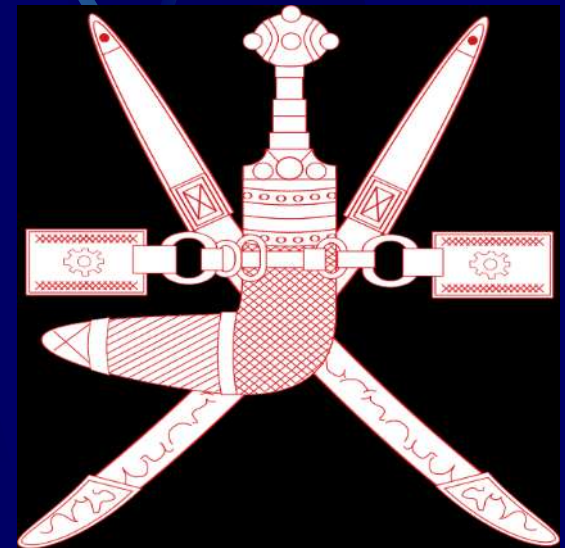
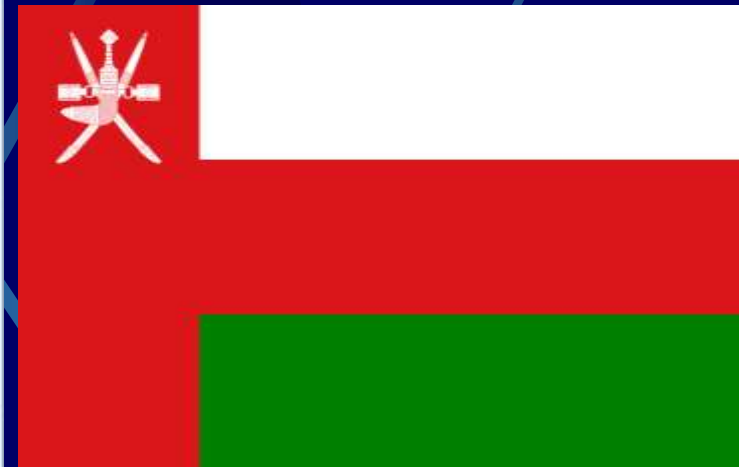


History & Culture of Oman

Wonders of Arabia

Windstar Cruises
Ross Arnold, Fall 2017





Sultantate of Oman

Population: 3.83 million

Land Area: 309,500 sq km

Government: Sultantate

Language: Arabic & Balochi

Money: Omani rials (1 OMR=\$2.60)

GDP: \$69.83 billion (2015)





World Heritage Grave at Al Ayn in Oman



لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

Prophet Muhammad
570-632 AD







Sultan's Palace, Zanzibar, once Oman's capital & Sultans' residence







Khanjar dagger
A symbol of Oman



A traditional Dhow, historic symbol of Oman



Said bin Taimur

Sultan of Muscat and Oman

February 1932 to July 1970

“the last feudal monarch of Arabia”

*“Keep the dogs
hungry, they will
follow you.”*



Qaboos bin Said al Said
Sultan of Oman
August 1970 to present



World's "Most Improved Country" – 1970 to today

| | <u>1970</u> | <u>by 2015</u> |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Economy: | \$100 million | \$69.83 billion |
| Education: | 3 primary schools; 1000 students | 1000 state schools; 650,000 students |
| Stability: | Perpetual insurrection | 59 th most peaceful |
| Medical Care: | world's highest IMR; 90% of people had malaria most people were malnourished | 99% have access to medical care |

Pre-1970: No movie theaters, radio or TV stations;
no playing musical instruments; no eyeglasses;
no travel in, out or around the country; no visitors;
forbidden to build new houses
or to repair the old ones;
forbidden to install a lavatory or a gas stove;
forbidden to cultivate new land;
forbidden to buy a car without Sultan's permission... etc.

**Sultan's Al Alam
Palace
in Old Muscat.**



**Sultan Qaboos University,
in Al Khoudh**



