

# Jordan Passage to Petra Trekking

**Dazzling Antiquities, Bedouin Paths & the Dead Sea**

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## Unrivaled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

## Unique Trip Design

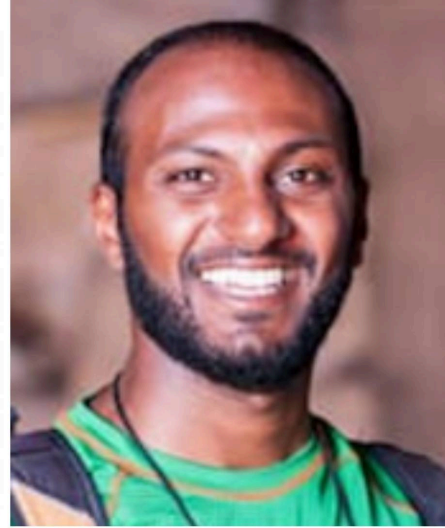
Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

## Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.







## Leading the Way

### World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.







# Why take this trip with us?

## REASON 1

Experiencing Jordan is a great entree to the rest of the Middle East and seeing Petra is a singular experience.

## REASON 2

This trip is expertly led by local Jordanian guides—who have been leading groups through the country for many years.

## REASON 3

This trip includes 6 days of remote hiking on the Jordan Trail through Bedouin settlements.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

Insightful cultural touring of Jordan's top sights with six days hiking up to 9 hours per day on Bedouin paths and mountain trails.



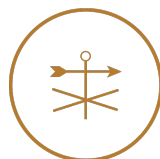
### LODGING

A perfect blend of luxurious five-star hotels, comfortable hotels with modern amenities, and MT Sobek trail camps.



### CLIMATE

Temperatures range from lows in the mid-to-high 40's and highs in the low 60's to low 70's. There is a slight possibility of rain.



### KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

*"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.*





# Jordan Passage to Petra Trekking

## Dazzling Antiquities, Bedouin Paths & the Dead Sea

With stunning desert landscapes and wondrous historical sights, Jordan exemplifies the magic of the Middle East. Experience the country's highlights and its lesser-known desert routes as you explore spectacular Wadi Rum, hike in the Dana Biosphere Reserve, and take Bedouin paths through the Sharah Mountains. After six days of epic hiking, treasure every moment as you explore ancient Petra, float in the Dead Sea, and behold views across the biblical Promised Land from Mount Nebo. Rest in comfort at hand-picked accommodations and enjoy traditional Jordanian cuisine.

### 12 Days

**Start:** Amman, Jordan

**End:** Amman, Jordan

**Departing:** March, April, May, October, November, December

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking, Cultural Discovery, Adventure Camping

**Lodging:** Luxury Hotels, Comfortable Hotels, Wilderness Camping, Rustic Lodging

**Group Size:** 3-14 Guests

#### ACTIVITY:



Check [mtsobek.com](https://mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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*"Our guide was exceptional. He was knowledgeable about history, archeology, and nature - and also personable and attentive to our needs. We could not ask for a better guide."*

- David L.



# The Itinerary

DAY  
01

## Arrive in Amman

Welcome to Jordan! Meet your MT Sobek representative at Queen Alia International Airport and transfer to your hotel in Amman. Explore the city on your own today, depending upon your flight arrival time. Later in the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

**MEALS:** Dinner

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DAY  
02

## Discover Amman

Start today at Amman Citadel, where in the Old Testament King David arranged to have his lover's husband murdered. Continue your walking tour to Jebel Webdeh, the arts and cultural district, passing art galleries, antiquities, and handcraft shops. On foot, explore the old city, stopping at local restaurants to sample falafel, hummus, and kenafah, an Arab delicacy eaten at times of celebration. Continue through the streets and markets, visiting the Al-Husseini mosque and, time permitting, the Roman amphitheater. Tonight experience another side of Jordan with a wine tasting and snacks. Drive back to your hotel. Dinner on your own.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch

