

Jordan Family Adventure Holiday

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the ancient Lost City of Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World
- Sleep under an endless blanket of stars in the desert of Wadi Rum with the Bedouin
- Snorkel in the warm waters of the Red Sea and have a float in the salty Dead Sea
- Visit the Roman city ruins of Jerash, including collonaded streets and a largely intact amphitheatre

AT A GLANCE

- 6 days activities and sightseeing
- Swimming: In the Red & Dead Sea & 4 nights hotel swimming pools
- Join at Amman

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

- 7 Breakfasts
- 2 Lunches
- 2 nights Hotel
- 4 nights Hotel with swimming pool
- 1 nights Bedouin Camp

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Introduction

Jordan is the perfect place for those looking for an action-packed one-week family adventure holiday. Our itinerary is full of awesome experiences including exploring lost cities, swimming and camping in the desert! Our trip starts at Jerash, where many ruined remains allow us to step back in time and imagine life in the bustling Roman metropolis that once thrived here. We drive down through Jordan to reach Mount Nebo and the Dead Sea, where we can enjoy the unique experience of floating in the saline water. Covering ourselves in the mud, although traditional, is optional! We have a full day exploring the lost city of Petra, tucked away in a series of connecting canyons and gullies, entering via the atmospheric narrow Siq. We then take to our 4x4 vehicles and drive into the deep, ochre-hued desert of Wadi Rum, once home to Lawrence of Arabia. Our vehicles will take us to explore the rocky outcrops and red sands and there is the chance to ride a camel. We enjoy the very best of Bedouin hospitality in a desert camp, choosing to sleep beneath the stars if we so wish. Our journey through Jordan takes us all the way to Aqaba where we can relax by the turquoise waters of the Red Sea before returning to Madaba for our flight home. This is a wonderful Jordan adventure, which simply sparkles with fun family activities, incredible ancient sites and plenty of interaction with the welcoming people of this friendly country.

Is this holiday for you?

Suitable for children from 5yrs old

On this holiday we shall be using comfortable air-conditioned coaches or minibuses to travel the length of the country. Roads are of a good standard, but disappear to trails in the desert and can be a little rough. **Tourist-class** hotel accommodation has been picked for being family-friendly whilst the remote Bedouin camp will have all the regular facilities you'd expect of a well run campsite!

In the hotter months we will take care to make the most of the cooler parts of the day, and keep to the shade or the pool for the hotter parts. When at the Red and Dead Seas and hotel swimming pools, children must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult.

Itinerary

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DAY 1

Meet at the group hotel in Amman. A single transfer from Amman Airport is provided.

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Accommodation
Hotel

DAY 2

Explore the Roman city of Jerash.

The Roman city of Jerash is approximately a 1hr drive from Amman. We arrive here in the mid-morning and we have plenty of time to explore. Jerash is perhaps the best preserved walled Roman city in the world which flourished until the Galilee earthquake in 748AD. We can walk along colonnaded streets, see remains of beautiful mosaic flooring and visit the sprawling amphitheatres, which are still complete with numbered seats. Wandering the streets and buildings of Jerash, it is easy to imagine life here thousands of years ago. We return to Amman and our hotel later in the day.

Meals: **B**



Accommodation
Hotel

DAY 3

Visit Mount Nebo before driving down to the Dead Sea for a swim and float. Travel onwards to Petra.

Leaving Amman, we drive to Mount Nebo, where Moses was said to have seen the Promised Land before he died. We have time to briefly explore this important Christian pilgrimage site before continuing down to the Dead Sea. This lake is 400m below sea level, the lowest place on Earth which accounts for its rich salt and mineral content. The salt levels in the water mean extra buoyancy and it's a unique experience to float on the surface of these therapeutic waters. Don't forget that Dead Sea mud is

highly sought after and it great fun to cover yourself from top to toe in the clay-like mud! After a well needed shower, we continue our adventure and drive south to Wadi Musa (approximately 3hrs), the gateway to Petra.

