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It's the antidote to the glittery façade of the UAE's star attraction (Dubai) and vastly more picturesque than its other, richer neighbour (Abu Dhabi). From beaches that rival Brazil's and epic windswept deserts to the fantastically craggy, gulch-filled Al-Jabal Al-Akhdar range - which, at nearly 10,000 feet at its peak, is one of the Middle East's highest - Oman has arrived on the tourism scene. It's not all fairy tale Arabian Nights-style reverie. You could stay at one of the many modern 5-star properties: an expansive, butler-ridden Six Senses, two dramatically raw Anantara resorts or a glittering Ritz-Carlton. Currently in construction are the sultanate's first W hotel, and a Louis Vuitton property. And after swimming in a natural sinkhole and shopping in the souks, you can finish the night with a concert at the Royal Opera House. Not many other holidays will match up after this.

