

JORDAN TRAIL THRU-HIKE 2017

AN EVER-CHANGING STORY

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The Jordan Trail unveils Jordan's beauty and its varying manifestations along the eastern rim of Jordan's Rift Valley. A transition between the Fertile Crescent in the north to the edge of the Arabian Desert and the Red Sea in the south makes for an ever-changing experience, showcasing Jordan at its most authentic. Join us on a mesmerizing journey and wander through the country's hidden treasures, explore the heights and depths of its wonder, and delve into its rich history and heritage.

A good hiker is always prepared. If you see these boots, stay calm; they're there to tell you how difficult a section is.

EASY



MODERATE



DIFFICULT





UM QAIS TO AJLOUN

In the most northern region of the trail, lush, green hills and canyons carry you to ancient Roman sites, over rolling hills, and through oak forests. The diverse and fertile landscape here with its ancient olive trees and hot springs bursts into bloom every spring, with the trees laden with fresh fruit. The villages here are pioneers of community-based tourism with homestays, home-cooked meals, and handcraft stalls adding a true cultural experience to this beautiful northern corner of Jordan.

Days: 6 hiking days + 1 break day

Length: 80 km

Main sites in the region:

- ▷ Ruins of Roman Decapolis cities at Um Qais and Pella
- ▷ Ziglab Dam
- ▷ Jesus Cave, Beit Idis Church
- ▷ Byzantine monastery ruins at Tel Mar Elias, birthplace of the prophet Elijah
- ▷ Community tourism and rural scenery in the al-Ayoun village
- ▷ Medieval mountaintop site of Ajloun Castle

Day 1: UM QAIS TO MAKHRABA

Date: Friday, March 31st

Distance: 14 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 2: MAKHRABA TO ZIGLAB

Date: Saturday, April 1

Distance: 11.5 km

Overnight: Guesthouse/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 3: ZIGLAB TO PELLA

Date: Sunday, April 2

Distance: 12.4 km

Overnight: Hotel/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 4: PELLA TO BEIT IDIS

Date: Monday, April 3

Distance: 10 km

Overnight: Homestay/Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 5: BEIT IDIS TO RASOUN

Date: Tuesday, April 4

Distance: 15.2 km

Overnight: Homestay/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 6: RASOUN TO AJLOUN

Date: Wednesday, April 5

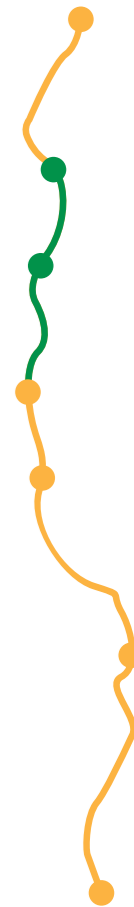
Distance: 16.9 km

Overnight: Hotel/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 7: AJLOUN (Break day)

Date: Thursday, April 6





AJLOUN TO FUHAIS

This section weaves through farmland and a spattering of rural villages as you leave Ajloun and its hilltop castle behind. The trail crosses the King Talal Dam, before ascending a hilltop following rich farmlands to the village of Rmeimeen with its beautiful church spire and minaret. Winding down through fertile valleys, the trail reaches the town of Fuhais.

Days: 4

Length: 59.1 km

Main sites in the region:

- ▷ Khirbet Sarabis and Springs
- ▷ King Talal Dam
- ▷ Rmeimeen village
- ▷ Town of Fuhais

DAY 1: AJLOUN CASTLE TO KHIRBET AL-SOUQ

Date: Friday, April 7

Distance: 16.2 km

Overnight: Homestay/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 2: KHIRBET AL-SOUQ TO KING TALAL DAM

