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Your great legacy will live on in our hearts and minds, and you will forever be remembered for your devotion to the nation of Oman; for your vision and guidance in establishing Oman as the progressive, modern and prosperous country that it is today; for your bringing to light the cultural richness of Oman and its people; and for your ongoing commitment to peace and diplomacy in the region. May you rest in peace.

As the nation of Oman begins a new era in our great history, Oman Air salutes and pledges our allegiance and support to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq as he ascends to the throne as the nation's supreme leader.

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His Majesty Sultan Qaboos: Beloved father of the nation

With His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said's passing on 10 January 2020, we look back in adoration on his great life – and the great guidance, vision and love that he had for the nation of Oman and its proud people. Your Majesty Sultan Qaboos: Your wonderful legacy will forever live in our hearts and minds...

Salalah: A gift to the nation

In November 1940, Oman's southern city of Salalah witnessed a blessed birth and a gift to the nation of Oman. This was the gift of Oman's future leader – His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said – who was destined to lead the people of Oman into prosperity and into fully realising their potential as a great nation through much of the 20th century and into the new millennium. From this day forward, the date 18 November became known as Oman's proud National Day in celebration of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said's birthdate.

Birth of a leader...

Throughout his early years and into early adulthood, Sultan Qaboos received his education from a select group of teachers and mentors, both in Oman and abroad. As



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Oman's Ministry of Foreign Affairs states, Sultan Qaboos began his education in Oman, after which he travelled to the United Kingdom for further studies in 1958. He then spent two years in a private school in Suffolk before joining the Sandhurst Royal Military Academy in 1960. Graduating after two years, he subsequently joined the Cameronians regiment stationed in Germany at the time - and spent six months here as a leadership trainee. Then, after completing his military training within the British Army, he studied local government, completed training courses in management, and finally embarked on a worldwide cultural tour. Sultan Qaboos then returned to Oman in 1964 to spend time furthering his knowledge of Sharia law and of the history and civilisation of Oman.

Ascension to the throne...

As His Majesty Sultan Oaboos ascended to the throne on 23 July 1970, he immediately set about improving his people's standard of living and transforming the nownamed "Sultanate of Oman" into the progressive economy and society that it is today, while further unlocking the great potential of the people of Oman in all areas of society. He also led the way in placing Oman's rich traditions, heritage and historical identity at the forefront of the nation's march into the modern era. Every year, the people of Oman continue to celebrate His Majesty Sultan Qaboos' first day of reign as Renaissance Day, on 23 July.

Icon and symbol of peace...

As an enduring force of stability in the Middle East, and as a proponent of regional and international progress through diplomatic means and dialogue, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos will forever be looked upon as an international icon and symbol of peace.



A new millennium...

When His Majesty Sultan Qaboos commemorated the 30th anniversary of his leadership in 2000, he also celebrated what was the culmination of Oman's development into a prosperous, progressive and stable modern state that was ready to face the challenges of a new millennium. At the same time, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos continued to ensure that the nation's rich cultural legacy and the traditions of the Omani people would be preserved for Oman's future generations.

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos: Father of the nation

Perhaps most prominently, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos was the beloved father of our nation. Thank-you our beloved Sultan Qaboos – you will live forever in our hearts and minds. May you Rest in Peace...



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Haitham bin Tarik

Oman Air is proud to salute and pledge our allegiance and support to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik – the supreme leader of the Sultanate of Oman. May Allah the Almighty bless His Majesty as he continues our beloved nation's march to ever greater progress, prosperity and development...



May Allah grant us success in pursuing his course (the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said) and accomplishing the objectives that he wished to be realised for this great nation – His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik

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February in Oman! Things to see and do this month...

2020 Muscat International Book Fair

Good news for lovers of literature is that the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre will host the 25th edition of the Muscat International Book Fair from 22 February to 2 March. Once again, it's set to be a celebration of writing, ideas and creativity, and a feast of fine books. www.mctbookfair.gov.om





Design & Décor at OCEC: #AnEventToRemember

It's all about design and décor at the Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre as the IDF Oman Interiors, Design & Furnishing exhibition takes place from 11 – 13 February with a showcase of exclusive products from the design world. The event runs concurrently with IDF Oman which will include the Kitchen & Bathroom Show, Tile & Stone Show, and Light Oman Show, as well as the Art Space – which will feature a collection of contemporary art work, paintings, prints, sculptures and photographs. www.omanconvention.com



March 2020 Oman vs. Afghanistan World Cup qualifier!

Good luck to Oman's National Football Team as they get set to play their second match against Afghanistan on 31 March as part of the Asian World Cup Qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. In October, 2019, our team won the first match 3-0 and they'll be looking for similar success next month.



