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ENTRY DOCUMENTS

Travelers arriving in Oman are required to have passports that will be valid for at least six months from the date of departure and contain at least two blank pages for affixing entry and exit stamps. Also required is a confirmed round-trip airline ticket, airline ticket to other destination(s) or cruise ship documents.

Visas for US citizens must be obtained online at https://evisa.rop.gov.om/en/loginportal

VACCINATIONS AND MEDICATION

No vaccinations or medications are currently required for entry to Oman directly from the USA. Travelers over the age of 9 months entering from yellow fever areas including, but not limited to, West and Central Africa, will need to present yellow fever vaccination certificates or exemption notes from a doctor.

Travelers taking prescription medications into Oman are advised to have the medication in the original packaging and bringing a copy of the prescription. Medication in baggies is subject to confiscation.

TIPPING

Tipping in Oman is common practice. Porters are usually tipped \$1 per bag. Add 10% to the bill in restaurants. Transfer drivers should be tipped \$2-\$5, depending on distance. A driver should be tipped US\$10 - US\$15 per day, and a tour guide US\$20 - US\$30 per day.

MONEY

Oman's national currency is the Rial. Currency is readily available throughout the country at foreign exchanges and ATMs found in airports and at banks. US dollars are accepted in some stores but will not get the most favorable exchange rate; Africa Answers recommends carrying rial if you plan to shop at Oman's wonderful markets.

Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted, American Express less so. Credit cards will usually attract a fee of 3-10%.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Oman is a very safe destination, however, Africa Answers always recommends using the safe in your room to store cash, important documents and other valuables.

ELECTRICITY

220 volts is the electrical current used throughout Oman. Power plugs and sockets are 3 rectangular pin; type G. For detailed information, images and links to purchase adaptors, please consult https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com

POTABLE WATER

Tap water in Oman is generally safe to drink, but bottled water is provided by most hotels at a modest cost.

DRESS CODE

Oman does not have a strict code of dress, however, unless you are at a beach resort, conservative dress is appropriate. Shorts and strapless tops are considered immodest and will attract attention.

To enter a mosque, men and women should both dress modestly, in loose-fitting clothing that completely covers the arms and legs—no shorts or sleeveless shirts for either gender. Women should also bring a scarf to cover their hair.

BARTERING

Omanis enjoy, and expect, to barter on prices at markets.

