

# Musandam Governorate

Natural Treasures for Adventure Enthusiasts



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# Discover Oman

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.

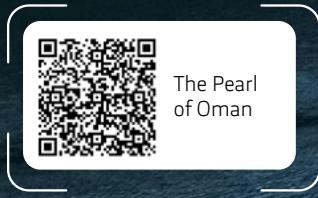
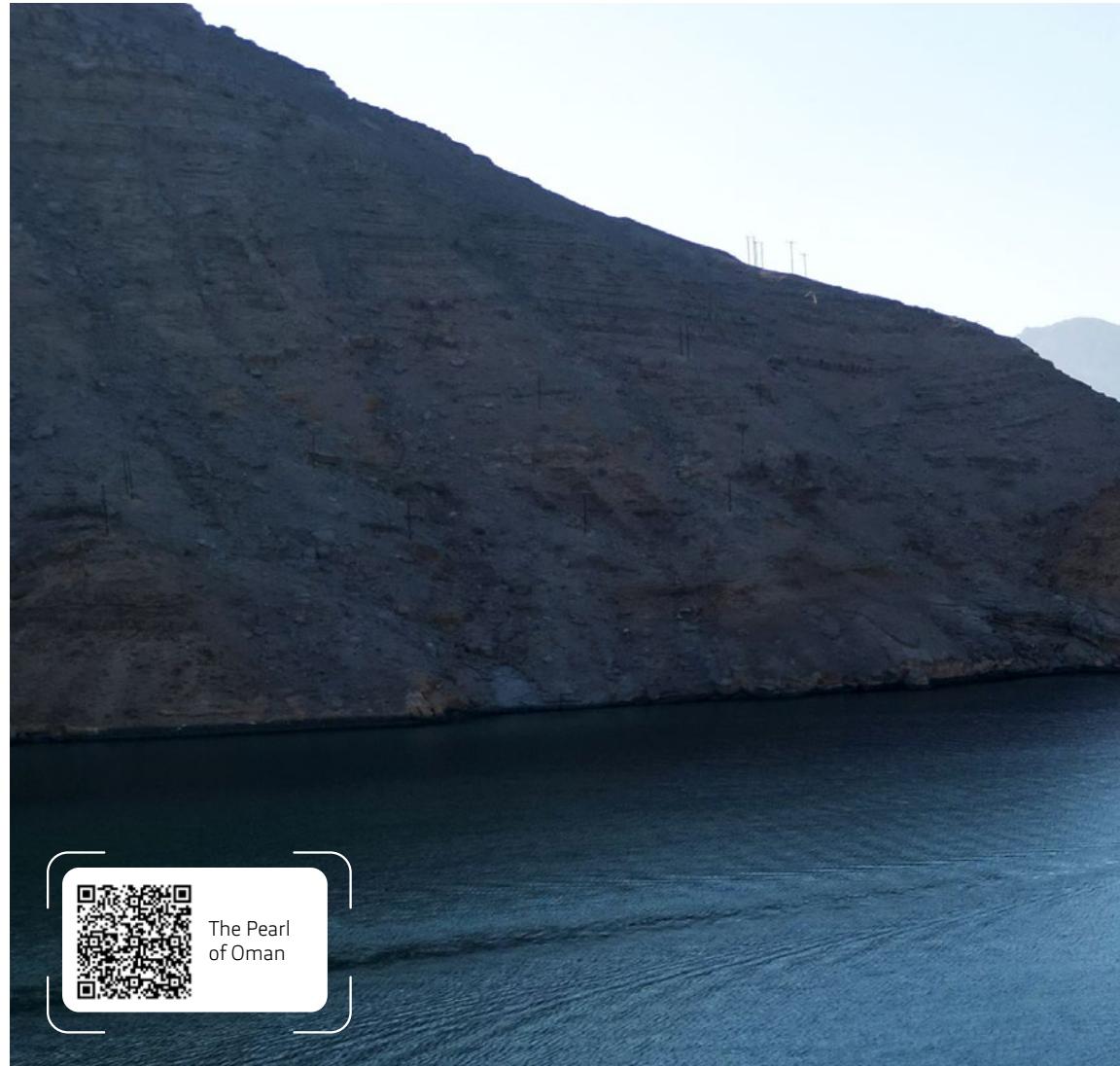
Here, history is deeply rooted in every corner, while unspoiled nature invites you to unwind and reconnect. The country's

