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# Photo Meeting

OMAN 2022

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## 7<sup>th</sup> FIAP PHOTO MEETING OMAN 2022 PROGRAM

**24 - 31 October 2022**  
7 nights – 8 days



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October 24 to 31

You will embark on a glorious journey across the country's rich heritage and culture and scenic locations. Moreover, you will have a great opportunity to capture unique shots of people, nature and diverse landscapes of the beautiful capital Muscat, the magnificent Sharqiya Sands Deserts and UNESCO World Heritage site of Bahla Fort and former capital of Oman Nizwa and its Fort as well as other exciting and interesting things about Oman and its people.

**Day 1 – 24Oct – Monday**  
**Arrivals Day**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
All Day	Arrival and Meet FIAP Oman representative at Muscat International Airport.
All Day	Transfer to the Hotel.
All Day	Arrival at hotel please approach the dedicated FIAP desk to complete your check in formalities and hand over of welcome pack.
All Day	Rest of the day/ evening at leisure. Please see below Notes.

**Notes**

**Early Arrivals** (before check in time) you will be able to complete your check in formalities and use the hotel amenities such as pool, gym and general facilities.

**Photo Opportunity** We also recommend that you take a walk down the beach by the hotel just before sunset to enjoy the sunset and perhaps take some images of the sun setting down as well as the loads of locals playing football and other form of sports.

**Distance** Airport to Hotel Km20 Approximate 20 minutes.

**Meals** Depending on your arrival time, only 2 meals are covered at the hotel's all day dining restaurant. Breakfast from 7AM to 10 AM, lunch from 12 noon to 2:30 PM and Dinner from 7 PM to 10 PM. If your arrival time is early or late, depending on your arrival time; multiple restaurants and cafes offering diverse choices just walking distance from the hotel. If you arrive early morning or late night, we recommend you pick something from the airport to eat to avoid any disappointment. If you have any specific dietary concerns, we are happy to make arrangements for you. Please let us know.

**Day 2 – 25Oct – Tuesday:**  
**Muscat City, Grand Mosque, Royal Opera House Muscat**  
**& Opening Ceremony**

Time	Activity
6.00AM to 7.30AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
7.45AM	Depart the Hotel to the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mousque. An Iconic Architectural Wonder
8.10AM	Arrive and discover the Grand Mousque taking pictures of the beautiful Arabian and Islamic architect and beautiful mosaics and ceilings surrounded by stunning and well maintained gardens.
10.10AM	Depart the Grand Mousque to the Royal Opera House Muscat.
10.40AM	Arrive at Royal Opera House Muscat and enjoy the beauty of “Oman around the World, a musical journey” Exhibition
12.20PM	Departure from Royal Opera House Muscat.
1PM	Arrive Hotel for Lunch.
5PM	Depart the Hotel to Sultan Qaboos University for the official 7th Photo Meeting Opening Ceremony.
5.45PM	Arrival to Sultan Qaboos University and take a group photo for participants in front of SQU Tower.
6.10PM	Heading to grand hall to the opening of Youth Exhibition..
7.00PM	Official Opening including speeches by FIAP and Host Country Officials as well a demonstration by the Photography Society Students of the University.
8.30PM	Dinner at the court yard with some traditional music performed by the Omani Oud Hobbyist Association.
10PM	Dinner completed and departure to the hotel.
10.40PM	Arrive hotel for overnight.

**Distance:** Driving proximate KM150

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch , Dinner.

## **Day 3 to Day 5**

Day 3 – 26Oct – Wednesday

Day 4 – 27Oct – Thursday

Day 5 – 28Oct – Friday

## **Visits to**

Nizwa Fort & Bahla Fort. Forts Activity.

Qurayat Various Activities.

## **Sharqiya Sands Desert over night activities. Desert Activity**

You will be split into 3 groups for the next 3 days (G1, G2 & G3) to give you the best conditions possible for photography and the overall experience. These activities will take place out of the capital Muscat where you will experience and visit 3 other governorate beside the capital: Al Dakhliya governorate and the governorate of Al Sharqiya and Muscat. Please note you will not require to check out of your hotel in Muscat and just carry a small hand bag for your night at the desert.

