

South Al Sharqiyah Governorate

Enchanting Maritime Heritage and Lively Quarters



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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!



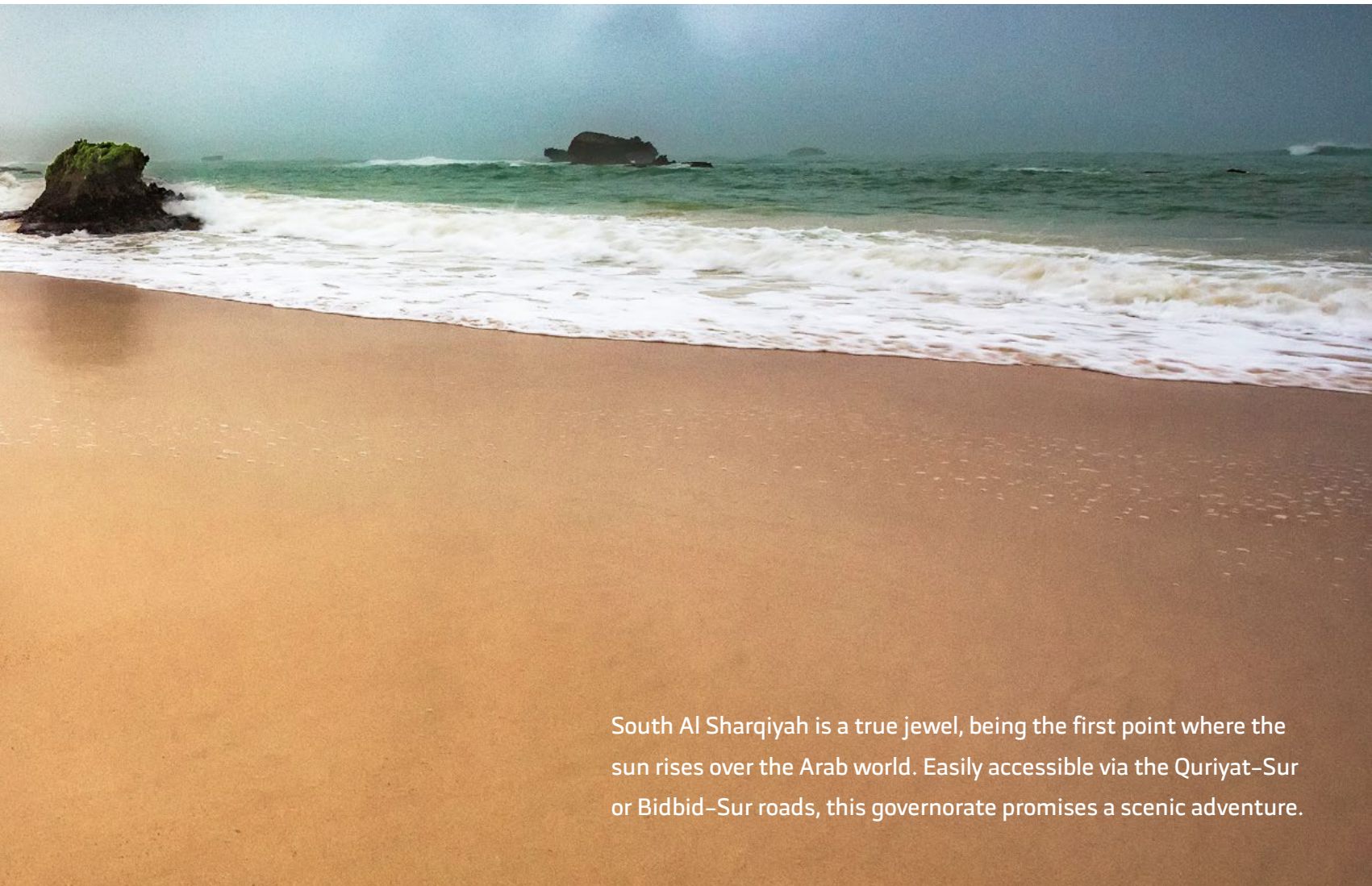
Welcome to Ash
Sharqiyah South
Governorate



Dive into the turquoise waters, stroll through golden dunes, and marvel at the vibrant mountains of South Al Sharqiyah, a governorate with unparalleled tourist attractions. Enjoy coastal adventures, relax on sandy beaches, and explore hidden coves.

Learn about the maritime history of Sur and wander the ancient streets of Al Kamil Wal Wafi. Discover serene shorelines in Jaalan Bani Bu Ali, unravel the mysteries of mountains and caves in Jaalan Bani Bu Hassan, and experience the unique charm of Masirah Island with its pristine beaches.





South Al Sharqiyah is a true jewel, being the first point where the sun rises over the Arab world. Easily accessible via the Quriyat-Sur or Bidbid-Sur roads, this governorate promises a scenic adventure.

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A woman in traditional Sur attire, including a silver headscarf and a red and black striped dress, stands next to an ornate wooden door. The door features brass knobs and a large, intricate metal handle. The woman's hand, adorned with henna, rests on the door frame. The background is dark, highlighting the woman and the door.

