



JORDAN TRAIL THRU-HIKE 2024

AN EVER-CHANGING STORY

North to South

11/10- 20/11/2024



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

A transition between the Fertile Crescent in the north, to the edge of the Arabian Desert and the Red Sea in the south, makes for an ever-changing experience, showcasing Jordan at its most authentic. 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



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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, October 11

Distance: 14 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🏞️

DAY 2: MAKHRABA TO ZIGLAB

Date: Saturday, October 12

Distance: 12 km

Overnight: Homestay/ Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🏞️

DAY 3: ZIGLAB TO BEIT IDIS

Date: Sunday, October 13

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🏞️🏞️

DAY 4: BEIT IDIS TO RASOUN

Date: Monday, October 14

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Homestay

Difficulty level: 🏞️

DAY 5: RASOUN TO AJLOUN

Date: Tuesday, October 15

Distance: 18 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: 🏞️🏞️



Break days are for thru-hikers only

Distance may vary depending on weather conditions and camping sites

Overnight arrangements may vary depending on availability and other conditions



REGION 2: AJLOUN TO AL 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 (4 hiking days +1 break day for thru-hikers only)

Length: 66 km

Main sites in the region:

> Khirbet Sarabis and Springs

> Rmeimeen village

> King Talal Dam

> The UNESCO city of Salt

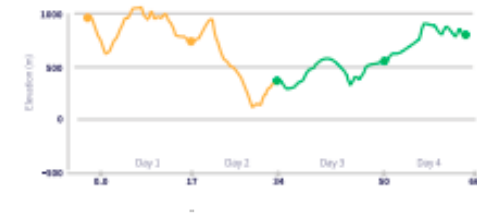
DAY 6: AJLOUN TO KHIRBET AL-SOUQ
Date: Wednesday, October 16
Distance: 17 km
Overnight: Homestay/ Wild Camp
Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

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

DAY 8: KING TALAL DAM TO RMEIMEEN
Date: Friday, October 18
Distance: 16 km
Overnight: Wild Camp/Homestay
Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 9: RMEIMEEN TO AL SALT
Date: Saturday, October 19
Distance: 16 km
Overnight: Homestay
Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 10: (Break Day): As-Salt
Date: Sunday, October 20
Overnight: Homestay



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REGION 3: AL SALT TO WADI ZARQA MA'IN

Here you leave the more northern regions and Amman behind and head towards the Dead Sea. Walk past the ancient palace of Iraq Al-Ameer before descending along the spectacular King Hussein's Rally Road to the Jordan Valley. The climate and scenery changes as the Dead Sea looms from a plateau and Bedouin camps scatter the path. The trail now follows a roman road, encountering basalt cliffs and Wadi Zarqa Ma'in with its year-round stream.

Days: 4 days and 3 nights
Length: 82 km
Main sites in the region:

- Al Salt
- Iraq Al-Ameer, Qaser Al Abed and Burial Caves
- Iraq Al-Ameer Women's Cooperative

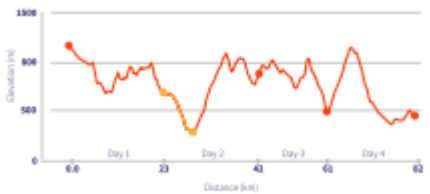
- Mount Nebo
- Roman Road
- The Dead Sea canyons of Wadi Zarqa Ma'in and Wadi Wala

DAY 11: AL SALT TO IRAQ AL-AMIR
Date: Monday , October 21
Distance: 23 km
Overnight: Iraq Al-Amir Women Cooperative
Difficulty Level:

DAY 12: IRAQ AL-AMIR TO HUSBAN
Date: Tuesday, October 22
Distance: 19 km
Overnight: Wild Camp
Difficulty level:

DAY 13: HUSBAN TO OYOON AL-THEEB
Date: Wednesday, October 23
Distance: 19 km
Overnight: Wild Camp
Difficulty level:

DAY 14: OYOON AL-THEEB TO WADI ZARQA MA'IN
Date: Thursday, October 24
Distance: 21 km
Overnight: Wild Camp
Difficulty level:



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REGION 4: Three WADIS TO AL-KARAK

