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Two weeks tour (first week trekking, second week to explore the secrets of Socotra)

First week on the island exploring from north-east coast to south coast, crossing the central mountain region: the trek will be on foot and camels might be used to transfer equipment; the itinerary winds between remote mountain sites and beaches, includes the visit to some traditional Socotri villages and camping overnight at various locations ([Homil](#), [Dimalah](#), [Darho/Skand](#), [Derhur](#), [Momi](#), [Arher](#)) to reach the most beautiful parts of the island:

- *AMAQ sandy beach*
- *ARHER beach*
- *DABURK waterfalls*
- *DAGUB cave*
- *DENEGHEN canyon*
- *DERHUR canyon*
- *DIHAMRI marine protected area*
- *DIHAZHAZ canyon*
- *DIXAM plateau*
- *FERMHIN forest*
- *HAGGIER mountain*
- *HOMIL protected area*
- *HOQ cave*
- *KALYSAN canyon*
- *MOMI plateau*
- *RAS IRSAL beach*
- *ZAHAQ and HAYF sand dunes*

Day 1: Abu Dhabi- Socotra- Ayhaft National Park - Delisha

You will take the flight from Abu Dhabi to Hadibo. Upon your arrival in Socotra, you will be transferred to Hadibo to acclimatise and have some lunch. We then head to Ayhaft canyon National Park where you can swim in fresh water pools and see a variety of endemic plants birds. All around you, there will be tamarind trees, cucumber trees and a wide variety of birds such as Socotra sparrow, Socotra sunbird and both Socotra and Somali starlings. Ayhaft is a natural nursery due to its large abundance of endemic trees, plants and birds.

Dinner and overnight Camping at Ayhaft.





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Day 2: Trekking to Haggier mountains, from Deneghan to Ado Dimalah

Early in the morning, after breakfast we will transfer you to the starting point of a long way trek, in wadi **Daneghen** (north-east of Hadibo) near Kishan village, to set off on foot to the mountains of **Haggier** with local cameleers, whose camels carry our camping equipment. The scenery is amazing as we trek along the mountain and arrive in **Ado Dimalah**. At the top of the mountain we see a lot of different varieties of plants and birds, and from the high cliffs we see the northern part of Socotra. The mountain region of Socotra is truly something to behold, with sharp peaks, wadis of different sizes, beautiful rock formations and lush green vegetation. The air in the mountains is much cooler than in the lowlands, so it can be quite refreshing (bring a sweater!).

Dinner and overnight camping in Dimalah

Day 3: Keep trekking in Haggier mountains, Dihazhaz and Darho, to Skand

We continue our extraordinary trek in the Haggier mountains, to Skand. After breakfast as we set off down to the wadi of **Dihazhaz**. This is a small paradise where we will be able to enjoy the unique flora, fauna and bird species of Socotra. After lunch among the trees and streams we set off towards the village of **Darho** passing through some more traditional villages along the way and we will finally arrive to **Skand**, the highest mountain of Socotra island (1525m).

Dinner and overnight camping in Skand

Day 4: Keep trekking in the central area (Frimin, Derhur)

We will walk through a large plateau in the central area and a gorge (**Derhur canyon**) which is definitely the most spectacular limestone landscape feature on the island. The gorge drops 700 m (2295 ft) vertically to the valley floor. The **Firmin forest** is the last Dragon's Blood woodland. Nowhere else in the world can one find Dragon's Blood Trees in such densities as growing here. Local people will show us how they used to collect – and still collect on a smaller scale -the precious red resin of the trees: the road plunges 400 m (1312 ft) into a profound chasm slicing through the granite, giving a completely different atmosphere from the airy heights of the plateau. The lush canyon floor has been planted with palm trees, in the shade of which lay Bruce's Green Pigeons and Laughing Doves.

