

Trip to Jebel Asarh (Jebel Shams) in Oman for National Day Weekend
Thursday 1st December to Saturday 3rd December 2016

DNHG is organizing a long weekend trip to Omani mountains, to Jebel Asarh, the lesser known small brother of Jebel Shams.

We will do the spectacular Jebel Shams Canyon walk and explore the less known villages and canyons of Jebel Asarh, enjoying the cooler mountain climate.

If open, we will stop to visit Al Hoota Cave on the way.

The distance from Dubai to Jebel Asarh is about 450 km one way, approx 6 hrs drive. We will cross Omani border, so you will need to get the visa (exit UAE 35 AED, visa for Oman 5 OMR/50 AED).

You will need your passport, Omani car insurance and all necessary documents in case you drive rented or leased car.

4WD car is needed (however, there's an option to ask the resort to pick you up at the bottom of the mountain in case you don't have a 4WD).

We have negotiated special package rate with Sunrise Resort on Jebel Asarh for DNHG members.

Reduced rate of 70 OMR/700 AED per Arabic tent (2 people) includes:

- 2 x nights in Arabic tent for 2 people (i.e. 350 AED per person)
- 2 x HB (breakfast and dinner)
- Camp fire and barbecue
- Local Guides for Canyon walk and Jebel Asarh walk

The trip plan is as follows:

Thursday Dec 1:

Morning departure from Dubai towards Al Ain and Mezyad border. Omani Border formalities.

Al Hoota Cave visit (if open, entrance 6.5 OMR/65 AED adults, 3 OMR/30AED children (Optional, if Al Hoota is not accessible: Wadi Dam walk and swim)

Late afternoon/early evening: arrival at the location, Sunrise Resort

Evening camp fire and barbecue.

Overnight in Arabic tents

Friday Dec 2:

Breakfast in the resort

Full day hike to Grand Canyon of Oman, to abandoned village, medium to difficult level, 5 hrs walk

(Please note that this spectacular hike requires proper hiking shoes, a decent level of fitness and head for heights as we will walk on the ridge of a 1000m deep canyon)

Alternatively, you can explore Jebel Asarh mountain villages and fields (by car + walk)

Bring packed lunch (your own or prepared by the resort at 5OMR/50 AED for lunch)

Dinner in the resort

Overnight in Arabic tents.

Saturday Dec 3:

Breakfast in the resort
Morning walk to Jebel Asarh and small canyon
Afternoon: departure towards Dubai.

**Group is limited:
Sunrise resort is keeping 8 Arabic tents available for DNHG,
i.e. max 16 people sharing.**

Estimated cost:

- Sunrise Resort discounted package rate of 70 OMR/700 AED per tent (2 pax, 2 nights), including the hiking guides
- UAE exit, Omani visa 85 AED
- Al Hoota Caves (if open) 6.5 OMR/65 AED
- Food & drinks: bring your own picnic lunch for Friday and Saturday hike. Alternatively you can buy lunch box in the resort at the cost of 5 OMR/50 AED per lunch box. Bring your own water, drinks, snacks, fruit, etc... There are no shops on the mountain, you can only purchase from resort or hotels.
- Petrol (about 900 km return journey)

IMPORTANT!

- Passports and Omani car insurance are mandatory for this trip. 4WD is required.
- To book the tents and meals we need to collect your prepayment, 700 AED per tent.
- Group is limited to max 16 people sharing. The space will be assigned on first paid basis. Only participants with fully prepaid lodging will be considered as signed up, no waiting list.
 - **Prepayments are not refundable in case of last minute cancellations or no shows.**
- If less than 5 prepayments will be collected by Nov 23, the trip will be cancelled.

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