Wilayat Sur

Harmony between Man and Sea

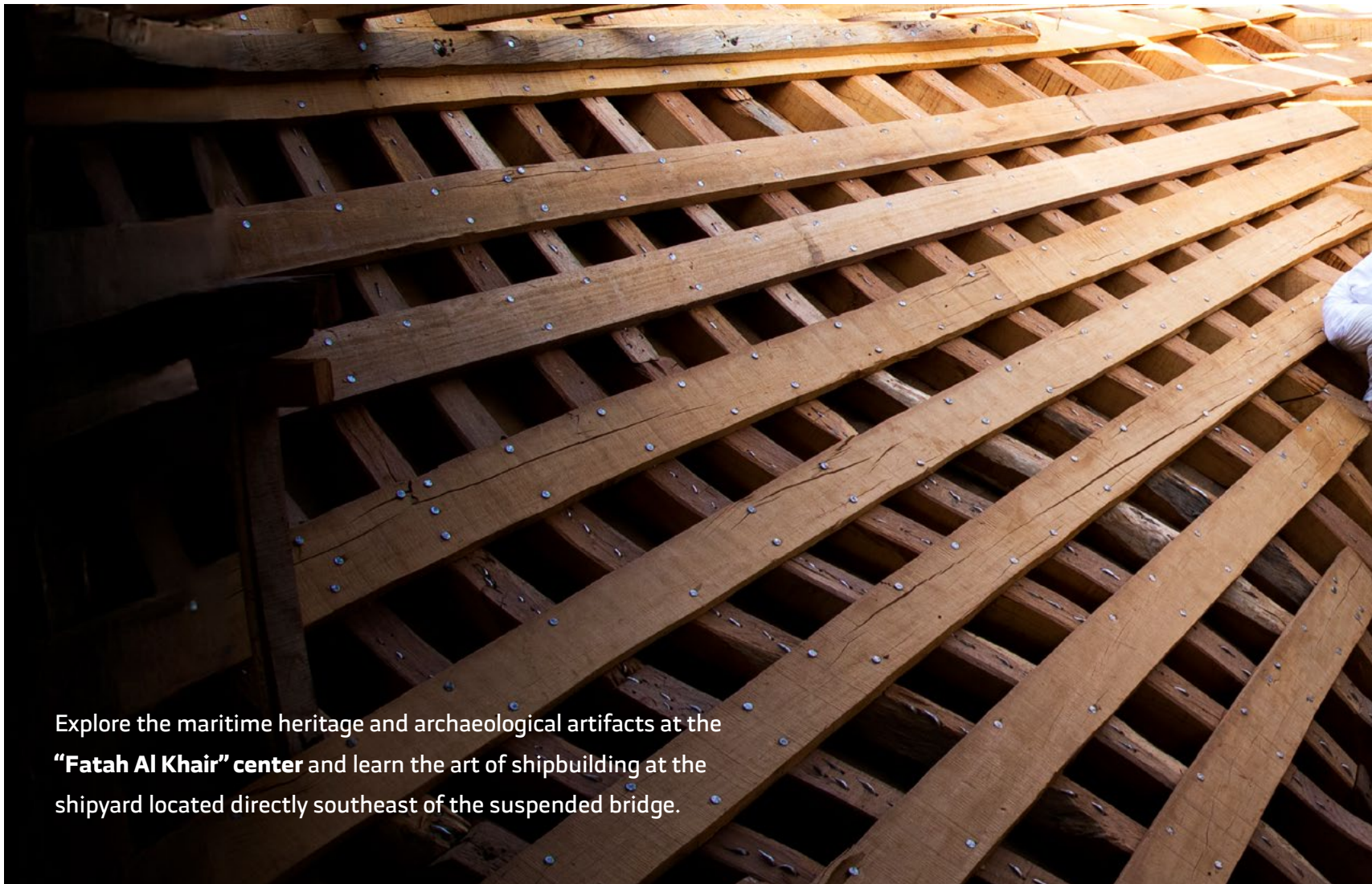


Enjoy the Stunning
Attractions in the
Wilayat of Sur



Wilayat Sur, the regional center of Al Sharqiya South Governorate, offers an incredible fusion of history, culture, and natural beauty. Known for its strategic position along the coast, Sur represents the harmony between humanity and the sea, with its long-standing connection to maritime trade and traditional boat building.

Sur is rich in numerous tourist attractions, including the **Fort of Bilad Sur**, and the **Al-Sunayslah Fort**, which overlooks the Sur Municipality building and **My City Center Sur**. The fort's ramparts provide a stunning view of the sea from the north, offering a remarkable first impression of the city.



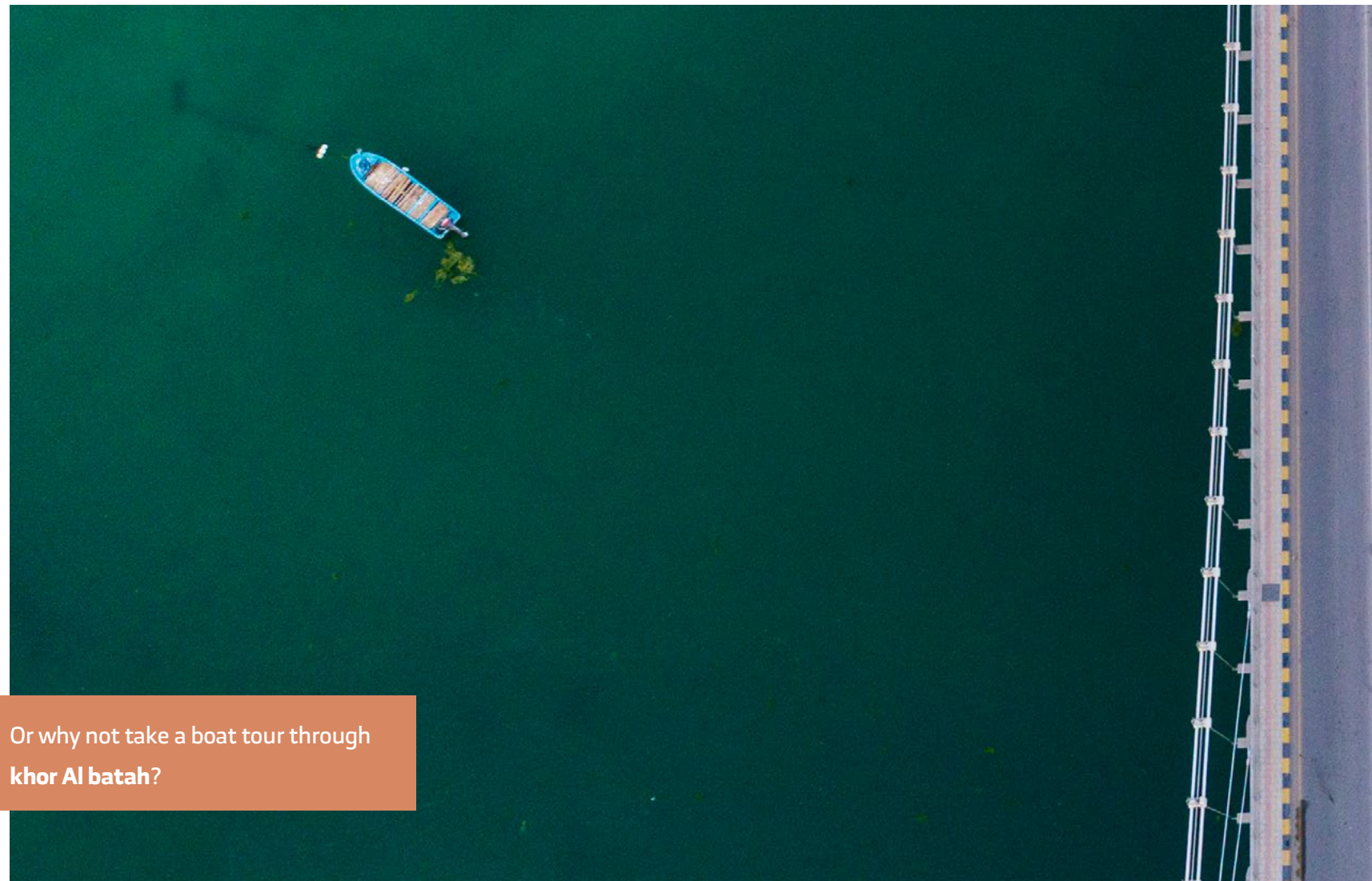
Explore the maritime heritage and archaeological artifacts at the **“Fatah Al Khair” center** and learn the art of shipbuilding at the shipyard located directly southeast of the suspended bridge.



