

# Trek Petra 9 days



Jordan, naturally. Leaving Amman, check out Jordan's Dead Sea, before heading south to Wadi Dana, Wadi Araba and Dana Nature Reserve. Against a backdrop of pristine and varied countryside, we'll trek to the incredible Rose City, entering Petra at the majestic Ad-Deir – the ancient city's largest carved façade.

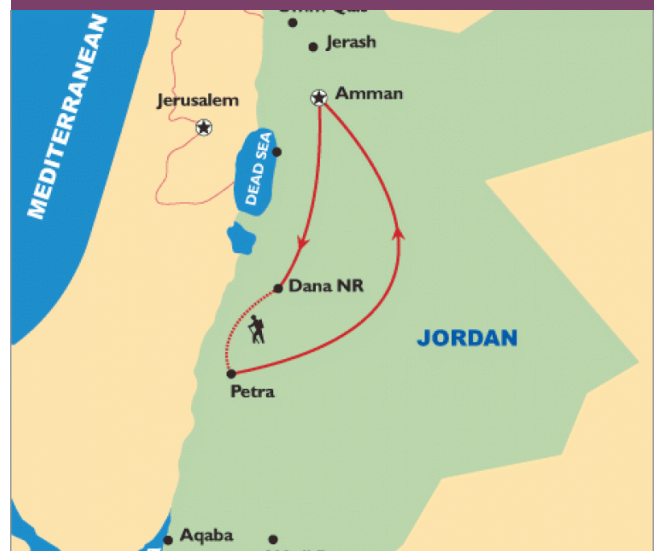
## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Amman / Ends in: Dana N.R.
- Departs: 21 Apr 2012 & 13 Oct 2012
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:7, Lunch: 5, Dinner: 5
- Hotel Rating: 3 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

## ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

## TOUR MAP:



## QUICK WEB LINKS

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## Day 1: Amman

Welcome to Jordan and the start of your holiday! Arrive Amman, included transfer to hotel and overnight. Overnight - [Amman](#)

## Day 2: Dead Sea

Amman - Dead Sea - Dana Nature Reserve. Today, we descend from the elevation of Amman to the Dead Sea for a chance to take a dip in the mineral-rich waters, before continuing to our drive through Wadi Araba to Faynan at the lower, western end of the Dana Nature Reserve. Unique in the Middle East region, Dana NR is a protected region overseen by Jordan's RSCN (Royal Society for the Protection of Nature) combining scientific research, social reconstruction and sustainable tourism. Offering a dizzying array of resident flora and fauna, Dana NR is the start point for our trek to the Rose City of Petra. Various kinds of eagles, kestrels, falcons, cultures, wildcats, hyenas, foxes, badgers, jackals, wolves and hares inhabit the region. Our base this evening is the RSCN-run Faynan Wilderness Lodge which blends perfectly with the environment, from where we can explore the surrounding area and relish the solitude of this isolated and beautiful location. In antiquity, Faynan was an extensive copper-smelting settlement. Archaeological digs have unearthed remains of Bronze and Iron Age copper mines, remains of Byzantine churches, a Roman tower and more, which can be explored.

Wadi – a term used throughout, is a valley or watercourse and can also refer to a dry or seasonal riverbed. Overnight - Faynan Wilderness Lodge

## Day 3: Dana N.R.

Today, we hike along the upward sloping floor of the colourful Wadi Dana through wild and desolate terrain which changes to lush, green gardens as the upper reaches closer to Dana Village are approached. Our destination is RSCN's Dana Guest House. With an exterior and interior designed by acclaimed architect Ammar Khamash, the Guest House offers a skilful and attractive blend of traditional Jordanian style against a minimalist backdrop of stone and iron. As for the views, check out magnificent panoramas over Dana NR encompassing Wadi Dana and Wadi Araba. There will be free time to explore the old Bedouin village, long abandoned though slowly but surely being brought back to life as the tribes of the area begin to enjoy the benefits of ecotourism which the Nature Reserve and the associated handicraft projects have brought to the area. Organically produced preserves and herbs, olive-oil soap, textiles and other nick-knacks make authentic souvenirs of a stay at Dana NR.

