

10 Days

Jordan

Dana to Petra

Join us on this amazing adventure to the legendary country of Jordan. We will trek the most iconic section of the Jordan Trail on this expedition—Dana to Petra—rated as one of the National Geographic’s all time treks, often called the Inca Trail of the Middle East. Exploring the magical and ancient City of Petra, including a memorable horse ride, we move onto an amazing Bedouin experience, including 4x4 jeep action and an overnight sleep under the bright and beautiful stars. In short, this is an exceptional adventure in a beautiful area of the world, that will stay with you for ever.



Recommended tour itinerary

Day
1

Arrive Amman

You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel in Madaba for settling in. If flights allow, we will have a traditional Jordanian Shawarma experience in Madaba.

Day
2

Madaba—Mt. Nebo—Dana Nature reserve

Today we visit the oldest map of the Holy Land on the floor of Saint George's Church. Madaba features many famous mosaics that exist in public and private buildings. A short drive takes us to Mt. Nebo, the alleged burial site of Moses, overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. We then drive to the Feynan end of the Dana Nature reserve located in the area of the old Roman Copper mines Lodge. This marks our start of the Bedouin Trail to Petra—exciting!

Day
3

Wadi Feynan to Wadi Barwas

Today is a 6 hour walking day. The route is flat but stony with absolutely spectacular views over the Wade Araba desert and high mountains. There are a series of small valleys (Wadis) that we cross throughout the day. We will see a Roman pool, Watermill and Aqua ducts as well as many desert birds as we travel.

Day
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Wadi Barwas to Ras El Fed

Today is a 6-8 hour trekking day. We head off towards Abu Sakakin which is where we start our ascent. Climbing gently on the initial part, we will follow a twisty goat herders track. This will be more challenging, but extremely rewarding in terms of beautiful views. The top of the high saddle is 720m above sea level. We then begin a well-defined descent which ends on a dry river bed. Camping overnight near the Sakakin Canyon—amazing!

Day
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Ras El Fed to Shkart Msei'd

Today is an 8-10 hour trekking day. We walk back along the dry riverbed of the Sakakin canyon for approximately 1km until we reach the goat herding trail, still used today as the Bedouin migrate their animals to avoid extreme temperatures. Some of the paths today may be particularly challenging, requiring hand and foot holds! However, the scenery is so superb it is all worth the effort. We follow as the trail snakes along the Wadi floor, through the light sandstone mountains to Shkart Msei'd.





Day
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Shkart Msei'd to Little Petra

Today is a 6 hour trekking day. This morning our scenery changes dramatically from a well-defined wadi and mountain to wide open sandstone hills with a moonscape feel! The terrain is easy to go through with wide tracks and walkways. The start of the Nabatean influence is apparent here and the first cut steps can be seen. The trail passes through Bedouin encampments and enters a maze like track, with some light scrambling required. We reach a plateau and descend into Little Petra (Beidha).

Day
7

Little Petra—Petra

We have a 3 hour trek and then a 4-6 hour trek in Petra today. Walking through the mountain range of Petra, the first settlement we encounter is the Neolithic village of Beidha, situated in a well-defined Wadi. Our initial walk is across wide farmland. We then see fantastic views from across the mountains down towards the Araba desert 100km away. The walk into Petra is magnificent and is the culmination of 5 days hard walking, what a reward! The initial glimpse of the top of the Monastery, as it comes into view through the mountains, is utterly beautiful. A full tour of Petra follows, including a short horse ride opportunity between the visitor centre and the Siq (included). This City, which is surrounded by hundreds of carved structures including Roman theatres, burial chambers, large and small houses, is one of the worlds most famous archaeological sites in the world. This UNESCO World Heritage landmark is a great reward at the end of our fulfilling trek.

Day
8

Wadi Rum

Leaving Petra we drive south to the magical desert of Wadi Rum, home of "Lawrence of Arabia". We take a local jeep tour and head into the desert to visit the sites of Rum. We visit Lawrence's spring and the Khazali Canyon, where we can see many Nabatean inscriptions and drawings. We visit a traditional Bedouin family who live nomadically, learn how to make About bread in the ashes of the fire and drink Bedouin tea. Heading to Salem Metluz we can appreciate the changes in temperature and rock colour as the desert night draws in. The stars will provide the entertainment this evening as they light up the night sky better than you ever thought possible!

