



JORDAN TRAIL SPRING-HIKE 2024

Special Edition

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The Jordan Trail unveils Jordan's beauty and its varying manifestations along the eastern rim of Jordan's Rift Valley.

Join us on a mesmerizing journey and wander through the country's hidden treasures, explore the heights and depths of its wonders, and delve into its rich history and heritage.

A good hiker is always prepared. If you see these boots, stay calm; they're there to tell you how difficult a section is.

MODERATE  DIFFICULT  CHALLENGING 



REGION 1: UM QAIS TO AJLOUN

In the most northern region of the trail, lush, green hills and canyons carry you to ancient Roman sites over rolling hills, and through oak forests. The diverse and fertile landscape here with its ancient olive trees and hot springs bursts into bloom every spring, with the trees laden with fresh fruit. The villages here are pioneers of community-based tourism with homestays, home-cooked meals, and handicraft stalls adding a true cultural experience to this beautiful northern corner of Jordan

Days: 5 hiking days and 4 nights

Length: 83 km

Main sites in the region:

- Ruins of Roman Decapolis cities at Um Qais and Pella
- Ziglab Dam
- Jesus Cave, Beit Idis Church
- Byzantine monastery ruins at Tel Mar Elias, birthplace of the prophet Elijah
- Community tourism and rural scenery in the al-Ayoun village
- Medieval mountaintop site of Ajloun Castle

DAY 1: UM QAIS TO MAKHRABAH

Date: Friday, April 12

Distance: 14 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🟢

DAY 2: MAKHRABA TO ZIGLAB

Date: Saturday, April 13

Distance: 12 km

Overnight: Homestay/ Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🟢

DAY 3: ZIGLAB TO BEIT IDIS

Date: Sunday, April 14

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🟡🟡

DAY 4: BEIT IDIS TO RASOUN

Date: Monday, April 15

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Homestay

Difficulty level: 🟢

DAY 5: RASOUN TO AJLOUN

Date: Tuesday, April 16

Distance: 18 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: 🟡🟡





REGION 2: AJLOUN TO AS-SALT

This section weaves through farmland and a spattering of rural villages as you leave Ajloun and its hilltop castle behind. The trail crosses King Talal Dam, before ascending a hilltop following rich farmlands to the village of Rmeimeen with its beautiful church spire and minaret. Winding down through fertile valleys, the trail reaches the historically fragrant city of As Salt.

Days: 4 hiking days and 3 nights
Length: 66 km
Main sites in the region:

- > Sarabis springs
- > King Talal Dam
- > Rmeimeen village
- > As-Salt city (A UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- > Medieval mountain top site of Ajloun Castle

DAY 6: AJLOUN TO KHIRBET AL-SOUQ
 Date: Wednesday, April 17
 Distance: 17 km
 Overnight: Homestay/ Wild Camp
 Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 7: KHIRBET AL-SOUQ TO KING TALAL DAM
 Date: Thursday, April 18
 Distance: 17 km
 Overnight: Wild Camp
 Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 8: KING TALAL DAM TO RMEIMEEN
 Date: Friday, April 19
 Distance: 16 km
 Overnight: Wild Camp/Homestay
 Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 9: RMEIMEEN TO AS-SALT
 Date: Saturday, April 20
 Distance: 16 km
 Difficulty level: 🥾





TIPS

SAFETY AND OUTFIT

Whether you're new to hiking or have been doing it for a while, it's always good to walk with a friend. That's not the only tip that can make your adventure safer and more enjoyable, though! Here are some tips you should keep in mind.



ONE DAY HIKE

Footwear

- Good hiking shoes
- Hiking socks –wool are best (smart wool or similar)

Clothing

- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Shirt for walking
- Pants / shorts (lightweight and comfortable for walking)
- Warm fleece (If cold)
- Waterproof jacket (If there is rain)

Essentials for day pack

- Backpack for day gear (25 liters)
- Headlamp
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Water bottles or hydration system (at least 3 liters)
- Pocket knife/spoon/fork
- Personal items / toiletries
- Blister care products

Other

- External battery pack
- Camera
- Hiking poles (optional)
- Backpack rain cover
- Snacks

*Bringing the red items is a **must** to join the hike*

FULL/ REGION / WEEKEND

Footwear

- Good hiking shoes, should be broken in and not too heavy.
- Hiking socks: wool are best (smart wool or similar)
- Sandals or light footwear for evenings

Clothing

- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Shirts for walking
- Pants / shorts – (lightweight and comfortable for walking)
- Warm fleece for evenings
- Long underwear for evenings
- Waterproof jacket (in case it rains)
- Underwear
- Warm hat

