

## FEATURES

- Some of Jordan's best 5-star hotels
- 'Hotel with a million stars' – camping with the Bedouin in Wadi Rum
- Caravan trails fanning out from Petra
- Delightful Bedouin people in remote villages of the semi-desert

## ITINERARY

**Day 1** Drive from Amman airport to the shores of the Dead Sea (1.5 hrs).

**Day 2** We drive (1 hr) to the mountain from where Moses saw the promised land, and see an ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land in Madaba.

**Day 3** We drive (2.5 hrs) along King's Highway to Wadi Hasa, where we walk (3 miles, 2 hrs), then continue on to Dana village (1 hr).

**Day 4** Our walk skirts the northern rim of the majestic Wadi Dana, Jordan's finest nature reserve (5 miles, 4.5 hrs). Return by vehicle.

**Day 5** We walk down Wadi Dana to the desert wastes of the Rift Valley (9.5 miles, 6 hrs).

**Day 6** Morning walk around archaeological ruins of Feynan (3 miles, 3 hrs) then drive through the mountains of Edom (2.5 hrs).

**Day 7** We walk into Petra across mountains with wide views before descending to our hotel (10.5 miles, 7 hrs).

**Day 8** Burckardt's classic entry into the 'Rose Red City' via the Siq, Treasury and Royal Tombs, climbing to the Monastery (7 miles, 8 hrs).

**Day 9** We re-enter Petra via a rarely used gorge and a recently discovered Byzantine church and walk to a caravan station (7 miles, 6 hrs). Return by vehicle.

**Day 10** We climb to the High Place of Sacrifice, descending via the colourful ruins of the Wadi Farasa (4 miles, 4 hrs). Free afternoon.

**Day 11** Morning drive (2.5 hrs) to Wadi Rum. Short walk to the majestic Barrah Canyon, and afternoon camel ride or walk to camp (4 miles, 2.5 hrs).

**Day 12** Desert sunrise followed by camel trek or walk between towering sandstone cliffs (4 miles, 3 hrs). We drive across open desert to Aqaba (2 hrs). Opportunities for swimming and relaxing before evening stroll to Aqaba's spice market and Mamluke Fort.

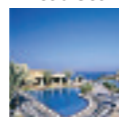
**Day 13** Transfer to Aqaba airport.

## 13 DAY TRIP

- Arrival airport: Amman  
Departure airport: Aqaba
- Fitness: 35+ (see pages 14–15)
- Days of walking: 10
- Shortest / Longest day's walk: 2 / 8 hrs

## ACCOMMODATION

NIGHTS 1 & 2  
Dead Sea



Mövenpick  
Dead Sea Resort  
★★★★★

NIGHTS 3 & 4  
Dana



RSCN  
Guesthouse

NIGHT 5  
Wadi Feynan



Eco Lodge

NIGHT 6  
Taybet



Taybet  
Zaman  
★★★★

NIGHTS 7–10  
Petra



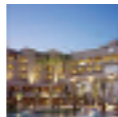
Mövenpick  
Petra Resort  
★★★★★

NIGHT 11  
Wadi Rum



Bedouin  
Camp

NIGHT 12  
Aqaba



Intercontinental  
★★★★★

## FOOD & WINE

Local specialities from Arabic cuisine. Dishes are imaginatively flavoured with spices and herbs found along this famous merchant route.

Local wine from ancient vineyards still tended in Christian enclaves. Some European labels.

## DATES & PRICES

2012 TRIP DATES	PRICES (excluding flights)	DFS supplement (per night)	2013 TRIP DATES
2nd Apr to 14th Apr 15th Oct to 27th Oct	£4,195 / \$7,340	£58 / \$102	1st Apr to 13th Apr 14th Oct to 26th Oct

2013 Prices to be advised

## CARAVAN TRAILS

Where caravans have crossed the deserts and mountain passes of Arabia for thousands of years... the silk and spice routes are legendary, crossing inspiring desert landscapes in the Near East. We travel from the Dead Sea to Wadi Dana, Jordan's finest nature reserve, and into the Rift Valley, the lowest point on Earth, on to the hidden city of Petra and Wadi Rum, whose weathered peaks inspired T.E. Lawrence, before ending in Aqaba on the Red Sea.



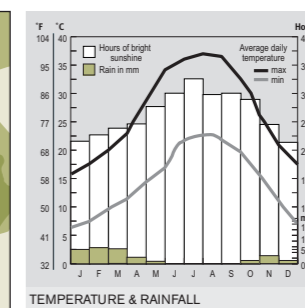
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THE TREASURY, PETRA



DESERT LANDSCAPES



### TERRAIN

Good tracks, with some light scrambling and soft sand (camels!).

Times reflect terrain rather than distance.

Note: Some ridges not suitable for acute vertigo sufferers.