



THRU-HIKE 2026

North to South

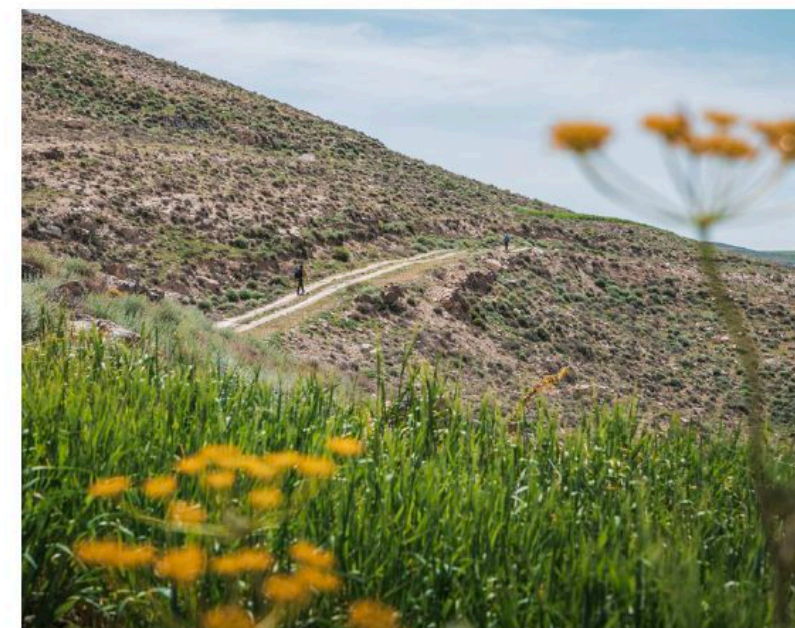


CHALLENGE YOURSELF.
DISCOVER JORDAN.



The Jordan Trail reveals **the soul of Jordan**

from the lush north to the vast deserts in the south. Over **675 km and 43 days**, experience a landscape that shifts before your eye, each step takes you deeper into the country's hidden treasures, where **history, culture and nature intertwine**. Wander through valleys, ancient ruins, and vibrant communities, and discover Jordan at its most authentic, where every moment tells a story **waiting to be explored**.



A true hiker knows the value of preparation...

When you spot these boots, don't worry, they're simply guiding you through the challenge ahead, giving you a heads-up on the difficulty of the trail section



Easy



Moderate



Difficult



Challenging



Days: 5 hiking days and 4 nights

Length: 80 km

Main sites in the region:

- Ruins of Roman Deapolis 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

REGION 1: UM QAIS TO AJLOUN

In the northernmost reaches of Jordan, the trail meanders through verdant hills and deep canyons, leading to ancient Roman ruins nestled among rolling landscapes and oak forests. This fertile region, adorned with ancient olive groves and rejuvenated by springtime blooms, offers a rich tapestry of natural beauty and cultural heritage. The local villages, pioneers of community-based tourism, invite you to experience authentic homestays, savor home-cooked meals, and explore handcrafted stalls, providing a true cultural immersion in this picturesque corner of Jordan.

5 Days

DAY 1: UM QAIS TO MAKHRABAH

Date: Friday, October 09

Distance: 14 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 2: MAKHRABA TO ZIGLAB

Date: Saturday, October 10

Distance: 11 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 3: ZIGLAB TO BEIT IDIS

Date: Sunday, October 11

Distance: 22 km

Overnight: Homestay / Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Difficult 

DAY 4: BEIT IDIS TO RASOUN

Date: Monday, October 12

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Homestay

Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 5: RASOUN TO AJLOUN

Date: Tuesday, October 13

Distance: 17 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: Moderate 



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 1: UM QAIS TO AJLOUN





Days: 4 hiking days and 3 nights
+1 break day for thru-hikers only

Length: 63 km

Main sites in the region:

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

REGION 2: AJLOUN TO AS-SALT

Embarking from the historic Ajloun Castle, the trail meanders through fertile farmlands and quaint rural villages, offering a glimpse into Jordan's rich agricultural landscape. Descending towards the expansive King Talal Dam, hikers are greeted with panoramic views of its serene waters framed by forested shores. The path then ascends ridges lined with lush fields, leading to the charming village of Rmeimeen, distinguished by its picturesque church spire and minaret. Continuing through verdant valleys, the journey culminates in the storied city of As-Salt, renowned for its vibrant history and cultural significance.