By this point on the trail, you encounter some of the spectacular Dead Sea wadis mainly Waid Zarqa Ma'in, Wadi Al Hidan and Wadi Al Mujib, which one of the grandest wadis in Jordan, Fertile farmland with rich red soils and Bedouin tents create a dramatic landscape. The ruins of Majdaline. Wadi ez Zaiyatin takes you to the imposing crusader castle of Karak, impressively situated to overlook the surrounding landscape

Days: 4 days and 3 nights (4 hiking days +1 break day for thru-hikers only)
Length: 76 km
Main sites in the region:
 ➤ Wadi Zarqa Ma'in
 ➤ Wadi Hidan
 ➤ Wadi Mujib
 ➤ Ruins of Majdaline
 ➤ Karak Castle

DAY 15: WADI ZARQA MA'IN TO WADI HIDAN

Date: Friday, October 25
 Distance: 18 km
 Overnight: Wild Camp
 Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 16: WADI HIDAN TO WADI MUJIB

Date: Saturday, October 26
 Distance: 15 km
 Overnight: Wild Camp
 Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 17: WADI MUJIB TO MAJDLEEN

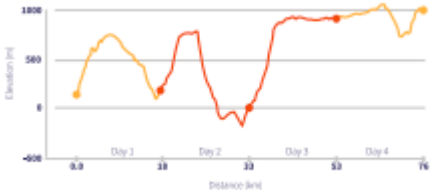
Date: Sunday, October 27
 Distance: 20 km
 Overnight: Wild Camp
 Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 18: MAJDLEEN TO AL-KARAK

Date: Monday, October 28
 Distance: 23 km
 Overnight: Hotel
 Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 19 (Break Day): AL-KARAK

Date: Tuesday, October 29
 Overnight: Hotel



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REGION 5: KARAK TO DANA

The crusader-themed landscape continues in this section as you exit Karak, passing the old crusader village of Shehabieh and the abandoned village of Khirbet Ainun. Orchards and olive groves grow abundantly through fertile plains. Crossing another Dead Sea canyon, Wadi Hasa, the landscape becomes a series of towering limestone cliffs and ridges before reaching Edomite ruins at Sela and Ma'tan. After moving on through the deep Wadi Labun, the trail turns to easier terrain as it passes over the next hill to the restored village of Dana, its hotels and campsite resting on the rim of Wadi Dana at the edge of the Dana Biosphere Reserve

Days: 5 hiking days and 5 nights
Length: 88 km
Main sites in the region:

- > Karak Castle
- > Khirbet Ainun village
- > Tor al Taboun crags

- > Wadi Hasa –Burbaita village
- > Ma'tan and Buseira and Edomite ruins
- > Dana Village and Dana Biosphere Reserve (entrance fee)

DAY 20: KARAK TO WADI AL-MUGAIR

Date: Wednesday, October 30
 Distance: 20 km
 Overnight: Wild Camp
 Difficulty level: 🏔️🏔️

DAY 21: WADI AL-MUGAIR TO WADI HASA

Date: Thursday, October 31
 Distance: 14 km
 Overnight: Homestay/ Wild Camp
 Difficulty level: 🏔️

DAY 22: WADI HASA TO AIS

Date: Friday, November 1
 Distance: 23 km
 Overnight: Hotel
 Difficulty level: 🏔️🏔️

DAY 23: AIS TO MA'ATAN

Date: Saturday, November 2
 Distance: 15 km
 Overnight: Homestay/ Wild Camp
 Difficulty level: 🏔️

DAY 24: MA'ATAN TO DANA

Date: Sunday, November 3
 Distance: 16 km
 Overnight: Hotel/Wild Camp
 Difficulty level: 🏔️



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REGION 6: DANA TO PETRA

A truly awe-inspiring section of the Jordan Trail and named by National Geographic as one of the 15 best hikes in the world. The trail descends the hilltop village of Dana into Wadi Feynan and onto the dramatic mountain plateaus of Wadi Araba. This region crosses several climate zones, diverse ecosystems, hidden canyons, and dramatic labyrinths of hills and valleys displaying the full spectrum of the region’s geology. The scenery spans from majestic and epic mountaintops to peaceful, fertile farmlands with new landscapes presenting themselves every few kilometers. This section’s most dramatic and memorable aspect is the departure at the Nabatean masterpiece, Petra. A chance to enter the city through the “back door” to walk in the footsteps of ancient traders. Few other trails can boast a site as spectacular as Petra