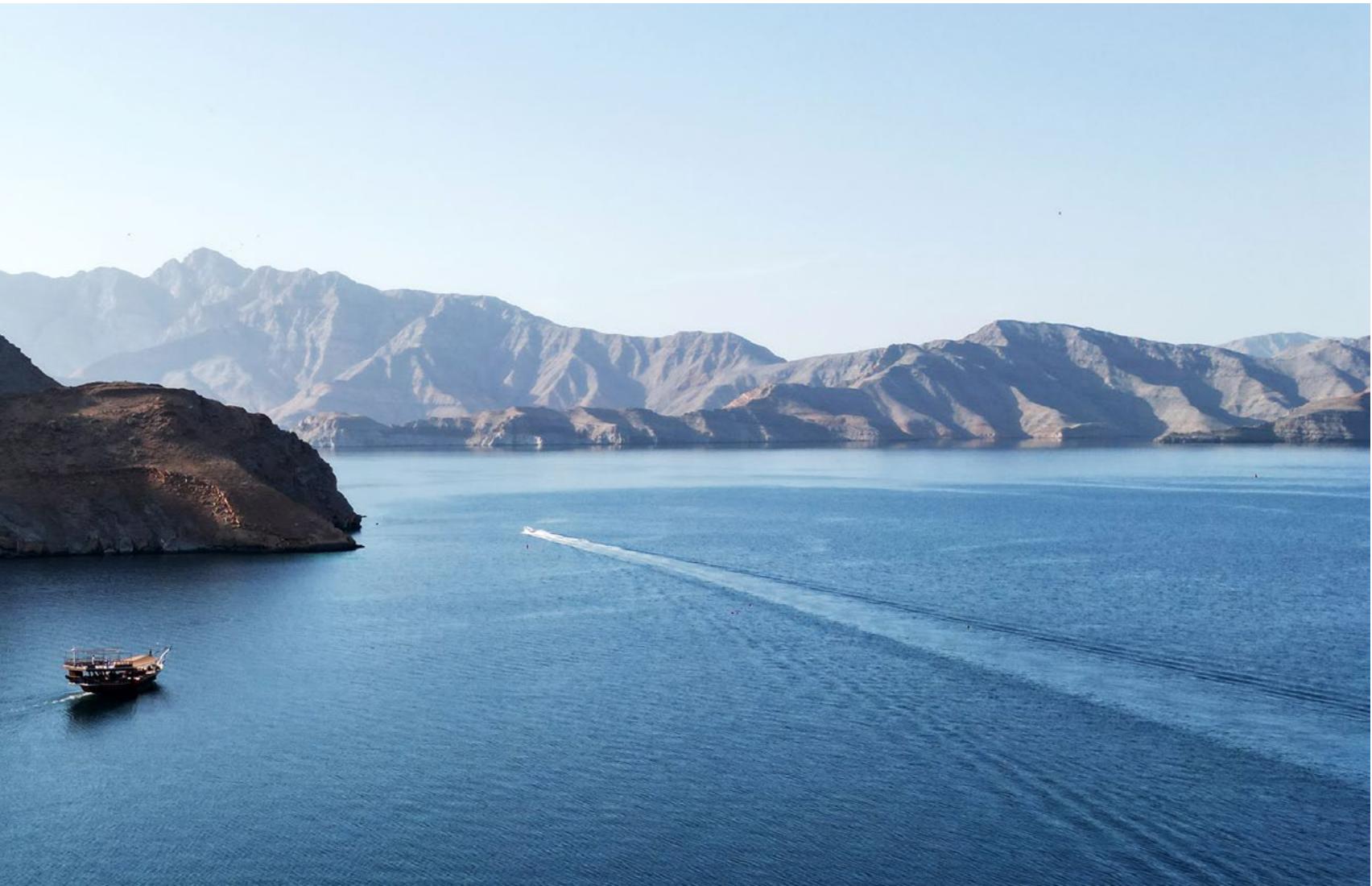
extensive coastlines, stretching for thousands of kilometers, are a haven for marine enthusiasts and tranquility seekers alike, offering both serene beaches and thrilling water-based adventures.

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 fulfils your aspirations and surpasses your expectations. We are thrilled to have you with us - let's explore Oman together!

Experience the beauty of Musandam, Oman's northern gem. Known for its pristine beaches, stunning islands, and charming coastal villages, Musandam offers unforgettable adventures, many of which can be enjoyed on scenic boat trips.









Musandam's coastal landscape is among the most breathtaking in Oman, where sea meets mountains and deep valleys create dramatic marine inlets. With views of the Sea of Oman to the east, the Arabian Gulf to the west, and the Strait of Hormuz to the north, the region is known for both serene sea explorations and exhilarating mountain treks.

Explore Khasab's stunning islands, the freshwater springs in Madha, the beaches of Bukha, and the rugged valleys and trails of Dibba.

Musandam is easily accessible by direct flights from Muscat, high-speed ferries, or overland via the UAE. Let the journey to Musandam begin!





We Promise You  
Unforgettable  
Experiences

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# Wilayat of Khasab

Beaches, Islands, and Eye-catching Bays







Wilayat Khasab is renowned for its seamless blend of natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. Here, the sea and mountains converge, creating a stunning landscape that is home to historic forts and castles. This unique harmony makes Khasab a sought-after destination, drawing visitors to its port year after year.

The journey begins at Khasab Fort, built in the 17th century, which now houses a museum displaying the social life in Musandam Governorate, with a special emphasis on Khasab's archaeological artifacts. Next, visit the Al Kamazirah Fort, located approximately 600 meters southeast of Khasab Fort, dating back to the period between 1856 and 1866 during the reign of Sultan Thuwaini bin Said of Muscat.

Capture unforgettable moments in the mountainous region of Say, with stunning views of Jabal Harim. Known for its fertile lands, Say boasts lush green spaces where crops flourish. It's a prime spot for birdwatching, especially in April when migratory birds head north.

Enjoy a relaxing day in Say's green fields or Al Sahasah Park, and for camping enthusiasts, Jabal Khanzour offers the perfect backdrop. The region comes alive in spring and autumn, attracting a variety of bird species.