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International Events Around the world this month...

London Fashion Week London, England 14 – 18 February

London Fashion Week is the first of the year's four big fashion weeks – which include Paris, Milan and New York – to invite the public into its world. Along with all the fashion and style on display, attendees will have the opportunity to take a behind-thescenes journey at the London Fashion Week Hub – to discover LFW's designer catwalks, creative installations, the DiscoveryLAB (an experiential space where fashion meets art, technology and music) and a #PositiveFashion exhibition where designers explore compelling stories around sustainability, community and ethics. www.londonfashionweek.co.uk





India Design ID 2020

13 – 16 February New Delhi, India

India Design ID returns this month to New Delhi's sprawling NSIC Grounds in Okhla, as well as different design districts across the city, for five days of furniture, lighting, interiors, accessories and home technology displays from the most stylish local and international brands. www.indiadesignid.com



Cosmobikeshow 2020 Verona (near Milan), Italy 15 – 16 February

This month's CosmoBike Show will once again showcase "everything bicycle" as the organisers say. Everything from urban cycling and commuting to amateur and professional road racing, along with bicycling's past, present, and future will be showcased. If you love bicycles, this is where you need to be! The event takes place at the Veronafierea exhibition space, which is a short drive east of Milan. www.cosmobikeshow.com



Eurasia Boat Show Istanbul Expo Center, Istanbul, Turkey 22 February – 1 March

Billed by organisers as one of the greatest meetings in the marine industry, the CNR Eurasia Boat Show presents more than 3,500 mega-yachts, motorboats, sailing boats and water craft to the public. The show will also have a huge display of marine equipment, boating accessories and fishing gear – and lots of fun activities. www.cnravrasyaboatshow.com



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Hay Festival Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi, UAE 25 – 28 February

Great news: A brand new edition of the famous Hay Festival will take place at various venues across Abu Dhabi. Since 1987, the Hay Festival has held 125 events globally, attracting more than 4.5 million people in 30 locations. Hay Festival Abu Dhabi promises to bring together writers and thinkers from different cultures, languages and walks of life to discuss and share ideas and to spark imagination and curiosity in everyone from children to young literature enthusiasts and seasoned readers. www.hayfestival.com/abu-dhabi



Bangkok River Festival Bangkok, Thailand 28 February – 1 March

The annual River Festival & Elephant Boat Race will again take place on the banks of Bangkok's mighty Chao Phraya River – where you and your family can come see teams of paddlers racing boats decorated with elephant-themed sculptures, with tails inspired by traditional Thai fish motifs. Throughout the festival there will also be lots of live music concerts, kids' arts and crafts workshops, fun fair rides and a wide selection of delicious food and beverages available throughout the day and night. www.bangkokriverfestival.com



Goa Carnival Goa, India 22 – 25 February

Come enjoy the famous Goa Carnival, when the city's central streets shut down to welcome a lively precession of floats, marching bands, performing artists and acrobats. After the action, you can experience the sea, sun, sand and serenity at Goa's glorious beaches. www.goa.me



Dubai Food Festival 2020 Dubai, UAE 26 February – 14 March

Celebrate the finest in food at the latest edition of the Dubai Food Festival, which is coming back for 18 days of irresistible delights. "The festival highlights the city's culinary offerings with curated dining experiences, limited-edition menus, pop-up events throughout the city, guided food tours, cooking masterclasses by top chefs and unforgettable feasts", according to the Dubai Food Festival team. www.visitdubai.com/en



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The wonders of Wadi Shab

Wadi Shab is a breathtakingly beautiful place

Winter is the perfect time to head outdoors and into the countless wadis located across Oman. One of the long-time favourites for both locals and visitors is Wadi Shab - which has its entrance next to the small coastal town of Tiwi, looking out over the Sea of Oman, and just a 90-minute drive from Muscat. As Wadi Shab's giant rocky gorge cuts its way deep into the interior, it becomes enclosed by magnificently high rocky walls while streams of water trickle down to the valley floor from a semi-submerged cave in the wadi's upper section. It's a breathtakingly beautiful place, filled with date palm trees and local flora, patches of soft white sand and smooth rocks that make perfect picnic spots and crystal clear rocky pools that are home to tiny freshwater fish. Other wadi classics close to the capital include Wadi Tiwi, Wadi Bani Khalid and Wadi Al Arbeieen, as well as Wadi Bani Awf also known as Snake Canyon – which has a series of deep rocky pools that provide the ideal setting for a canyoning adventure with one of Oman's adventure tour guides.

Online Info!



To find out more about wadis to visit in the Sultanate of Oman, check out www.omantourism.gov.om

Action attractions: Ready? Set? Go!

Throughout February and March, Oman will play host to plenty world-class sporting action. Don't miss out on seeing the world's best athletes in action. Here's what's coming up...

Discover Oman

BikingMan Oman (22 – 27 February)

This month, and for the third year in a row, Oman will host another epic BikingMan Oman ultracycling adventure race. Over 1,050 kilometres and 8,700 metres of elevation await the riders over a total of five days, as the route tracks its way through the Al Hajar Mountains (including the spectacular Al Jabal Shams pass), the Sharqiyah Sands desert, and along many sections of coastal road. "Start your season by joining the most epic unsupported ultracycling race in the Middle East, experiencing spectacular scenery and pleasant temperatures!", say the organisers. Oman Air is proud to once again support the event, which will see riders from over 20 countries taking part. Good luck to all the athletes.





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Ironman Oman 70.3 (21 February)

Last year's Ironman Oman 70.3 triathlon was a grand success for athletes and spectators – and Oman itself. The good news is that this worldrenowned endurance event will again return to Muscat with a 1.9 km swim off Shatti Al Qurum beach followed by a 90 km ride through Muscat and surrounding areas and a 21.1 km running course through Qurum National Park to the finish. Good luck to all of the athletes taking part!



Oman Open (27 February – 1 March)

The European Tour will tee off with the third edition of the prestigious Oman Open at Al Mouj Golf's championship layout – where spectators can once again expect top-tier golf from some of the finest players in the world, as well as lots of offcourse family entertainment at the tournament's Public Village.







Haute Route Oman (6 - 8 March)

Haute Route is a global series of multi-day cycling events which deliver a professional-style riding tour for amateur cyclists – with all the elements that make up the culture and experience of professional road racing. Now back for its second edition, the 2020 Haute Route Oman will feature demanding but absolutely spectacular climbs in the Al Hajar mountain range, including a long climb up Al Jabal Akhdar and a very steep ascent up Al Jabal Haat, followed by a time trial to complete 252 km of riding over the three-day event.



GC32 Racing Tour (25 – 29 March)

Top level, high speed, high adrenalin catamaran competition for pro and owner-driver teams is again on the menu for the GC32 Racing Tour season. As the 2019 season ended in Muscat, the good news is that it will again begin in Oman's capital in 2020, with the first event taking place in late March in the waters just offshore of the Al Mouj Marina. The GC32 Racing Tour will then head off around the world to visit four more venues: Riva del Garda, Italy; Lagos, Portugal; Villasimius, Italy; and a to-be-announced venue for the final event in October.

Online Info!

BikingMan Oman: www.bikingman.com Ironman Oman 70.3: www.ironman.com/im703-oman Oman Open: www.golfoman.com Haute Route Oman: www.hauteroute.org

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AYANA Resort and Spa Bali

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There is no better balm for the soul than sunshine and sea



Amanpulo, Pamalican Island, Philippines

Located on Pamalican Island, 360 kilometres south of the Philippines capital Manila, the Amanpulo private island resort is a true tropical paradise, which is reached via an exclusive 70-minute flight from Manila to its very own airstrip. "There is no better balm for the soul than sunshine and sea", the team from Amanpulo says. Indeed, you can explore powdery white sand beaches and gorgeous sunsets and fill your days with aquatic adventures from kite surfing and scuba diving to snorkelling and kayaking. For accommodation, Amanpulo's traditional-style casitas offer a luxury setting with direct beach access via sandy footpaths, and they all have magnificent views of the Sulo Sea. The resort serves delicious Filipino, Mediterranean and Japanese cuisine featuring locally-caught seafood and island-grown organic vegetables and herbs. And for a wellness treatment to remember, head to The Aman Spa, which is set on a hillside above the island's treetops with farreaching views out to sea.

Elephant Hills Luxury Tented Camps, Thailand

Elephant Hills is home to Thailand's first luxury tented camps. Collectively made up of the Elephant Camp and Rainforest Camp, the complex is located in Khao Sok National Park, which is part of Southern Thailand's largest region of primary rainforest. Each camp provides luxury experiences in environments that couldn't be closer to nature. As the Elephant Hills team describes it, "The thought of lying in a comfortable bed at night, surrounded by one of the world's oldest rain forests in your own luxury tent and being lulled to sleep by the sounds of the jungle - is as tempting a Thai experience as they come". Both camps' luxury tents have wooden floors as well as wooden furniture made by local craftsmen and en-suite bathrooms with all amenities you'd expect from a high-quality hotel room. Elephant Hills also offers day tours in and around the breathtakingly beautiful rainforests of Khao Sok National Park.

