Jordan's Wadi Rum and Petra - Private Osborne

Trip Code: JORZ

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WALK & TREK	GUIDED GROUP	4 MODERATE



HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia across stunning pristine desert
- Fall asleep under a blanket of stars in Wadi Rum
- Climb Jordan's highest peak - Jebel Um Adaami (1832m)

- Spend a full day exploring the archaeological jewel of Petra
- Why not experience Petra on Christmas Day on our special December departure?!

AT A GLANCE

- 6 days trekking and scrambling
- Max altitude 1832 metres
- Join at Amman

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

Introduction

Jordan's Wadi Rum and its 'rose-red City' of Petra provide a magical setting for a winter walking holiday. Rising abruptly from the desert plains, the red-ochre sandstone mesas of Wadi Rum provide one of the world's most dramatic landscapes. It was famously described by T.E. Lawrence as "Rum the magnificent... vast, echoing and God-like." In this traditional land of the Bedouin, our 5-day trek will take us on ancient trails through hidden canyons and across open rocky slopes to the summits of several of the biggest formations in Jordan, including Jebel Um Adaami (1832m), Jordan's highest peak. Throughout the holiday, some easy scrambling will be required to get to the best viewpoints including the dramatic Burdah Bridge. Four-wheel-drive vehicles will provide back-up and we will camp each night on the sands in the company of our hospitable hosts. A final highlight of this outstanding Arabian adventure holiday is our 2-day visit to the awe-inspiring 2300 year old, rock-hewn city of Petra. Here, we will make our initial approach through the dramatic winding Siq and spend the whole day exploring the site, following in the footsteps of the ancient and the intrepid.

Is this holiday for you?

This holiday is a series of day-hikes in an unusual mountain area. We will walk for around 4 to 5 hours on each of the 5 days that we spend at Wadi Rum. This will involve walking on desert trails and soft sand, as well as easy scrambling on the jebels themselves. When climbing on the jebels we will usually be following routes which have been used for generations by Bedouin hunters and shepherds. The guide will carry a rope, which may be used on exposed sections to reassure group members who are not confident scramblers. The scrambling sections are usually attempted by most walkers, some sections are optional and your guide can explain the difficulty level. At the time of year that we will be visiting Jordan (winter) it will not be extremely hot, but you should expect day-time temperature upto 30 degrees centigrade. At night it can also cool down to around zero. We wild camp in the desert away from any light pollution, the stars are amazing.

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.



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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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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Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional and qualified tour leader
- Airport transfers as described
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- All land transport involved in the itinerary
- Guided sightseeing tour of Petra including entrance fees
- A full service on trek including food and all equipment (excluding personal equipment)

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Visa
- Tips for local guide and other local staff
- Miscellaneous expenses - drinks and souvenirs etc.

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the hotel in Madaba.

A single group transfer from Amman Airport to the hotel will be provided.

At the end of the holiday there will be a single timed transfer from the group hotel in Wadi Musa 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 meals are included in the holiday price.

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 on trek consist of bread, a variety of cheese, honey, jams, fruit, tea and Nescafe. For lunch there will be a variety of salads, spicy humus, breads and other dishes from which we can select. Dinner will usually be barbeque or pan fried meat and vegetables with plenty of bread, yoghurt, and humus followed by fresh fruit and tea or coffee. While camping with the Bedouin in Wadi rum dinner usually consists of grilled meat and vegetables, perhaps chicken with rice and vegetables cooked in the embers of the camp fire. The Bedouin prefer to cook on a fire rather than a gas ring. The main dish will be followed by fruit, or possibly by cake. There will be a different evening meal every day and on one occasion there will be a chance to eat as the Bedouin do, using your fingers to eat from a communal tray. In all cases, provision is made for any vegetarians in the party. Mineral water is provided.

Accommodation

You will spend 1 night in a comfortable family-run hotel in Madaba and 2 nights in a similar standard of hotel in Wadi Musa (Petra). All rooms are en suite.

There are 4 nights camping at Wadi Rum. When camping in the desert, we provide 2-man tents, but it is quite usual for people to find a secluded spot in the dunes (or by the campfire if preferred) and to sleep out under the blanket of stars. Washing facilities will be limited due to all water arriving by vehicle with our camping equipment. On some nights, a basic shower will set up so we can have the chance to freshen up.

Accommodation is twin share. If you are travelling by yourself, you will be paired up with another single client of the same sex. Single hotel rooms and/or single tents 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. When in Wadi Rum, the group will also be accompanied by a local Bedouin guide and a support crew of one or more drivers who will also do the cooking.