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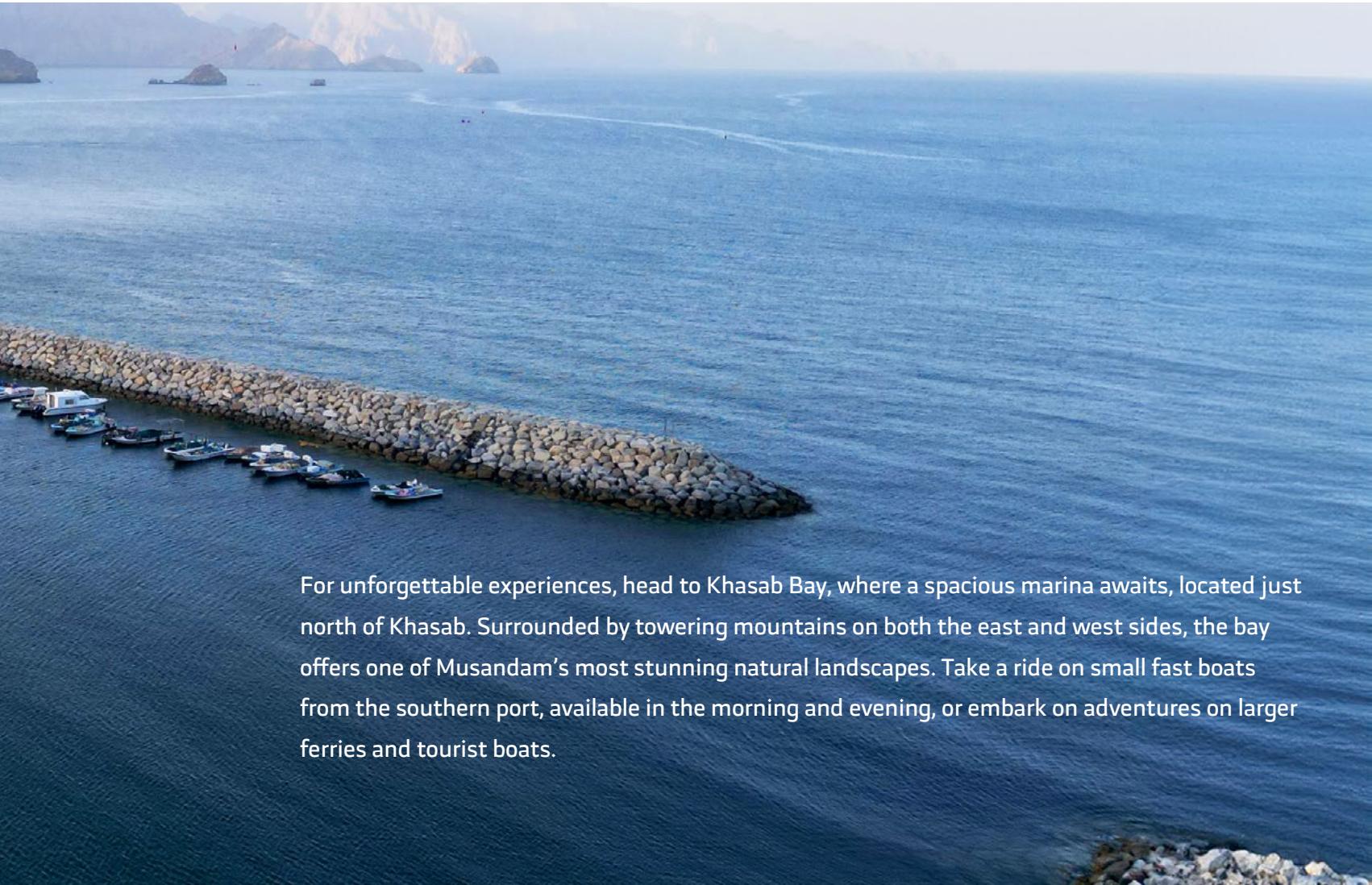


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Enjoy Moments  
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For unforgettable experiences, head to Khasab Bay, where a spacious marina awaits, located just north of Khasab. Surrounded by towering mountains on both the east and west sides, the bay offers one of Musandam's most stunning natural landscapes. Take a ride on small fast boats from the southern port, available in the morning and evening, or embark on adventures on larger ferries and tourist boats.





For a relaxing family day, visit Bassa Beach, a 600-meter stretch ideal for unwinding while enjoying beautiful marine views.

Embark on a maritime adventure to Khawr Shum, one of Oman's most renowned khawrs, located just a 30-minute boat ride northwest of Khasab. Here, you may spot humpback dolphins, native to the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and observe birds like the Socotra cormorant and grey heron in their natural habitat.

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Explore the villages of Khawr Al Hablain, the largest and most populated khawr, which attracts adventurers to its clear, blue waters. Nearby, discover the village of Al Hablain to the west and the nearly deserted village of Maqaqa, hidden behind Maqaqa Island to the north.