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Oman Air currently flies direct to Jakarta, Bangkok, and Manila – as well as various destinations in Indonesia and Thailand via codeshares. To view the full flight schedules, visit www.omanair.com

Online Info!

AYANA Resort and Spa Bali: www.ayana.com/bali/ayana-resort-and-spa Elephant Hills: www.elephanthills.com Amanpulo: www.aman.com/resorts/amanpulo



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Yas Island: Abu Dhabi's family playground

Abu Dhabi's 25 square-kilometre Yas Island is like one great big playground, where fun-loving, thrill-seeking families can have all kinds of great times. Wings of Oman takes a look at two of its most recent additions – a climbing wall and skydiving flight chamber – as well as some of Yas Island's long-time classics.

Ascend Abu Dhabi's heights...

Anyone with a hunger for heights can harness up and embrace their inner climber at the new CLYMB Abu Dhabi indoor climbing wall – the highest of its kind in the world. Part of Yas Island's new CLYMB Abu Dhabi adventure complex, this giant 43-metre high structure has 5 vertical sections with 13 established routes of varying difficulty – suitable for everyone from complete beginners to experienced climbers – as well as the world's first multi-pitch indoor climbing route and a bouldering wall to practise your climbing moves.

Flying high...

Another addition to the CLYMB Abu Dhabi adventure complex is the skydive flight chamber, which at 10 metres wide and 32 metres high is now the world's largest skydiving flight chamber. Before your flight, CLYMB Abu Dhabi's instructors will take you through a comprehensive safety briefing and teach you techniques to maximise your "freefall" flying experience. After this, you'll enter the chamber and be elevated to record-breaking heights – skydiving style – via the powerful stream of air blasted up from the chamber's powerful fans.

Yas Island: More good times...

Besides the climbing and flying, there's a world of unique experiences on offer at Yas Island.

Warner Bros. World Abu Dhabi: Warner Bros. World Abu Dhabi features six themed sections, where your kids can meet Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman and many more of their heroes and heroines – before hopping on some of the dozens of rides around the park.

Yas Marina Circuit: Explore the home of the Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix and get an authentic feel for F1 driving as you race at over 200 km/hour with one of Yas Marina Circuit's racing academies.

Yas Waterworld: With over 40 exhilarating slides, rides and attractions, Yas Waterworld is at the heart of the island's high-energy action.

Yas Links Abu Dhabi: Golfers can tee-off at this awardwinning layout, which winds its way around Yas Island, overlooking the Arabian Gulf.

Ferrari World Abu Dhabi: Enjoy fast and furious rides and attractions for all ages at Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, including Formula Rossa, the world's fastest roller-coaster, which reaches speeds up to 240 km/hour.

Shopping: Indulge in a world-class shopping adventure to the Yas Mall – the city's largest luxury mall – as well as the ACE Yas Island garden and interiors warehouse, the much-loved IKEA furniture store and many more shops and boutiques.



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Online Info!

- Yas Island: www.yasisland.ae
- CLYMB Abu Dhabi (climbing/ skydiving): www.clymbabudhabi.com



The late Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimur

Born on 18 Shawwal 1359 AH/18 November 1940 CE, the late Qaboos bin Said was the fourteenth sultan of the ruling al-Busaid Dynasty of Oman. He was raised in Salalah, and received his primary education in Oman. Here, the National Museum looks at some relics from the life of this great leader of Oman...



Kambari boat (sewen sanbuq) Materials: Teak wood (Tectona grandis) Length: 4.15 metres (Scale 1:3) Date: 14th c AH/20th c CE (al-Busaid Dynasty) Donated by: The late Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimur

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Commemorative 1 Rial coin celebrating 250th Anniversary of al-Busaid Dynasty Issued by: Central Bank of Oman Minted by: Huguenin Medailleurs, Le Locle (Switzerland) Material: Gold Date: 1414 AH/1994 CE (Sultanate of Oman)









Commemorative coin set celebrating 45th National Day Anniversary (Silver Jubilee) Issued by: Central Bank of Oman Material: Silver Date: 1437 AH/2015 CE (Sultanate of Oman)





Visitor Info!

The National Museum is open daily from 10:00am – 5:00pm (Friday timings 2:00pm – 6:00pm). The ticket desk closes half an hour before the Museum's closing times.

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Oman Air sets exceptional standards for on-time performance

Oman Air is proud to announce that it achieved one of its best ever On-Time-Performance (OTP) rates of 90% over the past calendar year of 2019.