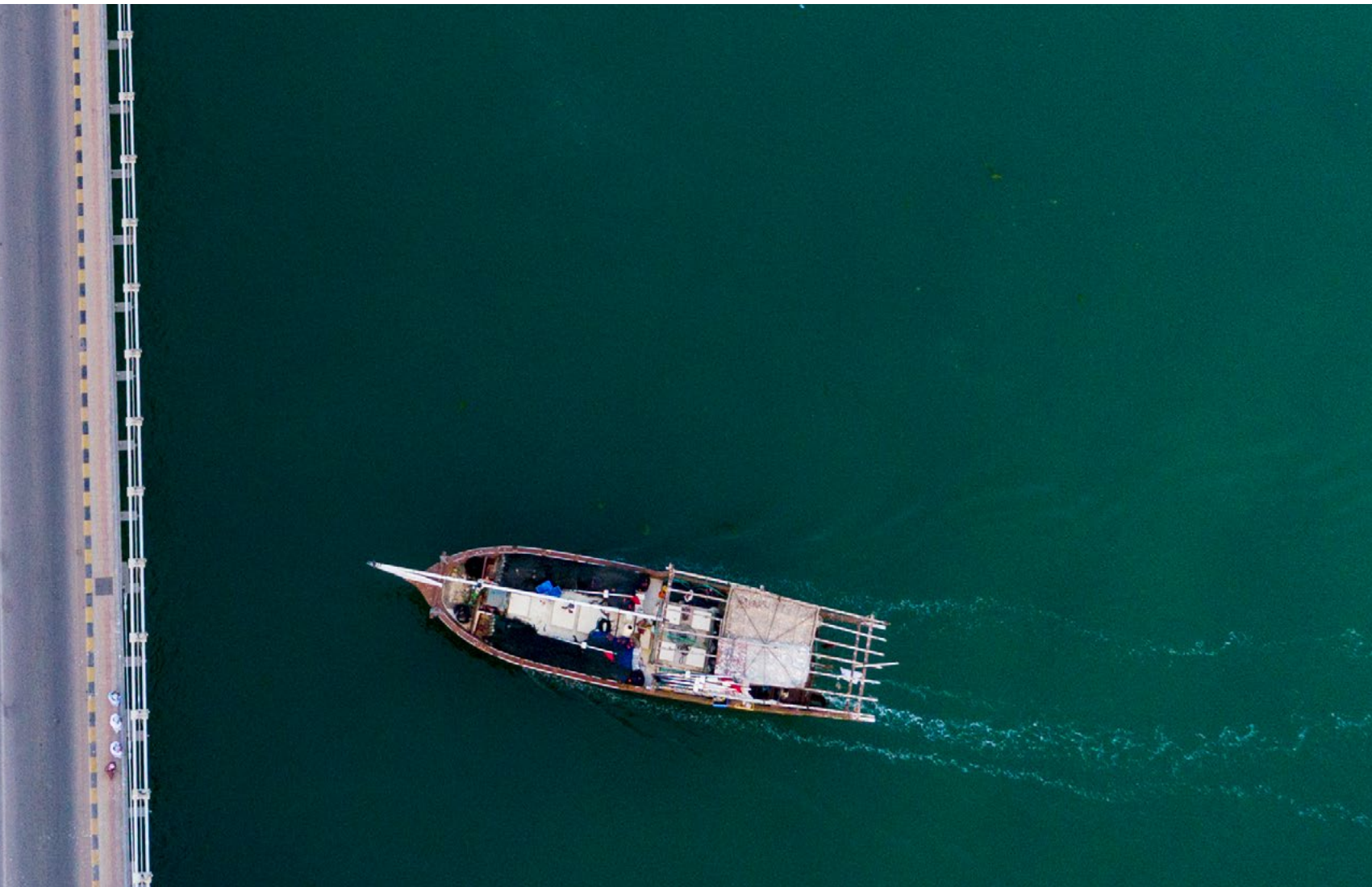
Visit the **Al Ayjah Fort**, situated less than 400 meters northeast of the suspended bridge that spans the khor Al batah as well as the Maraziq Tower on Jabal Al Maraziq, which overlooks the **Al Masfiyah neighborhood**.