## Forts Activity

Time	Activity
6.00AM to 7.30AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
7.35AM	Depart the Hotel to Nizwa City and Fort. One of the oldest cities in Oman and was the previous capital.
10AM	Arrive and discover the fort. You will experience and come into close encounter with it's rich culture and heritage. The fort is filled with activities such as folklore performance, local bread making as showcasing the old way of Omani living. Unique photo opportunities to capture and live the essence of Nizwa's old culture within the fort. You will have the opportunity as well to wonder through the Nizwa Souq (old market).
12.30PM	Break for lunch at Nizwa fort.
1.30PM	Depart Nizwa Fort and head to Bahla Fort. An UNESCO world site and an outstanding example of a fortified oasis settlement of the medieval Islamic period, exhibiting the water engineering skill of the early inhabitants for agricultural and domestic purposes. Believed to be built around the 12th and 15th Century.
2.30PM	Arrive Bahla Fort for a unique workshop highlighting the old way of living in Omani homes and markets including men, women and children. Activities such as traditional way of Halwa making, trading, crafts men, show of horses as well as trading and auctioning of livestock.
6.00PM	Dinner at Bahla Fort.
7.30PM	Depart Bahla back to Muscat via the route of Jibreen
9.45PM	Arrive at Hotel

**Distance:** Driving proximate KM500

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch , Dinner.

## Qurayat Activities

Time	Activity
6.00AM to 7.30AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
7.35AM	Depart the Hotel and head to Qurayat.
9.00AM	Arrive at Qurayat fort where you can enjoy taking photos and photographing children's, men's and women's models in traditional dress.
10.30AM	Depart from Qurayat Fort.
11.00AM	Arrive at Wadi Dhayqah dam in Qurayat. Beautiful Landscape photography in the heart of farms with farmers doing their work.
1.30PM	Lunch Opening of Photography Exhibition Omani Traditional Art Performance.
3:30PM	Depart from Wadi Dhayqa dam.
4PM to 6PM	Arrive at Qurayat Beach to enjoy watching and photographing fishermen on the beach and Omani marine traditional performance.
6 - 7.30 PM	Heading to Hotell
8.00PM to 10:00PM	Dinner at the Hotel.

**Distance:** Driving proximate KM300

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch , Dinner.



## Desert Activity

Time	Activity
6.00AM to 7.45AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
7.55AM	Depart the Hotel head to the legendary Sharqiya Sands Desert. Covering a total area of 12,500 square kilometers the area is defined by a boundary of 180 kilometers north to south and 80 kilometers east to west.
10.15AM	Arrive the meeting point to board the 4 Wheel Drive (4WD) vehicles that will take you through the desert and into your camp.
11AM	Arrive the camp, Arabian Oryx Camp which will be your home for the night. Immediate check in to refresh before heading for a quick lunch.
11.45AM	Lunch at the Camp's restaurant.
1.00PM	Depart the camp in 4WDs to the desert photo set.
1.30PM	<p>Arrive Desert Photo Set for an exceptional shooting day covering the life in Omani deserts and the Bedouins. The set will include Camel and Camel Racing show, a Bedouin family life in tents including men, women and children.</p> <p>The set will include other tents known as "poem" tents which will demonstrate a folklore from the area. Other demonstrations such as Heena decoration and bread and coffee making in the traditional way.</p>
5.00PM	Sun Set Watching and shoot with Desert Nature.
6.00PM	Depart Photo Set back to Camp.
6.30PM	Arrive Arabian Oryx Desert Camp.
7.30PM to 9.30PM	Dinner at the Camp with entertainment provided by them and overnight.

**Distance:** Driving proximate KM250  
(note: add another KM200 for the return or onward journey)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch , Dinner.

### Day 3 to Day 5 Group Split

<b>Group Name – G1</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity / Overnight</b>
G 1	26OCT – WED – Day 4	Qurayat / Hotel in Muscat.
G 1	27OCT – THU – Day 5	Desert / Camp.
G 1	28OCT – FRI – Day 6	Forts / Hotel in Muscat.

<b>Group Name – G2</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity / Overnight</b>
G 2	26OCT – WED – Day 4	Forts / Hotel in Muscat.
G 2	27OCT – THU – Day 5	Qurayat / Hotel in Muscat.
G 2	28OCT – FRI – Day 6	Desert / Camp.
	29OCT – SAT – Day 7	Morning Back to Muscat.

