Actively exploring Jordan's Wadis: Amman to Aqaba

Hiking - Canyoning - Rappelling - Snorkeling



Your Private Guide in Jordan

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Adventure Next Near East 2017 Pre- Adventure Tour May 10 – 15, 2017

Ahlan Wa Sahlan

Ahlan Wa Sahlan is Arabic for "Welcome from the Heart," and it is a greeting that visitors to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan soon discover is true to its word.

Itinerary Highlights

- Experience the Arab lifestyle in the ancient city of As-Salt
- Hike and rappel through Jordan's water filled canyons
- Discover the Rose City of Petra
- Explore Wadi Rum on foot and by camel
- Dive or snorkel and swim in the Red Sea at Aqaba

Trip rating: (3) Moderate (Good physical fitness required; ~4-6 hours activity/day); one day includes rappelling up to 35m/~115' down canyons and waterfalls; you must be comfortable rappelling and in water and know how to swim

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Day 1: Wednesday, May 10: Arrive Amman (AMM)

Upon arrival at the Amman airport, meet our airport representative. Look out for a greeting sign with your name on it for identification. After immigration formalities to issue your visa, walk towards the luggage belt, pick-up your baggage and one of our porters will assist you to the exit gate where the guide is waiting. Transfer 40 minutes to Amman, check in Hotel Jerusalem International for the night. Dinner included.

Day 2: Thursday, May 11 - Amman City Tour - Salt - Wadi Himara - Kerak

After breakfast, we begin our adventure with a tour admiring the ruins of ancient Amman at the Citadel (Jebel al-Qala), which dates back to the Bronze Age, and the Roman amphitheater, an impressive remnant of Philadelphia, as the city was known during the 2nd century A.D.

Next, we continue to towards the city of <u>As-Salt</u>, where we experience a hint of traditional Arab life. A tour of the old city is followed by a home cooked lunch with a local family.

Now fueled up for adventure, we head south along the Jordan Valley highway to reach the entrance of Wadi Hamira at the Dead Sea. Our hiking guide leads us along the lower canyon on the Palm Tree trail. The red cliffs are punctuated with the greens of palm trees, juniper, reeds and capers. If we're lucky, also the pink of blooming oleander. The trail ends at one of Jordan's highest waterfalls.

At the end of the hike, we transfer (1 hr) to Kerak for dinner and overnight.

All meals included.

Hiking: 3.4 km/2.1 miles; 2-3 hours





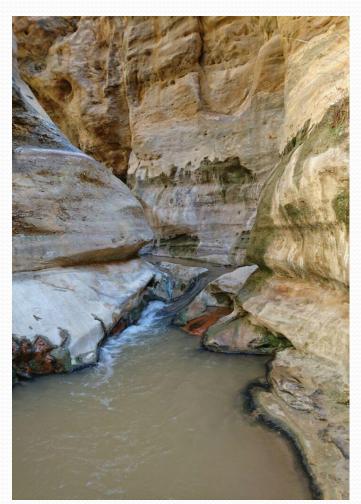
Day 3: Friday, May 12 – Wadi Balou – Petra

Today's hike takes us through the wild and remote Wadi Balou, following a rugged trail through a creek and striking scenery. Notice the scent of sage, mint, and thyme in the air. Along the route, we rappel down three waterfalls reaching 35 meters in height! All rappels drop into deep bowls filled with natural pools, ideal for swimming. The route also includes slides and jumps, making it one of the most fun and diverse wadis in Jordan.

After our hike, we transfer to Jordan's most famous site, the Rose City of Petra. We spend the next two nights in a Bedouin Camp nearby. *All meals included*.

Hiking/Canyoning: 10 km/6 miles; ~6 hours; 3 rappels (up to 35 meters/115 feet)

Note: Beginners welcome but you must be comfortable with rappelling and in water and know how to swim. Class 3 - canyoneering rappels or technical climbing and/or downclimbing. A rope is required for belays and single-pitch rappels. Retreating up-canyon would require fixing ropes. Water with no current or light current. Still pools. Falls are normally dry or running at a trickle. Swimming expected.