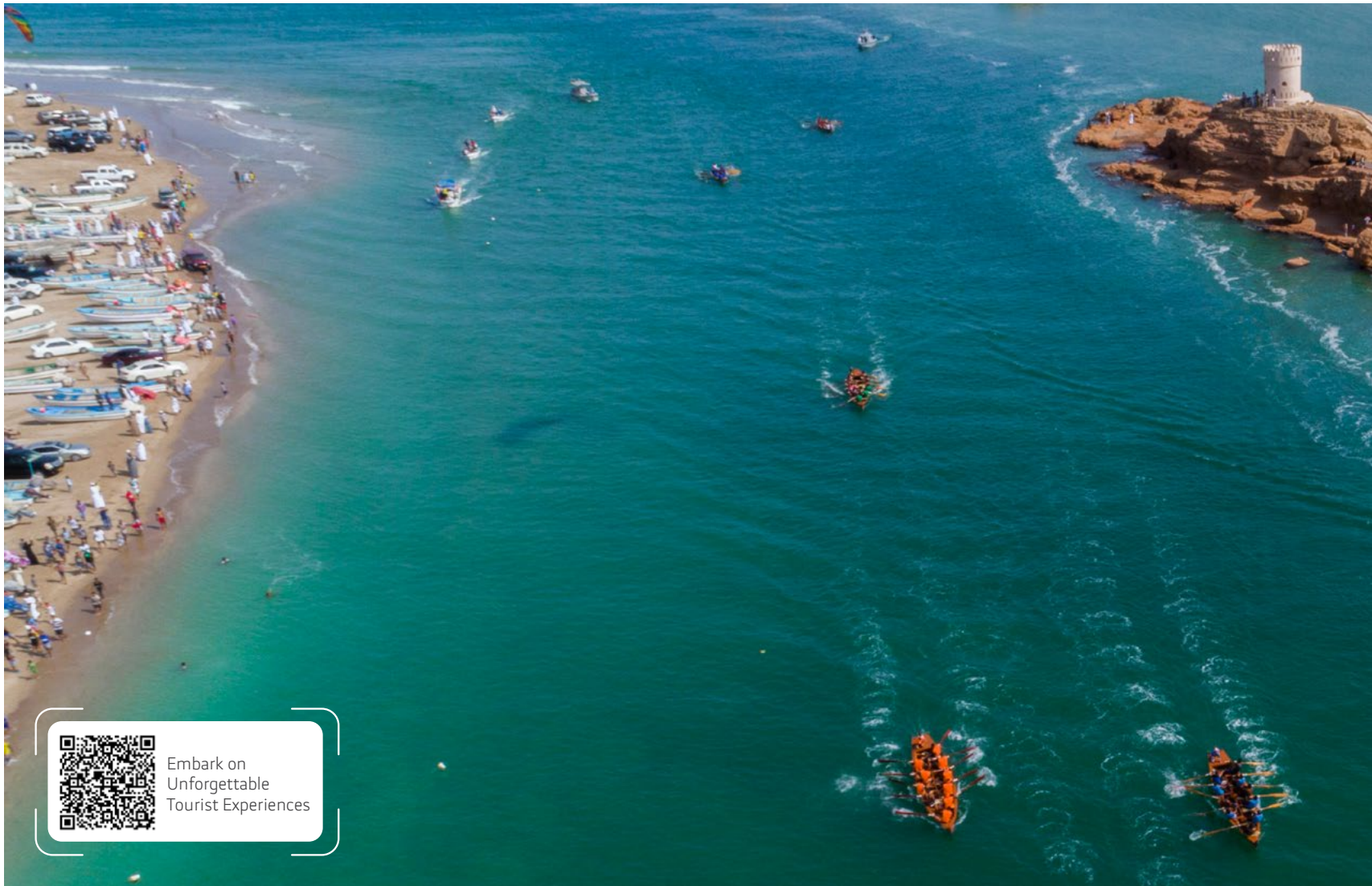
Or why not take a boat tour through
khor Al batah?



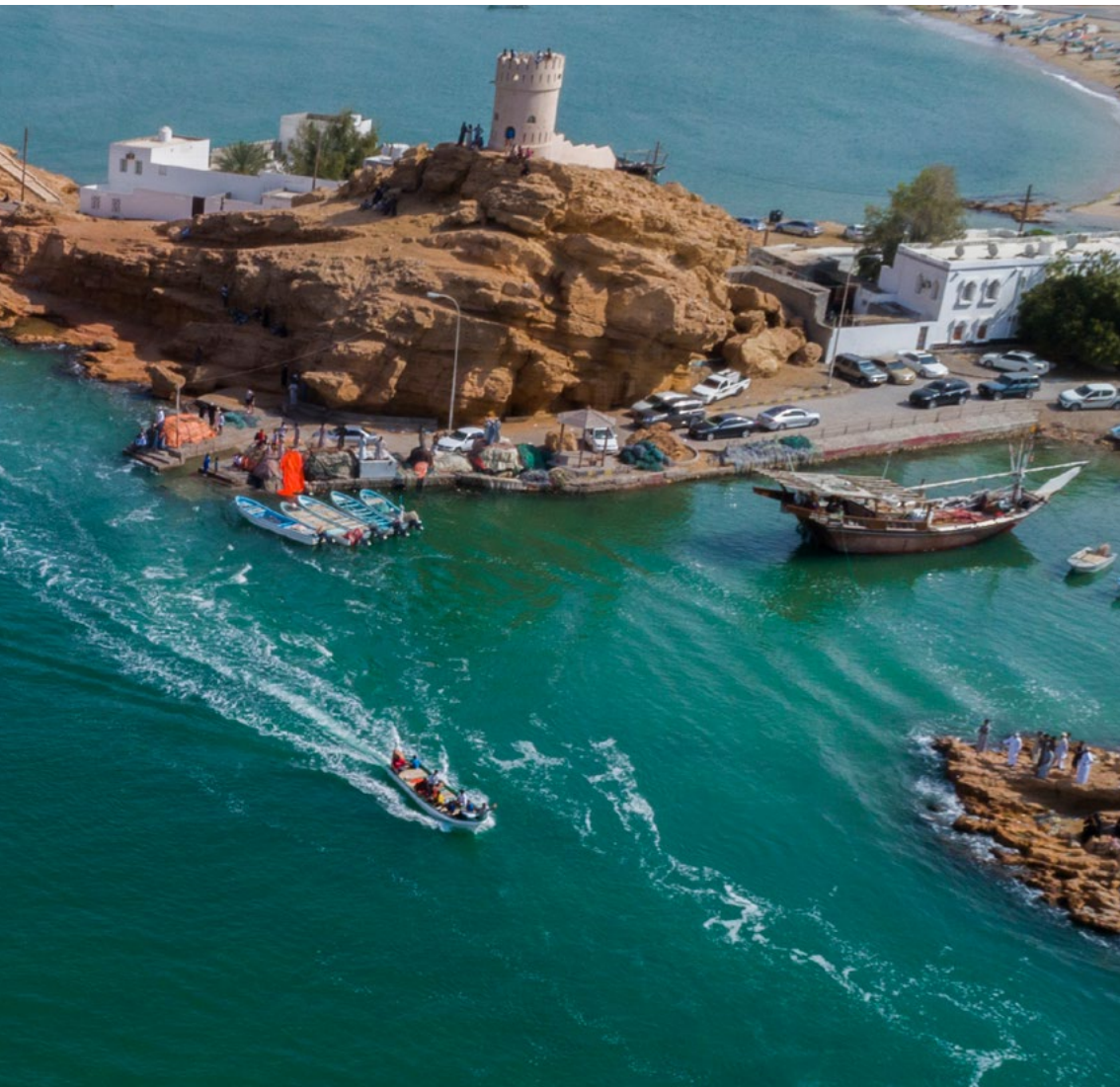
Discover **Ras Al Hadd Fort** on the eastern side of khor Al Hajar, perched on a low platform above the high tidal waves in **Ras Al Hadd**, which is considered the first point in the Arab world to witness the sunrise.