Dinner and overnight in Derhur





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Day 5: crossing the island to south (Hayf, Zahek) and Momi

After breakfast we will trek to Hadarhan and then the final part of this long trek will allow us to reach the south coast, where we can swim in the clear water of the Indian Ocean. We will follow the coast line to visit the colossal sand dunes of Hayf and Zahek, pushed up against the mountainside by the seasonal winds of Socotra. We will finally drive you to Momi to be ready for the last trek on the following day

Dinner and overnight at Momi

Day 6: from south back the reliefs on the east (Momi and Kalisan) to Ras Irsal

From the eastern plateau of Momi we start a new trek that will lead to Daburk where you will photograph an impressive waterfall and you will be able to swim in the pool. Next we trek to wadi Kalisan down to a wadi where we will meet a hermit who lives in a nearby cave. He will demonstrate how he calls his goats and he will show us how he milks them. Kalisan Canyon, located in the remote southeast corner of Socotra, and surrounded by rolling hills and mountains, many of which also have Dragons Blood Trees, is an incredible water wadi made up of numerous fresh water swimming pools, waterfalls and rock formations. After lunch in wadi Kalisan we will drive Ras Irsal a small village on the eastern part of the island, renowned for fishing.

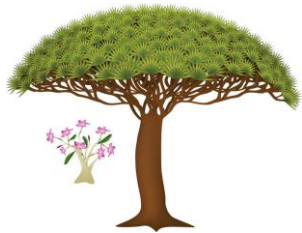
Dinner and overnight in Ras Irsal

Day 7: Difarho canyon – Delisha beach

Today we travel towards the north. We will pass through Difarhu canyon where we can see traditional villages and natural water pools at the bottom of the canyon. The unusual Desert Rose tree clings to many places on the canyon walls. The vegetation here is lush green and there are many birds. We will drive to Delisha beach with pristine white sands full of crabs. You can relax while swimming in the sea and/or in a freshwater lagoon. You can climb a huge sand dune overseeing the beach and try to surf it down. If you want to stay longer there may be a fabulous sunset to watch from Delisha

Dinner and overnight in Delisha





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Day 8: Arher freshwater creek and beach

We will reach Arher where a fresh creek coming out from granite massive is meeting sea water on the beach. You can relax on green grass around the creek, swim in the sea or if you feel fit you can climb a huge sand dune to get a fantastic view over this charming spot. Arher is one of the best spots for paragliding and thus you can paraglide if you have your own paragliding equipment.

Take it easy today!

Dinner and overnight in Arher



Day 9: Homil terrestrial protected area

Our today's destination is Homhil, a protected area with fabulous sceneries that give you a kind of prehistoric feeling. We will stop at Qaria lagoon enroute. It is the largest lagoon on the island and we will hopefully see flamingos, herons and greenshanks. The trek to Homhil starts at the bottom of a spectacular ravine on the sea level. The trek is of medium difficulty and won't take more than 1,5 hours. You will have enough strength to enjoy the view back towards the sea where we have started ascending.



Once at Homhil, we can choose from a selection of walking trails. You will be astonished by the prehistoric atmosphere of the landscape rich with dragon blood trees and bottle trees. You will be addressed by local children who sell dragon blood raisin and frankincense. One of the trails leads to a viewpoint with a natural pool with almost freezing green and blue water.

Dinner and overnight at Homhil.

Day 10: Dixam and Omaq

Today we cross the central part of the island to the south. On our way we drive to Dixam plateau where we can walk along the edge of gorges to see attractive stands of Dragon's Blood Trees and the extensive limestone pavement. Sections of the plateau have partially slipped into the gorge, leaving 'lost world' accessible only to buzzards and vultures. The plateau is home to nomadic Bedouin herdsmen who move from one site to another with their herds. We will be welcomed by them with a cup of tea, to observe their houses built into ledges where the plateau meets the gorge. Further driving to reach the ocean on the south to the island where we camp at Omaq beach.

Dinner and overnight at Omaq.





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Day 11: Dihamri Marine Protected Area

We will drive to nearby Dihamri marine protected area. It boasts with one of the richest coral reefs on the archipelago. You can relax on the beach in palm leaf huts and swim and snorkel in Dihamri Bay. Snorkeling gear can be hired there. Marine species you will see underwater include: Parrotfish, Moray eel, Rays, Sea urchins, if you are lucky you will meet turtles. Divers can also use the services of Dihamri Diving center and go for a dive in Dihamri or another of superb diving spots of Socotra.



