

Masirah Island, Al Wusta, Oman

Oman's largest island feels like a secret the world hasn't found yet — wild white-sand beaches, rusting shipwrecks, flamingo-dotted mudflats, and loggerhead turtle nesting grounds all waiting for you beyond Hilf's small fishing harbor.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Omani Rial (OMR)

Arabic

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor offshore; tendered into Hilf harbor

Best For: Wildlife, wild beaches, photography, expedition travelers

Walk to centre: ~10 min (1 km) from tender dock to Hilf town centre

Don't Miss: Turtle nesting beaches on the east coast and the fish market in Hilf

Getting around: **Taxi** ~2–10 OMR per trip · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Turtle Nesting Beach** — Masirah's east coast is one of the world's most important loggerhead sea turtle nesting sites.
 - 4x4 Island Safari** — Cross Masirah's Martian-red interior, stopping at salt flats, abandoned Bedouin villages, cliff-top viewpoints, and...
 - Dhow Sailing & Dolphin Watch** — Charter a traditional wooden dhow with a local fisherman to spot humpback dolphins, green turtles, and — in season...
- Shipwreck Exploration** — The treacherous seas around Masirah have claimed dozens of vessels over the centuries.
 - Hilf Fish Market** — Mornings at Hilf's fish market are a front-row seat to Omani island life — giant groupers, kingfish, spiny lobsters...

BEST WALKS

- Hilf Harbour & Fish Market Stroll** 1 km · ~20 min · Easy — From the tender landing, walk along the waterfront into central Hilf.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		90°	77°	1d
Jun		91°	80°	1d
Aug		85°	75°	0d
Sep		85°	76°	0d
Oct		87°	77°	1d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:46AM–6:23PM · Jun 5:23AM–6:46PM · Aug 5:43AM–6:33PM · Sep 5:51AM–6:07PM · Oct 5:59AM–5:40PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress respectfully in Hilf. Oman is a conservative Muslim country. Cover shoulders and knees in town, even in warm weather. Swimwear is acceptable on remote beaches.
- Bring cash in Omani Rials (OMR). There are a couple of ATMs in Hilf but card readers are scarce. Agree taxi prices before you board — 20–30 OMR for a half-day tour is typical.
- Currents are dangerous. The Arabian Sea around Masirah has powerful rip currents, especially on the exposed eastern coast. Always ask your driver or guide which beaches are safe...