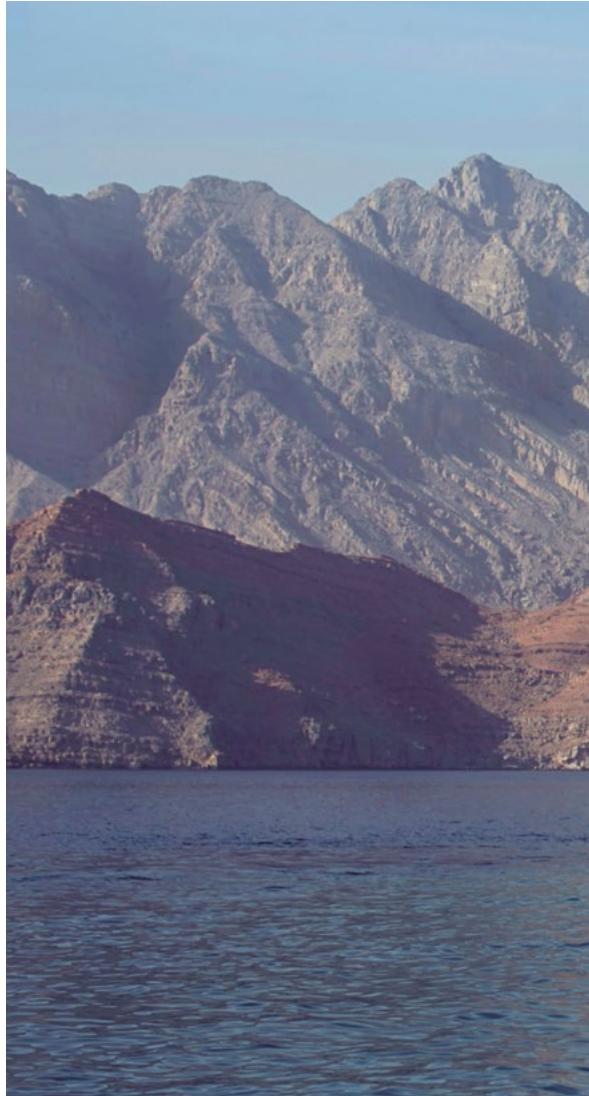


Pay a visit to Telegraph Island, Garbage Island of Finshton Bay – some of the most scenic islands in the region which are famous for their crystal-clear waters, playful dolphins, dramatic mountain rocks, coastal villages, and sailing boats.

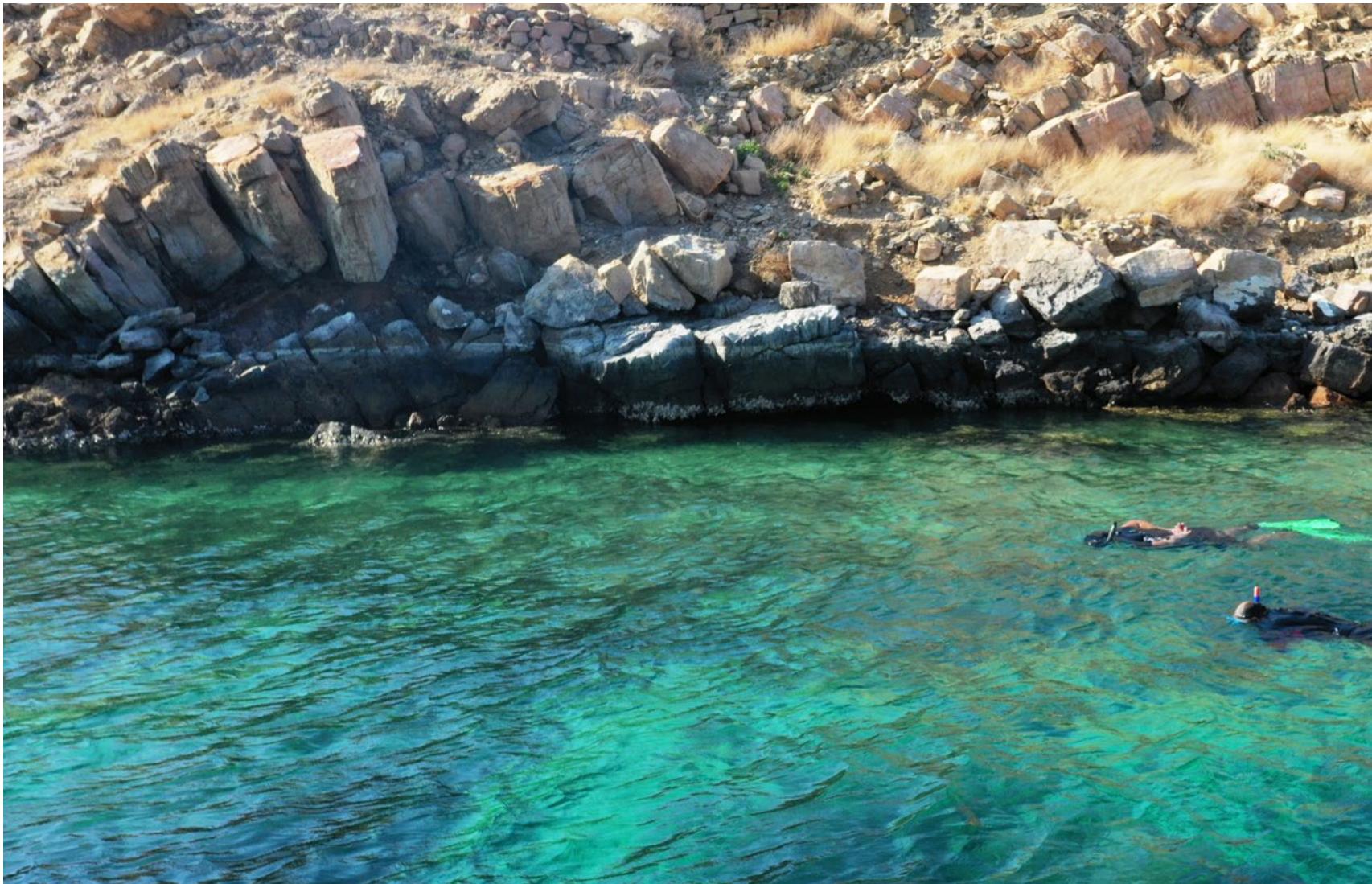
Telegraph Island earned its name from the telegraph station established there in 1864, which played a vital role in international communications during the 19th century.

Salama Island and its daughters are a group of small islands that bend around the navigational passage in the Strait of Hormuz, making them significant for ships while navigating. The mother island is called “Fainko” in the Kumzari dialect, while the smaller surrounding islands are referred to as “Mumardidmoor.” Salama Island was named for the lighthouse guiding ships through safe paths and cautioning them against the islands to ensure the safety of vessels crossing the strait.