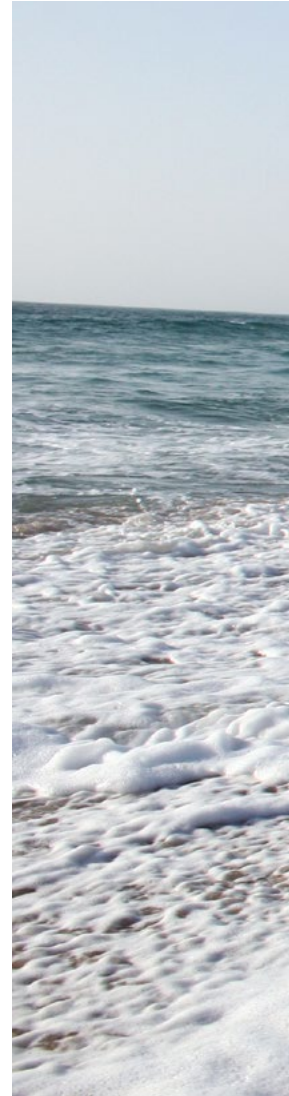


Embark on
Unforgettable
Tourist Experiences



The area is also the starting point for many marine excursions with tours departing from **khor Grama (Yrama)**.

Head to **Ras Al Jinz** to visit the main turtle reserve and witness baby turtles making their way from the sand to the sea at night.









Explore the **ruins of the village of Tiwi**, where you will find the best-preserved tower tombs in the Sultanate of Oman, dating back to between 2000 and 3500 BC. Swim in **Wadi Tiwi**, which overlooks the Sea of Oman and is characterized by its flowing streams. Many small villages dot the cliffs of this valley.



Diverse
Touristic
Richness

Don't miss the magnificent **village of Meebam**. Due to the rough terrain, it is accessible by four-wheel drive vehicles coming from Tiwi village. Meebam village is cool in winter and is known for its pleasant atmosphere in summer, particularly at the popular **Wadi Meebam**.



An Amazing
Joyful
Experience
Awaits





Welcome to
the Perfect
Destination



Surrounded by towering mountains, the **village of Halam** offers a stunning setting where agricultural terraces and wild trees stretch across the slopes, creating a picturesque landscape. The village's charm is further enhanced by its old houses and traditional neighborhoods, which line the banks of the valley, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the area.

The **village of Al Jeelah** serves as a starting point for a fantastic car journey extending nearly 45 kilometers. It is characterized by a pleasant climate in summer and cold temperatures in winter.

Visit **Wadi Al Shab**, one of the most stunning and beautiful valleys in Oman, where you can embark on an exciting hiking journey through the valley trails.

The ancient **city of Qalhat** has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List due to its stone houses built close to each other, protected by a wall that extends one kilometer, curving towards the sea on its western side. The shrine of **Bibi Maryam**, constructed from coral and limestone and coated with plaster, is adorned with blue glazed tiles and stands as a symbol of beauty and reverence.







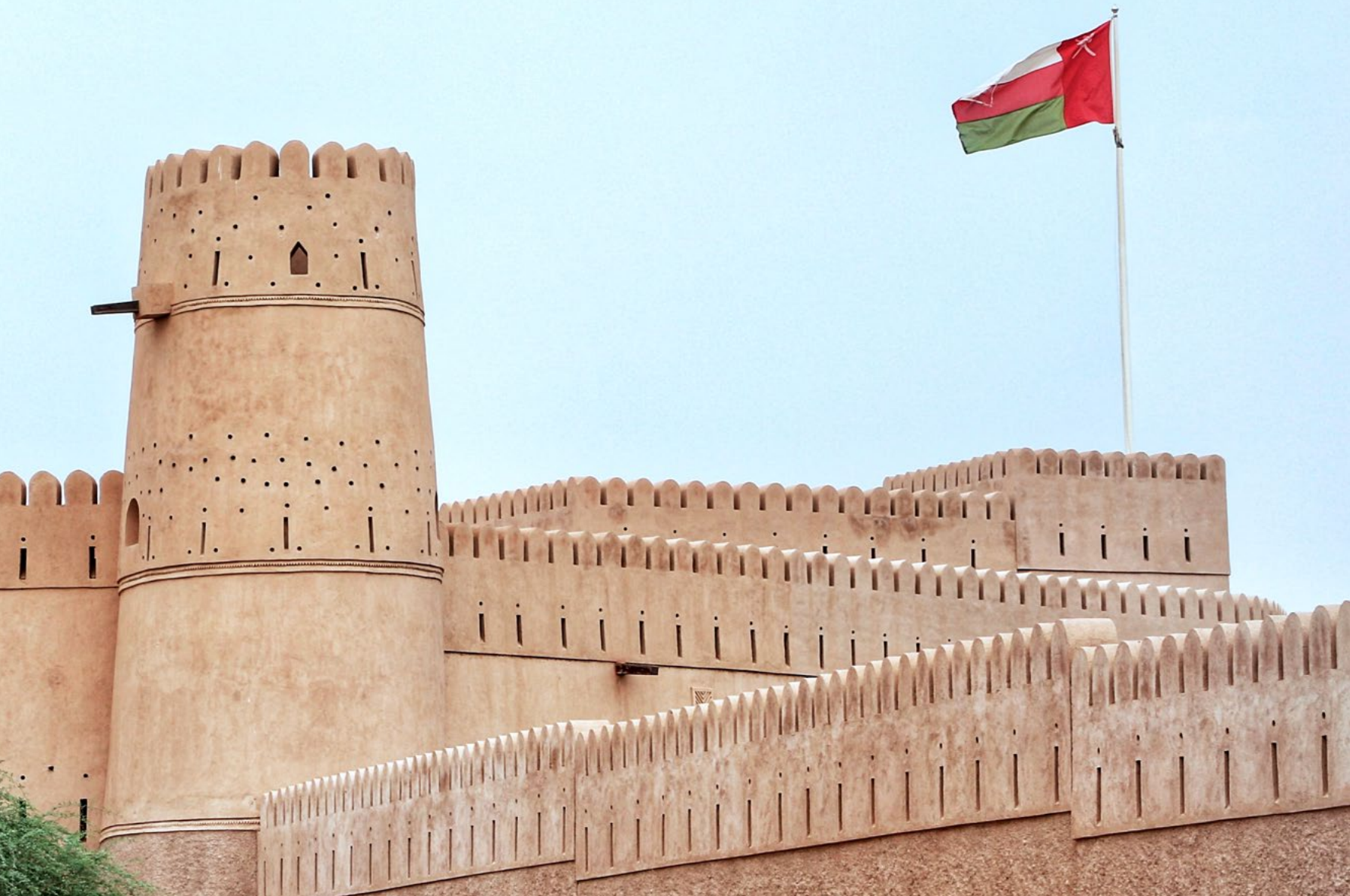
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Ja'alan Bani Bu Hassan

Villages with Stories to Tell





Ja'alan Bani Bu Hassan is home to a captivating blend of historical landmarks, timeless villages, ancient mosques, towering mountains, and mysterious caves. Forts, castles, and watchtowers dot the landscape, each with tales from the past.

