

Muscat, Muscat Governorate, Oman

Gateway to Arabia's most welcoming nation — Muscat blends 16th-century Portuguese forts, one of the world's great mosques, and a labyrinthine frankincense souk all within a short ride of the pier.

-  Docked (Port Sultan Qaboos)
-  Typical call: 8-10 hrs
-  Omani Rial (OMR)
-  Arabic (English widely spoken)
-  Modest dress required

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Port Sultan Qaboos, Muttrah district. Shuttle bus to port gate (walking through port not permitted).

Walk to Muttrah Souk: ~15 min (1 km) from port gate along the waterfront; or take the ship's shuttle.

Best For: Souks, Islamic architecture, wadi hiking, dhow cruises, desert day trips.

Don't Miss: Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque — one of the world's largest; open to non-Muslims mornings only.

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  OMR 2–5 (~\$5–13) to Muttrah; OMR 5–10 (~\$13–26) to Royal Opera House area ·  **Rideshare**
 not available ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Big Bus Tours

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque** — One of the largest mosques in the world, open to non-Muslim visitors weekday mornings.
- Muttrah Souk & Corniche Walk** — One of Arabia's oldest covered markets, laced with the scent of frankincense, myrrh, and rose water.
- Old Muscat — Al Alam Palace & Portuguese Forts** — A 10-minute taxi ride brings you to the ceremonial heart of Oman.
- Wadi Shab & Bimmah Sinkhole** — Full-day adventure along the coast road south of Muscat.
- Wahiba Sands Desert Safari** — Venture into the red dunes of the Sharqiyah (Wahiba) Sands for 4x4 dune bashing, camel riding, and a visit to a Bedouin...

BEST WALKS

- Muttrah Corniche & Souk Loop** 2.5 km · 1.5-2 hrs · Easy — From the port gate, walk left along the waterfront promenade past colourful dhows to Muttrah Souk.
- Old Muscat Stroll** 1.5 km · 1 hr · Easy (taxi to start) — Take a taxi to Old Muscat (Al Alam Gate), then walk the palm-lined boulevard past Al Alam Palace and along the sea wall toward Al...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

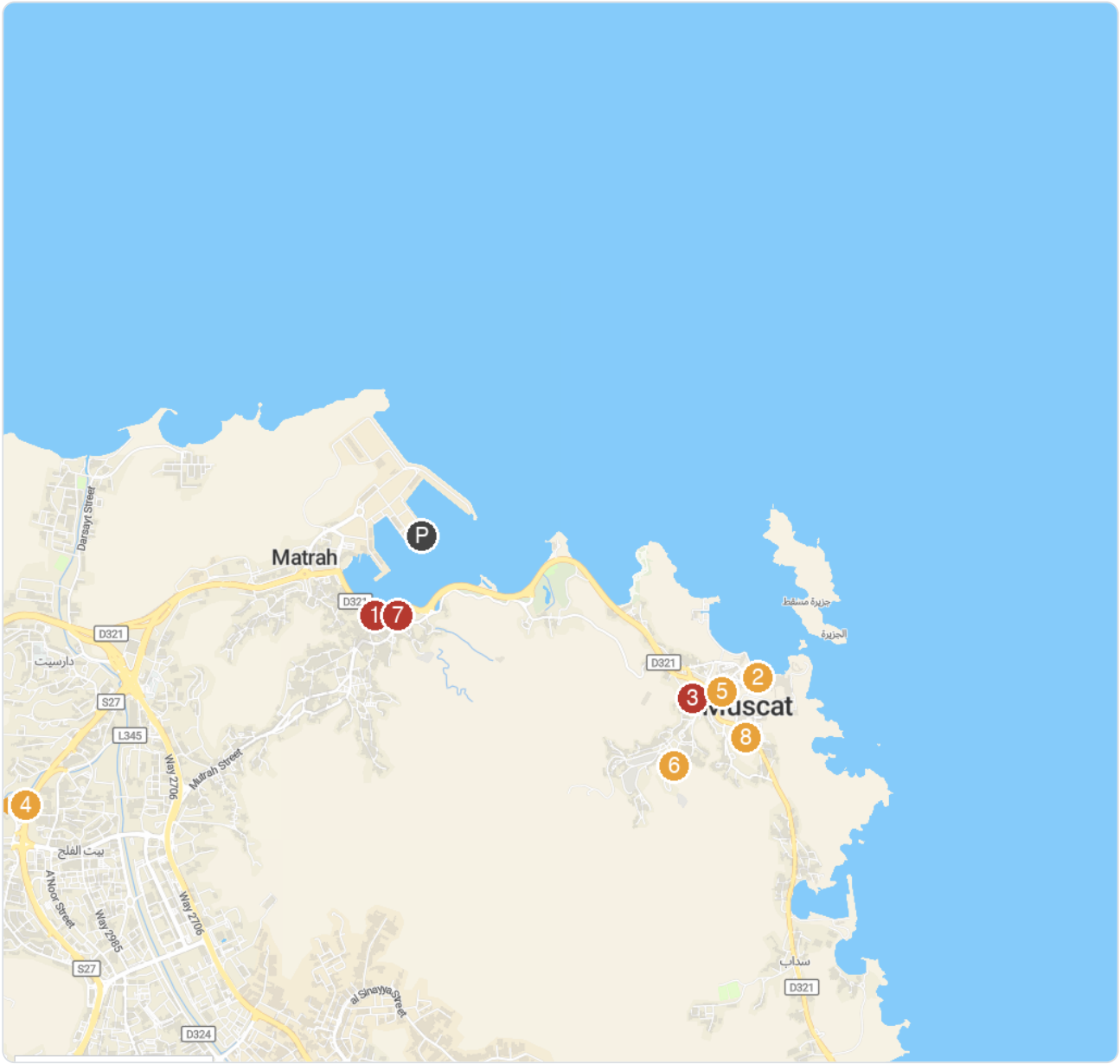
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Apr	93°	78°	1d		
Jun	101°	87°	0d		
Aug	98°	84°	0d		
Sep	96°	82°	0d		
Oct	92°	78°	1d		

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Muscat, Muscat Governorate, Oman — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Mutrah Souq | A bustling traditional Omani market for goods and souvenirs. | 2 Al Alam Palace | The Sultan's ceremonial palace, a modern architectural marvel. |
| 3 Bait Al Zubair Museum | A private museum showcasing Omani heritage, culture, and artifacts. | 4 Sri Krishna Temple, Muscat, Oman | A historic Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Krishna. |
| 5 Omani and French Museum | A museum detailing historical Omani-French relations and diplomacy. | 6 Shri Shiv Mandir | A historic Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. |
| 7 Mutrah Corniche | A scenic waterfront promenade perfect for walks and views. | 8 National Museum (Oman) | Oman's flagship museum showcasing the nation's heritage and history. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |