



Sultanate of Oman Accommodation

During our 10 day private guided tour through the Sultanate of Oman in March 2016 we have tested the following accommodation providers. Please contact us for more information and the best prices.

Muscat



Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah -Al Husn_ ★★★★★ (out of 5)

The three-in-one resort is located on a beautiful beach 15 minutes from the Sultanate's capital of Muscat. Shangri-La Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa is home to three different hotels - Al Waha (The Oasis), Al Bandar (The Town), and Al Husn (The Castle). We can recommend the exclusive **Al Husn** for a relaxed and luxurious stay. Beautifully decorated rooms and suites reflect the enchanting Arabian spirit of Oman. The breakfast buffet and also the food and ambience in our favourite "Dinner" restaurant **Shahrazad** (Moroccan cuisine/live entertainment) were fantastic. We

loved the complimentary mini-bar, afternoon tea and pre-dinner cocktails and canapés service.

Our Verdict: We definitely would recommend **AL HUSN Hotel** rather than the other more family orientated hotels of the resort. A room/suite facing the pool would be our choice again. **Price**

indicator: 320-1100 USD/night/room incl. breakfast - depending on room and season

Location: 10 **room:** 9 **sleep quality:** 9 **food:** 10 **service:** 9 **cleanliness:** 9 **value:** 9 **Total:** 9.3

scale of one to ten: 1 poor <-----> 10 perfect



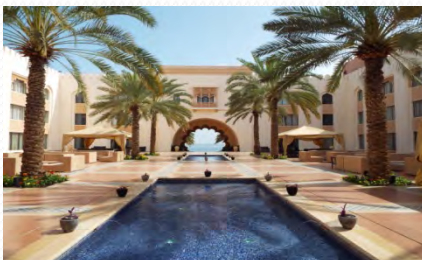
Deluxe room



Pool Al Husn Hotel (view from balcony)



Turtle beach sanctuary project



Court yard



Shahrazad restaurant



Camel ride on the beach



Muscat



Grand Hyatt



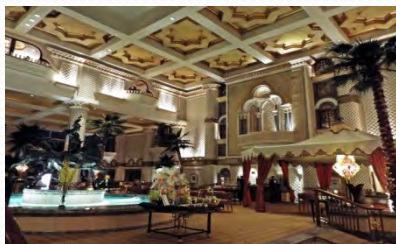
We stayed the last two days of our Oman visit in this interesting hotel. The ambience of the Grand Hyatt is charming in its own way (Disneyland with an Arabian influence). The hotel is situated on a nice beach and in a very quiet and very attractive area of the city of Muscat. Garden and pool area were too busy for us. The rooms (we stayed at a Club King room with free access to the Private Club Lounge) are good in size, very comfortable and very well equipped. Service excellent as it should be in a 5-star hotel. Free WiFi.

Our Verdict: We recommend the Club King rooms because of the free access to the Private Club Lounge with complimentary breakfast and evening cocktails/hors d'oeuvre. It's worth the extra cost for the room as prices for breakfast and meals at the restaurant are a bit overpriced.

Price indicator: 280 – 350 USD/night/room incl. breakfast - depending on room and season

Location: 9 room: 9 sleep quality: 9 food: 8 service: 9 cleanliness: 10 value: 8 Total: 8.9

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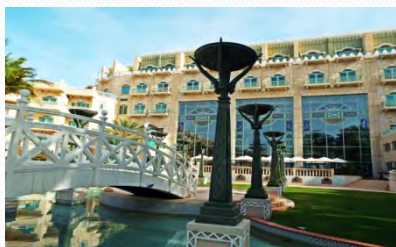
Lobby Grand Hyatt, Muscat



Club King room



View from balcony



Garden/Pool



Club Lounge Terrace



Beach in front of the hotel

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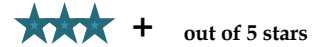
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Nizwa



Golden Tulip



Nizwa is one of the must visit places in Oman. The oasis city of Nizwa was the capital of Oman in the 6th and 7th centuries. Today it remains one of the most popular tourist attractions with its historical buildings and imposing fort. There is not much high quality accommodation in Nizwa. So the Golden Tulip Hotel is probably the best choice. We stayed two days there and it was always well booked with tour groups. The hotel has a nice ambience. Rooms (we had a garden view room) are good in size. Food and service was okay.

Our Verdict: The pool area is used for the evening buffet and often packed with tour groups. Sleeping was not possible before 10pm. We would recommend a room as far as possible away from the pool area. Breakfast buffet is ok, but not great. Did not like the self service for coffee and tea.

Price indicator: 80 – 390 USD/night/room incl. breakfast - depending on room and season

Location: 6 room: 8 sleep quality: 6 food: 7 service: 8 cleanliness: 9 value: 7 Total: 7.3

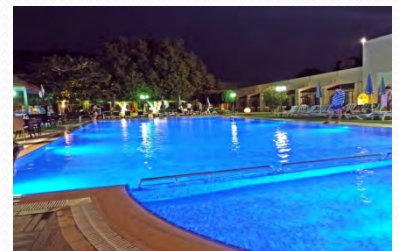
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Dinner Buffet at the pool



Lobby



Pool



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Spices at Nizwa Souk



Nizwa

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Jabal Akhdar



eco rating

Alila Jabal Akhdar



out of 5 stars

We loved this stylish resort which is fashioned from local stones and wood. The eco-friendly resort blends seamlessly into the landscape. With suites set over two floors, the resort presides over the outdoor pool with striking views of the gorge and the Hajar mountain range. The rooms/suites are very spacious, nicely furnished and fit all the expectation of the most discerning travellers. Breakfast buffet and a la carte menu offer a wide range of food. Due to the location high up in the mountains the temperature is always significantly lower than in the rest of Oman.

Our Verdict: A stunning property in a fantastic location. We loved the commitment of the hotel to a sustainable future and how it is designed in harmony with the environment, preserving the extraordinary natural beauty of the region. We recommend a room in the first floor with a balcony facing the canyon. Bathrooms are stunning. Prices are high but after all worth it.

Price indicator: 300 – 2000 USD/night/room incl. breakfast - depending on room and season

Location: 10 **room:** 10 **sleep quality:** 10 **food:** 9 **service:** 9 **cleanliness:** 9 **value:** 8 **Total:** 9.3
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Mountain View room



Bathroom



location



Lunch on the terrace



Canyon



Lobby

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Wahiba Desert



eco rating

Desert Nights Camp



out of 5 stars

Well, this was our first overnight stay in a desert camp - overall a nice experience. Our guide told us that this is the camp with the highest standards in the Wahiba Desert. The camp is 2 hours south of Muscat and only 11 km off the road of Al Wasil town. The setting is nice in a valley between the high sand dunes. The "tents" look nice, are clean, well decorated and have good working AC. Each of the tents has its own terrace and mini bar and ensuite bathroom. Buffet style breakfast and dinner is included in the room rate.

Our Verdict: The "tents" are built with solid walls and a double tented roof. They are comfortable and well equipped. Only problem in our tent was the plumbing. Food was buffet style, tasty and offered a lot of choices. Staff very friendly. Free transport to watch the sunset. Prices are high - but this is a very special location.

Price indicator: 350 – 720 USD/night/room incl. meals - depending on room and season

Location: 10 room: 7 sleep quality: 8 food: 8 service: 9 cleanliness: 9 value: 7 Total: 8.3

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Bedroom



Entrance to "tent"



Sand dunes



Entertainment in the evening



J&M desert walk



Restaurant

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