

# DAY WALKS AND TREKS IN JORDAN

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Arrival in Jordan – Meet & Assist-Transfer to Amman for overnight

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Orjan trail in Ajloun reserve – Overnight at Ajloun Cabins

You will tour the wooded valleys and lush green orchards of Orjan village and discover the unique rural lifestyle of Northern Jordan. As you hike you will notice the dramatic rock walls, old water mills and a poplar-lined spring all contrasting with the arid mountains. Stop for a delicious traditional, home-cooked meal in an orchard of fig, pomegranate, apple and apricot trees. Then head to the Ajloun Nature Reserve, set amongst dense highland forests of evergreen oak, olive, pistachio, carob and wild strawberry where you will spend the night.

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Jerash, Madaba, Mt Nebo and Wadi Mujib - Overnight Mujib

After breakfast, you will visit one of the best-preserved examples of Roman civilization, the city of Jerash part of the Decapolis (the ten big Roman cities of the East). Known as the Pompeii of the East for its unique state of preservation, it features theaters, churches, temples (Zeus and Artemis), a nymphaeum, colonnaded streets and a unique oval plaza.

After Jerash, proceed to the Saracen castle at Ajlun. This 12th-century castle was built by Saladin during his successful campaign to drive the Crusaders from Jordan in 1189 and is an outstanding example of Arab/Islamic military architecture. You will then continue to Madaba, where the oldest map of the Holy Land exists on the floor of Saint George's Church. Mosaics can be found throughout Madaba in both public and private buildings. A short drive from Madaba is Mt. Nebo, the alleged burial site of Moses overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Here Franciscans have built a structure that protects a 4th and 6th Century Byzantine church.

You will then transfer to the Wadi Mujib Nature Reserve located at the lowest place on Earth, with a spectacular array of scenery. The reserve is located within the Wadi Mujib gorge which enters the Dead Sea at 410m below sea level. The Reserve extends to the Karak and Madaba mountains to the North and South, reaching 900m above sea level in some places. This 1,300m variation in elevation, combined with the valley's year-round, means that the Wadi Mujib enjoys a magnificent biodiversity. After your tour, you will transfer to Mujib Chalets where you will spend the night. The chalets have uninterrupted sea views and access to the Dead Sea.

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Mujib Trail - Transfer to Feinan Eco-lodge for Overnight

Your trail adventure heads through the white hills and descends to the Mujib River. The hike continues upstream to the confluence with the Hidan River, where you can swim in natural pools before reaching a 20m high waterfall which will be negotiated under the watchful eye of trained RSCN guides. Continue along the river, arriving back at the Visitor Center.



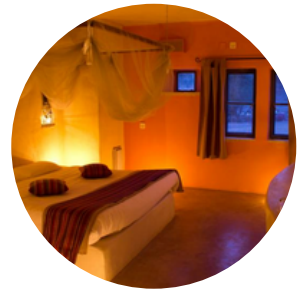
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### Continued - Overnight Feinan

Transfer to Wadi Feinan Ecolodge owned by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature and designed by renowned architect Ammar Khammash. Located at the western edge of the Dana Biosphere Reserve, the land was previously a campsite for archaeologists conducting studies and digs in the area. The RSCN developed the lodge to provide economic opportunities for local communities and generate revenue for the conservation of Jordan's wild places.

Now managed by Eco Hotels, travelers have a unique opportunity to experience Jordan's wilderness, meet its native people and explore its ancient history. Lit entirely by candles and run on solar power the ecolodge offers a fantastic lifestyle experience in the rugged Araba Valley that was once home to the early Christians who were forced to work in the local copper mines.



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### Petra by the Back Door arrive at The Monastery - Overnight Petra

In the morning, depart for "Little Petra", the start of the back-door route into Petra. Rather than entering Petra via the main Siq entrance, you enter via the back door and arrive at Petra's largest façade the Monastery. Arriving at the Monastery before the crowds will give you different perspective on a visit to Petra. Petra still forms part of the domain of the Bedouin, and you will see them with their horses and camels as you begin your unforgettable trip into this cultural landmark.



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### Siq, High Places, Tomb of the Roman Soldier – Overnight Rum

Re-visit Petra to explore more of this magnificent site. After passing tombs outside the city, you come to the "Siq", an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone almost a mile long. This winding fissure separates overhanging cliffs that appear to meet 300 feet overhead. It is this entrance to Petra that has made it famous. This is probably one of the most exciting mile walks in the world.

You will also visit the High Place of Sacrifice, with its spectacular views of Petra. You will also walk along some lesser-known trails and paths in Petra passing the Tomb of the Roman Soldier. This part of Petra is seldom visited by tourists.

On leaving Petra you will transfer to Wadi Rum for overnight. As the sun sets in Wadi Rum you will experience not only the changing temperature but also the changes in the color of the rock as sand takes on the deep red of the setting sun. As day turns to night the atmosphere of the desert changes from one of oppressive (heat) to relaxed and welcoming as the Bedouin prepare the fire and the sumptuous hospitality. Once the night a fully arrived the stars will come into their own as they light up the night sky.



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### Early morning Walk / Scramble in Wadi Rum - Overnight Amman

After breakfast, you will tour the magical desert of Wadi Rum, home of "Lawrence of Arabia". The jeep will be driven by one of the local Bedouin and you will head deep into the moon-like ochre-colored sandy desert landscape. You'll visit Lawrence's Spring named for T.E. Lawrence, of Lawrence of Arabia fame, who fought in the Arab revolt against the Ottoman Empire. You will then continue to Khazali Canyon an iconic feature in Wadi Rum. Khazali Canyon is an easy 20-minute walk where you will see Nabatean inscriptions and drawings.

You will then head back to the visitor center and then back to Amman for your last night in Jordan. overnight at your hotel in Amman



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### Transfer to the Airport for your flight Home

Transfer to the airport where our customer service team will guide you through the airport procedures.