

# North Al Batinah Governorate

Amazing and Captivating Tourist Attractions





# 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.

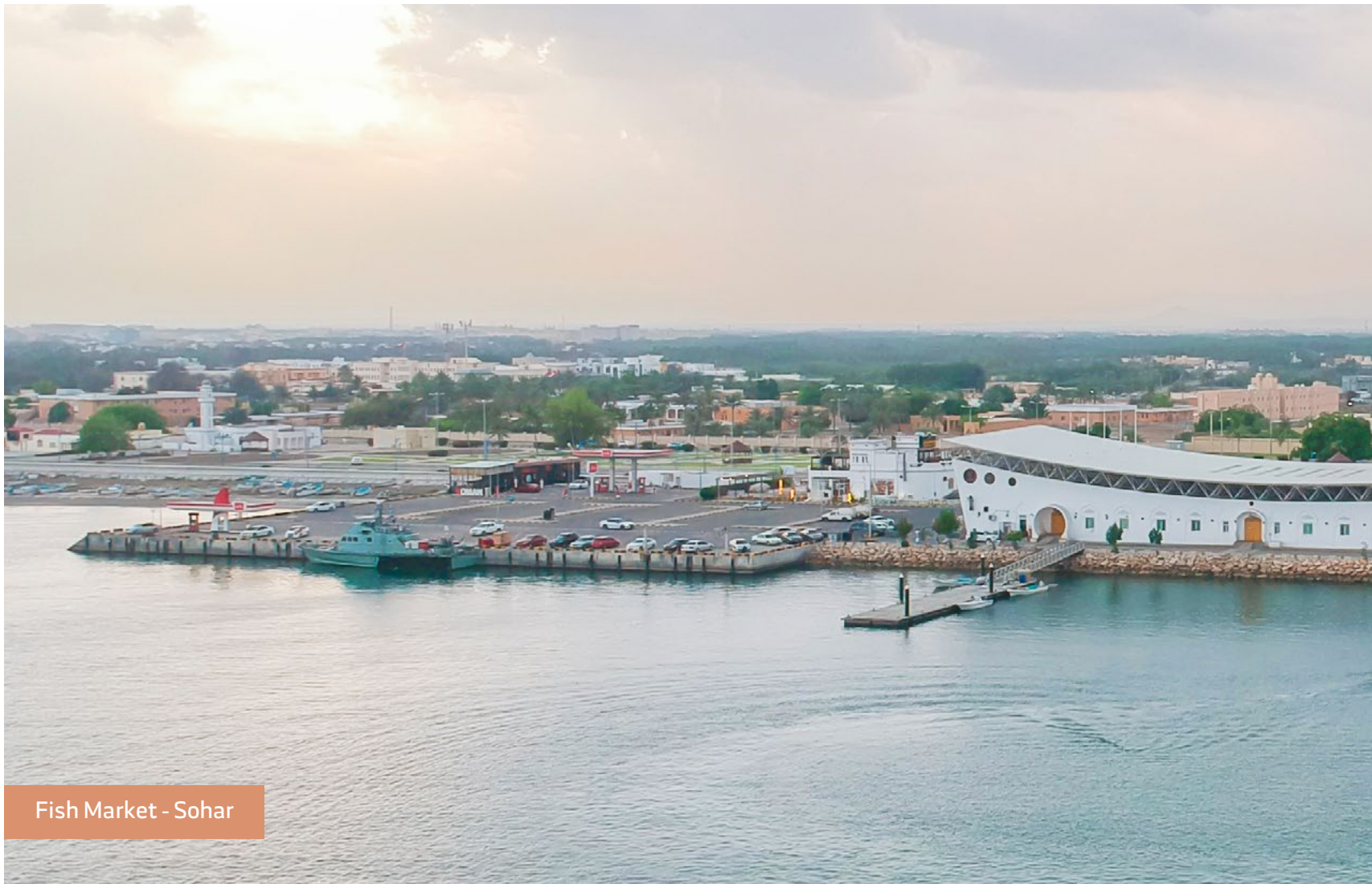
Oman's 11 governorates offer a kaleidoscope of distinct landscapes and captivating tourist attractions, each with its own unique charm from lush oases and dramatic deserts to historic forts and bustling souqs.

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!



