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Ajloun & Petra -Off-the-Beaten Path

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## Trip Dates: Saturday, May 5 – Monday, May 7 Note: You must arrive in Amman, Jordan on Friday, May 4.

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike though villages in Ajloun and enjoy a meal with a local family
- Explore Ajloun's Castle
- Vist socioeconomic development projects supported by tourism
- Hike through Petra, one of the world's 7 wonders, off-the-beatan path
- Sleep in a bedouin camp near Little Petra

In the fertile highlands north of Amman lies Ajloun, founded on an ancient market town. It boasts a 600year-old mosque and is overlooked by the ruined Ajloun Castle, built in 1184 to defend against the Crusaders. We hike between villages visiting handicraft workshops which are socioeconomic development projects managed by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) to help benefit underprivileged local communities.

South of Amman, among the vast rocky mountainous deserts, is Petra. We take the scenic route, hiking an ancient Nabataean route to access this massive site "through the back door." Upon arrival, we spend several hours exploring Petra's lesser known corners before departing for the Dead Sea, the site of AdventureNEXT Near East.

Itinerary rating: Moderate (3) – Good physical fitness required.

Note: Day 2 will be a long day with a lengthy transfer from Ajloun to Little Petra for a total of ~5 hours of driving over the course of the day. Day 3 will include ~3 hours of driving from Petra to the Dead Sea hotel area.

| DATE        | DAY DESCRIPTION                      | ACCOMMODATION                                       | MEALS     |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 05 May 2018 | Amman – Ajloun                       | Ajloun Forest Reserve<br>Ajloun Cabins (Twin share) | L – D     |
| 06 May 2018 | Ajloun – Iraq El-Amir – Little Petra | Petra Mars Camp<br>Bedouin Tents (Twin share)       | B – L - D |
| 07 May 2018 | Little Petra – Petra – Dead Sea      |   | B – L     |

## **'AT A GLANCE' ITINERARY**

## MAP of Jordan - Ajloun and Petra - Off the Beatan Path

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## Saturday, 05 May 2018

## Pick up from Amman – Ajloun

## Note: You need to arrive in Amman on Friday, May 4.

**Meet:** Our trip begins today with a meeting in the Amman hotel lobby at 8:00am for a transfer to Ajloun. The drive from Amman to Ajloun takes around 1 hour.



Arrive to Ajloun, meet your local guide to start the The Houses Trail: The Houses trail takes you through a tour of Ajloun's three popular houses; The Soap House and The Biscuit House in Orjan village and the House of Calligraphy in Rasun village. From the Eagle's View Point, descend first towards the House of Calligraphy, before winding our way to the other two houses. An alternative route begins from the Soap House. At the House of Calligraphy, take the first steps towards learning how to write some Arabic words. At The Biscuit House, visit the workshop where Tasali Jordanian delights are created.

Venture to a friendly village in the city of Ajloun where we are invited to a local house to learn about the preparation of some wonderful Jordanian meals. Be prepared to roll up your sleeves, as we are invited to assist! The village is filled with a variety of vegetables and the first dish you learn how to make is one that even some Jordanians don't know about, known as Cha'acheel. Cha'acheel is a local dish found only around the Rasoun area in Ajloun which consists of green leaves called Loof, rich with anti-cancerous properties. The Loof is sautéed with onions and made into balls by adding flour and eggs. It is then cooked with a yogurt sauce called labaniyyeh. Alongside this strangely wonderful dish, you also learn how to make Mujadara, Sabanekh, Freekeh soap and Motabbal.

Proceed to Ajloun Forest Reserve for an overnight stay.

Hiking: 12 km on country lanes through the rural villages

Ajloun Forest Reserve Ajloun Cabins 1 night
Sunday, 06 May 2018
Ajloun – Iraq el-Amir – Little Petra
B –

07h30: Checkout from the reserve, meet the Abercrombie & Kent guide and driver. Start the day by driving to Iraq El-Amir where breakfast will be served. (Driving ~1.5 hours from Ajloun to Iraq El-Amir)

## **A&K Reference:**

The Iraq Al-Amir Women's Co-Operative Society was founded in 1993 by the Noor Al-Hussein Foundation, headed by Queen Noor, who originally saved the building from demolition and under the support of the Swiss Government set about restoring the ten buildings that make up the Co-Operative as well as adding a showroom.

