

It is the capital of the Sultanate of Oman and its largest city. Muscat Governorate is located on the Sea of Oman in the southern part of the Batinah coast, and is connected to the east by the Eastern Hajar Mountains and the South and North Al Sharqiyah Governorates, to the west by the South Al Batinah Governorate, and to the south by the Al Dakhiliyah Governorate. The city's unique mix of architecture dates back to its history influenced by Arabic, Portuguese, Persian, Indian and African designs, in addition to the more modern designs that are spreading in the new suburbs of Muscat. The founder of the modern renaissance of Oman, His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said the Great – may God have mercy on him – Its population exceeds one and a half million people.