4 Days

DAY 6: AJLOUN TO KHIRBET AL-SOUQ

Date: Wednesday, October 14

Distance: 17 km

Overnight: Homestay / Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 7: KHIRBET AL-SOUQ TO KING TALAL DAM

Date: Thursday, October 15

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Homestay / Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 8: KING TALAL DAM TO RMEIMEEN

Date: Friday, October 16

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Homestay / Wild Camp


Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 9: RMEIMEEN TO AS-SALT

Date: Saturday, October 17

Distance: 15 km

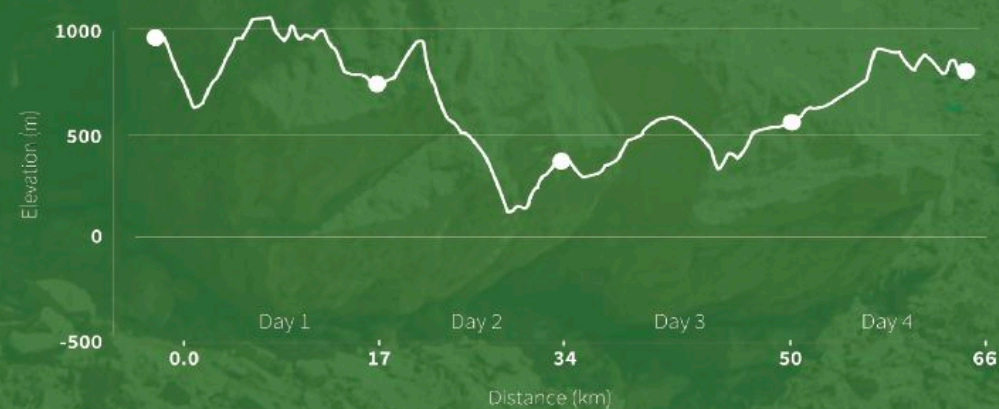
Overnight: Homestay / Hotel

Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 10: (BREAK DAY): AS-SALT

Date: Sunday, October 18

Overnight: Homestay



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REGION 2: AJLOUN TO AS-SALT





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

Here, the trail bids farewell to the lush north and ventures toward the otherworldly landscapes of the Dead Sea. Winding past the grand ruins of Iraq Al-Ameer, history lingers in the air before the path plunges down King Hussein's Rally Road, revealing breathtaking views of the Jordan Valley. The hills soften into golden plains where Bedouin tents sway with the breeze, and ancient Roman roads whisper stories of travelers past. As the basalt cliffs rise ahead, the trail finds its way to Wadi Zarqa Ma'in, where a silver stream winds through the canyon, a hidden sanctuary in the heart of the wild.

Days: 4 days and 3 nights

Length: 84 km

Main sites in the region:

- As-Salt
- Iraq Al-Ameer, Qaser Al Abed and Burial Caves
- Iraq Al-Ameer Women's Cooperative
- Mount Nebo
- Roman Road
- The Dead Sea canyon of Zarqa Ma'in

4 Days

DAY 11: AS-SALT TO IRAQ AL-AMIR

Date: Monday, October 19

Distance: 22 km

Overnight: Iraq Al- Amir Women Cooperative


Difficulty level: Difficult 

DAY 12: IRAQ AL-AMIR TO HUSBAN

Date: Tuesday, October 20

Distance: 21 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Difficult 

DAY 13: HUSBAN TO OYOON AL-THEEB

Date: Wednesday, October 21

Distance: 20 km

Overnight: Wild Camp


Difficulty level: Difficult 

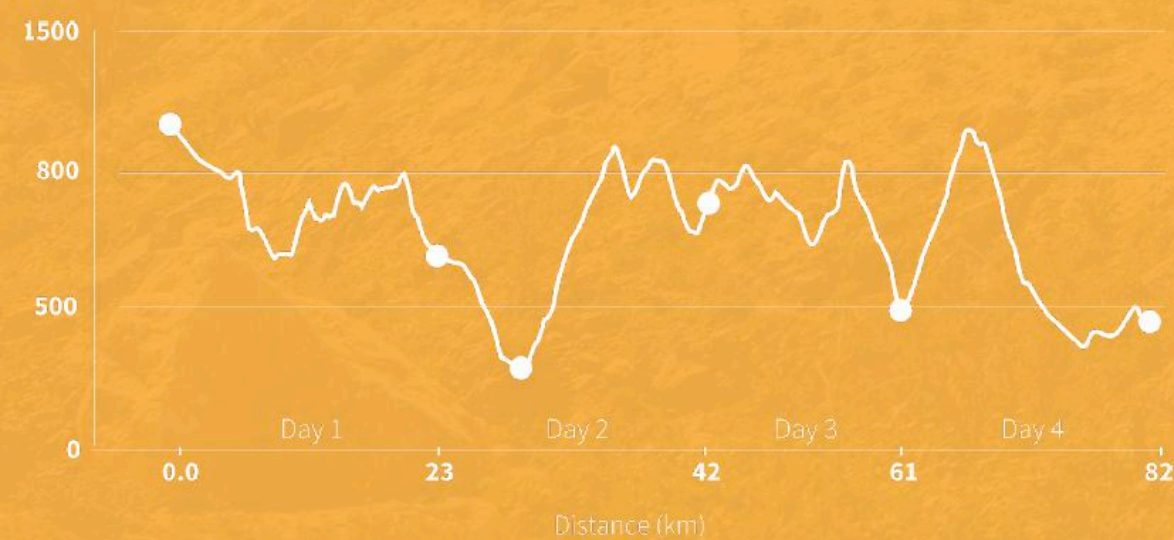
DAY 14: OYOON AL-THEEB TO WADI ZARQA MA'IN