Fifty women were originally chosen to learn the skills of weaving, paper work and pottery. Learning these skills took three years and eventually they opened to the public in 1966. The Noor Al Hussein foundation later dissolved, and the women had to fund themselves. In 2001, they became the Iraq Al-Amir Women's Co-Operative Society with the purpose of keeping their culture alive, protecting the environment and supporting the ladies from the village.

The small village of Al Amir suffers from high unemployment as there are no government offices nearby so for some of the women, the wages they earn here are relied upon by their families. Most of the women were in their twenties when they started so they have either retired or are about to retire but their job skills have been learnt by a new group of women eager to work.

Upon arrival to the women society, we divide into smaller groups to participate in a friendly competition for the best achievement in one of the activities where the local women will be guiding the participants with their limited English language (learning with fun):

- Traditional Homemade Cooking
- Pottery & Clay
- Organic Paper Processing
- Carpet and Cloth Weaving



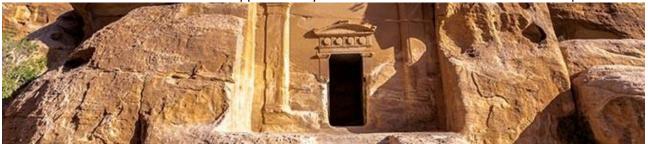
Pottery

Weaving

Paper Making

At the end of the day a light local meal will be served at the centre court yard and group will eat what they cook early this afternoon. Enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the women with mint tea and soft drinks.

Proceed afterwards to Little Petra. It's approximately a 3-3.5-hour drive to Little Petra from Iraq Al-Amir.



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Al Beidha, as Little Petra is also known, is hidden away in the center of a mountain just north of Petra. This miniature version of Petra contains many notable tombs as well as a collection of stairs leading up to higher viewpoints. Like Petra, it is believed the site here dates to the first century and features some well-preserved structures. Archaeologists believe this to have been a suburb of the larger city, perhaps where merchants lived.

Upon arrival check-in at our camp for an overnight stay.

Our camp is in a spectacular and secluded area of Little Petra and is beautifully surrounded by majestic towering rocks. The camp offers an authentic Bedouin experience with a personal insight into the Bedouin's hospitable way of life. Guests may enjoy the serenity of the desert while relaxing around the campfire gazing at the starlit skies. Bedouin cardamom-spiced coffee is also offered as a welcome. Guests may also share in authentic Shraak bread-baking and get adorned with temporary Henna tattooing; traditionally thought to have magical powers, and with Kohl eyeliner, still popular amongst the Bedouins as a natural protection against the harsh desert sun.

## Petra Mars Camp Bedouin Tent

1 night



After breakfast, we meet our Abercrombie & Kent guide and drive to Beidah "Little Petra" to annex Petra site from the back side of the archaeological park. This morning it seems that Petra is booked private just for us for the first 2-3 hours as we hike to the site using an ancient Nabataean trail away from all the tourists entering the standard way through from the main gate.

## THE MONASTERY



Our first site at Petra is the famed Monastery overlooking Araba Valley. It's likely we are the first to arrive to the monastery as most of the guests usually reach this site in the afternoon.

We enjoy a cup of tea under the Bedouin tent at the monastery before descending the 850 steps through the archaeological site of Petra.

### WADI FARASA



Pick-up our lunch boxes from the Basin Restaurant and continue our hike in Petra all the way up to the High Place of sacrifice through Wadi Farasa, forming a long but interesting loop that delivers us (after about two hours) to steps of the High Place of sacrifice. The breath-taking views and some of Petra's most extraordinary rock-colouring make the hike worthwhile, apart from the wealth of Nabatean architecture at every turn and the dramatic High Place itself. The path is not well travelled, and we'll to find ourselves alone most of the time.



## THE HIGH PLACE OF SACRIFICE

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The 650 steps, up to the High Place of Sacrifice, are guarded by several god-blocks and wind their way into the deep ravine of the beautiful Wadi al-Mahfur. At several points, the Nabatean engineers took their chisels to what were otherwise impassable outcrops and sliced deep-cut corridors through the rock to house the stairs. It's a dramatic walk.

The High Place of Sacrifice (al-Madhbah in Arabic) is one of the highest easily accessible points in Petra, perched on cliffs that drop an almost sheer 170m to the Wadi Musa below. It's just one of dozens of High Places perched on ridges and mountain-tops around Petra, all of which are of similar design and function. A platform about 15m long and 6m wide served as the venue for religious ceremonies, oriented towards an altar, set up on four steps, with a basin to one side and a socket into which may have slotted a stone representation of the god. Within the courtyard is a small dais, on which probably stood a table of (bloodless) offerings.



