

History and Culture of Oman

Wonders of Arabia
Windstar Cruises
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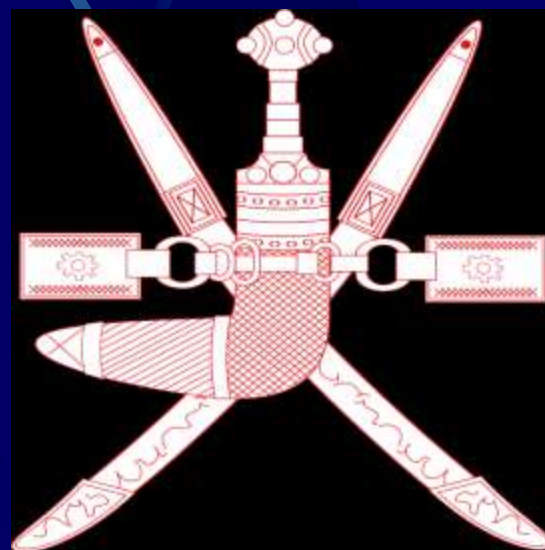
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Wonders of Arabia: April Lectures

- April 25- Intro to the Wonders of Arabia
- April 26- Birthplace of Empires
- April 26- Faith & Culture in the ANE
- **April 27- History and Culture of Oman**
- April 27- Unity & Diversity in the Middle East
 - 4/28- Salalah, Oman
- April 29- The Children of Abraham
- April 29- Moses, the Israelites & Crossing the Red Sea
- April 30- Introduction to Islam
- April 30- Alone in the Desert: Christian Monasticism







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: \$163.62 billion (2013)



World Heritage Grave at Al Ayn in Oman



لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

Prophet Muhammad
570-632 AD









Coast of Sur, Oman



Nakhal Fort, one of the best-preserved forts in Oman

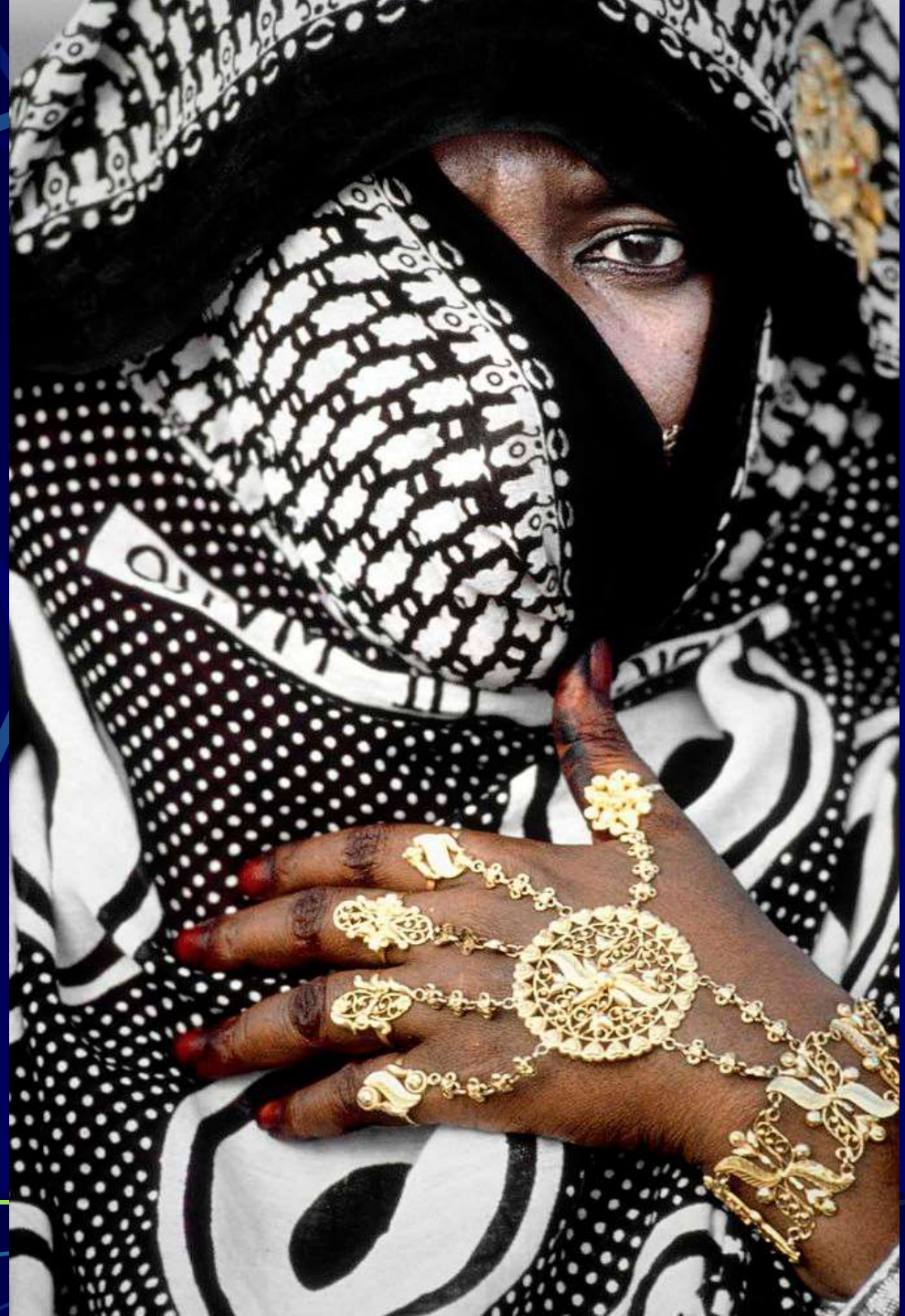


Balah Fort





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







Khanjar dagger
A symbol of Oman



A traditional Dhaw, historic symbol of Oman





The Tomb of Job
Outside Salalah, Oman



Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Salalah, 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.”

Oman prior to 1970, under Sultan Sid bin Taimur

1970

Economy:	\$100 million
Education:	3 primary schools; 1000 students
Stability:	Perpetual insurrection
Medical Care:	World's highest IMR; 90% of people had malaria and other diseases; most people were malnourished

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 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.



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 2013</u>
Economy:	\$100 million	*\$163.62 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

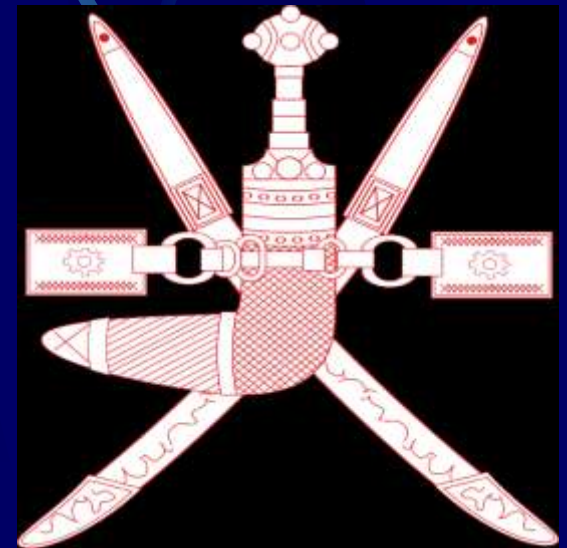
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The Sultan's Al Alam Palace in Old Muscat.



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