Begin your journey at the **Ja'alan Bani Bu Hassan Fort**, located just under 1,200 meters southwest of the twin minarets of the stunning Al-Farouq Mosque, which stands proudly along the main road with a majestic backdrop of desert and date palms.





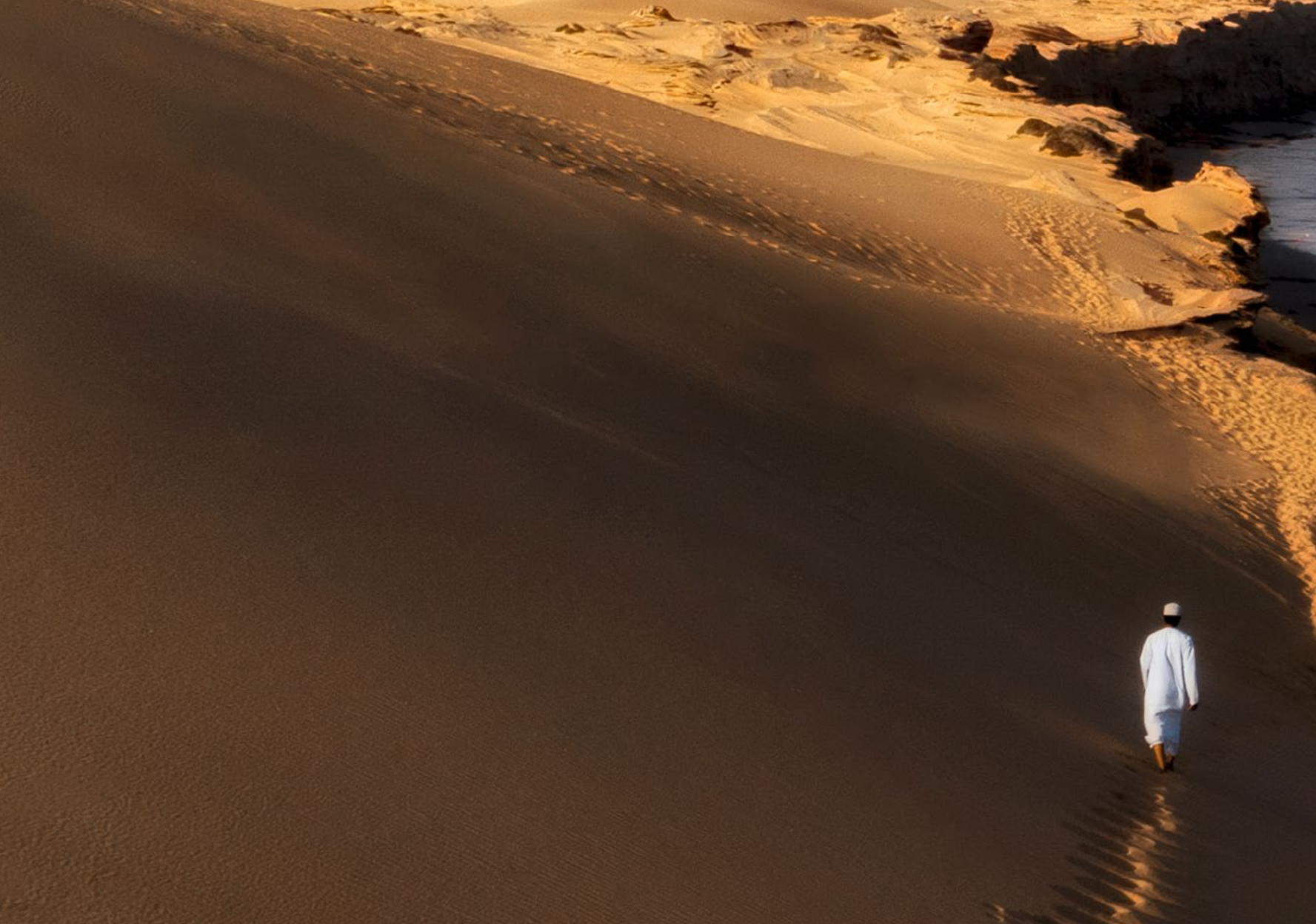




Immerse yourself in the calm of **Juwayra**, a coastal village overlooking the Arabian Sea.

In the **village of Falaj Al-Mashaykh**, you'll find clusters of ghaf trees and palm groves nestled amid golden sands, forming an oasis of life in the desert. **Al Ghina Oasis** is a serene camping destination and a popular destination to bask in the magic of its desert ambiance and stargaze under its wide, open skies.

For adventure-seekers, **Mount Qahwan** offers mountain sports and the chance to explore hidden caves brimming with secrets.