## THE TREASURY PANORAMA

Our biggest challenge today is the hike from The High Place to the panorama spot of the Treasury. The twohour hike will include climbing, crawling, and walking but the end reward is worth this challenge. The canyon overlooking Petra's famous Siq emerged a viewpoint above the Treasury from where you have a fantastic view over the square and the Treasury itself. This place is not so well known (it is not mentioned in any guide book), but it provides one of the best views you're likely to find in Petra.

We exit toward the main gate passing through ALMADRAS canyons.

Board our vehicle for our transfer to the hotel area at the Dead Sea, the location of AdventureNEXT.

Hiking: ~15km; Elevation gain 693m, Elevation loss 755m

## 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.

Your luggage will be transported by vehicle to our accommodation each night.

## **Packing List**

| Luggage:  | Assorted Personal Items:   |  |
|---|--|--|
| <ul> <li>Medium duffle or rolling soft-sided luggage</li> <li>Luggage lock</li> </ul>                 | <ul> <li>Water bottles - 1 liter/1 quart x 3 (we<br/>encourage you to refill your bottles)</li> </ul>  |  |
| <ul> <li>Packing cubes/stuff sacks/dry sacks</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Sunblock SPF 30 and lip balm with SPF</li> </ul>  |  |
| <ul> <li>Day pack – 15-25 liters (water, camera, etc)</li> </ul>                                      | □ Sun hat  |  |
|   | □ Sunglasses   |  |
| Clothing:   | Personal hygiene items (toothpaste,  |  |
| <ul> <li>Casual clothing/shoes for travel and city wear<br/>(lightweight, easily washable)</li> </ul> | toothbrush, hand sanitizer, small travel towel, etc.)  |  |
| Light rain/windproof jacket   | Personal first aid kit, medications, blister   |  |
| Mid-weight fleece/softshell   | prevention/treatment kit   |  |
| □ T-shirts  | Women: Tampons – difficult to obtain in rural  |  |
| Long sleeve shirt with collar   | areas  |  |
| Lightweight hiking pants  | Headlamp with spare batteries  |  |
| Underwear/sports bra (quick drying)   | Insect repellant   |  |
| □ Sleepwear   | □ Alarm Clock  |  |
| <ul> <li>Warm hat (for chilly evenings in the desert)</li> <li>Thin buff/neck scarf</li> </ul>        | Camera/memory cards/battery  |  |
|   | Don't forget!  |  |
| Footwear:   | <ul> <li>Passport (for ID checks en route)</li> </ul>  |  |
| <ul> <li>Comfortable lightweight walking/hiking shoes</li> <li>Hiking socks, synthetic</li> </ul>     | <ul> <li>Jordan Pass -Explorer - includes your entry<br/>visa and entrance to Petra (JTB covers this<br/>cost for hosted delegates)</li> </ul> |  |
|   | Travel/Medical/Evacuation insurance  |  |
|   | □ Air tickets  |  |
|   | Money - cash/debit cards/credit cards  |  |

## COSTING FOR NON-HOSTED DELEGATES:

| Cost Per Person Sharing: | US.D. 390.00 |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Cost Per Person Single:  | US.D. 365.00 |

## Accommodation Summary:

- Ajloun Forest Reserve, Ajloun Cabins. (Twin share)
- Petra Mars Camp, Bedouin Tents. (Twin share)

### Inclusions:

- Double occupancy accommodation as mentioned above or similar.
- Meals as mentioned above.
- Private English-speaking guide from 05 May till 07 May 2018.
- Transfers and excursion as per our itinerary in a private chauffeured air-conditioned vehicle vehicle size varies depending on the number of participants.
- Mineral water on board the vehicle, if needed. Use of reusable water bottles is encouraged.
- All entrance fees to the sites mentioned in the itinerary.

## Exclusions:

- Airfare tickets.
- Jordanian visa cost of USD. 60.00 Per person = JOD. 40.00 Per person must pay in local currency. (*JTB covers the cost of the visa for hosted delegates*)
- Drinks with meals.
- Tips for guide, driver, hotel staff, etc.
- Any meals not mentioned.
- Personal, Travel and Health Insurance.
- All items of a personal nature such as (telephone calls, laundry, room service ...etc.).
- All types of personal expenses.

