

# Day one

#### **Arrival and Arher Beach**



Welcome to **Socotra International Airport!**Your Socotra Phoenix Tours guide will be waiting just outside the airport to assist with your luggage and escort you to the car. Don't worry—the airport is very small and easy to navigate.

From here, you'll meet the rest of our friendly team, and your **Socotra adventure officially begins!** 

Our first stop is a warm welcome lunch with a local family, where you'll enjoy traditional **Socotri** hospitality and home-cooked flavors. Afterward, we head straight to the spectacular **Arher Beach**, where towering white sand dunes meet turquoise waters. Spend the afternoon swimming, relaxing, or climbing the dunes for breathtaking island views.

After setting up camp, we'll drive to the **easternmost tip of the island**, Ras Erissel, where the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean meet in a dramatic clash of waves. Watching the sunset here is truly unforgettable.

The day concludes with a freshly prepared dinner and overnight camping back at Arher Beach, under a sky full of stars.



## Day 7WO

## Dihamri or Hoq Cave, Diksam



Your second day on Socotra begins **before sunrise!** A short hike from camp takes you to the perfect viewpoint to witness one of the most breathtaking sunrises of your life.

After soaking in the early-morning views, we return to camp for a hearty breakfast. Then, you'll have the option to choose between two unforgettable experiences:

#### 1. Snorkeling at Dihamri Marine Reserve 🚳

Located along Socotra's northern coast, this protected marine reserve is one of the island's best snorkeling spots. The waters are crystal clear and alive with color—sea turtles, parrotfish, leopard eels, octopuses, and countless other species can be spotted here. A local dive master is available on-site, and for only \$5 you can rent equipment if you'd like to venture into deeper waters. Many travelers happily spend hours here, exploring the vibrant underwater world.

#### 2. Hiking to Hoq Cave

Alternatively, embark on an adventurous trek to **Hoq Cave**, a massive limestone cavern stretching nearly 3 km inside. Along the way, you'll pass Dragon's Blood Trees, frankincense trees, and stunning views of the coast. Inside the cave, discover surreal rock formations, stalactites, and ancient Socotri inscriptions that echo the island's mysterious past.

Whichever path you choose, Day 2 promises awe-inspiring natural wonders and unforgettable adventure.

#### Exploring Hoq Cave

Hoq Cave is the most unique cave on Socotra. Stretching nearly 3 km inside, it features dramatic stalagmites, stalactites, and flowstones. The cave remains untouched—no artificial lights or boardwalks—only raw nature in its wildest form.

After your chosen adventure, we'll return to Arher Beach for lunch.

In the afternoon, we drive to the spectacular **Diksam Plateau**, home of the legendary **Dragon Blood Trees**. Passing through Kilisan National Park, the roadsides are lined with these alien-looking, umbrella-shaped giants.

Before reaching the forest, we'll stop at **Wadi Dirhur**, the island's deepest canyon. Palm trees thrive along the wadi floor, while massive **Bottle Trees** cling to the towering canyon walls. It's a landscape unlike anywhere else on Earth.

The day ends with dinner and an **overnight camp beneath the Dragon Blood Trees**, surrounded by Socotra's most iconic forest. \*

## Day three

### **Qalansiya and Detwah Lagoon**



After enjoying breakfast beneath the Dragon Blood Trees, we'll leave the high central plateau behind and journey westward toward the coast.

Our first stop is **Qalansiya**, the island's charming second-largest town. From here, it's a short drive to the breathtaking **Detwah Lagoon**, a UNESCO-protected area famous for its turquoise waters and rich marine life. The lagoon is home to pufferfish, stingrays, starfish, and even sea turtles. You'll have time to swim, relax, and wander along its pristine white sand beach.

After lunch at the campsite, a unique experience awaits—you'll take a short hike to meet the legendary "Caveman of Socotra." Living by the lagoon, he will welcome you with tea inside his cave and introduce you to the fascinating creatures that call the lagoon home.

The day winds down with dinner and **overnight camping beside Detwah Lagoon**, under a sky of countless stars.

As afternoon turns to evening, you'll witness the **sunset over Detwah Lagoon**—a breathtaking sight as the golden light
dances across the turquoise waters.

The day concludes with dinner and **overnight camping at Detwah Lagoon**, surrounded by its magical coastal landscape.





# Day four

### **Shoap Beach**



#### Sailing Adventure to Shoab Beach

This morning is dedicated to the sea! After breakfast, we'll set out on a traditional boat ride toward the pristine **Shoab Beach**. The journey takes about **1 hours**, and along the way, it's common to encounter playful **pods of dolphins** swimming alongside the boat—a magical experience in itself.

Upon arrival, you'll discover **Shoab's untouched paradise**: powdery white sand, crystal-clear waters, and a serene atmosphere that makes it one of the island's most breathtaking beaches. Spend the morning swimming, relaxing, and soaking up the tranquility of this hidden gem.

After ample time at Shoab, we'll return by boat to **Detwah Lagoon** for a freshly prepared lunch and a relaxed afternoon at camp. Whether you choose to swim, nap, or simply enjoy the lagoon's views, the day offers the perfect balance of adventure and rest.

As the afternoon turns to evening, you'll enjoy the **sunset over Detwah Beach**, one of the most magical sights on the island.

The day concludes with dinner and **overnight camping at Detwah Lagoon**, surrounded by its peaceful coastal landscapes.



# Day five

## **Airport**



We will bid you farewell with a delicious breakfast on the beach, then drive you to the airport for your flight hom