landscapes. Wander through the charming neighbourhoods of Al Ain and Al Sawad, and discover the historic **Qalat Al Awamir**, where the rich heritage and stunning natural beauty of the wilayat come to life. Izki is adorned with numerous tourist attractions, including a bustling traditional souq that remains a hub of commercial activity. Among the treasures awaiting discovery is the “**Falaj Al Malki**,” a marvel of engineering that flows toward “**Al Nizar**” and **Al Yemen** villages, making it a perfect spot for leisurely walks. Recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2006, this ancient irrigation system embodies the innovative heritage of Oman, showcasing the skill and artistry of its people.

A descent into **Wadi Halfin** leads you to the enchanting “**Jurnan Cave**,” a natural tunnel carved within the striking layers of the ophiolite rocks. This valley, originating from the majestic slopes of the Al Jabal Al Akhdar and extending to the Wilayat of Al Mudhaibi, is a crown jewel of Izki, offering stunning views and tranquil waters.

Don’t miss the opportunity to wander through **Wadi Saima**, a haven of serenity. This magical valley is home to striking pools of water surrounded by lush, verdant farms, making it a canvas for Omani creativity and tradition. The valley is dotted with picturesque villages, each contributing to the rich cultural landscape of the region. These include **Al Hamidhin**, **Habl Al Hadid**, **Harat Al Rahah**, **Al Hamidhah**, **Al Sayahi**, **Shafi**, **Maghiouth**, **Sadi**, **Al Selimi**, **Imty**, **Qaroot**, **Al Quraityn**, **Saima**, **Maqzzah**, and **Al Helio**, each reflecting the deep connection between the land and its people.

Adam

Ancient Alleys and Timeless Architecture



Make Your
Mark on
History





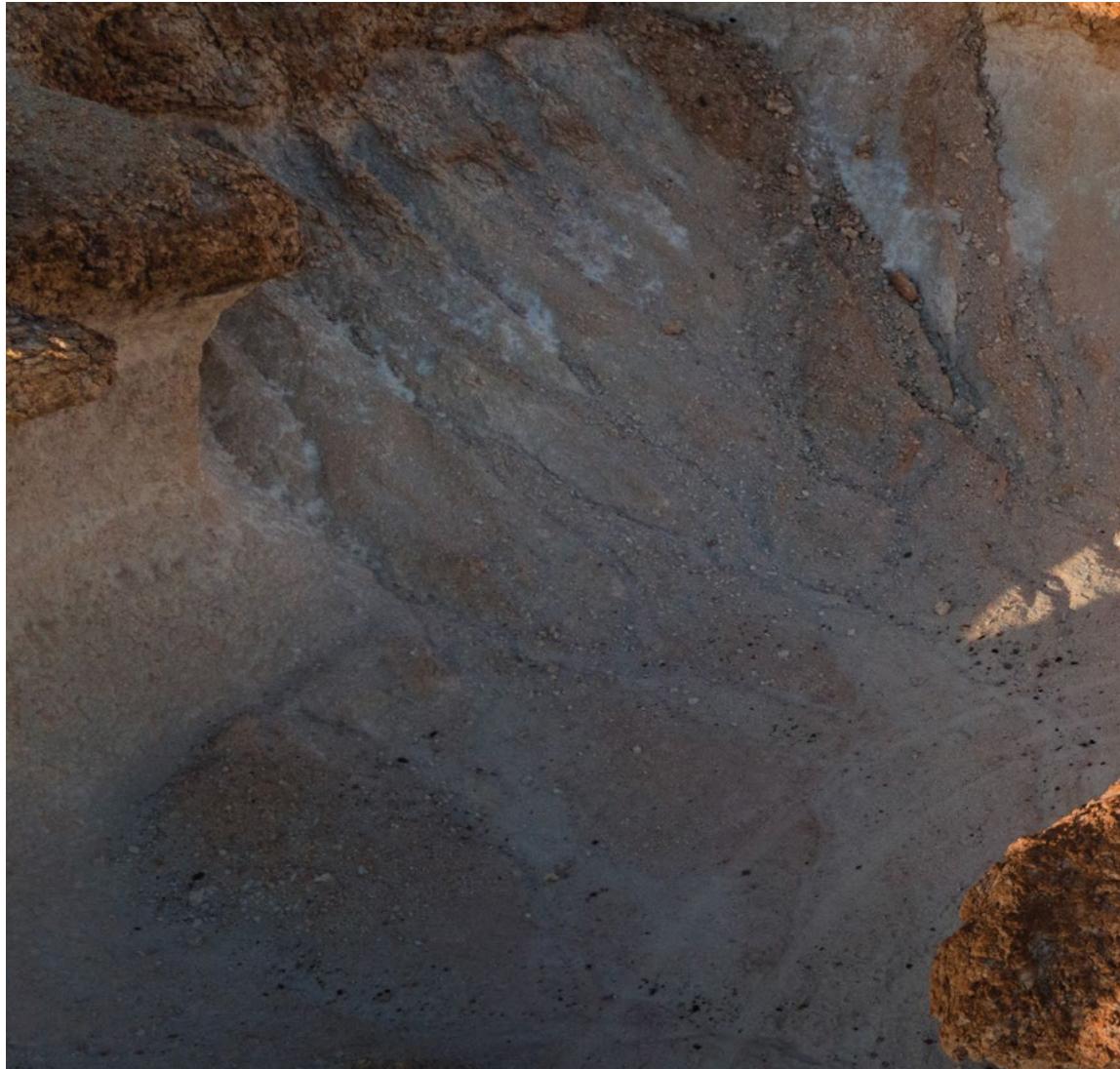
A visit to the Wilayat of Adam is like stepping into a living museum, where every corner whispers tales from Oman's rich history. Start your adventure at the majestic **Adam Fort**, a remarkable structure from the era of the Al Yaaribah dynasty, proudly standing in the heart of the wilayat. Nearby, **Falaj Al Ain Tower** graces the northern edge, while the **Malih Falaj** Tower watches over from the west, all positioned majestically atop the ancient aflaj irrigation systems.

