Jordan's Hidden Trails

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the Roman city of Jerash and the olive groves at Ajloun
- Discover Petra and return for an optional candle-lit experience
- Sleep under a blanket of stars at our Bedouin camp in the desert
- Float in the Dead Sea and relax at the Red Sea resort of Aqaba

AT A GLANCE

- 4 days easy walking
- Sightseeing in Petra and Jerash
- Join at Amman

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

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Introduction

With fertile valleys and Roman ruins in the north and to the south the vast, sprawling red desert sands of Wadi Rum; Jordan boasts an incredible diversity of highlights. Journeying through its heart to discover its rich cultural and natural highlights, we will engage with Jordan's people too. Starting with tranquil walks through the olive groves of Ajloun, we will visit local cooperatives before wandering through the colonnaded streets, temples and gateways of the Roman city of Jerash. After experiencing the peculiar sensation of floating in the Dead Sea and visiting the Crusader castle at Kerak, we can stretch our legs on one of the many trails in the Dana Biosphere Reserve; taking time to drink in the panoramic views down into the Great Rift Valley and perhaps spotting a desert fox or griffon vultures overhead. We whet our appetites for Petra with a visit to its lesser-known sibling of Little Petra. From here, we set off on a stunning walk along a quiet back trail that delivers us to one of the most remarkable monuments in Petra, hidden far away from the crowds. After a full exploration of the city, we have the option to return to experience the Siq and the Treasury by candlelight.

We then drive deep into the desert of Wadi Rum, once roamed by Lawrence of Arabia, busy harrying Ottoman forces. We stay in a comfortable Bedouin desert camp, our hosts descendants of the very same tribe that guided Lawrence. Drifting off to sleep in the profound darkness and stillness of the desert under a starlit sky is an unforgettable experience. We also spend a little time at the Dead Sea resort of Aqaba, before returning to Amman where we can explore the city's citadel and atmospheric souks.

Is this holiday for you?

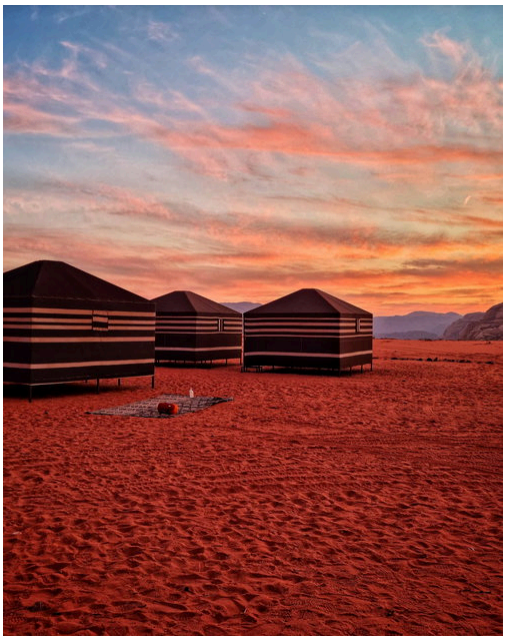
This nine-day itinerary is perfect for those seeking an active holiday to Jordan. There are a selection of leisurely day walks, which are ideal for exploring the highlights of Jordan at a relaxed and enjoyable pace. Day 5 is an exception, when we walk into Petra: this is a longer day of walking, but will be undertaken at a slow pace as we explore the atmospheric city ruins. There is opportunity to swim in both the Dead Sea and Red Sea, so confidence in the water will help to make the most of this time. The accommodation features a super variety of styles, ranging from comfortable tourist-class hotels and chalets to Bedouin fixed camps. These feature large, private tents with proper beds and there are shared facilities including solar-heated showers. Sitting around the campfire, listening to singing and storytelling, under a blanket of stars will undoubtedly be one of the highlights for many.

Itinerary

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Extensions

When booking your holiday, you will be able to 'add an extension option'. Once we have received your booking we will contact you to discuss additional services required for the extension and to take any additional deposit.



