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DISCOVERING JORDAN - HIKING AND CULTURE

Trip Summary

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experiencing the breathtaking beauty of Jordan on foot
- Entering the ancient city of Petra on the road less traveled
- Staying overnight in a Bedouin tent camp in Wadi Rum surrounded by the colors of the desert
- Taking a camel ride through the Wadi Rum desert
- Learning to prepare traditional and delicious Mediterranean and Middle Eastern foods
- Meeting local people to understand their culture and traditions
- Visiting the ruins of the ancient Roman city of Jerash
- Exploring the ancient Nabataean city of Petra and understand why it has been designated as one of the 7 Wonders of the World
- Floating and/or taking a mud bath in the Dead Sea

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TRIP AT A GLANCE

Location: Jordan

Activities: Hiking

Arrive: Arrive at the Amman airports on Day 1, group shuttles will be coordinated based on arrival times

Depart: Shuttles to the Amman airport will be arranged based on departure times. The airport is approximately 1 hour from the hotel and you will need to be at the airport 3 hours in advance of your flight.

Trip Overview

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which once captivated ancient travelers, continues to amaze a whole new generation of travelers. From the haunting starkness of Wadi Rum, to the teeming center of urban Amman, the majestic ruins of ancient civilizations of Roman and Nabatean civilizations, to the timeless splendor of the Dead Sea, Jordan is a unique destination offering breathtaking and mysterious sights, delicious food, wonderful people and rich history.

Rating

The trip is rated 2. Prior to beginning the trip, participants should be walking regularly at a **brisk** pace 3 to 4 days a week for 35 - 45 minutes. This trip consists of walking through ruins, hiking along dirt trails, and rocky paths with occasionally uneven footing for 3 - 5 hours per day. **Please note that Day 5 includes a hike that is 8 miles and is more typical for trips that are rated 3. The hike is mostly downhill.** For this trip you should be working out at the upper end of these ranges. **Rating:** 1 [\[2\]](#) 3 4 5.

What's Included

- A local guide and an AGC guide (If there are fewer than 8 on the trip, there will not be an AGC guide)
- 9 nights double occupancy lodging
- All meals from dinner on the first day through breakfast on the day of departure with the exception of 2 lunches
- Airport transfer to hotel for those arriving on the first day of trip or 1 day before the trip starts
- All transportation within Jordan
- All entrance fees and activities as described in the itinerary

- Jordan Visa

Not included: Airfare to and from the Amman Queen Alia Airport (AMM), 2 lunches, alcoholic beverages, guide gratuities, \$15 exit tax (this is typically included in your airline tickets), Dead Sea spa treatments.

NOTE: For this trip, evacuation/rescue insurance is mandatory

This type of insurance is sometimes referred to as post-departure benefits. There is also Trip Cancellation insurance which includes post-departure benefits and also covers you if you need to cancel the trip for any of the covered reasons. You can also purchase both types of insurance through TravelEx. To determine the cost for just the Post Departure Benefits package, put \$1.00 in the blank for trip cost. Be sure to review the benefits of both types of insurance to ensure you have the one that best meets your needs remembering that at least the Post-departure benefits package is mandatory.

OUR ITINERARY

Below is the itinerary we have planned for the trip. As is true on any adventure travel trip, plans for any specific day may be modified due to weather considerations, unforeseen circumstances, new opportunities, and group interests.

DAY 1

Welcome to Jordan! Arrive at Amman Airport, where we will meet you, assist with immigration and then transfer you to your hotel. Amman is one of the oldest cities in the world, with flourishing culture dating back to the bronze age. The city is growing into a modern metropolis but retains its character and history.