Fish Market - Sohar



North Al Batinah Governorate is a region that offers a captivating blend of natural beauty, historical significance, and cultural richness. Stretching along the coast between the sea and the mountains, it is not only a key economic and commercial gateway but also a place where you can explore both the heritage and natural wonders of Oman.







Sohar Fort





Visit and learn about Omani architecture in Sohar, wander through the natural park of Shinas, get close to the Mashiwa tree in Liwa, swim in the warm springs in Saham, enjoy the breathtaking sunrise from Al Khabourah, and don't forget to explore the beautiful villages of Al Suwaiq.

Whether you're traveling solo or with friends, North Al Batinah offers something for everyone—rich landscapes, adventure, relaxation, and unforgettable cultural experiences.







Ain Suhbaan

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# Sohar

The Beating Heart of North Al Batinah







Architectural  
Brilliance  
Beyond Words



Sohar is known as the vibrant heart of North Al Batinah Governorate. With a history dating back several decades, it was once the capital of Oman and is now home to prominent tourist attractions and landmarks. Start your journey at the **Sultan Qaboos Mosque**, located near the splendid Bahjat Al Anzar Palace on the main road leading to the United Arab Emirates. This mosque, constructed with high specifications and precise standards in the Uzbek style, is one of the modern landmarks of Oman, distinguished by its intricate designs and towering blue crystal dome.









Next, visit the **Sohar Fort** and explore the numerous towers where the Al Bu Said dynasty (the ruling family of Oman) was established under Imam Ahmed bin Said Al Busaidi.















Experience the joy of shopping at the **Sohar Souq**, for which the architectural inspiration was drawn from the traditional shapes and historical details of the old Sohar market and the Sohar Fort.

The souq is equipped with modern air conditioning and lighting systems and is adorned with vibrant Islamic motifs throughout its corridors.

Indulge in the freshest seafood at the **Fish Market**, with shops brimming with various types of fish and shellfish. The market features restaurants and cafés boasting beautiful sea views and warm Omani hospitality, as well as a dedicated port for fishing, sales, and distribution.

Visitors to Sohar must not miss a stroll along the picturesque **Corniche**, adjacent to one of the most beautiful beaches in Sohar, known for its stunning golden sands, especially at sunset. Enjoy a cup of coffee in the cafés overlooking the corniche or dine at an upscale restaurant nearby.













The beach at the **Silver Jubilee Park** serves as a favorite gathering spot for all age groups and the park itself features numerous activities, including horseback riding as well as kiosks, cafés and restaurants.

Another beautiful beach in Sohar is the **Al Minyal Park Beach**, located in Al Oynat, known for being family-friendly with public facilities, umbrellas, and green spaces, as well as outdoor pools next to the sea.

Take a tour of the architecturally beautiful **Soheil Fort** in the village of Soheil, built on the edge of a mountain and offering panoramic views of the village and the old quarter.

Visit **Wadi Al Jizi**, which connects the northern coast of Al Batinah to the Wilayat of Al Buraimi, approximately 35 kilometers southwest of the main intersection on the Sohar-Buraimi road. It was historically known for its mining activities, while today it is famous for its rock formations from which copper ore is extracted.

**Ain Suhbaan**, located 8 kilometers from the main road in Wadi Al Jizi, between Sohar and Al Buraimi, is known for its turquoise waters with a hint of green. It is warm in winter and mild in summer. Notably, visitors need a four-wheel drive vehicle for easy access, named after the Suhbaan area where it is located.







