

## **Ensemble Experience**

### **MUSCAT, OMAN**

Ship/Sailing:	Seven Seas Voyager	April 1, 2009
Tour Date:	April 3, 2009	
Ship Time in Port:	8:00 am -	6:00 pm
Tour Name:	<b><i>Opulent Muscat</i></b>	
Full Day Tour:	Depart: 8:30 am	Return: 2:30 pm

Spend a lovely day discovering Muscat, Oman's political, economic and cultural hub where a modern commercial center exists in harmony with the country's traditional culture.

When you leave the port at Mina Qaboos you will drive to the Muttrah Souq, a delightful quarter of Muscat where you will have some free time to wander through the busy souk and shop in its fascinating shops. Look for beautifully worked silver, perfumes, souvenirs and so much more. Then continue on to the Grand Mosque, possibly the most exquisite mosque in Oman. Admire it from the outside before making your way to the Bait Adam Museum, a local house. During this exclusive visit — the museum is open especially for you today — you can see the unique collection of currency, paintings, photographs, guns and more. When you arrive you will be greeted with Arab coffee and dates, a typical welcome to guests. The head of the family will tell you about Omani traditions and lifestyle while showing you the house and introducing you to the family.

After this special visit you will drive to the 6-star Al Bustan Palace Hotel, situated between the rugged mountains of the interior and the azure waters of the Gulf of Oman. This spectacular example of luxury, elegance and Islamic architecture will transport you to another world as you step into the lobby and walk through the graceful Islamic arches to the awe-inspiring atrium. Be welcomed in traditional Omani style and hospitality to one of their opulent restaurants for a sumptuous buffet lunch. Then sit back and relax for the drive back to the port and your ship.

Ensemble *Experience* shore excursions are capacity controlled, subject to change without notice and require a minimum number of participants. All times are approximate. Your Ensemble Traveler host onboard will advise final details.