Visit Umm Al Fiyarain Island, also known as Umm Al Tayr, a protected reserve for marine life and migratory birds. Its unique location is surrounded by diverse coral reefs. Umm Al Ghanam Island, made of limestone rocks, provides a safe haven for ships passing through the Arabian Gulf. Meanwhile, Saybi Island offers the chance to dive in its shallow blue waters, home to species like emperor angelfish and Clark’s anemonefish.





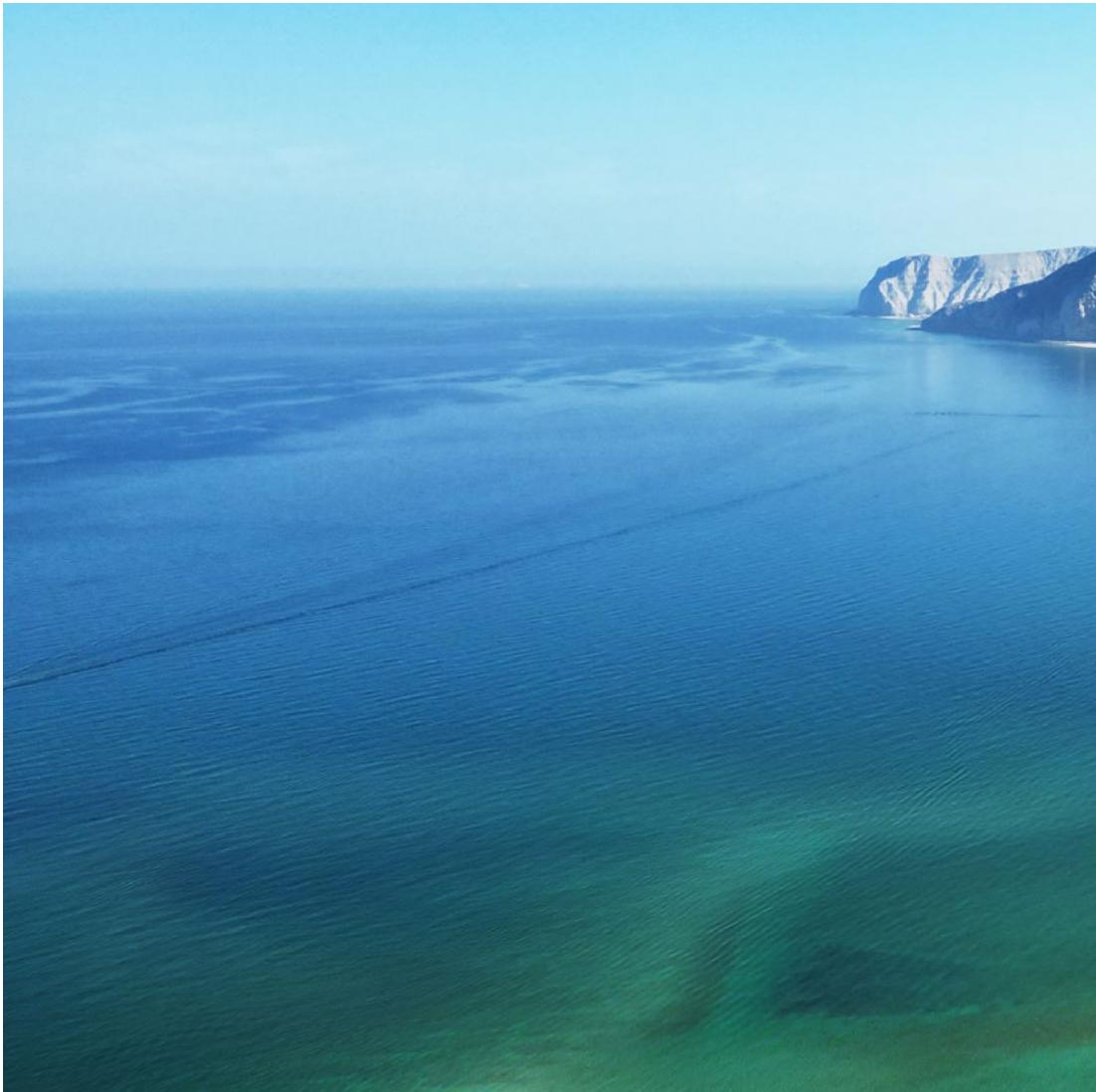




Lima, located on the eastern coast of Musandam facing the Sea of Oman, is a popular destination for diving enthusiasts and hikers. Here you can visit several remote villages, in addition to Al Ghashabi Island, Al Bayda Island, Far Island, and Lima Island, known as one of the best diving spots in Oman. This area features diverse natural habitats such as coral reefs and caves, along with ideal water depths that attract many fish species, including those from the open ocean, such as barracuda, yellowfin tuna, and occasionally whale sharks. Both Black Island and Red Island are perfect for diving, featuring soft corals and a wide variety of marine fish.

