

petra and wadi rum bolt on - 5 days

go guide

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bolt on: spotlight

what you see

- Coastal Aqaba
- Dead Sea - enjoy the mineral rich waters on this optional excursion
- Rose Red City - UNESCO world heritage site
- Wadi Rum desert & Bedouin camp

(Note: Only groups of 4 or more will have a Jordanian guide escort them for the entire time spent in Jordan).

what you get

- 3 nights 3 ★ hotels
- 1 night Bedouin desert camp (Wadi Rum) including dinner, breakfast and some camping equipment
- Visit to Dead Sea
- Guided tour of Rose Red city of Petra
- Wadi Rum 4 x 4 desert jeep trek
- Return ferry crossing - Taba/Neweiba - Aqaba
- All transportation relevant to the bolt on
- Services of Egyptian and Jordanian crew and transfer to Cairo upon your return.



on location

Your guide to on the ground...

visa requirements

Visas are required by all visitors to Egypt & Jordan. A Multiple entry Egyptian visa is required if doing a tour that starts in Egypt. Procure before arrival in Egypt to avoid border delays and additional expense. Forms are available from us. Jordanian visas are issued at both the border and airport upon arrival, and are also easily procured from the Jordanian Embassy in London. Visas for UK, AUS, NZ, Irish and RSA passport holders are currently issued at Aqaba Seaport (our point of entry from Egypt) and at Amman International Airport.

However, it is your responsibility to check that this still applies before your departure to Jordan. Additionally when leaving the country there is a US \$22 departure tax imposed upon passengers departing via any Jordanian border. This is included in the tipping kitty and so will be paid by your guide or driver. Please check our brochure and website for further details. Visas are your responsibility. Don't forget to check!

climate

Temperatures in Jordan are generally high, particularly during the summer months from May to September, when the sun can be fierce and temperatures are at industrial levels, so take sunscreen. In winter (December to February) temperatures can range from 0 C to 12 C. If visiting during winter, you will need to pack warm clothes for sightseeing, and also for your stay in the desert at Wadi Rum.

time

Egypt and Jordan are 2 hours ahead of GMT

money

1 USD = 0.71JD 1 GBP = 1.09JD 1 EUR = 0.96JD 1 AUD = 0.63JD (subject to fluctuation). Exchange facilities are available at various bureau de changes and banks in major towns have ATMs.

health requirements

It is recommended that you be vaccinated for Tetanus and Polio, if you haven't had a booster in the last ten years. Food and waterborne diseases are more common, so we recommend vaccinations for typhoid (valid 3 years) and Hepatitis A (validity varies).

how much

- **ENTRANCE FEES**
Entrance fees are not included in your tour. Please budget approximately USD80-90
- **TIPPING**
A tipping kitty will be collected from all tour participants to cover tips en route. USD20-30
Your guide in Jordan (suggested amount) USD15-20
- Mineral water (local brand, 500ml or 1L) JD0.50-1.50
- Can of coke JD0.50-1.50
- Beer (local brew Stella - 500ml approx) JD1-3
- Meal for 2 (entree, main, a beer, local restaurant) JD12-30

things to bring

- A sleeping bag for the felucca or desert oases tour.
- Lightweight cotton garments.
- Comfortable walking shoes for the Pyramids and Valley of the Kings
- DEET based mosquito repellent & antihistamine cream
- Two spare passport photos & a photocopy of your passport
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, swim costume, torch, moneybelt

top experiences

- Stepping into Indiana Jones' shoes at the amazing Rose City of Petra.
- Floating like a cork in the mineral rich Dead Sea
- Ranging across the amazing ruins of the Roman city of Jerash and discovering how the Romans lived.
- Charting the stunning desertscape of Wadi Rum aboard a 4x4 desert safari and make like Lawrence of Arabia
- Enjoying some Red Sea relaxation





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day 1 - dahab

On the morning of day 1, we transfer to Taba Port for the ferry crossing to Aqaba in Jordan. From Aqaba we travel onwards to the Dead Sea for lunch and a swim, after which we will explore Mt Nebo - the single most important biblical site in Jordan. We then travel onto the bustling market town of Madaba. Lunch and overnight - Madaba

day 2 - madaba

Madaba - Petra - breakfast. Explore Christian Madaba this morning before noon time transfer to Petra. The late afternoon offers free time. Choose to explore the town on foot, stop off at a cafe for a cup of rich dark arabian coffee, browse the village shops, pop into the 'Made in Jordan' store for quality hand made items or simply spend the afternoon relaxing by the pool.