<b>Group Name – G3</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity / Overnight</b>
G 3	26OCT – WED – Day 4	Desert / Camp.
G 3	27OCT – THU – Day 5	Forts / Hotel in Muscat..
G 3	28OCT – FRI – Day 6	Qurayat / Hotel in Muscat.

**Day 6 – 29Oct – Saturday**  
**B&W Event & FIAP Evening**

**Note:** Group G2 will depart the desert back to Muscat.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity (Group G2)</b>
6AM to 7.00AM	Breakfast at the Desert Camp.
8.00AM	Depart the Camp back to Hotel in Muscat.
11.00AM	Arrive to FIAP Exhibition center ( Photographic Society of Oman)

**Note:** Group G2 will reunite at 12.15PM.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
6.00AM to 9.00AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
10.30PM	Depart the hotel and head to FIAP Exhibition Center (Photographic Society of Oman).
11.00PM	Opening the FIAP new Exhibition center and the 35th FIAP Biennial B&W Event and Exhibition hosted by the Photographic Society of Oman. Snacks will be served.
12.30PM	Heading to Rozna Restaurant
1.00PM	Lunch at Rozna Restaurant.
2.30PM	Group Photo at Rozna Restaurant
2.45PM	Heading to the hotel.
3.20PM	Arrive at the Hotel. Free time till FIAP Evening.
7-8PM	Dinner at the Hotel.
8.30-11PM	FIAP evening

**Distance:** Driving proximate 10KM  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch , Dinner.

**Day 7 – 30Oct – Sunday**  
**Excursions / Workshop & Gala Dinner**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
6.00-7.45AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
8.30AM	Depart the Hotel to Muttrah
9:00 - 11:45AM	Arrive at Muttrah Enjoying a journey in the heart of Muttrah and taking photos at Muttrah fort, Corniche, Muttrah Souq and enjoy shopping there.
12.00-2.30PM	Lunch at Muttrah
2.15PM	Heading to The National Museum
2.30PM	Arrive at The National Museum
4.00PM	Heading to Al Alam Palace and taking photos for models wearing Omani costumes.
5.00PM	Group Photo in front of Al Alam Palace
5.30PM	Back to Hotel
7.30-11.00PM	Closing ceremony and Farewell Dinner.

**Distance:** Driving proximate between 50KM, 0KM & 300KM  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**Day 8 – 31Oct – Monday**  
**Check Out & Departures Day.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
6.00AM to 10.30AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
All Day	Departure Transfers to Muscat International Airport.

**Note:** In case you have a late flight on this day we will try our level best with the hotel to offer an extended check out time. Please approach the FIAP dedicated desk at the hotel reception for extra help to organize extra excursions, taxi service, luggage storage or as simple as having a chat.

**Distance:** Km20 to Muscat International Airport, 25 minutes.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

## **General Information & Registration.**

### **Inclusions**

- Return Airport pick & drop off.
- 7 nights hotel accommodation in Muscat and 1 night at the desert.
- Photo Meeting Oman Activities.
- Transfers and tours by comfortable air-conditioned vehicles.
- Services of a professional English-Speaking Guide on all transfers and Excursions.
- Program as per itinerary.
- Entrance fee to all attractions as per the itinerary.
- All taxes and services charges currently applicable by the government.
- Bottled Local Mineral Water during the transfers and Photomeeting.
- Meals as indicated in the above program. Local Mineral Water and one soft drink are included in your meals. Other beverages such as fresh juices or alcohol can be settled separately.

### **Exclusions**

- Cost of lunches or dinners other than specified above.
- Cost of Oman Visa.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Tips.

### **Accommodation (subject to availability):**

#### **Proposed Hotel in Muscat:**

Intercontinental Hotel Muscat (5 Stars)

#### **Proposed Hotel/ Camp in Desert:**

Arabian Oryx Camp.

### **Participation Fee**

#### **Single Occupancy**

1550 EUR/ 1650 USD

#### **Double / Twin Occupancy**

1250 EUR/ 1350 USD

### **Registration Deadline**

15 August 2022

### **Cancelation Policy**

Before 1 August 2022	95% Refund
Before 15 August 2022	50% Refund
Before 30 August 2022	20% Refund
Before 15 September 2022	0% Refund

### **Registration Link**

**Please follow this link to complete your registrations and payment**

<https://photomeeting.oman-conferences.net/EventRegister/EventRegister>

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