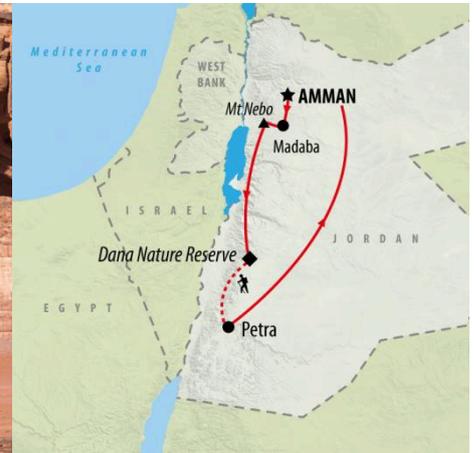


Trek Jordan

7 days | Starts/Ends: Amman



PRIVATE TREKKING HOLIDAY:

Trek the famous Jordan trail, through breathtaking mountain countryside and rolling desert, to Petra. Marvel at the Treasury and Monastery in the Rose Red City, enjoy panoramic vistas from the summit of Mount Nebo, explore ancient Madaba and enjoy incredible views of the Promised Land from Mount Nebo.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Jordan Trail Trek – Spend three days trekking along part of the Jordan Trail through scenic rugged mountain countryside
- UNESCO-listed Petra – Tour the Rose Red City and discover highlights including the iconic Treasury and the Monastery
- Mt Nebo – Enjoy panoramic views of Jerusalem, Jericho and the Jordan River Valley from the summit of this holy site
- Madaba – Explore the highlights of the city and see the famous mosaic map of the Middle East on the floor of St George Church

- Beidha – Discover the 9,000 year old Neolithic settlement and the lesser-known site of Little Petra

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- 3 nights STANDARD hotels. Accommodation rating – See Trip Notes for details
- 3 nights camping, including all camping equipment, with the services of a camping chef and assistants
- An airport arrival transfer on day 1 and a departure transfer on day 7
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles
- Entrance fees to all included sightseeing
- Escorted by a licensed Jordanian tour guide for sightseeing and a private trekking guide
- Touring – Madaba, Mt Nebo, Dana, Little Petra, Beidha and Petra

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa (see Trip Notes for further information about visas)
- Tipping – An entirely personal gesture

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Amman

Welcome to Jordan! Your adventure begins with a transfer from Amman Airport to the hotel in Amman, where the rest of today is at leisure. You may wish to independently explore some of the vibrant souqs in downtown Amman, in the heart of the city. **Overnight – Amman**

Day 2 : Madaba, Mt Nebo & Dana Old Village



Amman – Madaba – Mt. Nebo – Dana – Mansura. Leaving Amman today, we drive to Madaba for our guided sightseeing tour. Discover Madaba's highlights, which include the Madaba Museum, Archaeological Park and St George Church. Admire the famous 6th century mosaic map of the Middle East, which decorates the floor of this famous church. Our day continues as

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we travel to Mt Nebo, the site where Moses first gazed over the Holy Land. Enjoy the same panoramic views that stretch as far as Jericho, the Dead Sea and the Jordan River Valley.

Later, visit the 500 year old village of Dana, which was virtually abandoned until the establishment of the Dana Nature Reserve in 1993. We then continue to Mansura, where our trek begins with a short one hour hike to our campsite.

Distance trekked today: 3km
Overnight - Mansura (camping) (B, D)

Day 3 : Trek to the Bega'a Valley



Our trek continues today as we set off on part of the famous Jordan trail, a 650km trail through the stunning heart of the country, we'll follow the path all the way to Petra. We begin with a walk through the valley and then climb the mountain trail to Ras Wadi Nekheel. From here, we'll marvel at the breathtaking views of the mountains and the sprawling desert below. We then descend along rocky slopes into the Bega'a Valley and continue to tonight's campsite. Today's trek will pass natural springs, abandoned settlements and lush wadis, which form oases in the desert.

Distance trekked today: 15km
Overnight - Bega'a Valley (camping) (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Bega'a to Beidha



Today, we trek along the same path as the Bedouin nomads, who traditionally ascend into the mountains in summer to escape the heat of the Jordanian sun. We'll pass Roman watchtowers and remarkable Neolithic (stone age) sites as we trek through this stunning region. The campsite for tonight is at the edge of UNESCO-listed Beidha.

