

5 days - 4 nights

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May 11 – 15, 2017

# Cycling Jordan Amman to Petra via the Dead Sea

With its dramatic desert landscape, quiet back roads, and famous historical sites, Jordan makes a wonderful destination for cycling. This 3-day bike tour gives a glimpse into what Jordan can offer cyclists. Beginning near Amman, Jordan's bustling capital, our ride takes us south through the mosaic city of Madaba, along the coast of the Dead Sea, and ends near the "Rose City" of Petra. Along the way, we fuel up on Jordan's delicious food and experience the hospitality of its people.

#### Highlights:

- Experience Jordan's desert landscape on two wheels
- Ride along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth
- Explore Petra, the "Rose City"











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### Day 1 May 11 – QAIA – Amman o/n

Arrive in Amman, Jordan. Our friendly representative will meet you at Queen Alia Airport to provide full assistance through immigration & customs. Transfer to hotel in Amman for overnight.

### Day 2 May 12 – Amman – Madaba o/n

Today our cycling route begins in Amman, the ancient and modern capital of Jordan, originally built on seven hills, and ends in Madaba,"The City of Mosaics." Known for its Byzantine era mosaics, the most famous is the 6<sup>th</sup>

century mosaic map of the Holy Land on the floor in the Orthodox church of St. George. With one-third of its population being Christian, Madaba is a symbol of religious tolerance as the Muslim call to prayer and church bells ringing over the town summon the faithful.

Overnight in Madaba.

Cycling: 35km; 211m/692ft elevation gain; road

### Day 3 May 13 – Madaba – Dead Sea - Kerak Intersection – Petra o/n

Today we transfer to the northern edge of the Dead Sea to start our cycling route. The Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth. At 400 meters (1,312 ft) below the sea level, it is one of the most remarkable natural and spiritual landscapes in the world, where the salinity is 10 times more than other seas and oceans.

We cycle along the Jordan Valley Highway, which runs the length of the Dead Sea, to the intersection with the road to Kerak. As an ancient Crusader stronghold, Kerak is built on a triangular plateau about 1000 meters above sea level and is surrounded on three sides by a valley and has a view out to the Dead Sea. A city of 20,000 people has developed around the castle, and includes buildings from the 19th century Ottoman period.

Transfer to Petra for overnight.

Cycling: 56km; 653m/2141ft elevation gain; road

















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### Day 4 May 14 - Petra – Little Petra – Petra o/n

Our cycling route begins outside Petra, Jordan's most famous historical site, and ends at Siq al-Barid, also known as Little Petra. With its short, high gorge and carved facades, the site gives us a taste of that what we can expect tomorrow.

Return transfer to Petra hotel o/n.

Cycling: 56km; 653m/2141ft elevation gain; road

### Day 5 May 15 – Petra visit- Transfer to Dead Sea

Today we visit Petra, known as the "Rose City," due to the hues of the sandstone into which its magnificence is carved. It is a vast, unique city,

chisled into the sheer rock face by the Nabateans, an industrious Arab people who settled here more than 2000 years ago, turning it into an important junction for the silk, spice and other trade routes that linked China, India and southern Arabia with Egypt, Syria, Greece and Rome. Petra has been featured in Hollywood blockbusters such as "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" and " The Mummy Returns".

Beyond Al Khazneh, the famous Treasury, we are surrounded on both sides by Petra's soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a curved Nabatean theater (seating 3,000 people), large and small houses, burial chambers, banquet halls, water channels and reservoirs, baths, monumental staircases, cultic installations, arched gates, public buildings and paved streets.

After exploring Petra, we transfer to the Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea, the location of AdventureNEXT, to arrive by 4:00pm.

**This trip is rated a level 3 – Moderate** (Good physical fitness required; ~4-6 hours activity/day). It combines a good balance between exercise, fun and healthy food with the aim of enjoying a healthy and rejuvenating experience.











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# 5 days - 4 nights Cycling Routes

Day #	Start / End Location	Route	Bike Distance / Level	Meal included
Day 2	Amman - Madaba	https://www.strava.com/routes/ 4782286	35km/ intermediate /road	Water – Snacks
Day 3	Dead Sea Hotels to Kerak intersection	https://www.strava.com/routes/ 4782338	56km / intermediate /road	Water – Snacks
Day 4	Petra to Little Petra	https://www.strava.com/routes/ 4782554	20km up to 40km / intermediate /road	Water – Snacks

### Our Services Include:

- Bikes, Helmets and reflective vests
- Professional Cycling Guides
- Support Pickup, can hold luggage, water, snacks and extra bike
- Water and snacks for the Participants
- Specially selected Cycling Routes

#### Please note the following:

- We provide everything to make the cycling safe, fun and user-friendly including bikes, helmets, reflective vests, guides, water and a support vehicle.
- Our professionally trained cycling guides can spend extra time with less experienced riders to help familiarize them with the bike and can also challenge the strong and fit members of the group.
- All guides plus a support vehicle will follow the group at all times to provide needed support, maintenance, and give a lift to a tired rider.
- We have invested time and effort in choosing adequate and safe routes; quality bikes, support and maintenance. We only provide high quality equipment and service.