Essentials for day pack

- Backpack for day gear (40-25L)
- Headlamp
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Water bottles or hydration system (at least 3 liters/day)
- Towel– lightweight travel type
- Pocket knife/spoon/fork
- Personal items / toiletries
- Blister care products

Sleeping gear

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Camping pillow

Other

- Overnight bag / duffle bag (carries everything for overnight)
- Phone & charger
- External battery pack
- Camera
- Hiking poles (optional)
- Backpack rain cover
- Solar panel to charge electronics
- Snacks



PRICING

*The Jordan Trail Association is a not-for-profit organization.
Your contribution will fund the development of the Jordan Trail.*

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DAILY RATES

Regular: JOD 35

UM QAIS TO AJLOUN

UM-QAIS TO MAKHRABA

Date: Friday, April 12

Distance: 14 km

Elevation: Lowest 630 / Highest 1050m

MAKHRABA TO ZIGLAB

Date: Saturday, April 13

Distance: 12 km

Elevation: Lowest 200 m/ Highest 300 m

ZIGLAB TO BEIT IDIS

Date: Sunday, April 14

Distance: 23 km

Elevation: Lowest 200 m/ Highest 0 m

BEIT IDIS TO RASOUN

Date: Monday, April 15

Distance: 16 km

Elevation: Lowest 500m/ Highest 950m

RASOUN TO AJLOUN

Date: Tuesday, April 16

Distance: 18 km

Elevation: Lowest 550m/ Highest 950m

AJLOUN TO AS-SALT

AJLOUN TO KHIRBET AL-SOUQ

Date: Wednesday, April 17

Distance: 17 km

Elevation: Lowest 630 / Highest 1050m

KHIRBET AL-SOUQ TO KING TALAL DAM

Date: Thursday, April 18

Distance: 17 km

Elevation: Lowest 190m/ Highest 950m

KING TALAL DAM TO RMEIMEEN

Date: Friday, April 19

Distance: 16 km

Elevation: Lowest 310 m/ Highest 600 m

RMEIMEEN TO AS-SALT

Date: Saturday, April 20

Distance: 16 km

Elevation: Lowest 538 m/ Highest 1020 m



WEEKEND RATES

REGION 1 WEEKEND UM QAIS TO ZIGLAB

From Friday morning April 12
Till Saturday afternoon April 13
Regular: JOD 130
Single Supplement: Add JOD 40

REGION 2 WEEKEND KING TALAL DAM TO AS-SALT

From Friday morning April 19
Till Saturday afternoon April 20
Regular: JOD 130
Single Supplement: Add JOD 40

FULL SPRING HIKE RATES

From Friday morning April 12
Till Saturday afternoon April 20
Regular: JOD 760
Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION RATES

REGION 1 - UM-QAIS TO AJLOUN

5 days and 4 nights
Starts on: April 12
Return on: April 16
Regular: JOD 340
Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 2 - AJLOUN TO SALT

4 days and 3 nights
Starts on: April 17
Return on: April 20
Regular: JOD 320
Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

The single supplement applies to tents or hotel rooms and not home-stays, home-stays are on sharing basis according to gender



FULL/ REGION / WEEKEND HIKE RATES INCLUDE:

- Licensed English/Arabic speaking guide
- Local Trail escort (guide assistant)
- Transportation from Amman to hiking location and back
- JTA team support
- Water refill
- Meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Accommodation in Homestays when available
- Support car to carry excess luggage and sleeping gear
- Local guide from the local community for each section

DAILY HIKE RATES INCLUDE:

- Local guide
- Transportation from Amman to hiking location and back
- JTA team support
- Water refill
- Meals: Lunch

THE Spring-HIKE IS ORGANIZED BY THE JORDAN TRAIL ASSOCIATION

The Jordan Trail Association (JTA) was established in July 2015 and registered as a Jordanian non-governmental organization (NGO) with the aim to develop and maintain the Jordan Trail, and to support and build the capacity of local communities that the trail passes through. This trail is 675 km starting from Um Qais in the top north to Aqaba in the very south of Jordan.

The trail is a national product that promotes Jordan nature and culture at its best and attracts local and International tourists

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Get Involved

The Jordan Trail is still a work in progress! The trail route presented in this booklet and on the website represents only one of many possible ways to walk the length of the country and to experience the Jordanian countryside. Feel free to discover your own route variations and to suggest new possibilities!

If you have resources that could be useful to potential Jordan Trail hikers, share them with us through info@jordantrail.org. Help us develop our website by sending us any relevant information or materials you may have gathered whether from hiking the trail or from other experiences in the region. Be a part of this growing project!

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