

Final Itinerary for ENHG-AD camping trip to Jebel Akhdar 25-27 March 2016



Day 0 Thursday 24th March:

To enjoy three full day in Jebel Akhdar, we will start on Thursday afternoon from Abu Dhabi and drive in convoy to Nizwa. Usually, the border facilities are quicker in the evening; we can expect arriving in Nizwa around 9 pm. There are some cheap accommodations like Majan Guest house. Each participant is responsible of his own's booking. Other hotels are available.

Majan Guest House
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GPS N22.88715 E57.52620

3:00 pm: Those travelling with our convoy from AD will be meeting up at ADNOC station 1.5 km past Mussafah Bridge.

GPS 24.395853, 54.508963

Please confirm if you want to join the convoy or if you want to meet us in Nizwa on Friday morning.

ETA 9:00 pm

If not too late, we can have a walk inside Nizwa Souk, getting ready for the big Friday Market

Day 1 Friday 25 March

8:30: Meeting on the parking of Majan Guest House and drive in convoy to Jebel Akhdar

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ETA 9:00 am: (or later) at Jebel Akhdar police checkpoint at the bottom of the Jebel Akhdar road. **N22.96072 E57.67784** From this point only 4WD can continue. Participant with saloon car will have to transfer to 4WD (please indicate if you need a seat). Our guide Moo is proposing to lend a 4WD for 45 OMR/day.

ETA 10:00 am: (or later) at Jebel Akhdar Hotel parking lot, where we will our guide Moo (Mohammed) will meet us. Picnic lunch in shady spot. (bring this along with you).and then we will then drive 15 min to the camping spot and set up tents.



5:30 pm: Moo will lead us to the Sunset viewpoint (more dramatic than Diana's Point to watch the sun set.)

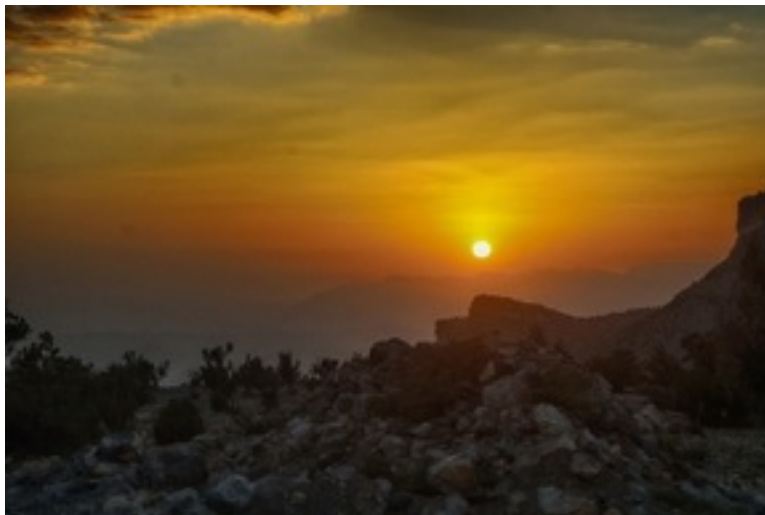


Photo Denis Cheng

6:30 pm: Diner at the camp. Moo will bring prepared BBQ meat for our whole group and will cook it over a campfire. Some of us have already agreed to bring cooked white rice, Arabic bread and hummus.

Late evening Moonwalk

Day 2 Saturday March 26th:

8.30 am: Start and drive to 3 hrs. walk from Al Aqur village. Finish at ruined ancient village of Wadi Bani Habib. Organise drivers to collect cars. Walk not steep through villages, families are welcome, walk is easy.

Please wear discreet clothing in the traditional villages.



12.30 pm: Moo will give us lunch in his house, Omani food guaranteed.

1:00 pm: Drive to visit to various scenic spots on the plateau:
Diana's Point lookout.
Other scenic walks Moo may show us.

5:00 pm: Visit of the Rose water factory with Moo

6:30 pm: Moo guide us for a full moon walk.

7:30 pm: After our own dinners prepared at the campsite, we will have more socializing round the campfire, moon gazing and star spotting.

Day 3 Sunday March. 27th

7:00 am: Have an early breakfast and break camp.

9:00 am: Head down the mountain

Moo will point out the way to a scenic spot we may want to stop at, just past the police post at the bottom of the mountain road: Wadi Sadr, a great place for wadi pool swimming, involving only a short hike from the road.

Possible last stop on the way out: ruined village Al Tanuf, near Al Hamra.

Finally, we will head home to Al Ain and Abu Dhabi, some of us stopping for biryani lunch in Bahla or Ibri, planning to arrive home before dark.

- Trip is reserved for paid-up members of ENHG (any chapter) at their own risk.
- Nights can be cold on Jebel Akhdar, campsite is located at 2,300m alt. Bring warm cloths.
- Please allow a participation for the cost of the guide and the food he will provide.