The drive from the airport in Amman takes around 30 minutes to 1 hour depending on traffic. We will meet in the lobby at 5 PM and after introductions and orientation to the trip head to an early dinner. (D)

Overnight: Amman

DAY 2

In the morning we'll drive north to Jerash. Founded as a Hellenistic city in the 2nd century BCE, Jerash is today noted for its fine Roman and Byzantine ruins. We'll visit the Forum, walk down a Roman colonnaded street, explore the Nymphaeum, and wander among the towering columns of Artemis Temple. After we've had our fill of ancient architectural wonders, we'll head to a small town in Jerash called Souf, where we'll spend a few hours with local women of Khayrat Beit Souf. We'll have the chance to taste exquisite traditional food made with local products, like seasonal jams, and a secret blend of decaffeinated acorn coffee with medicinal herbs.

We'll learn about how Khayrat Beit Souf empowers local women to provide for themselves and have a chance to watch as they prepare jam, (which we can take home with us!) We will also learn about the local ingredients and traditional dishes, and perhaps be inspired to take our new knowledge back to our own kitchens. After learning so much about local delicacies, we will be ready for some lunch! After eating, we'll drive back to the old city of Amman to explore the Roman Theatre, one of the most popular archaeological sites in the city. We'll have time to explore the local markets. The day is not over yet! We wrap up with visit to one of Amman's oldest neighborhoods, Jabal al- Weibdeh, passing by several art galleries, like Darat Al-Funun and Dar Al-Anda, museums, and local antiquities and handicraft shops. We'll end the night with a wine tasting and dinner. (B,L,D)
Overnight: Amman

DAY 3

Our first full day of hiking will start from Dana Guest House, almost 4,000 feet above sea level, and head west into Dana valley. The trail drops steeply at first and then levels into a more gradual descent through the Dana Biosphere Reserve towards the eco-lodge at Feynan. The reserve, Jordan's largest, includes four distinct bio-geographical zones, which means that Dana supports an astonishing diversity of birds, plants, and animals. On our way down the valley, we may see Griffin Vultures overhead as well as hyrax and copper-blue lizards on the rocks, if we're lucky we might even catch a glimpse of an ibex or a desert fox! Or perhaps we'll the footprints of a wolf in the dust.

We'll end our day at the highly acclaimed Feynan Eco- Lodge. Every day, a guided sunset walk leads from the lodge on a short walk (around 20-30 min) up to a nearby hilltop, for freshly Bedouin tea and stunning views westwards as the sun sets over the vast Wadi Araba deserts. The sunset walk is well worth the visit! (B,L,D)

Elevation: ascent 750 feet, descent 3,740 feet. Hiking: 8.7 miles. Overnight: Feynan Ecolodge

DAY 4

After breakfast, we'll have the freedom to enjoy one of the local community activities offered in the eco-lodge such as: hiking, biking, cooking classes, making kohl (Bedouin eye makeup), Arabic coffee, baking earthy Arabood bread, or weaving goat-haired tents. What we do will depend on what is offered that day at Feynan Ecolodge. (B,L,D)

Overnight: Feynan Ecolodge

DAY 5

We'll make our way to little Petra, where we'll hike around 8-miles. Soak up the amazing views across the Araba mountains and to the Negev desert. We enter Petra via "The Back Door", avoiding most of the tourists. This way follows a Nabataean route out of the valley and skirting round the final mountain on a natural rock terrace which has been improved for the safety of walkers. The path narrows slightly before reaching a hidden plateau high above the impressive chasm of Wadi Siyyagh. Just beyond, carved into the cliff face, "The Monastery" suddenly comes into view, where there is a Bedouin café for refreshments. We will take the 850 Nabataean steps down into ancient Petra, have our first introduction to this amazing place as we walk through it to our hotel.

We will finish the day with a cooking class where we will be guided through the steps of preparing a traditional Jordanian meal, from dips and

appetizers to a main course and dessert. We'll have a chance to relax and enjoy the vibrant meal together and call it a night! (B,L,D)
Drive time: 2 hours. Hiking: 8 miles. Overnight: Petra

DAY 6

After breakfast, we will spend the morning back in the Nabatean Red Rose City of Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. We will enter the city through the same narrow gorge that we left yesterday, which is flanked either side by 260-foot-high cliffs! The site is massive - it contains hundreds of elaborate rock-cut tombs, a treasury, Roman-style theaters, temples, sacrificial altars, and colonnaded streets. (B,L,D)
Overnight: Petra

DAY 7

Free morning in Petra, for those who are interested in a second visit before leaving. After leaving Petra, we will drive to Wadi Rum. Wadi Rum is a desert valley cut into sandstone and granite rock. It has been occupied by the Zalabia Bedouin people and known for its red sand and shots of it are in the 1962 Lawrence of Arabia movie.