Distance trekked today: 18km
Overnight - Bediha (camping) (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Trek to Petra



Our final day of trekking begins with a walk to Siq al Barid (Little Petra). This lesser known site is thought to have been an important agricultural centre and supply post for travellers to Petra. The scenery changes as we walk, from rocky mountains to rolling sandstone hills. Enter Little Petra through a narrow opening, similar to the famous Siq of Petra itself, but smaller. After our visit, we continue to Beidha - one of the earliest examples of permanent human settlement in existence. Later, we'll arrive in the Rose Red City of Petra and visit the legendary Ad Deir (The Monastery), which is perched high on a hill-top and marvel at this iconic tomb

before we continue to our hotel for a well-earned rest.

Distance trekked today: 17km
Overnight - Petra (B, L)

Day 6 : Petra sightseeing

Discover the wonders of the ancient Nabatean city of Petra today. Walk down the striking Siq to the breathtaking Al-Khazneh (The Treasury) and admire this impressive tomb. We then explore the group of tombs on the Street of Facades and the Theatre, which is Roman in style but carved from existing rock rather than built like the Roman amphitheatres. Today's sightseeing concludes with visits to the Byzantine Church and fascinating Petra Museum, which displays many exhibits from across Petra's rich history.

Overnight - Petra (B)

Day 7 : Amman

Petra - Amman. Your Jordanian trekking adventure comes to an end today with an included transfer to the Queen Alia Airport (approx. 3hrs drive), in Amman.(B)

ACCOMMODATION

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

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

Toledo

With friendly and helpful staff, the Toledo offers a perfect location and comfortable accommodation. Guest rooms are well appointed and all have a great view of the famous King Abdullah Mosque and several historical churches. Wi-fi is available and there is a 24 hour coffee shop for when hunger strikes! There is also a fitness centre and pool - however the hours vary for men and women so check with

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reception before you head down. Well located in Amman City Centre next to the bus station.



Petra Palace

The Petra Palace is an elegant hotel set in landscaped gardens, with beautiful views of the Petra mountains. The rooms either have views of the mountains or the gardens with the heated swimming pool.



BEFORE YOU GO

Preparing for your trip

It makes a lot of sense to spend some time before coming on a trekking or climbing trip getting some additional exercise. The fitter you are, after all, the more enjoyable you will find the experience. For this trip you need to be aerobically fit and also capable for walking up to 18kms each day. We would suggest that you adopt a weekly exercise regime. Jogging, squash and swimming are good for developing better stamina. Before departure, we suggest that you try to fit in a number of long walks in hilly country.

What to pack for trekking

We recommend that you pack the following items for your trek;

- A pair of good sturdy walking shoes with a non-skid tread
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Mosquito repellent, hand sanitizer, lip balm
- Portable charger/power bank

- Bedouin Kouffieh/hat
- Warm jacket, lightweight jumper/sweater (late fall, winter, early spring)
- Long, loose trousers rather than shorts
- Torch

Tipping

Tipping is an essential part of the culture. For a job well done, we would suggest for your tour guide: USD \$5-6 per traveller, for each day of sightseeing.

For your driver and On The Go Representative we'd recommend USD\$2-3 per traveller for each day of service. Tipping is an entirely personal gesture and ultimately the amount is up to you.

Accommodation ratings

On our Private trips, you can often choose your style of accommodation. The price quoted on our website is reflective of the included accommodation, please see the "included" section on the first page of this document for details. Should you opt for an alternative hotel category, this will be confirmed in writing with the respective price on your invoice.

For further details about the indicative hotels, please see the "hotels" tab on our website. Here we rank hotel's in their respective country (REGIONAL CATEGORY) - but we also tell you how it ranks by Western standards (OUR CATEGORY).

STANDARD - Equates to a Western 3-star standard, always featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant.
 SUPERIOR - Equates to a Western 4-star standard, featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant and often a swimming pool and/or a fitness centre.
 DELUXE - Equates to a Western 5-star standard, usually featuring spacious, en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming pool and fitness centre and an array of amenities, excellent service and customer care.

LUXURY - Equates to a Western 5-star plus standard - the creme de la creme. Featuring spacious, en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming pool and fitness centre and an array of amenities, this accommodation is a cut above the rest. Sheer opulence!

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Welcome to Jordan - Arrival transfer

A complimentary airport arrival transfer is included. For all clients arriving into Amman Queen Alia International airport to start their Jordan holiday (not applicable to *Highlights of Israel & Jordan* tour).

If we are not arranging your visa

please proceed through immigration, baggage claim and customs. As you exit customs into the public arrivals hall, please look for our representative who will be holding an On The Go Tours logo signboard.

If we have arranged your visa for you

we will meet you PRIOR to immigration and will fast track you through the process.

Our representative will introduce you to our driver, who will transfer you to your hotel. You will be given a Welcome Letter at this time which highlights the departure time for your sightseeing program tomorrow.

