



Trek through the beautiful Jordan dessert to the...

# Ancient Monument of Petra

...for an incredible journey... and destination!

## Trip outline

The expedition offers you the challenge of trekking through the 'Wadi Rum' desert on the 'Jordan Trail' named by the 'National Geographic' as one of the best treks on the planet! The trail gives you the challenge of reaching the highest mountain in Jordan and the final destination of the route is at the ancient monastery of Petra - a world heritage site and one of the modern natural wonders of the world. Petra dates to around 300 B.C and was the capital of the Nabatean Kingdom. Accessed via a narrow canyon it contains tombs and temples carved into pink sandstone cliffs, earning its nickname, the "Rose City." Perhaps its most famous structure is the 45m-high Al Khazneh temple with its ornate Greek-style façade.



Flights depart from Heathrow Airport and arrive in Jordan at the Amman Queen Alia Airport where a private transfer will take you direct to our 4\* luxury hotel in Amman for a nights accommodation. You then begin the trail of the *Wadi Rum* with its stunning landscape and incredible natural sandstone sculptures wild camping on way and trekking to the peak of the highest mountain in Jordan *Jabel Umm Admai* at 1,840m above sea level. Your trail then continues south to the ancient World Heritage Site of Petra for a days guided tour of the canyons and monastery. The final element of the trip is time to relaxing in the beautiful Dead Sea staying for 2 nights at one of its best 5\* resorts before flying back to the UK.

The trekking route is a 'challenge' but you do not need to be extremely fit to undertake the trip as you will be walking at a steady pace carrying only a day bag with personal items and water. This is an assisted trek therefore the porters will transport the group equipment like tents and sleeping bags etc... making your rucksack manageable and lighter in weight.

The group is led by a fully qualified and experienced English speaking Guide assisted by porters and cooks. Throughout the entire trip you will be very well looked after from the moment that you land in Jordan to your final day and departure.



## Private trip details

We recommend visiting Jordan during our Spring or Autumn months through March, April and May or September, October and November. The weather during this time is perfect for the trek with warm clear days and nights. We can operate our private treks for any given departure date and for any group size making this option ideal for family and friendship groups who wish to trek together.

## Outline Itinerary

### Day 1

Fly from London Heathrow Airport to Amman Queen Alia Airport, Jordan (flight duration approximately 5 hours). Arrive in the evening for a private transfer to the hotel for check-in. We use a luxury 4\* hotel in Amman called the Al Qasr Metropole Hotel. Night in the hotel included in the trip cost.

### Day 2

After breakfast we will depart Amman to start the trek in the Wadi Rum. To start you will drive in private vehicles with our guide and the drive is around 3hours. This takes you through Jordan's largest desert and one of the most spectacular landscapes in the world.



The name 'Wadi Rum' comes from one of the oldest languages in the World - Aramaic. In Aramaic 'Rum' means elevated and the 'Wadi' means Valley, so the direct translation is **Elevated Valley**. The

'Wadi Rum' is between 800- 900 meters above sea level, making for a completely unique desert climate. The 'Wadi Rum' is also home to Jordan's Highest Mountain - **Jabel Umm Admai** which peaks at 1,840m.



Todays' trail is a moderate 20km trek through the Wadi Rum and on to our wild camp at Siq Barrah for a traditional dinner and overnight wild camping. We will provide all the tents, sleeping bags and mattresses for your comfort and Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are all included

### Day 3

After a hearty breakfast we will continue to hike through the beautiful and varied desert landscapes of the Wadi Rum, passing through high towering canyons of sandstone. Throughout the trail there is

amazing natural rock formations all cut out by the desert winds over millions of years.

Our route heads south towards the highest mountain in Jordan 'Jabel Um Adami' and our next wild camp is at the base of the mountain. Our hike today is around 18km of moderate hiking and in camp you will enjoy



another traditional dinner and overnight wild camping in Wadi Rum. Breakfast - Lunch – Dinner included.