Date: Thursday, October 22

Distance: 21 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Difficult 



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



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REGION 4: THREE WADIS TO AL- KARAK

At this stage of the journey, the trail winds through some of the most stunning Dead Sea wadis—Wadi Zarqa Ma'in, Wadi Al-Hidan, and the grand Wadi Al-Mujib, with its towering cliffs and winding waterways. The landscape is a striking blend of fertile farmland with deep red soil and Bedouin tents scattered across the hills. Along the way, the ruins of Majdaline whisper tales of the past, while the path through Wadi ez Zaiyatin leads to the imposing Karak Castle, standing high above the land, overlooking the vast and rugged scenery.

Days: 4 days and 3 nights
+ 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



4 Days

DAY 15: WADI ZARQA MA'IN TO WADI HIDAN

Date: Friday, October 23

Distance: 18 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Difficult 

DAY 17: WADI MUJIB TO MAJDLEEN

Date: Sunday, October 25

Distance: 20 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Challenging 

DAY 19 (Break Day): AL- KARAK

Date: Tuesday, October 27

Overnight: Hotel

DAY 16: WADI HIDAN TO WADI MUJIB

Date: Saturday, October 24

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Challenging 

DAY 18: MAJDLEEN TO AL- KARAK

Date: Monday, October 26

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Homestay / Hotel

Difficulty level: Moderate 



Break days are for **thru-hikers only**

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REGION 4: THREE WADIS TO AL- KARAK



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REGION 5: AL-KARAK TO DANA

The trail continues its crusader-themed journey as you leave Karak, passing the historic village of Shehabieh and the abandoned village of Khirbet Ainun. Lush orchards and olive groves thrive in the fertile plains, offering a vibrant contrast to the rugged terrain. The path then crosses Wadi Hasa, another of the Dead Sea canyons, where the landscape shifts to towering limestone cliffs and ridges. As you make your way through the ancient Edomite ruins of Sela and Ma'atan, the trail guides you through the deep Wadi Labun. Finally, the terrain eases as you approach the restored village of Dana, perched on the rim of Wadi Dana, with breathtaking views over the vast Dana Biosphere Reserve.

Days: 5 hiking days and 5 nights

Length: 84 km

Main sites in the region:

- Al-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)



5 Days

DAY 20: AL-KARAK TO WADI AL-MUGAIR

Date: Wednesday, October 28

Distance: 20 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 21: WADI AL-MUGAIR TO WADI HASA

Date: Thursday, October 29

Distance: 13 km

Overnight: Homestay/ Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 22: WADI HASA TO AIS

Date: Friday, October 30

Distance: 20 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: Difficult 

DAY 23: AIS TO MA'ATAN

Date: Saturday, October 31

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Homestay/ Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 