Days: 4 days and 4 nights (4 hiking days +1 break day for thru-hikers only)
Length: 75 km
Main sites in the region:

- Dana Biosphere Reserve
- Feynan ruins and ancient copper mines
- Feynan ecolodge
- Hidden stream and waterfall in Wadi Feid
- Little Petra
- Petra, Nabatean capital and wonder of the world

DAY 25: Dana TO WADI MALAGA / BARWAS

Date: Monday, November 4
Distance: 25 km
Overnight: Wild Camp
Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 26: WADI MALAGA TO RAS AL-FEID

Date: Tuesday, November 5
Distance: 14 km
Overnight: Wild Camp
Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 27: RAS AL-FEID TO LITTLE PETRA

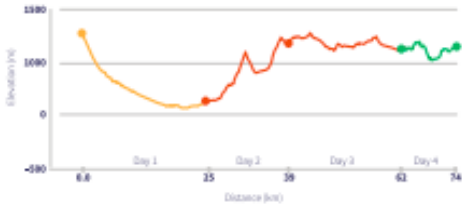
Date: Wednesday, November 6
Distance: 23 km
Overnight: Camp
Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 28: LITTLE PETRA TO PETRA

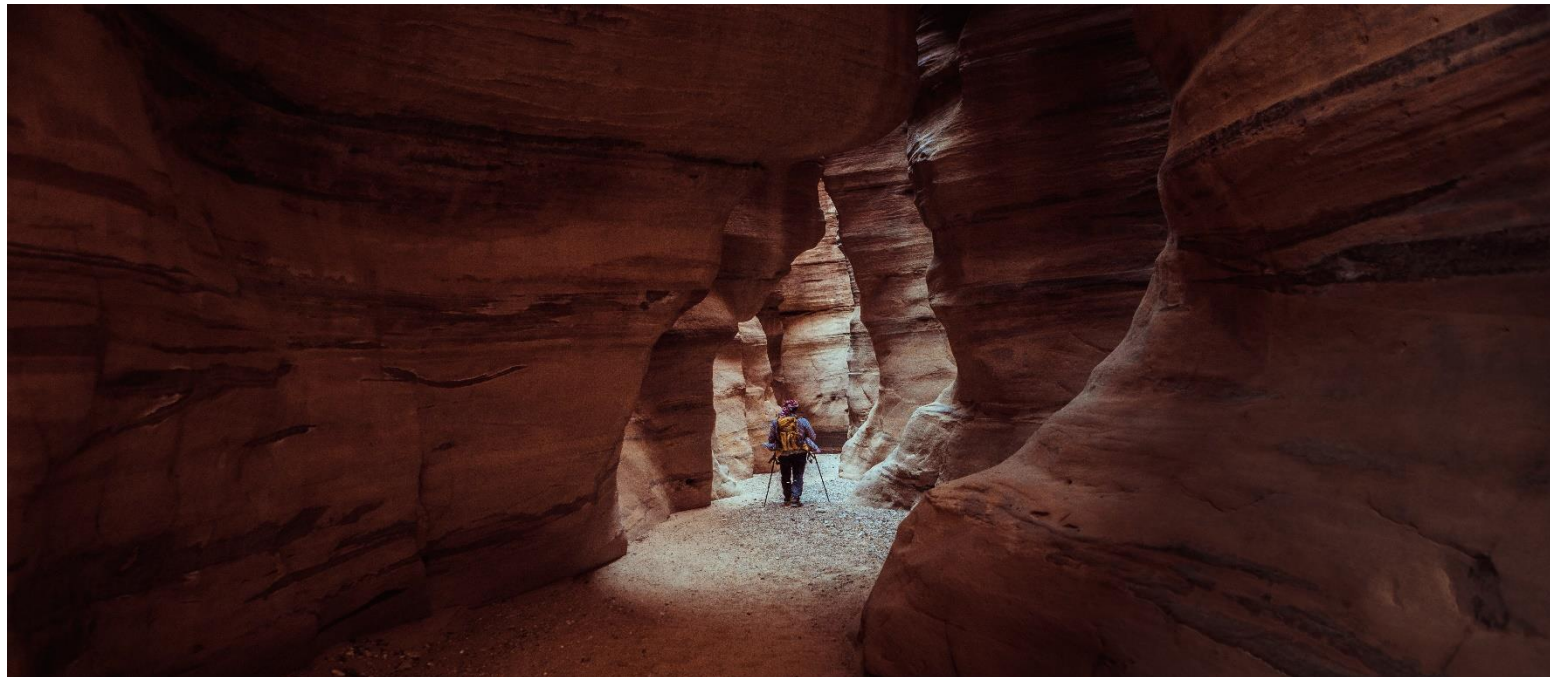
Date: Thursday, November 7
Distance: 12 km
Overnight: Homestay/Hotel
Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 29 (Break Day): PETRA