Ain Suhbaan





Halhal Bani Ghaith

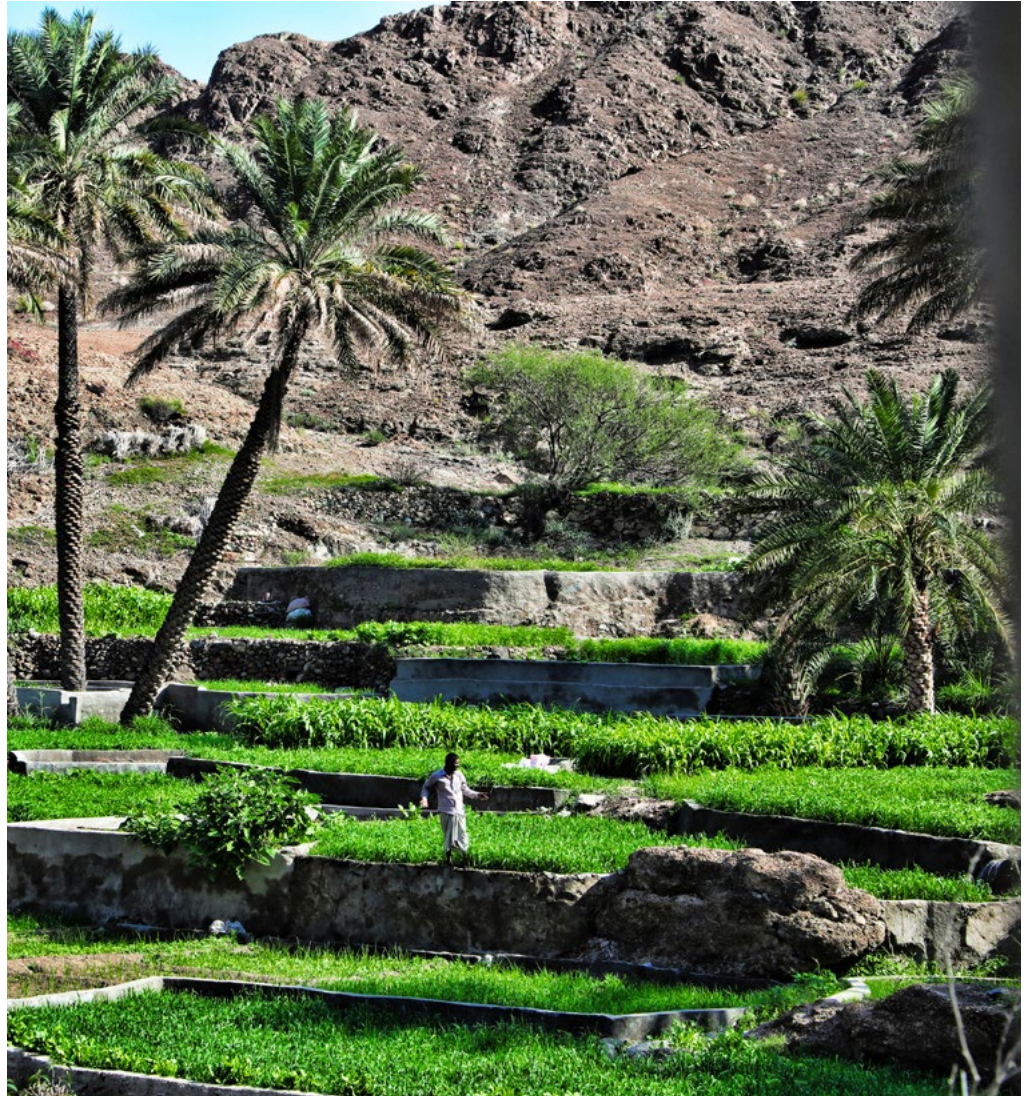




Don't miss visiting **Wadi Al Haltai** and the scattered villages along its course. The village of **Halhal Bani Ghaith** is among the most beautiful of these villages, located about 45 kilometers from Sohar's center. It is characterized by a mild climate and a year-round flowing wadi, where water cascades down the mountains like rain, leading locals to refer to it as the "Water Droplet of Al Jah."

Wadi Haybi is noted for the smooth flow of its waters between the rocks, situated about 80 kilometers from Sohar.

On your way to **Wadi Haybi**, you'll pass many villages, ruins and ponds. Many of these areas offer spots for barbecuing or stargazing, with green terraces in the **village of Al Khad**, which are popular photography locations, alongside Wadi Ahan, known for its stunning natural scenery, rivaled only by **Falaj Al Qabail** and **Falaj Al Awi**.













Sohar offers a variety of luxurious lodging options and resorts, as well as numerous shopping centres.













# Shinas

A Unique View of the Sea of Oman



Shinas, located on the northern border of Oman near the United Arab Emirates, is a destination that offers both rich history and natural beauty. Its strategic location by the Sea of Oman has shaped its significance throughout history, with impressive castles, forts, and ancient towers that reflect the region's cultural heritage.