Meals: **B L**

**Accommodation**

Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 4**Exploring the lost city of Petra. Optional Jordanian cooking class.**

The sense of anticipation is palpable as we wander through the narrow, winding canyon of the Siq into Petra. This is a very special place, which will evoke memories for many years to come. As we reach the end of the Siq, you are rewarded with your first glimpse of the enormous and ornate façade of the Treasury. Petra was hewn out of the red sandstone cliffs in around 600 BC by the nomadic Nabataean people as a rest stop for camel caravans crossing the expansive desert. Faded from memory after being abandoned, it lay hidden from western eyes for thousands of years, a secret guarded by the inhabitants of the area. It wasn't until 1812 when intrepid Swiss explorer Johannes Burckhardt heard a rumour of a hidden city whilst on his quest to find the source of the River Niger. A fluent Arabic speaker, he disguised his appearance and was able to convince a local tribe to show him the location of this incredible site. The remains of Petra are sprawling and it can take a full day of walking to visit the main attractions. Some of the façades are incredibly well preserved, whilst others have eroded due to the weather and of great interest are the ingenious irrigation systems and water channels that fed a network of underground cisterns, supporting life in the desert for 30,000 inhabitants. Tonight there is an optional visit to 'Petra Kitchen' where we can learn to cook typical Jordanian cuisine.

Meals: **B**

**Accommodation**

Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 5**Explore the desert outcrops of Wadi Rum and stay in a Bedouin camp.**

Leaving the mountains we drive down the King's Highway to meet the Desert Highway and onto Wadi Rum (2-3 hrs drive). The desert here is extraordinarily photogenic, with red sands and vertical outcrops of rock. It is no surprise to learn that both Red Planet and The Martian were filmed here, testament to its 'other worldliness'. Wadi Rum was also home to T.E. Lawrence, better known as Lawrence of Arabia and it was from here that he struck out at the Ottoman Empire. Using our 4x4 vehicles we explore the outcrops and dunes of the desert. We can climb up and jump and tumble back down the dunes. This is the perfect location for an optional camel ride, should we choose. Tonight, we enjoy the legendary

hospitality of the Bedouin, at a camp of traditional Bedouin tents, made of tough goat-hair fabric. These camps are small and intimate but will have most conveniences you would need. Meals are traditionally cooked on a fire and we enjoy the evening around the fire, under the enormous sky of stars. We can choose to sleep out, star-gazing, or retire to our tents.

Meals: **B L D**



Accommodation
Bedouin Camp

DAY 6

Transfer to Aqaba for some R&R or snorkelling in the Red Sea.

We wake early in the silent desert, the warming sun hitting our faces as it appears over the horizon. After breakfast with the Bedouin, we say goodbye to our friendly hosts, their camels and the desert and travel to the beach resort of Aqaba (approximately 1hr). We check into our hotel and spend the rest of the day as we wish. The crystal waters of the Red Sea will entice us and Aqaba is a perfect location to chill out after an action-packed week of adventure! The Red Sea is known for being one of the best spots in the world to snorkel and we can even take an optional cruise on a glass-bottomed boat. For those who need a little more relaxation; a good book, a lounge and a swimming pool at the hotel will suffice.

Meals: **B**



Accommodation
Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 7

Morning at leisure at the Red Sea. Afternoon transfer to Madaba.

We have the morning to enjoy the highlights of Aqaba. We should make the most of swimming in the sea, or maybe some more relaxing around that pool! After lunch, we set off back up the Desert Highway to Madaba (approximately 4hrs). Madaba is famous for its Christian churches and Byzantine-era mosaics, the best known of these being a map on the floor of St George's Church. It is also conveniently situated to reach the international airport for tomorrow. We will enjoy a final meal and reminisce and reflect on the adventure of a lifetime.

Meals: **B**



Accommodation
Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 8**Departure day. A single transfer to Amman Airport is provided.**

Your holiday ends after breakfast at the hotel. A single timed transfer is provided from Madaba to Amman Airport.

Meals: **B**

Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional and qualified tour leader
- Single timed airport transfers on arrival & departure
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- All land transport required by the itinerary
- All activities/excursions mentioned except where specified as 'optional'

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Visas (if applicable)
- Departure Taxes (if applicable)
- Some meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional
- Tips
- Miscellaneous personal expenditure - drinks and souvenirs etc

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the hotel in Amman. A single transfer from Amman Airport to the group hotel is provided in the evening of Day 1 of the Land Only itinerary.

On the last day of the Land Only itinerary, there will be a single transfer back to Amman Airport timed to meet the check in for the late morning flight to London.

Anyone may join the group transfers by prior arrangement. Travelling as a group or on public transport saves energy. If this is not practical, we can provide private transfers at an additional cost. Taxis are also available.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

Meal Plan

All breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner are included.

