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### 1. Geographical location

Muscat finds itself situated in northeast Oman and is outlined to its west by the plains of the Al Batinah Region and to its east by Ash Sharqiyah Region. The capital city is rich in geography due to the water that runs along the coast making 2 natural harbors and the Western Al Hajar Mountains are known to pass through the northern coastline of the city. Muscat experiences a hot, arid climate throughout the year with the average temperature being 33°C.



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# 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Muscat Finds Itself Located 332kms Away From Al Ain, Followed By Sharjah At 406kms, Ajman At 415kms, 420kms To Dubai, 424kms To Ras Al-Khaimah And Abu Dhabi At 483kms. Countries Near Oman Include United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, And Yemen.



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# 3. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 3.1. Paid

#### 3.1.1. Bait Al Baranda Museum

Contextualizing Muscat's current history, Bait Al-Baranda takes you back to the capital's legacy to its ancient beginnings. A progression of intuitive exhibitions set in a remodeled 1930s house, the gallery is home to an accumulation of presentations, going back 750 million years in the dinosaur fossil gathering. Explore the historical periods, social legacies, and geologically differing qualities of the area, with displays including the society crafts of Muscat and the historical backdrop of the frankincense exchange.

Address: Muscat, Oman

Location: 23.6229102, 58.5607016

Contact: +968 24 714262

Website: http://baitalbaranda.mm.gov.om/

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Entry Fee: Adult: R.O 1.000 Child: R.O 0.500

Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

# 3.1.2. Natural History Museum of Muscat

The Oman Natural History Museum is a gallery and was established in 1985, and boasts Oman's widely varied vegetation, with showcases on indigenous warmblooded animals, bugs, and birds along with and botanical flowerbeds. One of the highlights of the historical center is the whale room: it houses the immense skeleton of a sperm whale, that appeared on the Omani coastline in the 1980s. The gallery contains marine and creature fossils and old creatures.

Address: Muscat, Oman

Location: 23.5988785, 58.4224492

Contact: +968 24 641374

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: R.O 1.000 Child: R.O 0.500

Open & Close Timing: Sunday-Thursday 09:00hrs-13:30hrs, Saturday

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Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

#### 3.1.3. Oman Children's Museum

This gallery rearranges science and innovation and takes people on a journey through animation. The museum allows people to see the essential role played by science in different parts of life. The historical center is headquartered in 2 huge arches in Al Qurum region. Despite the fact that this historical center is known as the Children's Museum, its shows are appropriate for all ages and are displayed in an improved manner to encourage access to information.

Address: Muscat 113, Oman

Zipcode: 113

Location: 23.6156006999999, 58.4809722999999

Contact: +968 24 605368

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Entry Fee: Adults: R.O 1.000 Children: Free

Open & Close Timing: Sunday-Thursday: 09:00hrs-13:30hrs Friday: Closed

Saturday: 09:00hrs-13:00hrs

Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

## 3.1.4. Omani French Museum

The Omani French Museum is a historical legacy center situated in the old quarter of Muscat. The white architectural building that was formerly a castle was, given as a gift by the Sultan Assayed to the French Consul in Muscat in the year 1896. In January 1992, Sultan Qaboos and the late French President François Mitterrand established the exhibition hall in the royal residence to protect the chronicled Omani-French relations. The gallery has a considerable collection of things including photos of the early French negotiators, verifiable archives, Omani - French boats, Omani and French ensembles and adornments and furniture.

Address: Muscat 113, Oman

Zipcode: 113

Location: 23.6151371, 58.5923918999999

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Contact: +968 9334 1903

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: R.O 0.500 Child: R.O 0.200

Open & Close Timing: Sunday-Thursday: 08:00hrs-13:30hrs Friday: Closed

Saturday: 09:00hrs-13:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5 Buy Ticket : No

#### 3.1.5. Bait Al Zubair Museum

Get to know more about the Omani life and culture at Bait Al Zubair, an exclusive historical center that is home to a charming collection of weaponry, antique things, conventional costumes and adornments. Plenty of rooms offer a look into the style of a customary Omani room, enhanced and outfitted with utmost detailing. Find yourself wandering around the garden and locate the model village and bistro, where you can enjoy a fresh cup of coffee amid the peaceful surroundings.

