

EXPERIENCE

JORDAN

Wadis and Wheels - Wet and Wild Adventure: Hike and Bike



Trip Rating: 5 - Challenging (Very physically fit, activity experience required; up to 10+ hours activity/day) – During this trip there will be hiking and scrambling through water and physically challenging mountain biking.

Summary

This experience is an active adventure lover's dream! Be warned - it's a physically challenging trip, but very rewarding for those who like to be active and sweat on an adventure. There are 2-days backpacking and getting wet in the canyons of Wadi Hasa, 2-days mountain biking the Jordan Bike Trail, and 2-days exploring Petra on foot and Wadi Rum by 4WD.

We begin with a day cycling on the newly created Jordan Bike Trail in the north of Jordan. The riding section includes some rocky paths and tracks, with lots of ascents and descents, so previous moderate off-road biking experience is required.

We then continue with a 2-day overnight backpacking trip for 24Km through Wadi Hasa, with its magnificent hanging gardens, narrow gorges and hot springs. It's an unforgettable hike!

Next, another day of cycling on the Jordan Bike trail, with off-road trails from Shobak Castle to Petra, with stunning views across the mountains. No tour is complete without a visit to the rose red city of Petra and the desert of Wadi Rum. It's all here and you can experience Jordan in a way that most tourists wouldn't dare. Are you ready?

Highlights

- Backpack through the wet canyons of Wadi Hasa with its amazing hanging gardens
- Ride sections of the Jordan Bike Trail from Ajloun to Wadi Zarqa and Shobak to Little Petra.
- Experience Bedouin culture and camp under the stars
- Explore hidden corners of Petra
- Jeep tour through Wadi Rum
- [Photos of Wadis and Wheels - Wet and Wild Adventure](#)

Note: You must arrive in Jordan on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Hotel not included. Our recommended hotel is the Larsa Hotel in Amman, our meeting point on Day 1, May 10. We are happy to book a room for you. You can pay for the night of May 9 upon check out on May 11.

Day 1 – May 10

Amman - Larsa Hotel at 8:00AM

Our trip begins at the Larsa Hotel at 8:00am. After a trip briefing and gear check, we drive for 1.5 hours to Ajloun Castle to start our cycle ride. From the Castle, we take backroads and tracks around Ajloun and through the village of Anjara. We then go off-road on tracks through the green northern hills, and through Burma forest. After a simple pack lunch on route we continue on road and tracks down into Wadi Zarqa, zigzagging to the bottom of the canyon. The route is physically challenging and some off-road riding skills required, but very rewarding with a great variety of views and terrain. *(Note: Since we're coming back to Larsa hotel, if you want us to arrange for your accommodation the night before the trip at the Larsa, please let us know).*

Cycling Distance 48 Km, Ascent 1,500m, Decent 2,400m

Overnight: Larsa Hotel – Single rooms (Wi-Fi in room)

Lunch – Lunch Box

Dinner – Cooked Meal



Day 2 – May 11

Amman - Larsa Hotel - 7:00AM Breakfast

Breakfast at 7am, and depart shortly after. We drive 2.5 hours to the south to the trailhead. Our backpack begins from near Afra Springs and continues to the midpoint of the Wadi Hasa canyon. Expect to get wet! The trail involves walking through water and some scrambling, so we may get *completely* wet (prepare your backpack accordingly – dry bags recommended). Beautiful colors surround us as we pass through water. Green spills down the side of the red and ochre hued canyons. At every turn, there is something new to see. Lunch is around 13:00 by a natural hot spring. It's a delightful walk with multiple hot springs along the way. The night will be spent next to the river enjoying the stars and the moon.

[Watch a video of the Wadi Hasa experience](#)

Hiking Distance 13 Km, Ascent 785m, Decent 1,185m

Overnight: Wilderness Backpacking camp – Share tent (or carry your own) (no WiFi)

Lunch – Lunch Box

Dinner – Cooked Meal



Day 3 – May 12

Wadi Hasa 7:00AM Breakfast

After breakfast by the river and packing up camp, we continue walking through the canyon. Not far from camp, is a natural spring. It will be some of the best water you ever tasted!