Food & Water

It is not recommended to drink untreated water from the taps. If you are on a trekking or cycling holiday, water is supplied to fill up your individual bottles. This will be boiled, filtered or provided in large jerry cans or 5 litre bottles. Additionally you should take purification tablets or a filter bottle (such as a [Water-To-Go bottle](#)) to treat your water when in towns or where water is not supplied. We do not encourage the purchasing of single use plastic bottles.

Breakfasts can vary a little with the accommodation, but typically consist of labaneh (thick sour creamy yoghurt), hummus, cheese, beans, eggs, olives, za'atar (thyme, sesame seeds, sumac and salt) washed down tea, coffee or fruit juice. Lunch on some days may be in the form of a picnic (sandwiches, fresh vegetables, fruit and juice and tea) or a simple hot meal such as fresh tomato cooked with garlic, onion and olive oil. Dinner will again vary with the location, but we will aim to sample a variety of traditional Jordanian meals. Salad, rice, chicken, vegetables and yoghurt are usual dinner ingredients. In Wadi Rum, we'll perhaps get to try the Bedouin 'zarb', a meal of meat and vegetables cooked under hot sand. Most hotels and restaurants will have options for those with a less adventurous palate. Complimentary water, biscuits, cakes and fruits will be offered on most days.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your diet with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Accommodation

During this holiday we will stay 6 nights (Amman, Wadi Musa/Petra & Aqaba) in a mid-range hotel with en suite rooms, free wi-fi and swimming pools. Our hotel in Amman is near the old town and in walking distance of the popular downtown areas. In Wadi Musa the hotel, near the souk and a short walk from the entrance to Petra and has panoramic views of the mountains. Our camp in Wadi Rum is a traditional Bedouin large goat hair fabric tent. They are divided into 'twin-rooms'. There are proper toilets and showers on the site. Blankets and pillows are provided, but you may wish to bring a sheet sleeping bag. This is a great experience and children and parents alike always love it. In Aqaba our centrally located hotel is close to the beach and has a rooftop swimming pool and restaurant.

Generally children of 11yrs and under will share with parents in a triple for a family of 3, or for a family of 4 have a double with 2 extra beds or 2 rooms. Children over 12 yrs will share with parents in a triple for a family of 3, or have 2 rooms for a family of 4. We will do everything to ensure that you are happy with your rooming allocation.

Group Leader & Support Staff

The group will be led by a professional and qualified tour leader. During the time at Wadi Rum, there will be an additional Bedouin guide and a support crew of one or more drivers who will also do the cooking.

Spending Money

Approximately £140 per person (or equivalent in US dollars or Euros) should be allowed for tips, soft drinks, snacks, non-included meals and miscellaneous expenses. Drinks, souvenirs and optional activities are additional so you may wish to budget for these. You can choose to take your money in pounds sterling, dollars or euros. There will be the opportunity to change money into local currency on arrival at the airport (which is usually the best option) and your local leader will advise the best places to change money en-route and at borders. Additionally, you will be able to get currency from bank ATMs in many of the towns that we will visit. Credit cards are useful and it is a good idea to carry one in case of emergency.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY COSTS:

Please note that these prices are correct at time of writing, but are subject to change without warning. Pre-booking for all activities is essential, please contact the office to make your reservations. Payment can be made locally in cash (USD or Jordanian Dinar) to your guide on arrival. All prices are in USD. Optional activities taken outside the KE holiday are at your own risk

Petra

- Petra Kitchen cooking evening: USD \$50 per person

Wadi Rum

- Camel Ride 1hr: USD \$38 per person
- Camel Ride 2hrs: USD \$65 per person

Aqaba

- Coral viewing on glass bottom boat, with BBQ lunch and snorkelling kit: USD \$62 per person adult, USD \$32 per child

Guidance on Tipping

Tipping is the accepted way of saying 'thank you' to your leader and local team. Tipping is entirely voluntary and should be dependent on good service. We recommend that you decide levels of tipping and give any tips as a group rather than from individual group members. We recommend a total amount of around £50 per person.

Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Luggage with wheels is useful for this holiday. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline.

Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status and so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

General Information

Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday. Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel. For the most up to date information on entry requirements, please visit the [UK Government website](#).

Visa Jordan

If you are a UK, Canada, USA or Australia passport holder, travelling on a KE organised itinerary (inc pre or post tour extensions), you may now be eligible to receive a free visa upon entering Jordan. Please look for a representative with a KE sign between the arrival gate and before the immigration desks and they will accompany you to arrange the free visa and passport stamp. The free visa is reliant on us receiving your passport and flight details prior to travel and to you meeting with the KE representative before heading to immigration to join the single timed transfer. If you have not given us these details or if you do not meet with the representative for the single timed transfer you will have to purchase an individual visa for 40JD. Please ask for further details.

