



trek spotlight

what you see

- Amman
- Dead Sea - opt for a dip
- Dana Nature Reserve - encompassing Wadi Dana and Wadi Araba
- Wilderness between Dana NR and Petra (Wadi Musa) on walking trek
- Petra - Nabatean Rose City

what you get

- Breakfast daily, 6 lunches, 5 dinners
- 3 nights - 3 ★ 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 - day 1 & 9
- Trekking and excursions as per itinerary
- All relevant transfers and transportation
- 4WD logistical support
- Escorted by English speaking guide
- Relevant Nature Reserve fees and permits



on location

Your guide to on the ground...

visa requirements

Visas are required by all visitors to Jordan. These are issued at both the border and airport upon arrival, and are also easily procured from the Jordanian Embassy in London. Visas for British, Australian, New Zealand, Irish and South African passport holders are currently issued at Amman International Airport, where the cost is JD10 (USD\$15). However, it is your responsibility to check that this still applies before your departure to Jordan. Additionally when leaving

the country there is a USD\$22 departure tax imposed upon passengers departing via any Jordanian airport.

climate

Temperatures in Jordan are generally high, particularly during the summer months from May to September, when the sun can be fierce and temperatures are at industrial levels, so take sunscreen. In winter (December to February) temperatures can range from 0 C - just 12 C. If visiting during winter, you will need to pack warm clothes for sightseeing, and also for your stay in the desert at Wadi Rum.

time

Jordan is 2 hours ahead of GMT.

money

1 USD = 0.71JD 1 GBP = 1.09JD 1 EUR = 0.96JD 1 AUD = 0.63JD (subject to fluctuation). Exchange facilities are available at various bureau de changes and banks in major towns have ATMs.

health requirements

It is recommended that you be vaccinated for Diptheria, Tetanus Polio and Hepatitis A. You may also need typhoid. Vaccination requirements can change so please check with your local health care provider before travel.

how much?

- **ENTRANCE FEES**
Entrance fees are not included in your tour. Please budget approximately USD80-100
- **TIPPING**
A small tipping kitty will be collected from all tour participants to cover tips en route
Your guide (suggested amount) USD40-50 USD40-50
- **Mineral water** (local brand, 500ml or 1L) Jo0.50-1.50
- **Can of coke** Jo0.50-1.50
- **Beer** (local brew Stella - 500ml approx) JD1-3
- **Meal for 2** (entree, main, a beer, local restaurant) Jo12-30

things to bring

- A sleeping bag for the camping - make sure it's a warm one if travelling in winter.
- A small daypack to carry things
- A flashlight and an unbreakable water bottle for refilling
- If visiting in winter, pack warm clothes and an umbrella.
- If summer bring lightweight clothing, sunscreen & a hat.
- Tour voucher and a copy of your travel insurance
- Two spare passport photos & a photocopy of your passport

top experiences

- Step into Indiana Jones shoes at the amazing Rose City of Petra.
- Float like a cork in the mineral rich Dead Sea
- Range across the amazing ruins of the Roman city of Jerash and check out how the Romans lived.
- Chart the stunning desertscape of Wadi Rum aboard a 4x4 desert safari and make like Lawrence of Arabia
- Enjoy some Red Sea relaxation





petra trek: itinerary

day 1

Welcome to Jordan and the start of your holiday! Arrive Amman, included transfer to hotel and overnight.

day 2

Amman - Dana Nature Reserve - breakfast. Your tour leader will usually be at your hotel at approximately 7.30am for your welcome meeting. 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. Blending perfectly with the environment, our base this evening is the RSCN-run Faynan Wilderness Lodge, 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. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Faynan Wilderness Lodge.

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

day 3

Dana Nature Reserve - breakfast. 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. Lunch, dinner and overnight - Dana Guest House.

NB - 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.

day 4

Dana Nature Reserve - Mansura - breakfast. Today, we begin the trek to Petra, hiking past the area's reforestation project and the upland wadis. Lunch, dinner and overnight camping - Mansura.

day 5

Trekking from Mansura - Petra - breakfast. 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. Lunch, dinner and overnight camping.

day 6

Trekking to Petra - breakfast. 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. Lunch, dinner and overnight camping.

day 7

Trekking to Petra - breakfast. Approaching from Ammaren 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 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. Lunch and overnight - Petra.

day 8

Petra (Wadi Musa) - breakfast - 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 (Wadi Musa).

day 9

Petra (Wadi Musa) - Hotel checkout and included onward to transfer north to Amman and Queen Alia International Airport.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The trek described in this program is considered moderately challenging. Only persons with good to excellent physical fitness should consider this arrangement. Participants will hike between 15-21 km/day over rocky soil, with some scrambling along sandstone and limestone escarpments. No rope climbs or rappelling are involved.

The trekking route is generally open throughout the year. For the day's hike from Wadi Faynan to Dana Village (day 3), if there were rain, this route would not be negotiable due to the danger of flooding in the canyon. In the event of rain, a vehicular transfer from Wadi Faynan to Dana Village would be arranged.

Participants are advised to bring one piece of luggage plus one small day-pack (for personal carriage of travel documents and other important personal items, camera, water and on some days a boxed lunch). Participant's main luggage will be transferred from one campsite to the next by 4WD. All campsites for use on the trek will be pre-erected and dismantled by our camp staff, allowing us to spend as much possible enjoying the wilderness.

Participants should bring a flashlight and unbreakable water bottle that can be refilled by our crew.

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