Start your exploration at **Shinas Fort**, an iconic landmark situated less than 700 meters southwest of the city's ferry port. The fort, built during the Nabahani era (around 650 AH or 1229 AD), features a distinctive rectangular walled area and circular towers, with a rectangular tower located at the northeastern corner. Constructed with traditional materials such as clay and gravel, the fort offers a glimpse into the architectural techniques used during its time and remains an important testament to the region's past.

Shinas also serves as a gateway for visitors, offering opportunities to enjoy its serene beaches, explore the surrounding nature, and learn about its rich cultural history.



Shinas Gate



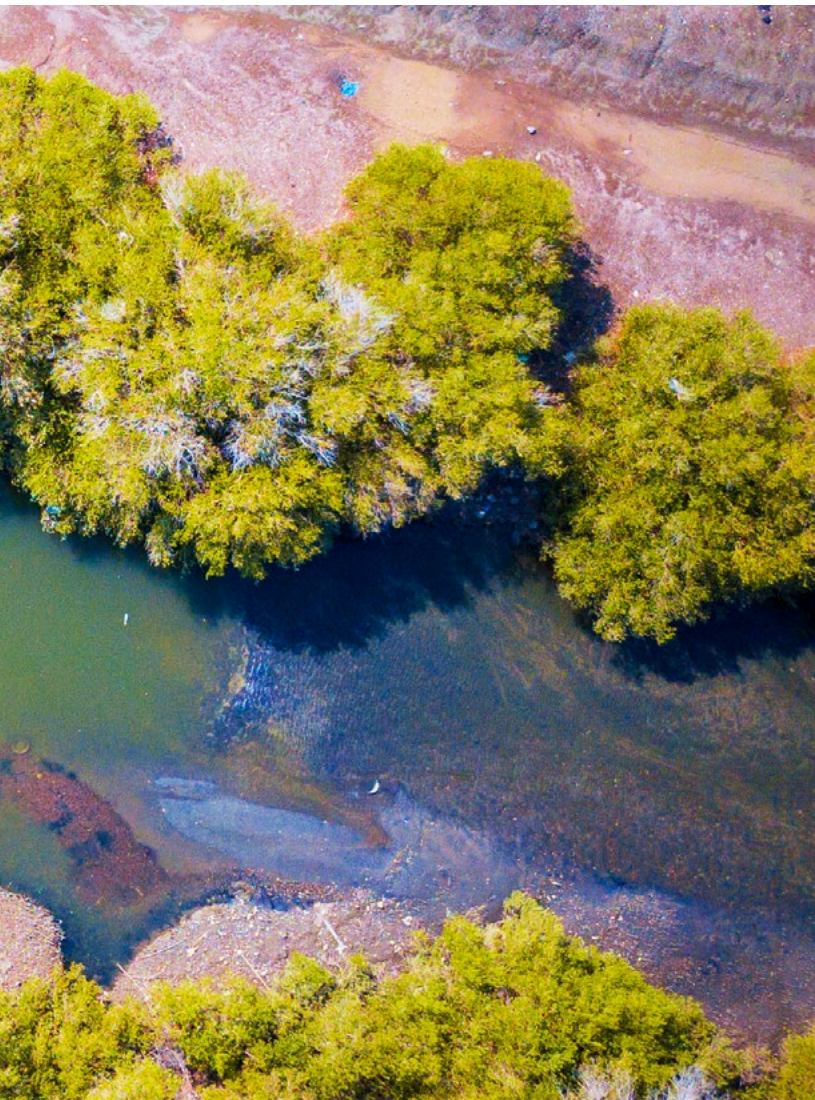






Qurm Trees





In the village of Al Ajeeb, explore **Al Usud Fort**, situated 8 kilometers west of the main road. It is one of the most famous historical forts in Shinas, distinguished by its square shape, measuring approximately 32 meters in length and 30 meters in width. The fort consists of several rooms constructed from sarooj (a traditional building material). Conclude your tour with a dive into Wadi Ajeeb.

Next, head to **Humaera Beach (Qurm Nature Park)** south of Shinas Port along the coast. This area, lined with mangrove trees (Qurm) for about two kilometers, is ideal for birdwatching, particularly for spotting the small crowned tern, large rock pipit, and, if you're lucky, the white-collared kingfisher. End your journey with a visit to the **village of Rasa Al Malh** and enjoy exploring the famous valleys in the area, such as **Wadi Fayd and Wadi Rajma**.