### Accommodations:

	Suggested hotels	Meal Plan	Number of nights
Amman	Harir Palace 4*	BB	1 night
Madaba	Grand Hotel Madaba 4*	BB	1 night
Petra	Nabatean Castle 4*	BB	2 nights

\*if the above hotel is not available we can look for similar alternate











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**Our Bikes** 



TREK 3700



**GIANT Revel Street 1** 











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All bikes and equipment we use are from high- quality brand names like TREK and GIANT. All of them are well maintained and comfort for use.

GIANT Revel Street 1 (14", 17", 19") TREK 3700 Size (16", 18", 19.5") TREK 4300 Size (18", 19.5", 21") TREK 4400 Size (19.5", 21")

#### **Bikes specs:**

Frame ALUXX-Grade Aluminum Fork SR Suntour M3030 26", 75mm travel, alloy monocoque lower, coil w/ preload adjuster

Components

Handlebar Low Rise, 25.4mm Stem Giant Sport Alloy, 15-degree rise Seatpost Alloy, 30.9x350mm Saddle Giant DJ Pedals One-piece black PP, 9/16"

Drivetrain Shifters Shimano EF51, 3×8 speed Front Derailleur Shimano M190 Rear Derailleur Shimano Acera, 8s Brakes MTB alloy linear pull Brake Levers Shimano EF51 Cassette Shimano HG31 11-34, 8-speed Chain KMC Z8 Crankset SR Suntour NEX, 24/34/42 Bottom Bracket SR Suntour Cartridge BB

Wheels Rims Giant GX02 26" 6061 Aluminum, Double Wall w/ CNC brake surface Hubs Joytech [F] 751DSE [R] 801DSE, alloy hub, double-sealed, loose ball bearing, 32H Spokes Stainless 14g Tires Kenda 26×2.1" 30TPI

We provide high-quality Helmets for clients Safety 1 Support Car and 1 professional Cycling Guide for Each 10 Pax











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PRICE VALIDITY: DURING MAY/2017

*Tour Package Rate in US Dollars:* 

Rate Per person sharing in a Double room on meal basis for the above-mentioned services is:

Number of pax	Cost in ½ DBL room	Single supplement
4-5 pax	813\$	149\$
6-8 pax	751\$	149\$
9-10 pax	704\$	149\$
11-12 pax	676\$	149\$

Single supplement is mentioned only for hotel accommodation

#### Tour Rates Include:

- Meet & Assist by Ashtar English speaking staff
- Waving free visa
- English-speaking guide throughout the tour.
- Overnights as mentioned above on BB Basis
- Entrance fees to Petra
- All Transfers in Modern A/C vehicle throughout the program.
- Cycling for 3 days

#### Tour Rates do not include:

- Personal expenses
- Any kind of food or beverages not mentioned in the program
- Tips of any kind
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the program.

We are confident that you will choose to treat your team to an alternative and unconventional activity that will only rejuvenate and revive them with fresh and healthy ideas. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above. We will be contacting you shortly to discuss your possible interest in partaking in this activity.

#### NOTES:

- Above rates are based on the month of May onwards.
- We will notify you with any changes on Government tax or Service additional charges applicable by the government, and will be added on above rates
- These prices based on Standard Room, for higher category, extra charge will be applied.
- Please let me know if you might need any further information.











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Payment policy:

Full payment prior to arrival, Please note that no bank fees have been taken into consideration, these have to be covered in full by the sender.

#### Cancellation policy:

Applicable for part and whole of a booking:

- Up to 21 days prior to arrival: no cancellation fees apply
- 20 14 days prior to arrival: 10% of total package
- 13 7 days prior to arrival: 25% of total package
- 6 1 day(s) prior to arrival: 100% of total package
- No show on arrival day: 100% of total package

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#### Weather

Temperatures in Jordan can be hot and with little rain. The average temperature in May is 21°C/70°F, with highs reaching 34°C/93°F near the Dead Sea 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.

Provid		Cycling:
✓ Bi	ikes	Cycling jerseys
✓ Bicycle Helmet		Long sleeved cycling top
		Cycling tights
Luggag	ge:	Padded cycling shorts
	Medium to large duffle or rolling soft-sided	Sun Sleeves
	luggage	Regular biking gloves
	Packing cubes/stuff sacks	Stiff-soled cycling shoes or SPD's
	Day pack – 15-25 liters	Baggy over-shorts/skirt for modesty
		Cycling sunglasses
Clothir	-	Lightweight wind jacket
	Casual, comfortable clothing for travel and	Cycling helmet – mandatory and provided
	city wear (lightweight, easily washable)	but you may want to bring your own
	Light rain/windproof jacket	
	Mid-weight fleece/softshell	
	T-shirts	Optional:
	Long sleeve shirt with collar	Cycling shoes with cleats and clipless
	Lightweight hiking pants	pedals
	Underwear/sports bra (quick drying)	Bike seat or gel seat cover
	Sleepwear	Bicycle rearview mirror
	Warm hat (for chilly evenings in the desert)	Earplugs and eye shade
	Thin buff/neck scarf	
Footwo	ear:	
	Comfortable walking shoes/socks	
	Sandals	
Assort	ed Personal Items:	
	Water bottles or hydration bladder	
	Sunblock and lip balm with SPF	
	Sun hat	
	Sunglasses	
	Personal hygiene items (toothpaste,	
	toothbrush, hand sanitizer, etc.)	
	Personal first aid kit, medications	
	Insect repellant	
	Camera/memory cards/battery	



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