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### 1. Geographical location

Ṣalālah finds itself located on the coast of the Arabian Sea and is situated in the only part of the Arabian Peninsula touched by the Indian Ocean monsoon. Salalah is also the 2nd largest city in the Sultanate of Oman and is proudly the capital of Dhofar. The city experiences hot desert climate and is quite cloudy during the monsoon months of July and August.



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## 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Salalah Finds Itself Located 765kms Away From Al Mukalla, Followed By Muscat At 1,011kms, Al Ain At 1,085kms, Dubai At 1,220kms And 1,241kms To Abu Dhabi. 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. Taga Castle

Located in an old city just 33 kilometers east of Salalah, this tiny well-maintained castle was constructed in the 19th century. With excellent interiors, video show, amazing signage, craft shop and a booklet clarifying the historical backdrop of this sardine-delivering town, this is one of the best fortification galleries in Oman.

Address: Taqah, Oman

Location: 17.0390098, 54.3953225

Nearest Public Transport : Gtc Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult/Child: OR500/200

Open & Close Timing: Saturday to Thursday: 08:00hrs-18:00hrs Friday:

08:00hrs-11:00hrs Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

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#### 3.2. Free

#### 3.2.1. Gold Souk Salalah

Known as the city's modest gold market, people here will find special gold creations that are well versed with traditional Omani Silver. You can also ask for customized jewelry on request.

Address: Salalah, Oman

Location: 17.012254, 54.093166

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

#### 3.2.2. Salalah Gardens Mall

Salalah Gardens Mall is yet another place for you to shop till you drop. This huge mall offers some of the best international brands along with some local brands. There are also excellent coffee shops around the mall and a movie theater. Children can rejoice in the playing area with a wide range of rides and games designed for them.

Address: Ar Rubat St, Salalah, Oman

Zipcode : 211

Location: 17.0225849, 54.065094

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

### 3.2.3. Centrepoint

This sprawling shopping center highlights top of the line attire brands, embellishments and home stylistic theme stores. A few global form names have their outlets in the shopping center, which likewise house a multi-cooking nourishment court and electronic amusements play zone for kids.

Address: CENTREPOINT, NEAR HAMDAN COMPLEX, Salalah, Oman

Location: 17.021484, 54.064612

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

## 3.2.4. Lulu Shopping Centre

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Lulu is a known brand of stores having outlets all around the Middle East and is exceptionally prevalent with western visitors for its gadgets and ceramics things. This shopping arcade is loaded with scents, beauty care products, antiquities, toys, upholstery, and a large group of different things and offers quality stock at extraordinary deal costs.

Address : Salalah, Oman

Location: 17.0173656, 54.0616876

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

### 3.2.5. Hafa Soug

Trips to the Middle East have never culminated without an excursion to their popular provincial bazaars - the souks. The roadside bug markets are a social ordeal and are stuffed with sightseers who come here to enjoy the neighborhood culture and way of life in a beautiful setting. Haffa Souk is the biggest and most seasoned souk in Salalah and travelers can get a scope of diverse things from the apparently ceaseless expanses. Voyagers can purchase the observed Frankincense gift here alongside a string of different things like kaftans, woolen tops, scents, adornments, lamps, fired dolls, ringers and wooden craft works.

Address : Salalah, Oman

Location: 17.0008793, 54.1012845

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

### 3.2.6. Taqa Beach

Taqa comes under one of the 10 wilayats in the Dhofar Governorate and is not only known for its Taqa Castle, but also its spectacular white sandy beach. However, what one should do is definitely climb the small cliff on the other end of the beach that is home to excellent views of the surroundings. Of course, do not forget your camera. Note: Be careful since the top has a deep beach beneath.

Address : Taqa, Oman

Location: 17.0334505999999, 54.3839778

Nearest Public Transport : GTC Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 2.5

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Buy Ticket: No

#### 3.2.7. Ad Dahariz Park

Ranked as one of the best parks in the city, this park plays as a perfect host for a family picnic and making barbecue. Come here and relax in the surroundings of lush green trees and let your kids take full advantage of the playing area. The parks boast some excellent and diversified species of trees that give a serene effect to the eyes. The park becomes prettier in the evening with the pavement illuminated by elegant lantern style lights. There is also a beach nearby to catch the sunset.

