

Jordan Multisport – Hike, Bike, Horse ride, Snorkel



May 2 – 7, 2018

6 days of active adventure across Jordan, covering the highlights by foot, horseback and mountain bike, we scramble and swim through canyons, snorkel in the Red Sea and summit Jordan's highest mountain.

Difficulty Rating: 4 – Vigorous (Must be physically fit; activity experience preferred; 5-8 hours activity/day)

Some days will be more strenuous than others. This tour has a lot of different activities requiring an excellent level of overall fitness and an ability/willingness to do different physically active activities.

Summary

This is an active adventure lovers dream. We start with one of Jordan's hidden treasures, Wadi Hidan, hiking, floating and swimming through the black basalt canyon. The trip includes two days of off-road biking along the Jordan Bike Trail in southern Jordan, passing crusader castles and Bedouin tents. We spend a day hiking in the ancient city of Petra, exploring the caves and trails of the rose-red city. Enjoy horse riding the routes around the hills of Little Petra, and hiking to the summit of Jordan's highest peak in Wadi Rum, finishing with a relaxing boat ride, swim and snorkel in the Red Sea.

Highlights

- Hike through Wadi Hidan with its black basalt canyon walls
- Cycle on the newly created Jordan Bike Trail
- Summit Jordan's highest peak and jeep safari through Wadi Rum
- Explore Petra and Little Petra by horse
- Snorkel in the Red Sea

Note: You must arrive in Amman, Jordan on May 1st.



Day 1 – May 2: Wadi Hidan

Amman – Larsa Hotel at 8:00am

Our trip begins with a pick-up at the Larsa Hotel at 8:00am. From Amman, we drive 1.5 hour on the ancient King’s Highway to the starting point of the hike near Madaba. The dramatic Wadi Hidan canyon includes some beautiful wild mountain scenery, and a surprising amount of vegetation and water. A

beautiful black basaltic canyon filled with narrow gorges and fresh natural pools. There are some tricky rock steps that require the use of hands and feet. Expect to get completely wet, so please wear shoes and clothes you are happy to get wet in, we recommend tough trainers (good tread on the sole) and lightweight, quick-dry clothing (no cotton). Bring dry bags for personal items/electronics). After exploring the wadi, we continue to the Dana Nature Reserve, for an evening to relax and enjoy the beautiful view.

Hiking Distance: 5Km

Overnight in Dana – Dana Guest House RSCN – Twin shared rooms

Lunch – Lunch Box Dinner – Hotel

Day 2 – May 3: Mountain Bike Shobak to Little Petra (45km)



A short transfer from Dana to visit Shobak Castle, the first of the series of Crusader Castles built in Jordan. It was constructed by Baldwin I in 1115 and only surrendered in 1189 to the Great Salahdin. From here, we cycle mostly off-road on the newly developed Jordan Bike Trail. The route contours around the mountains with great views across the Jordan Valley all the way to Little Petra. Finish

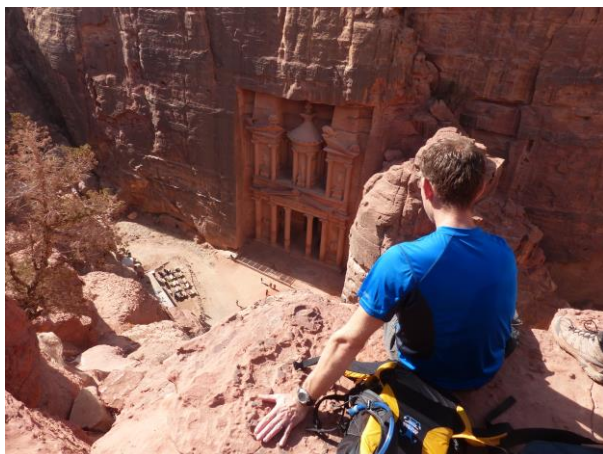
the ride with a visit to Little Petra. Then cycle to your overnight camp hidden in the rocks to enjoy the hospitality of the Bedouins.

Cycling Distance: 45Km, Ascent 1,440m (4,724’), Decent 1753m (5,751’).

Overnight in Little Petra – Seven Wonders Bedouin Camp – Single tents

Breakfast – Hotel Lunch – Lunch Box Dinner – Hotel

Day 3 – May 4: Explore Petra



After breakfast in camp, we drive for 10 minutes to the Petra Visitor Centre. Now one of Modern Seven Wonders of the World, Petra is known by many names, a master piece half as old as time, the Red Rose city. Marvel at the beauty of the 'Lost City', only recently re-discovered by the outside world. Walk through the Siq and be astounded as you reach the magnificent Treasury, the entrance guarding the ancient Nabatean city. Then continue into the city, viewing the

amphitheater, exploring its many caves and tombs. After lunch there is time to explore off the beaten path where many tourists don't tread and visit some of the hidden treasures of Petra, such as the high place of sacrifice or Jebel Khubtha and the view overlooking the Treasury from above.

