Jordan's Dana to Petra Trek

Trip Code: JDP

Version:

WALK & TREK	GUIDED GROUP	MODERATE
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk amongst sculpted sandstone following the most famous section of the Jordan Trail
- Explore the wonders of the 'Rose-Red City' of Petra
- One-week linear walking holiday through gorges and over high ridges
- Camp Bedouin style under the desert stars & full baggage support

AT A GLANCE

- 6 days trekking
- Max altitude 1100 metres
- Join at Amman

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

Introduction

This excellent trekking holiday in Jordan takes us from the Dana Reserve, southwards to the ancient 'Rose-Red City' of Petra. This trek has rapidly gained a reputation as one of the finest in the Middle East. Six days of trekking takes us through the most rugged country in Jordan, straddling the edge of the great Rift Valley. Starting out from Wadi Feinan in the Dana Nature Reserve, the trek takes us on hunters' trails through deep gorges and across high ridges, climbing gradually from around 300 metres at Feinan to around 1100 metres at the high viewpoint above Petra. Nights will be spent camping Bedouin-style with the local guide and crew. Crossing a final escarpment, we reach the spectacular 'Monastery', which heralds our arrival at Petra - one of the world's 'New 7 Wonders'. The route from Dana to Petra is now part of the 'Jordan Trail' which spans the length of this interesting and diverse country. The 'Jordan Trail Trail is a 400-mile (650 km) hiking trail that runs from Umm Qais in the north to Aqaba in the south and the Dana to Petra section is probably the most beautiful part. This great adventure follows in the footsteps of many explorers and is a magical week of discovery, walking and above all, Jordanian hospitality.

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Is this holiday for you?

On this holiday we will be trekking through a desert world that has been crossed by nomadic people and their livestock for generations. Nowadays, the area is just about accessible by 4WD vehicles and there are rough 'roads' to the various camping places that we will use. We will be trekking on scant trails, however, far away from the route taken by our support vehicle. The underfoot conditions will include dry wadis, open sandy desert and rocky desert known as 'hamada'. There are also sections of narrow trail across rocky terrain including some easy scrambling. The tracks and trails we use are generally not difficult. We will walk for an average of 5 to 6 hours on each of days 2 to 6, covering as much as 15 kilometres each day and with a reasonable amount of ascent and descent. This is a relatively short trekking holiday and at low elevation.

Itinerary

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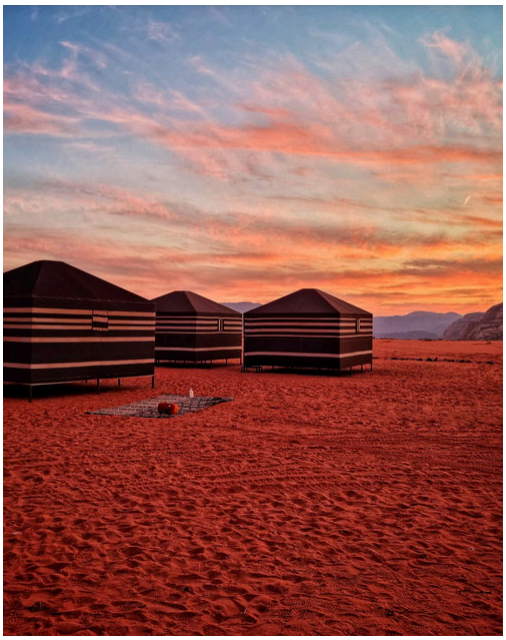
Extensions

When booking your holiday, you will be able to 'add an extension option'. Once we have received your booking we will contact you to discuss additional services required for the extension and to take any additional deposit.



Wadi Rum and the Dead Sea Extension

Arriving at Wadi Rum, you will meet your Bedouin hosts and have the rest of the day to soak up the desert atmosphere, before settling down to sleep either in one of our traditonal goat's hair tents, or outside under the canopy of stars - your choice! Day 2 is a full day of trekking in the region with a second night under canvas in the Wadi Rum National Park. On Day 3, we leave the desert for the salty-low of the Dead Sea. With free time to soak in the saline waters, before heading onto Mount Nebo and our accommodation in Madaba.

4 days from
US$600 per person



Red and Dead Sea Extension

Aqaba on the Red Sea, with its warm temperatures, is the perfect place for some relaxation after your adventure holiday. It is said that some of the best snorkelling and diving in the world can be found in here. The lack of strong currents, together with the warm sea temperature, creates perfect conditions for coral growth and this has resulted in fabulous underwater life. You can also swim with sea turtles and dolphins amongst schools of multi-coloured fish or take a glass-bottomed boat ride over the reefs. There is also, of course, the option to simply relax in the sun on the sandy beaches.

Located 15 kilometres from Aqaba town centre, the Marina Plaza Hotel has great access to the beach and diving. This contemporary hotel boasts a superb coastal location, with a pleasant sandy beach. It has a pool, restaurant and bar, a spa and access to the private beach club with a full service beach bar. There is also a free shuttle bus 5 times a day into Aqaba town centre. From the hotel you can book or hire equipment for snorkelling, diving, boat trips, banana tubing, canoeing and beach volleyball. Other excursions or activities such as sailing, windsurfing and PADI courses are also possible from Tala Bay. The hotel has a Green Key certificate for its environmentally friendly practices.