#### **Day 4**

After breakfast we will hike to the peak of **Jabel Umm Adami** in the morning. Here at the peak you will thoroughly enjoy the beautiful views of the desert across Jordan and through to Saudi Arabia. This is the highest mountain in Jordan and on our decent we will have a home cooked lunch with the guide before continuing our trek through the desert to our evening camp site. Today's trek is 18km and is a little tougher than the previous days due to the steepness of the mountain route.

#### **Day 5**

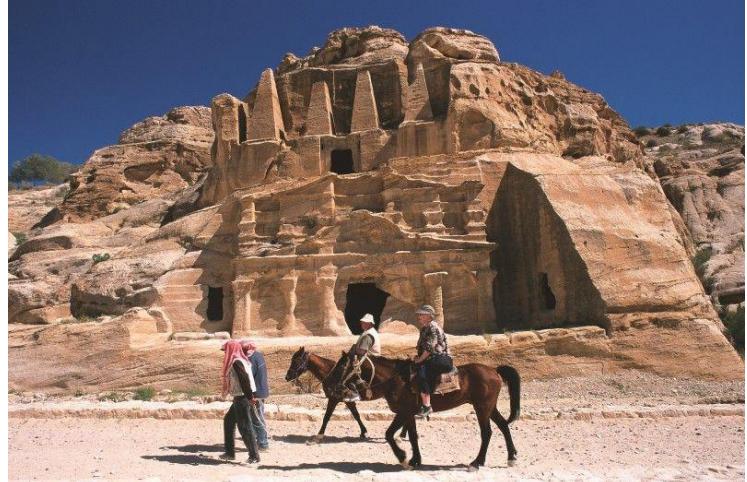
After breakfast we will hike to the peak of **Janel Burdha (1450m)** which takes around 3-4 hours. The route is a great fun and involves a scramble in places to the peak. This is a marvelous and exciting hike and the views from the top are among the best in the whole Wadi Rum area. We will have a picnic style lunch today and then head out of the desert and drive to Petra. Tonight's accommodation is in Petra at the luxury 5\* Old Village Resort Hotel and we include breakfast and lunch.



#### **Day 6**

Today we have a whole day visiting Little Petra and Petra itself with a 2 hour trail through the canyons finishing at the monastery in Petra and a guided tour. The ancient city of Petra is one of Jordan's national treasures and by far its best known tourist attraction. Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans, an industrious Arab people who settled in southern Jordan more than 2,000 years ago. Admired then for its refined culture, massive architecture and ingenious complex of dams and water channels, Petra is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In the afternoon we will depart Petra bound for the Dead Sea which is a 4hrs drive arriving at the 5\* Kempinski Ishtar Resort and Hotel. Today we include breakfast and lunch.



#### **Day 7**

Today is a full day to relax and enjoy the Dead Sea. We include breakfast and another night at the Kempinski Ishtar Resort and Hotel.

#### **Day 8**

The morning is free to relax and then we have a private transfer to Amman Queen Alia Airport and return flight back to London Heathrow. Breakfast is included.

## **Food**

During the hotel stay breakfast is included. During the trek we provide breakfast, lunch and dinner as detailed in the trip itinerary above. The food is excellent, plentiful and varied and prepared to a very high standard. We cater very well for vegetarians and for all special dietary requirements.

## **Clothing and Equipment**

We provide all the group equipment like tents, tables, chairs, crockery and cutlery. We also provide sleeping bags and mattress for the camping elements of the trek. You will need good pair of walking boots for ankle protection and normal walking clothing.

## **What's included**

All our expeditions are as 'all inclusive' as practically possible this means that the cost covers all the accommodation, flights, flight tax, transfers, guides, porters and cooks + all food throughout your expedition. We also include all entrance fees.

The only costs **not included** are VISA's (this is arranged at the airport on arrival), travel insurance, tips and in the hotel stays - lunch, dinner and drinks.