Day
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Dead Sea

Lots of fun today in the warm and minerally rich, salty waters of the Dead Sea. We can experience the famous healthy black mud in the same way King Herod and Cleopatra did. Having soaked up our sun and minerals we head back into Amman for a spot of shopping from traditional Jordanian stall holders. We have an evening walking tour of downtown Amman, sampling local street foods with dinner at the locals' choice; Hashems, to fully complete our Jordanian experience.

Day
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Amman, fly home

We head back to the airport for our return flight back to the UK, full of great memories to take home.

Further information

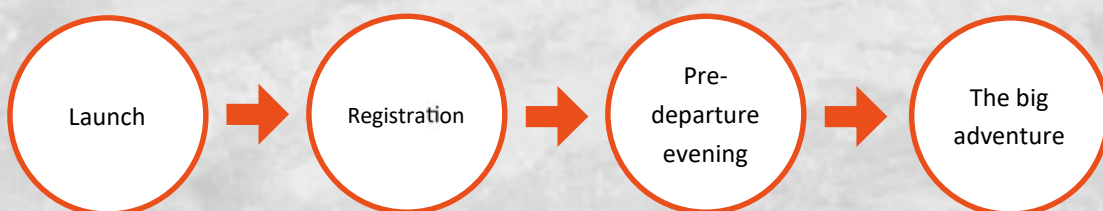
Look what's included!

-)] International flights
-)] All accommodation
-)] All food
-)] All transportation and activities
-)] Bi-lingual, first-aid qualified local tour leader
-)] Parent and student trip launch evening
-)] Pre-departure preparation evening
-)] 1-day offsite safety INSET day for staff
-)] ATOL financial protection
-)] Medical Emergency / Repatriation Travel Insurance
-)] Group first aid kit and prescription meds pack
-)] BS8848 safety management and risk assessments
-)] Detailed pre-departure information and kit lists
-)] Comprehensive teacher travel packs
-)] Permanent operations team in your destination
-)] 24-hour UK operational support whilst overseas
-)] Carbon offsetting of all flights
-)] Free t-shirt for every participant and teacher

What's excluded?

-)] Transport to airport in UK
-)] Drinks (advice will be given on purification of water)
-)] Visas or tourist cards if required
-)] Any required inoculations
-)] Personal spending money
-)] Tips for guides, drivers and porters
-)] Airport departure taxes paid locally
-)] Cancellation and personal effects insurance

Your expedition timeline



Physical journey rating:



Fitness is important at this grade, which compares to extended walking in mountainous terrain such as the Lakes or Snowdonia, for up to three to five days in a row. It is likely that significant sections of a trip will involve walking and trekking with some days up to eight hours. Some of the trip could be at altitudes of up to 4,500m, but the itinerary will be designed with appropriate acclimatisation in mind. Be prepared for significant possible variations in temperatures throughout the tour. There is not usually time to 'get fit' on these treks, so a two to four month fitness improvement programme would ensure you get the most out of the trip.

Culture shock rating:



Students should expect some culture shock. You'll be exposed to signs of poverty. The food will be quite different to home and English, whilst still spoken, will be less prevalent. Respecting the local culture will make it easier to fit in and get the most out of your trip. We're likely to visit remoter locations on this tour where access to western style services may be sporadic. Often on trips of this grading there are parts of the itinerary which are more remote, interspersed with sections which are more 'comfortable'.



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1 Get your tailor-made proposal and further information

If this itinerary doesn't quite scratch your educational travel itch then let us tailor-make one for you. Our wealth of experience and expert in-country contacts means we can design an itinerary just for you. Contact us for more information and a detailed quote.

2 Ask for risk assessments and marketing materials

We can provide initial risk assessments and destination threat assessments to help you with your expedition approval process. Ask for posters and your pre-booking information pack too.

3 Arrange a trip launch evening at your school

This is a chance for students and parents to hear more about the planned adventure with a comprehensive information evening and an opportunity for questions.



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