Address: Muscat 100, Oman

Zipcode: 100

Location: 23.6143835, 58.5895622

Contact: +968 22 084700

Website: http://www.baitalzubair.com/?lang=en

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Entry Fee: Adult: R.O 2.000 Children (Age 10-15 years): R.O 1.000

Open & Close Timing : Saturday-Thursday 09:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3.5 Buy Ticket : No

### 3.1.6. Sultan's Armed Forces Museum

Acquaint yourself with the whole history of Oman's military attempts at Sultan's Armed Forces Museum. Housed inside a mid 19th-century fort, the historical center opened its entryways in 1988, showing a wide accumulation of wartime and military relics, including regalia, weaponry, decorations, and parachutes. Learn more about Oman's military and be fascinated by the various other tanks, helicopters and water crafts.

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Address : Al Mujamma St, Muscat, Oman

Location: 23.6084772, 58.5459558

Contact: +968 24 312648

Website : https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sultans-Armed-Forces-

Museum/228609763836224

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Entry Fee: Adult: R.O 1.000 Child: Free

Open & Close Timing: Sunday-Thursday: 08:00hrs-13:30hrs Friday and Saturday:

Free

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time: 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket: No

#### 3.1.7. Marah Land Amusement Park

Marah Land is situated at the northern end of Qurum Natural Park, in a zone roughly 120,000 square meters, and is effectively recognized by the monster Ferris Wheel which ascends towards the sky. If you are searching for some exciting diversion for the youngsters traveling with you, this place unquestionably possesses all the necessary qualities. It joins more than 28 unique rides on the level of the Middle East. It also gives incorporated administrations, including eateries, rides and amusements that meet the interests of all age groups.

Address : Al Qurm St, Muscat, Oman Location : 23.619342, 58.4930133999999

Contact: +968 9800 0266

Website: http://www.marahland.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Ruwi Bus Station

Entry Fee : Admission: R.O 0.300 + (0.250-0.750 per ride)

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 15:30hrs-23:30hrs

Time Required : 4 Buy Ticket : No

## 3.1.8. Ghalya's Museum of Modern Art

Ghalya's Museum of Modern Art is an elite expansion to the Omani social scene, opened in January 2011. The museum is home to the Old House that is a gathering

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of a run of the mill houses from the time of 1950 to 1975 that recounts the tale of the Omanis and their profoundly established legacy, traditions and customs. The gallery takes you through the Omani life through noteworthy items of their homes, their craft, ancient rarities and innovations. The historical center additionally incorporates 2 different divisions: First is the strikingly current, moderate Art Gallery inside the conventional Omani house that is proposed to feature Omani and international present day craftsmen to the world. The second is the Clothes Museum that depends on a gathering of conventional neighborhood and provincial dresses from a wide span of time set off with present day ensembles.

Address: Muttrah, Oman

Location: 23.620325, 58.568281

Contact: +968 24 711640

Website: http://www.ghalyasmuseum.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Mutrah Souq Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: R. O 1.000 Child: R.O 0.500 Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

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### 3.2. Free

## 3.2.1. Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque

Constructed from light beige sandstone, with excellent lobbies and grounds, Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque is known for its 300 feet minaret and enhancements that are formed from gigantic, multifaceted Persian-style floor rugs and a mammoth chandelier imported all the way from Italy. To visit during open hours, dress unobtrusively, take off your shoes, and if you are a lady, cover your hair.

Address: Sultan Qaboos St, Muscat, Oman

Location: 23.5838801, 58.3885620999999

Contact: +968 24 505170

Website: http://sultanqaboosgrandmosque.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Time Required : 1 Buy Ticket : No

# 3.2.2. Royal Opera House

The Royal Opera House is the country's major venue for musical arts and culture. Earlier known as 'Place of Musical Arts, the Royal Opera House takes one through contemporary Omani engineering. The complex comprises of a show theater, hall, stunning eateries, green gardens, cultural market with retail, and a craftsmanship center for musical, dramatic and operatic productions.

Address : Royal Opera House, Al Kharjiyah St, Muscat 103, Oman

Zipcode: 103

Location: 23.6138315, 58.4679952999999

Contact : +968 24 403300

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket: No

# 3.2.3. Qurum Beach

Stretching for about 4 kilometers, this scintillating expanse of the golden sand sea is known for both serenity and civilities, permitting you to unwind in solace.

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Your respite from the day's heat, take a plunge in the turquoise waters before finding a shady spot off the promenade to relax on this family-accommodating shoreline. Eateries and bistros line one end of the shore; restrooms and showers are additionally accessible.