Date: Friday, November 8
Overnight: Hotel



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REGION 7: PETRA TO WADI RUM

Connecting the two legendary sites of Petra and Wadi Rum is a week-long trek across one of the longest stretches of wilderness on the Jordan Trail. Here in the empty but striking desert, with its dramatic rock formations, stargazing, and peace are found at their best. Starting with deep, rugged wadis and moving into open, sandy plains, this section of the trail takes you deep into the places where humans seldom go. Finishing at Wadi Rum village offers a taste of Bedouin life after the remoteness of this section.

Days: 7 days and 7 nights

Length: 129 km

Main sites in the region:

- Petra
- Jabal Haroun (mountaintop burial place of Aaron, off-route)
- Humeima, ancient and Umayyad ruins
- Sandstone mountain “islands” in a sea of sand
- Wadi Rum, Jabal Rum, and Jabal Um Ishrin

DAY 30: Petra To Gaa’ Mriebed

Date: Saturday, November 9

Distance: 22 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 31: Gaa’ Mriebed TO Wadi Al-Saif

Date: Sunday, November 10

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 32: Wadi Al-Saif To Wadi Gsieb

Date: Monday, November 11

Distance: 13 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 33: Wadi Gsieb To Wadi Alhaimer

Date: Tuesday, November 12

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 34: Wadi Alhimer To Abbasiya

Date: Wednesday, November 13

Distance: 24 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 35: Abbasiya To Jabal Kharaza

Date: Thursday, November 14

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

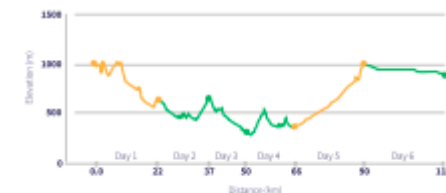
DAY 36: Jabal Kharaza To Shakriya

Date: Friday, November 15

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾



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REGION 8: WADI RUM TO AQABA

Leaving Wadi Rum village behind you, the trail passes beneath the towering cliffs of Jabal Rum and Jabal Um Ishrin through the iconic landscape of Wadi Rum – vast, echoing and godlike wrote T.E. Lawrence. Continuing through the magnificent desert landscape, the trail passes the cliffs of Jabal Khazali, Jabal Qattar and weaves between the unique and colorful backdrops of Wadi Rum’s sandstone desert mountains. The trail here follows old shepherd paths, winding its way west across desert wadis and over granite mountains striated with basalt dike intrusions. At the last pass, the first view of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba, beyond which lie the mountains of Sinai. The final destination is the warm waters of the Red Sea and the port of Aqaba.