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DAY  
03

## Journey to Jerash & Ajloun

Head north to Jerash, regarded as one of the best-preserved and most important Roman cities in the Middle East. Stroll through ancient arches and colonnades, then stop at a nearby village to take lunch at Beit Khayrat Souf, a woman-owned and operated cafe. Afterwards, drive to Ajloun and visit its medieval castle, which commands a breathtaking view of the Jordan Valley. The castle was originally built to ward off Crusader armies from a vital trade crossroads between Jerusalem, Cairo, Damascus, and Mecca.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer

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04

## Head South to Mount Nebo & Madaba

After breakfast, drive south to Mount Nebo and wonder at the view where Moses looked across to the Promised Land and later died and was buried. Continue to Madaba, where you discover the town's amazing Byzantine mosaics and the Madaba Map — the oldest preserved mosaic map of the Holy Land. After lunch head to the ancient Crusader castle in Karak, exploring the maze of stone-vaulted halls and passageways. Arrive at the Dana Nature Reserve overlooking Wadi Dana, and explore the old village before settling in for dinner.



**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer

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## DAY 05

### Hike from Dana to Feynan Ecolodge

Begin your hike at Dana Guesthouse (4,000') and head west into Dana Valley. The trail drops steeply and then descends gradually through the Dana Biosphere Reserve. Jordan's largest reserve includes four distinct bio-geographical zones supporting an astonishing diversity of flora and fauna. Look for Griffon vultures, hyrax, copper-blue lizards, and, if you're lucky, ibex or desert fox. Finish at the Feynan Ecolodge, from where a guided sunset walk takes you to a nearby hilltop for fresh Bedouin tea and stunning views of the sunset over the vast Wadi Araba desert.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4-5 hours/8.5 miles hiking with 750' elevation gain & 3,750' elevation loss

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## DAY 06

### Hike from Wadi Feynan to Furon

Start early on a challenging hike to Furon. Walk through the historic landscape around Feynan, where copper has been mined for 3,000 years. As you leave Feynan, see the slag mountains that are the waste product of this ancient industry, plus ruins from the Nabataean and Roman periods. Pass through the entrance to Wadi Ghweir and ascend with great views. This is a steep and challenging section of the route, but extremely rewarding. In the afternoon, reach your camp on a beautiful, open plateau in Furon.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 8-9 hours/11.5 miles hiking with 4,460' elevation gain & 1,575' elevation loss

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## DAY 07

### Hike from Furon to Ghbour Whedat

After breakfast, start your hike past Ras Al-Feid towards Ghbour Whedat. Enjoy amazing views into the remotest and wildest corners of Jordan! Contouring the Sharah Mountains, follow a trail of Bedouin shepherd trails. On the remotest sections of the trail, you are walking on less traveled and harder-to-identify hunters' paths. The sheer peaks of black mountains overlooking the trail and steep precipitous drops of the canyons below make this day absolutely spectacular, with one view outdone by the next.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6-7 hours/10 miles hiking with 2,450' elevation gain & 3,020' elevation loss

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## Hike from Ghouhour Whedat to Little Petra

Hiking between Ghouhour Whedat and Little Petra (Siq al-Barid) today, pass many sights including Ba'ajah ruins, Nabataean wine and olive presses, water tanks, wells, and Nabataean rock-carved facades. Arrive in Little Petra — a mini, magical version of Petra — and then continue following the timeline markers through history to the remains of a Neolithic village. Tonight have an unforgettable desert experience as you sleep under the stars in an authentic Bedouin camp.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5-6 hours/8.5 miles hiking with 2,000' elevation gain & 1,850' elevation loss

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## Hike from Little Petra to Petra

Hike along good tracks that go pleasantly down Wadi Ghurab amidst sandstone mountains guarding the approaches to Petra. This route follows a Nabataean path out of the valley and skirts around the final mountain on a natural rock terrace that narrows slightly before reaching a hidden plateau high above the impressive chasm of Wadi Siyyagh. Just beyond, carved into the cliff face, the monumental Monastery (aka Ad Deir) comes into view. Nabataean steps lead down into ancient Petra. Hike one of the off-the-beaten path routes into Petra.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 8 hours/11.5 miles hiking with negligible elevation gain/loss

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## Explore Ancient Petra & Travel to Wadi Rum

