

## Jordan Family Adventure

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**Country(ies):** Jordan

**Tour type:** Family

**Transport:** A/C minibus

**Group size:** Min: 3 | Max: 16

**Days:** 8 days

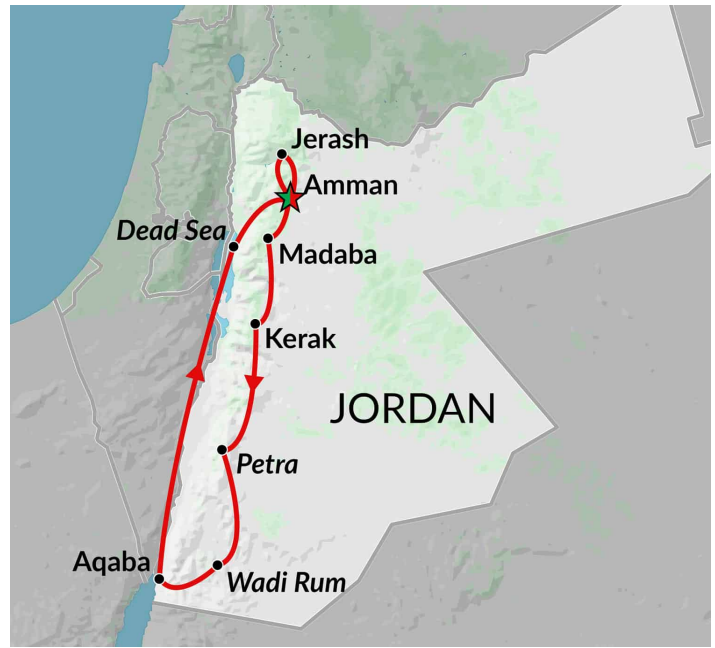
**Start Location:** Amman, Jordan

**End Location:** Amman, Jordan

**Meals:** Breakfasts - 7, Lunches - 2, Dinners - 1

**Highlights:**

Jerash Roman ruins, Kerak Crusader Castle, drive the King's Highway, Wadi Rum jeep safari and camel ride included, Petra tour, Dead Sea swim, Red Sea beaches



# Itinerary

## Day 1: Arrive in Amman, transfer to hotel

We meet you at Amman airport and transfer you to your city centre hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to settle in and relax.

**OVERNIGHT:** Amman hotel

**MEALS:** None

**EXTRAS:** Extra day in Amman - pre-tour - Standard level Single room supplement (JOFAFA)

## Day 2: Jerash tour, Amman Children's Museum

We head out of Amman today and visit the extensive Roman ruins at Jerash, some of the best preserved in the whole of the Middle East. After a snack lunch we return to Amman and visit the fun and interactive [Children's Museum](#). This has areas dedicated to the human body, ancient civilisations, stars and space, optical illusions, and some fun flight simulators built into child sized planes, hot air balloons, pedal planes and much more. There are also outdoor exhibits and overall we find this a fun place to take children of all ages for a couple of hours, and for them to see the type of museums and activities available to local Jordanian children.

**OVERNIGHT:** Amman hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 3: Drive the King's Highway to Petra

Leaving Amman, we drive south along the King's Highway, one of the most scenic roads in the Middle East. This is a full day's drive, but we'll make plenty of breaks along the way. These will include a stop to see the Roman mosaics at Madaba, a leg stretch amidst the huge canyon and olive groves of Wadi Mujib, and time to explore the walls and tunnels of the huge crusader castle at Kerak (bring a torch as the tunnels and halls are great fun for children to explore). We finish the day at our hotel close to the world famous site of Petra.

**OVERNIGHT:** Petra hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## Day 4: Petra, full day

The main highlight of the tour happens today, as we tour the fascinating hidden Nabatean city of Petra. This is a great place for children as the scenery is dramatic, the history of its rediscovery fascinating, and its numerous paths and steps great fun to explore. We include a 2-3 hour guided tour, lunch, and plenty of free time to walk up to the High Place of Sacrifice and the Monastery if you wish and your children are feeling energetic.