Hiking Distance: 10-20Km (various options to explore)

Overnight in Petra – La Maison Hotel – Twin shared rooms

Breakfast – At Bedouin Camp

Lunch – Basin Restaurant

Dinner – Hotel

Day 4 – May 5: Horse Ride on the Jordan Trail and Mountain Bike

Petra to Wadi Rum (28 km)



We start the day with a 2-3-hour horse ride on a section of the Jordan Trail around Little Petra. After a light lunch, we transfer to Rajif to enjoy a 2-3 hour bike ride along another section of the Jordan Bike Trail to Abbasiyya. Along dirt tracks, we descend from 1,600 meters above sea level towards the deserts of the south. From Abbisiyya, we transfer to Wadi Rum and enjoy a night in the desert

under the stars.

Horse Riding 2-3 hours, Cycling Distance 28Km, Ascent 424m (1,391'), Descent 924m (3,031')

Overnight in Wadi Rum - Al Capitan Camp – Single tents

Breakfast – Hotel

Lunch – Lunch Box

Dinner – At Bedouin Camp

Day 5 – May 6: Wadi Rum – Um Ad-Dami Jordan’s Highest Peak



Today we ascend the highest peak in Jordan. Jabal Umm ad Dami (1854m) is 35km southeast from Wadi Rum Village on the border with Saudi Arabia. Jabal Umm ad Dami is a moderate hike/scramble from the foot of the mountain, about 2-3 hour to the top. There are stunning desert views from this mountain! We then continue to explore more of Wadi Rum on a jeep safari.

From the desert we head to the south, to the Gulf of Aqaba and our final night, overlooking the Red Sea.

Hiking Distance: 5Km, Ascent 500m, Decent 500m

Overnight in Aqaba - Movenpick City Hotel – Twin shared rooms

Breakfast – At Bedouin Camp Lunch – Wadi Rum Cooked Lunch Dinner – Hotel

Day 6 – May 7: Snorkeling in Aqaba



We have a more relaxed final day with a boat ride in the Gulf of Aqaba. Views extend across to Egypt, Israel/Palestine, and Saudi Arabia. Opportunities to swim and snorkel from the boat, to explore the coral and see the myriad of colors of the Red Sea Fish.

Transfer to the Dead Sea to arrive by 4pm for the Adventure Next Conference.

Breakfast – Hotel Lunch – BBQ Lunch on boat

Accommodation Summary:

Day 1: Dana Guest House: Twin shared rooms (Wi-Fi in lobby/reception public area)

Day 2: Seven Wonders Bedouin Camp - Single tents (Wi-Fi in the camp)

Day 3: La Maison Hotel Petra – Twin shared rooms (Wi-Fi in Rooms)

Day 4: Al Captain Camp Wadi Rum - Twin shared tents (Wi-Fi in lobby/reception public area)

Day 5: Movenpick Aqaba – Twin shared rooms (Wi-Fi in Rooms)

Map of Route

Use the link below to access the interactive map:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1XkXNZvaKB6J2HmAfgmpijnXrol1m4R7s&usp=sharing>



Group Size: 4-12 People

Price per person - \$899

Inclusions

- 3 nights in hotels
- 2 nights permanent Bedouin camp
- Meals as mentioned in the trip description
- Tour guide to give insight into history and politics of the country whilst you walk
- Transport by A/C bus
- Hardtail mountain bikes
- Helmet

Exclusions

- Flights
- Travel/Medical/Evacuation Insurance
- Departure taxes (Jordan \$15 pp at land borders). Airport tax is usually included on air-tickets.
- Tips to driver & guides
- Visa to Jordan -Purchase the [Jordan Pass - Explorer-](#) includes your Jordan entry visa and entrance to Petra (2-day pass). (NOTE: JTB will provide the Jordan Pass at no cost to hosted delegates)

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.

For your luggage, we recommend large rucksacks/backpacks or soft duffle bags that can be locked. Your luggage will be transported by vehicle to our accommodation each night.

Wadi Hidan Canyon Hike

The hike includes section walking through water that can be up to your shoulders in places. Expect to get very wet from head to toe. You should be comfortable in water and know how to swim. We recommend you bring hiking shoes with a good tread and grip on the sole. To avoid hot spots and blisters on your feet, we recommend sports socks (no cotton), and that you cut your toenails before the trip.

Cycling

We provide:

- Scott Hard tail 27.5" mountain bike (Scott Aspect 740) (if you want to bring your own, you can)
- Helmet
- Bike Water bottle

We will have a support truck with us for most sections, so you can leave personal items on the truck and they will be accessible through the day.

Note: Participants should be comfortable riding on a variety of surfaces including trails and paved and unpaved/gravel roads that may include vehicle traffic. Participants should have mountain biking experience that includes shifting gears, braking, riding in groups, and riding safety on both paved and unpaved, uneven gravel and rocky surfaces uphill and downhill.

