

JORDAN - FOOTSTEPS OF LAWRENCE - BEDOUIN TRAILS AND DEAD SEA

ITINERARY

Day 1

Transfers from Amman airport to your hotel in Madaba are included for any flight arriving between 16:00 and 01:00. If you arrive outside of these times then you will need to pay for a private transfer.

At the end of the itinerary transfers to the airport are included for flights departing Amman anytime between midnight and 14:00. If you depart after this time and would prefer not to wait at the airport then you will need to pay for a private transfer.

Overnight Mosaic City Hotel.

Dinner is included at the hotel for those arriving before 9pm.

This comfortable 3 star hotel in the centre of Madaba is about 30 minutes from Amman airport.



A typical bedroom at the Mosaic City Hotel

Day 2

You will be collected from the hotel at around 07:30 to journey to Petra (c. 3 hour drive). There will be a short stop on the way to allow time for a quick coffee and rest break, plus the opportunity to shop for souvenirs.

Arrive at Petra around midday.

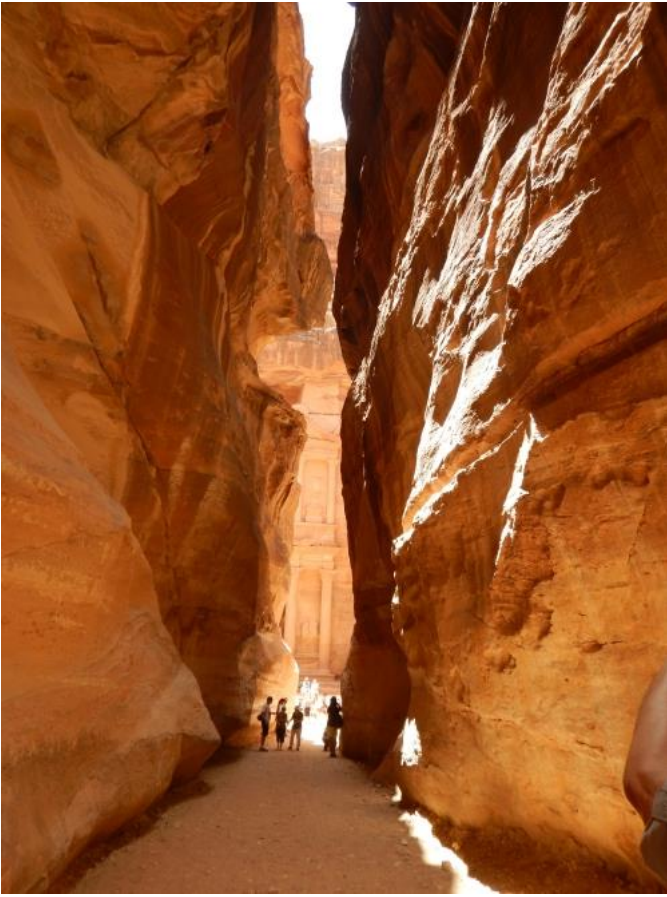
The rest of today is in Petra.

You first have a 2 to 3 hour guided visit with an official guide and afterwards can explore on your own or return to your hotel.

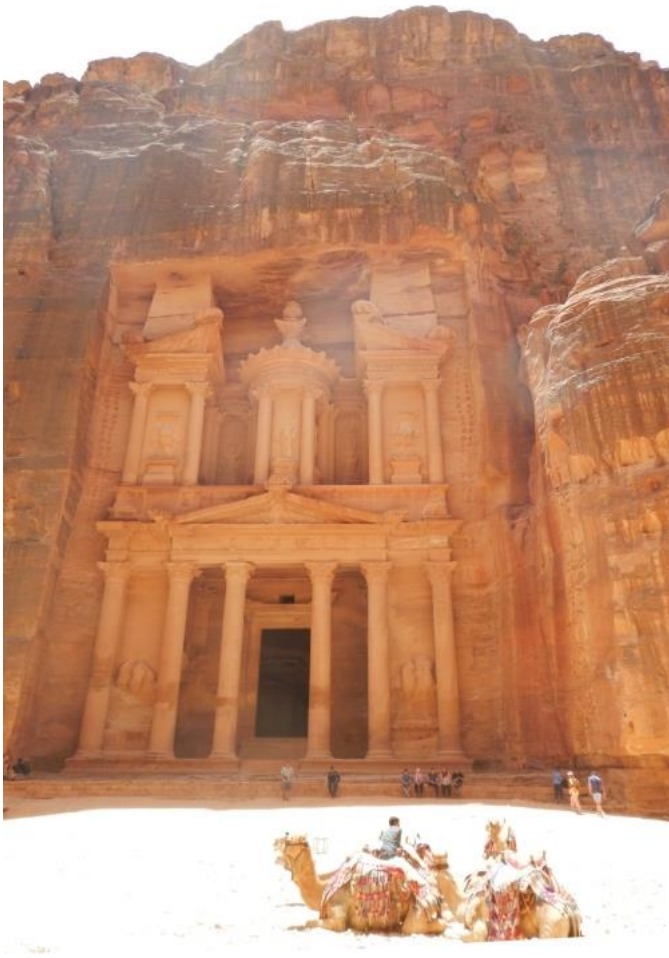
The guide will show you the famous Treasury and you can then choose which sites to visit from the many on offer - the city centre, the Royal Tomb, the theatre, the High Place of Sacrifice, the Monastery or the Roman Soldier Tombs.

