

# OMAN SNAKE CANYON

Thank you for joining UAE TREKKERS for this adventure!

**This PDF Is Everything you need to know!**





# TRIP SUMMARY

Get ready for an incredible adrenaline rush of a weekend in Oman!

Start out with a 5-hour drive

Relatively easy visa rules and a direct express road to Rustaq.

Give your SUV driving skills a the real test on the last 10 KM off road as you arrive into the quaint guest house with dinner waiting for you!

In the morning, get ready to abseil down a cliff into Snake Canyon's pristine waters. Be prepared for this epic adventure!







# BEFORE YOU GO

- Complete your health and safety waiver!
- Check your car insurance for Oman coverage and get a NOC if you have a car on loan
- Organize Rides and carpools- share and save!

Passengers should pay generously for petrol! Easy to manage -when you stop at the petrol station, passengers should offer to pay! Drivers if you are kind enough to offer a ride, you should not have to ask right?



# COMPLETE YOUR HEALTH/LIABILITY WAIVER

- Very easy to complete on your phone!
- If you have paid for someone else, please forward this link to them to complete!
- This allows us to understand your special needs and health concerns in order for us to protect you in case of emergency.
- We also inform the guides in Oman about weight and health issues prior of your arriva.





# WHAT TO BRING

- NOV-FEB: FULL Wetsuit 1.5 mm
- Other months, shorty wetsuit, .5 mm
- Summer: fingerless gloves or socks for hot rocks,
- Old trainers with a grip or old hiking boots
- **NO water shoes or sandals they need a grip!**
- Swimsuit, with cover-up for the end in the village
- Dry bag for food, water, and basic items.
- Avoid glasses, non-waterproof cameras, and phones.
- GoPros are best for the canyon.
- Change of clothes and a towel.
- For accommodation: Bring shampoo, soap, and conditioner.





# WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU IN THE CANYON



- Water – 1.5 liters per person
- Snacks individually wrapped or in plastic bags – provided!
- Assume that whatever is in there will get wet !
- Electrolytes or juice box – we will give you snacks and water
- DON'T TAKE ANYTHING OF VALUE!
- NO GLASSES, RINGS, NECKLACES, ANYTHING!
- a bag for drivers to store at the end (towel, change of clothes).
- Prepare a dry bag for canyon essentials (water, snacks).
- After the canyon, you will want to get out of the wetsuit as soon as possible before you drive back up to the guest house.
- Leave this in the car that goes to the END of the canyon, before you start.



# WHAT'S INCLUDED

- **Overnight** at Bimmah Guest House (shared room for up to 3; extra cost for single room)
- Dinner on arrival
- Breakfast
- Lunch before you leave

## Technical Gear

- Life jacket- YES you have to wear it the whole time
- Harness
- Helmet
- Carabiners

## Expert Guides!





# GETTING THERE

- Leave Dubai (noon)
- Cross at Hatta Border (Wajaja Border Crossing)
- Off Road Section 30 minutes (do before sunset)
- Arrive to Bait Bimmah Guest House
- Rooms are various configurations Zafron will get your organized
- Dinner
- Off road SUV's are essential for this adventure, but ultimately the organization of the start/finish will depend on the total number of participants and the total number of vehicles available.
- For this reason, we cannot plan this in advance and will announce in the group how we will get to the start/finish points.







# UAE EXIT / OMAN BORDER NOTES

- Passport = must be valid for 6 months
- NO VISA REQUIRED FOR GCC RESIDENTS OUR TOURISTS
- You will still need to go in and get stamped at the Oman border
- Be careful to check to make sure you have a clear entry/exit stamp when you leave. They are inconsistent about this on both sides!
- required, not Emirates ID.
- Show residence visa in your passport at the Oman border.
- If you have a car loan, obtain a NOC from the bank.
- Make sure UAE stamps 'EXITED,' even if they claim it's electronic.
- UAE can be inconsistent with stamping 'EXIT.'
- Ensure your 'ENTRY' stamp is clearly visible.
- Carry Oman insurance, registration, and driving license when entering or exiting Oman.







# THE GUEST HOUSE

- Bait Bimmah Rest House
- Turn off the Main Highway to Snake Canyon
- Rooms of varying sizes
- Twin, triple, 5 beds, 10 beds
- A/C Comfortable and clean
- Un attached bathroom



# MOBILE PHONE ACCESS IN OMAN

- Bait Bimmah Rest House This is Your Map
- Download it BEFORE you leave UAE. Google maps won't download if you have not done it beforehand
- Google Maps behaves strangely in Oman, especially if map is not downloaded ! Study the map so that you know the route, take screen shots if you are navigating on your own.
- Mobile phone signals are NOT reliable.
- DU roaming not reliable don't even bother getting the roaming package
- Do not expect reliable communication with organizers
- Follow us for the safest option or be prepared to self-navigate





# START/FINISH LOGISTICS - ANNOUNCED AFTER FINAL NUMBER OF CARS/PARTICIPANTS



- You will take a one-way trip down the gorge.
- For the return ride, a car shuttle is needed.
- Depending on participant count, take enough cars for everyone.
- Leave the right number of cars at the finish; bring only drivers back in one car.
- Guest house can assist with extra transportation to the start.
- Drivers need about 45 minutes for the round trip to the guest house.
- Keep your belongings in the cars at the finish.



# SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday:

- 6:00 AM: Wake up and have breakfast.
- Start time may change based on weather.
- Logistics adjusted depending on participant count.