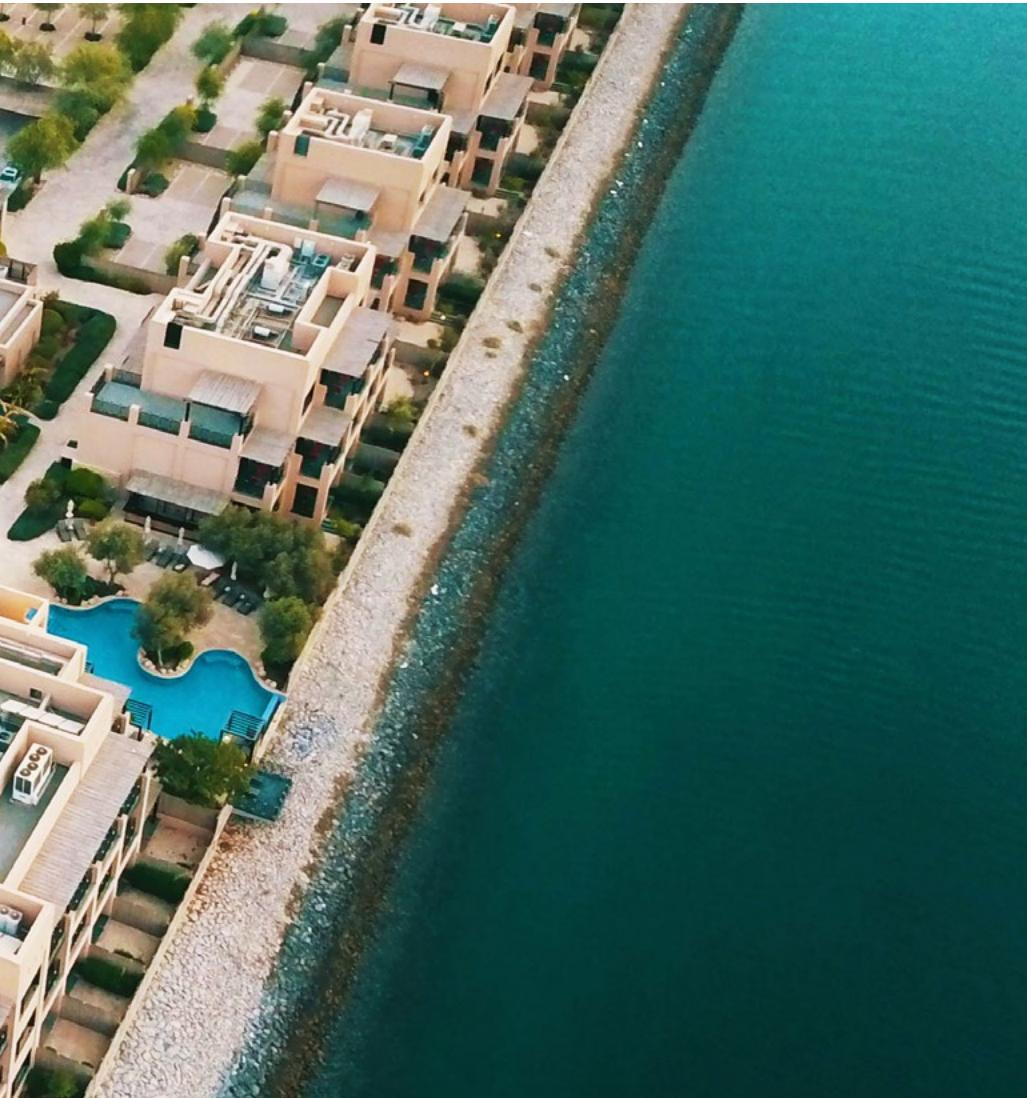
Explore the beautiful villages in Musandam Governorate, starting with the village of Shisa on the western shore of Shisa Bay, surrounded by towering mountains that provide protection from strong winds. Then, visit Qadi, which boasts a stunning location backed by palm plantations and towering mountains, with the bay's clear waters in the foreground.

Sail to Kumzar Village in the far north of Oman, about 36 kilometers from Khasab, a journey that takes approximately two hours by sea. The village is surrounded by rugged mountains and is one of the main sardine fishing centers in Oman.









Steer your boat towards Ghab Ali Village, located about 30 minutes by fast boat northwest of Khasab, where traditional single-story houses overlook one of the deepest marine inlets in Musandam, bordered by many small beaches. Enjoy the scenic route to the village of Zughi, perched above the mountain peaks, descending from the towering cliffs towards the sea, where the village hosts one of the best resorts in the Sultanate of Oman.

Climb Jabal Harim, the highest peak in Musandam Governorate, at approximately 2,100 meters. The peaks of Jabal Harim are sometimes covered in snow, creating a unique view amidst the towering rocky peaks of Musandam.

Experience the thrill of the double zip line at the Oman Adventure Center in Wilayat Khasab, stretching 1,800 meters. Starting from the summit of Jabal Fitt in Musandam, the ride takes you to Atana Khasab Resort, offering stunning views of the region's beauty and terrain.

Officially recognized by Guinness World Records, it holds the title of the longest zip line over water in the world.





# Wilayat of Bukhah

The Magic of Beautiful Sandy Beaches









Wilayat Bukhah is renowned for its beautiful sandy beaches, which are one of the region's most prominent natural attractions. Its clean, sandy shores have made it particularly popular with families. Explore Bukhah Fort, located along the coastal road, built in the mid-19th century and protected by a moat filled with seawater.



Wander around Al-Balad Fort, also known as Sheikh Sulayman bin Muhammad Al-Malik Tower, or "Al-Faslah," which offers a panoramic view of the beach and nearby town.







Stop by Hal Beach, overlooking the Sea of Oman, situated along the road between Bukhah and Khasab. This expansive beach serves as a gathering point during the migration season at the end of summer for large flocks of Socotra cormorants.



# Wilayat of Dibba

A Beautiful Meeting of Sea and Mountains



Dibba, one of the most beautiful towns in Musandam Governorate, boasts a southern coastline along the Sea of Oman. Its unique geographical location, nestled between the marine strait and the mountainous terrain shared with the United Arab Emirates, gives rise to stunning valleys that descend from the surrounding mountain ranges. Rich in history, Dibba is home to Dibba Fort, also known as "Al-Saybah" Fort, situated about 1,800 meters west of the port.

Don't miss visiting the fort after its restoration. Like many forts built along the coastline leading to Muscat, the main fort was constructed by the Portuguese in 1624 as the principal garrison for the walled city, alongside a secondary area surrounded by a wall directly to the north.