A dramatic change of scenery is displayed along the canyon's lower course, where the wadi cuts a spectacular gorge in red sandstone. In the afternoon, we reach the end of the canyon at Ghor

Nagea. From here, we transfer to the Dana Reserve. It's the perfect place to recharge ahead of our cycling adventure.

Hiking Distance 14Km, Ascent 795m, Decent 1,020m

Dana Guest House – Twin share rooms (Wi-Fi in lobby/reception public area)

Breakfast – Cooked Breakfast Lunch – Lunch Box Dinner – Dana Guesthouse



Day 4 – May 13

Dana Guesthouse 7:00AM Breakfast

A short transfer from Dana takes us to Shobak Castle, the first of the series of Crusader Castles built in Jordan. It was constructed by Baldwin in 1115 and was surrendered in 1189 to the Great Salahdin. From Shobak, we cycle up across dirt tracks to stunning views across the valley. We then contours around the mountains of Dana and Petra with great views across the Jordan valley to little Petra. Visit Siq al-Barid, also known as Little Petra due to its deep gorge and carved façade, and cycle to your overnight camp hidden in the rocks and enjoy the hospitality of the Bedouins.

Cycling: Distance 44 Km, Ascent 1,185m, Decent 1,440m.

Seven Wonders Camp (Wi-Fi in the camp)

Breakfast – Dana Guesthouse Lunch – Lunch Box Dinner – Seven Wonders

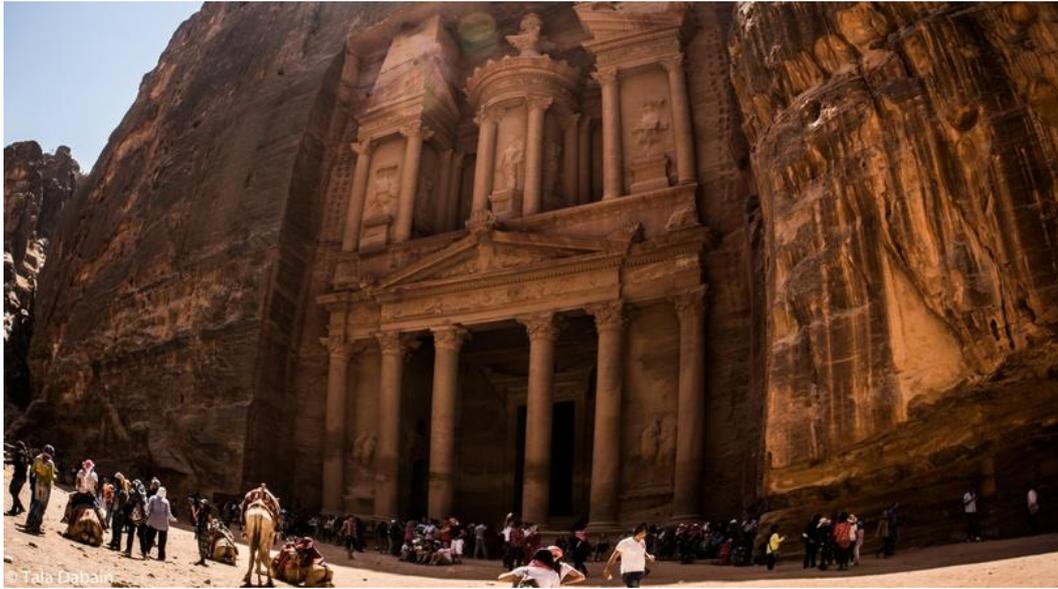
Day 5 – May 14

Seven Wonders Camp 7:00AM Breakfast

After breakfast in the camp, we drive for 10 minutes to the Petra Visitor Centre. Now one of Modern Seven Wonders of the World, Petra is known by many names, a masterpiece half as old as time, the Red Rose city. Marvel at the beauty of the 'Lost City', only recently re-discovered by the outside world. Walk through the Siq and be astounded as you reach the magnificent Treasury, the entrance guarding the ancient Nabatean city. Then continue into the city, viewing the amphitheater, exploring its many caves and tombs. After lunch, there is time to explore off the beaten path where many tourists don't tread and visit some of the hidden treasures of Petra, such as the Monastery, the high place of sacrifice or Jebel Khubtha and the view overlooking the Treasury from above. Transfer to Wadi Rum for overnight under the stars with the Bedouin.

