



Socotra Exclusive Tours & Socotra.cz

TREK + the best of Socotra

11 day/10 night

**DAY 1) Arrival at Socotra, snorkeling in Dehamri Protected Area, Delisha beach**

Welcome and pick up at the airport, lunch on a nearby beach or restaurant. Drive by car to the **Dehamri Protected Area**, the richest coral reef, where you can snorkel and see the amazing underwater world just a few meters from the shore.

Moray eels, parrot fish in flocks, caretta turtles, rays, sea urchins and many other underwater animals will make you feel like you are swimming in an aquarium.

After snorkeling, a short drive to **Delicia Beach**, depending on the time, you will enjoy climbing a sand dune or watching the sunset.

Dinner and overnight in tents at Eco Lodge Delisha

**DAY 2 ) Hagher Mountains, Wadi Daneghan, Adho Dimalah Camp**

You set off for the highest mountain area of Hagher and begins a three-day crossing from the north coast to the most interesting central part of the island.

Early morning after breakfast, meet the local Bedouins and their camels in **wadi Daneghan**, the starting point of the trek. After loading all the necessary things on the camels, the most demanding day of the 3-day trek awaits us.

It is light, our animal carriers will take care of the equipment, field kitchen and the rest.

Distance 8km, elevation gain about 700m above sea level, time 5-6 hours of walking on a paved road. Today's destination is the **Adho Dimalah camp** at an altitude of about 700 meters above sea level.

The routes are carefully planned, usually with a morning and afternoon section.

The camels walk at a leisurely pace, allowing for enjoyment of the surrounding landscape and possibly taking breaks for photos or refreshments.

Lunch on the way, dinner at Adho Dimalah camp

**DAY 3 ) Adho Dimalah | Farah Mountain | Dihamderh**

In the morning after breakfast we climb the highest **mountain Farah** - you get to a height of about 1350 m (the peak over 1500 m above sea level is a little higher / granite-granite needle) from where there is an amazing view of Hadibo and the harbor. The journey will take approximately 3-4 hours round trip. Then we continue walking through the **Wadi Asqalh**.

On the way, we will stop for lunch and continue with our camels to **Dihamderh**.

Today's distance is about 15km, 8 hours of walking, except for the morning ascent, which is more challenging, the rest of today's journey is walking among lush vegetation.

The day ends with the construction of a camp by one of the many natural pools.

Dinner in Dihamderh

#### **DAY 4) Fermhin Forest**

In the morning after breakfast, we continue the last part of the trek to the **Fermhin forest area**. Distance 8km, walking time 4-5 hours. Nowhere else in the world will you find the Dragon's Blood Trees (*Dracaena Cinnabari*) in such a concentration as here. The characteristic appearance of this monocotyledonous plant and the age of most of them will captivate you.

Something special :

Dragon's Blood Trees are among the oldest ecosystems on Earth, dating back to the Tertiary.

They are a symbol of the island, growing up to 10 meters high, their wide crown and shape resemble an umbrella or a gigantic mushroom. The highly valuable dragon's blood or red sap is literally a treasure. It has strong healing effects and its use is also in demand in the cosmetics industry.

From local families, you can buy this treasure in small quantities and try it

Beneficial effects – dragon's blood!

Lunch, dinner and overnight at Fermhin Camp

#### **DAY 5 ) Fermhin forest, wadi Derhur, Dixam plaeteu, southern region of Noged, sand dunes of Haif - Zahag, Aomak beach**

In the morning after breakfast, you will move down by car (you can also walk) to **the Derhur canyon** lined with date palms and you can swim in several clear lakes. The color contrast of the surroundings is reminiscent of scenes from Jurassic Park.

Through the **Dixam plateau**, which is a massive gorge and crosses the plateau with high walls and creates a dominant view of the surroundings, we drive to the southern coast of **Noged** to the Indian Ocean to our private camp directly to the most beautiful **beach of Aomak**.

A relaxing afternoon awaits you, you can relax in the shade of palm trees/our shell shelters or fully enjoy swimming, sunbathing and exploring the surroundings.

At sunset, you will visit the beautiful sand dunes near the village of **Hayf**. A beautiful place that evokes a sense of peace is incredibly photogenic.

Lunch on the way, dinner in our private **camp Aomak**, which is very well equipped and serves only for our clients Socotra Exclusive Tours. 😊

#### **DAY 6 ) Dagub Cave, Wadi Dfarho, Matiaf Area, Wadi Kalisan**

After breakfast, you will visit the small but impressive **Dagub Cave** on our way inland.

At the entrance to the cave, the most valuable item of the dry southern coast – clear water – flows down impressive stalactite formations. A number of animals find refuge in the cave, especially bats and swifts. It is possible to drive almost to the cave.

You will move by car to the eastern central part of the island through one of the most beautiful wadis on the island of **Dafarho**, through the **Matiaf area**.

Lunch will be on the way and we will also have time for a small refreshment in one of the many lakes that this amazing wadi lined with palm trees offers.

You arrive in the area of the canyon / **wadi Kalisan**.

Dinner and overnight at Kalisan Camp.

### **DAY 7 ) Wadi Kalisan , Homhil Protected Area, Momi Plain**

In the morning after breakfast, you will have an easy trek of about half an hour to **Wadi Kalisan**, one of the most beautiful, deepest and largest wadis on the island, which is lined with white rock formations, where you can refresh yourself in crystal fresh water and see endemic plant species, all enhanced by a beautiful view of the majestic canyon.

You will move by car to the plateau and protected area of Homhil - an amazing place on the northeastern tip of the island with a large concentration of dragon's blood trees (*Dracaena Cinnabari*), desert roses and also frankincense trees on the **Momi plain**.

