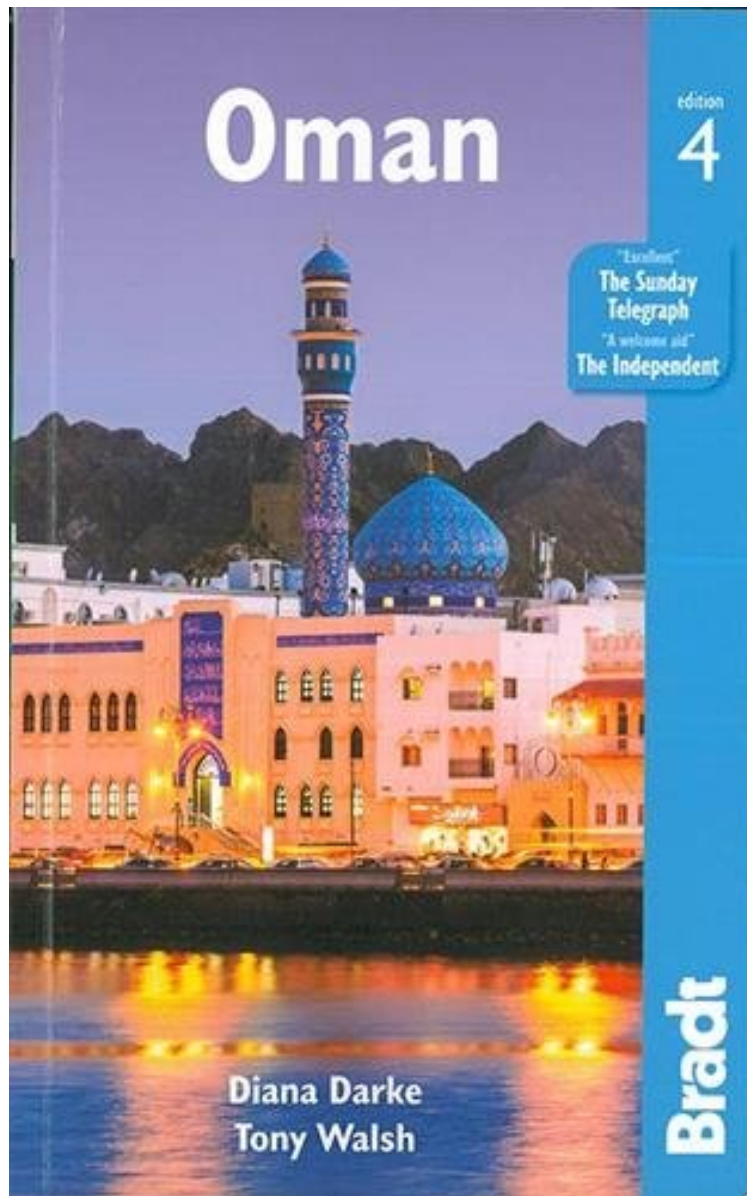


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Diana Darke, Tony Walsh : Oman (Bradt Travel Guide Oman) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Oman (Bradt Travel Guide Oman):

Bradt's 4th edition (2017) of this Oman guide is the most up-to-date and informative guide to Oman, the Arabian

peninsula's most welcoming destination, fully revised and updated by an author who lived in Oman and Arabia between 1986 and 2016. CONTENTS P001: General Information P003: Background Information P039: Practical Information P073: The Guide P075: Muscat P137: Al Batinah Coast P169: Musandam P189: The Adh Dhahirah Al Buraymi P203: Ad Dakhiliyah P239: Ash Sharqiyyah P269: Al Wusta P289: Dhofar P327: Language P332: Glossary P334: Further Information P339: Index The regional chapters and numerous maps are new to reflect Oman's rapid changes since the 3rd edition of this guide.

From the Author The Bradt Guide to Oman 4th Edition is an almost completely rewritten guide to Oman. During late spring, through the summer and into fall 2016 each chapter received attention with all the regional chapters eventually being completely revised. Hotels and restaurants that have been included range from 5* to 0*; this was decided upon not only to fit the budget of any reader but simply because in many areas a 0* was all that would be available. Each of the numerous maps are new, this means that they include as much as possible of Oman's rapidly expanding infrastructure as well as taking into account the extensive text revisions to the entire book. Though, as the author, I was very familiar with the country having spent so many years living there, this proved to be almost an obstacle. Simply put, unwritten assumptions by me regarding background needed to be put into black and white so that a new visitor would be able to understand more. However perhaps the most challenging area was in the English spelling of place names. There may be many variations used in English for a single place name and I decided the current naming authority's English spelling should be used even where a different one was more used by locals, and other guide books. Using this approved spelling version will mean that all new visitors can easily refer between the guide book and government produced maps. About the Author Tony Walsh has written extensively about Oman for local and international media as well as for Oman government publications since 1999. His chosen topics reflect his interests and have included camel racing on the edge of the desert, diving for abalone in Dhofar and, more recently, Oman's World Heritage Sites. Having purchased Diana Darke's first guide to Oman all the way back in 2006, Tony is delighted to have been able to contribute towards this comprehensive guidebook. He lived in Arabia from 1986 - 2016, for most of that time in Muscat. Though initially managing retail businesses in Oman and Saudi Arabia, he has also worked in tourism since 1993, exploring Oman from the Straits of Hormuz to the Yemen border and beyond. His Arabic can justifiably be called 'street Arabic' as, although he learnt to read and write in a class, it was the man on the street who taught him the language. ABOUT THE ORIGINAL AUTHOR Diana Darke has known Oman for over 30 years when she first worked there for the Omani government in 1980. She still has many Omani colleagues and friends in the country. With a BA in Arabic (Oxford) and an MA in Islamic Art and Architecture (SOAS, London) her in-depth cultural background knowledge is second to none, and is rarely found in guidebooks. She is the author of sixteen guidebooks on Turkey and the Middle East.