Stroll along the sandy Dibba Beach with its warm waters of the Sea of Oman, framed by mountain ranges—making it a perfect place for fishing, walking, and enjoying the warm sea breezes.









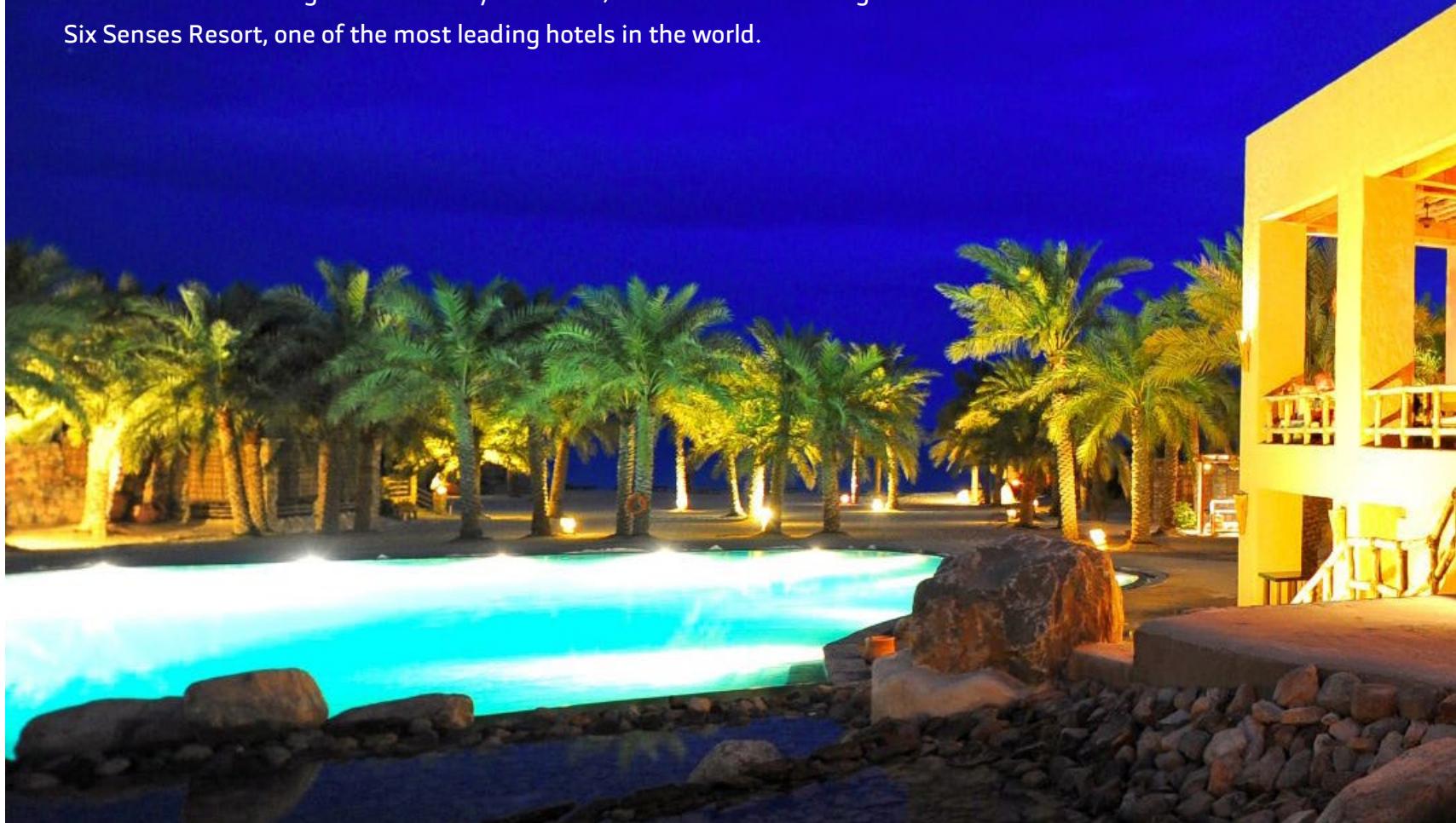
Venture to Wadi Bi'h, which springs from the highest peak in Musandam, Jabal Harim. The road to Wadi Bi'h is adorned with breathtaking views, featuring towering mountains reaching about 1,000 meters above the valley.

Discover Wadi Khabb Al-Shamsi, a narrow pathway between two mountains which is popular for rock climbing.





Admire the archaeological sites at Sayh Al-Dahir, and don't miss visiting the Six Senses Resort, one of the most leading hotels in the world.