Instead of travelling back from Aqaba to Madaba on the last afternoon of your main trip, you will take a private transfer directly to your hotel. After 2 nights in Aqaba, we depart for the salty-low of the Dead Sea. With free time to soak in the salty waters, we head onto Mount Nebo before continuing onto our accommodation in Madaba. The final morning requires an early start for our 30-45 minute private airport transfer to Amman for our flight home.

Depending on your preferred airline, it may be possible to fly from Aqaba. Please ask for further details.

4 days from
US$695 per person



Guided tour of Jerash

Enjoy a full day exploring and learning about the main sites of the ancient city with a private guide. Jerash is one of the best preserved Roman cities in all of the Middle East and only an hour north of Amman. Within the remaining city walls archaeologists have found ruins of settlements dating back to the Neolithic age, indicating human occupation for more than 6500 years. Jerash is most famous for its Triumphal Arch, the Hippodrome, baths, and the wide street of columns leading to the Temple of Artemis.

2 days from
US$380 per person

Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional and qualified tour leader
- Bedouin trekking guide
- Amman Airport transfers as described
- All land transport involved in the itinerary
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as per the Meal Plan
- Guided sightseeing tour of Petra including entrance fees
- Entrance fee for Dana Reserve
- A full service on trek including food and all equipment (excluding personal equipment)

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Visas
- Some meals as per the Meal Plan
- Airport transfers other than those described
- Tips for local staff including the local guide and drivers
- Miscellaneous expenses - drinks and souvenirs etc.

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the hotel in Madaba

A single group transfer from Amman Airport to the hotel will be provided.

At the end of the holiday there will be a single timed transfer from the group hotel in Wadi Musa back to Amman Airport.

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 meals except 1 dinner are included in the holiday price. Dinner on the first evening in Madaba is not included. Most group members will arrive late in the evening having taken dinner on the plane. For those arriving earlier the hotel has a restaurant or there is a wide range of dining options nearby (allow £10 - £15 for a dinner).

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for 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 meals 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.

Food & Water

Drinking 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 on trek consist of bread, a variety of cheese, honey, jams, yoghurt, fruit, tea and Nescafe. For lunch there will be a variety of salads, spicy humus, breads and other dishes from which we can select, or a full packed lunch. Dinner will usually be a soup followed by barbeque or pan fried meat and vegetables with plenty of bread, yoghurt, and humus followed by fresh fruit and tea or coffee. Mineral water is provided. Vegetarians can be catered for.

Accommodation

We will spend 1 night in a comfortable family-run hotel in Madaba and 1 night in a similar standard of hotel in Wadi Musa (Petra). All rooms are en suite.

Whilst on trek there are 5 nights supported camping. When camping, we provide 2-man tents, but it is quite usual for group members to find a secluded spot in the dunes (or by the campfire if preferred) and to sleep out under the blanket of stars. There will also be a basic toilet tent and washing facilities.

Accommodation is twin share. If you are travelling by yourself, you will be paired up with another single client of the same sex. Single hotel rooms and/or single tents are available for a supplementary cost. If you are planning to extend your holiday, additional nights are available on request.

Group Leader & Support Staff

The group will be led by a professional and qualified tour leader. In addition during the trek, there will be a Beduoin trekking guide and a support crew of one or more drivers who will assist with the cooking.

Altitude

This holiday does not involve any significant ascent to altitude and we would not expect any altitude issues with this trip.

Spending Money

Approximately £100-£125 (or the equivalent in US dollars or euros) should be allowed for miscellaneous expenses and the cost of your visa. You should carry your travel money in the form of cash and you should exchange the majority of this on the day of your arrival at the airport in Amman. Sterling, Euros and US dollars can easily be exchanged in Jordan. The unit of currency is the Jordanian Dinar (JD). You should also allow a total of approximately £70 for tips to your drivers, local guides and trek crew. The cost of the Petra visit is included in the trip price. If you are intending to buy expensive souvenirs, you should budget accordingly (credit cards can be useful in this respect). Also, if you expect to buy considerable quantities of drinks or other refreshments, you should allow for this.

Guidance on Tipping

Tips are the accepted way of saying ‘thank you’ to your local guides and porters. Tips do not form part of the wages of local staff but are seen as a personal thank you from group members. KE always pays local crews the best rates of pay, no matter what country they are in. For our part, we advise local teams that tips are not a duty or a prerequisite but are a bonus and entirely dependent on the service that was given. For your trek crews we recommend that you give a tip if you feel that their services have met your satisfaction. We recommend that tips be given from the group as a whole rather than individually and as a rough guide we suggest a contribution of £70 from each group member should provide an adequate 'pool' for tipping your crew.

Baggage Allowance

During the trip your baggage will be carried by bus and by 4WD vehicles. The only baggage limit is that which is imposed by your airline. However, Jordan is a hot country and you will not require any heavy clothing, nor are you required to bring a camping mattress. Travelling light will also make transiting airports a much more pleasant experience for you.

