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Travel, Oman: traditions and modernity hand in hand

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The greeting in the "land of a thousand and one nights": the hand passes first over the head and then over the heart. Known for some time as an extremely shy country, so much so that it has earned the nickname "hermit of the Middle East", the Sultanate of Oman is slowly emerging.

The capital is Muscat and, although it is still in many respects the most traditional country in the region, theOman has been more open on many occasions than one might think. Muscat is a beautiful and lively city and its souq is lively, colorful and fragrant with spices. Apart from the beauty of the places, what is striking is the friendliness and kindness of the Omani, always available to broaden their points of view. The best time to visit Oman is from October to the end of April, when temperatures hover around 25-30 degrees centigrade. In summer, however, it is prohibitive both for the very high temperatures and for the infernal humidity.

Apart from the beauty of the places, what is striking is the friendliness and kindness of the Omanites. Their greeting already reassures you: the hand passes first over the head and then over the heart. The Omanis ask us, they inform themselves, they are attentive and available and before letting a guest go they give them the blessing in the name of Allah. Most of them work even if they don't need it. The Sultan conveyed to his subjects the message of how much making oneself useful for one's country makes worthy. This makes Oman appear more orderly, cleaner and respectful of common life.

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