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 £125-£150 (or the equivalent in US dollars or euros) should be allowed for miscellaneous expenses including visa and tips. You should carry your travel money in the form of cash and should exchange the majority of this on the day of your arrival at the airport in Amman. Sterling and US Dollars are equally acceptable for exchange in Jordan. The unit of currency is the Jordanian Dinar (JD). The cost of the Petra visit is included in the trip price. 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 porters. They do not form part of their wages. KE always pays local crews the best rates of pay, no matter what country they are in and any tips they receive are seen as a personal thank you from group members. 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. As a rough guide we suggest you allow a total of around £70 (in equivalent local currency) for tipping your crew. We recommend that tips be given from the group as a whole rather than from individuals and the amount determined by the group.

Baggage Allowance

During the holiday your baggage will be carried by bus and by 4WD vehicles. The only baggage limit is that which is imposed by the airline. We recommend that the weight of your packed trek bag does not exceed 15 kgs as this will make transiting airports a much more pleasant experience for you.

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.

Currency

The unit of currency in Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar.

Preparing for your Holiday

It makes a lot of sense to spend some time getting some additional exercise before going on an active holiday. The fitter you are, the more enjoyable you will find the experience. For this holiday you need to be aerobically fit and also capable for walking up to 4 or 5 hours each day over a period of 5 days. Regular walking in hill or back country is the best preparation but if this is not possible, regular exercise with your preferred sport or pastime such as running, cycing and swimming, will develop better fitness and stamina. Before departure, we suggest that you try to fit in a number of long walks in hilly country.

Climate

The best period for trekking in Jordan is in the late autumn through to early spring season, from October through to mid April. Outside of this period it can be very hot, with temperatures, rising to 40°C in July and August. In October and in April, the maximum daytime temperature is likely to be in the high twenties or low thirties °C, 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

- Treks and Climbs in Wadi Rum. Tony Howard. Cicerone Press.
- Jordan - Walks, Treks, Caves, Climbs and Canyons. Taylor and Howard. Cicerone Press.
- Walks and Scrambles in Wadi Rum. Jordan Publishers

Maps

Reise Know-How Verlag 1:400,000

Double-sided and detailed map, dividing the country horizontally just underneath al-Karak. Combines clear road and tourist detail with general relief indicated by contours, altitude tinting, mountain passes and peak heights.

Private Groups Information

Make this KE Adventure holiday your own!

- Do our normal group departure dates not fit?
- Would you prefer to travel with just friends and/or family?
- Are you looking to organise a trip for your local walking, biking or mountaineering club?

It's really easy to make a trip your own. Simply select from our full range of adventure holidays and choose the dates that work for you and your group.

We are experts in creating holidays for groups of friends, families, charities and clubs. Our personal service means you'll be fully involved as we make the arrangements for your perfect adventure holiday.

Independence with Security

Travelling as a KE Private Group allows you more flexibility and choice, but still with the peace of mind that everything is pre-planned and arranged for your group by a reputable adventure travel company.

To take your first step to an amazing adventure with your friends and family complete the private group enquiry form, or call our **Sales Experts on: 017687 73966**

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.

Explore International

This holiday is part of our Explore International range. Participants on these trips can book through KE or through our international partner. This helps us to gather together sufficient numbers of like-minded adventurers to get your holiday up and running quickly. Led by an English-speaking guide, the cosmopolitan nature of these groups can be an important part of the experience!

Equipment Information

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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:

- Sleeping bag (comfort rated -5°C)*
- Hiking boots/Approach shoes
- Water bottles - 1 litre x 2 (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- Training shoes or sandals for sightseeing and camp use
- Socks
- Trekking trousers
- Lightweight waterproof overtrousers
- Underwear
- Travel pants
- At least 1 long sleeve shirt with collar (for sun protection)
- T-shirts
- Warm jacket (eg. Fleece)*
- Lightweight waterproof jacket
- Sunhat
- Warm hat (for chilly evenings in the desert)

- Sunglasses
- 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
- Thermarest (a foam mattress is provided)
- Trekking poles
- Pen-knife (note: always pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Repair kit - (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- Camera

- Swimming shorts/costume (if extending at the Red or Dead Sea)
- Spare laces
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

Notes

*For the November - February trips when night-time temperatures can fall below freezing in the desert, we recommend a sleeping bag - comfort rated -10°C, 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. Shorts are OK once on trek.

Although not officially restricted, binoculars have occasionally caused issues for some travellers at airport security.

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

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"Vast, echoing and God-like". Come and experience the true wonder of the desert and discover what brought Lawrence of Arabia to write this famous description of Wadi Rum. More recently the film location of Ridley Scott's The Martian, featuring Matt Damon, camping under the stars in this other-worldly landscape is an experience that will truly stay with you forever.

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