

OPTIONAL PETRA EXTENSION

3 days | Explore Petra and Wadi Rum

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: JANUARY 12, 2023

Head to the Petra

Depart at 7am for Petra. Some archaeologists have ranked ancient Petra as the eighth wonder of the ancient world – a truly justifiable claim. Much of Petra's appeal comes from its awesome, multicolored sandstone high mountains; it is a secluded site of steep rocky slopes, towering craggy mountain tops and high cliffs, into which most of the celebrated tombs, facades, theaters and stairways are carved.

With your expert guide, you'll start your exploration from the visitor center going through the Siq to The Treasury. You will see the architecture and engineering that the Nabatean people used as aqueducts for water. While looking at and experiencing the old historical beliefs of the Nabatean people manifested as carvings on the way to the Siq (treasury).

Lunch and dinner will be provided today.

Check into the Old Village later today and overnight.



DAY 2: JANUARY 13, 2023

Wadi Rum

After breakfast enjoy a morning being a Shepard and walk in the steps of a Sheep herder. Learn about this unique way of life that hasn't changed in centuries.

Then depart to Wadi Rum, a stupendous, timeless place, virtually untouched by humanity and its destructive forces. Here, it is the weather and winds that have carved the imposing, towering skyscrapers, so elegantly described by T.E. Lawrence as "vast, echoing and god-like". A maze of monolithic rock-scape rise from the desert floor to heights of 1,750 meters creating a natural challenge for serious mountaineers.

Enjoy a 4-hour Bedouin jeep tour where you will explore the canyons and water holes to discover 4000-year-old rock drawings and the many other spectacular desert treasures.

During your tour, you will hike sand dunes, see Nabataean graffiti, visit Siq Umm Tawagi ("Siq Lawrence") where you will see the carvings of Lawrence of Arabia and Prince Abdullah carved in to the sandstone by a local artisit. Experience the traditional Bedouin tea in an open goat hair woven tent.

Lunch will be provided at Wadi Rum

This evening enjoy a **traditional Bedouin dinner, zarb** which is lamb and chicken cooked underground on low heat for a couple of hours.



DAY 3: JANUARY 14, 2023**Fly home**

Say farewell to Jordan today. Check out of the hotel and transfer to the Amman airport for your flight back to the U.S.

Old Village Hotel and Resort

The **5 star Old Village Hotel** is situated on the outskirts of Wadi Musa, overlooking the Sahara Mountains. Set within the site of a **Nabatean village** which was inhabited by local residents until the mid-1970s. The rooms are set around a series of paths and courtyards interspersed with gardens and fountains. Throughout the resort there are many seating areas where guests can relax and enjoy a refreshing cup of mint tea or Arabic coffee whilst enjoying the view over the terraces and catching the spectacular sunset over the mountains. Rooms have a minibar, hairdryer, safe, coffee/tea maker, AC, desk, bathrobe & onsite dining. The hotel has an indoor pool, sauna and health center.

**Rum Oasis Camp**

Rum Oasis Camp is luxury property located in the heart of the desert and close to old village of Wadi Rum. Its encircled with a wide garden and trees and has a marvelous mountain view and a spectacular night sky viewing opportunity.

Tents are very luxury furnished with a private bathroom, fridge, A/C, Led TV screen, coffee and tea kit, table, seats and all needed amenities.

Enjoy Jordanian and Bedouin cuisines cooked in the fire while listening to relaxing music.

Experience life as a Bedouin in this unique camp located in the heart of the desert.

**PROGRAM INFO**

Date & Length: 3 days, January 12-14, 2023

Extension cost: \$1,099 per person. *Single supplement:* \$249

Inclusions: Hotel, tours transport (including golf cart at Petra), and meals as mentioned; most tips and portorage for guide, driver, restaurants, jeep and camel drivers.

Not Included: Tips to horse boy or maids at your hotel, meals not mentioned and hotel incidentals like laundry or room service.