We will enjoy the wilderness adventure of a 4x4 (2 hours) jeep tour of Wadi Rum to watch the sunset, following in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia, climbing sand dunes, and rock bridges. After the Jeep tour, we will drive you back to the camp where you will enjoy the legendary hospitality of the Bedouins. (B,L,D)

Drive from Petra onto Wadi Rum takes around 2 hours. Hiking approximately: 4-5 miles. Overnight: Bedouin Camp

DAY 8

We'll greet the day with an hour-long camel ride to watch the brilliant desert sunrise in style. We will return to camp for breakfast. After breakfast, we will have to say goodbye to Wadi Rum and head to the Dead Sea. It is a 4-hour drive, but we will stop along the way for a short hike to explore the area and stretch our legs. We will arrive at our lovely hotel by the Dead Sea in the late afternoon. (B,D)

Drive time: 4 hours. Hiking: 1-3 miles. Overnight: Dead Sea

DAY 9

After a very busy week, we can spend the day floating and relaxing at the Dead Sea at one of the resort hotels. The day is full of luxuriating: enjoy the sunshine at the lowest point on earth, try an invigorating mud bath, check out the spa and its offerings, walk through the hotel's gardens or grab a book and relax by the pool or the Dead Sea. Don't let the options overwhelm you! This day is for decompressing and savoring the beauty of Jordan. In the late afternoon, we will head out to the Panorama Dead Sea Complex/Museum to check out the exhibits, have dinner and watch the sunset. (B,D)

Overnight: Dead Sea

DAY 10

Sadly, it is time to leave this beautiful country. Transportation is provided to the Amman airport. For planning purposes, it takes approximately 1 hour to get to the airport, and you will need to be there 3 hours in advance of your flight. Check-out time is 12 PM at our Dead Sea Hotel. If your flight is in the evening a hotel for day use can be arranged in Amman. Transportation to the airport will be arranged from that hotel. (B)

ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Getting There

You will be flying into the Queen Alia International Airport in Amman. (QAIA) The airport is serviced by many airlines. There are direct flights out of New York and Chicago through Air Jordan. As well as, connecting flight from many cities throughout Europe. Upon arrival at the airport, you will go through airport security where you will present your Jordan Pass/Visa - this will be emailed to you - and you will meet your driver at baggage claim.

If you would like assistance with airfare, we recommend contacting our AirDesk Partner, [Exito Travel](#). Start by submitting this [form](#). Just fill in your dates and destinations, including any additional notes about preferred carriers, class of service, possible stopovers, etc., and an agent will typically respond via email within a few hours. If you prefer to call, the number is 800-655-4053; be sure to tell them you are traveling with Adventures in Good Company.

Please note: Most of the international airlines are in-network for Exito, so they do not charge extra for their services (and often have access to discounted rates). When necessary, processing fees out-of-network carriers are minimal at around \$35-\$50 per ticket.

Accommodations

The accommodations will vary as much as the landscape. On some nights you will stay in modern hotels, eco-lodges in double-occupancy rooms with an ensuite bathroom. The Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum will be hard-sided tents with 2 people per tent (think glamping). Each tent is equipped with beds, linens, pillows and comfortable duvets. The camp has common bath house with 2 showers, 4 toilets and 3 sinks and hot water is provided by solar panels. You will be sharing the bathrooms with people from other groups, and they are mixed gender. At the Dead Sea you will be staying at modern resort hotel. Single accommodations are available for an additional cost. If interested and available select this option when you register.

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