

# The Sultanate of Oman Introduces the Cultral Visa among its Range of Entry Visas



## The nature of the cultural visa:

The cultural visa is an entry permit granted to foreigners coming to the Sultanate of Oman for cultural purposes. It is issued upon the request of the relevant authority and under its responsibility, in which the hosting entity (such as the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Youth, academic institutions, or cultural centers) bears the responsibility for the applicant.

## To whom is the cultural visa granted?

Granted to foreigners coming to the Sultanate of Oman to participate in or engage in cultural activities, such as:

Temporary residence for the purposes of cultural exchange or artistic training.

Academic or research collaboration in the fields of culture, arts, and heritage.

Participation in literary and intellectual conferences or festivals.

Attending or organising cultural and artistic events and exhibitions.

A special clause was also added allowing the issuance of a cultural joining visa for the foreigner's spouse or first-degree relatives entering for cultural purposes.

## Duration of the cultural visa

A cultural visa can be granted for one year with a fee of (50 Omani Rials).

Or for a period of five years with a fee of (50 Omani Rials for each year).

Or for a period of ten years with a fee of (50 riyals for each year).

The visa must be used within three months from the date of issuance, otherwise it will be considered invalid.



## Objectives of the cultural visa

Providing a clear legal framework to regulate the entry and residence of foreigners for cultural purposes without resorting to other visas.

Enhancing the Omani culture through the exchange of expertise and joint events.

Enabling Omani cultural institutions to host foreign talents and delegations with ease.

Supporting Oman's cultural strategy 2040 aimed at building an open knowledge society connected to the world.

## Note

The extensions of the cultural visa do not apply to other types of visas mentioned in the Executive Regulations of the Foreigners' Residence Law and are exclusively limited to this visa.



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