

BEDOUIN & VILLAGERS OF JORDAN

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

2 Orjan trail in Ajloun reserve – Overnight at Ajloun Cabins

Tour through the wooded valleys and lush green orchards of Orjan village, discovering the rural lifestyle of the northern Jordan region. As you hike, note the dramatic rock walls, old water mills, hollow walnut trees, and a poplar-lined spring. Enjoy a delicious traditional meal in an orchard of fig, pomegranate, apple, and apricot trees. You will 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.

3 Wadi Feynan hike and Bedouin experience – Overnight Eco-Lodge

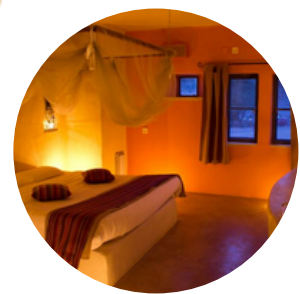
Owned by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature the Eco Lodge was designed by renowned architect Ammar Khammash and sits at the western edge of the Dana Biosphere Reserve. Before the lodge was built, the land was a campsite for archaeologists conducting studies and digs in the area. The RSCN developed the campsite into an eco-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, with minimal impact on the environment. Lit entirely by candles and run on solar power the eco-lodge is a fantastic experience set in the rugged Araba Valley that was once home to the early Christians who were forced to work in the local copper mines.

4 Visit Petra - Overnight Petra

Depart Wadi Feinan for a full-day tour of Petra. Once the ancient Nabatean capital, this city gently reveals itself as you walk through its hand-carved facades.

Rather than entering Petra through the Siq you will arrive via the back door at Petra's largest façade the Monastery. Arriving before the crowds will provide a 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

Established sometime around the 6th century BC as the capital city of the Nabateans, it remained unknown to the Western world until 1812, when it was introduced by Swiss explorer, Johann Ludwig Burckhardt. It was described as "a rose-red city half as old as time" in a prize-winning sonnet by John William Burgon, who gave Petra a description that holds to this day - **"Match me such a marvel save in Eastern clime, a rose-red city half as old as time"** UNESCO has described Petra as **"one of the most precious cultural properties of man's cultural heritage"**. Having visited all the main tombs in Petra, albeit in a slightly different order, you will finish your visit with the view of the Treasury (Al Khazneh) before you head up the "Siq" an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone almost one-half mile long.



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5 Morning tour of Petra then Wadi Rum – Overnight Wadi Rum

Entering Petra through the Siq (front door) is a completely different experience. After passing several tombs located outside the city, you pass through the Siq, an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone that is a winding, one-kilometer-long fissure between overhanging cliffs that seem to meet more than 300 feet overhead. Near the end of the passage, the Siq, with great style, makes one last turn, and out of the gloom in towering brightness appears Petra's most impressive monument, el Khazneh - The Treasury. This is one of the most elegant remains of antiquity, carved out of solid rock and is nearly 140 feet high and 90 feet wide. Beyond el Khazneh there are hundreds of carved and built structures, soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a carved Roman theater, large and small houses, burial chambers and much more. After a fantastic second visit to Petra, you will transfer to Wadi Rum, home of "Lawrence of Arabia".

Upon arrival, in the magical desert of Wadi Rum, you will take a jeep tour with one of the local Bedouin, who operate all tours in Rum, through the moon-like, ochre-colored landscape visiting all the main sites including, Lawrence's Spring named after T.E. Lawrence, who fought in the Arab revolt against the Ottoman Empire. You will then continue to the iconic Khazali Canyon, an easy 20-minute walk full of Nabatean inscriptions and drawings.

As the sun sets in Wadi Rum you'll experience not only the changing temperature but also the changes in the color as the rock and sand take 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 has fully arrived the stars come into their own and the desert takes on a heavenly glow, as they light up the night sky.

6 Transfer to Aqaba for swimming, relaxing and overnight

Wake up in the serenity of the desert and enjoy breakfast with views of Wadi Rum stretching for hundreds of miles. In the clear morning light of sunrise the desert takes on a heavenly aura before the sun once again assumes control.

After breakfast, it's time to head to Aqaba, Jordan's Red Sea Riviera. Famous for its warm water, rich marine life, diving and snorkeling. Aqaba's vibrant fringe reef and crystal clear waters make it the perfect spot for snorkeling and for those who prefer to experience the coral from above, you can take a ride in a glass-bottomed boat. Aqaba also has a thriving souk and an abundance of local and tourist restaurants. Overnight Aqaba.

7 Transfer to the Airport for your flight home

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