## **Costs and payment structure**

The cost of the trip is **£2,795**. There is a £250 trip deposit (non-refundable) to book your place and the remaining balance is paid in small instalments. The payment dates depends on your departure date as set out below and exact dates will be included in the booking confirmation.

Trip deposit (at time of booking)	£250
Flight payment (at time of booking)	£1,000
8 weeks prior to departure	Balance payment

## **Trip organiser**

The Expedition is organised by Jonathan Reilly the company director of 'TheBEC Limited' trading as 'The British Expedition Company' ([www.thebec.co.uk](http://www.thebec.co.uk)). Our expeditions have been running since 2001 and all providing a fantastic experience. Each group is lead by a fully qualified experienced Guide assisted by porters and cooks.

## **How to reserve your place on the trip**

To book a place on the trip simply return the reservation form with a £250 trip deposit (this is non-refundable) to Jonathan Reilly, British Expedition Company, Meriden House, Park Road, Tisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 6LF.

Alternatively you can send through your trip reservation form via email and your trip deposit via internet banking to the following HSBC business bank account;

Account Name: TheBEC Limited,

Account Number: 62049414

Sort code: 40-40-14

Reference: **Your Name** (this is very important as we can link the payment with your reservation form)

When your deposit is received a trip booklet is sent out detailing every element of the trip. This includes information on VISA's, travel insurance, fundraising ideas and kit information.

On advancement of deposit for a booking on any of our trips or expeditions the deposit acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the below booking conditions and agrees to be bound by them.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this trip or would like any further information then please email [Info@thebec.co.uk](mailto:Info@thebec.co.uk) or call Jonathan on 01747 871564.



**Reservation form follows on the next page**



## British Expedition Company

### Reservation Form

Please fill in and email or print off and post with your deposit to:

Jonathan Reilly, British Expedition Company,

Meriden House, Park Road, Tisbury, Wiltshire SP3 6LF.

Full Name  This must be exactly as is appears on your passport	Mr / Mrs / Miss / Other _____  First name: _____ Middle names (if applicable) _____  Surname _____	
Date of Birth		
Home Address		
Phone - Land line		
Phone - Mobile		
Email address 1		
Email address 2		
Nationality		
Which Expedition and trip date do you prefer?	Expedition	
	Trip date	
Passport details	Passport number	
	Passport expiry	
Any special food requirements?		

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## **Next of Kin / Emergency Contact**

Name	
Relationship	
Address	
Telephone number (Land and Mobile)	

## **Medical Details**

Know allergies to food/medication/insects etc...

Do you have any specific medical conditions that we need to be aware of when you are away on expeditions?

Please give any additional information concerning your health that you think is necessary for us to know, especially in the case of an emergency.

## **Questionnaire**

1. Briefly describe your reasons for wanting to attend the trip

2. Where did you find out about the trip? .....

3. Which description below best matches your level of fitness? (Tick or highlight)

- Very good level of fitness
- Quite strong level of fitness
- Normal fitness level e.g. can do a day walk in hills with a small rucksack
- Need to improve my fitness

4. Briefly describe your camping and walking experience...

## Booking Conditions and Specific Information

All the flights and flight-inclusive holidays are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you pay you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. Please ask for it and check to ensure that everything you booked (flights, hotels and other services) is listed on it. Please see our booking conditions for further information or for more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to: [www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate](http://www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate)

The British Expedition Company recognises that hill walking, trekking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

1. All bookings are made with The British Expedition Company whose office is Meriden House, Park Road, Tisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 6LF, UK. Registered company number: 6957339

2. All our package expeditions are ATOL protected and our ATOL number from the Civil Aviation Authority is 10222.

### *Your Financial Protection*

*When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong.*



*We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable)."*

*If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme."*

3. The terms and conditions of all agreements made with the Company shall be subject to, and governed by, English Law.

4. In order to make a booking, complete and sign the Booking Form and post it to The British Expedition Company with your deposit. Unless the trip is full you will receive confirmation of booking and further details.

