

Petra Trek, Jordan

Discover this amazing archeological site by foot



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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 Nabataeans, 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.



Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart UK to Amman, Jordan

Departure from London direct to Amman.

Day 2: Rest day Dhana

Upon arrival we will be transferred 2hrs directly to Dhana arriving early morning. Today a chance to rest before the challenge begins. Overnight in guesthouse.

Day 3: Dhana – Mansoura to Baga'a

5-7hrs trekking

Approx. 14km

We have a short 30-minute transfer from Dhana to the start of the trek. We will be trekking in the valley of Wadi Shobak below Shobak Castle - part of the great beacon chain of Crusader fortresses, Shobak Castle is by far the loneliest, built in 1115 AD by Baldwin I. From here we continue to our camp above Wadi Araba at Bega'a.



Day 4: Bega'a to Beidha

5-7hrs trekking

Approx. 16km

Today we have a wonderful trekking experience leaving from Bega'a along Jordan's Rift Valley to Beidha. Beidha is a Neolithic archaeological site dating back 9000 years and, along with Jericho, constitute one of the oldest archaeological sites in the Middle East, and is included in Petra's UNESCO World Heritage Site status.

Day 5: Beidha to Petra

6-8hrs trekking

Approx. 18km

An early start this morning as we trek from Beidha to reach Little Petra (Siq al Barid) the ancient Nabatean customs point outside the bounds of the city of Petra.



Day 5: Cont.

From here we enter Petra through the back to ad-Deir 'The Monastery' a monumental building carved out of the rock in the ancient Jordanian city of Petra. We continue along the Siq - the main entrance through the narrow canyon passageways heading into the heart of Petra. We leave the site and head to our hotel in Petra for our celebrations!



Detailed itinerary

Day 6: Departure from Jordan

After breakfast we will have an early transfer from Petra to Amman for mid-morning departure back to London.

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This itinerary is complex and subject to change

Challenge grade

Moderate to tough



Breakdown of Costs, Petra Trek, Jordan



Price will include:

- Return flights to Amman from London
- Twin-hotel accommodation at the beginning trek
- Camping whilst on trek
- Full board throughout
- All camping equipment
- English speaking guides
- Airport transfers upon arrivals and local transfers
- UTC Doctor
- UTC Leader (over 20+ participants)
- Entrance fees
- Visas (if travelling with the group)

Not included:

- Airport taxes
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities
- Personal travel insurance
- Any COVID-19 related costs

2023 costs

25 x participants: £1,475 per person

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

Our pricing policy

We believe that we are very competitive and offer excellent value for money. However, it can be confusing when comparing prices, a small alteration in an itinerary, can make a substantial difference. We would be happy to review proposals you may have received from other tour operators, as we are confident that we can beat any genuine quote.