# Wilayat of Madha

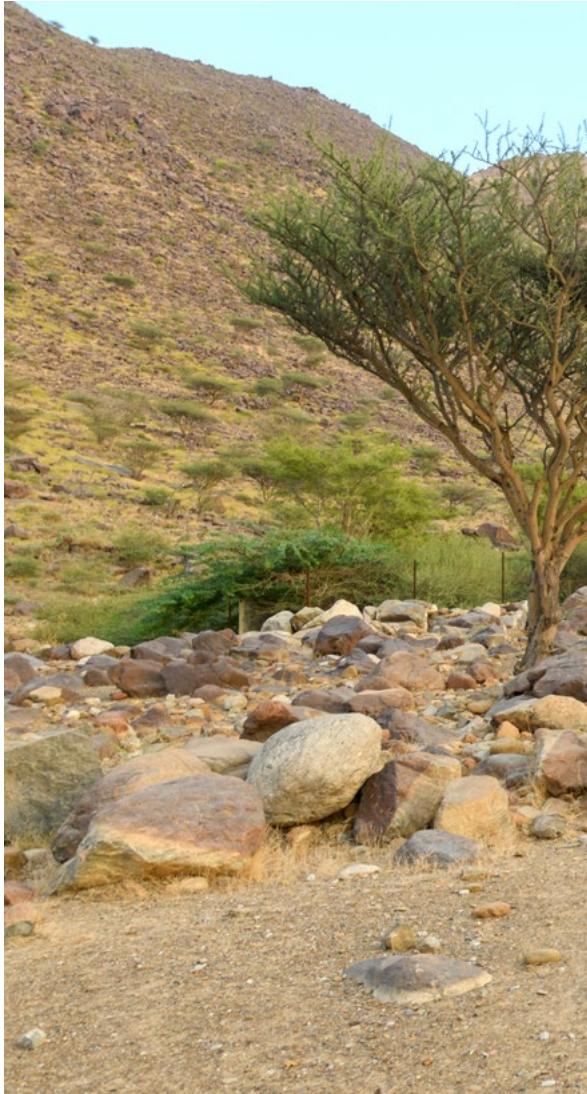
The Source of Freshwater Springs





Tourism in Wilayat Madha thrives, especially after rainfall, thanks to its beautiful valleys, freshwater springs flowing from within, and reservoirs filled with water.

Listen to the historical narratives of cultural events at the archaeological sites, then head to Wadi Madha, roughly midway along the main road connecting “Khatmat Malaha” and “Dibba.” The valley winds its way between mountains composed of igneous afiolite rocks and passes through well-organized date palm farms, alongside magnificent terrains extending for about 20 kilometers.



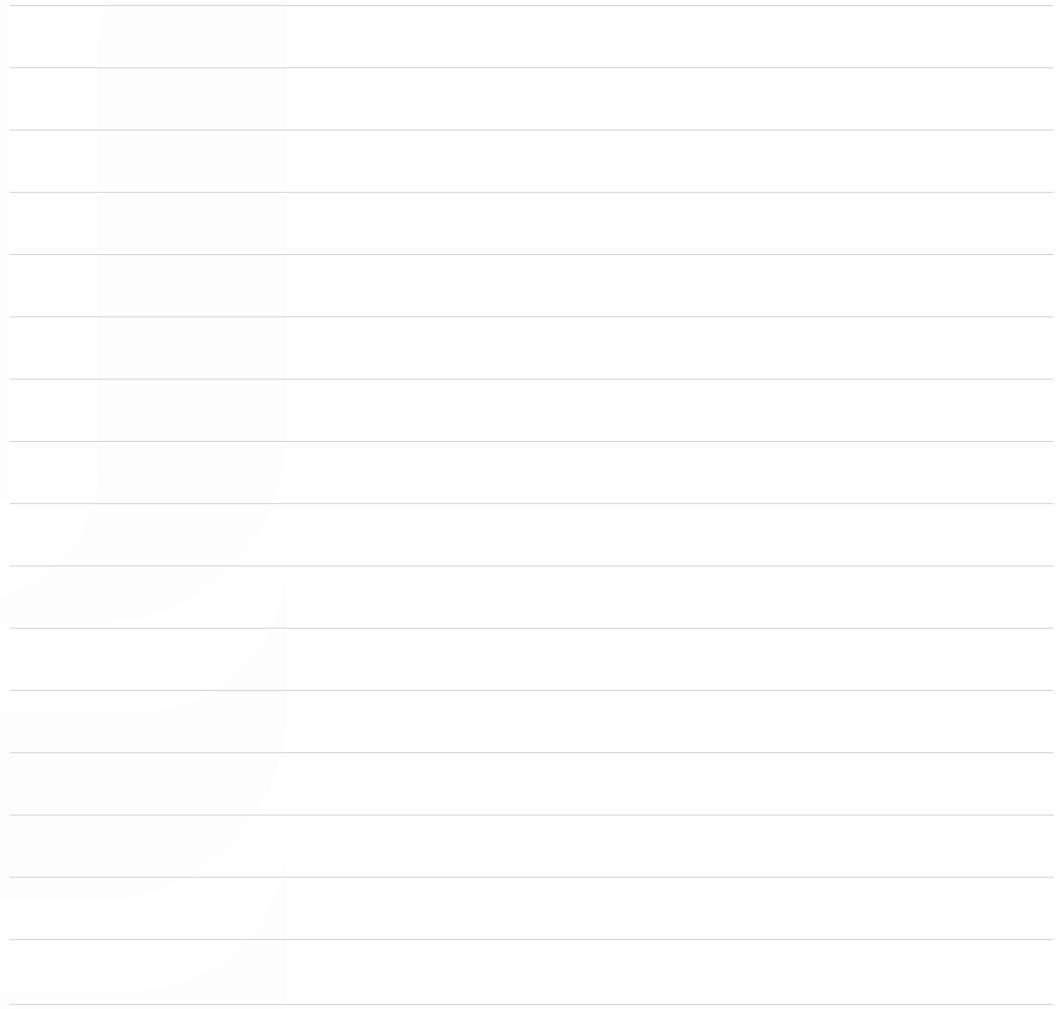






Explore the diverse springs of Madha, where several aflaj (traditional irrigation systems) and small springs are spread throughout the area. The most notable is Ain Al-Samai, located 600 meters north of the museum, at the heart of the region. This aflaj irrigates the date palm farms to the east of the town, while further east lies Ain "Hajar Bani Hamid." Additionally, small reservoirs on the northern side of the valley, near old residential clusters, help store water for improved irrigation in the oasis.

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