



Hud Hud Travels



Trekking across the Eastern Hajar Mountains

Follow ancient trading routes over the Eastern Hajar Mountains on this challenging two-day hike. The route takes in some very impressive and dramatic scenery, trekking through wadis, date plantations and traditional Omani villages. We rest for the night in an exclusive Hud Hud camp on the spectacular Selma Plateau at 2,000m above sea level.

Although the route is not particularly technical, there are some long traverses involved and a good level of fitness is required. Starting from Wadi Tiwi, at 500m, donkey trails take us up to a high point of 2,157m and then down into Wadi Bani Khalid at 650m.

After two long days of trekking, we are rewarded with a stay in the heart of the breathtaking Wahiba Sands desert in a second private Hud Hud camp.

Sleeping tents vary according to the location but are always appointed with proper mattresses, crisp cotton linen, feather pillows and traditional furnishings. Each sleeping tent has its own private bathroom tent, open to the skies and furnished with soft towels, basin, shower and a selection of soaps and lotions.

Each camp will offer a large, evocative majlis, decorated in a style in keeping with the ambiance of the environment, with cushions and rugs, topical books, boules and board games. Dining is at a properly laid table under the stars beside a crackling fire. Food is, as far as possible, locally sourced and is freshly prepared by our camp chef and always delicious. We use no electric light, other than solar, and the emphasis is on preserving the atmosphere through natural lighting provided by candles, oil lamps and camp fires.

Day 1

Leaving Muscat after breakfast we make our way through Wadi Mayh before joining the coastal road that runs between Muscat and Sur. After approximately two hours we reach Wadi Tiwi, a spectacularly deep and narrow gorge carved out in the mountains, running between towering cliffs.

From the small village of Sooe, we start our trek past luscious palms and dramatic rock faces as we make the steep ascent up to the impressive Selmah Plateau, over 2,000m above sea level.



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After two to three hours, we reach the plateau and are rewarded with stunning views of the Arabian Sea below.

We have lunch in the shade before continuing across the rugged landscape of the plateau, which provides a stark contrast to the greenness of Wadi Tiwi and offers panoramic views out over the stunning Eastern Hajar mountains.

Across the plateau we can see numerous beehive tombs, built by the Umm Naa people in around 2500BC, as we pass ancient villages that were, until five or six years ago, only accessible on foot or by donkey. We continue walking for approximately four hours until we reach our camp for the night where, after freshening up, we enjoy an early dinner, prepared by our chef, under the stars.. *(At the end of today's walk there is a short car transfer to the camp).*

Day 2

After a hearty breakfast, we will start today's trek at very first light, continuing across the plateau and up to a high point of 2,157m before we start to descend into the breathtaking and dramatic Wadi Bani Khalid. Today's walk will take approximately nine to ten hours, across relatively easy terrain. The deep pools of the wadi are great for washing off the trail dust before we continue into the village of Bidah, where we meet our transport.

We make our way towards the desert and with the sun beginning to set, drive the final stretch on sandy tracks before reaching our camp, set-up within the russet red dunes.

Your camp will be located approximately 40km into the desert, far from civilisation, avoiding light pollution and providing an amazing backdrop from which to relax and enjoy the clear night sky. Our traditional Bedouin tents from Syria, designed specifically for the desert climate, are a delightful bit of luxury after two hard days of trekking.

Day 3

Watch the sun rise over the imposing Wahiba sand dunes from camp, or for those who still have the energy, make your way to the top of a dune. A relaxed breakfast is served in the majlis and there will be time to relax and enjoy the serenity of the dunes before we start our journey back to Muscat in the late morning.