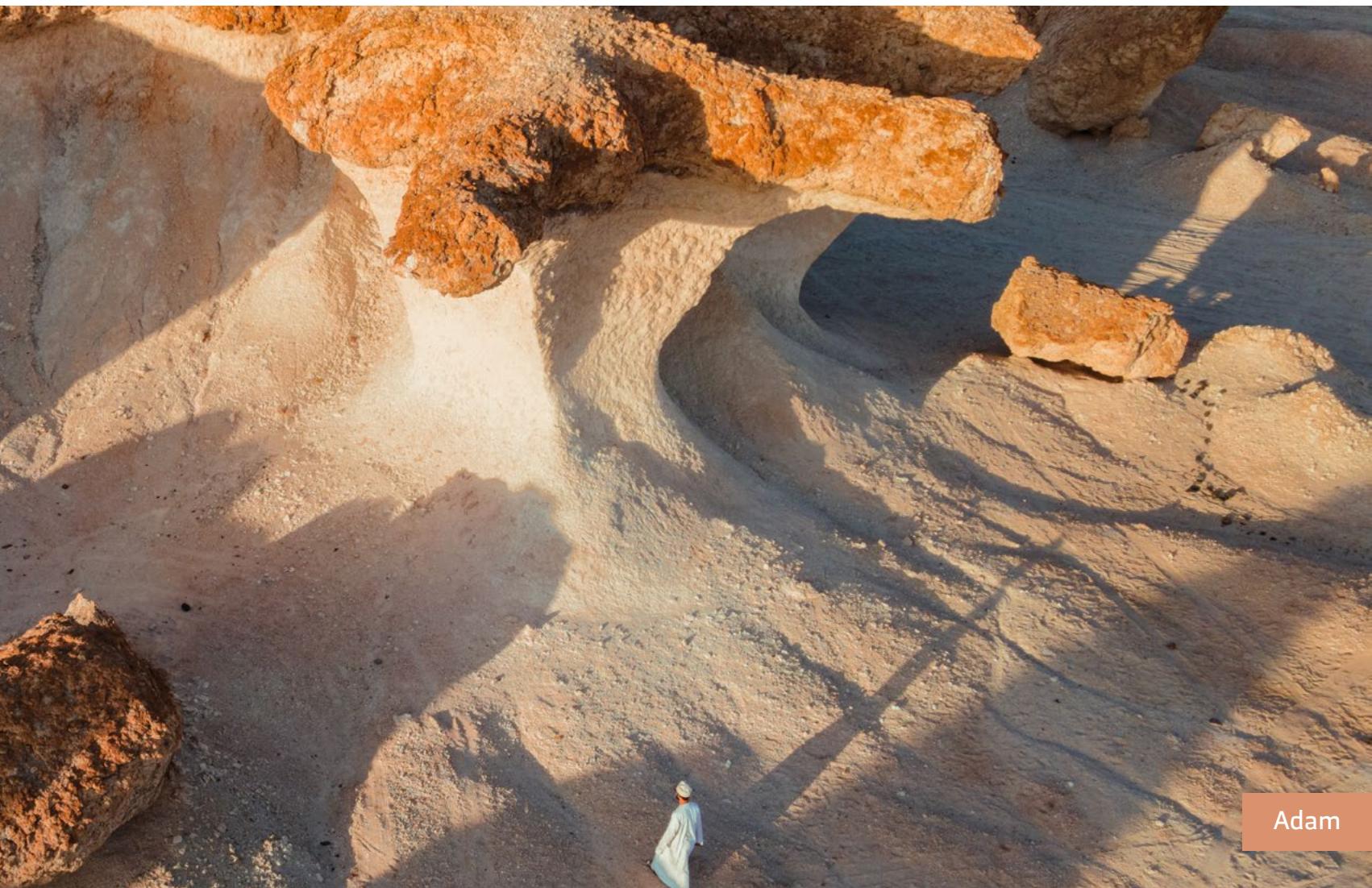


Adam



Explore the narrow lanes of Bani Shiban, Al Busaid, Al Majabirah, Mubayriz, Bani Wael, and Al Hawashim. Each street tells its own story through traditional Omani architecture, showcasing intricate designs that reflect the unique culture and heritage of the community.





Adam

A Special Space Just for You





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