Wadi Rum and the Dead Sea Extension

Arriving at Wadi Rum, you will meet your Bedouin hosts and have the rest of the day to soak up the desert atmosphere, before settling down to sleep either in one of our traditonal goat's hair tents, or outside under the canopy of stars - your choice! Day 2 is a full day of trekking in the region with a second night under canvas in the Wadi Rum National Park. On Day 3, we leave the desert for the salty-low of the Dead Sea. With free time to soak in the saline waters, before heading onto Mount Nebo and our accommodation in Madaba.

4 days from
US$850 per person



Red and Dead Sea Extension

Aqaba on the Red Sea, with its warm temperatures, is the perfect place for some relaxation after your adventure holiday. It is said that some of the best snorkelling and diving in the world can be found in here. The lack of strong currents, together with the warm sea temperature, creates perfect conditions for coral growth and this has resulted in fabulous underwater life. You can also swim with sea turtles and dolphins amongst schools of multi-coloured fish or take a glass-bottomed boat ride over the reefs. There is also, of course, the option to simply relax in the sun on the sandy beaches.

Located 15 kilometres from Aqaba town centre, the Marina Plaza Hotel has great access to the beach and diving. This contemporary hotel boasts a superb coastal location, with a pleasant sandy beach. It has a pool, restaurant and bar, a spa and access to the private beach club with a full service beach bar. There is also a free shuttle bus 5 times a day into Aqaba town centre. From the hotel you can book or hire equipment for snorkelling, diving, boat trips, banana tubing, canoeing and beach volleyball. Other excursions or activities such as sailing, windsurfing and PADI courses are also possible from Tala Bay. The hotel has a Green Key certificate for its environmentally friendly practices.

Instead of travelling back from Aqaba to Madaba on the last afternoon of your main trip, you will take a private transfer directly to your hotel. After 2 nights in Aqaba, we depart for the salty-low of the Dead Sea. With free time to soak in the salty waters, we head onto Mount Nebo before continuing onto our accommodation in Madaba. The final morning requires an early start for our 30-45 minute private airport transfer to Amman for our flight home.

Depending on your preferred airline, it may be possible to fly from Aqaba. Please ask for further details.

4 days from
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Guided tour of Jerash

Enjoy a full day exploring and learning about the main sites of the ancient city with a private guide. Jerash is one of the best preserved Roman cities in all of the Middle East and only an hour north of Amman. Within the remaining city walls archaeologists have found ruins of settlements dating back to the Neolithic age, indicating human occupation for more than 6500 years. Jerash is most famous for its Triumphal Arch, the Hippodrome, baths, and the wide street of columns leading to the Temple of Artemis.

2 days from
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Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional and qualified tour leader
- Bedouin trekking guide
- All land transport required by the itinerary
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as per the Meal Plan
- All activities/excursions/entrance fees mentioned except where specified as ‘optional’
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What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Visas (if applicable)
- Some meals as per the Meal Plan
- Tips
- Miscellaneous expenses - drinks and souvenirs etc. Candle-lit evening tour of Petra

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the hotel in Amman.

A single transfer from Amman Airport to the group hotel will be provided on the evening of Day 1 of the Land Only itinerary.
On the last day of the Land Only itinerary, there will be a single transfer back to Amman Airport.

Anyone may join the group transfers by prior arrangement. Travelling as a group or on public transport saves energy. If this is not practical, we can provide private transfers at an additional cost. Taxis are also available.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

Meal Plan

All breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners are included in the holiday price. On the days in towns and cities where there is a variety of options, the choice is yours. This means you will pay directly for a total of 3 lunches and 4 dinners. We recommend you budget £8 - 15 for each of these meals.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Food & Water

Drinking Water

It is not recommended to drink untreated water from the taps. If you are on a trekking or cycling holiday, water is supplied to fill up your individual bottles. This will be boiled, filtered or provided in large jerry cans or 5 litre bottles. Additionally you should take purification tablets or a filter bottle (such as a Water-To-Go bottle) to treat your water when in towns or where water is not supplied. We do not encourage the purchasing of single use plastic bottles.