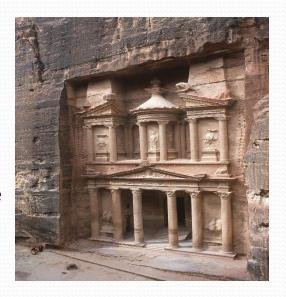


Day 4: Saturday, May 13 - Petra (Wadi Musa)

We have the entire day to immerse ourselves in the beauty and history of Petra. Entering Wadi Musa via the "back door", away from crowds, we come to the magnificent Monastery.

Our licensed guide shares the history of this ancient Nabataean city that was lost in time until the early 1800's. Take time to explore the site with its palaces, temples, tombs, storerooms and stables carved in the sandstone cliffs.

We end the day enjoying dinner with a local family. www.petra-community.com



Day 5: Sunday, May 14 - Petra - Wadi Rum

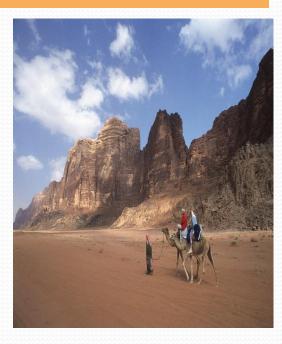
This morning we leave to make our way to our final wadi, the vast Wadi Rum. Filled with canyons, sand dunes, and petroglyphs, there is much to discover!

Upon arrival, we take half day hike with a Bedouin guide and eat lunch en-route.

Later, we set sail on the ships of the desert: a camel ride.

Back in camp, we witness the sunset over the rocky mountains. A traditional dinner is served under a star-filled sky.

Our final night is spent in a private Bedouin tent. *All meals included*.



Day 6: Monday, May 15 - Wadi Rum - Aqaba - Dead Sea

After an early breakfast, we leave the desert of Wadi Rum and drive to Aqaba, Jordan's only coastal town. Located on the Gulf of Aqaba, Red Sea, this is the spot for water sports.

We spend the morning at the <u>Berenice Beach Club</u> enjoying their swimming pools or snorkeling/scuba diving.

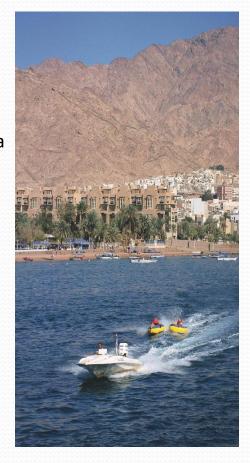
The Red Sea is world renown for its colorful corals and fish.

In the early afternoon, we depart for the Lowest spot on earth, the Dead Sea, stopping for lunch on the way.

We arrive at the Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea, the location of AdventureNEXT, by 4:00pm.

Breakfast and lunch included.

Note: Diving is possible but only after consulting a dive instructor and with a shallow dive.







Weather

Temperatures in Jordan can be hot and with little rain. The average temperature in May is 21°C/70°F, with highs reaching 34°C/93°F in Aqaba and near the Dead Sea and lows around 14°C /57°C at night in the desert. The high temperatures may feel hotter in the sun all day. While the chance of rain is slight in May, it is still important to be prepared with a proper rain and wind proof jacket. Layering is important for protection from the sun and cool nights.

Packing List

Luggage:		Assorted Personal Items:		
	Medium to large duffle or rolling soft- sided luggage		Water bottles - 1 liter/1 quart x2 (2 liters total) and/or hydration bladder	
	Luggage lock		Dry bag to keep electronics & other	
	Packing cubes/stuff sacks/dry bags		important essentials dry	
	Day pack – 15-25 liters		Headlamp with spare batteries	
	 Garbage bag to line pack 		Sunblock and lip balm with SPF	
			Sun hat	
Clothing:			Sunglasses	
	Casual, loose-fitting clothing/shoes for		Personal hygiene items (toothpaste,	
	travel and city wear (lightweight, easily		toothbrush, hand sanitizer, lightweight	
	washable)		travel towel, etc.)	
	Light rain/windproof jacket		Personal first aid kit, medications, blister	
	Mid-weight fleece/softshell		prevention/treatment kit	
	T-shirts, quick drying		Women: Tampons – difficult to	
	Long sleeve shirt with collar		obtain in rural areas	
	Hiking pants (zip-off legs to shorts)		Toilet Kit: Toilet paper, Ziplock bags (at	
	Underwear/sports bra (quick drying)		least one for clean TP, one for dirty TP),	
	Sleepwear		wet wipes, hand sanitizer (You must pack	
	Warm hat (for chilly evenings in the		out all toilet paper of out the wilderness.)	
	desert)		Insect repellant Travel alarm clock	
	Thin buff/neck scarf		Eye shade/ear plugs	
	Swimwear		Camera/memory cards/battery	
			Charging not possible at Bedouin	
Footwear:			camp	
	Hiking shoes	Don't f		
	Hiking socks, synthetic or wool		~~~ ~ ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	
	Water sandals or shoes		Passport Travel/Medical/Evacuation insurance	
			Air tickets	
			Health requirements arranged	
			Money - cash/debit cards/credit cards	
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Rates are net in US\$ per person sharing a double/twin room read as follows:

Group size	PRICE P.P.	MEAL PLAN	TMC
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04	\$1010	FB	07 seats Mini Van
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06	\$890	FB	09 seats Mini Van
07	\$845	FB	09 seats Van
08	\$845	FB	09 seats Van
09	\$785	FB	18 seats Bus
10	\$770	FB	18 seats Bus
11	\$740	FB	18 seats Bus
12	\$710	FB	18 seats Bus
Single Supplement	\$100		

03 * & 04* Hotels (Twin share rooms)				
City	Hotel			
Amman	Jerusalem International (01 night)			
Kerak	Almujeb hotel (01 night)			
Petra	Ammarin Bedouin Camp (02 nights)			
Wadi Rum	Zawaideh desert camp (01 night)			

Logistic Support

- Water refillable bottles to fill up all day from our support team (No plastic bottles)
- Fruits, energy snack.
- All safety equipment require for your hikes, e.g. Helmets, ropes, life jackets, etc..
- Vehicle escorting the group
- GPS
- First Aid kits
- Capes and the traditional Jordanian Red scarf.
- 8. Wet-wipes
- Walkers pack list: Comfortable walking shoes or trainers, day pack, warm lightweight fleece/pullover, shower proof jacket if it looks like rain, and sun cream, And flashlight

Lunch box and local dinner

- Lunch box contains the following:
- 1- Banana , Apple, Cucumber
- 2- Juice
- 3- Cheese Sandwiches
- 4- Energy Bar

Breakfast and Dinner Buffet

- Local Dinner:
- 1. Al Salt: Local Jordanian dishes with meat, rice, and vegetables cooked together, in addition to Salads. such as Maqlouba "Upside Down"
- <u>2.Petra</u>: Local Jordanian dish with lamp meat, rice and dried yoghurt (Mansaf), in addition to Salads, all these dishes are covered with fried almonds and pines.

The above rates include

- 05 nights accommodation based on twin share rooms as mentioned in the above table
- Meal plan: all hotel & Wadi Rum HB basis (Breakfasts & Dinners) including water and 1 soft drink + Lunches as mentioned in program.
- 3. All transfers by new model A/C private vehicle as adjacent to the above price table.
- 4. English speaking local guide for the whole program
- 5. Wi-Fi while in car or minivan where available up to 5 devices
- 6. Wi-Fi in hotels if available
- 7. Entry fees to the mentioned sites
- 8. Transfers between Wadi Rum visitors' center and and the remote camp by bedouin local vehicles (pickups) up to 06 pax per pickup
- 9. 4 hour 4X4 ride in Wadi Rum
- 10. 4 hour hike in Wadi Rum
- 11. Water to refill and lunch box during the hikes (See logestic support above)
- 12. Camel ride for 1 hour in Wadi Rum
- 13. Free entrance to Berenice Beach Club with water and 1 soft drink
- 14. Visa to Jordan

The above rates exclude

- 1. Personal expenses (laundry, calls...etc)
- 2. Travel/health insurance of any kind
- 3. Optional & supplements
- 4. Extra meals & Beverages
- Air ticket
- 6. Wi-Fi in Wadi Rum
- 7. Local guides where not applicable
- 8. Tips for driver and guide
- 9. Water sports activities
- 10. Any item not mentioned as included
- 11. Alcoholic beverages

Notes

- Rates for delegates is FOC.
- Rates for non delegates in USD.