**OVERNIGHT:** Petra hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast,Lunch

**EXTRAS:** Petra by night

## **Day 5: Wadi Rum jeep safari, sunset camel ride, Bedouin camp**

We head back into the desert today and travel by 4x4 jeep through the spectacular high cliffs and sands of Wadi Rum. After arriving at a Bedouin camp located beneath the cliffs right inside the desert reserve camp we'll check in and have lunch before taking an afternoon jeep safari through the desert to see the cliffs, dunes and some fun and strange rock formations. In the evening we'll enjoy a fun camel ride at sunset before sharing a traditional Bedouin meal with our hosts. We then spend the night sleeping at the camp. Comfortable beds and bedding are provided but you may also choose to sleep outside under the stars if you prefer (bring a sleeping bag).

**OVERNIGHT:** Wadi Rum Bedouin camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 6: Aqaba, free time by the Red Sea**

The pace of the tour slows down today as we make the short drive after breakfast to Aqaba and we have the rest of the day free to relax on the beach or by the pool at a beach resort. An option is available for a boat trip into the Red Sea to try some snorkelling around one of the nearby islands. Glass bottomed boat rides are also available.

**OVERNIGHT:** Aqaba resort

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:** Snorkelling in the Red Sea

## **Day 7: Drive to Amman via the Dead Sea**

After time for a final quick morning swim, we head north again today, and drive up the Jordan Valley back towards Amman. After passing some extensive salt flats at the southern end of the Dead Sea we follow the coastline north with Israel visible on the far shore to the west and beautiful mountain scenery and canyons rising straight up from the road to the east. En-route we will stop for a swim in the strange, incredibly salty waters of the Dead Sea. stop along the way to enjoy a 'swim', though the intensely salty waters lead to a very strange swimming experience. In fact, normal swimming is not possible, and it is easier (and more photogenic!) just to float, sitting or lying in the water. Be careful not to get any water in your eyes, as it will sting. Towels and showers are available, and a fun mud bath can also be taken here. The evening is free for a last farewell meal in Amman.

**OVERNIGHT:** Amman hotel

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:**

## **Day 8: Amman, tour ends, departure airport transfer**

The tour ends in Amman today, and your time is free until we transfer you to the airport for your flight home. Extension options are available to add more time in Jordan, or to head into Israel to visit Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

**OVERNIGHT:** N/A

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**EXTRAS:** Extra day in Amman - post-tour - Standard level

**Included:**

- All accommodation as stated in the itinerary in 3/4-star hotels and Bedouin desert camp
- All transport and transfers
- 24-hour airport arrival & departure transfer service
- Services of a local tour leader/driver throughout the tour
- Professional local guides in Jerash and Petra
- 4x4 jeep safari in Wadi Rum
- All bedding in Wadi Rum camp
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

**Excluded:**

- International flights (available on request)
- Visa fees (see notes on Jordan Pass)
- Entrance fees (included in the Jordan Pass for JD70 / USD99)
- Travel insurance (mandatory, [get quote here](#))
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Hotel gala dinner supplements if applicable (24 & 31 Dec)
- Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tips
- Any other items not mentioned above

## Notes

### Hotel Gala Dinners

Most of Jordan's higher level hotels and Bedouin camps arrange a very special gala dinner with entertainment in the evening on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Payment for these is often optional on Christmas Eve (24 Dec) but normally compulsory for all guests of the hotel on New Year's Eve (31 Dec), whether you attend or not. Prices can range from around US\$50 to over US\$150 per person. Final decisions on prices and whether dinners are compulsory are made relatively close to the time. We aim to always select hotels that make their Gala Dinners optional, though this is not always possible. Gala dinner prices are therefore not included in our prices above, but will be added to your booking if they become required. Please budget accordingly. More information is available on request.

# Options

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Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you're visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

All accommodation based options (e.g. Single supplements, extra nights, cruise upgrades) should be booked and paid for in advance so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. Other options may either be booked and paid for in advance or while you are on the tour, though we recommend booking in advance to ensure there are no issues with availability.

Many options are priced the same throughout the year, but some may incur single or high season supplements - full details are given on the tour reservation form or on request.

## Snorkelling in the Red Sea

Min numbers: 1

This snorkelling trip takes around 3-4 hours by boat, and gives you a chance to swim over some of the Red Sea's beautiful coral reefs. All transfers, snorkelling equipment and lunch are included.