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 the ‘Dates and Prices’ table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status 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.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

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

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.

Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

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.

Currency

The unit of currency in Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar.

Preparing for your Holiday

It makes a lot of sense to spend some time before coming on a trekking holiday, getting some additional exercise. The fitter you are, after all, the more enjoyable you will find the experience. For this trip you need to be aerobically fit and comfortable with walking up to 5 or 6 hours each day for several days continuously. There are some easy scrambling sections during this trip and although these not difficult or dangerous you should be coomfortable also with a degree of exposure. We would suggest that you adopt a weekly exercise regime leading up to departure. Regular walking in hill or back country is the best preparation but if this is not possible, regular exercise with your preferred sport or pastime such as jogging, squash and swimming, will develop better fitness and stamina. Before departure, we suggest that you try to fit in a number of long walks in hilly country.

Climate

The best period for trekking in Jordan is in the late autumn through to early spring season, from October through to mid April. Outside of this period it can be very 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 twenties or low thirties °C, 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 falling 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 before 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. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

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 directly 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.

Maps

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Double-sided and detailed map, dividing the country horizontally just underneath al-Karak. Combines clear road and tourist detail with general relief indicated by contours, altitude tinting, mountain passes and peak heights.

Private Groups Information

Make this KE Adventure holiday your own!

- Do our normal group departure dates not fit?
- Would you prefer to travel with just friends and/or family?
- Are you looking to organise a trip for your local walking, biking or mountaineering club?

It's really easy to make a trip your own. Simply select from our full range of adventure holidays and choose the dates that work for you and your group.

We are experts in creating holidays for groups of friends, families, charities and clubs. Our personal service means you'll be fully involved as we make the arrangements for your perfect adventure holiday.

Independence with Security

Travelling as a KE Private Group allows you more flexibility and choice, but still with the peace of mind that everything is pre-planned and arranged for your group by a reputable adventure travel company.

To take your first step to an amazing adventure with your friends and family complete the private group enquiry form, or call our **Sales Experts on: 017687 73966**

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.

Explore International

This holiday is part of our Explore International range. Participants on these trips can book through KE or through our international partner. This helps us to gather together sufficient numbers of like-minded adventurers to get your holiday up and running quickly. Led by an English-speaking guide, the cosmopolitan nature of these groups can be an important part of the experience!

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:

- Sleeping bag (comfort rated -5°C)*
- Hiking boots / Sturdy approach shoes
- Water bottles - 1 litre x 2 (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- Trainers or sandals for sightseeing and camp use
- Socks
- Trekking trousers
- Lightweight waterproof overtrousers
- Underwear
- At least 1 long sleeve shirt with collar (for sun protection)
- T-shirts
- Warm jacket (eg. Fleece)*
- Lightweight waterproof jacket
- Sunhat
- Warm hat (for chilly evenings in the desert)
- Sunglasses

- Daypack of approx 30 litres
- Headtorch and spare batteries
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Lighter/matches - for burning toilet paper
- Washbag and toiletries
- Insect repellant
- Antibacterial handwash (note that washing water can be limited in the desert)
- Basic First Aid Kit including: antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters and blister treatment, Insect repellent, and re-hydration salts (Dioralite).

The following items are optional:

- Shorts**
- Small towel
- Sleeping bag liner
- Thermarest (a foam mattress is provided)
- Trekking poles (highly recommended)
- Pen-knife (note: always pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Repair kit - (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- Camera
- Swimming shorts/costume (if extending at the Red or Dead Sea)

- Spare laces

- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

Notes

*For the November - February trips when night-time temperatures can fall below freezing in the desert, we recommend a sleeping bag comfort rated -10°C). a warmer jacket such as a down-filled jacket, and thermal baselayers.

**As 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. Knee-length shorts are OK once on trek.

Although not officially restricted, binoculars have occasionally caused issues for some travellers at airport security.

Land Only Information

Please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' within Holiday Information for further details.

Flights and other transport to your destination should not be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

Land Only Information

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for joining in Amman. Single timed transfers to/from Amman airport are included at the start/end of the holiday.

Flight Inclusive Information

Limited seats are available at the advertised flight price, please book as early as you can. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures and/or upgrades, we will provide you with an alternative quote. It is likely that flight payment will be in advance of your final holiday balance. Booking a flight inclusive package means you will benefit from full financial protection, eases your holiday planning, and leaves us to deal with airlines and schedule changes. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London to Amman International Airport. Outbound flights will depart from the UK in the afternoon, arriving late evening. Return flights will depart from Amman late morning on the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK in the afternoon.

Why Choose KE

Why KE

Our Dana to Petra trek is a flagship KE adventure and consistently one of our most popular. Using remote sections of the Jordan Mountain Trail, we explore the wild desert on routes few visitors ever see. The journey culminates with our special ‘backdoor’ approach into Petra, emerging below the Monastery in one of the most memorable entrances to the ancient city.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 29/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change