5. It is important to be aware that once your deposit/installments are paid, should you wish to cancel at any time thereafter, these are non-refundable/transferable. In addition the cancellation penalties detailed below will be applied. It is strongly recommended that you have suitable cancellation insurance coverage from the time of booking. It is a condition of the booking that clients follow the agreed payment plan to ensure that flights and permits can be purchased by the company at the appropriate time. The company has a right to cancel the booking if the client fails to pay the installment within 14 days of the agreed payment date (in this instance no refunds will be issued) or charge additional fees up to 10% of the total trip cost - this is at the discretion of the company.

6. Cancellation of a trip by the BEC will entitle you to a part refund unless cancellation has been forced by unforeseen government (or similar) intervention in which case costs incurred by the Company will be subtracted from any refund due. No other compensation will be allowable.

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7. Cancellation of bookings must be notified in writing. The £250 trip deposit is non-refundable as are 100% of all installment and balance payments.

8. Whilst every effort will be made to adhere to the planned itinerary, it must be realised that in this type of adventurous travel, changes to the itinerary may occur for which the Company accepts no responsibility, however caused. The BEC will make every effort to inform you of any change. Your final itinerary may differ in respect of the places where you stay overnight. In particular it may be necessary to alter your itinerary at short notice due to adverse weather, mountain conditions, client or leader illness, road conditions, or to operating conditions imposed by owners and operators of accommodation, facilities, aircraft, vessels and other forms of transport. Should such conditions involve clients in extra costs such as accommodation, transportation and meals, such costs should be borne by the client.

9. The BEC cannot be held responsible for any missed connecting transport.

10. The Expedition Guides will do their utmost to ensure that any problems are solved for the benefit of the group as a whole. Signing the booking form signifies your acceptance of the Guides authority to make decisions affecting the group or individuals. For instance, he/she may require an individual to leave the group if he/she believes that person's health is at risk, if an illegal act is committed, or their behaviour becomes detrimental to the safety, enjoyment or well-being of the group. Should the Guide take such action, that person would not be entitled to any refund.

11. Please understand that there are certain hazards involved in climbing and trekking, which you must accept at your own risk. The Company will not be liable for any illness, injury or death sustained during an expedition, or course, nor will it be liable for any uninsured losses of your property.

12. The Company cannot be made liable for the consequences of strikes, industrial action, wars, riots, sickness, quarantine, government intervention, weather conditions, or other untoward occurrences.

13. It is a condition of booking, that you are adequately covered by insurance prior to departure, which must cover the cost of repatriation and evacuation if you become too ill to continue. Failure to provide a copy will result in the cancellation of your expedition.

14. Trip prices are based on an exchange rate of US\$1.40 - UK£1 and operating costs at the time of booking. The Company reserves the right to levy fuel and/or currency surcharges following currency fluctuations or operating costs beyond our control. We sincerely hope that surcharges will not be necessary, but in the unlikely event that they are, you may cancel your booking without penalty if the surcharge amounts to more than 10% of the cost of the trip.

15. Any air travel that is part of any trip is subject to the conditions as stipulated by the airline concerned and liability is limited in accordance with International Convention.

16. If the UK Foreign Office does not issue advice against travel, and you decide not to travel on the basis of a perceived threat or hazard, howsoever formed, will be interpreted as a voluntary cancellation and the charges set out in booking condition 8 applied.

17. Non-UK Nationals should consult their own government for advice on travel to the destination country and all countries transited en route.

18. Having made every effort to ensure correctness of the trip details and booklets we cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies, errors or omissions.

19. The Company can use photographs supplied by its Guides or members of the expedition for future marketing and publishing without further permission from those featured on the images. I also give my permission for my contact details to be shared with other clients booked on the same departure.

20. On advancement of deposit for a booking on any of our trips or expeditions the deposit acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the above booking conditions and agrees to be bound by them.