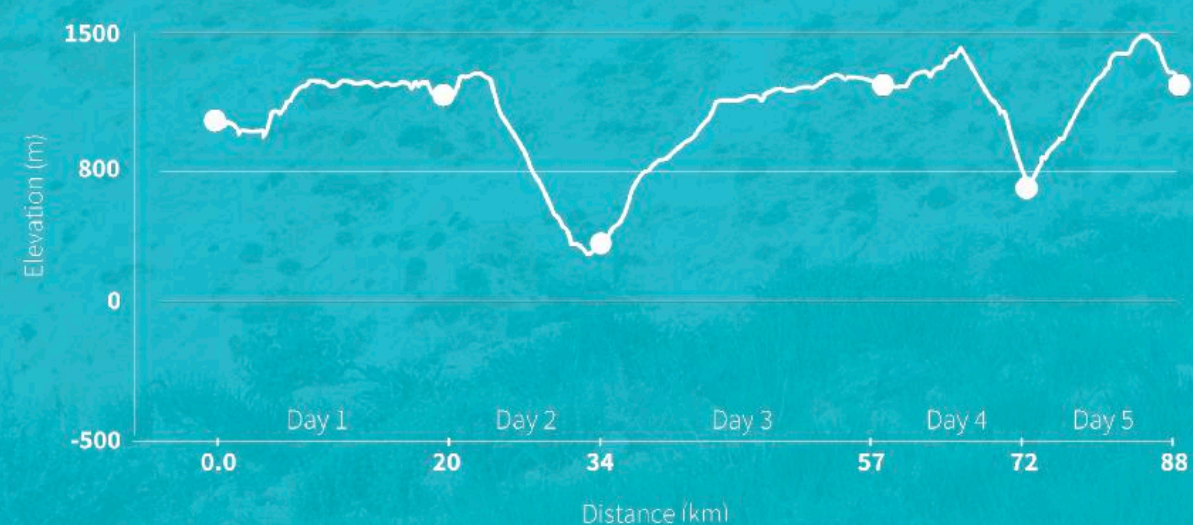
DAY 24: MA'ATAN TO DANA

Date: Sunday, November 01

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 



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REGION 5: AL-KARAK TO DANA



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REGION 6: DANA TO PETRA

This awe-inspiring section of the Jordan Trail, named one of National Geographic's top 15 hikes in the world, begins with a descent from Dana's hilltop village into Wadi Feynan, leading to the dramatic plateaus of Wadi Araba. Crossing diverse ecosystems and hidden canyons, the trail reveals the full spectrum of the region's geology. From majestic mountaintops to peaceful farmlands, new landscapes emerge every few kilometers. The journey culminates at the iconic Nabatean city of Petra, where you'll walk through its 'back door' and follow the footsteps of ancient traders—a truly unforgettable experience.

Days: 4 days and 4 nights
1+ break day for thru-hikers only

Length: 73 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

4 Days

DAY 25: DANA TO WADI MALAGA / BARWAS

Date: Monday, November 02

Distance: 22 km

Overnight: Wild Camp / Camp

Difficulty level: Difficult 

Day 26: WADI MALAGA TO RAS AL-FEID

Date: Tuesday, November 03

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Challenging 

DAY 27: RAS AL-FEID TO LITTLE PETRA

Date: Wednesday, November 04

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Camp

Difficulty level: Challenging 

DAY 28: LITTLE PETRA TO PETRA

Date: Thursday, November 05

Distance: 13 km

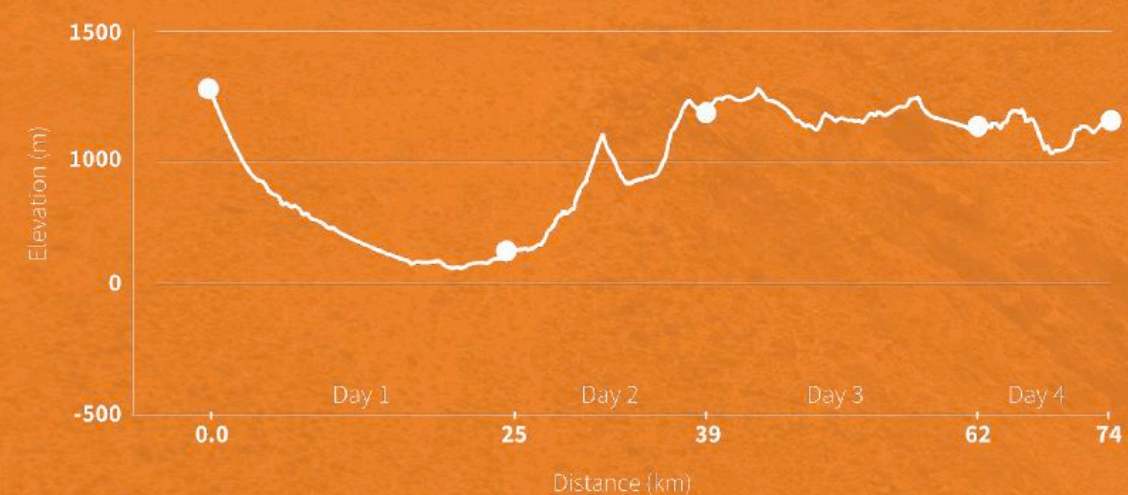
Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: Easy 

DAY 29 (Break Day): PETRA

Date: Friday, November 06

Overnight: Hotel



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REGION 6: DANA TO PETRA



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REGION 7: PETRA TO WADI RUM

This unforgettable journey connects two of Jordan's most legendary sites, Petra and Wadi Rum, through a week-long trek across one of the trail's most untouched landscapes. The path winds through deep, rugged wadis before opening into vast sandy plains, where towering rock formations shape an otherworldly desert. Here, silence is profound, the night sky sparkles with endless stars, and nature's raw beauty takes center stage. As the journey ends in Wadi Rum, the warmth of Bedouin hospitality offers a perfect contrast to the solitude of the trail, making for a truly immersive desert experience.

