

Salalah

in the Dhofar region of Oman

Salalah is located in southwestern Oman along the Indian Ocean.



Population of Salalah:

- 2nd largest city of Oman with nearly 200,000 people
- The majority of people – like most Muslims – are Sunni, whereas in the rest of Oman, people are mostly Ibadi Muslims.
- Most people speak Arabic; some speak Jebali (an unusual language).

Location/Climate of Salalah:

- By the Indian Ocean with close proximity to Yemen and to East Africa.
- The climate is moderate – almost always with a high in the 80s (year-round). Because of that, tourists flock to Salalah in the summer.
- The weather is humid because of the location near the sea – and there is often fog.

Lifestyle in Salalah

- Like in the rest of Oman, it is a very modern city.
- But you can also see herds of camels.
- And the smell of frankincense is everywhere!

On the Indian Ocean



Ancient and Modern



Job's Tomb in the fog (above)
and a modern shopping mall
(to the right)





Camels!

Summer is the time camels give birth, so herders bring them by the sea. That way, they will drop the babies in the sand, not the rocky ground of the mountains.





Frankincense
trees:
Frankincense is
the dried sap
that people
scrape off the
tree.

The cool weather makes Salalah a popular tourist destination for people from throughout the region.





Your mission for today:

Learn more about Salalah in order to understand the lifestyle and culture.

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

- Younis – whom you met before in Nizwa
- Diane – John's neighbor whom you met in Muscat
- Ibrahim – a police investigator in Salalah
- Hassan – a tour guide
- Said – a camel herder

If you think you know who killed John:

- Don't tell anyone but those in your group.
- Remember to gather evidence that can be used in court. (You can't just know who did it, you must have motive, opportunity, and witnesses.)