

## Theeb Itinerary Summary

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- 6 night cultural tour based on the Jordanian film Theeb
- Accommodation – a combination of lodges, guesthouses, Bedouin camps and 5\* Hotel
- Overnight Accommodation, 1 Amman, 1 Azraq, 2 Wadi Rum, 1 Petra and 1 Dead Sea
- Local English speaking guides in key sites
- English speaking driver and Bedouin guides
- Food – Bed and Breakfast + 3 dinners (Azraq and Wadi Rum), 1 lunch in Wadi Rum
- All entrance fees and transfers included.

**Day 1** – Arrive Jordan – meet and assist – overnight 3 star Toledo Hotel.

**Day 2** – Amman city tour including Hijaz Railway station, Lawrence of Arabia’s old house + Amman classic city tour + all our extras included – street food, best falafel, best hummus, best coffee, best knafeh. Then to Desert Castles and overnight in Azraq Lodge

**Day 3** – Transfer to Wadi Rum for two full days of touring - overnight Bedouin camp

**Day 4** – Full day in Wadi Rum with desert activities – overnight private Bedouin camp

**Day 5** – Transfer to Petra for full day in Petra – overnight Petra Guesthouse

**Day 6**– Transfer to Dead Sea, lowest place on earth for relaxation- overnight 5 Star Dead Sea hotel.

**Day 7** – Transfer to Airport – Fly Home

## **A 6 night 7 Day itinerary based on the Jordanian art house Oscar Nominated film Theeb.**

“A timeless art-house drama” **The Guardian & Variety** “A classic adventure film of the best kind”

Follow in the footsteps of Theeb ( Wolf) as he journeys through Jordan’s evocative Wadi Rum on an adventure, too advanced for his young years, born out of Bedouin hospitality and ancient customs and traditions. Experience the power of the desert and the hospitality of the Wadi Rum Bedouins.

### **Day 1: Meet and Greet, Transfer to Amman for Overnight**

Welcome to Jordan! On arrival in Amman International Airport (Queen Alia) you will be met and assisted by our airport representative who will guide you through customs and introduce you to your driver before you are escorted to your hotel



### **Day 2: Amman and Desert Castles - Overnight Azraq**



After breakfast, the Theeb inspired tour will start in Amman. Theeb is set around the time of Lawrence of Arabia and the Hijaz railway was an integral part of Lawrence's activities. You will visit the Hijaz railway station in Amman, part of the railway that Lawrence of Arabia blew up during the Great Arab Revolt. Daret Al

Funan, now a contemporary art gallery but then the home of “Peake Pasha”, British Commander of the Arab Legion, and where Lawrence of Arabia wrote much of the Seven Pillars of



Wisdom, is a little oasis in the heart of downtown Amman and a must of cultural tourists. You will



also get the opportunity to experience Jordanian street food and modern day culture before heading off to the Eastern Desert. The eastern desert is full of promise, wide vistas and 180 degree horizons. Located in this epic desert landscape, are a number of castles and hunting lodges dating back to the Umayyad period (7<sup>th</sup> Century). Azraq castles was also a base for Lawrence, but the

jewel in the crown of these hunting lodges in Qusair Amra, a bathing house and UNESCO World Heritage site. It was used by the ruling Umayyad caliphs as a rural desert retreat to escape the pressures of city life. You will then overnight in the RSCN’s Azraq lodge based in a renovated old British Military field hospital.

### **Day 3: Wadi Rum – The Ultimate Film Set Overnight Wadi Rum**

After breakfast, you will start your expedition to Wadi Rum. Following the old desert road you will drive through the middle of Jordan’s captivating desert landscape and head directly to Wadi Rum. This four hour desert drive is little used by modern day tourists and leads to one of the most spectacular desert landscapes in the world with rolling sand dunes & mountains of sandstone. Its mystery & charm are sure to captivate you, as it has so many visitors before, including



Lawrence of Arabia. Wadi Rum has also been used as the location for scenes in not only Lawrence of Arabia but also, Mission to Mars, Red Planet, Son of the Pink Panther and most recently Theeb. It has also been used as the main location for the Matt Damon film The Martian. On arrival in Wadi Rum you will start a tour of the key sites of Rum including some of those used in the filming of many epic movies including Lawrence’s Spring and the

iconic Khazali Canyon. The Canyon is an easy 20 minute walk but the changing atmosphere of the canyon and its year round water mean it has been used for centuries by residents of Rum. The Nabataean inscriptions and drawings from over 2,000 years ago attest to this. Everywhere there are traces left by ancient civilizations - pictographs of Thamudic, Nabataean, Greek and Arabic texts, formal inscriptions and rock art depicting hunting scenes. Dinner and overnight at Wadi Rum Nights fixed Bedouin Camp



### **Day 4: Wadi - Rum Overnight Wadi Rum**

After breakfast in the camp you will continue your exploration of Wadi Rum with a local Bedouin



guide. The tour will begin in 4 x 4s as you cover some of the huge distances of Wadi Rum. After a traditional lunch in Wadi Rum you will climb aboard the “ship of the desert” and can imagine yourself as a true Bedouin or perhaps Lawrence of Arabia. Riding through the desert on a camel is the most stunning way to

see and experience the desert. You will continue on foot to your private Bedouin camp with your local guide. Spending a night completely under the stars is an experience not to be missed in



Wadi Rum. The open air camp will be built around a bonfire so you can experience true Bedouin culture and camp fire lifestyle. The desert is most beautiful a few hours before sunset until few hours after sunrise when the light and temperature are changing every few minutes. The pitch black night sky comes alive with a tremendous star show until the sun begins to rise once again. Waking up in the clear morning light of sunrise gives the desert a heavenly aura. Following breakfast on the rocks with undisturbed views of Wadi Rum, you will then head directly to the “rose red city of Petra”.

## **Day 5: Petra**

The walk into Petra is one of the most dramatic and beautiful walks anywhere in the world. Walking along the Siq, a natural pathway through the rocks, give you a sense of how isolated and hidden Petra is from the outside world. As you continue through



the Siq, the tension grows until you finally turn the corner and stumble upon The Treasury the most



imposing and famous of Petra's 800 hand carved monuments and tombs. Wandering through the city is like being transported back in time to a bygone era of over 2,000 years ago. Nothing

quite prepares you for the enormity and magical nature of Petra. Overnight in the local town of Wadi Musa just the other side of the mountains have kept Petra safe and secure for thousands of years.

## **Day 6: Dead Sea**

Leaving Petra after breakfast you will head directly for the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth at over 410 metres below sea level. The Dead Sea is the World's biggest natural spa and has been used



for thousands of years as a source of therapeutic healing and bathing. The salty rich mineral water means it is impossible to swim but floating on these waters provides instant relaxation for



the weary traveller. The oxygen rich air rejuvenates and

invigorates like nothing on earth. Your last night in Jordan will be one of total relaxation and rejuvenation. Overnight on the banks of the Dead Sea

## **Day 7: Departure**

It's time to bid farewell to Jordan, its landscapes, deserts and most of all its people as you head home following your desert adventure. You will be transferred to Queen Alia International airport for your flight home.