## Extra day in Amman - post-tour - Standard level

Min numbers: 1

This option adds an extra day to the end of your tour, staying in the same hotel as the main tour itself (subject to availability). Your airport departure transfer is still included. Prices shown are per person and based on two people sharing.

**Note:** This option is applicable to those who have booked the standard level of accommodation. If you have booked the superior accommodation package, please select the superior extra night option.

**Note:** Single room and peak season supplements apply.

## Extra day in Amman - pre-tour - Standard level

Min numbers: 1

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## Single room supplement (JOFAFA)

Min numbers: 1

The tour price is based on 2 people sharing twin/double rooms. This option books a single room in all the accommodation throughout the tour. If you are a single traveller and would be happy to share a room, let us know and we will see if we can pair you up with another single traveller of the same sex. If a room share is not available when you book then we will add the single room supplement to your booking and it will be payable with your balance payment unless we have arranged a room share for you by then. If a room share is arranged after you

have paid the supplement then we will refund it to you. Room shares are arranged in order of booking.

**Note:** Single supplement prices may vary seasonally.

## **Child discount (under 12, with own bed)**

Min numbers: 1

This discount can be applied to any children in your family who are aged under 12 on the date of travel and who will have their own bed and bedding. This may be an extra bed, mattress or rollaway/camp bed in their parents' room (normally only possible for 1 child) or in a separate room.

Where two or more rooms are required for your family we will always request connecting rooms, or adjacent rooms if connecting rooms are not possible. As many hotels have a very limited number of connecting rooms you should be prepared to consider how you may split your family across two or three rooms if necessary. Please contact us if you have any questions about rooming arrangements for your family.

## **Camel Ride in Wadi Rum**

Min numbers: 1

This option adds on a fun sunset or sunrise camel ride through the Wadi Rum desert.

## **Wadi Mujib Day Trip - Siq Trail**

Min numbers: 1

Escape the hustle and bustle of Amman for a real adventure, exploring the canyons of Wadi Mujib, following the famous Siq Trail.

Leaving Amman, we'll drive around 90 minutes to the shores of the Dead Sea where our journey along the Siq Trail begins from the Wadi Mujib visitors centre. Descending down into the gorge we enter the Wadi Mujib Nature Reserve where between months of April and October it's possible to take an exciting hike through the shallow waters that fill the gorge. Along the way you'll climb up small waterfalls where steps have been installed to make it easier, until eventually you'll reach the end of the gorge where you can relax beneath a large waterfall. The entire hike generally takes 2 to 3 hours roundtrip.

We highly recommend bringing along a dry-bag (so your camera or mobile phone don't get wet) and water shoes. It is possible to hire a dry bag at the visitors centre for around US\$7.00 and purchase water shoes for US\$7.00).

**Note:** On most tours it's necessary to add an extra night pre or post-tour to have enough time to take this tour. If you have a late departure on your final day however, it may be possible to visit Wadi Mujib on your departure day.

## **Petra by night (local payment)**

Min numbers: 1

This magical experience takes you in through the narrow and winding Siq to the Treasury at the entrance to Petra. The whole route and the sand in front of the Treasury is lit up by numerous candles creating a beautiful and atmospheric sight. While at the Treasury you'll also enjoy some traditional Bedouin music and tea.

Pricing includes your entrance ticket and any transfers required to and from your hotel. Please bring a flashlight/torch with you for this trip as the path through the Siq is rough underfoot in places and while there are candles all the way, a torch provides extra assurance against mis-stepping.

**Please Note:** This is a local payment option, payment will be collected by your tour guide whilst in Jordan.

## **Petra Kitchen - Cooking Class**

Min numbers: 1

Enhance your Petra experience with a delightful evening immersed in Jordanian culture and cuisine at the renowned Petra Kitchen. This popular optional activity offers a fantastic opportunity to participate in a hands-on cookery class, working alongside local chefs and women to prepare a range of traditional Jordanian dishes. You'll learn about local ingredients, master authentic techniques, and discover the secrets behind delicious regional specialities, typically culminating in enjoying the multi-course feast you've helped create together. It's a fun, interactive, and social way to spend an evening after exploring the wonders of Petra.

Please note that spaces for the Petra Kitchen Cookery Class are limited and it is exceptionally popular. Therefore, pre-booking is essential to guarantee your participation, and we strongly recommend securing your spot well in advance to avoid disappointment due to high demand.