There are many small restaurants inside the site for you to get a late lunch (to your own account today).

Petra is one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world. It was built by the Nabataean's sometime around the 1st century BC, abandoned by the 7th century and rediscovered by the Swiss explorer Johannes Burckhardt in 1812.



The narrow gorge leading to the Treasury



The Treasury at Petra

Overnight Petra Palace Hotel. This is a three star hotel near the Petra Visitor Centre.



A typical bedroom at the Petra Palace Hotel

Day 3

After breakfast you will be driven to Wadi Rum (around a 1.5 hour drive).

Arrive in the village of Wadi Rum at the stables at around 09:30. Time to drink the first bedouin tea, meet the horses and the team.

Please note that the following riding itinerary and route is subject to local conditions, the weather and the composition of the group. You should expect to see all of the famous sites mentioned at some point during the week, but not necessarily in this order.

If the weather is hot then you will usually ride early in the morning and late in the afternoon with a long lunch break in the shade. If the weather is cooler then you may only have a couple of hours lunch break.

The first ride is through Um Ishrin valley with a visit on the way to Lawrence's well.



After lunch you ride through an open valley with a view over the red sand area.

Overnight Abu Hassaran.



When in the desert your simple camp is in the style of the Bedouin. Camp is generally moved every day, but if you have found a particularly nice spot, or the weather dictates, then you may stay two nights in the same camp. Camp is set up in wilderness areas and rarely is the same place used twice.

Small tents and mattresses are provided for you, although on a warm night many people choose to sleep out under the stars, which is an unforgettable experience. You will rarely have seen a sky so black or stars so bright. The tents are usually set up for you, but you may be asked to help dismantle camp in the mornings. You need to bring your own sleeping bag and camping pillow.

Cold water is provided for washing face and hands and a small wash tent may be erected on some nights and warm water provided for you.

Toilet facilities at the mobile camps are limited and you may need to dig a hole in the sand and bring your toilet paper to a garbage bag for disposal later.



During winter months (December–February), the ride may be based from a static camp rather than being mobile. The static camp has a large tent for sitting and dining in if it is cold/wet. When based at the static camp you will ride out in different directions each day so that you get to experience as much of the desert as possible.

Day 4

After breakfast, you cross Rash Rasha valley with its red sands and go to Qatar mountain.

After lunch, ride to Um Raza, where you set up camp for the night.



Overnight Um Raza. Bedouin style camp in the desert.



Sleeping out under the stars.

Day 5

After breakfast you ride onto Arab Antar, a natural cave famous for its legends.

Lunch near Arab Antar, then continue to Sweibat valley which is around 5 km from the Saudi border.



Overnight Sweibat. Bedouin style camp in the desert.



Day 6

After breakfast you cross through Cerdan valley and see a Neolithic well that is still used by the Bedouins.

Have lunch in Um Umgur and then cross narrow canyons to arrive in Abu Rashaba where camp is set up for the night.



Overnight Abu Rashaba. Bedouin style camp in the desert.



Day 7

Today you ride from Abu Rashaba to Jebel Burdah and see the natural rock bridge on its summit.



After lunch continue to the red sand dunes and Jebel Um Feshiyeh with its Nabatean inscriptions.

Overnight Jebel Um Feshiyeh. Bedouin style camp in the desert.



View from your tent in the morning.

Day 8

Today you cross Barragh canyon, which is the longest canyon in Wadi Rum. These huge cliffs are famous for rock climbing.

Then you cross the Disseh plain and finally return the horses to their stable.



Lunch at the stables.

After lunch you are driven back to Madaba to check-in to your hotel and have dinner.

Overnight Mosaic City Hotel.

Day 9

In the morning you visit Amman old city before being transferred to the Dead Sea where you have an afternoon at leisure to experience the amazing Dead Sea.

Mount Nebo is situated on the road between Madaba and the Dead Sea so you will visit the site on either your outward or return journey.

Lunch to your own account today and there is no guide with you today.

Amman is built on seven hills. As well as the bustling markets it's full of ancient historic attractions including the Citadel, Roman amphitheatre and Temple of Hercules.



View over Amman from the Citadel

Mount Nebo is one of the country's most revered sites and is said to be the location where Moses is buried.



The Dead Sea lies in the Jordan Rift Valley. It is the lowest body of water on the planet and its salinity is about 10 times that of the oceans.



Floating in the Dead Sea

Overnight Mosaic City Hotel.