This metric measures the airline's flight punctuality – important criteria amongst customers, particularly frequent international air travellers, when selecting an airline to fly with. Oman Air's achievement of 90% for 2019 makes it one of the best performing airlines globally in terms of flight punctuality.

In December 2019, the year's busiest month for air travel, the airline earned an industry high of 92% OTP rating. This is a noteworthy accomplishment in one of the year's most challenging months in terms of winter weather and seasonal peak volumes with year-end rush of travellers criss-crossing the globe at busy airports.

The 90% OTD rate is Oman Air's highest since 2015, when it flew almost 25% fewer flights than it did in 2019. In the just-concluded year, Oman Air flew 69,656 flights, 34,225 of which departed from Muscat International Airport.

Abdulaziz Alraisi, Oman Air CEO commented: "We are pleased with our On-Time-Performance reaching the 90% mark. This means we are delivering our promise on punctuality. This is an important element of the customer journey. And we will ensure our overall guest experience remains at the top of industry standards. I am grateful to all my hard-working colleagues across Oman Air's global network for this marvellous achievement in flight punctuality for 2019.

"Year-on-year, we have been improving in many aspects of our flight operations. The last quarter of 2019 was our best quarter of the year for on-time departures, which once again shows that our ongoing Transformation Programme is delivering increased efficiency within the airline and better experiences for our guests".



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Oman Air debuts its first U.S. codeshare flights, to NYC & Miami

Oman Air has taken a major step forward in its growth and service, debuting its first codeshare flights connecting Oman and the USA, which streamline travel from Muscat to New York and Miami, via Milan, through its partnership with Air Italy.

Furthermore, additional U.S. destinations, which are expected to be announced in the coming months, are anticipated to be added in time for the summer season.

Abdulaziz Al Raisi, Oman Air CEO commented: "This is a noteworthy development for Oman Air and an excellent way to start another strong year for the Sultanate's airline. These flights make it considerably quicker and easier for our guests to reach these popular U.S. destinations and for people in these cities to visit Oman. We look forward to welcoming more business and leisure travellers to the Sultanate and help our guests rediscover the joys of travelling – in style to and from these international centres of trade, tourism and culture". Under the initial agreement, which was established in December, 2019, Air Italy's "IG" code was placed on Oman Air's flights between Milan Malpensa and Muscat. At the same time Oman Air put its "WY" code on Air Italy flights between Milan Malpensa and Rome Fiumicino, Naples, Cagliari (Sardinia), Palermo and Catania (Sicily) and Lamezia Terme (Calabria).

Oman Air operates ten round-trip flights each week to Milan's Malpensa Airport, with daily service to the Italian city.

Air Italy offers daily round-trip flights from Milan to New York and six flights per week from Milan to Miami, all using Airbus A330 wide-body aircraft.

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Muscat: Travel Highlights

Don't miss out on a visit to these famous landmarks in and around the Sultanate of Oman's capital city...



1. Muttrah Corniche Shop at Muttrah Souq; stroll along the Corniche to the Muscat Gate; or visit Muttrah Fish Market.



2. Muttrah Fort Muscat's 400 year-old fort with spectacular views overlooking Port Sultan Qaboos Harbour.



3. Al Alam Palace The beautiful ceremonial palace of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos.



4. Royal Opera House Muscat Oman's leading arts institute that hosts worldclass performances throughout the year.



5. Shatti Al Qurum Muscat's favourite beach for families, groups of friends and fitness addicts.



6. Marina Bandar Al Rowdha Go dolphin watching, diving, deep sea fishing, or do a traditional-style Omani dhow cruise.



7. Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque Muscat's "Jewel of Islamic architecture" and special place of worship.



8. National Museum This flagship cultural institution is a showcase of the nation's heritage.



9. Muttrah Souq The famous Muttrah Souq has dozens of tiny shopfronts and stores where you can bargain for all types of Arabian treasures.

Savvy Traveller

The Sultanate of Oman is on the eastern end of the Arabian Peninsula. It borders the United Arab Emirates in the northwest, Saudi Arabia in the west and Yemen in the southwest. It also has two exclaves – the Musandam Peninsula and Madha – which are separated by the UAE. Oman's 3,165 kilometre coastline spans the Gulf of Oman in the north and the Sea of Oman (which forms part of the Arabian Sea) in the east.

