

New Years in Wadi Rum 8 Days



Where will you be? Jordan is overflowing with magnetic attractions. Discover the Rose City of Petra, float like a boat on the Dead Sea and ring in a new year at Wadi Rum!

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Amman / Ends in: Madaba
- Departs: 27th December 2012
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 7, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 2
- 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:



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Day 1: Amman

27th Dec. Welcome to Jordan and the start of your New Year's holiday! Included transfer to hotel and overnight. Overnight - [Amman](#)

Day 2:

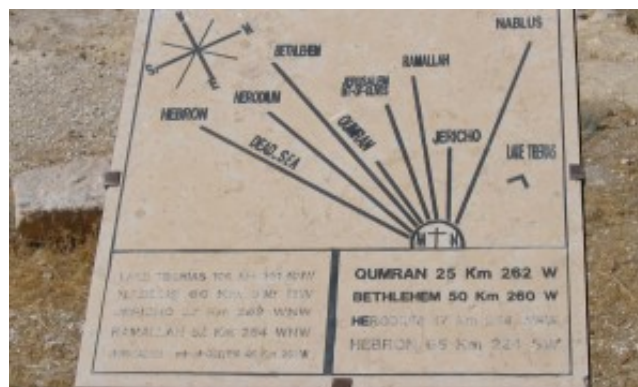
Amman - Jerash - Umm Qais - Amman. Driving north, we visit Jerash, one of best-preserved cities of the Decapolis, a confederation of 10 Roman cities dating from the 1st century! We'll explore a significant number of preserved ruins including the classic Roman colonnaded street, amphitheatre, nymphaeum and forum before continuing to Umm Qais (Gadara), a dramatic black-basalt Roman city of the Decapolis with great views over the Sea of Galilee and the Golan Heights. Overnight - [Amman](#)



Day 3:

Amman - Mt Nebo - Umm ar Rasas - Petra. Today, we tour the citadel, Archaeological Museum and enjoy free time in the local souq before before visiting Mt Nebo. Having led the Israelites for 40 years through the wilderness, Moses finally saw, from this awesome vantage point, the Promised Land, that God forbid him to set foot in.

Later we visit Umm ar Rasas, a haunted deserted city on the ancient caravan routes. Large mosaic floors of its dozen or more churches dating from the Byzantine and Umayyad periods have been painstakingly cleaned and protected. The mosaic floor of the Church of St Stephen dates to 785, over 150 years after Muslim rule was established in Jordan, and depicts the cities of the day including Jerusalem and the Palestinian cities of Nablus and Gaza. Overnight - [Petra](#)



Day 4: The Rose City of Petra

Petra. Today we visit Petra. Accessing 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 facade of Al-Khazneh (the Treasury), we continue our exploration. Dozens of tombs, temples, an impressive amphitheatre and a Roman colonnaded street await our discovery. Want to learn how to cook Middle Eastern food? Consider opting for our Petra Kitchen bolt-on tonight! Overnight - [Petra](#)



Day 5:

On 31 December, there's a chance to return to the Rose City before our afternoon drive to wadi rum. Late this afternoon, we enjoy a 4 x 4 safari across the stunning desert landscape. At our desert camp, enjoy a special New Year's Bedouin party with musical entertainment, a lavish New Years Eve buffet dinner, party games, fireworks and champagne toast! Overnight - [Wadi Rum](#)

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Days 6 - 7: Dead Sea

Wadi Rum - Karak - Dead Sea - Madaba. On the morning of 01 January, we explore the well preserved 12th century crusader castle of Al Karak. Taking some twenty years to build and upon completion in 1161, it became the residence of the lord of Transjordan, by then the most important fief of the Crusader kingdom, rich in produce and tax revenues. Note: Shobak crusader castle maybe visited as an alternative to Karak.

Descending some 1300 metres, straddling the border between Jordan and Israel we arrive at the lowest point on the planet's surface - the Dead Sea. Indulge an mud wrap and an afternoon of swimming and floating in the ever warm mineral-rich body of water. Later we drive to Madaba, a bustling Muslim-Christian market town and enjoy a wonderful traditional Jordanian meal!

