

Oman Video Collection

Oman: A Promise Fulfilled

Oman TV Production

56 minutes, color

This video discusses the modern history of Oman, and how its recent oil discoveries have affected the people. The beginning of the video briefly discusses Oman's economic history, which includes its being a wealthy trading state in the 17th century. Its economy declined soon thereafter and didn't fully recover until the discovery of oil in Oman in the 1960's. The video examines how the social and economic reforms were put into practice by the government in the 1970's using oil revenues. Although Oman went through a period of guerrilla warfare during this time, it finally began to prosper when there was peace in 1975. The video also discusses the diverse landscape of Oman including mountains, fertile farmlands, desert, beautiful coastlines, and rolling green hills. The process of improving the education, road, and postal systems in Oman is discussed. Modern government is also covered by the video, and their more recent efforts to improve conditions. The video speaks very highly of Oman's ruler of the time, Sultan Qaboos bin Said, who seems to have fulfilled his promises to make the country a better place for all.