Dinner and overnight Dihamri.

Day 12: Hoq cave- Rosh Marine Protected Area

We will make an early start to drive to the base of Hoq cave in Terbak village. Before the sunshine gets too hot, we will walk up to the entrance of the cave. It is more than 3 km long with a water pool at the end and holds a wealth of Socotri history. Inside, you will see stalactites, stalagmites and crystalline formations. Ancient writings on the cave walls and also what appears to be a picture of an old trading ship have been preserved over the ages by a calcite glaze. The rest of the day will be spent at Rosh Marine Protected Area from where it is still possible to access the coral reef.



Dinner and overnight camping at Rosh Campsite

Day 13: Qalansya Detwah lagoon

We drive to the west of the island to a little fisherman's town of Qalansiya. It consists of traditional Socotri houses, narrow alleyways and a beach full of fishing boats ready to set off for today's catch or to take you to Shu'ab beach. We will continue to Detwah lagoon, a marine protected area renowned for its magic landscape. You will be charmed by a white sandy tongue surrounded by turquoise waters of the bay. You can swim there and enjoy the paradise. There is also an array of sea birds to be seen in the lagoon.



Dinner and overnight at Detwah.



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Day 14: Golden beach of Shoub

After breakfast in Detwah, we will go for a boat trip to Shu'ab. We will surely meet some spinner dolphins along the way with cormorants flying over our heads. Once at Shu'ab, we visit a mangrove area. We will have a lunch on the long and clean Shu'ab beach. In the afternoon, you can swim in this pristine place. In late afternoon, we take a boat ride back to Qalansya. Line fishing is possible from the boat if you want to catch your dinner. Once at Shuab we will have lunch and the afternoon we take the boat ride back to Qalansya or a new trek to Mala cliffs from where you can be back to Qalansya. Ready for the last drive, that will bring you back to the capital Hadibo

Dinner and overnight Hadibo



Day 15: DEPARTURE FROM SOCOTRA-ABU DHABI

Today we will visit the souvenir shop and then we will head to Adeeb Nursery to see a collection of endemic plants grown there. After we will drive you to the Socotra airport. You will take the flight to Emirates.

Services included in the tour Package:

- Visa fees
- Welcoming and a transfer from and to Socotra airport
- 4WD vehicles (Transportations)
- Camels and Cameleers
- Accommodations; Hotel any day you want, eco-lodges, campsites and wild camping
- Food (3 meals a day); we do cater also vegetarians
- Sufficient amount of bottled water throughout the trip
- English speaking local experienced guide
- Local trekking guide at specific places
- Protected Area entrance fees and all other fees
- Boat Ride to Shu'ab

Services not included:

- Personal insurance
- Guide's and driver's tips



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Our trekking program will include:

- Ministry fees for Protected Areas and National Parks and agreement with local villages
- Accommodation in hotel (Hadibo) and camp-sites (Socotra Advisor Camp: private tents, cooking service and ice boxes for your drinks; main tent for meals, table and chairs, umbrellas; fresh water for shower; technical toilet)
- Full-board: food prepared by our cooks at camp-sites or in local restaurants (rice or pasta, vegetable soups, fishes, lobster, goat meat, eggs, cheese, local bread, milk, coffee, tea, honey or other spreads for breakfast, bottled water and soft drinks)
- Transfer to trekking sites
 - 4x4car (Toyota land cruiser) and pick up for your equipment
 - camels
- English speaking guide, Arabic speaking local people

Things to bring with you:

- Trekking poles
- Sunscreen
- Cameras
- Polarize sunglasses

Note: please keep in mind that our trekking tour can be further customized to fit your preferences and budget. Contact us to discuss your ideas and we will provide our expertise to make your holiday efficient and a rich in memories experience.

With thanks and regards,

Abdullah