Typical procedure:

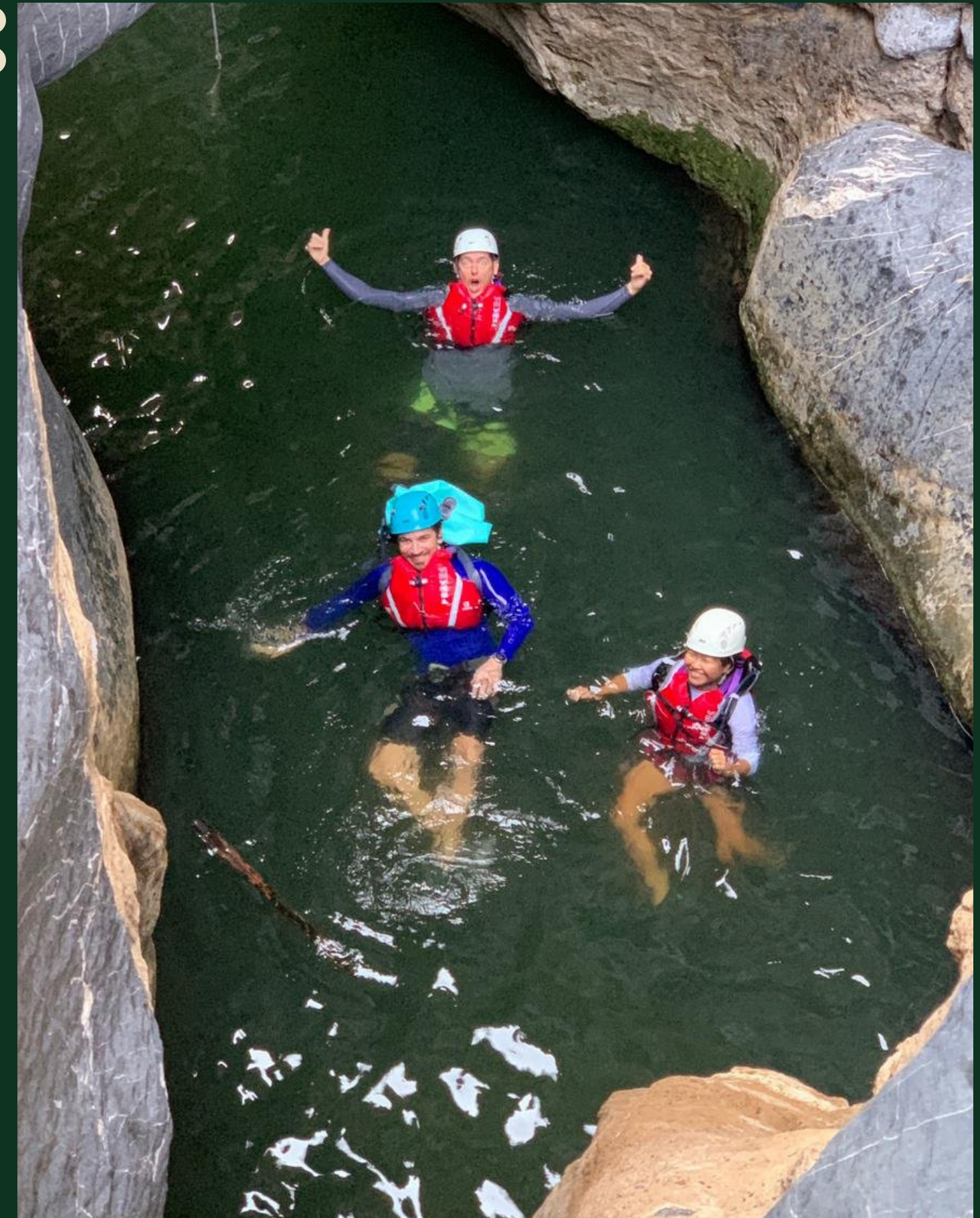
- Put on wetsuits, prepare backpacks (1 liter water, snacks).
- Prepare a bag for the end of the canyon (change of clothes).
- Leave this bag in the car heading to the canyon's end.
- Drive cars to the canyon's end, fitting the group.
- Bring the car with drivers back.
- Head to the start point.
- Zaffa and Yahia will provide further guidance for clarity.





# START TIME/FINISH TIME: ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY NIGHT

- There are many factors that will impact your starting time – as early as 6:00 OR as late at 8:00 am.
- **OTHER GROUPS:** Potential delays behind other groups in the canyon so we always aim to be the first group
- **SUNRISE TIMING:** This shifts from month to month, winter start times are later than summer timings.
- **WEATHER FORECAST** – the guides are expert at predicting this microclimate, if there is any risk of rain, they will move start time to earlier to ensure you are out of the canyon as soon as possible.
- **Total time in Canyon:** Your group can take as little as 4.5 hours and as long as 6 hours.





# What could possibly go wrong?

We will keep a close eye on the forecast and inform you in the days leading up to your trip. We will give the green light but that STILL may mean there is a risk of rain interfering with your trip!



- ⚠️ **Weather Alerts:**
- **Any storm forecast in advance** - trip reschedule with no questions asked! its incredibly dangerous to be in the canyon and no risks are taken in this regard.
- We will **reschedule** the trip for the following weekend automatically in this case.
- Risk of rain in the afternoon - trip start timing will be moved up to SUNRISE with a fast pace so that you are out before NOON. **Proceed** at the approval of the guides.
- Last-minute cancellations are possible and have happened before, but in most cases this is before you leave Dubai.
- If the weather interferes after you leave Dubai, we can discuss options in the group at that time.



# IF YOU HAVE TO CANCEL WHAT HAPPENS?

1. Move to the next scheduled trip, but you **may have to wait** until a trip fills up!
2. Non-refundable trek; no reimbursements for missed trips.
3. If canceled due to weather, rescheduling for the following weekend.
4. No refunds once you arrive at the guest house for logistical reasons but it will be rescheduled