Note - The Guest House has only 9 rooms, for a maximum capacity of 27 guests. No single rooms are available. Whilst only one of the rooms offers en suite facilities, there are a number of very clean and accessible communal showers and WCs to serve the remaining 8 rooms. The room with en suite facility cannot be requested in advance. Overnight - [Dana N.R.](#)



## Day 4: Trekking in Dana

Dana Nature Reserve - Mansura. Today, we begin the trek to Petra, hiking past the area's reforestation project and the upland wadis. Overnight - Camping - Mansura

## Day 5:

Continuing our trek through valleys overlooking Wadi Araba there is a small Bedouin track which runs through the valley where there are still families living in their characteristic nomadic black tents. Along the way we'll pass unexcavated remains from the Iron Age, Nabatean and Roman eras. Overnight - Camping



## Day 6:

Today's route passes a number of Roman watchtowers and several small wadis where waterfalls and date palms flourish even in the driest seasons. We arrive at an area dotted with Neolithic remains, where we camp for the night. Overnight - Camping

## Day 7:

Approaching from Ammareen territory, our trek takes us to Siq al Barid (Little Petra) and the Baidha Neolithic village. Continue cross-country on a little-used trail, which circumnavigates the main entry routes into the ancient city of Petra, we trek on a back route up to Ad-Deir. Better known as the Monastery, Ad-Deir has a

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similar rock-hewn façade to that of Petra's famous Monastery (reached through the legendary Siq and which we'll visit on day 8) but is the largest of all ancient Petra's monuments. The sight of the Ad-Deir will really rate on everyone's top five experiences during this trek. From the nearby cliff-tops, the views are simply stunning. Exiting via Wadi Turkomanieh, we transfer to our hotel in Petra's modern-day town – Wadi Musa for a well-earned rest and overnight stay. Overnight - [Petra](#)



## Day 8: The Rose City

Chief among Jordan's many archaeological riches is the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Rose City of Petra. The city was first settled around 6th century BC by the Nabatean tribe from Western Arabia. A succession of habitation, leadership and further development followed, but as the caravan routes were gradually displaced by the advent of sea trade routes, the city's importance declined and Petra passed into obscurity. Rediscovered in 1812, it remain on the list of many travellers. We access the hidden archaeological treasures of the Rose City on a walk through a narrow, deep siq, where the rocks finally give way to reveal the famous façade of Al-Khazneh (the Treasury). Continuing our walk, we'll then go on to explore chunks of this fantastic once-lost city, which is full of tombs, temples, an impressive amphitheatre and a Roman colonnaded street. Camels and donkeys offer a novel way of getting around, for those that might want to take the weight off their feet. Overnight - [Petra](#)



## Day 9: Petra

Petra - Amman airport. Hotel checkout and included onward to departure transfer from Petra to Amman's Queen Alia airport.

### WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

### Trip Highlights

- Amman - the nation's capital
- Dead Sea - swim, float & detox
- Dana Nature Reserve - encompassing Wadi Dana and Wadi Araba
- Wilderness between Dana Nature Reserve and Petra (Wadi Musa) on walking trek
- Petra - Nabataean Rose City

### What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 6 lunches, 5 dinners
- 3 nights - 3 star hotels, 1 night - Wilderness Lodge, 1 night - guest house
- 3 nights camping (including all meals and non-alcoholic beverages, tents, equipment, services of camp chef and staff during trek)
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 9
- Touring of Amman, Dead Sea and Petra
- Trekking and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Escorted by English speaking Trek guide
- Licensed Jordanian tour guide for sightseeing Petra
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles
- 4WD logistical support
- Escorted by a Jordanian English speaking guide
- Relevant Nature Reserve fees and permits

### What's Not Included

- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture.
- Entrance Fees: \$120-140 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$40-50 USD

### BOLT-ONS:

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Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

## Dead Sea - USD \$799

Sink or swim? There's no chance of either occurring at the Dead Sea. The mineral-rich Dead Sea offers bathers ultimate buoyancy to the point where you'll feel like a cork bobbing about! Our Dead Sea escape bolt-on allows you the chance to completely spoil yourself at the Movenpick Dead Sea Resort Hotel. Enjoy the resort's fine facilities such as the freshwater swimming pools, tennis courts and world-class Zara Spa where you can opt to indulge in a catalogue of well-being treatments such as Dead Sea salt scrubs, Swedish massage, stone therapy, mud body wraps and more. Plus right outside is the Dead Sea, just the tonic for a healthy complexion and skin.

### PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,299

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

#### 2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
13 OCT - 21 OCT	USD \$2,299	USD \$599

#### 2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
06 APR - 14 APR	USD \$2,299	USD \$599
05 OCT - 13 OCT	USD \$2,299	USD \$599

#### Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Amman Pre-Tour accommodation	USD \$99	USD \$50
Amman Post-Tour accommodation	USD \$99	USD \$50