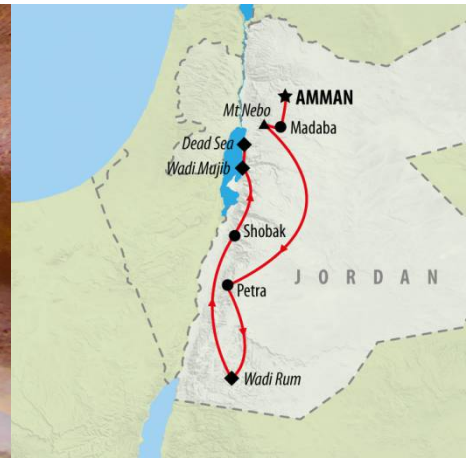


Passage to Petra

6 days | Starts/Ends: Amman



Spend two incredible nights in Petra's lost city, camp under the stars in Mars-like Wadi Rum, relax in the otherworldly Dead Sea and explore the Siq Trail of Wadi Mujib in six adventure-filled days.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Two nights in Petra - Discover the UNESCO-listed Nabataean city that was all but lost to the modern world until its rediscovery in 1812
- Wadi Rum - Admire vast red desert landscape with rolling dunes and dramatic rock formations
- Dead Sea - Float in the warm, buoyant mineral-rich waters
- Shobak Crusader Castle - Admire the castle, perched dramatically on a hill top
- Mt Nebo - Take in one of the most sacred sites in Jordan with views across the Promised Land
- Madaba - Wander the Christian market town, Church of St George and Jordan's finest Byzantine mosaics
- Umm ar-Rasas - Step into the ancient city which was an important stop on the caravan route between east and west
- Wadi Mujib - Trek the Siq Trail of Wadi Mujib Biosphere Reserve

- Amman - Explore this Ancient hilltop citadel, with its fascinating Archaeological Museum and the bustling souqs

What's Included

- Breakfast daily and 1 dinner
- 4 nights 4 star hotels
- 1 night Wadi Rum deluxe desert camp
- Wadi Rum - 4x4 desert safari through the sand dunes
- Dead Sea - Free time to swim and detox
- Touring - Amman, Dead Sea, Petra, Wadi Rum, Shobak, Umm ar-Rasas and Mt Nebo
- Escorted by a licensed Jordanian tour guide and English speaking specialist guides at some local sights
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 and departure transfer is offered on day 6 at 04:00, 07:00 and 12:00 only
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$40-50pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$120-140pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa (see Trip Notes for further information about visas)
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$5-7 per day, per traveller.

Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture

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Day 1 : Amman



Sunday. Welcome to Jordan and the start of an amazing adventure. Arrive in Amman and enjoy an included transfer to our hotel. The remainder of today is at your leisure.

Overnight - Amman

Day 2 : Mt Nebo & the Promised Lands



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Amman - Madaba - Mount Nebo - Umm ar Rasas - Petra. Today we tour the citadel and Archaeological Museum of Amman, before we take a walk through the bustling local souk to enjoy typical Jordanian street treats of falafel and hummus at the country's most popular local street stand. As the pictures on the wall will prove, the unglamorous food stand was a great favourite of the late King Hussein.

Leaving Amman we stop first at Mt. Nebo, the site from which Moses saw the Promised Land. Having led the Israelites for 40 years through the wilderness, Moses finally saw them from this breathtaking vantage point. This amazing panorama includes the Jordan River Valley, the Dead Sea, Jericho and the spires and domes of the Mt. of Olives and Bethlehem on the Judean hills just across the wide valley. Later, we visit Madaba en route to Petra where we see the Church of St George, the Madaba Archaeological Park, Apostles Church and Madaba Museum.

Our next port of call is Um ar-Rasas, one of Jordan's World Heritage sites and once an important stop on the busy caravan routes. The impressive mosaic floor of the St. Stephen Church features medallions commemorating all the early Christian pilgrimage sites of the region, and the extensive ruins also include one of the area's earliest Stylite towers, where a Byzantine hermit lived atop the tower and preached to the pilgrimage visitors.

Our final stop of the day is Petra. Consider doing the Petra by Night excursion (payable locally) for a tantalizing candlelight stroll through Petra's Siq.... a romantic preview of things to come.

Overnight - Petra (B)

Day 3 : The Nabatean City of Petra



We begin the day with a walk through the mysterious mile-long Siq, the narrow gorge with towering sandstone walls leads into the ancient capital city of the Nabatean trading empire. Explore the Khazneh (the temple of Indiana Jones fame), Theatre, colonnaded street and museum. After lunch, we climb to ad-Deir (the Monastery), Petra's largest carved façade.

This evening, why not try your hand at our Petra Kitchen Add-on to join fellow travellers for a cuisine course at the local Petra Kitchen, where you help prepare a memorable Jordanian feast.

Overnight - Petra (B)

Day 4 : Wadi Rum desertscape



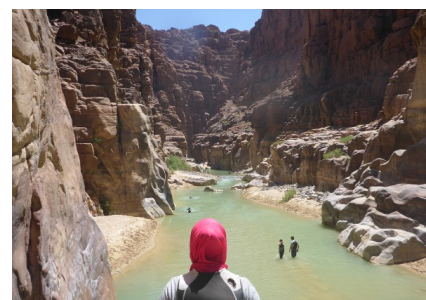
Petra - Wadi Rum. This morning we have the opportunity to join our guide for a return visit to Petra along the "secret way" of al-Madras, with visits to the High Place of Sacrifice and Wadi Farasa. At lunchtime, we stop at the Wadi Musa souk to pick up delicious shawarma sandwiches or fruit and veggie snacks from the local produce souk before making the scenic drive to Wadi Rum. A vast, silent landscape of ancient riverbeds, pastel coloured stretches of sandy desert and amazing rock formations known as jebels that

rise from the desert floor, the deserts cape of Wadi Rum represents some of the most stunning countryside on our planet.

