

PRINT • SAVE • USE OFFLINE

OMAN ROAD TRIP OFFLINE CHEAT SHEET

4x4 decisions, no-signal planning, money, airport & emergency essentials

Information checked 22 August 2026

BEFORE YOU LEAVE RELIABLE WI-FI

- ☐ Download an offline map for the whole route.
- ☐ Screenshot each hotel/camp address, phone number and map pin.
- ☐ Save your rental company roadside-assistance number and contract.
- ☐ Fill up before remote mountain or desert sections.
- ☐ Carry drinking water and a second payment card.
- ☐ Save emergency number 9999.
- ☐ Re-check wadi / mountain weather before losing signal.

2WD OR 4WD? QUICK DECISION CARD

Place / route	What to plan
Muscat - Nizwa / Sur (normal highways)	2WD is normally enough
Jebel Akhdar	Plan on 4WD; access controls/checkpoint
Sharqiyah Sands	High-clearance 4WD for self-drive on sand; camp transfer is an alternative
Empty Quarter	4WD + serious remote-travel planning
Wadi Bani Awf	4WD strongly recommended for the off-road route
Jebel Shams	Main approach may be manageable, but exact mountain/side roads vary - check route and rental terms

If your itinerary mixes paved roads with one 4x4 section, consider a normal car for most days + a transfer, guide or short 4x4 rental for the difficult section.

REMOTE ROAD-TRIP CARD

FUEL	Do not enter a remote section near empty. Save the next fuel stop before leaving coverage.
WATER	Carry more than you expect to use, especially in desert and mountain areas.
WADIS	Never camp in a flood channel. Flash floods can make a dry-looking wadi dangerous quickly.
DESERT	Do not treat dune driving as a normal rental-car detour. Tyre pressure, recovery gear and experience matter.
RENTAL TERMS	A road being physically drivable does not mean your rental contract allows it. Check exclusions before going off-road.

MUSCAT AIRPORT WITHOUT DATA

- Mwasalat Route A1 serves Muscat International Airport and continues toward Ruwi.
- Public buses depart from the Level 0 bus station outside the terminal.
- If your phone will not connect, use licensed airport taxi options.
- If collecting a rental car, save the rental desk and first hotel location before landing.

MONEY & MOBILE DATA

- Currency: Omani rial (OMR).
- Cards/contactless are common in cities and larger businesses. Keep some cash for small shops, local services and payment failures.
- Local tourist data can be reasonably priced, but coverage is not guaranteed on every mountain/desert route.
- Your home SIM roaming price is a separate question - check it before departure.

EMERGENCY

9999

Royal Oman Police emergency number: 9999

Useful phrase (transliteration): “Ahtaj musa’ada, min fadlak.” = “I need help, please.”



OPEN 4x4 CHECKER



OPEN FULL OFFLINE PACK

SOURCES / UPDATE CHECK

- Experience Oman - official tourism guidance
- Royal Oman Police - emergency information
- Mwasalat - Muscat city routes
- Oman Airports - passenger services
- Omantel / Ooredoo Oman - current tourist mobile offers

Road, weather, access and operator offers can change. Check the online version and official sources before remote travel.