Nearly 1 million Indians live in Oman, many of them Hindus. The Shri Krishna Temple was built in 1987 by merchants from the western Indian state of Gujarat. It includes the main hall, which can accommodate 500-700 worshipers and smaller shrines to Ganesh and other deities. The Omani Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs allows it to operate – even though Muslims are usually much more comfortable with monotheistic religions, like Christianity and Judaism. However, Indians have been trading and living in Oman for so long that Omanis are happy to accommodate their customs and traditions.