Days: 5 hiking days and 5 nights

Length: 83 km

Main sites in the region:

- Wadi Rum (World Heritage site)
- Wadi Rum Bedouin village
- Bedouin encampments
- Village of Titen
- Lawrence’s Spring (Ain Shellaleh) and the Nabataean Temple
- Dramatic desert scenery – sandstone domes and granite and basalt striated mountains, changing color constantly throughout the day
- Aqaba (Red Sea)

DAY 37: SHAKRIYA TO RUM VILLAGE

Date: Saturday, November 16

Distance: 17 km

Overnight: Camp

Difficulty level: 

DAY 38: RUM VILLAGE TO AL-QIDR

Date: Sunday, November 17

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 

DAY 39: AL-QIDR TO TITEN

Date: Monday, November 18

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 

DAY 40: TITEN TO FINAL CAMP

Date: Tuesday, November 19

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 

DAY 41: FINAL CAMP TO AQABA

Date: Wednesday, November 20

Distance: 19 km

Difficulty level:  

DAY 42 (Break Day) AQABA

Date: Thursday, November 21



Break days are for thru-hikers only

Distance may vary depending on weather conditions and camping sites

Overnight arrangements may vary depending on availability and other conditions



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

REGION / WEEKEND / THRU HIKE

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)
- ID or passport
- Cash (In case you need to buy anything from the shops)
- Phone & charger
- Earplugs (Optional)
- 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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and book your spot today!*

DAILY RATES

Starts on: October 11

Ends on: October 26

Regular: JOD 35

UM-QAIS TO MAKHRABA

Date: Friday, October 11

Distance: 14 km

Elevation: Lowest 630 / Highest 1050m

MAKHRABA TO ZIGLAB

Date: Saturday, October 12

Distance: 12 km

Elevation: Lowest 200 m/ Highest 300 m

KING TALAL DAM TO RMEIMEEN

Date: Friday, October 18

Distance: 16 km

Elevation: Lowest 310 m/ Highest 600 m

RMEIMEEN TO AS-SALT

Date: Saturday, October 19

Distance: 16 km

Elevation: Lowest 538 m/ Highest 1020 m

WADI ZARQA MA'IN TO WADI HIDAN

Date: Friday, October 25

Distance: 18 km

Elevation: Lowest 190 m/ Highest 780 m

WADI HIDAN TO WADI MUJIB

Date: Saturday, October 26

Distance: 15 km

Elevation: Lowest -20m/ Highest 760m



WEEKEND RATES

REGION 1 WEEKEND

UM QAIS TO ZIGLAB

From Friday morning October 11

Till Saturday afternoon October 12

Regular: JOD 160

Single Supplement: Add JOD 30

REGION 2 WEEKEND

KING TALAL DAM TO AS-SALT

From Friday morning October 18

Till Saturday afternoon October 19

Regular: JOD 160

Single Supplement: Add JOD 30

REGION 4 WEEKEND

WADI ZARQA MA'IN TO WADI MUJIB

From Friday morning October 25

Till Saturday afternoon October 26

Regular: JOD 160

Single Supplement: Add JOD 30

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



REGION RATES

REGION 1 - UM-QAIS TO AJLOUN

5 days and 4 nights
Starts on: October 11
Return on: October 15
Regular: JOD 525
Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 2 - AJLOUN TO SALT

4 days and 3 nights
Starts on: October 16
Return on: October 19
Regular: JOD 420
Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 3 - AS-SALT TO WADI ZARQA MA'IN

4 days and 3 nights
Starts on: October 21
Return on: October 24
Regular: JOD 450
Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 4 - THREE WADIES TO KARAK

4 days and 3 nights
Starts on: October 25
Return on: October 28
Regular: JOD 490
Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 5 - KARAK TO DANA

(1st night in Karak: October 29)
5 days and 5 nights
Starts on: October 30
Return on: November 3
Regular: JOD 600
Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 6 - DANA TO PETRA

(1st night in Dana: November 3)
4 days and 4 nights
Starts on: November 4
Return on: November 7
Regular: JOD 650
Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 7 - PETRA TO WADI RUM

(1st night in Petra: November 8)
7 days and 7 nights
Starts on: November 9
Return on: November 15
Regular: JOD 850
Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 8 - WADI RUM TO AQABA

(1st night in Shakraiya: November 15)
5 days and 5 nights
Starts on: November 16
Return on: November 20
Regular: JOD 680
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



THRU HIKE RATES

Regular: JOD 3800

REGION / WEEKEND / THRU HIKE RATES INCLUDE:

- Licensed English/Arabic speaking guide
- Trail escorts (guide assistants)
- 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 Bag

THE THRU-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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