# Liwa

Home to the Largest Valleys and Ancient Trees





Liwa, known for its economic significance and urban development, also offers a wealth of tourist attractions and picturesque villages.

Begin at **Liwa Fort**, located just 1.5 kilometers east of the Liwa Roundabout along the main Batinah road. This fort stands out from others along the North Al Batinah coast due to its distance from the sea and its exceptional architectural design. Featuring multi-faceted arches, wooden doors, and five towering structures, the fort's central fortress, Al Qasbah, adds to its grandeur. The fort also boasts huge cannons, a reminder of its historical role in defense.

After visiting the fort, head to **Liwa Souq**, where you can immerse yourself in the local culture by browsing traditional products and handicrafts.

Later, visit the beautiful **village of Fazah** to explore **Fazah Fort**, which was built in the late 17th century during the reign of Imam Sayyid bin Sultan in 1104 AH (1681 AD).







Liwa Fort





A Journey of  
Discovery and  
Excitement





Enjoy swimming in **Ain Al Dafaa (Bat)**, with its turquoise spring water flowing into the pools, creating a captivating beauty amidst the majestic mountain terrain.

**Wadi Al Zahimi** is one of the largest valleys in North Al Batinah, stretching approximately 78 kilometers from the mountain heads to its mouth in the Sea of Oman, specifically in **the coastal village of Nabr**. In the village of Al Zahimi, you'll find one of the largest ancient trees in Oman, locally known as **Al Mashwa**, scientifically known as *Adansonia* or Baobab. This African-origin tree attracts many tourists due to its connection local stories and legends.





# Al Suwaiq

A Fusion of Mountains, Water, and Dunes



Al Suwaiq is a region with diverse landscapes, including mountains, valleys, beaches, and sand dunes and its vibrant neighborhoods and villages offer a dynamic atmosphere.

Start your journey at **Al Suwaiq Fort**, located near the Sea of Oman and overlooking the main fishing port. The fort, with its distinct round towers at three corners is a fascinating historical site. From here, you can enjoy stunning views of the azure sea and observe local fishermen hauling in their fresh catch.

After exploring the fort, take a stroll through the nearby **old market** to experience the town's traditional charm and be sure to try the local delicacy, Al Lawlah, hot pastries that offer a delicious taste of local flavour.