Days: 6 days and 6 nights

Length: 111 km

Main sites in the region:

- Petra
- Sand stone mountains are a sea of sand
- Jabal Haroun (Mountaintop burial place of Aaron, off-route)
- Humeima, ancient and Umayyad ruins


6 Days

DAY 30: PETRA TO GAA' MREIBED

Date: Saturday, November 07

Distance: 21 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Difficult 

DAY 33: WADI GSIEB TO WADI AHEIMAR

Date: Tuesday, November 10

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp


Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 31: GAA' MREIBED TO WADI AL-SAIF

Date: Sunday, November 08

Distance: 14 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 34: WADI AHEIMAR TO ABBASIYA

Date: Wednesday, November 11

Distance: 26 km

Overnight: Wild Camp


Difficulty level: Difficult 

DAY 32: WADI AL-SAIF TO WADI GSIEB

Date: Monday, November 09

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 

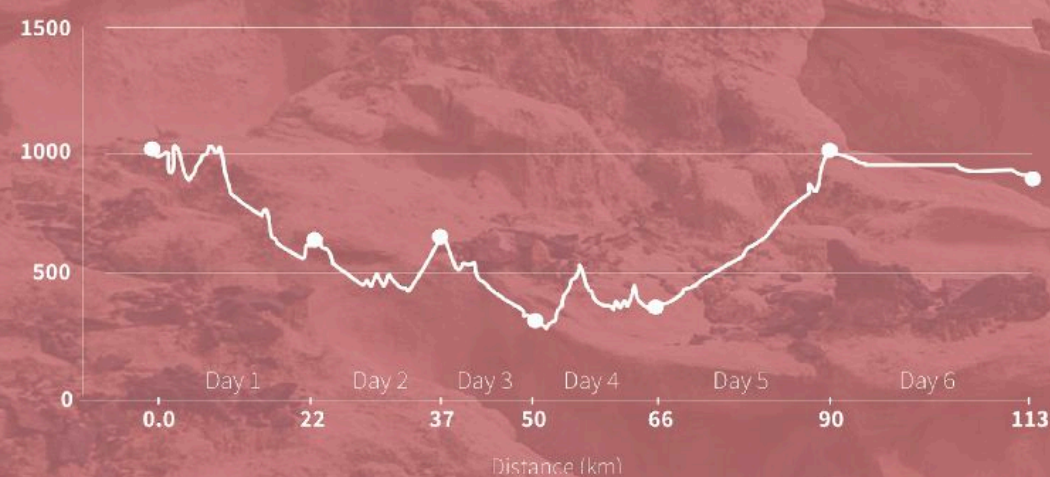
DAY 35: ABBASIYA TO JABAL KHARAZA

Date: Thursday, November 12

Distance: 19 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 



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Distance may vary depending on **weather conditions and camping sites**

Overnight arrangements may **vary depending on availability and other conditions**

REGION 7: PETRA TO WADI RUM



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REGION 8: WADI RUM TO AQABA

As you leave behind the village of Wadi Rum, the trail takes you beneath the towering cliffs of Jabal Rum and Jabal Um Ishrin, leading you deep into the iconic, expansive beauty of Wadi Rum. This vast, almost otherworldly desert, described by T.E. Lawrence as “godlike,” will reveal its unique landscapes to you. The path then weaves past the striking cliffs of Jabal Khazali and Jabal Qattar, threading through the colorful sandstone mountains that characterize this majestic desert. Following ancient shepherd trails, the route meanders through desert wadis and across granite peaks with fascinating basalt formations. As you approach the end of this epic journey, you’ll catch your first glimpse of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba, with the Sinai Mountains in the distance. The journey culminates in the refreshing waters of the Red Sea, leading you to the port city of Aqaba.