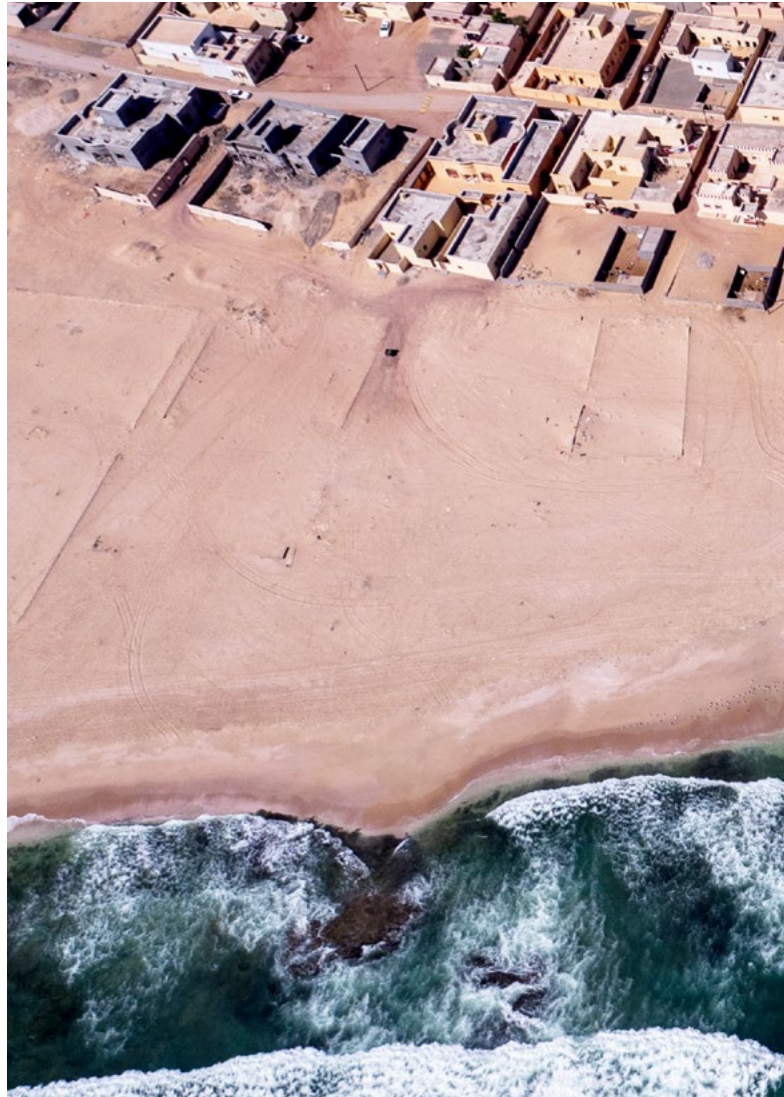


Ja'alan Bani Bu Ali

Coastal Charm and Mild Climate



Ja'alan Bani Bu Ali captivates visitors with its stunning mix of pristine coasts, expansive deserts, and lush valleys interspersed with refreshing springs. The area's beaches, located along the Arabian Sea, are not only scenic but also vital for the region's thriving fish export industry,





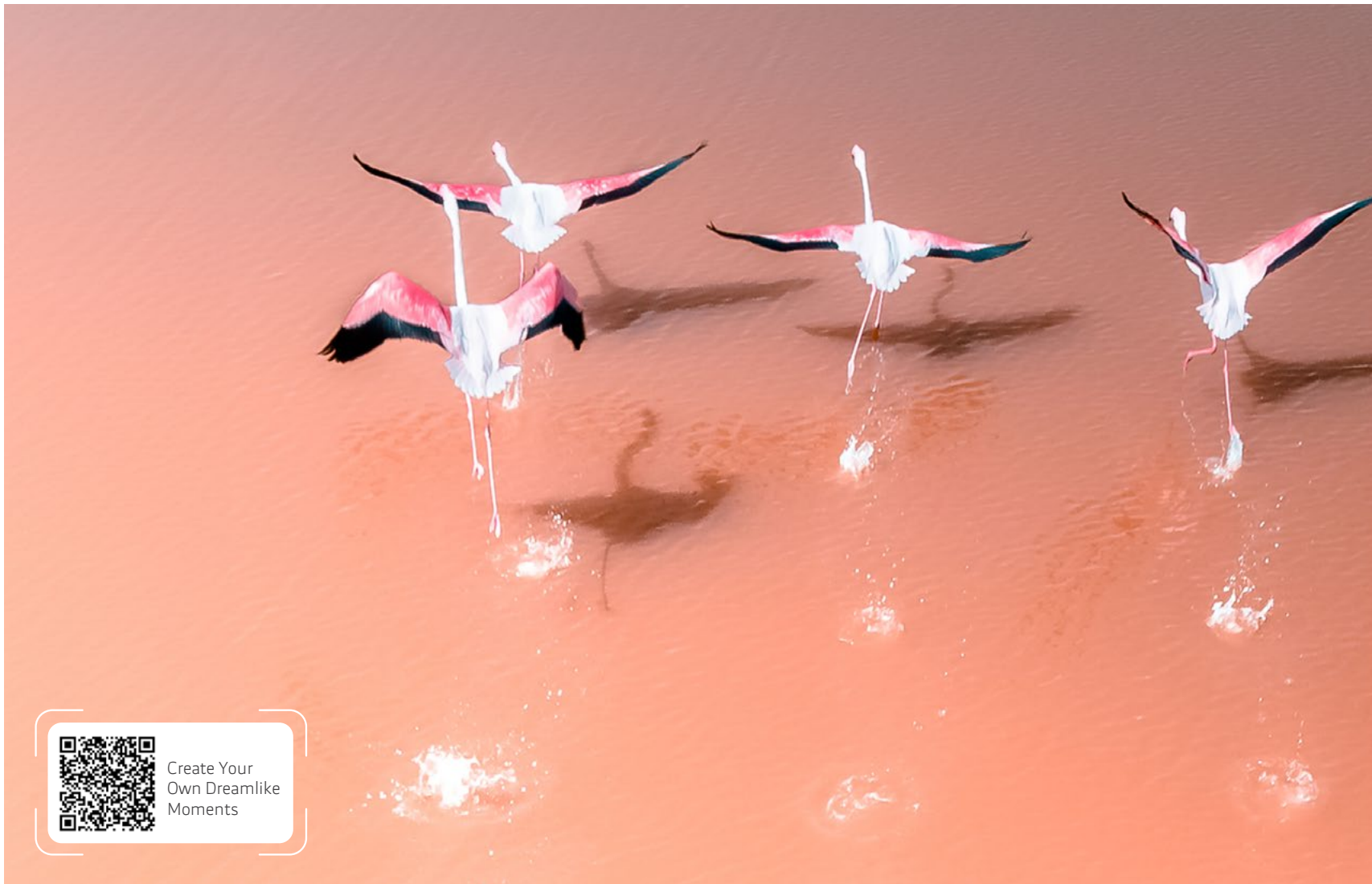
Take a stroll through **Al Hamouda Castle** with its architectural elegance and towering presence, located in Al-Dhahir in the heart of Ja'alan Bani Bu Ali. This historic fortress stands as a symbol of the region, with its construction paralleling that of the **Al Hamouda Mosque (the Dome Mosque)**, which shares a close architectural timeline and alignment with the castle.

Relax on the cool sands of **Al Ashkharah Beach**, renowned for its mild climate year-round and enjoy thrilling desert safaris in the mountainous landscapes of Al Ashkharah, perfect for camping enthusiasts.





There's So
Much More
to Explore



Create Your
Own Dreamlike
Moments



One of the natural wonders of the area is the stunning **pink lakes**, which paint a breathtaking tableau for visitors and have become a major attraction in the coastal Al-Ruwais area along the Arabian Sea. Take an excursion to **Wadi Sal, Wadi Al-Ruwayda, Wadi Abu Fasheega, Wadi Al-Lubaidah, and Wadi Jurayf** for a scenic and unforgettable journey.