Sultanate of Oman experiences:

- A wide variety of pristine beaches and islands
- Spectacular mountains, canyons and wadis
- World-class diving, snorkelling, and other water sports
- Turtle, dolphin and whale watching
- Wildlife tours in the Sultanate's nature reserves and biodiversity spots
- Cultural sites including forts, ancient tombs and prehistoric cities
- Desert safaris and adventures
- A large variety of markets and souqs
- Museums and art galleries
- Trekking, rock climbing and caving adventures
- Horse and camel racing events
- Golf courses
- Various festivals, including the popular Muscat Festival and Salalah Tourism Festival.

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

- Ancient City of Qalhat (2018)
- Aflaj Irrigation Systems of Oman (2006)
- Land of Frankincense (2000)
- Archaeological Sites of Bat, Al-Khutm and Al-Ayn (1988)
- Bahla Fort (1987)

Sultanate of Oman: Fact Sheet

Area	: 309,500 km ²
Population	: 4,646,634 (2,052,049 expatriates) (September 2018)
Language	: Arabic (official) English (widely spoken)
Capital	: Muscat
Local Time	: GMT +4
Currency	: OMR 1 equates to US\$ 2.6

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Experience Oman Air's Award-winning Services

Welcome aboard! Oman Air is committed to providing you with a luxurious, safe, and reliable flying experience – enhanced by warm and friendly customer service, and these award-winning services.

Mobile App

With iOS and Android smartphones, guests can now organise and manage their journey on the go. Utilizing the latest innovations in mobile technology, Oman Air's new app is a user-friendly platform with easy steps, which provides guests with inclusive trip management capabilities including flights booking, check-in online, pre-select seats, monitor flight status and the chance to find out about Oman Air's latest offers. Apart from that, the app also enables guests to check their Sindbad miles balance, claim any missing miles, request for redemptions, keep track of their tier progress, see their upcoming bookings on Oman Air. check their Family account, and much more.



Book and Check-In Online

Oman Air offers an interactive online booking check-in facility for convenient, stress-free airport check-ins. The check-in facility is available for departures from Muscat International Airport, as well as a selection of airports on the worldwide Oman Air network. Online check-in is available between 24 hours and 90 minutes before your departure time.





Exclusive First Class and Business Class Check-In

With its own entrance and sumptuous lounge area, dedicated staff, and fast-track security clearance and baggage drop, the First Class and **Business Class Check-**In service provides an ideal introduction to Oman Air's extremely high standards of service. These facilities set the tone of refined elegance and luxury which stays with the traveller throughout their journey.



In-flight Connectivity

Whichever cabin you are travelling in, you can send SMS or make calls to your friends, family or colleagues with our OnAir mobile services. Log-on and check emails, surf the web and update your social media with Oman Air's WY-Fi internet services. And our great-value, flexible pricing means that you can choose the level of connectivity you want whenever you fly on our Airbus A330 or Boeing 787 fully connected flights.

Oman Air Premium Lounge

Spread over two stories, the Oman Air Premium Lounge offers guests a journey in luxury and convenience. There's a wide array of dining options on offer, as well as an entertainment area, bar, smoking room, business centre, kid's room, nap area, shower facilities, baby changing facilities, wellness area, and prayer rooms. The interiors of the lounge have been influenced by the unique natural beauty of Oman, while Arabic "Mashrabiya" design elements provide privacy in communal areas, and add to the fluidity of the spacing. All First Class and Business Class international guests travelling with Oman Air to Muscat International Airport are also invited to enjoy Oman Air's spectacular Arrival Lounge.







In-flight Entertainment

Sit back and enjoy your journey in comfort, with a great range of the latest Arabic and international movies, up-to-theminute TV shows, including satellite TV news, as well as music and games – all at your fingertips, and all on demand.



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Joker

Movies

Judy Midway Jojo Rabbit Charlie's Angels

TV Shows

Western Stars Swamp Thing Mo Salah: The Egyptian King The World's Most Extraordinary Homes

Audio

Maria Callas Chuck Berry Arctic Monkeys Stray Cats

On Board This Month

Welcome to the world of In-flight Entertainment on Oman Air

Sit back, relax and travel in comfort with a specially curated selection of Western, Arabic and International movies, television and music – all to be enjoyed at your fingertips.

New This Month



Joker

The exploration of Arthur Fleck, a man disregarded by society, is not only a gritty character study, but also a broader cautionary tale.



Judy Legendary performer Judy Garland arrives in swinging London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts at The Talk of The Town.



Paradise Hills

When Uma wakes one morning in a high-class boarding school on an isolated island, she soon realises lurking behind this beauty is a sinister secret.



Midway

US and Imperial Japanese naval forces clash during a furious four-day battle that marks a pivotal turning point in the war.



Playing with Fire

When fire superintendent Jake Carson comes to the rescue of three siblings, he soon realises that no training could have prepared him for babysitting.



