



**Ponant: 8D7N Treasures of the Arabian Gulf** 

Price per person from MYR23190



# Tour Itinerary

# Day 1:- ARRIVE MUSCAT, OMAN (EMBARKATION)

Unlike neighbouring metropolises, the capital of the Sultanate of Oman has chosen to ban towers and skyscrapers and to cultivate the peninsula's traditional and refined architectural style: low houses, domes, moucharaby windows, and wooden balconies. This authenticity adds to the charm of this small former maritime city protected by mountains and the forts constructed by the Portuguese in the 16th century. There is no doubt that you will fall under the charm of the treasures of Omani craftsmanship: the souk in the old district of Mutrah is a perfect example of this, as is the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque.

Embarkation from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Your ship is ready for boarding.

#### **Dinner**

#### Day 2:- SUR

Built on either side of a lagoon, Sur is a city and seaport in the north-east of the Sultanate of Oman, on the coast of the Gulf of Oman. Connected to the sea by a channel, the port was very active for a long time, having regular dealings with Africa and India since the 6th century. Sur is renowned for being the only Omani city to have retained its traditional boatyards, where dhows (wooden sailing ships) are hand-crafted. The city's charm stems from its immaculate white houses dotting the seafront and from its fort erected on a hill along the road to Muscat.

### **Day 3:- DAYMANIYAT ISLANDS**

Set atop the turquoise waters of the Gulf of Oman, the Daymaniyat Islands have been a nature reserve since the 1980s. Some forty kilometres (25 miles) off the coast from Muscat, the Omani capital, their craggy coastlines form natural pools home to an incredible biodiversity. The different types of coral reefs that dot this ecosystem, the turtles that nest there, and the numerous species of fish make this an ideal destination for scuba diving and snorkelling. This rocky landscape is also the favourite spot of many birds, both endemic and migratory.

## Day 4:- KHASAB

Located in the country's north, on the Musandam Peninsula, Khasab is a city in the Sultanate of Oman. In the Strait of Hormuz, which connects the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman, this small port built by the Portuguese in the 16th century and surrounded by a chain of rocky mountains was established at the mouth of Wadi Khasab. You will love its authentic scenery and particularly its fjords, which cut through the landscapes in a spectacular fashion and have earned it the moniker "Norway of Arabia". In the city, Khasab Castle and its atypical architecture are well worth a visit to discover the history and culture of Oman.

# Day 5:- DUBAI

Vertiginous, excessive, immoderate... Dubai, the largest city in the United Arab Emirates, stands out for its architectural follies. Home to the world's tallest skyscraper, the Burj Kahlifa, with a total height of 828 metres, almost three times that of the Eiffel Tower, the city is also famous for the gigantic scale of the Palm Islands, its artificial islands in the form of a palm tree. You can explore more traditional districts not far away, with visits of the souks of Deira or the Gold Souk. Or perhaps you would prefer to discover Dubai Museum: located in an 18th-century fort, it tells the city's history from Antiquity to the present day.

### Day 6:- ABU DHABI

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#### Day 8:- DEPART DOHA (DISEMBARKATION)

On the banks of the Persian Gulf, discover Doha, the capital of Qatar. Rising out of the desert, the city has managed to maintain its traditions in spite of a frantic race for modernity. The cliff bordering Doha Bay has magnificent views over the city centre's enormous constructions. The silhouette of the Museum of Islamic Art rises up near the quays, where the region's typical sailboats, known as dhows, are docked. This "fortress", designed by Ming Pei, the architect of the Louvre pyramid, is home to the finest collections of Islamic art in the world. Not far, the lively district of Souq Waqif and its colourful stalls are also an unmissable visit.

Disembarkation at 07:30am. Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

# **Tour Prices**

Tour price (Price shown subject to exchange rate fluctuation)	Deluxe stateroom (pperson)	Prestige Stateroom (pperson)	Deluxe Suite (pperson)	Prestige Deck Suite (pperson)
08 Dec 2023 - 15 Dec 2023	FULLY BOOKED	RM 23,190	RM30,790	FULLY BOOKED
22 Dec 2023 - 29 Dec 2023	RM 20,020	RM 21,160	RM 30,830	RM 33,280

## What's included

**Destination:** Oman, Qatar, UAE

**Departure Location:** Muscat **Return Location:** Doha

Additional Information: Tour Deal: : ~ 30% PONANT Bonus Discount : ~ First Time Cruiser EUR 250 : ~ No Single

Supplement

Price includes:

• ~ 24 hour room service (special selection)

~ Butler service (special selection)
~ Free unlimited WIFI onboard
~ Evening entertainment and events

Price does not include:

• ~ International air ticket

• ~ Airport transfer

• ~ Gratuities

Luxury cruise aboard to experience a truly exceptional sea voyage with a difference. Discover expeditions to the majestic landscapes of the Artic and the Antarctic. Great choice for couples, solo travelers and those who love small-ship cruising. Ponant Cruises offers exceptional bilingual service, world-class dining and elegantly-appointed accommodation and public areas in terms of the onboard experience. Choose a cruise on an Explorer Class vessel, you will benefit from several expedition-style features. Relaxing in the Blue Eye Lounge, an underwater multi-sensory environment that boasts comfortable seating and privileged views of life beneath the waves. Ponant's expedition ships also carry a fleet of Zodiacs deployed frequently throughout each itinerary for sightseeing excursions and trips ashore.

#### **Cancellation Policy**

- ~ Postpone or cancel free of charge up to 10 days after the booking is confirmed
- ~ From 10 days after the booking is confirmed to 365 days prior to departure: EUR 150 plus RM100 refund admin fees per guest per cruise for the cruise service only
- ~ From 364 to 211 days prior to departure: 10% of total price
- ~ From 210 91 days prior to departure: 25% of total price
- ~ Cancellation within 90 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

#### **Payment Terms**

- ~ Deposit payment of 25% must be received within 10 days after the booking is confirmed.
- ~ Balance payment must be made 90 days prior to departure
- ~ Booking made within 90 days prior to departure require full payment at the time of booking