Musandam
The highlight of Musandam is its spectacular coastal scenery, where towering mountains plunge directly into the azure ocean, complemented by stunning fjords and sunken valleys. People have lived in the region since the Bronze Age, and over the course of time, they have developed a rich, unique cultural heritage.

How do you reach Musandam?
The Governorate of Musandam is located 570 km from Oman’s capital Muscat. It can be reached by air with direct flights from Muscat, or by sea using high-speed ferries. It can even be reached by road via a route that cuts through the United Arab Emirates.

Visit historic Khasab Castle and nearby Kumzarah Castle to experience history and culture (entry fees may apply). Next, head west along the stunning coastal road to Qadah to discover ancient rock drawings, and stop in Bukah to visit Bukah Castle and Al Bilad Castle.

Visit the local Atana hotel for a sunset refreshment on their outdoor terrace with sweeping ocean views.

Hire a small local motorboat or Dhow and explore the unique nearby islands including Telegraph Island, Umm Al-Ghanam Island, Musandam Island and Khawr Sham. Enjoy snorkeling and swimming, and keep an eye out for dolphins and huge flocks of seabirds.

When you return to Khasab, drive to Khawr Naid, which offers truly spectacular scenery of the mountains and sea. Then visit Saye Garden and admire the open forests and ancient architecture, including Bayt Al Qefel. Take your time to drive through the winding mountainous road, passing through Saye Village and Jabal Harim, all the way to Lima on the East Coast. This picturesque fishing village has a beautiful bay perfect for swimming and kayaking, with local rock pools and keep an eye out for friendly dolphins.

Catch a boat further down the coast to Dibba, where you can visit Dibba Castle and the archeological site in Seeh Al Deer - and don’t miss Six Senses Zighy Bay, one of the world’s most exclusive hotels offering a range of delicious local and international dishes to hungry visitors. Catch the boat back to Lima, then enjoy a sunset drive back to Khasab.

Important to know
• Please observe Omani customs and dress modestly.
• Use an appropriate SUV on mountain routes and ensure proper operation of the vehicle’s 4wd systems before undertaking any such trips.
• Ensure you have adequate water, food, and fuel.
• Always share a family member, friend, or acquaintance of your destination and expected date of your return.
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• Do not feed the local wildlife, as they may be potentially dangerous.

This itinerary can be shortened or extended depending on the time you have to explore the Musandam Governorate.