Charlie's Angels

Charles Townsend's security agency has expanded internationally, with the world's most highly trained women taking on the toughest jobs.



Jojo Rabbit

A lonely German boy has his world view turned upside-down, when he discovers his mother is hiding a young Jewish girl in their attic.

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Movies - Hollywood



The Goldfinch

Downton Abbey



Palm Beach

(The Collini Case)

Family 420 Once

Again

See the on-screen guide for the full entertainment line-up

Gemini Man

Latest Releases

> The Goldfinch

- > Maleficent: Mistress of Evil
- > Mrs. Lowry & Son
- > Downton Abbey
- > Gemini Man
- > Palm Beach
- > The Peanut Butter Falcon
- > Ad Astra
- > Angel Has Fallen
- > Blinded by the Light > Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw
- > Luce
- > Ready or Not
- > The 4th
- > The Kitchen
- > The Art of Racing in the Rain
- > The Lion King (2019)
- > Booksmart
- > Breaking & Exiting
- > Deadpool 2
- > Finding Steve McQueen
- > Godzilla: King of the Monsters
- > Stuber
- > The Silence

African Cinema

Bollywood New

> Bharat (India)

> Total Dhamaal

> Bajirao Mastani

Ram-Leela)

> Padmaavat

Chinese > The Climbers

French

German

Gujarati

> Au nom de la terre

> Der Fall Collini

(The Collini Case)

> Manda Na Meet Hare

Bandhi Me Preet

Bollywood Classic

> Goliyon Ki Rasleela-Ram

Leela (A Play of Bullets:

> Kabir Singh

> Chief Daddy

> Toy Story 4

- > Aladdin (2019)
- > John Wick:
- Chapter 3 Parabellum > Pokémon: Detective Pikachu
- > Rampage
- > Ready Player One
- > Tomb Raider (2018)
- > Tully
- > Hotel Artemis
- > Life of the Party
- > Book Club
- > A Ghost Story
- > Annabelle Comes Home
- > Escape Plan: The Extractors

All Time Favourites

- > Goodfellas
- > Analyze This > Raging Bull
- > Meet the Parents
- > A Star is Born (1976) > Analyze That
- > Bad Times at the El Royale
- Crazy Rich Asians

> Il giorno più bello del mondo

(The Most Beautiful

Day in the World)

- > Dunkirk
- > Enough Said
- > Entourage

Indonesian

> Partikelir

Italian

Kannada

> Yaanaa

Korean

Malay

> Polis Evo 2

Malayalam

> June (2019)

Marathi

> Sathyam Paranja

> Bhai - Vyakti Ki Valli

(Brother - The Person's Ring)

Viswasikkuvo

(Travelling)

> The King's Letters

> Life Itself > Meet Me in St. Louis > Mile 22

> I. Robot

- > Night School
- > Sherlock Holmes: A Game Of Shadows
- > Tag
- > The Children Act
- > The Intern
- > The Predator
- > The Wife
- > Unknown
- > Unstoppable
- > Kidnap
- > Friend Request
- **>** IT
 - > The Conjuring
 - > The Conjuring 2
 - > What Happened to Monday
 - >45 Years
 - > Shoplifters
 - > Before Midnight
 - > Big Daddy
 - > Clash of the Titans
 - > Due Date
 - > Eat Pray Love

Puniabi

> Family 420 Once Again

Sinhala

> Eka Ranaka Kurullo (A Flock of Birds)

Tagalog

> How She Left Me

Tamil

- > Natpe Thunai
- (Friendship is Guide) > Vennila Kabaddi Kuzhu 2
- (White Moon Kabaddi Team 2)

Teluqu

> Ranarangam (Battlefield)

Thai

> London Sweeties

Turkish

- > Chronology
- Urdu Cinema > Roundabout

Der Fall Collini

Movies - International

Bharat (India)

The Climbers

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TV Western



Western Stars



Swamp Thing

TV International



Mo Salah: The Egyptian King

Comedu

- > Brooklyn Nine-Nine
- > Fuller House
- > Splitting Up Together
- > The Big Bang Theory
- > Murphy Brown
- > The Middle
- > Who's the Boss
- > Young Sheldon

Documentary

- > Western Stars
- > Apollo 11
- > Seven Worlds, One Planet
- > The Wonderful World
- of Baby Animals
- > Dynasties
- > Return to Downton Abbey
- > Pandas

Drama

- > Swamp Thing
- > Big Little Lies
- > Castle Rock
- > Chernobyl
- > Killing Eve
- > The Originals
- > Supernatural > Whiskey Cavalier

Food Network

- > Chopped
- > Cake Boss
- > Cake Wars Specials
- > Guy's Grocery Games

Mind, Body, Soul

- > The New Science of Food
- > CNBC Reports
- > Detox!
- > Yogawoman
- > The Big Crash Diet Experiment
- > Heal
- > Why Do I Put on Weight?