Address: Muscat, Oman

Location: 23.6229847, 58.4752111

Contact: +968 9091 7771

Nearest Public Transport: 2989 Way Bus Station Open & Close Timing: Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required: 4

Buy Ticket: No

### 3.2.4. Oman Oil and Gas Exhibition Centre

Finding itself on the beautiful street of Seih Al Maleh Street, Oman Oil and Gas Exhibition Center was set up 1995 as a gift from the Petroleum Development Oman (PDO). The exhibition hall is an intelligent trip investigating the disclosure, extraction and utilization of petroleum products in Oman. The museum is also home to PDO Planetarium that was built in the year 2000.

Address: Muscat 113, Oman

Zipcode: 113

Location: 23.6250958, 58.5088061999999

Contact: +968 24 677834

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oman-Oil-and-Gas-Exhibition-Website

Centre/103092749731264

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Time Required: 2 Buy Ticket: No

## 3.2.5. Al Alam Palace

Make a trip and take some excellent photographs at Al Alam Royal Palace, one of the residences of Oman's ruler, Sultan Qaboos. Located in Old Muscat, the royal residence was implicit in 1972, and is typically utilized by the Sultan to get visitors and host official capacities. Despite the fact that guests are not permitted to enter the grounds, you can see the luxurious manor and its fastidiously

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manicured gardens from the entryway.

Address : Muscat 113, Oman

Zipcode: 113

Location: 23.6159086, 58.5946996999999

Contact: +968 9022 8812

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Time Required : 1.5 Buy Ticket : No

## 3.2.6. Qurm Natural Park

Go for a picnic in Qurum Natural Park, a public garden known for its grand sceneries and a massive peaceful lake. Established since 1993, this park remains the green lung of Muscat and a prominent spot for local people and travelers alike to walk, rest, and pontoon on the lake's still waters. Stroll around the park and bump into the center's winding ways, appreciate the beautiful rose garden and a stunning artificial waterfall, and the encompassing normal hold loaded with mangroves, where you can spot transitory winged creatures.

Address: Bab Al Mathaib St, Muscat, Oman

Location: 23.6186517999999, 58.4894074999999

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Daily: 08:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5 Buy Ticket : No

## 3.2.7. Fort Mirani

Located in old Muscat, Fort Al-Mirani overlooks the Sea of Oman. Also referred to as Al Gharbiya Fort, climb some flight of stairs and explore the rich history of Muscat at this fort. Some say that the fort was named after a Persian leader called Miran Shah while the other believe it comes from a Portuguese word. Capture the excellent views from the top of the building and take in the 19th-century architecture of the surroundings.

Address : Muscat, Oman

Location: 23.6172596, 58.5934915999999

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

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Time Required : 1 Buy Ticket : No

#### 3.2.8. Al Jalali Fort

Located in the eastern part of the city's old harbor, this fort dates back to the Portuguese occupation in the 1580s and features 2 towers linked by a wall consisting of different holes for cannons. The fort can be reached by a tiny bridge and staircase. Note: Access to the fort is possible only if you have a permit from the Ministry of National Heritage and Culture.

Address : Muscat, Oman

Location: 23.6168899, 58.5977784

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Time Required : 1 Buy Ticket : No

#### 3.2.9. Kalbuh Park

Kalbuh Bay Park offers a charming field of lavish green space with all-encompassing vistas of the Muscat city and the watch tower. The recreation center hangs over the ocean that is loaded with sardines. This park fills in as an invigorating spot for a family get-together and is frequented by joggers and those who love fishing. The waterfront strip extends up to the tipping point of the mountain from the Sea Road and is a renowned spot in the heart of Muscat.

Address: Muscat, Oman

Location: 23.6234795, 58.5856329

Nearest Public Transport : Mwasalat Ruwi Bus Station

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket: No

## 3.2.10. Corniche Mutrah

Stretching 3 kilometers along the waterfront, the Mutrah Corniche is an exquisite promenade fixed with global eateries, conventional bistros and alluring markets. Mutrah extends along a corniche of latticed structures and mosques; it looks stunning at dusk when the light throws shadows over a serrated bow of mountains, while asphalts, lights and wellsprings welcome a night walk or a

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bicycle ride. The corniche is home to a vast fish market, Bait al-Baranda historical center, Jama Mosque, the well-known Old Muttrah Souk, the beautiful Muttrah Corniche and the ravishing Al Lawatiya Mosque.

Address: Muscat, Oman

Location: 23.622831, 58.5729324999999

Contact: +968 9485 1035

Nearest Public Transport : Al Corniche Bus Station

Open & Close Timing: Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket: No



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# 4. Time Zone

Muscat experience Gulf Standard Time throughout the year. GST is 4 hours (UTC +4) ahead of the Universal Coordinated Time.



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