## Please note:

- Accommodation is subject to availability unless otherwise stated.
- Above costs are our net costs and are non-commissionable.
- No actual reservations have been made yet unless stated.

\*Tipping is customary in Jordan, and while it is certainly up to the discretion of each client, to a certain extent it is recommended to guarantee the best level of service. We can provide you with a list of recommended tipping scales if you wish or suggest an all-inclusive tips package that can be included in the total cost and that we, as A&K, will promise to distribute fairly to ensure the best possible service.

## Why Abercrombie & Kent?

Abercrombie & Kent is the world leader in luxury travel, combining comfort and authenticity in the world's greatest destinations. Company-wide there are certain values that make us special:

- Global Corporate Indemnity Insurance providing you with unsurpassed peace of mind for wherever you travel within our network.
- Quality Control teams each and every office of ours has a team assigned to making sure our suppliers always deliver as promised. Headed up centrally in London, you can be confident that we work together with international oversight.
- **Guides** we use only the best guides in the world, who undergo strict qualification processes. They know our destinations inside and out, and serve as much as travelling companions as experts in their field.
- Philanthropy Since 1982 we have been globally committed to respecting the natural environment and giving back to the local people whose destinations we host clients in. Internally and through the generosity of our guests we support over 37 different hand-picked projects worldwide.
- **24 hour emergency contact** no matter what time of day or whatever the query, our local operations teams are always on standby to be of assistance, providing flexible measures if any plans change.
- **Health and safety** we have stringent criteria that all our suppliers must meet, along with a whole host of safety initiatives tailored to each destination from first aid training to localised emergency procedure plans.
- **Our relationships with suppliers** are second to none. It's these personal, long-standing local connections that make sure we offer the best product to our clients. Whether it's the most sought-after table in a restaurant or preferential upgrades where available at hotels, we hold the key to all your customer's **needs**.
- **Our ability to tailor-make**. We handle every request according to individual needs, so you know we're always thinking about how our agent partners can offer the finest combinations each and every time.
- VIP services and 'insider access' unique and exclusive moments from our wealth of interesting connections, means we can bring our guests closer to the real people, the culture and their customs. From meetings with renowned archaeologists to tea with a local market-seller's family, we can make it happen.

### Abercrombie & Kent Jordan

Founded in 1999, Abercrombie & Kent Jordan is one of only a very few 'true' luxury travel companies within Jordan - offering the finest, most deluxe ground operations available. Based in Amman, we have a full-time multilingual staff of 41 each offering unparalleled expertise in the tourism industry. Coupled with our superior buying power, we are always in a position to give the most competitive quotations in the market as well as offering more specialised, unique moments. With full time guest relations in Amman, Petra and Aquaba, Abercrombie & Kent Jordan ensures hard-to-facilitate doors are always open for clients provide the very best of local experiences. Spend an unforgettable evening chatting with Widad Kawar – a woman famous for her unique collection of Arabic cultural heritage, join wine maker Omar Zumot on a special day to learn how it all began for wine making in Jordan, participate in an exclusive champagne breakfast at the Jordanian Royal Stables, or sit back under the stars at an private candlelit dinner at Little Petra. Our extensive on-the-ground knowledge can create truly unforgettable moments.

## 1. CONTRACTING PARTIES

These Terms and Conditions are legally binding between the traveller(s) and Abercrombie & Kent Jordan Ltd., herein after referred to as A&K.

#### 2. ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS

PLEASE NOTE: Acceptance of a quotation from A&K constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions which take effect as soon as A&K issue you with a confirmation.

#### 3. ACCOMMODATION:

All accommodation, room type(s) and specification are as shown in the itinerary.

#### 4. MEALS:

Meals are as shown in the itinerary.

#### 5. TRANSFERS:

Transfers are provided on arrival and departure from airport to hotel and return only where specified in the itinerary.

#### 6. ITINERARY:

Accommodation and arranged sightseeing are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K's control. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. A&K also reserves the right to withdraw a tour or any part of it, to make such alterations to the itinerary or the tour inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and to pass on to tour members any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control.

In case of any appreciable variation in the tour price due to these circumstances, A&K reserves the right to make adjustments to the tour costs as necessary.

#### 7. SPECIAL REQUESTS:

Specific requests should be advised at time of booking. Please note that every effort will be made to secure special requests, however; they cannot be guaranteed.