This desert is home to the once nomadic Bedouin people who would roam the desert tending to their flocks of goats. Most Bedouins now are village based although they still rely on goats to provide milk, yoghurt and cheese. Quite often Bedouins will return for a period of the year to their original nomadic lifestyle. Boarding 4 x 4s jeeps, we take a safari through the sand dunes, getting up close and personal to the surrounding scenery of Wadi Rum. We enjoy a magical evening under the brilliant stars of the desert night sky, including a scrumptious traditional Jordanian dinner.

Overnight - Wadi Rum (B, D)

Day 5 : Shobak Castle, Wadi Mujib Canyoning & the Dead Sea



Wadi Rum - Shobak – Wadi Mujib - Dead Sea. After breakfast at the campsite, we head north along the Desert Highway to visit Shobak Castle, which is perched dramatically on a hill top and was built by the Crusader King Baldwin I in 1115. After exploring the castle we descend some 1300 meters to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the earth's surface. More than 400 meters below sea level, the mineral-rich Dead Sea is the world's original health and beauty spa. Drift out and bob in the waters and slap on some of the famous black Dead Sea mud to give your skin an invigorating boost.

For departures between April and October we head up the King's Highway to Wadi Mujib. Here, we embark on a moderate-paced two hour trek along the Siq Trail. Measuring 500 metres in depth and spanning 4 kilometres

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across, the impressive Wadi Mujib is one of Jordan's most remarkable natural features. This dramatic canyon features sheer rocky walls and sparkling waterways that range from puddle height to depths that are perfect for swimming (chest height or deeper) depending on the rainfall. When the water level is high you should be prepared for having to climb up ladders, clamber across boulders and be happy to wade through water. The canyon is just one feature of the Mujib Biosphere Reserve, the lowest nature reserve in the world, home to a surprising diversity of wildlife and plant species. For those not interested in taking the full hike, you can walk part of it or wait by the Visitor Centre till the group returns. After our trek we make our way to the Dead Sea.

Overnight - Dead Sea (B)

Day 6 : Farewell



Friday. Dead Sea - Amman Airport. Hotel check out and included onward transfer to Amman Airport. Departure transfers are offered at 04:00, 07:00 and 12:00 on day 6. If you would like a departure transfer at any other time or a transfer with post tour accommodation this can be arranged for an additional cost, please enquire.

Consider extending your holiday and take an inspirational journey to the revered Holy Land and visit some of Israel's best known historical and sacred sights on our 4-day Add-on of Jerusalem and beyond.(B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Al-Qasr Metropole

Recently refurbished, the Al Qasr Metropole is a modern and chic boutique hotel. Guest rooms are beautifully furnished and include free Wi-Fi connection and luxury en suite facilities. All guests at the Al Qasr gain free access to the on site Fitness First gym as well as a complimentary breakfast. The rooftop restaurant has fantastic panoramic views of Amman and is a great place to spend the evening. The hotel is well located in Shmeisani, one of Amman's most prestigious neighbourhoods.



Old Village Resort

Located above Wadi Mousa, Old Village Resort has a wonderfully traditional feel about it with open stonework and original architecture. Rooms are full of character, some with delightful archways and all directly accessed from the outside. The hotel boasts an indoor swimming pool and sauna and beautiful views of the surrounding mountains. For dinner why not dine al fresco at the restaurant overlooking the mountains. Well located in forested wadis facing Petra's mountains.



Petra Moon Hotel

Just 300 ft from the entrance gate to Petra, the Petra Moon hotel features spacious rooms with private balconies and flat-screen TVs. It also has a roof garden with a seasonal outdoor pool. The soundproofed rooms and suites at Petra Moon come with satellite

channels, a DVD player and extra-long beds. Each has air conditioning and a private bathroom. The hotel's restaurant serves a delicious selection of international meals in both buffet-style and a la carte.



Rainbow Camp

A row of permanent tents in the desert make up the popular Rainbow Camp. Inside the tents are comfortable camp beds and warm bedding. Showers and toilets are close by and are cleaned thoroughly every day. Guests can relax in the communal area which is adorned with colourful rugs and cushions. The food at Rainbow Camp always gets rave reviews. Taking an evening stroll around the beautiful surroundings is a great way to work up an appetite before dinner. This accommodation is well located in the heart of Wadi Rum.



Holiday Inn Resort

Graced with interconnecting palm fringed swimming pools leading to the Dead Sea, the Holiday Inn is an Arabesque style hotel. Guest rooms are elegantly furnished and benefit from complimentary high speed internet. The hotel also has an on site fitness centre and a fine choice of Spa facilities. The 24 hour sleek bar is the perfect place for a tittle at any time of the day or night. The accommodation is located on the shores of the world famous Dead Sea.

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Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same gender on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
13 Sep	CAD 2,095	CAD 2,715
20 Sep	CAD 2,095	CAD 2,715
04 Oct	CAD 2,095	CAD 2,715
18 Oct	CAD 2,095	CAD 2,715
25 Oct	CAD 2,095	CAD 2,715
06 Dec	CAD 2,095	CAD 2,715
20 Dec	CAD 2,195	CAD 2,815

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
17 Jan	CAD 2,095	CAD 2,715
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11 Jul	CAD 2,195	CAD 2,815
25 Jul	CAD 2,195	CAD 2,815
09 Aug	CAD 2,295	CAD 2,915

PRICES / DATES 2021

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PRICES / DATES 2022

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16 Jan	CAD 2,095	CAD 2,715
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PRICES / DATES 2023

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01 Jan	CAD 2,095	CAD 2,715

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