Breakfasts can vary a little with the accommodation, but typically consist of labaneh (thick sour creamy yoghurt), hummus, cheese, beans, eggs, olives, za'atar (thyme, sesame seeds, sumac and salt), tea and coffee. Lunch on some days may be in the form of a picnic (sandwiches, fresh vegetables, fruit and juice and tea) or a simple hot meal such as fresh tomato cooked with garlic, onion and olive oil. Dinner will again vary with the location, but we will aim to sample a variety of traditional Jordanian meals. Salad, rice, chicken, vegetables and yoghurt are usual dinner ingredients. In Wadi Rum, we'll get to try the Bedouin 'zarb', a meal of meat and vegetables cooked under hot sand. Complimentary water, biscuits, cakes and fruits will be offered on most days.

Accommodation

We will stay in an interesting variety of accommodations throughout this holiday.

In Amman, Wadi Musa and Aqaba, the group will stay in comfortable hotels. At Ajloun, we will stay in beautifully situated forest cabins, which are more akin to chalets. In Dana we will stay in a rustic guesthouse. All rooms are en suite.

At Little Petra and Wadi Rum we will stay in comfortable fixed camps, with spacious Bedouin tents with proper beds and shared bathrooms with hot showers. At the Bedouin camp there is also a cosy communal tent and open air seating areas we can gather round an open fire,

Accommodation is twin share. If you are travelling by yourself, you will be paired up with another single client of the same sex. Single rooms are available for a supplementary cost. If you are planning to extend your holiday, additional nights are available on request.

Group Leader & Support Staff

The group will be led by a professional and qualified tour leader, supported by Bedouin guides in Wadi Rum.

Altitude

This holiday does not involve any significant ascent to altitude and we would not expect any altitude issues with this trip.

Spending Money

Approximately £175-£200 (or the equivalent in US dollars or euros) should be allowed for miscellaneous expenses and the cost of your visa. You should carry your travel money in the form of cash and you should exchange the majority of this on the day of your arrival at the airport in Amman. Sterling, Euros and US dollars can easily be exchanged in Jordan. The unit of currency is the Jordanian Dinar (JD). You should also allow a total of approximately £70 for tips to your drivers, local guides and trek crew. The cost of the Petra visit is included in the trip price, although to visit Petra by candlelight requires a local payment of approximately 17JD, which is locally payable. If you are intending to buy expensive souvenirs, you should budget accordingly (credit cards can be useful in this respect). Also, if you expect to buy considerable quantities of drinks or other refreshments, you should allow for this.

Guidance on Tipping

Tips are the accepted way of saying ‘thank you’ to your local guides and drivers. Tips do not form part of the wages of local staff but are seen as a personal thank you from group members. KE always pays local crews the best rates of pay, no matter what country they are in. For our part, we advise local teams that tips are not a duty or a prerequisite but are a bonus and entirely dependent on the service that was given. For your support crews, we recommend that you give a tip if you feel that their services have met your satisfaction. We recommend that tips be given from the group as a whole rather than individually and as a rough guide we suggest a contribution of £70 from each group member should provide an adequate 'pool' for tipping your crew.

Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Luggage with wheels is useful for this holiday. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline.

Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in the ‘Dates and Prices’ table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

General Information

Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required**,** and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

Visa Jordan

If you are a UK, Canada, USA or Australia passport holder, travelling on a KE organised itinerary (inc pre or post tour extensions), you may now be eligible to receive a free visa upon entering Jordan. Please look for a representative with a KE sign between the arrival gate and before the immigration desks and they will accompany you to arrange the free visa and passport stamp. The free visa is reliant on us receiving your passport and flight details prior to travel and to you meeting with the KE representative before heading to immigration to join the single timed transfer. If you have not given us these details or if you do not meet with the representative for the single timed transfer you will have to purchase an individual visa for 40JD. Please ask for further details.