#### 8. TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation will be as specified in the itinerary.

#### 9. BAGGAGE:

A&K provides handling of baggage only as specified in the quotation. Weight restrictions for baggage on some routes on internal/domestic flights may apply; details of which will be provided with pre-tour documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the tour and A&K assumes no liability for lost or damaged baggage. Baggage insurance is strongly advised.

Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions applicable to your international flight.

#### 10. TAXES AND GRATUITIES:

Hotel taxes as imposed by city and state governments are included. Airport taxes are included where specified in the itinerary.

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, camp staff, ship crew and Tour Managers are not included and are at the discretion of the traveller.

#### 11. EXCLUSIONS:

The cost of obtaining passports, visas, excess baggage charges, items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls, fax charges and excess baggage charges unless expressly included in writing, are not included in the tour price.

#### 12. PRICES & ARRANGEMENTS:

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted based on the current rates of exchange and tariffs. Entrance fees as part of scheduled sightseeing tours are also included in this price. This price is subject to revision in line with significant changes in foreign currency, tariff rates, taxes etc.

#### **13. PHOTOGRAPHY:**

A&K reserves the right to take photographs during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes. By booking a program with A&K, travellers agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs. Travellers who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to A&K prior to final payment and they will be exempted from this photography waiver clause.

The use of drones for photography, or any other purpose, is forbidden on any A&K trip unless permission has been previously sought from, and granted by, A&K.

#### **14. DESCRIPTIONS AND IMAGERY**

All photographs, imagery and descriptions used by A&K online and within promotional documentation have been included with the intention of presenting a true and accurate reflection of your holiday destination. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, it is foreseeable that some destinations will change in appearance throughout the year and so may appear to have varied at the time of your stay. eg. due to adverse weather. A&K will of course make every attempt to notify you in advance of your trip as to whether such instances have had any effect on the accommodation or its surroundings if we are made aware of the same, however cannot be held liable in this regard.

#### **15. SURVEILLANCE AND SECURITY**

Please note that in some properties surveillance cameras and security equipment may be installed inside and/or outside the property, which may have the capability to remotely monitor or record images and/or sound. If you have any concerns or issues with this, you must inform our team before your trip.

#### 16. ACTIVITES

Some activities may be pre-booked by A&K however, should you wish to participate in other or additional activities we strongly advise that you book in advance so as to avoid disappointment.

Some activities, most notably those which are boating and water related, are subject to weather and water levels. A&K cannot be held responsible should such activities be amended and/or cancelled as a result of such matters, over which A&K have no control.

#### 17. REGISTRATION:

A non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking. The deposit amount will be specified at the time of booking, however it is normally 10% of the tour price.

The remainder of the tour cost is payable on the date shown on your quotation, normally 60 days prior to departure. If the reservation is made after this date, the entire tour price must be paid at the time of confirmation.

#### **18. PAYMENT METHOD:**

Payments may be made by the following methods:

- Credit card
- Cheque
- Bank transfer

A&K cannot guarantee that all payment methods will be accepted and A&K will therefore advise of the most suitable payment method at the time of deposit.

18.1 For payment by credit card A&K reserve the right to charge a levy of up to 3%.

18.2 Travellers are liable for all bank and related transaction charges.

#### **19. CANCELLATION:**

All cancellations must be received in writing by your A&K Tour Consultant

19.1 Unless otherwise specified in your quotation, the following cancellation terms will apply to your booking:

19.1.1 Cancellations received between the date of booking and 61 days prior to departure will result in the loss of the deposit.

19.1.2 Cancellations received 60 - 46 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 25% of the tour price.

19.1.3 Cancellations received 45 - 29 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 50% of the tour price.

19.1.4 Cancellations received 28 - 15 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 75% of the tour price.

19.1.5 Cancellations received 14 days or less prior to departure will be subject to a forfeiture of the entire tour price.

19.2 Cancellation of airline tickets will be subject to the refund policy of each individual airline and may be greater than the percentages above particularly when low cost/net based fares are used.

19.3 The purchase of special event tickets is subject to the refund policy of each individual

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event. Please refer to the specific event policy for details.

19.4 A&K reserve the right to charge for financial penalties, fees and losses incurred in excess of your cancellation fee as a result of cancellation.