SunCity Camp, Wadi Rum– Twin sharing (Wi-Fi in lobby/reception public area)

Breakfast – Seven Wonders Lunch – Lunch Box Dinner – Wadi Rum Camp



Day 6 – May 15

SunCity Camp, Wadi Rum Camp 7:00AM Breakfast

Our desert adventure continues with a jeep safari exploring Wadi Rum. Known as the Valley of the Moon, it is the largest wadi in Jordan and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wadi Rum's valleys, canyons, dunes and deserts beg for exploration. Discover pre-historic petroglyphs and witness ochre mountains rising sharply 800m/2,600' from the desert floor and narrow gorges cutting through the sand. We make plenty of stops to hike, scramble and explore. We enjoy a final lunch together in the shade of the mountains.

Our adventure ends with a transfer to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, and the location of AdventureNEXT.

Jeep Tour Wadi Rum

Breakfast – SunCity Camp Wadi Rum - Lunch – Lunch Box

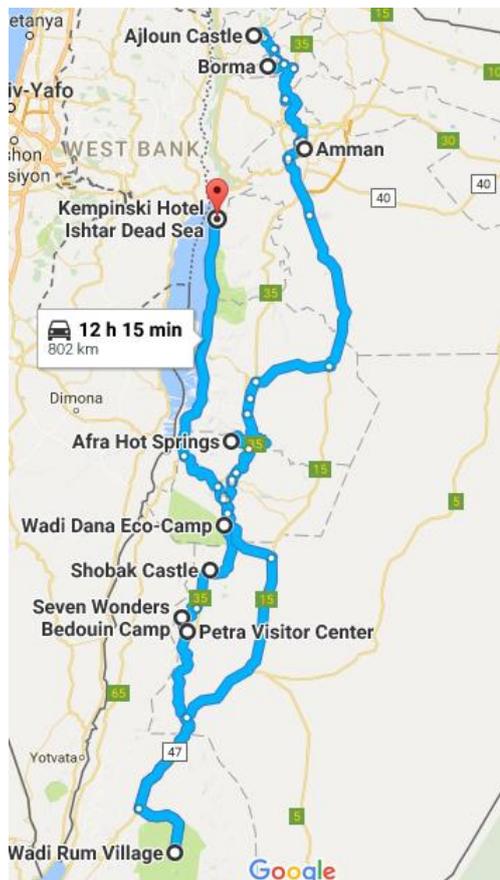


Group Size: 4-12 People

Price per person - \$899

Inclusions	Exclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 nights wilderness camping• 2 nights in hotels• 2 night permanent Bedouin camp• All food and water• Tour guide as well to give insight into history and politics of the country whilst you walk• Yoga mats and sleeping bags provided for the 1 night in wilderness• Transport by A/C bus• Hardtail mountain bikes• Helmet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flights• Visa to Jordan -Purchase the Jordan Pass -Explorer. This costs 75JD, but includes your Jordan entry visa and entrance to Petra and Wadi Rum (2-day pass).• Travel/Medical/Evacuation Insurance• Departure taxes (Jordan \$15 pp at land borders). Airport tax is usually included on air-tickets.• Tips to driver & guides

Map of Route



Accommodation Summary:

Day 1: Amman Hotel: Single rooms (Wi-Fi in Rooms)

Day 2: Wilderness backpacking camp: Share tent or carry your own (no Wi-Fi)