Address: Salalah 211, Oman

Zipcode: 211

Location: 17.0124287, 54.1716632999999

Nearest Public Transport : GTC Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

### 3.2.8. Tawi Atair Sinkhole

Considered as one of the most established and renowned sinkholes, Tawi Atair Sinkhole is located near all the top attractions like Samharam Archeological Site, Tawi Atair, Anti Gravity Point, Taqa and Souly Beach. Birds add an uncommon feel to this abnormal place - such a measure of singing feathered creatures is not normal in Oman. At the base of the sinkhole, there is a cave. In 1980 in the pool of sinkhole there unique types of fish were found. This one-of-a-kind creature lives just in this cave and there are no other freshwater fish in this 600-kilometer sweep.

Address : Tawi Attair, Salalah 211, Oman

Zipcode: 211

Location: 17.1140085, 54.558886

Nearest Public Transport : GTC Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 1 Buy Ticket : No

### 3.2.9. Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque

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The largest mosque in Salalah and the second largest in Oman, Sultan Qaboos Masjid is a huge masjid with excellent architectural composition. The prayer hall is spectacularly adorned with chandeliers, wall patterns and a green carpet. The mosque is named after the Sultan of Oman and is a great example of engineering and design. Non-Muslims can visit the mosque but not during the prayer times.

Address: 23.July Street, Salalah 211, Oman

Zipcode: 211

Location: 23.5838801, 58.3885620999999

Nearest Public Transport : GTC Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 1 Buy Ticket : No

### 3.2.10. Samahram Old City

Making a splendid scene, the grayish remnants of Sumhuram Old City sit on a little slope, once encased by limestone dividers and overlooking the Wadi Darbat River. The city was a major port in its prime, yet was surrendered 500-600 years after it was established in the main century. Going through a little entryway into the shockingly thick city ruins, you can go over engravings of the city's establishment in antiquated Arabic, alongside what remains of the city's business, religious, and private regions. Visit the nearby exhibition hall for data on frankincense and the territory's old exchange courses.

Address: 49 Sumhuram Street, Salalah 211, Oman

Zipcode: 211

Location: 17.0390136, 54.4342357

Nearest Public Transport : GTC Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 2.5 Buy Ticket : No

### 3.2.11. Nabi Ayub Tomb

Take a scenic drive from Salalah to Nabi Ayoub's Tomb, the resting spot of Job, or Nabi Ayoub as he is known in the Arab world. A beautiful mountain street will take you up to the site, which is a prevalent journey spot for Muslims, and you may spot camels en route. You will have to dress humbly and remove your shoes before you enter the mosque, where you can see the tomb that holds

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remnants of the prophet.

Address : Nabi Ayub a.s mosuleum 211, Oman

Zipcode: 211

Location: 17.0975138, 53.90688

Nearest Public Transport : GTC Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 1 Buy Ticket : No

#### 3.2.12. Land of Frankincense

Walk around Museum of the Frankincense Land, a historical center that documents the once famous oceanic quality of the country, and specifically the ocean port of Zafar, which was bolstered by the spice trade. The efficient show, highlighting presentations, depicts the destruction of the port. Kilometers of pathways along the drift include an avenue of trees and geese, alongside an archeological site highlighting vestiges of the port's past.

Address: Salalah International Airport, Salalah 116, Oman

Zipcode: 116

Location: 17.0098113, 54.1363129999999

Contact: +968 24 955500

Nearest Public Transport : GTC Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing: Daily: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5 Buy Ticket : No

### 3.2.13. Marneef Cave

Overlooking the beautiful Mughsail shoreline is the Marneef Cave, a huge rough outcrop by the ocean, known for its pleasant seaside views and nearby blowholes. Go for a walk along the coast on your visit to the cave, have an outing, and appreciate the views of the waves smashing on the delicate sand. You may see the blowholes significantly showering extensive volumes of water depending on the season.

Address : Salalah 211, Oman

Zipcode: 211

Location: 16.874963, 53.7659294999999

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Nearest Public Transport : GTC Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 1.5 Buy Ticket : No

## 3.2.14. Al Mughsail Beach

Come and work on some tan at the Al Mughsail Beach. This wide extent of white sand bordered with transparent limestone bluffs is a perfect place to go for a walk on the ocean side promenade or soak up the sun on the remote sandy shore. Heaven for adventure enthusiasts and bird-watchers, the beach is known for its excellent blowholes, dissolved openings in the cliffside that is extremely impressive during the monsoons.

Address : Salalah 211, Oman

Zipcode: 211

Location: 16.8771409, 53.7672615

Contact: +968 7115 1313

Nearest Public Transport: GTC Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket: No

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### 4. Time Zone

Salalah experience Gulf Standard Time throughout the year. GST is 4 hours (UTC  $\pm$ 4) ahead of the Universal Coordinated Time.



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