#### 20. CANCELLATION BY A&K

We reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your holiday for any reason. However, we will not cancel your hotel arrangement less than 60 days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. If you fail to pay the balance of the holiday price at least 60 days before departure, A&K will treat your booking as cancelled and levy the cancellation charges set out in clause 19. If A&K is obliged to cancel your holiday in any other circumstances before departure, A&K will use its best endeavours to offer alternative arrangements of equivalent or very closely similar standard and price, if available; travel arrangements of a lower standard and a refund of the difference in price: or will give you a full and prompt refund of all monies paid.

#### **21. FORCE MAJEURE**

21.1 Force majeure means unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond A&K's control or the control of our suppliers, the consequence of which neither A&K nor its suppliers could avoid even with all due care, including, but not limited to, war, threat of war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity (actual or threatened), industrial dispute, unavoidable technical problems with transport, machinery or equipment, power failure, changes imposed by rescheduling or cancellation of flights by an airline, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, flood, drought, adverse weather conditions, epidemics or outbreaks of illness and level of water in rivers.

21.2 In the event of a cancellation or material alteration to the trip as a result of the circumstances as described in this clause A&K may in their sole and absolute discretion:

- a) offer the traveller(s) alternative travel arrangements or products of comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances; or
- b) if alternative travel arrangements or products are not offered by A&K, A&K will make a prompt proportional refund of monies paid by the traveller.

21.3 A&K may charge a reasonable fee to cover the administration costs associated with providing alternative travel arrangements or products.

#### 22. CLAIMS AND REFUNDS:

Refunds are not made for any missed services, except for verifiable extenuating circumstances. Please see our LIMITS ON ABERCROMBIE & KENT'S RESPONSIBILITY clause below. For verifiable claims to be considered, they must be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual price of the services involved and not on a per diem basis. Adjustments will not be made for unused sightseeing trips or meals. A&K will not accept any liability for any claims that are not received within 30 days of the termination of your program. All claims for days missed while travelling should be made in writing within 30 days of the program. Any payment made by A&K, either by way of refund or as the result of a successful claim, will be limited to, and not exceed, the sums retained by A&K in respect of the related booking.

## 23. LIMITS ON ABERCROMBIE & KENT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

Abercrombie & Kent Jordan Ltd, its employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents and assigns (collectively A&K), does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip with the exception of a limited number of vehicles. It purchases transportation (by aircraft, coach, train, vessel or otherwise), hotel and other lodging accommodations, restaurant, ground handling and other services from various independent suppliers (including from time to time other affiliated Abercrombie & Kent companies). All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, A&K is not liable for any negligent or wilful act of any such person or entity or of any third person.

In addition and without limitation, A&K is not responsible for any injury, financial or physical loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection to the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labour activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means of transportation or for failure of any transport mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

There are many inherent risks in adventure travel of the type involved here, which can lead to illness, injury or even death. These risks are increased by the fact that these trips take place in remote locations, far from medical facilities.

If you decide to participate in any activities including, but not limited to, any excursions involving animals, riding on animals, SCUBA diving, snorkelling, boating, hot air ballooning, zip-lining, high altitude treks, climbing, quad biking, para sailing, parachuting, kayaking, white-water rafting, primate tracking and any activity which A&K considers to carry inherent risks of serious illness, injury or death ("Activities") then you fully understand and acknowledge that Activities carry with them various inherent risks, including serious illness, injury or death and you take complete responsibility for your own health and safety and agree to assume all risks of injury, illness or death, whether foreseen or unforeseen that may befall you as a result of participating in any Activities and agree to release A&K and its affiliates, their agents, employees and representatives from any liability whatsoever related thereto, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Further, as consideration for being permitted to participate in the Activities, you release A&K, whether known or unknown, from, and agree not to sue or make claim against A&K for property damage, cancellation of any activities for any reason, illness, negligent rescue operations or procedures, personal injury or death arising from your participation in the Activities, and any activity related thereto, including transportation to and from the site of the Activities, regardless of whether such property damage, illness, personal injury, or death results from the negligence of A&K (but not its reckless, wilful, or fraudulent conduct) and/or from any defect in equipment. You further agree to indemnify and hold A&K harmless with respect to any claim made against A&K by anyone else which a) related to your participation, or b) would be subject to the above release and covenant not to sue if you had made this claim directly yourself.

#### 24. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:

Please ensure that you consult your personal physician about anti malaria precautions and other inoculations and vaccinations before travel. Where applicable, please ensure that whilst travelling you carry a valid Yellow Fever certificate.