Day 3: Dana Guest House: Twin shared rooms (Wi-Fi in lobby/reception public area)

Day 4: Seven Wonders camp: Single tents (Wi-Fi in the camp)

Day 5: SunCity Camp Wadi Rum: Twin shared tents (Wi-Fi in lobby/reception public area)

Weather

Temperatures in Jordan can be hot and with little rain. The average temperature in May is 21°C/70°F, with highs reaching 27°C/80°F and lows around 14°C /57°C at night. The high temperatures may feel hotter in the sun all day. While the chance of rain is slight in May, it is still important to be prepared with a proper rain and wind proof jacket. Layering is important for protection from the sun and cool nights.

Things to Consider

Jordan is an Islamic nation and tends to be quite conservative so you should dress accordingly. As a general guideline, shoulders and knees should be covered. Long shorts can be worn during hiking, though we generally recommend lightweight hiking trousers to keep the sun off. A light water and windproof jacket is useful and a sun hat essential. Loose, lightweight, long clothing is both respectful and cool in the predominantly hot climate.

For your luggage, we recommend large rucksacks/backpacks or soft duffle bags that can be locked. Your luggage will be transported by vehicle to our accommodation each night (no access during the backpack).

Wadi Hasa Backpack

The overnight backpack requires you to carry everything you will need for one night including a sleeping bag and pad, clothes, food, water, and group gear. A tent is available upon request and optional. Remember, you must carry it.

You will be hiking through water (generally around knee high) so your feet will be wet! There are also pools and small waterfalls you can stand under if you want to really cool off. We recommend your hiking shoes have a good grip/tread with some ankle support, although light hiking/trail runners with good grip/tread are fine! We recommend you pack everything in dry sacks or plastic bags. Please note we will give each person their portion of food to carry, so please allow a little extra space in your bag for this.

To avoid rubbing and blisters, we recommend hiking or sports socks (no cotton), and that you cut your toe nails before the trip. Bring a blister kit for prevention and treatment.

For clothing, we recommend shorts and dryfit style t-shirts, and a fleece or warm layer for the evening. We recommend carrying hiking pants with zip-off legs to become shorts, 2 quick-drying t-shirts, a change of underwear and socks, and warm fleece for the evening.

Accommodation will be wilderness camping, we sleep under the stars in sleeping bags. We can provide sleeping bags and thin yoga mattresses (or feel free to bring your own). If you would like the privacy of a small tent, 2-person tents are available upon request (don't forget you must carry this).

Bring a sarong or larger lightweight travel towel to dry off and provide privacy for changing.

There won't be any bathroom facilities available inside the Wadi, so make sure to bring your own personal hygiene and toilet kit (see packing list below).

Cycling Section

We provide:

- Hard tail 26" mountain bike (if you want to bring your own, you can)
- Helmet
- Bike Water bottle

We will have a support truck with us for most sections, so you can leave personal items on the truck and they will be accessible through the day.

Packing List:

<p>Luggage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Medium to large duffel or rolling soft-sided luggage (no wheels/handle)<input type="checkbox"/> Luggage lock<input type="checkbox"/> Packing cubes/stuff sacks/dry sacks<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack – 50-60 liters (overnight; including group gear, sleeping bag/pad, food, water)<input type="checkbox"/> Large plastic garbage bag to line backpack<input type="checkbox"/> Day pack – 15-25 liters <p>Clothing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Casual clothing/shoes for travel and city wear (lightweight, easily washable)<input type="checkbox"/> Light rain/windproof jacket<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-weight fleece/softshell<input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts<input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve shirt with collar<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking pants<input type="checkbox"/> Underwear/sports bra (quick drying)<input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear<input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat (for chilly evenings in the desert)<input type="checkbox"/> Thin buff/neck scarf <p>Footwear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots/approach shoes; suitable for rough terrain and easy scrambling<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking socks, synthetic or wool<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes/sandals for camp use & water crossings (or while your hiking shoes dry) <p>Backpack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Headlamp with spare batteries<input type="checkbox"/> Sarong/light towel for privacy<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag (provided upon request) & compression stuff sack<input type="checkbox"/> Provided:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Mattress (thin yoga mattress)<input type="checkbox"/> Plastic reusable plates, cups and spoons	<p>Cycling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Stiff-soled cycling shoes (your hiking shoes can work if stiff enough)<input type="checkbox"/> Base-layer - short sleeve cycling top (x 1)<input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeved cycling top (x 1)<input type="checkbox"/> Regular biking gloves<input type="checkbox"/> Padded cycling shorts (x 2)<input type="checkbox"/> Eyewear - Biking sunglasses<input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight wind jacket <p>Assorted Personal Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Water bottles - 1 liter/1 quart x 4 (4 liters total) and/or hydration bladder<input type="checkbox"/> Dry bag for camera & other essentials that cannot get wet<input type="checkbox"/> Sunblock and lip balm with SPF<input type="checkbox"/> Sun hat<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses<input type="checkbox"/> Personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, small travel towel, etc.)<input type="checkbox"/> Personal first aid kit, medications, blister prevention/treatment kit<input type="checkbox"/> Women: Tampons – difficult to obtain in rural areas<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Kit: Toilet paper, Ziplock bags (at least one for clean TP, one for dirty TP), wet wipes, hand sanitizer (You must pack out all toilet paper or out the wilderness or burn it.)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Lighter/matches to burn TP<input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent<input type="checkbox"/> Alarm Clock<input type="checkbox"/> Camera/memory cards/battery<input type="checkbox"/> Charging not possible at wilderness camps<input type="checkbox"/> Optional:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Snacks - Dates, fruits, or candy bars (energy for the trail) <p>Don't forget!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Passport (for ID checks en route)<input type="checkbox"/> Jordan Pass -Explorer. This costs 75JD, but includes your entry visa and entrance to Petra and Wadi Rum.<input type="checkbox"/> Travel/Medical/Evacuation insurance<input type="checkbox"/> Air tickets<input type="checkbox"/> Health requirements arranged<input type="checkbox"/> Money - cash/debit cards/credit cards
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Cancellation Policy

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For 1-9 people:

31+ Days before the trip 20% processing fee (with a \$100 minimum charge per person).

30 – 8 Days before the trip 50% cancellations charge

7 – 1 Days before the trip 100% cancellation charge

For Groups 10+ people:

31+ Days before the trip 20% processing fee (with a \$100 minimum charge per person).

30 – 1 Days before the trip 100% cancellations charge.

If paying by credit card directly through the office, there is an additional 6% charge to cover the credit card company commission costs, which we still pay even when providing a refund.

If paying by PayPal, there are no additional PayPal charges if the refund is requested within 2 months of the original payment. After this period the refund amount will be sent through PayPal, but the customer must pay the normal PayPal charges to receive this payment.

Refund Policy

If you cancel your trip and qualify for a refund, as per the cancellation policy above, we will process the refund within 1 week of agreement to the refund. The money will normally be refunded by the same method the payment was made, unless mutually agreed by both parties to transfer the refund by a different method.

About Experience Jordan

We hope you love this itinerary! We want you to know we do more than just offer unique experiences in Jordan. So here are our top 5 reasons to book with us.

1. Our attention to details will make your trip smooth and easy and ensure that you won't miss out on any fun adventures along the way.
2. Our knowledgeable staff will assist you in whatever your chosen activity is, whether you are sightseeing, hiking, biking, or any combo of the above.
3. Our deep love of Jordan means that we want to share with you what makes Jordan an amazing place to be by showing you the "real" Jordan beyond what tourists typically see and experience.
4. Our heart for the communities we interact with will allow you to interact with Jordanians and learn about what makes Jordanians unique in the Middle East.
5. Our passion for you our honored guests. Our goal is for you to finish your time in Jordan with unforgettable memories, amazing photos and stories, and full bellies. Because when you visit Jordan, you are family.

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