



Information Note - The 19th Satellite Applications Course

- **Background:**

The 19th Satellite Applications Course hosted by Centre of Excellence for Satellite Application - Muscat in cooperation with the EUMETSAT from 25 - 29 of Feb 2024. This course aims to train meteorologist and weather satellite users, introducing the MTG mission and exploring its first data. The course offers a balanced blend of theoretical and practical sessions, ensuring a hands-on learning experience for all participants.

- **Venue Location:**

Civil Aviation Authority Training Centre, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

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- **Date and Time :**

25th - 29th February 2024

0830 am to 0330 pm Local Time / Muscat (with breaks for coffee, lunch and prayer).

- **Recommendation hotels near the training venue**

For daily transportation from hotels to the training venue via a free bus service, participants need to have accommodations at the hotels listed below (**please refer to the map in the next page**):

Hotel
City Center Hotel
Holiday Inn AlSeeb Muscat, an IHG Hotel
Mysk Al Mouj Hotel
Kempinski Hotel Muscat

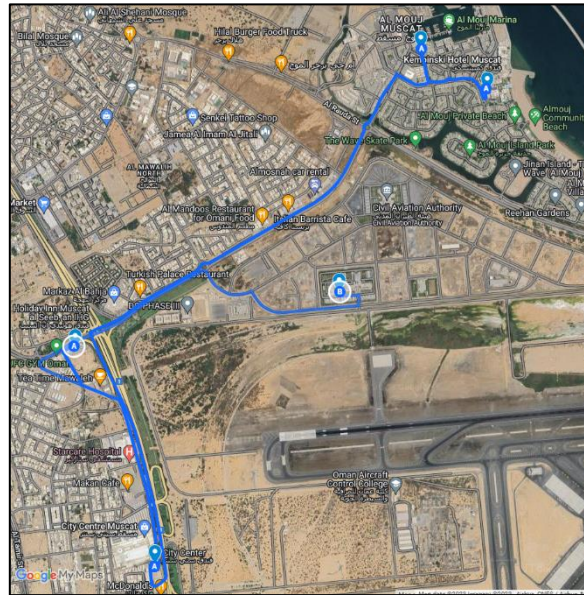


Figure 1: Bus daily route to the venue

- **Airport to hotel Transportation:**

The following options are recommended for the transportation from the airport to the hotels :

Type of transportation	Booking Time	Estimated Price	Accessibility
Mwasalat (Taxi)	Advance or Arrival	5-8 OMR	Found at the airport exit gate
OTAXI (Online Application)	Arrival	Starts from 1.5 OMR	Smart Phone Apps

Furthermore, there are several car rental companies conveniently located near the airport exit of the arrivals area.



- **Currency, Credit Cards, and Money Exchange:**

Major currencies are readily exchangeable in Oman. Muscat Airport provides money exchange services in both the Baggage Claim Area and Arrival Hall. ATMs at the airport accept international credit and debit cards, although it's advisable to review your bank's regulations for global card use.

While hotels can exchange money, an additional fee may apply. Leading businesses, including car rentals, shopping malls, and hotels, accept major credit and debit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

Moreover, major credit cards are accepted at various hotels, dining establishments, and shopping venues. Muscat boasts numerous ATMs for convenient access to funds. The official exchange rate is about 1 USD = 0.39 OMR. For rates on other currencies, refer to electronic bulletin boards displayed in banks and money exchange offices.

- **Telecommunication**

There are three Telecommunication companies in Oman. The visitors can get E-SIM or physical SIM at the airport. The table below shows the Tele companies

Company name	More information
Omantel	https://www.omantel.om/
Ooredoo (Oman)	https://www.ooredoo.om/
Vodafone	https://www.vodafone.om

- **Course Schedule:**

The sessions will begin promptly at 8:30 AM and conclude at 3:00 PM. A detailed timetable, encompassing the workshop's content, will be provided during the first week of February 2024.

- **Dining and Refreshments:**

Throughout the course, participants will be invited to coffee breaks and provided with daily lunches by EUMETSAT at the training venue.



- **Additional Information:**

To facilitate your convenience, kindly take note of the following details regarding electrical arrangements:

Plug & Socket Types: Oman operates on a voltage of 220 volts. You may come across the use of two or three-pin plugs, as below:



- **Contact Information**

For inquiries and additional information, kindly communicate via email or WhatsApp with the coordinator. In case of an emergency, please feel free to contact:

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