



A Journey to the Sultanate of Oman

*Join our ecumenical women's group of clergy and lay leaders
for a ten-day trip to the beautiful country of Oman.*

Hosted by the **Al Amana Centre** in Muscat, Oman, an RCA ministry, working internationally to foster understanding, acceptance, trust and peace between Muslims and Christians.

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Oman is a stunning contrast of desert, mountain and coastal landscapes; historic forts and ports; distinctive arts and crafts; and lavish sacred mosques interspersed with arresting contemporary architecture. A country known for its warm hospitality and safe environment, it strikes a perfect balance between a traditional past and its modern, bustling, open society. It is easy to see why Oman is described as “**the jewel of Arabia.**”

The capital city, **Muscat**, will be our home as we immerse ourselves in the beauty of the land and its people. We will begin our trip by deepening our understanding of Muslim religion/culture and Christian-Muslim relations and having an overnight retreat at **Jebel Shams Mountain**, the Grand Canyon of Oman. We will travel to the historic towns of **Al Hamra** and **Misfat Al Abreen**, visit ancient **Nizwa Mosque and Fort**, worship at the **Protestant Church of Oman**, tour **Sultan Qaboos' Grand Mosque**, explore the **Hindu Temples**, engage in **Scriptural Reasoning**, shop at **local souqs**, visit Oman's **National Museum**, dine on **traditional Omani fare** and take a **sunset Dhow cruise** around Muscat's exquisite coastline. Along our way, we will meet the **women of Oman** and engage in **meaningful dialogue to explore the cultural, religious and societal similarities and differences between us as women of faith**. Finally, we will discuss ways to continue these important conversations when we return home to our own spiritual communities.

Join us for this **once-in-a-lifetime journey** as we open our hearts and minds to this magnificent country, shed our false stereotypes and build deeper respect for **Christian-Muslim relations**.



\$2,350 per person*

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*Trip cost inclusive of lodging, all meals, local transportation, lectures, in-country trips/excursions and RCA administrative fees. Airfare not included.