Sports

- > Mo Salah: The Egyptian King
- > My Sporting Moment
- > Audi Sports R8 LMS Cup
- > Goodwood Revival 2019
- > Kalymnos Climbing Festival
- > The Outdoor Sports Show

Travel & Lifestyle

- > The World's Most Extraordinary Homes
- > Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown
- > The Beautiful People
- > Tiny Paradise
- > Travel Man 48 Hours in...



2019 Hito Music Awards



See the on-screen guide for the full entertainment line-up

Garagengold



Mid Wicket Tales With Nasseruddin Shah



Salted and Fermented

Chinese

- > 2019 Hito Music Awards
- > Future World Heritage
- > Golden Melody Awards
- > Hi! Let's Go (Season 3)
- > One Day Series
- > Queen
- > Super Followers

German

- > The Migrant Sooty Falcons in Oman
- > Backstage Wiener Staatsoper
- > Garagengold

Hindi

- > Umeed India
- > Raja Rasoi Aur Andaaz Anokha (Season 2)
- > Mid Wicket Tales With Nasseruddin Shah
- > Khatra Khatra Khatra (Season 1) > Komal Nahta Aur Ek Kahani
- > The Metro Park

Korean

- > Salted and Fermented
- > Back to the Books
- > Inkigayo
- > Antarctic Diary
- > Ginseng
- > Infinite Challenge
- > Inkigayo (The Music Trend)
- > Law of the Jungle

> Seventeen's One

> Weekly Idol

> Vespa Girl

> Sandy Mandy

> Ready Steady Go

> Ghar Jamai

Urdu

Fine Day in Japan > UP! Pretty

> Do Biwiyan Ek Bechara

- > Master in the House
- > New Journey to the West (Season 5) > The Road to the Mountains

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Audio Western



Clairo Immunity



Will Young Lexicon



Arctic Monkeys Tranquility Base Hotel & Casino



Deaf Havana All These Countless Nights

Alison Balsom **Royal Fireworks**

Olivier Latry Bach to the future

Francisco Fullana Through the Lens of Time

Ben Böhmer Breathing

Plaid Polvmer

Ken Peplowski and Diego Figueiredo Amizade

Warren Vaché Songs Our Fathers Taught Us

Lisa Hilton Oasis

Chuck Berry Chuck Penquin Café

Handfuls of Night Clairo

Immunity Shura

Forevher **Arctic Monkeys**

Tranquility Base Hotel & Casino

Ladytron Ladytron

Will Young Lexicon

White Denim Performance

Libella The Apostle of Beauty

Deaf Havana All These Countless Niahts

Strau Cats 40

Desert Sessions Vols. 11 & 12

Spoon Everything Hits at Once: The Best of Spoon

Mark Lanegan Band Somebody's Knocking

Editors

Black Gold: Best of Editors

Albert Hammond, Jr. Francis Trouble

Mudhoneu Morning in America

Jarreau Vandal Anthology Mixtape

Harriett Harriett

Quantic Atlantic Oscillations

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Audio International



Alain Chamfort Le Meilleur D'Alain Chamfort (Versions Revisitées)

BOL4 **RED PLANET** (Japan Edition)



Various Artists Sye Raa Narasimha

Reddy Alessandro Cortini VOLUME MASSIMO

Alessandra Belloni Tarantelle e Canti d'Amore

David August D'Angelo

Pony Pony Run Run Voyage Voyage

Alain Chamfort Le Meilleur D'Alain Chamfort (Versions Revisitées)

Delgrès Mo Jodi

Benoby Mein fünftes Element Wirtz Die fünfte Dimension

Amigos Babylon Anita Mui In the Memories of Anita Mui (CD 1)

Andy Lau Always Andy

Tang Siu Hau No Coincidence

BOL4 RED PLANET (Japan Edition)

Inori Minase Catch the Rainbow!

Yuuka Ueno Sukina Hitowa Anatadatta

Tae Hee Jo Good Night

Eric Nam Before We Begin

NU'EST The Table

BVNDIT **BFI**

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Badio Western & International



Maestro



'80s/'90s Rewind



The Beat



Chill Out

Rock

Classic Hits



K-Pop



Golden Oldies

Bolluwood Hits



Top Hitz



Chennai Parade



Chinese Pop