



Jordan

Petra & Wadi-Rum Adventure

PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



ITINERARY

Jordan • Petra & Wadi-Rum Adventure

9 DAYS • 8 NIGHTS

Amman – Dana Village – Feynan/ Wadi Ghuweir – Furon – Ghbour
Whedat – Little Petra – Petra – Wadi Rum – Dead Sea – Amman

HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive in one of the oldest cities in the world, Amman, which has been inhabited since the Bronze Age!
- Explore the Red Rose city of Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World
- Sleep under a blanket of stars in the Wadi Rum desert
- Escape as you discover Jerash – the 'Pompeii of the East'
- Float in the unsinkable Dead Sea- 420m below sea level!

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Multi-activity holiday
Tour Start	Amman
Tour End	Aqaba
Accommodation	Hotels, Wilderness camping and/or Bedouin Camps
Included Meals	7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 2 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Medium (2-5hrs activity per day)
Key sites	Jerash, Dead Sea, Petra, Wadi Hassa, Wadi Rum desert, Aqaba

PETRA & WADI-RUM



Let us take you through Jordan's beautiful and rugged countryside as you ascend up through the mountains, trek in the enormous canyons, bike through incredibly diverse landscapes and reach the Red Rose city of Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Continue to the Wadi Rum desert and take a jeep safari showing you all the fantastic rock formations, before retiring to a camp and sleeping under the stars in the desert.

OVERVIEW

Jordan is a relative newcomer to tourism and with only a fraction of the amount of tourists compared to neighbour countries, Israel and Egypt; it is a real off-the-beaten-track experience.

Jordan's popular destination image encompasses little more than a camel and desert, when in fact this is a country of mountains, beaches, castles and ancient churches; of culture, traditions and customs; and of adventure, wildlife and architecture. This incredibly welcoming destination is a safe and comfortable place that is just waiting to be explored.

See Jordan in a way that few people do, from the trail! Trek through the Ajloun Nature Reserve, one of Jordan's most beautiful hide aways, cycle from the City of Mosaics (Madaba) to the Dead Sea, and rest your feet as you float in a lake that is 420mbelow sea level. Continue the Jordan experience by spending a night under the stars in the Wadi Rum desert and see the fantastic underwater life as you snorkel in the red sea. This country has so much to offer so why not **Do Something Extraordinary!**

WHY PIONEER EXPEDITION?

The team behind Pioneer Expeditions are driven by a passion for adventure travel which we love to share with our clients. We delight in searching the globe for new destinations, new experiences and creating the most incredible adventure holidays.

From the moment you choose to travel with Pioneer Expeditions until you return back home you are supported by our dedicated team. We listen to what you want and can create an itinerary around your specific needs, working with your budget and with commitment to responsible travel. Even better, our small group tours have a maximum of 8 people, making it a much more personal experience.



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DAY 1: ARRIVE IN AMMAN



You will arrive at Queen Alia International Airport in Amman, where you will be met by our travel rep who will help with immigration. From here you will be transferred to your hotel in Amman, the capital city of Jordan.

Amman:

Amman, the capital of Jordan and one of the oldest cities in the world is a fascinating city. With a unique blend of old and new, ideally situated on a hilly area between the desert and fertile Jordan Valley.

In the commercial heart of the city, ultra-modern buildings, hotels, smart restaurants, art galleries and boutiques rub shoulders comfortably with traditional coffee shops and tiny artisans' workshops. However, there is still evidence of the city's much older past.

Overnight in Amman



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
Nil



Distance:
Less than an hour



Activities:
Travel

DAY 2: AMMAN – JERASH – AJLOUN

After breakfast we will head out on a historical tour.

Jerash will be your first stop. The Greco-Roman city known as the 'Pompeii of the East'. Built over 2,000 years ago, Jerash is widely regarded as the best-preserved city of the Decapolis, a confederation of 10 Roman cities dating from the 1st century! We'll explore the site taking in the colonnaded street, amphitheater and more.

Then we will go for a drive through the beautiful Dibeen Forest on our way to Ajloun. Upon arrival we will meet our guide and enjoy a home cooking experience with a local family. Then we will set off and explore the Ajloun Nature Reserve where your guide will meet you and start your day of hiking. The walk will include parts of the Jordan Trail and take you through one of Jordan hidden forest trails, Wadi Zubia. With high rolling hills of the North and some of the oldest Olive trees in the region, this hike is not one to miss.



