

Practical Information for Participants
ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group for the Arab Region Meeting
13–16 May 2024
Grand Millennium Hotel Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

1. Meeting Venue

The event will take place in the Grand Millennium Hotel Muscat

Hotel link: <https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/muscat/grand-millennium-muscat/#home>

2. Transportation and site information

Muscat International Airport is located approximately 20 minutes from the Grand Millennium Hotel. Taxis are readily available at the airport and hotel, and rental car services are also available for those who wish to explore the city independently. Additionally, Otaxi service is also available through the Otaxi app: <https://otaxi.om/>.

The hotel is centrally located, with several shopping malls and restaurants nearby. The hotel is also within easy reach of beaches, the Royal Opera of Muscat and the Sultan Qaboos Mosque.

3. Passports, visas and invitation letter

Several nationalities are eligible to receive visas upon arrival; please refer to the following link:

<https://evisa.rop.gov.om/visa-eligibility#?tabId=70lwq>

For those nationalities that are required to apply for a visa prior to arrival, the following documents are to be provided:

- completed visa form
- copy of passport
- scanned copy of photo with a white background.

For visa assistance, please contact the following:

Mr Mahmood Al Yahmadi

Trans Gulf Travel and Tours

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4. Climate

In May, Muscat experiences warm temperatures with highs reaching the mid-to-high 30°C. Light clothing is recommended.

5. Hotels

In addition to the Grand Millennium Hotel, there are several other hotels in the area that cater to various preferences and budgets.

6. Internet access and wireless coverage

Free Internet access will be provided at the venue for the duration of the event.

7. Technical assistance

Technical support will be available at the venue for the duration of the event.

8. Electricity

Oman uses type G three-pin sockets, so visitors may need an adapter to charge electronic devices. It is recommended to bring a universal adapter for convenience.

9. Useful information

The official currency of Oman is the Omani rial (OMR).

Currency exchange

Exchange rate: 1 OMR = 2.59 USD

Online exchange rates are shown at: <http://www.xe.com/>

10. Additional information

Tipping:

Time Zone:

Muscat is in the Gulf Standard Time (GST) time zone, which is four hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC+4)

Emergency Number: In case of emergency please dial 9999.

About the city and the country:

Muscat is the capital and largest city of Oman, known for its stunning architecture, beautiful beaches, and rich culture. Popular attractions include the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Muttrah Souq, and the Royal Opera House Muscat. English is widely spoken in Muscat, making it easy for international visitors to navigate the city.

For more information about Oman, please visit the Oman Ministry of Heritage & Tourism website: <https://mht.gov.om/>.

11. Contact persons

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