



JORDAN

CLASSIC JORDAN: PETRA, WADI RUM AND THE DEAD SEA
BY HIKE & SNORKEL
9-DAYS

Jordan, a captivating country in the heart of the Middle East, offers a blend of ancient history, stunning landscapes, and vibrant culture. Situated at the crossroads of Asia, Africa, and Europe, Jordan has been a crucial meeting point for various civilizations over millennia. Travellers to Jordan can immerse themselves in the rich historical tapestry woven by the Romans, Nabateans, Byzantines, and many others. Beginning in Amman, this 9-day Jordan tour features hiking, snorkelling and cultural activities through a diverse range of landscapes. You'll visit the ancient ruins of Petra, snorkel in the Red Sea, hike and watch the sunset in Wadi Rum, and float in the Dead Sea. This adventure in Jordan is sure to offer a memorable and enriching travel experience.

Day 1

AMMAN

ARRIVAL

Upon arrival into Amman, you will be met at the airport and transferred to a comfortable hotel in the city. The remainder of the day is free to relax and explore your surroundings. Amman, Jordan's capital, is one of the oldest cities in the world, inhabited since the bronze age. The city offers a blend of ancient history and modern culture, with many interesting sights to explore such as the Citadel, Roman Theater and colourful street markets.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: None



Day 2

AMMAN - JERASH - AMMAN

CITY TOUR AND COOKING CLASS

After breakfast, you'll drive north for about one hour to Jerash. Jerash is considered to be one of the most important and best preserved Roman cities in the Middle East. After exploring the site on foot, you'll drive back to Amman and have a city tour of the Citadel and Roman Theatre, two of the most popular archaeological sites in Amman. From here, you'll continue the tour walking through old markets and passing by the Al-Husseini Mosque before stopping for lunch at a local restaurant to sample some typical dishes. In the evening, you will experience a cooking class where you will learn how to cook Arabic food. After the class, you will dine on your own creations. The night ends at the same hotel in Amman.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 3

AMMAN - DANA RESERVE - LITTLE PETRA

HIKING

After an early morning breakfast, you'll drive approximately 2.5 hours to the Dana Nature Reserve. From here you will begin your hike on the Shaq Al Reese Trail, passing through a diverse landscape of unique rock formations, canyons and dramatic views. The trail is a circular loop and takes about 5 hours to hike. You'll stop along the way to enjoy some tea prepared by the guide. After the hike, you'll drive one hour to Little Petra for the night. The accommodation tonight is at a traditional Bedouin Camp. Sleeping is in private tents (which are permanent structures), and each tent is equipped with beds and blankets. The bathrooms at the camp are shared and there is a large comfortable dining tent where dinner is served.

Accommodation: Bedouin Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hiking Distance: 12 km / 7.5 mi



Day 4

LITTLE PETRA - PETRA

HIKING

After breakfast, you'll begin your hike to the ancient ruins of Petra via "the back door". This route is less touristy and allows you to see some of the memorable sights such as the Monastery, without the large crowds. The hike is 14 km/ 8.7 miles and follows a Nabataean trail through sandstone mountains, natural rock terraces and valleys before entering the ancient site of Petra. After admiring the Monastery, a temple carved directly into the rose-red sandstone cliff, the hike continues down through Wadi Muthlim, a narrow canyon with towering rock walls. At the bottom of the canyon, you'll pass by many of the important sites of Petra including the Treasury, the Royal Tombs, and the Roman-style theatre. You will spend the night in a hotel in the town of Petra, also known as Wadi Musa.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hiking Distance: 14 km / 8.7 mi

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Day 5

PETRA - WADI RUM

HIKING

Today you'll head to Wadi Rum in southern Jordan, a vast desert landscape (also known as the Valley of the Moon), characterized by its stunning red sandstone mountains, towering cliffs, and expansive sand dunes. Along the way, you'll stop at Um Ishreen, one of the most beautiful places in the north section of Wadi Rum for a short 1-hour hike in the sandy canyon. Then you will continue the drive to Barrah Canyon, considered to be the most beautiful canyon in Wadi Rum. You will hike for approximately 2 hours through the canyon with its varied terrain of towering multi-coloured cliffs, sand dunes, greener plant-rich areas and flat sandy sections. After the hike, you'll enjoy a cooked lunch in the desert before driving to a traditional Bedouin camp for the night within Wadi Rum. After getting settled in, you'll head out for a 2-hour sunset jeep tour of the desert - the colours are amazing! The day concludes with a traditional dinner at the camp. Like the accommodation on day 3, sleeping is in private tents (which are permanent structures), and each tent is equipped with beds and blankets. The bathrooms at the camp are shared and there is a large comfortable dining tent where dinner is served.

Accommodation: Desert Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hiking Duration: 3 Hours

Day 6

WADI RUM - AQABA

BOAT RIDE AND SNORKELLING

After breakfast at the desert camp, you'll drive south for about 1 hour to the vibrant coastal town of Aqaba, located on the northeastern tip of the Red Sea. From here, you'll board a boat for a 4-hour ride on the sea with time to snorkel and swim and view the coral reefs and colourful tropical fish in the crystal-clear waters. Lunch will be served on board. After the boat ride, there is free time in the afternoon to explore Aqaba and its markets selling local handicrafts. Overnight at a hotel in Aqaba.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7

AQABA - DEAD SEA

HIKING

This morning you'll leave Aqaba and drive approximately 2.5 hours to Wadi Assal. From here, you'll have a full day of hiking in this scenic valley exploring its waterfalls, rugged natural beauty, diverse wildlife and towering canyon walls. There are several rock steps to climb during the hike which requires use of your hands and feet. The hike is 10 km / 6.2 miles and takes about 5-6 hours. After the hike, you'll drive one hour to a hotel located on the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is the lowest point on Earth, sitting over 400 meters (about 1,300 feet) below sea level, and is known for its incredibly high salt concentration. This high concentration of salt in the water allows you to float effortlessly on its surface while enjoying the surrounding view. Be sure to cover yourself in the mineral-rich mud for a therapeutic experience

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hiking Distance: 10 km / 6.2 mi

Day 8

DEAD SEA - AL-SALT - AMMAN

SIGHTSEEING

For the last full day in Jordan, you'll head back to Amman, via the historic town of Al-Salt. Al-Salt, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, lies in the middle of a deep valley and the town spreads up the surrounding hills. The town was a key trading hub and administrative centre during the Ottoman period, and is known for its beautiful yellow limestone buildings, narrow winding streets, and traditional marketplaces. You will explore the town on foot exploring the many heritage buildings, mosques and churches. The day ends in Amman with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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Day 9

AMMAN

DEPARTURE

Today is the end of your adventure. Depending on your flight time, you will be picked up at the hotel and transferred to the international airport for your flight home. Safe Travels.

Meals: Breakfast



TRIP INCLUSIONS

Trip Includes

Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner), all accommodation (twin shared), internal transportation, entrance fees to the sites mentioned, airport transfers and English-speaking guides.

Not Included

International airfare, travel insurance, gratuities, meals not indicated, and items of a personal nature.

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