Packing List:

<p>Luggage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Medium to large duffel or rolling soft-sided luggage (no wheels/handle)<input type="checkbox"/> Luggage lock<input type="checkbox"/> Packing cubes/stuff sacks<input type="checkbox"/> Day pack – 15-25 liters<input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bag to line backpack <p>Clothing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Casual clothing/shoes for travel and city wear (lightweight, easily washable)<input type="checkbox"/> Light rain/windproof jacket<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-weight fleece/softshell<input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts<input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve shirt with collar<input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight hiking pants<input type="checkbox"/> Underwear/sports bra (quick drying)<input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear<input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit & coverup<input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat (for chilly evenings in the desert)<input type="checkbox"/> Thin buff/neck scarf <p>Footwear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Hiking shoes; supportive enough for rough terrain and easy scrambling<input type="checkbox"/> Water shoes (with good tread for canyon hiking)<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking socks, synthetic or wool<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes/sandals for camp use & water crossings (or while your hiking shoes dry) <p>Cycling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Stiff-soled cycling shoes (your hiking shoes can work if stiff enough)<input type="checkbox"/> Base-layer - short sleeve cycling top (x 1)<input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeved cycling top (x 1)<input type="checkbox"/> Regular biking gloves<input type="checkbox"/> Padded cycling shorts (x 2)<input type="checkbox"/> Eyewear - Biking sunglasses<input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight wind jacket	<p>Assorted Personal Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Water bottles - 1 liter/1 quart x 4 (4 liters total) and/or hydration bladder<input type="checkbox"/> Dry bag for camera & other essentials that cannot get wet<input type="checkbox"/> Sunblock and lip balm with SPF<input type="checkbox"/> Sun hat<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses<input type="checkbox"/> Personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, small travel towel, etc.)<input type="checkbox"/> Personal first aid kit, medications, blister prevention/treatment kit<input type="checkbox"/> Women: Tampons – difficult to obtain in rural areas<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Kit: Toilet paper, Ziplock bags (at least one for clean TP, one for dirty TP), wet wipes, hand sanitizer (You must pack out all toilet paper out the wilderness.)<input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent<input type="checkbox"/> Alarm Clock<input type="checkbox"/> Camera/memory cards/battery<input type="checkbox"/> Charging not possible at wilderness camps<input type="checkbox"/> Optional:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Headlamp with spare batteries<input type="checkbox"/> Snacks - Dates, fruits, or candy bars (energy for the trail) <p>Don't forget!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Passport (for ID checks en route)<input type="checkbox"/> Jordan Pass -Explorer- includes your entry visa and entrance to Petra and Wadi Rum). <i>(NOTE: JTB will provide the Jordan Pass at no cost to hosted delegates)</i><input type="checkbox"/> Travel/Medical/Evacuation insurance<input type="checkbox"/> Air tickets<input type="checkbox"/> Money - cash/debit cards/credit cards
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Cancellation Policy

<http://experiencejordan.com/terms-conditions>

For 1-9 people:

31+ Days before the trip 20% processing fee (with a \$100 minimum charge per person).

30 – 8 Days before the trip 50% cancellations charge

7 – 1 Days before the trip 100% cancellation charge

For Groups 10+ people:

31+ Days before the trip 20% processing fee (with a \$100 minimum charge per person).

30 – 1 Days before the trip 100% cancellations charge.

If paying by credit card directly through the office, there is an additional 6% charge to cover the credit card company commission costs, which we still pay even when providing a refund.

If paying by PayPal, there are no additional PayPal charges if the refund is requested within 2 months of the original payment. After this period the refund amount will be sent through PayPal, but the customer must pay the normal PayPal charges to receive this payment.

Refund Policy

If you cancel your trip and qualify for a refund, as per the cancellation policy above, we will process the refund within 1 week of agreement to the refund. The money will normally be refunded by the same method the payment was made, unless mutually agreed by both parties to transfer the refund by a different method.

About Experience Jordan

We hope you love this itinerary! We want you to know we do more than just offer unique experiences in Jordan. So here are our top 5 reasons to book with us.

1. Our attention to details will make your trip smooth and easy and ensure that you won't miss out on any fun adventures along the way.
2. Our knowledgeable staff will assist you in whatever your chosen activity is, whether you are sightseeing, hiking, biking, or any combo of the above.
3. Our deep love of Jordan means that we want to share with you what makes Jordan an amazing place to be by showing you the "real" Jordan beyond what tourists typically see and experience.
4. Our heart for the communities we interact with will allow you to interact with Jordanians and learn about what makes Jordanians unique in the Middle East.
5. Our passion for you our honored guests. Our goal is for you to finish your time in Jordan with unforgettable memories, amazing photos and stories, and full bellies. Because when you visit Jordan, you are family.

But don't just take our word for it. [Check out our reviews on Trip Advisor!](#)