If you are arranging your own pre or post trip accommodation/excursions or transfers we will be unable to arrange a free visa for you and you will need to purchase an individual visa on arrival for 40JD

Other nationalities are included in the free visa scheme, please check with your individual embassy.

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.

Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

Preparing for your Holiday

Getting some additional exercise before coming on an active holiday makes a lot of sense. The fitter you are, after all, the more enjoyable you will find the experience.

Climate

The best period for walking in Jordan is from late autumn through to early spring (October through to mid April). Outside of this period, it can be very hot with temperatures rising to 40°c in July and August. During October and April, the maximum daytime temperature is likely to be in the high twenties or low thirties, falling as low as 10°c at night. Heading into November, the temperatures begin to cool and by December/January, typical daytime maximum temperatures are around 12-15°c, falling as low as 5°c at night. In December and January it can even snow in Amman.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's **'Travel Aware'** campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Books

Seven Pillars of Wisdom - T.E. Lawrence

Petra and the Lost Kingdom of the Nabataeans - J. Taylor

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Equipment List

Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the 'baggage allowance' section for further details.

You SHOULD bring the following items:

- Hiking boots / Sturdy approach shoes
- Water bottles - 1 litre x 2 (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- Trainers or sandals for sightseeing
- Socks
- Trekking trousers
- Lightweight waterproof overtrousers
- Underwear
- At least 1 long sleeve shirt with collar (for sun protection)
- T-shirts
- Warm jacket (eg. Fleece)*
- Lightweight waterproof jacket
- Swimming shorts/costume
- Warm hat (for chilly evenings in the desert)
- Sunglasses and sunhat
- Daypack of approx 30 litres
- Headtorch and spare batteries
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)

- Lighter/matches - for burning toilet paper
- Washbag and toiletries
- Insect repellant
- Antibacterial handwash (note that washing water can be limited in the desert)
- Basic First Aid Kit including antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters and blister treatment, Insect repellent, and re-hydration salts (Dioralite).

The following items are optional:

- Shorts**
- Small towel
- Sleeping bag liner
- Trekking poles (highly recommended)
- Pen-knife (note: always pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Repair kit - (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- Camera
- Spare laces
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

Notes

*For the November - February trips we recommend a warmer jacket such as a down-filled jacket, and thermal baselayers.

**As Jordan is an Islamic country, modest dress is preferable in the towns and cities. Shoulders should be kept covered, and full-length trousers/skirts are recommended. Knee-length shorts are OK once on trek.

While binoculars aren't officially restricted, a few travellers have reported occasional issues at airport security, so they may be subject to inspection.

Land Only Information

Please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' within Holiday Information for further details.

Flights and other transport to your destination should not be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

Land Only Information

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for joining in Amman. Single timed transfers to/from Amman airport are included at the start/end of the holiday.

Flight Inclusive Information

Limited seats are available at the advertised flight price, please book as early as you can. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures and/or upgrades, we will provide you with an alternative quote. It is likely that flight payment will be in advance of your final holiday balance. Booking a flight inclusive package means you will benefit from full financial protection, eases your holiday planning, and leaves us to deal with airlines and schedule changes. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London to Amman International Airport. Outbound flights will depart from the UK in the afternoon, arriving late evening. Return flights will depart from Amman late morning on the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK in the afternoon.

Why Choose KE

Why KE?

We have packed this active holiday with the very best of Jordan's unmissable highlights, designed for those who like to explore at a more leisurely pace. With a perfect blend of history, culture, unique landscapes and incredibly warm hosts; this is the perfect way to experience incredible Jordan and find out why it is one of our favourite destinations.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 11/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change