At the hotel reception desk, please take note of the On The Go Tours information sign on the counter which will tell you what time our Amman Representative will be in the hotel lobby to meet with you and discuss the details of your touring program, to give you our informative welcome letter and to answer any questions you may have.

If for any reason you have trouble locating our representative

(after waiting 20 minutes at immigration) or your flight to Jordan is delayed, please call or send a text message

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(standard text message, not Messenger or WhatsApp) to the emergency contact number as stated on your Tour Voucher.

Visas & passports

Visa requirements are subject to change and visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours. Please be advised visa requirements are subject to change, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Jordan. After booking your holiday, please provide us with your passport details as soon as possible so that we can proceed to book all services.

As a registered holiday operator we are able to obtain Jordan tourist visas free of charge (conditions apply). For information about visas, head to www.onthegotours.com/Jordan/Visas.

On departure (via land or sea), a 10JD departure tax of is applied to all visitors. If departing Jordan by air, the departure tax is included in the airfare.

Health requirements & water

You should seek medical advice for vaccinations and about medications before travelling.

Tap water is not safe to drink in Jordan, only drink bottled mineral water which is readily available from hotels, shops and restaurants.

Essential packing

Please check local temperatures so you can pack accordingly. Visit www.worldclimate.com

- Camping at Wadi Rum – All bedding (of a well-laundered standard) is provided at our Bedouin camp. It is a personal choice should you wish to bring your own sleep sheet or sleeping bag

- Pack insect repellent, torch or headlamp if staying in Wadi Rum
- If visiting in winter pack warm clothes, hat, scarf and gloves are advised and an umbrella
- In summer bring lightweight clothing, sunscreen and a hat
- Universal travel adaptor
- Tour Voucher and a copy of your travel insurance policy, spare passport photos and a photocopy of your passport
- Good walking shoes for sightseeing in Petra
- If visiting Wadi Mujib Siq trail/canyon you'll need clothing and footwear that can get wet. Ideally a t-shirt and shorts or swimmers and trainers/walking shoes that will spend most of the walk submerged
- Binoculars IMPORTANT – are considered as surveillance equipment. Should you be carrying binoculars, expect that you'll be asked to hand these over briefly at times (with your passport) by police or military for inspection. You should not be concerned by the event, as this is merely a routine inspection of the item

Petra Park services charge

The cost of the entrance ticket to Petra includes a compulsory 7JD fee to ride an Arabian horse. This Government-approved directive is in support of the local Bedouin who own the horses and also live in the surrounding town of Wadi Musa. As you have paid this obligatory charge, you are indeed entitled to ride a horse 800 metres down to the entrance gate at Petra. However, please be aware that you'll need to tip the horse handler an extra 2JD. IMPORTANT- On The Go Tours only recommends that you do so if you are an experienced rider. The decision to ride a horse is a personal one.

Shopping in Jordan

Jordan offers a range of quality souvenirs. Look out for high-quality artefacts including rugs, pottery, paintings, jewellery, embroidery and

woven items produced by local Jordanian women under the auspices of the Noor-Al Hussein Foundation and the Queen Alia Fund. Dead Sea products of all guises, olive oil and soaps, sweetmeats and olive wood are also uniquely Jordanian souvenirs.

In the tourism industry it's common practice for commission to be offered in exchange for recommending particular shops or suppliers. This can become an issue when clients feel obliged to purchase. We do our best to avoid this by monitoring all shopping experiences offered.

Although we only visit reputable retailers, please note that we cannot explicitly guarantee the quality of their products. All purchases made whilst on holiday with us are at your own discretion. Please make sure that you are completely happy with your purchase. On The Go cannot be held responsible for any items that you buy if they fail to meet expectation, or any shipping arrangements. Proceed with caution.

It's not like home, what to expect & Ramadan

Please visit www.onthegotours.com/Jordan/Travel-tips-and-useful-info for local customs, currency, WiFi and other helpful information to prepare you for an enjoyable holiday.

RAMADAN

Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world and adherents of the Muslim faith fast during daylight hours and break their fast with lavish meals and lively celebrations in the evening. Many shops (excluding those which cater mainly to tourists) and attractions close earlier, as such we will start our tour earlier to make the best use of time and itineraries may be slightly altered to ensure we visit all attractions, leisure time will be offered in the afternoon. Non-Muslims are not expected to fast over Ramadan, but it is considered

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impolite to eat food or drink on the street. NOTE: Traffic is exceptionally heavy during Ramadan, especially toward the time of breaking the fast. Forthcoming Ramadan dates are: 22 Mar - 20 Apr 2023 & 10 Mar - 08 Apr 24 (approx)

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