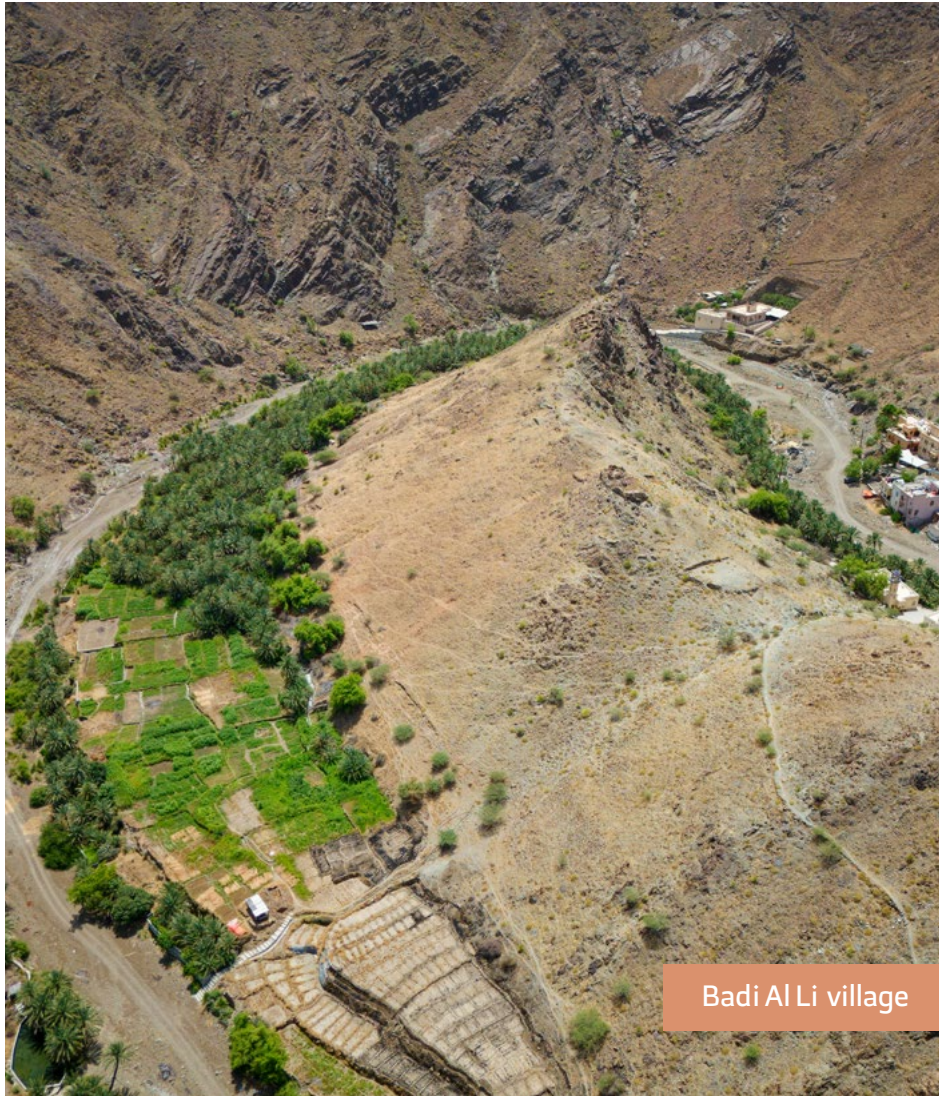






Wadi Al Jahawer





Badi Al Li village

Explore **Al Tharmid Fort**, **Al Hilal Wall**, **Al Maghabsha Wall**, and Al Borshid, then head to **Wadi Al Jahawer**, which boasts beautiful trails about 50 kilometers southwest of Al Suwaiq, passing through the **village of Al Haylin**, the gateway to this wadi. About a kilometer out, you'll find a series of white springs often lined with white carbonate sediments, creating a stunning tableau against the dark brown rocks and blue sky.

Be sure to visit the **town of Badi Al Li**, famous for its palm groves at the foot of the mountains. For enchanting sunset photography with a golden backdrop of sand dunes, visit the **Mishayq of Bani Kharous**.



# Saham

Flowing Valleys of Pure Water







Saham is characterized by its stunning valleys, winding between the mountains and the coast, creating breathtaking natural scenes.

Explore ancient relics at **Saham Fort**, built in the mid-20th century by Sayyid Shihab bin Faisal Al Busaidi, which stands proudly overlooking the Sea of Oman at the northern tip of Saham Corniche.













**Wadi Bani Umar** is an idyllic destination known for its warm limestone springs, picturesque villages, and ancient ruins. The rugged trails winding through the wadi provide ample opportunities for adventure seekers to explore the untouched beauty of this region, far from paved roads.

In the heart of the wadi lies Al Dhuhair village, a scenic haven loved by families. Don't miss visiting Falaj of Al Rawdah village, where you'll find refreshing waters that have been an essential resource for the village for centuries.



# Al Khaburah

Captivating Sunrises









Nestled within the valleys and high mountains of Al Khaburah, this region is rich with aflaj (traditional irrigation systems), and archaeological landmarks. As you explore the area, you will be immersed in its natural beauty, where birds sing melodious tunes and fruit-bearing trees adorn its plains. One of the most enchanting moments can be experienced at **Khaburah Port**, where the sunrise over the waters casts a magical glow across the landscape.

Visit **Al Khaburah Fort**, located just 2 km northeast of the roundabout on the main Batinah road. Perched high with stunning views of the Sea of Oman, the fort offers a glimpse into the past with its well-preserved corners. A walk along the walls provides beautiful views of the sea and town.















Let your imagination soar in **Wadi Al Hawasna**, which cuts through towering mountain ranges amidst splendid scenery, and venture to the archaeological village of **Al Ghizin**, rich in palm trees, towering sidr trees, and aflaj built by the early Omanis and preserved by generations.

Continue your journey to the enchanting **Wadi Al Sarami** via four-wheel-drive vehicles, traversing through the valley and several mountainous elevations.

# A Special Space Just for You





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