Al-Kamil and Al-Wafi

Serenity, Relaxation, and Rejuvenation



Al-Kamil and Al-Wafi is a region that is home to scenic dunes, vast golden sands, expansive plains, and picturesque nature reserves, all set against the backdrop of majestic mountain ranges and large, breathtaking springs.

Be sure to visit **Al-Jadeed Fort**, a remarkable blend of historical significance and modern architectural innovation. Built entirely from gypsum, the fort stands as a testament to the craftsmanship of its time, offering a glimpse into the region's rich past.









Explore the rocky formations in **Sibt village**, where **Al-Minha Park** sits at the top of the village near the main falaj, a perfect spot to unwind.

Another gem in Sibt is **Al-Manzaf**, which overlooks the wadi, usually brimming with water. **Al-Markha Park**, with its large water pools, provides an ideal swimming experience, while the wadis like **Mazra and Al-Sayq** add a sense of natural adventure.

Discover the rich history and scenic beauty of villages like **Siq and Tawa**, surrounded by vast farms and endless date palms.

The **Al-Saleel Nature Reserve**

encompasses three main geographic types: the vast sedimentary plains adorned with acacia and gum arabic trees, mountain-split valleys, and broad mountainous hills. This sanctuary is a haven for Arabian gazelles, wild cats, Arabian wolves, red foxes, Egyptian vultures, and a wide variety of turtles and birds.









Masirah Island

A Serene Coastal Retreat



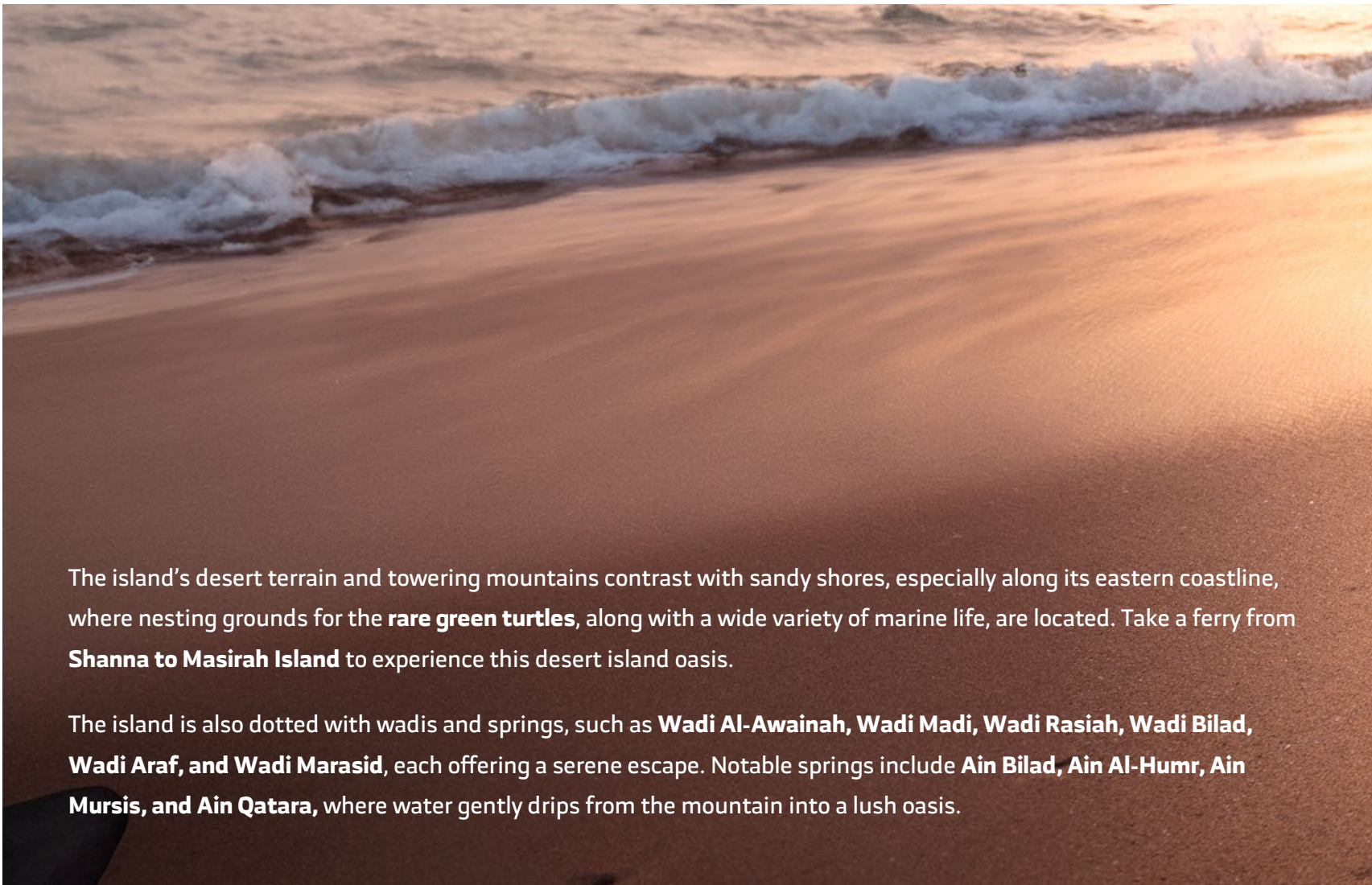




Nestled in the southeastern waters of South Al Sharqiyah, along the Indian Ocean's edge, lies the enchanting Masirah Island—one of Oman's largest islands, with a history dating back over four millennia.







The island's desert terrain and towering mountains contrast with sandy shores, especially along its eastern coastline, where nesting grounds for the **rare green turtles**, along with a wide variety of marine life, are located. Take a ferry from **Shanna to Masirah Island** to experience this desert island oasis.

The island is also dotted with wadis and springs, such as **Wadi Al-Awainah, Wadi Madi, Wadi Rasiah, Wadi Bilad, Wadi Araf, and Wadi Marasid**, each offering a serene escape. Notable springs include **Ain Bilad, Ain Al-Humr, Ain Mursis, and Ain Qatara**, where water gently drips from the mountain into a lush oasis.



Masirah's shores are a haven for dolphin and whale watching, with sightings of species such as the humpback whale, bottlenose dolphin, and tropical whale.

The island's coastline is also home to over 300 types of coastal birds, including oystercatchers, Egyptian vultures, eagles, gulls, and terns, making Masirah's beaches an exceptional spot to explore marine treasures, as well as activities including kitesurfing and diving.





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