Today, visit other trails and sights inside Petra including the Siq. Feeling bold? Visit less-touristic spots such as the Canyon of the Sig, Al-Khubtha Mountain or the High Place of Sacrifice, exploring ancient rock-carved ruins and climbing steep ancient Nabataean steps along the way to magnificent panoramic views. After lunch, drive to Wadi Rum and have a thrilling 4WD sunset adventure, following in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia, climbing sand dunes and rock bridges. Back at camp, enjoy a delicious Bedouin dinner and a starry night in the desert.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1.5-hour private van transfer

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## Journey from Wadi Rum to the Dead Sea

After breakfast in Wadi Rum, drive to the lowest point on earth to float and relax in the Dead Sea. Enjoy the sunshine and views while trying out an invigorating mud bath to cleanse the skin. Savor a festive farewell lunch and say goodbye to your guide. Come evening, gather for a final dinner!

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1.5-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** Float in the Dead Sea

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## Depart from Jordan

Today bid the group and Jordan farewell, and transfer to Queen Alia International Airport for your homeward-bound flight.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1-hour private van transfer





# Where You'll Stay

**These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.**

## **InterContinental Jordan Hotel**

A well-known landmark in bustling Amman, the five-star InterContinental Jordan Hotel offers cosmopolitan amenities with a Middle Eastern touch, from international cuisine to spa, fitness center, two swimming pools, and excellent views. Guests also enjoy Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. Located atop one of the seven hills of Amman, the hotel boasts easy proximity to the city center and historic sites.

## **Dana Guesthouse**

The Dana Guesthouse is perched on the edge of Wadi Dana, just steps from the trailhead for your first day's hike. A beautifully styled building, the guesthouse offers breathtaking views of the Dana Biosphere Reserve. There are nine rooms — most with private terraces — and all bathrooms are public. The guesthouse offers traditional Jordanian food and friendly service.

## **Feynan Ecolodge**

In the heart of the mountainous Dana Biosphere Reserve, Feynan Ecolodge is an award-winning, solar (and at night candle) powered, 26-room accommodation. Beautifully and sustainably designed to fit in with its surroundings, Feynan offers guests authentic Bedouin hospitality amidst stunning natural beauty. Activities include adventuring through the untouched outdoors, sipping tea with native Bedouins, exploring local archaeological sites, or simply unwinding on the serene property.



# Where You'll Stay

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## **MT Sobek Camp—Furon, Jordan**

Our camp in Furon lies on a flat plateau with open space and spectacular mountain views. Like Ghabour Whedat, the spacious tents come with thick pads, blankets, sleeping bags, and pillows to maximize comfort. Enjoy fresh food prepared by our Bedouin camping crew and relax in the peaceful landscape.

## **MT Sobek Camp—Ghabour Whedat**

Escape the city in Ghabour Whedat, a dry river valley surrounded by desert vegetation and sheltered by large boulders. Tents come with thick pads, blankets, sleeping bags, and pillows to maximize comfort. Our Bedouin camping crew prepares fresh food consisting of traditional local flavors and ingredients.

## **Petra Marriott Hotel**

Overlooking the majestic Petra Valley, The Petra Marriott Hotel is a haven for luxury where you can relax at the spa or refresh at the bar and lounge. The spacious rooms feature spectacular views and modern amenities, including Wi-Fi.

## **Sun City Camp**

Live an out-of-this-world experience in the Sun City Camp, in the rocky orange desert close to where the 2015 movie *The Martian* was filmed. Each Bedouin-themed tent has a private bathroom with shower, heated mattress, and colorful carpets. Activities include sunset camel rides, hot air balloon rides, and 4WD tours. And dinners of delectable, fresh, local cuisine are cooked underground!

## **Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa**

The Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa boasts a picture-perfect location on the enthralling eponymous sea's sandy shores. The hotel welcomes guests with five-star resort lodging and many amenities. The spacious, stylishly appointed rooms and suites provide wonderful views of the Dead Sea, deluxe bedding, and more. Facilities include multiple dining options, several pools, spa, bar, and beach access with an attendant and supply of nourishing Dead Sea mud.



# Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: March, April, May, October, November, December

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

May 6-17, 2024

October 12-23, 2024

November 6-17, 2024

December 9-20, 2024

March 10-21, 2025

April 9-20, 2025

May 8-19, 2025

October 8-19, 2025

November 8-19, 2025

December 10-21, 2025

# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses





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