We end the day by watching the sunset overlooking the rolling hills of the holy land.

Dinner will be at a homestay in the surrounding area of Ajloun. After you have eaten as much as you can you will be able to retire at your accommodation, a boutique lodge at the RSCN Reserve.



Overnight:
Chalet



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. 2hr drive time



Activities:
Exploring and Trekking



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DAY 3: AJLOUN – MADABA – CYCLING TO THE DEAD SEA

After breakfast, depart from Ajloun area and drive down the Jordan Valley to Christian city of Madaba “the City of Mosaics”. This town has the oldest known mosaic map of the Holy Land. We will visit St Georges Church and mosaic maps of Madaba.

Here we will enjoy a traditional lunch at Hakyak Sitti.

Afterwards we start our cycle from Madaba down to the Dead Sea. Our team of biking guides will meet you after lunch and prepare for the ride from Madaba. A support vehicle will be with you throughout the cycle and your luggage will be taken to the hotel by car.

Once you have made it to the Dead Sea you will have chance to swim (or rather float) in the water.



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, L



Distance:
Approx. 2hr drive

Activities:
Cycling

Overnight at Holiday Inn- Dead Sea

DAY 4: Dead Sea – Wadi Hassa – Petra

Breakfast and morning at your leisure

Departure from the Dead Sea and drive south through the Jordan Valley Highway a beautiful stretch of road offering amazing views of the valley between Jordan and Israel. We will pass the Dead Sea and continue to our next great adventure, Wadi Hassa, one of Jordan’s hidden treasures. A beautiful shallow water filled canyon hike normally visited by locals on the weekend looking to cool off from the heat of this area. We will hike this valley for 2-3 hours, entering and exiting through the same point.



Today we will enjoy a picnic lunch of local delights in the Wadi Hassa.

After the canyon walk, we will meet with our drivers and continue our journey to Petra. The drive will take us down Jordan Valley and onto the Nimila Back Road, one of the most spectacular roads in Jordan. We will climb from 200m below sea level to 1600m above sea level in the space of 1.5hrs.

Transfer to Wadi Musa the home of Petra.

Overnight in Petra



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B, L



Distance:
Approx. 4hrs drive time



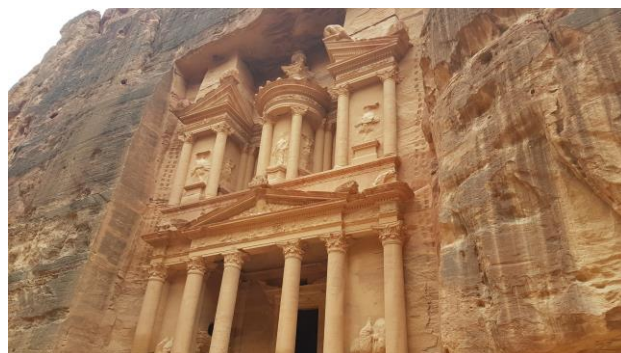
Activities:
Trekking



DAY 5: FULL DAY VISITING PETRA

The ancient city of Petra is one of Jordan's national treasures and by far its best known tourist attraction. Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans, industrious Arab people who settled in Southern Jordan more than 2,000 years ago. Admired then for its refined culture, massive architecture and creative complex of dams and water channels, Petra is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Much of Petra's appeal comes from its spectacular setting deep inside a narrow desert gorge.

We will discover the site through Petra back door. This is an adventurous trail that begins with a 20min drive to the area called Little Petra. This served as the trading post for the main site of Petra. We will begin with a 2hr hike through Little Petra and its beautiful surrounding mountains, until you reach the Monastery. Take in the vast size and detail of this incredible building before continuing through to the main site of Petra exiting from the main gate



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B



Distance:
Approx. 20min drive



Activities:
Trekking

DAY 6: PETRA – WADI RUM

After breakfast, depart to Wadi Rum (2hr drive). You will be met by your Bedouin guide and board 4 x 4's to take you further into the desert. We will board the 4 x 4's and explore the desert by jeep for 4hrs. You will have a traditional cooked lunch and watch the sunset before heading to your camp.



Check in to the camp and enjoy dinner and overnight in Wadi Rum.