In addition to the exceptional plants, the biggest attraction on the Homhil Plateau is the panoramic freshwater pool. It is a natural lake located on the edge of a rocky outcrop and fed by several small streams. Here you can swim, watch freshwater crabs while enjoying the mesmerizing views of the Arabian Sea.

Lunch and dinner and overnight at Homhil Camp

### **DAY 8 ) Homhil, Arher Dunes, Ras Errisel**

In the morning, after breakfast, you will descend from the **Homhil area** and the lake for about an hour to the north coast to the **Arabian Sea**, where cars will be waiting for us and we will briefly drive to the Arher area - the easternmost part of the island's promontory, up to 250 m high sand dunes, which rest on a limestone rock massif. It is a place that is famous for its beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

You can climb a sand dune and experience the unique scenery created by the prevailing westerly winds, blown sand from the sea with the contrast of a dark rock cliff, or enjoy the amazing beach to the fullest. The uniqueness of this place is enhanced by a stream surrounded by green grass.

You will also visit the easternmost point of the island **Ras Errisel**, which is surrounded by many wild and pristine beaches. This is where the arabian sea meets the indian ocean. You can see the remains of a whale shark skeleton on the site.

If you're lucky, you can observe or try to catch freshwater eels in the dark.

Dinner and overnight at Arher Camp.

## **DAY 9 ) Hoq Cave, Wadi Qarea, Hadibo City, Qalansia City, Detwah Lagoon**

Early in the morning voluntarily sunrise on one of the local dunes.

After breakfast, you leave the Arher area for one of the nearby Bedouin villages - the starting point to the Hoq Cave. Arrive at your destination with your local guide after about 1 hour of climbing. The cave system is about 10 kilometers long (only the front part is accessible). Be prepared that there are no lights inside. You will be rewarded with a tour of thousands of stalagmites and stalagmites, and after about a kilometer inside you will reach a fascinating lake.

After descending from the cave, we will have lunch and refreshment in Wadi Qarea - it is the largest freshwater lagoon on the island and we will hopefully see flamingos, herons and other rare species: wader, gray waterbuck, etc.

After a short visit to the **capital Hadibo** – possibility to buy some small things, etc. ( there is not much available ) we move to the western part of the island to the city of **Qalansia and Detwah Lagoon**, where we will swim in the sea and sunset at one of the local viewpoints.

Dinner and overnight at Detwah lagoon camp

## **DAY 10 ) Shoab Beach, Qalansia, Detwah Lagoon**

In the morning after breakfast we leave Qalansiyah for a boat trip to the famous **Shoab beach** ( \*with suitable sea conditions ). Along the way, in addition to meeting fishing boats, there is a huge chance of an unusual encounter with dolphins.

By boat you will pass through gigantic rock massifs that line deserted small sandy beaches, cave formations that are inhabited by flocks of cormorants.

Shoab is a beautiful beach, many visitors insist that it is the most beautiful on Socotra. You will swim in turquoise waters, relax under mangroves and enjoy the penultimate day on the magical island.

Upon returning back to **Detwah Lagoon** - where lunch and a free afternoon will be prepared at this magical place. You will enjoy swimming and discovering the underwater world in the lagoon to the fullest.

For those who have the strength and desire / an afternoon trek to a hidden place where photography is the best thing to do is possible

Dinner and overnight at Detwah lagoon camp

## **DAY 11 ) Departure from Socotra**

after breakfast transport to Socotra airport, farewell

### **Socotra Exclusive Tours & SOCOTRA. CZ provides**

- entry formalities – visa processing (fee is not included in the price - see below)
- Flight ticket Abu Dhabi – Socotra – Abu Dhabi / AUH-SCT-AUH - cooperation on your part regarding bank transfer / USD or AED
- 4WD / Toyota Landcruiser
- Experienced drivers, knowledgeable local guide - English-speaking
- in case of a larger group, a catering car with other helpers and a cook / not available for TREK - crossing the island

- full board including refreshments and unlimited water consumption, all kitchen equipment - field kitchen
- camping equipment, tents, mattresses, blankets, pillows
- all camping fees, entrance fees to Socotra reserves and protected areas

#### **Not included in the price:**

- Personal insurance, flight ticket insurance
- Gratuities for the guide and driver
- international flight from your home country to UAE – Abu Dhabi or Dubai
- flight Abu Dhabi – Socotra – Abu Dhabi / AUH-SCT-AUH /930USD or 3350AED/person
- visa payment on the spot in USD 150\$ / person

#### **What you will do on Socotra:**

- Above all, you will walk a lot, trekking is the main focus
- observe diverse, unique and endemic fauna and flora
- Camping, swimming in the wadi and watching the stars of the Milky Way
- Conquer dunes, explore caves
- boat trip to the furthest beach of Shoab \* in good sea conditions
- get to know local communities and culture, take photos
- relax on the beaches, sunbathe, snorkel
- and especially in the evenings to have fun without a mobile connection

#### **to the program / itinerary :**

- The 11-day program is compiled according to our many years of experience
- This unique program is very varied, it includes several half-day to full-day hiking expeditions, it is a more demanding trekking program, good physical fitness is expected, but it can be completed by any healthy person fit in movement
- There is no need to bother with an exact itinerary of when, where, what and on what day, you will see everything, please leave it to us 😊.
- 11 days / 10 nights camping
- Couples have a larger tent available (it is assumed that you sleep together in one / if otherwise, let us know), other solo travelers each have their own solo tent.
- For the TREK tour, please bring your own mattress and sleeping bag – light comfort