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Oman

AL BALEED SALAHLA

Between sea and lagoon, a resort in a style similar to the traditional white village of Dhofar tells the enchanting nights of an authentic Arabia in an unknown Oman. Welcome to Al Baleed Salalah, signed by Anantara.

In the south of the incense country, Salalah is a port city on the Arabian Sea, at the foot of the Jebel al Qara and capital of the Dhofar region. A region that opens up to tourism with a brand new airport, all gleaming and miles of highways without any advertising panels, never seen before, relaxing both eyes and spirit. We are elsewhere, in a region where time is taking a break to offer a clean country without visual pollution. Nothing but nature, then, all of a sudden, dates and banana merchants present their fruits on the banks of palm groves.

ORIENTAL INSPIRATION
Night arrival at the Al Baleed Resort is magical. Silence, stars and great luxury. Nothing ostentatious, white buildings that border the sea, so immense! At the entrance of the place, arcades perfectly fit the landscape, imitating the curve of the palm branches. Present throughout the resort, from the lobby to the spa, they are the signature of Arab architecture giving the place an authentic atmosphere. Inspired by the traditional villages of Dhofar, Al Baleed Resort Salalah reflects traditional Omani design while integrating modern and contemporary elements. Formerly, the villages around Salalah had a majestic main building that housed the Sheikh of the local community, built on a higher ground to govern its municipality from above. The main house served as a place of education and social interaction, invited different tribes to share stories.
and exchange the latest news. The houses of the village, smaller than
the main house and built below,
were scattered in the palm grove.
The façades of their mud brick
walls also formed the boundary
of the village, punctuated by an
imposing wooden entrance door.
This concept was taken over in
Al Baleed where the main building
includes reception, lobby, Sakalan
restaurant and 30 rooms with a
sublime view of the sea. On a lower
level, scattered among 750 coconut
palms, 88 villas with a swimming
pool, two bedrooms, a private
entrance and a private courtyard.
Inside, walls embedded in the style
of those who used to store supplies
and are decorated with local
antiques and artworks. The lagoon
side villas offer a most romantic
view: a few palm trees, desert and
little lights in the distance.

VILLAS WITH A VIEW
There’s symmetry, throughout the
resort, where alleys square the site
and lead to the focal points of the
ocean to the lagoon. Surrounded by
palm trees, gardens and canals of
black stone, they mimic the ancient
falaj irrigation system and give the
whole sweetness and serenity.
Infinity pool or private beach, both
at once! We have lunch and dinner
with a view of the sea. Lebanese
specialties and Asian flavors. In the
restaurant Sakalan, a breakfast
buffet where nothing is forgotten.
Around the pool, Al Mina for quick
meals and in the evening, discover
Mekong specialties, or better, order
a private dinner a few steps from the
waves, romantic chic picnic, lit by
torches and sonorized by the waves.

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