Free evening or why not test your culinary skills in the Petra Kitchen? Consider our Petra Kitchen - something good's cooking bolt-on. Overnight - Petra

day 3 - petra

Wadi Musa (Petra) - breakfast. Chief among Jordan's many archaeological riches is the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Rose City of Petra. The city was first settled around the 6th century BC by the Nabataean tribe from Western Arabia. A succession of habitation, leadership and further development followed, but as the caravan trade routes were gradually displaced by the advent of sea trade routes, the city's importance gradually declined and Petra passed into obscurity. Rediscovered in 1812 by the young Swiss explorer Jean Louis Burckhardt, it remains on the list of many travellers. The approach to Petra is very undulating. The town itself is set across some rather steep hills that wend downwards to the star attraction, the Rose City. We access the hidden archaeological treasures of the Rose City on a walk through a narrow, deep siq, where the rocks finally give way to reveal the famous facade of the Kazneh - the Treasury of Petra. As the Treasury is passed, the hidden valley widens to reveal the remains of the city proper. Continuing our walk, we'll then go on to explore various areas of this fantastic once-lost city. In all, there are some 800 registered sites in Petra, including some 500 tombs. Just as fascinating as the rock-carved monuments are the rocks themselves. Petra is an erosion-hewn masterpiece. Sandstone shot with minerals burst into colour giving off blue, red, orange and green hues. Amongst the rocky and sometimes jagged scenery, it's sometimes hard to know what is man-made and what is the result of pure nature. Our exploration takes us past many tombs, temples, an impressive amphitheatre and a Roman colonnaded street. Concluding the guided aspect of the tour, you're free to head off and further explore. The

intrepid can ascend the hundreds of rock-cut steps to Ad-Deir. Better known as the Monastery, Ad-Deir has a similar facade to that of the Treasury, but is far bigger and the views from the nearby cliff-tops are awesome. Tonight, it maybe possible to take a candlelit walk through the Siq by attending the 'Petra by Night' excursion. Overnight - Petra

day 4 - wadi rum

Wadi Musa (Petra) - Wadi Rum - breakfast. A chance to revisit Petra before our afternoon drive south to Wadi Rum. A vast, silent landscape of ancient riverbeds, pastel coloured stretches of sandy desert and amazing rock formations known as jebels that rise from the desert floor, the desertscape of Wadi Rum represents some of the most stunning countryside on the planet. The world's mountain climbers and hikers, attracted by it's many as yet unscaled peaks, have recently discovered Wadi Rum's spectacular natural scenery and comfortable year-round climate. Wadi Rum possesses unspoiled natural beauty forged by millions of years of geological formation, erosion and evolution. The region is also home to the semi-nomadic Bedouin living in their great goat's hair tents, tending their herds of sheep and goat and preserving an ancient lifestyle that has been practiced in the Arabian desert for thousands of years. Wadi Rum is our base for an exciting 4 x 4 desert safari. Tonight, we enjoy a Jordanian dinner. Camp under the stars or in the provided tents. Dinner & overnight - Wadi Rum desert camp.

day 5 - cairo

Wadi Rum - Cairo - breakfast. This morning, we drive back to Aqaba and return by ferry to Egypt, travelling onwards to Cairo for a late evening arrival. Our trip ends here. If you have not used your 2nd night's stay in Cairo as included on a previous tour, this night of accommodation will be provided. Note: Bolt-ons or optional activities purchased in Egypt are payable in USD or EGP (Egyptian Pound) equivalent.

NOTE: If wishing to enjoy most of your last day in Cairo, it is important that you reserve a late afternoon flight ex Cairo to your home port, or consider reserving an additional night's accommodation.

IMPORTANT NOTES: A Multiple entry Egyptian Tourist visa is required and must be obtained by you prior to arrival in Egypt.

On the rare occasion (2 - 3 times per year) and at very late notice the ferry between Jordan/Egypt maybe cancelled. In such situations we may need to re-route our journey via the land borders of Israel. If you do not want your passport stamped by Israeli Immigration, it is often possible for a visa card to be stamped instead. Most Middle Eastern countries do not take issue with passports containing Israeli

stamps i.e. Egypt, Jordan, United Arab Emirates or Turkey.

Syria will refuse bearers of passports containing Israeli stamps. Should you wish for your passport NOT to contain evidence of having travelled to Israel, have your Jordanian exit stamp, stamped upon a separate piece of paper, which Jordanian officials are willing to do. Then upon entering/departing Israel politely specify, 'NO STAMP PLEASE' and request a visa card.

bedouin camp

Blankets are provided but we recommend you take your own sleeping bag or sleeping bag liner for the night in the camp. Other things that will come in useful include some WC paper for emergencies, warm clothing, antiseptic wipes, sunglasses, sunscreen and a water bottle.

Tour itinerary till 15 Feb 2011

If travelling prior to or on tour departing 15 Feb 2011, our arrangements in Jordan are as follows:

Day 1 - Arrive Jordan, visit to the Dead Sea with lunch. Tour of Mt Nebo and overnight Madaba.

Day 2 - Explore Christian Madaba this morning before noon time transfer to WadiRum. Upon arrival we take a 4 x 4 desert safari and tonight enjoy a Bedouin dinner and night around the campfire. Overnight - Bedouin Camp Wadi Rum (B, D)

Day 3 - Wadi Rum - Petra - breakfast. This morning we drive to Petra, arriving at approx 10:30am we are welcomed to the Rose City! Full day guided tour of the Petra Archaeological site. Overnight Petra

Day 4 - Further sightseeing of Petra. Enter the site with your guide via the 'secret road' of al-Madras. Free afternoon. Overnight Petra.

Day 5 - Transfer from Petra to Aqaba. Cross by ferry to Egypt and onward travel to Cairo. Tour ends. For those who have not used their second stay in Cairo from a previous tour this night's accommodation will be provided.

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