

# Evaluation Web Sites

## Salalah...the nature and the climate

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My topic:

My hometown is Salalah in Oman. Every time I go there on Al-khareef (monsoon) season I discover a lot of things that make Salalah the heaven of the Arabian Peninsula. Al-khareef starts from June to August refreshing tourism in Oman, the temperature goes down to 18 on the green mountains and 20 in the rest of Salalah, not to mention the mizzling almost for all day. The nature then is stunning; the land is covered with a beautiful green rug and there are some waterfalls on some hills. Advertising for Salalah have started from more than five years ago through TV, radios, newspapers, travel agencies...etc. Lately, the Internet has participated in advertising Salalah, but clearly not well enough. I have selected six sites that talks about Salalah and evaluated them using a criteria I have adapted from Lesley University website.

The WebPages I've evaluated:

1. Al\_Khareef festival site, sponsored by Dhofar municipality,  
<http://www.khareefsal.om>
2. Information about Oman,  
<http://www.omaninfo.com/cgi-bin/journal/DocView.asp?DocumentID=71>
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Personal site,  
<http://meltingpot.fortunecity.com/alaska/603/11.htm>
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Personal site,  
<http://members.tripod.com/~salalah2/salalah.htm>
5. 3<sup>rd</sup> Personal site,  
<http://www.tecsolv.com/salalahtourism/home.html>
6. Sue Hutton's personal page,  
<http://www.geocities.com/Baja/Canyon/3778/Oman/Salalah.htm>

Site	Rating	Evaluation overview	Usable?
<b>Sue Hutton's</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>The best, most relevant, specialized and organized.</b>	Yes
<b>Khareefsal.om</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>It has two problems, it is not up-to-date and doesn't use a standard browser (flash) and not sufficient information about my topic</b>	Yes
<b>1<sup>st</sup> personal site</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>Although it is a personal site, it covers the topic very well, but the text is not supported by graphics</b>	Yes
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> personal site</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Good content, but not relevant and not detailed</b>	Possibly
<b>Omaninfo.com</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>Good content well supported with graphics. Out-of-date</b>	Possibly
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> personal site</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>Insufficient information, the author is anonymous</b>	No

#### Conclusion:

Only three pages out of the six pages I found were usable and the best one that scored the highest was a personal page of a geologist called [Sue Hutton](#) who is a specialist and lived nine years in Oman which makes him very authorized to talk about my topic. The site is relevant to my topic and has an easy language and it is quiet easy to navigate through this site. It deserves completely to be at the top of my list.