

Junior Achievement Petra Trek, Jordan

6 DAY TRIP

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Junior Achievement - Jordan, Petra Trek

Discover one of the hidden gems of the Middle East



The Kingdom of Jordan sets the romantic scene of Bible stories, lost cities and Lawrence of Arabia, and more recently Indiana Jones! On this weekend trekking challenge in Jordan, you will witness at first hand spectacular desert landscapes, unspoiled wilderness and archaeological remains steeped in history and culture. You will pass mountain scenery on the edge of the Great Rift Valley, canyons and gorges as we follow ancient Bedouin and hunter trails. Nights will be spent camping 'Bedouin style' in remote locations, and in the evenings you can enjoy and experience true Bedouin food and lifestyle, after watching the miraculous colours of the rocks changing as the sun sets.

Our trek starts at the 'must see' Petra. This unique ancient city was hewn from a towering rock wall; few of the imposing facades of its great buildings are freestanding. It's hard to overrate Petra. There's no other sight in Jordan, or perhaps the whole Middle East, as compelling. Once the capital of the Nabateaeans, a 3rd century BC Arab dynasty, Petra was forgotten for 1000 years and only rediscovered in 1812. Set in a deep canyon and only accessible through a narrow winding cleft (or siq) in the rock, Petra is carved from sandstone that takes on deep rusty hues interlaced with bands of grey and yellow.



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Detailed itinerary

Day 1 & 2: Depart UK to Amman, Jordan

Departure from London direct to Amman. Upon arrival late evening early morning, we will be met by our guides and transferred 3hrs directly to Petra. Your hotel room will be available on arrival for a rest day before we start our trek.

Day 3: Petra (7-8hrs trekking)

Our trek starts at the magnificent ancient red rose city of Petra, with entry by Siq. Petra was once a 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.



Day 3: Continued

As we 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. Beyond el Khazneh, you are surrounded on both sides by soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a Roman amphitheatre of (seating 3,000), burial chambers, banquet halls, water channels and reservoirs, monumental staircases, arched gates and paved streets. Our trek continues through Wadi Turkumaneh to Bedah for our overnight camp



Day 4: Little Petra (6-8hrs trekking)

An early start this morning as we trek from Badeh to Wasi Merwan. Here we visit one of the earliest known agricultural settlements, which is over 9000 years old. We then continue to visit Little Petra (Siq al Barid) the ancient Nabatean customs point outside the bounds of the city of Petra. Overnight camp at Kbor Wehedat.



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Day 5: Shkaret Msaed (3-4hrs trekking)

The last day of your challenge. We leave camp and head towards Shkaret Msaed, an area with some of the world's earliest Neolithic settlements. We then transfer back to Petra where you will have a free afternoon before our celebration meal in the evening. Overnight hotel.

Day 6: Departure from Jordan

Transfer from Petra to Amman for mid-morning departure back to London.

This challenge is rated as moderate to tough

Junior Achievement works with Ultimate Challenges to organise our treks.

Ultimate challenges has been established more than 25 years and is ATOL, ABTA, IATA protected.

They offer specialist expertise and only the best guides and trek leaders are used.

Ultimate Challenges supports charities world-wide and Junior Achievement has used their services to organise previous treks.

You can be safe in the knowledge that you are in the hands of professionals.



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Cost

Price will include:

- Return flights to Amman from London to Amman
- Twin-hotel accommodation at the beginning trek (single supplement is available)
- Camping whilst on trek
- Full board and meals throughout
- All camping equipment is provided
- Uk Trek Leader and local English speaking guides
- Airport transfers upon arrivals and local transfers
- A UK doctor who will accompany the trek
- Entrance fees to sites
- Visas (if travelling with the group)

£1,475 per person plus a commitment to raise a minimum of £400 for Junior Achievement.

Please note airport taxes and fuel surcharges are not included in the above (currently approx. £250 per person at March 2022).

What is not included

- Airport taxes
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities / Tips
- Personal travel insurance
- Any COVID-19 related costs
- Travel to and from the Isle of Man



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