

# Al Buraymi Governorate

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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 Al Buraymi Governorate, nestled in the northwest corner of Oman, only a short distance from Al Dhahirah and the UAE. Here, the majestic landscapes of the Empty Quarter unfold, adorned with shimmering golden dunes, warm-hued cliffs and tranquil palm oases that rest at the foot of towering mountains, creating a cool, shaded refuge like no other.









Breathe in the refreshing air of Al Buraymi's lush oases, explore the picturesque wadis of Mahdha, or immerse yourself in exhilarating desert adventures in Al Sinainah.

Situated 370 km from Muscat, Al Buraymi is easily accessible via two primary routes: the Al Dhahirah road (Ibri – Hafeet) and the Al Batinah road (Sohar – Wadi Al Jizzi). Join us and let the enchanting allure of Al Buraymi unfold before you!

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# Al Buraymi

Where Mountains Embrace Lush Oases









The moment you arrive in Al Buraymi, you're embraced by an unmistakable warmth that defines this enchanting wilayat. Here, the essence of a storied past merges seamlessly with the vibrant energy of contemporary life.

Your adventure begins at the iconic **Al Buraymi Gate**, a stunning architectural marvel that embodies traditional Omani craftsmanship. Constructed predominantly from local stones and exquisite marble sourced from Mahdah, the gate's majestic towers reflect the grandeur of the governorate's historic forts, offering a glimpse into the artistry of Al Buraymi's architectural legacy.

Begin your exploration at **Al Hila Fort**, a striking landmark nestled in the heart of the verdant oasis, built in the 18th century by Sheikh Mohammed bin Ali Al Nuaimi. Next, make your way to the remarkable **Al Khandaq Fort**, renowned as one of Oman's most exquisite forts. Its intricately designed towers and undulating walls create a mesmerizing silhouette against the horizon. The fort derives its name from the expansive trench that once encircled it, a unique feature in Oman that adds to its charm. Located in the charming neighbourhood of Hamasa, just a short distance from Al Hila Fort, the flowing waters of Falaj Al Buraymi carves its path through the lush palm oases, leading you to the historical treasures of the Al Buraymi oasis.







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Set forth on an enchanting journey to **Hamasa**, a historic neighbourhood steeped in over 500 years of history. This sprawling area encompasses two vibrant neighbourhoods, a bustling marketplace, and several striking towers, all interconnected by the soothing waters of Falaj Al Jaimi. For thrill-seekers, the golden sands of the Hamasa Dunes offer an irresistible playground for exhilarating sand sports.

Continue your exploration at the impressive **Marjeb Fort**, located in the Nayabat of Hafeet. This remarkable fortification, dating back to the era of Imam Ahmed bin Said Al-Busaidi, the illustrious founder of the Al-Busaid dynasty, is surrounded by a uniquely irregular wall that only adds to its charm. Nearby, the **ancient Hafeet graves**, with their distinctive beehive-like designs, whisper tales from millennia past.

Next, discover **Bait Bahr**, nestled amid the lush palm groves of Sa'ara Oasis. This historical residence served as the administrative hub of the Oasis for approximately 250 years, proudly bearing the name of its builder, Bahr Al Jabri.

No visit to Al Buraymi is complete without exploring the historic **Falaj Al Saarani** in Shari'a. This remarkable Dawoodi Falaj, estimated to be around 3,000 years old, stretches an impressive 6,500 meters. Its underground channel descends 25 meters beneath the surface, creating a vital connection between the Al Gharifa region and Shari'a in the lush Sa'ara Oasis.





Immerse yourself in Al Buraymi Oasis, a natural sanctuary brimming with lush palm farms, winding paths, ancient neighbourhoods, and traditional aflaj. Be sure to stop by the tranquil **village of Mudhabah** on your way to Wadi Sa'a. This picturesque retreat is known for its abundant water sources, diverse vegetation, and serene atmosphere.





Nestled within the rocky embrace of **Wadi Al Jizzi**, a tapestry of charming villages and quaint oases awaits beyond the gates of Al Buraymi. Here, a winding, rugged path beckons adventurers toward **Wadi Kitnah**. After a mere ten kilometers, you'll arrive at a picturesque palm oasis perched atop the wadi, framed by unique limestone cliffs that create a natural sanctuary.