Days: 6 days and 6 nights

Length: 93 km

Main sites in the region:

- Wadi Rum (World Heritage site)
- Wadi Rum Bedouin village
- Jebel Rum, and Jebel Um Ishrin
- 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
- Bedouin encampments
- Aqaba (Red Sea)


6 Days

DAY 36: JABAL KHARAZA TO SHAKRIYA

Date: Friday, November 13

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Camp


Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 37: SHAKRIYA TO RUM VILLAGE

Date: Saturday, November 14

Distance: 18 km

Overnight: Camp

Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 38: RUM VILLAGE TO AL-QIDR

Date: Sunday, November 15

Distance: 12 km

Overnight: Wild Camp


Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 39: AL-QIDR TO TITEN

Date: Monday, November 16

Distance: 12 km

Overnight: Wild Camp


Difficulty level: Moderate 

DAY 40: TITEN TO FINAL CAMP

Date: Tuesday, November 17

Distance: 18 km

Overnight: Wild Camp


Difficulty level: Difficult 

DAY 41: FINAL CAMP TO AQABA

Date: Wednesday, November 18

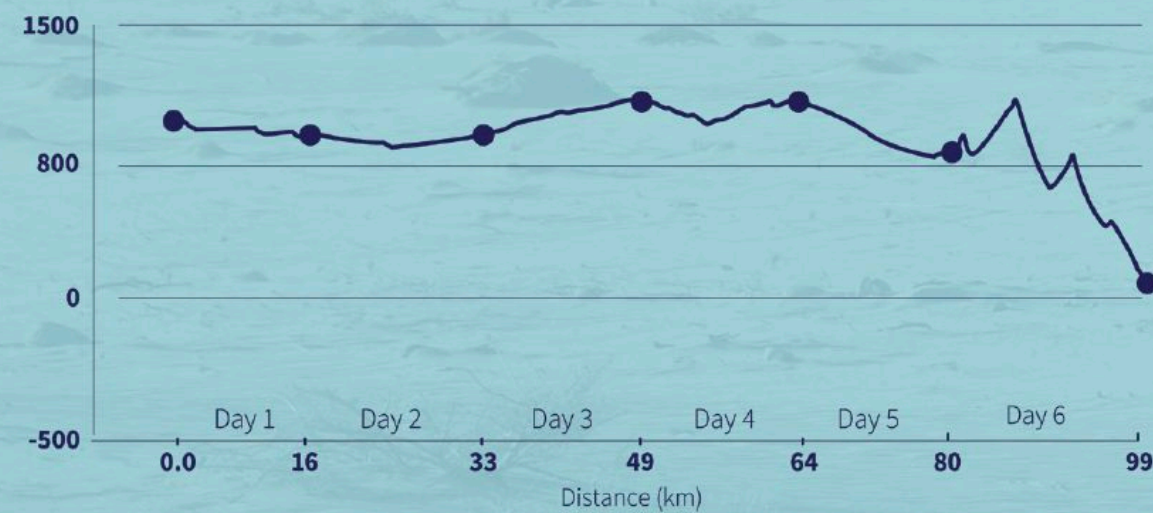
Distance: 17 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: Difficult 

DAY 42 (Break Day): AQABA TO AMMAN

Date: Thursday, November 19



Break days are for **thru-hikers only**

Distance may vary depending on **weather conditions and camping sites**

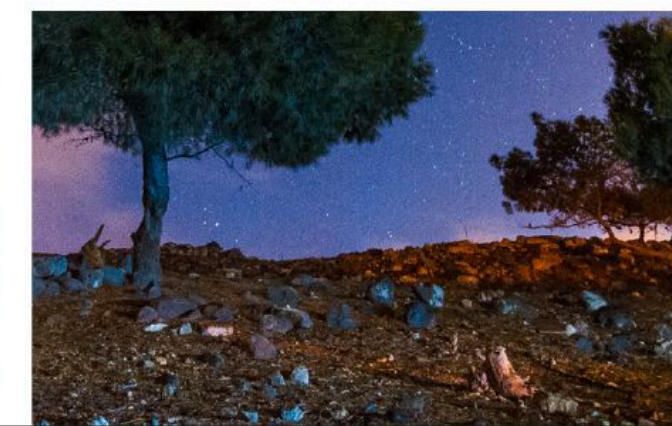
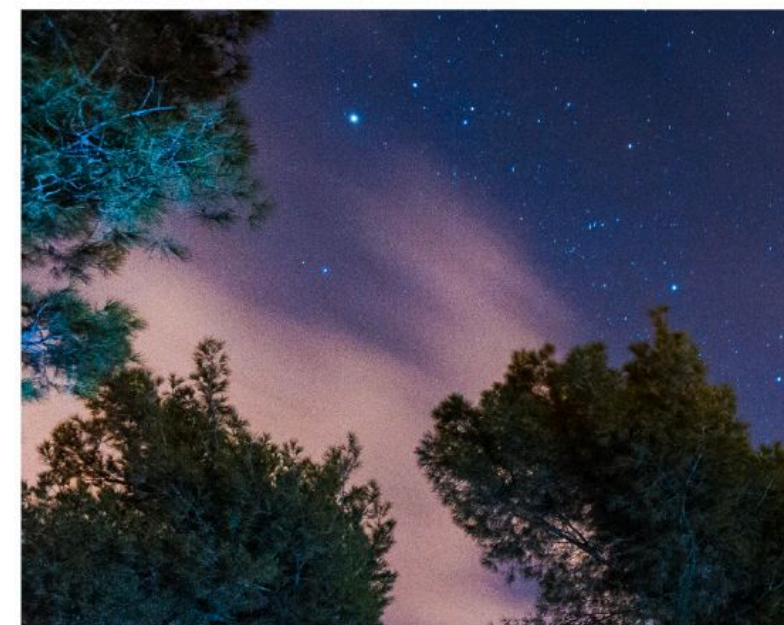
Overnight arrangements may **vary depending on availability and other conditions**

