

Jordan Trek

Experience the natural beauty and romance of the Arabian desert



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Jordan, Wadi Rum Trek

Discover one of the hidden gems of the Middle East

The Wadi Rum defines the natural beauty and romance of the Arabian Desert. Here, where Lawrence of Arabia once rode, you will find a moonscape of ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains rising out of the white and pink coloured sands. Today, the Wadi Rum challenges adventurers to scale its sheer granite cliffs, by hiking its mountain desert trails or by exploring its endless sands on camel back. The valley has been inhabited for generations by Bedouin tribes who live in scattered nomadic settlements throughout the area, on the trek you may be invited by these friendly and hospitable desert people to drink mint tea or cardamom coffee in their black tents or to join them round the fire beneath the desert's night sky - a truly unforgettable experience.



Your ultimate destination is the astonishing rose red city of Petra. Once the stronghold of the gifted Nabateans, an early Arab people, Petra was renowned for its massive architecture and the ingenuity of its pools, dams, and water channels. Today, you can thread your way through a narrow gorge until you come upon colossal ruins cut into the rock - magnificent, silent and unchanged.

As you exit from the shadows of the gorge, el Khazneh (the Treasury) towers above you in the sudden brightness. Carved out of solid rock and nearly 140 feet high and 90 feet wide, this fabulous antiquity is Petra's most impressive monument.



Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart UK to Amman, Jordan

Depart London Heathrow You will be met on arrival and transferred to Amman International Hotel (or similar). Dinner and overnight hotel.

Day 2: Amman to Wadi Rum (4-5 hours trekking)

Drive to the Wadi Rum to begin a 6-day trek towards Petra. From the road-head, you will hike to the Seven Pillars for lunch, then continue into Wadi Um al Ashrin and through Barah Canyon to the first night's campsite.



Day 3: Umashreen to Kharazah (7-8 hours trekking)

Hike through Bara Canyon to visit Disi inscriptions, after lunch we continue through the desert to Kharazah.

Day 4: Kharazah to Humaina (7-8 hours trekking)

Hike from Kharazah to Humaima, where you can explore the ruins at Humaima Gadeem.



Day 5: Humaima to Ras Mas-uda (8-9 hours trekking)

We start today on a well-trodden path to Thogra (c.1,100m), lunch, then continue up to Bir Hamad (c.1,250m) before a pleasant descent to Ein am-Mshaet (c.700m). The toughest day of the trek, but the relatively gentle descent from Bir Hamad will be welcome relief after the exertions of the morning climb.



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Day 6: Ras Mas-uda to Abukhshaibeh (7-8 hours trekking)

Climb to Risharish (c.1,000m) for lunch, then descend into Wadi Sabra. Here, a visit can be made to Sabra (c.900m) before a short final hike to Gleait al-Ghrab (c.900m).

Day 7: Abukhshaibeh to Petra to Amman (2 hours trekking)

A short 2-hour hike brings you into Petra and there will be time to explore this magnificent ancient city before the 3-hour journey along the King's Highway back to Amman. Overnight Amman International Hotel (or similar).

Day 8: Depart Jordan for UK

Transfer to the airport for return flight to London.

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This itinerary is complex and subject to change

Challenge grade

Moderate

Best time of year

January to April and October to December

