

Khasab, Musandam Governorate, Oman

Khasab is Oman's Musandam outpost, where bare Hajar mountains plunge into blue khors and traditional dhows head for dolphin waters. It is a small, practical port day: book the fjords, use shuttles or taxis, and do not expect a big-city cruise terminal.

 Docked (commercial port)  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  Omani Rial (OMR)  Arabic (English in tours)  Hot, exposed port

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Usually alongside at Khasab's commercial port; terminal facilities are limited and older guides may still mention tendering.

Best For: Dhow cruises, dolphins, desert-fjord scenery, 4x4 mountain views, low-key Omani culture.

Walk to center: About 3-5 km to Khasab town and souq depending on drop-off; take the shuttle, taxi, or tour pickup in the heat.

Don't Miss: A Khor Sham dhow cruise to Telegraph Island and the Musandam fjords.

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Negotiated fare ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Khor Sham Dhow Cruise** — Board a traditional wooden dhow for the classic Musandam fjords day: steep limestone walls, small fishing villages, tea and dates onboard, and swim...
- **Dolphin Watching in the Fjords** — Many dhow trips include a good chance of seeing dolphins riding the bow wave in the sheltered khors.
- **Khasab Fort** — A restored 17th-century Omani fort with exhibits on Musandam life, boats, crafts, palm houses, weapons, and local history.
- **Jebel Harim 4x4 Safari** — Head into the Musandam mountains by 4x4 for high viewpoints, rough tracks, fossils, and ancient rock carvings near Tawi.
- **Bassa Beach** — Khasab's main public beach sits north of town with mountain views and basic shade.

BEST WALKS

- **Khasab Fort & Souq Stroll** 1.5-2 km · 1-2 hrs · Easy once in town — Take the shuttle or taxi into Khasab, visit Khasab Fort, then continue toward the small souq area and Lulu Hypermarket for dates, snacks, and practical supplies.
- **Bassa Beach Stop** Short beach visit · Taxi required · Easy — Use a taxi for a simple beach break at Bassa Beach, then return to town or directly to the port.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌞 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
	Mon	High	Low	Rain	
Apr		91°	78°	1d	Apr 5:51AM–6:38PM · Jun 5:22AM–7:08PM · Aug 5:47AM–6:50PM · Sep 6:00AM–6:19PM · Oct 6:14AM–5:46PM
Jun		102°	89°	0d	
Aug		102°	89°	0d	
Sep		99°	86°	0d	
Oct		93°	81°	1d	

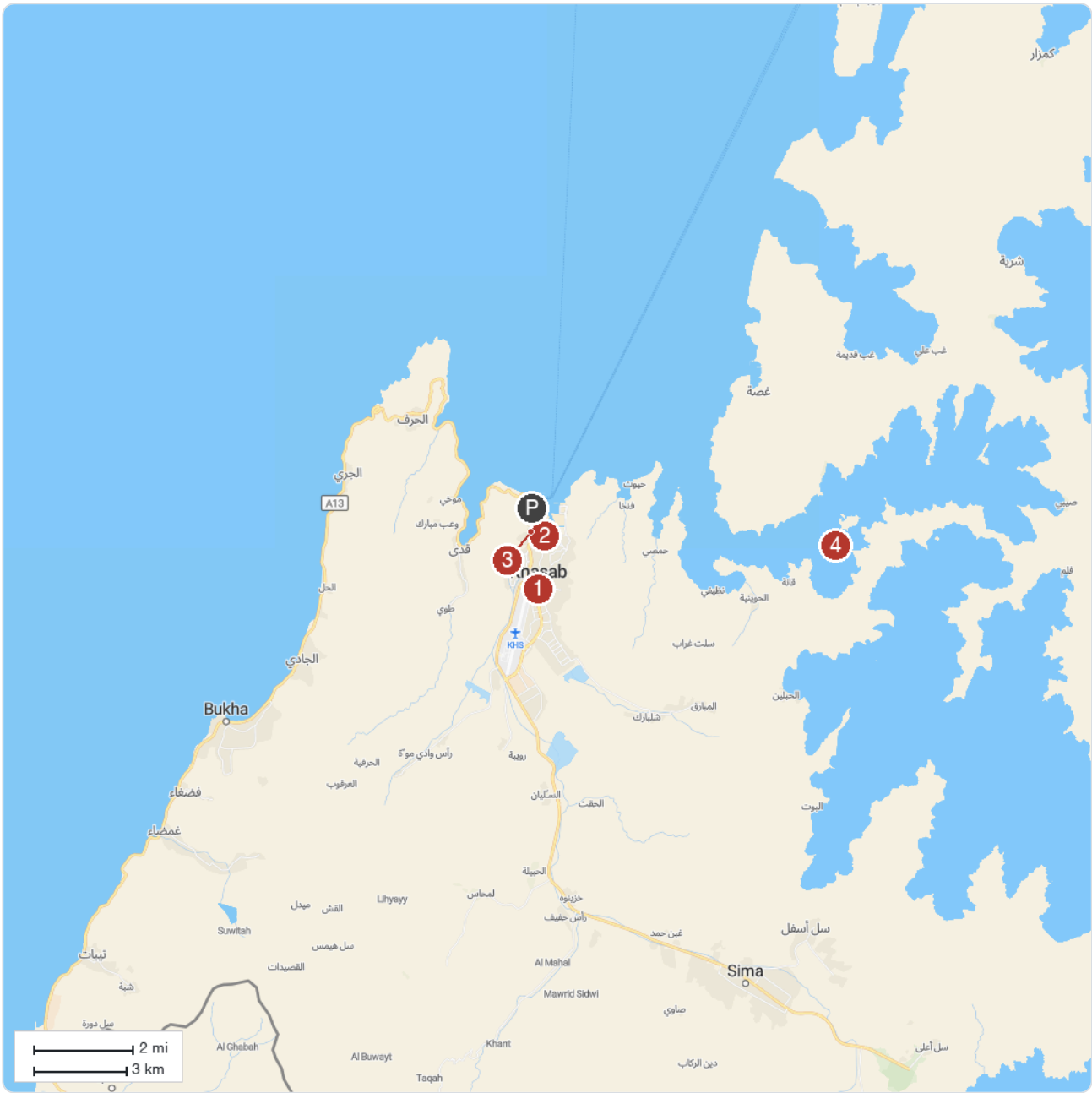
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book the dhow early. Khasab has fewer independent shore options than Muscat or Dubai, and the fjords are the main reason to be here.
- Do not underestimate the heat. The port road and town walks are exposed. Carry water, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat even in winter cruise season.
- Carry small cash. Omani Rials are official; some taxis and tour operators may accept UAE dirhams or US dollars, but agree prices clearly first.
- Dress modestly ashore. Cover shoulders and knees in town. Use conservative swimwear at public beaches; dhow swim stops are usually more relaxed.
- Confirm your return pickup. Taxis are not as plentiful as in major Gulf ports. If you go to Bassa Beach or a viewpoint, arrange the return before leaving town.
- Expect a working port. Khasab's berth is functional, not scenic. The memorable part of the day starts once you leave the pier for the fjords or mountains.

Khasab, Musandam Governorate, Oman — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Sultan Qaboos Mosque
Khasab's main and most prominent mosque.
- 2

Khasab Castle
A 17th-century Portuguese-built fort now housing a museum on Musandam's maritime and mountain heritage.
- 3

Khasab Fish Market
A bustling waterfront market where local fishermen sell the morning's catch from the Strait of Hormuz.
- 4

Telegraph Island
A small islet holding ruins of an 1860s British telegraph relay station in Khor ash Sham fjord.
- P

Cruise port / terminal