#### 25. TRAVEL ADVISORIES/WARNINGS:

It is the responsibility of travellers to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to their respective government agencies. In the event of an active State Department or government agency Travel Warning against travel to specific destination location(s) of the trip, should the traveller still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, the traveller assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

#### 26. TRAVELLERS' REPRESENTATIONS:

If you or any member of your party has any medical problem or disability which may affect your stay, please provide us with full details before we confirm your booking so that we can try to advise you as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. We may require you to produce a doctor's certificate certifying that you are fit to participate in the tour. Acting reasonably, if we are unable to properly accommodate the needs of the person(s) concerned, we will not confirm your booking or if you did not give us full details at the time of booking, we will cancel it and impose applicable cancellation charges when we become aware of these details.

#### 27. AIR TRANSPORTATION:

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event occurring while passengers are not on board their aircraft. International air carriers are also subject to international air conventions limiting their liability. These limitations of liability are explained on the e-ticket or on the reverse of the airline ticket and when issued, this constitutes the sole contract between the respective air carrier(s) and their passengers.

Airlines overbook all flights! We therefore recommend that you check in online as soon as online check-in is made available by the airline. If you do not book in online, or for any reason are unable to do so, we recommend that you are at the airport to check in 3 hours prior to departure as airlines may re-allocate seats in the event of late check-in and arrivals. A&K is unable to check you in and it is your responsibility to ensure you are checked in within the appropriate time. A&K is neither responsible nor liable if you are downgraded an airline class as a result of the airline overbooking the class in which you are booked. Seat reservations are at the discretion of the airline and may be changed at any time without notice.

CRUISES/CHARTERS: If you are scheduled to partake in a cruise or charter it is your responsibility to ensure that you are aboard the vessel no later than 60 minutes before the scheduled sailing time. A&K is neither responsible nor liable if you fail to board the vessel in good time and suffer any loss as a result. Furthermore, refunds will not be given for any days which are missed as a result of such failure, or for clients who choose to leave the Cruise prematurely for any reason.

#### 28. PASSPORT & VISAS

Please note that passport holders are responsible for obtaining the required documentation applicable for entry. Please note also that passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after completion of your journey and should also have sufficient blank pages for visas and immigrations stamps. A&K cannot be held responsible should you be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements. Should you require specific information ahead of travel, please consult the travel advice produced by the government of your home jurisdiction, as well as that of the government who issued the passport and/or visa you intend to travel under.

#### 29. TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN

We recommend that if you are travelling with a child that does not share your surname, in order to minimise the possibility of disruption to your travel plans, you travel with documentation that proves your relationship to the child as well as documentation that proves you have permission to travel with them. A&K cannot be held responsible should you or any member of your travelling party be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements. Should you require further specific information ahead of travel, please consult the travel advice produced by the government of your home jurisdiction, as well as that of the government who issued the passport and/or visa you intend to travel under.

Due to the nature of some of the excursions and activities involved in A&K trips, minimum age requirements are in place at some destinations. Additionally, some accommodations require that children below a certain age share a room with an adult. Such circumstances vary and will be specified within your itinerary, ahead of travel, and at the time of booking.

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#### **30. TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

A&K strongly recommend all clients take out comprehensive travel insurance prior to date of travel. This insurance should cover cancellation and curtailment, all medical expenses including evacuation/repatriation, personal baggage, personal liability, death and permanent disability and travel document insurance.

#### **31. ARBITRATION AGREEMENT:**

Any claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the Limits on A&K's Responsibility clause, to the brochure, to any information relating in any way to the trip, to the trip itself or to any products or services related to the trip, shall be settled in the first instance by binding arbitration in the applicable legal forum as detailed in clause 32 of these Terms and Conditions. In lieu of a personal appearance at arbitration the arbitration may be conducted by telephonic means. Arbitration is the exclusive forum in the first instance for dispute resolution and except as otherwise provided by statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses and an equal share of the arbitrator and administrative fees.

#### 32. APPLICABLE LAW AND FORUM:

This agreement shall be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with, and shall be governed by the laws of Jordan. It is agreed between A&K and the travellers that all lawsuits against A&K arising under, in connection with, or incidental to the tour shall be filed, if at all, in the courts of Jordan to the exclusion of the courts of or in any other country or jurisdiction.