On day 7 we tour the sites of Madaba including the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, housing the biblically important map of the Holy Land made in the 6th century out of two million stone pieces. Remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight - [Madaba](#)



Day 8: Madaba

3rd Jan. Madaba - Amman Airport. Hotel check-out and included onward departure transfer 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 - Citadel, Archaeological Museum and souq
- Jerash - Ruins of ancient Roman city
- Umm Qais - Roman Decapolis city
- Dead Sea - opt for a dip
- Petra - Nabataean Rose City
- Wadi Rum desert
- Umm ar-Rasas - ancient walled Byzantine and Umayyad period city on the caravan trading routes
- Mt Nebo - views across the Promised Land
- Madaba - Christian market town, Church of St George, Jordan's finest Byzantine mosaics

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 2 dinners including New Year's Bedouin Party at Wadi Rum camp
- 6 nights - 3 star hotels, 1 night - Wadi Rum deluxe desert camp
- Wadi Rum dinner & camp/4x4 desert safari
- Dead Sea - free time and mud bath
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 8
- Touring of Amman, Jerash, Dead Sea, Petra, Wadi Rum, Umm ar-Rasas, Mt Nebo and Madaba
- Escorted by a qualified Jordanian tour guide
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

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: \$110-120 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$35-45 USD

BOLT-ONS:

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.

Petra Kitchen - USD \$59

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Ever wanted to know how to make real, authentic Middle Eastern hoummus? Based just up the road from the entrance to the Rose City, Petra Kitchen - a locally managed business staffed by local Jordanian people, offers a hands-on approach to the preparation of a Middle Eastern repast. At Petra Kitchen, enjoy a cooking session which will result in the mysteries of dishes such as baba ghanoush, fattoush, sambousek b'jibn (cheese triangles) and proper hoummus-from-scratch dispelled before your very eyes and with your very involvement. Then enjoy the fruits of your labours - a faraway feast, fit for a king, sultan or khedive! Something good's cooking at the Petra Kitchen!

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,869

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, 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.
27 DEC - 03 JAN	USD \$1,869	USD \$599

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
27 DEC - 03 JAN	USD \$1,869	USD \$599

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Amman Pre-Tour accommodation	USD \$99	USD \$50
Madaba Post-Tour accommodation	USD \$89	USD \$60

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

I was on the 28 Dec departure of New Year in Wadi Rum. I wasn't able to complete a tour evaluation form so am taking this opportunity to give feedback. All of us very much appreciated the upgrade to the Crown Plaza Resort at Petra. The Petra tour was very good, as was the Dead Sea. We had to ask for an hour's shopping time in Aqaba as it had not been scheduled, hence we were rushed getting to Mt Nebo and only just were allowed in as arrived right on closing at 4.30, and sun had set unfortunately. The Toledo Hotel was excellent. I was

disappointed that the Mosaic City Hotel in Madaba did not have a room in which I could smoke, as this was requested when I booked. I had to use an outdoor balcony in extremely cold weather as the whole hotel is non-smoking. I was very grateful for your help on arrival at Amman airport and being put in the hands of Hassan for drive to hotel. He was a very friendly person and also did my transfer from Madaba back to Amman as well as other private shopping trips and transport to the border. I appreciated being allowed to charge all tour expenses up until the end, due to my losing my wallet and credit cards in a taxi in Amman and having to wait for emergency card & cash. Fortunately, the Toledo Hotel Manager loaned me sufficient cash to meet my tour expenses. The Toledo was, as the Manager, Mr Hakam, said, my home away from home and I would have been far more stressed had I not had them to help me out. I can't speak highly enough of all their staff. Finally, I must commend our tour guide, Raed, who was a lovely person. Nothing was too much trouble for him. He was very knowledgeable and interesting and was also very supportive to me in my distress at my loss.

Gwyneth Owen, Dec 2008