Venture into **Jabal Qatar**, a chain of interconnected mountains celebrated as a premier site for geological studies. This remarkable landscape is alive with a vibrant tapestry of wildlife, from diverse bird species to elusive desert creatures. At its base, shimmering pools invite you to pause and absorb the serene beauty, while openings resembling small caves, and towering rock formations enhance the mountain's natural beauty.





Don't miss a visit to the bustling **Al Buraymi Souq**, located in the heart of the city. Here, you'll find a diverse selection of seasonal agricultural products, handcrafted artisanal goods, and unique souvenirs, each waiting to tell its own story.



# Mahdha

Where Water and Springs Embrace the Wilayat







Mahdah is a captivating area where stunning mountainous landscapes meet shimmering streams cascading down majestic peaks, and refreshing springs dot the terrain. The golden sands beckon adventurers, while the wilayat's rich history and natural beauty make it a destination that enchants all visitors.

Begin your journey at Bait Al Nad Fort, an architectural masterpiece from the 17th century that seamlessly blends Islamic and Indian styles, embodying the area's deep cultural heritage.

Next, embark on the picturesque **Falaj Mahdah trail**, widely regarded as one of the best routes in the wilayat, or immerse yourself in the beauty of the **Al Khatwa village trail**, winding through lush plantations and the mesmerizing **Falaj Al Khatwa oasis**.

Don't miss the charming **village of Masah**, where tranquil palm groves invite leisurely strolls and moments of quiet reflection. Nearby, the Masah Dam provides a serene backdrop, whether taking in the view or relaxing by the water and is a great way to complete your exploration of this enchanting wilayat.





During the winter months, the sands of Mahddah beckon both adventurers and nature enthusiasts, offering a vibrant playground for camping under the stars and engaging in exhilarating sand sports. The enchanting **Al Aniq Dunes, Al Kahl Dunes, and Al Safwan Dunes** promise unforgettable experiences and adventures in this desert paradise.





**Wadi Al Qahfi** is a serene haven, where a series of tranquil pools are cradled by swaying palm trees and the vibrant blooms of oleander, adding splashes of pink to the landscape. This peaceful wadi offers the perfect setting for camping and enjoying the great outdoors, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in nature's beauty and quiet ambiance.









As you explore **Wadi Al Qahfi**, don't miss the opportunity to visit other stunning wadis in the area, including Wadi Al Khatwa, Wadi Abu Qal'ah, Wadi Masah, and Wadi Al Jazira. Each wadi boasts its own unique charm, offering a variety of landscapes and experiences to discover.

In Al Rawda, **Wadi Khamees** is distinguished by its refreshing springs and gentle streams, along with a temperate climate that attracts tourists all year round. Don't miss the chance to visit Wadi Al Hayoul, a highlight of Mahdhah's scenic attractions.

# Al Sinainah

Soft Sands and Sweeping Hills





Renowned for its soft, golden sands, Al Sunaina offers a mesmerising escape for wanderers and adventurers alike. Al Sunaina boasts historic neighbourhoods and villages, such as **Ain Al Hilwah, Al Silahiyah, Al Qabil, and Al Ouida**, each echoing the rich tapestry of local life and vibrant Omani culture. The inviting **streets of Al Harmuzi and Al Rihani** captivate visitors with their distinct Omani architectural flair, adorned with intricate designs and welcoming arches that encourage exploration.









Al Sunaina is interspersed with a variety of valleys, making it an ideal destination for picnics. Wander through **Wadi Al Raki, Wadi Al Sunaina, Wadi Al Sifah, and Wadi Al Silahiyah**, where nature flourishes and adventures await. For thrill seekers, the sandy trails of the **Al Sunaina Desert** offer exhilarating experiences including four-wheel-drive adventures on the undulating dunes at Ramlat Dahith. These sweeping hills are conveniently located along the route connecting the Al Dhahira and Al Buraymi governorates, blending seamlessly into lush palm groves.

Head west towards the international borders, where sand dunes stretch along the Tropic of Cancer and the sun casts its radiant light directly over Al Sinaina every year on June 21st. Among the most prominent features of this enchanting landscape are the majestic **Abu Al Tubul and Abu Al Dufuf hills**, which invite adventurers to explore their rugged paths. As you journey through these towering hills, you'll be drawn toward the alluring sands of the Rub' Al Khali, one of the world's largest and most captivating deserts.

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