

## **Schoolgirls from NIZWA/Oman - young women in a place full of history - „Jabrin Castle“. We met them there!**

"Uneducated women can not raise free children, and neglected women can never properly care for other people. If women are not trained for their job, they can not contribute to the progress of this country." This statement by Sultan Qaboos makes it clear that the woman has a firm place in the Omani society.

Changing lifestyle and Oman's development into a modern, open state has helped change the prevailing practices and views in dealing with women.

The government set up literacy centers and successfully made the school education for girls - in the meantime, men at the University of Muscat had to be introduced to the study places.

There are also a large number of associations and societies that deal with women's interests and are responsible for the training and development of women's skills.

In Oman the woman is the companion of the man, but she should be able to secure her livelihood as well as the family income herself.

Many mosques have special prayer rooms for women. Women learn the Koran and religious affairs through women who specialize in this. To this end, the "center for the religious guidance of women" was founded, in which women also teach.

(\*The castle of Jabrin is also a fortified castle from the Middle Ages in the desert of Oman in Jabrin. The castle was originally designed and used as a residential castle by Sultan bin Saif al-Ya'arubi)