If you are arranging your own pre or post trip accommodation/excursions or transfers we will be unable to arrange a free visa for you and you will need to purchase an individual visa on arrival for 40JD

Other nationalities are included in the free visa scheme, please check with your individual embassy.

Health & Vaccinations

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips. You will need to carry your own treatment for the allergy with you, as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' are not carried as standard by KE leaders and staff. You should inform your leader on arrival of your allergy, and let them know where you keep your adrenaline pen.

VACCINATIONS

You should contact your doctor or travel clinic to check whether you require any specific vaccinations or other preventive measures. You should be up to date with routine courses and boosters as recommended in the UK e.g. diphtheria-tetanus-polio and measles-mumps-rubella, along with hepatitis A and typhoid. A good online resource is [Travel Health Pro](#).

Currency

The unit of currency in Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar.

Climate

The best period for travelling in Jordan is late autumn through to early spring (October through to mid April). Outside of this period it can be hot, with temperatures rising to 40°C in July and August. In October and in April, the maximum daytime temperature is likely to be in the high 20's or low 30's, falling as low as 10°C at night. Heading into November, the temperatures begin to cool and by December/January, typical daytime maximum temperatures are around 12-15°C, dropping as low as 5°C at night. In December and January it can even snow in Amman.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that prior to travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: www.travel.state.gov for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates direct from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

FAQ's about our family holidays

We welcome all family dynamics and we will try to accommodate you in the roomings of your choice. The only stipulation for joining a family group holiday is that 1 party member is 17yrs or under, and they are accompanied by an adult. An average group size is around 10 members in total. Further general information and FAQ's are available here: [KE Family Adventure Holidays general information](#).

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our [Travel Insurance](#) page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Equipment List

Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the 'baggage allowance' section for further details.

You should bring the following items:

- Walking shoes or trainers
- Sandals
- Lightweight trousers / shorts / skirt
- T-shirts and/or casual shirts
- Loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts with collar (for sun protection)
- Socks & Underwear
- Lightweight waterproof overtrousers
- Lightweight waterproof jacket
- Fleece jacket and/or warm fleece (both during the winter months for the desert nights)
- Gloves (for the winter months)
- Sunhat
- Warm hat
- Sunglasses
- Scarf/buff or face protection (for sandy days!)
- Sheet sleeping bag*
- Daypack 25-30 litres (depending on how much of the kids' stuff you want to carry)
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Insect repellent
- Water bottles (approx 1 litre per person) (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- Washbag and toiletries
- Antibacterial handwash
- Swimwear
- Swim towel
- Torch and batteries
- Basic First Aid Kit. Including: antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters and blister treatment, and re-hydration salts (Dioralite).

The following items are optional:

- Cycle helmet**
- Pen-knife (note: always pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Camera
- Snorkel & mask
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

NOTES:

*Blankets, pillows and mattresses are provided for our 1 camping night. For your comfort we advise you to bring a sheet sleeping bag.

**If you intend to ride the camels you may wish to bring a cycle helmet. Please note that camels can be unpredictable and difficult to control and if you wish to ride, this is at your own risk.

Jordan is an Islamic country, modest dress is preferable in the towns and cities. Shoulders should be kept covered, and full-length trousers/skirts are recommended. Normal swimming wear is acceptable on the private beaches at the Dead and Red Sea.

Cotswold Outdoor



Many of the Equipment items listed above are available from [Cotswold Outdoor](#) - our '**Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer**'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive 12.5% discount voucher from Cotswold Outdoor and other retailers. [-> Find out more](#)

Land Only Information

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for the itinerary joining at the hotel in Amman, Jordan. A single timed transfer is included from the airport.

Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London to Amman Queen Alia International Airport. Outbound flights will depart from the UK in the evening, arriving at approximately 12 midnight (Day 1 of the Land Only itinerary). Return flights will depart in the late morning of the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK in the middle of the afternoon.

Why Choose KE

Why KE?

Providing the stunning backdrop for Disney's live action film Aladdin, our ultimate one-week family adventure in Jordan offers unbeatable value for money. Where else can you explore Roman walled cities, float in the Dead Sea, discover a lost city in the desert and sleep under the stars with the Bedouin? Come and find out for yourself why we rate Jordan as the perfect destination for families seeking adventure!

Please Note This document was downloaded on 17/05/2024 and the trip is subject to change