## **Wadi Rum Astronomy Experience**

Min numbers: 1

Venture into the heart of Wadi Rum's captivating desert landscape after nightfall and witness a celestial display like no other. Far from city lights, the vast, clear skies above this ancient valley reveal a breathtaking panorama of stars.

Join our optional astronomy tour and embark on a journey through the cosmos. Our expert guides will illuminate the constellations, planets, and deep-sky objects visible to the naked eye, sharing fascinating insights into their mythology and scientific significance.

Experience the profound silence and tranquillity of the desert night as you gaze upon the Milky Way's shimmering expanse. With the aid of powerful telescopes, you'll delve deeper into the universe, observing distant galaxies and nebulae with remarkable clarity. This is an unforgettable opportunity to connect with the cosmos and appreciate the sheer scale and beauty of the night sky in one of the world's most spectacular natural settings.

## **Wadi Rum Hot Air Balloon Flight**

Min numbers: 1

Enhance your Wadi Rum visit with an optional hot air balloon flight. Experience a sunrise view of the 'Valley of the Moon' from above. Observe the desert landscape as the sun rises, providing unique photographic opportunities. Flights are early morning, conducted by professional pilots, and subject to weather conditions. Bookings are confirmed the evening before. A full refund is provided if the flight is cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

## **Wadi Rum Quad Bikes**

Min numbers: 1

Unleash your adventurous spirit and explore the magnificent desert landscapes of Wadi Rum on an exhilarating quad biking excursion. This optional activity puts you in control of your own All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV), allowing you to navigate the sandy plains and weave between the iconic towering rock formations under the guidance of local experts. 1 Feel the thrill as you power through the stunning scenery of the 'Valley of the Moon', accessing unique viewpoints and experiencing the vastness of the desert in a truly dynamic way. It's a perfect add-on for those seeking an adrenaline rush and a different perspective on Wadi Rum's breathtaking beauty.

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## 1. Accommodation

We use good quality hotels at the local 3 to 4-star rating on this tour, with the Petra hotel are more boutique style which can be considered to be a good 3 to 4-star level. A night is also spent in a comfortable Bedouin camp inside the Wadi Rum desert reserve. Accommodation here is in en-suite tents with all bedding and facilities provided.

The tour can also be run privately and the hotel levels, styles and options adjusted to suit your preferences and budget. Please visit the accommodation tab of this tour for examples of the hotels normally used on the tour. If you have any specific accommodation requests please let us know and we'll be happy to provide you with a customised quotation.

Twin, double and triple rooms are available, as well as family suites, and extra beds / mattresses can be added to some rooms for younger children. Connecting rooms are available in some hotels, but these can rarely be 100% guaranteed in advance as there are often only a few and availability will be subject to bookings starting on previous days. Please contact us if you have any questions about rooming arrangements for your family.

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## 2. Group Size / Tour Leaders / Guides

We are committed to being a small group operator, as we feel this gives both the adults and children in the group the best chance to get to know their fellow travellers, and to hear and make the most of their guide. So, on our Family tours we won't ever put you in a full size coach packed with other people and just one guide. Having a smaller group size also allows us to do some more interesting activities that just wouldn't work for larger numbers.

This tour has a minimum group size of 3, and maximum of 16.

To accompany you on the tour we provide a fully trained English speaking local tour leader/driver and specialist guides in Jerash, Amman and Petra. Groups of 5 or more will have both a driver and a professional guide throughout the trip.

At Encounters Travel we only use local Jordanian guides and reps. We feel this gives you the best experience of the country and the sites you are seeing.

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## 3. Dates & Prices

We run regular small-group departures on this tour throughout the year. These are aimed to fit in with typical school holiday periods. All departures are guaranteed to run with a minimum of 3 travellers and maximum of 16. Departure dates and prices are listed on our website (please check for up-to-date prices and special offers).

The tour can also be run privately on any other dates for a small supplement, with the itinerary then being customisable to fit your personal requirements and budget. If more than one family would like to travel together on a private date then we can normally offer the standard group tour pricing. Please contact us for details.



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**Note:** Please [download an up-to-date copy](#) of these tour notes shortly before you travel as itineraries and information does change from time to time.

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