

Nizwa and the Omani interior



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Nizwa:

- One of the oldest cities in Oman
- The largest city in the Ad Dakhilia region
- About 700,000 people
- On the trade routes linking Muscat to the interior and to Salalah (on the Indian Ocean)

The interior of Oman is:

- very dry – luckily, Omanis developed a technologically and socially advanced system of irrigation known as the *falaj*
- full of forts – often Nizwa was the seat of power
- relatively conservative, an Ibadi Islamic center

Nizwa from atop the Nizwa Fort





Dates: an
important
product



Falaj: an ancient irrigation channel, so well-designed that it is still in use



Nizwa's Friday animal market



a “small” section of Lulu’s
Hypermarket, Nizwa’s enormous
modern grocery store



Al Rustaq Fort



Southeast of Nizwa, Wahiba Sands is so spectacular that even the locals want a photo op!



Your mission for today:

Learn more about Nizwa and its
environs in order to understand the
lifestyle and culture.

And interview people who knew the victim in order to identify possible suspects or witnesses:

- Younis – John’s friend and fellow history buff
- Ahmed – Amira’s cousin
- Abdulaziz – local date farmer
- Jason – a graduate student/researcher from the U.S.
- Abdullah – local musician, originally from Zanzibar