REGION 8: WADI RUM TO AQABA



SAFETY & GEAR:

Whether you're a **seasoned hiker or just starting out**, it's always a good idea to hike with a buddy. But that's just one of the many ways to ensure a **safer, more enjoyable adventure!** Here are some other helpful tips to keep in mind.



FOR 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 a 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 blue items is a must to join the hike.



THRU-HIKERS, REGION HIKERS AND WEEKEND HIKERS.

Footwear

- Good hiking shoes, should be broken in and not too heavy.
- Hiking socks: wool is 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.

Sleeping gear

- Sleeping bag.
- Sleeping pad.
- Camping pillow.

Essentials for day pack

- Backpack for day gear (25-40L).
- 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/medication.
- Blister care products.

Other

- Overnight bag/duffle bag (carries everything for overnight).
- Phone and 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.

Visit: www.jordantrail.org/thru-hike
and book your spot today!



DAILY RATES

Rate: JOD 40

Um Qais to Ajloun

Um Qais to Makhraba

Date: Friday, October 09

Distance: 14 KM

Elevation: Lowest -100 M / Highest 340 M

Makhraba to Ziglab

Date: Saturday, October 10

Distance: 11 KM

Elevation: Lowest -100 M / Highest 255 M

Ajloun to As-Salt

King Talal Dam to Rmeimeen

Date: Friday, October 16

Distance: 16 KM

Elevation: Lowest 230 M / Highest 600 M

Rmeimeen to As-Salt

Date: Saturday, October 17

Distance: 15 KM

Elevation: Lowest 538 M / Highest 1020 M

Three Wadis to Al-Karak

Wadi Zarqa Ma'in to Wadi Hidan

Date: Friday, October 23

Distance: 18 KM

Elevation: Lowest 127 M / Highest 772 M

Wadi Hidan to Wadi Mujib

Date: Saturday, October 24

Distance: 15 KM

Elevation: Lowest 145 M / Highest 805 M



WEEKEND RATES

Region 1 Weekend

Um Qais to Ziglab

From: Friday morning, October 09

Till: Saturday evening, October 10

Rate: JOD 180

Region 2 Weekend

