

# JORDAN

## DETAILED ITINERARY

## EXTENSION

Sep 16/26

The Khazneh (treasury) is the first to greet visitors at Petra.



One of the 'new' Ancient Wonders of the Ancient World, Petra is an awe-inspiring sight. Carved into the sheer rock face by the Nabataeans over 2000 years ago, the Rose City of Petra was an important trade link between southern Arabia and the Far East. As Jordan's biggest attraction, Petra is a must see for any visitors to this area.

We also visit the ruins at Jerash, a Roman city built on a site dating back to the Neolithic Age and experience the massive pillars of sandstone rock rising from the rose-red desert floor at Wadi Rum (wadi means desert). On the return to the capital city of Amman, visit the lowest point on Earth, the Dead Sea, with an opportunity to float in its dense salt water. This extension takes in some of the best that Jordan has to offer.

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### FACTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- 7 land days • Start and finish in Amman • Includes 6 breakfasts and 6 dinners • Includes all entrance fees
- Visit the Roman ruins of Jerash - a well preserved site of Roman architecture • Float in the Dead Sea • Explore Petra - 'new' Ancient Wonder of the World • Enjoy the beauty of Wadi Rum

### DEPARTURE DATES & PRICE:

Jordan is run as an extension.

Please Note: Extensions may not have an ElderTreks tour leader. Not all members from the main trip will be participating.

2028 rates from **\$2695 USD**

Based on double-occupancy. Single Supplement: \$750 USD

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 USD is required at time of booking.

(Price for only 1 person with no one else taking the extension: \$3750.)

**Activity Level: 1-5**

**Comfort Level:** Walks up to one hour with options that are much longer.

Please note: a visa is required to enter Jordan. You can obtain it upon arrival.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Comfortable hotel with private bathroom facilities.

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## **DAY 1 ARRIVE IN AMMAN**

You are met on arrival at Amman Airport and transferred to your hotel.

Dinner and overnight in Amman.

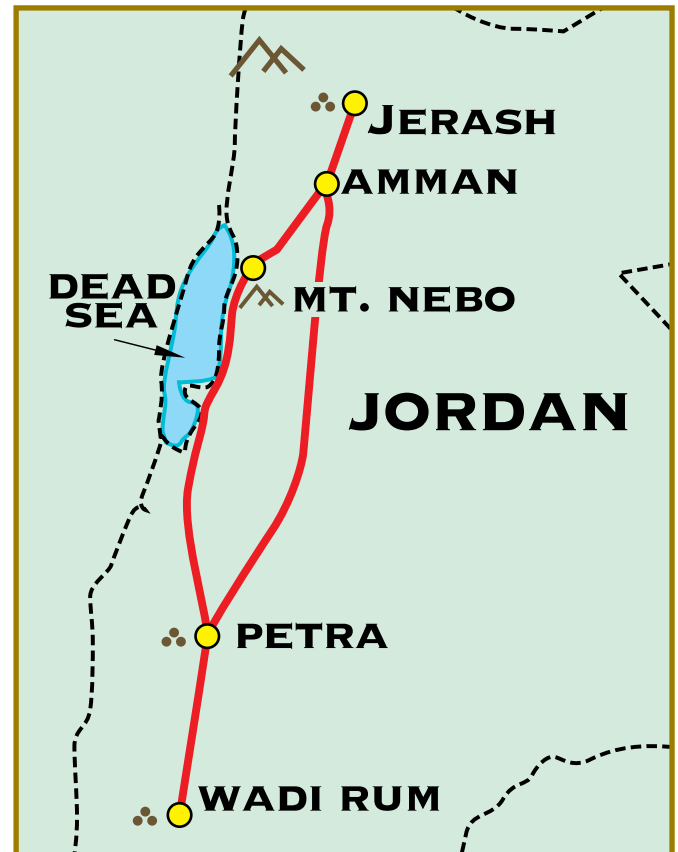
## **DAY 2 ROMAN RUINS OF JERASH, TO WADI RUM**

After breakfast, we depart for Jerash. Jerash is considered one of the largest and most well-preserved sites of Roman architecture in the world, outside of Italy. Within the remaining city walls, archaeologists have found the ruins of settlements dating back to the Neolithic Age, indicating human occupation at this location for more than 6500 years. Jerash is a wonderfully complete record of the layout and architecture of a typical Roman city of its time.

Overnight in Wadi Rum.

## **DAY 3 WADI RUM, TO PETRA**

After breakfast, depart for a full day excursion to Wadi Rum including a 4-hour desert safari by jeep. "Rum the magnificent ... vast, echoing and godlike" is how a captivated T.E. Lawrence described Wadi Rum. Massive pillars of sandstone rock rise from the rose-red desert floor. Uniquely weathered, these majestic cliffs tower over 4,900 feet (1,500 m) high. Dawn and dusk bring an amazing spectacle of changing colors of light on the rock and sand. Wadi Rum is a protected area with plans in place to create a 500-square kilometer (193-square mile) national park.





Wadi Rum landscape.

Opportunities for climbing and trekking abound in the area and the flora and fauna is exquisite and numerous.

Overnight in Petra.

#### **DAY 4 THE ROSE CITY OF PETRA**

After breakfast, we set off to see the Rose City of Petra. Approach the ancient site from the impressive eastern entrance through a dark and narrow gorge called the Siq (the shaft), a natural geological feature formed from a deep split in the sandstone rocks and serving as a waterway flowing into Wadi Musa. At the end of the narrow gorge stands Petra's most elaborate ruin, Al Khazneh (the Treasury) hewn directly out of the sandstone cliff.

Jordan's most famous attraction, the 2,000-year-old red sandstone city of Petra is an extraordinary and compelling sight. Carved from sandstone cliffs by the ancient Nabateans in the third century BC, it was

forgotten for 1,000 years and only rediscovered in 1812. We will visit the Treasury, Street of Facades, Theater, Museum and ad-Deir.

Overnight in Petra.

#### **DAY 5 PETRA**

Second full day touring in Petra, with visits to al Madras and visits to the High Place of Sacrifice, Wadi Farasa, Great Temple and Royal Tombs.

Overnight in Petra.

#### **DAY 6 THE DEAD SEA, MADABA, MT. NEBO**

Drive down the Ghor Fifa scenic road to visit the Dead Sea, lowest point on the Earth's surface, for a swim in its mineral-rich waters and lunch at a Dead Sea resort hotel. In the afternoon, visit Mt. Nebo, the site from which it is believed that Moses saw

the Promised Land, with its panoramic views over the Jordan River Valley, Jericho and the Judean mountains. Nearby Madaba is home to the world's largest collection of ancient mosaics, which you'll explore in the Archaeological Park and St. George Church. Farewell dinner at Haret Jdoudna, serving the finest Jordanian cuisine.

Overnight in Madaba.

## DAY 7 DEPART AMMAN

After breakfast, transfer to Amman Airport for your departure flight.



Madaba mosaic.