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Sophie Lam travelled with Cox & Kings (020 7873 9000, coxandkings.co.uk), which offers a four-night stay at Alila Jabal Akhdar (alilahotels.com/Jabal akhdar) from £1,265pp including Oman Air flights from Heathrow, private transfers, and breakfast daily. Muscat is served from Heathrow non-stop by Oman Air (0644 482 2395, omanair.com), and by British Airways (0644 493 0787, ba.com) with a stop in Abu Dhabi.