King Talal Dam to As-Salt

From: Friday morning, October 16

Till: Saturday evening, October 17

Rate: JOD 180

Region 4 Weekend

Wadi Zarqa Ma'in to Wadi Mujib

From: Friday morning, October 23

Till: Saturday evening, October 24

Rate: JOD 180

Region 5 Weekend

Wadi Hasa to Ma'atan

From: Thursday afternoon, October 29

Till: Saturday evening, October 31

Rate: JOD 240

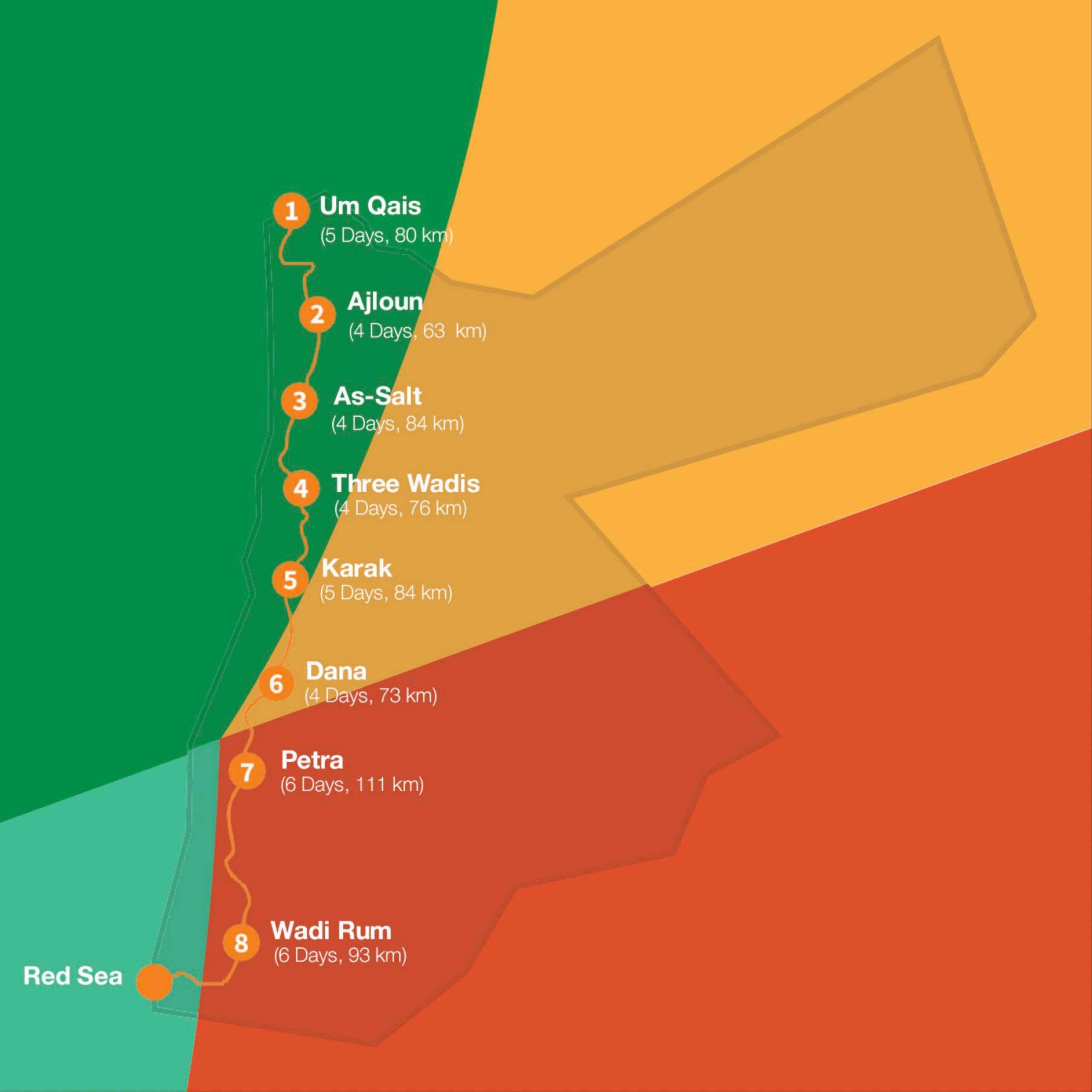
Region 7&8 Weekend

Jabal Kharazah to Rum Village

From: Thursday afternoon, November 12

Till: Saturday evening, November 14

Rate: JOD 240



REGION RATES

Region 1

Um Qais to Ajloun

5 days and 4 nights

Starts on: October 09

Return on: October 13

Rate: JOD 540

Region 2

Ajloun to As-Salt

4 days and 3 nights

Starts on: October 14

Return on: October 17

Rate: JOD 420

Region 3

As-Salt to Wadi Zarqa Ma'in

4 days and 3 nights

Starts on: October 19

Return on: October 22

Rate: JOD 420

Region 4

Three Wadies to Karak

4 days and 3 nights

Starts on: October 23

Return on: October 26

Rate: JOD 420

Region 5

Karak to Dana

(1st night in Karak: October 27)

5 days and 5 nights

Starts on: October 28

Return on: November 01

Rate: JOD 600

Region 6

Dana to Petra

(1st night in Dana: November 01)

4 days and 4 nights

Starts on: November 02

Return on: November 05

Rate: JOD 540

Region 7

Petra to Wadi Rum

(1st night in Petra: November 06)

6 days and 6 nights

Starts on: November 07

Return on: November 12

Rate: JOD 720

Region 8

Wadi Rum to Aqaba

(1st night in Jabal Kharaza: November 12)

6 days and 6 nights

Starts on: November 13

Return on: November 18

Rate: JOD 720



THRU-HIKE RATES

Rate: JOD 4,085

Thru-Hike | Region | Weekend 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 Home stays 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 Box



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.



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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