Two camp options:

- Wild camping in the desert independently (Tents, sleeping bags and mattress). You will be alone with your desert guide.
- Fixed tourist camp with other tourists, Rahayeb Desert camp or Wadi Rum Nights



Overnight:
Camping



Meals:
B, L, D



Distance:
Approx. 2hr drive (not including the 4hr jeep)

Activities:
Jeep Safari

DAY 7: WADI RUM – AQABA

After breakfast, you get the chance to ride a camel in the desert! Sit back and relax as the sun continues to rise and you can really appreciate the incredible scenery of the Wadi Rum desert.

Afterwards, transfer to the only port city in Jordan – Aqaba. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Optional Snorkelling Activity:

Discover the coral and the underwater fish life in the Red Sea as you endeavour on a 3 hour snorkelling excursion. This will include transfers, towels and a lunch on the boat.



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If snorkelling isn't your cup of tea, then you should definitely look in at the "Souk By The Sea". It is an outdoor craft centre and bazaar that was started in 2011 as a community development scheme to keep money in the local hands. It is a lively affair that is run in the middle of Aqaba every Friday evening (except in summer).



Overnight:
Hotel



Meals:
B



Distance:
Approx. 1hr drive

Activities:
Relax and snorkel

DAY 8: DEPART FROM AQABA

You will have breakfast at the hotel before your transfer to the King Hussein Airport in Aqaba where you will depart.



Overnight:
N/A



Meals:
B



Distance:
15min drive



Activities:
Depart

ACCOMMODATION, at an glance

Subject to availability

Al Qasr Metropole 4*
Amman

<http://www.alqasrmetropole.com/>



RSCN Ajloun Chalets
Ajloun

Holiday Inn- Dead Sea
Dead Sea

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnresorts/hotels/us/en/dead-sea/ddljo/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-_RS_-_JO_-_DDLJO



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Petra Moon

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<https://www.petrmoonhotel.com/>



Bedouin Camp (Rahayeb Desert or Wadi Rum nights)
Wadi Rum

Wilderness Camping
Wadi Rum

La Lacosta Hotel
Aqaba

<http://lacosta-hotel.com/en/>



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INCLUDED

- Meet and assist at Amman airport
- Private transport
- Camel ride in Wadi Rum (30mins)
- Sunset with tea in Wadi Rum
- Entrance fees to the mentioned sites
- Specialist guide in Petra and Jerash
- Ajloun hike with guide
- Wadi Hassa hike
- Jeep tour in Wadi Rum 4 hrs with lunch
- Cycling equipment (e.g. cycle helmet)
- Excursions mentioned in the program
- Water en route
- Accommodation
- Meals (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, S = Snacks/light lunch; D= Dinner) as specified on the itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Meals not mentioned on the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Tips
- Beverages
- Personal expenses
- Visa's and or boarding fees

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HIKING, OR ACTIVITY DURATION	2 to 5 hours per activity each day
SEASON	Oct-May
AVERAGE TEMPERATURES	January is the coldest month with temperatures between 5°C and 10°C. August is the hottest month with temperatures between 20°C and 35°C
SUGGESTED ITEMS TO PACK	Sun cream, Sun hat, trekking rucksack, down jacket or fleece, light sleeping bag, comfy hiking shoes, headlight
DIFFICULTY LEVEL	Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you're likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a 'medium difficulty level' (2-5 hours of activities per day). This means that you will need an average level of fitness.



THE PIONEER BOOKING PROCESS

Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at info@pioneerexpeditions.com if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world. Visit our website www.pioneerexpeditions.com to unearth all of our other equally amazing trips and destinations.

1. Contact us -

We will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have. From here we will begin to plan and put together your dream adventure holiday! Alternatively, on our website you will find our booking and enquiry forms; once filled in, we will be notified of your enquiry and will get back to you ASAP.

2. Leave everything to us -

Everything will be arranged and booked by us, but we will make sure to keep you updated every step of the way. In addition, we can arrange your international flights if needed, as we have access to competitive airfares. We can also arrange any additional tours or additional night's accommodation.

3. Wait for your adventure to begin -

Sit back and count down the days until your trip of a lifetime with Pioneer Expeditions. We'll handle all of the last minute preparations and provide you with everything you need. All practical information will be sent out to you, prior to your trip.