DAY 3: KING TALAL DAM TO RMEIMEEN

Date: Saturday, April 8

Date: Saturday, April 8

Distance: 12.1 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾

Date: Sunday, April 9

DAY 4: RMEIMEEN TO FUHAIS

Distance: 15.7 km

Date: Monday, April 10

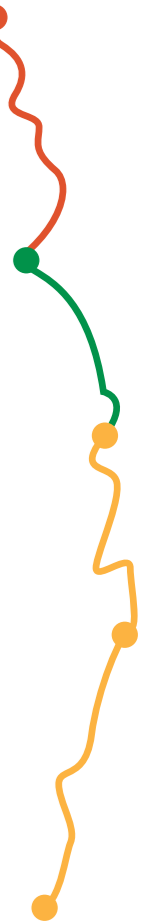
Overnight: Camping

Distance: 15.1 km

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾





FUHAIS TO WADI ZARQA MA'IN

Here you leave the more northern regions and Amman behind and head towards the Dead Sea. Walk past the ancient palace of Iraq Al-Ameer before descending along the spectacular King Hussein's Rally Road to the Jordan Valley. The climate and scenery changes as the Dead Sea looms from a plateau and Bedouin camps scatter the path. The trail now follows a roman road, encountering basalt cliffs and Wadi Zarqa Ma'in with its year-round stream.

Days: 4 hiking days + 1 break day

Length: 77.5 km

Main sites in the region:

- ▷ Fuhais
- ▷ Iraq Al-Ameer, Qaser Al Abed and Burial Caves
- ▷ Iraq Al-Ameer Women's Cooperative
- ▷ Mount Nebo
- ▷ Roman Road
- ▷ The Dead Sea canyons of Wadi Zarqa Ma'in and Wadi Wala

DAY 1: FUHAIS TO IRAQ AL-AMEER

Date: Tuesday, April 11

Distance: 15.2 km

Overnight: Iraq Al-Ameer Women Cooperative/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 2: IRAQ AL-AMEER (Break day)

Date: Wednesday, April 12

Overnight: Iraq Al-Ameer Women Cooperative/ Camping

DAY 3: IRAQ AL-AMEER TO HUSBAN

Date: Thursday, April 13

Distance: 19 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 4: HUSBAN TO OYOUN AL-THEEB

Date: Friday, April 14

Distance: 19 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 5: OYOUN AL-THEEB TO WADI ZARQA MA'IN

Date: Saturday, April 15

Distance: 20.8 km

Overnight: Homestay/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾





THREE WADIS TO KARAK

By this point on the trail you encounter some of the spectacular Dead Sea wadis. First, Wadi Mujib, one of the grandest wadis in Jordan, Fertile farmland with rich red soils and Bedouin tents create a dramatic landscape. The ruins of Majdaline lead you to Wadi Ibin Hammad before descending into Wadi el Tawahin. Finally, Wadi ez Zaiyatin takes you to the imposing crusader castle of Karak, impressively situated to overlook the surrounding landscape.

Days: 4 hiking days + 1 break day

Length: 75 km

Main sites in the region:

- ▷ Wadi Zarqa Ma'in
- ▷ Wadi Hidan
- ▷ Wadi Mujib
- ▷ Ruins of Majdaline
- ▷ Karak Castle

DAY 1: WADI ZARQA MA'IN TO WADI HIDAN

Date: Sunday, April 16

Distance: 17.2 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 2: WADI HIDAN TO WADI MUJIB

Date: Monday, April 17

Distance: 14.9 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 3: WADI MUJIB TO MAJDALINE

Date: Tuesday, April 18

Distance: 20.1 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 4: MAJDALINE TO KARAK

Date: Wednesday, April 19

Distance: 22.8 km

Overnight: Hotel/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 5: KARAK (Break day)

Date: Thursday, April 20

Overnight: Hotel/ Camping





KARAK TO DANA

The crusader landscape continues in this section as you exit Karak, passing the old crusader village of Shehabieh and the abandoned village of Khirbet Ainun. Orchards and olive groves grow abundantly through fertile plains. Crossing another Dead Sea canyon, Wadi Hasa, the landscape becomes a series of towering limestone cliffs and ridges before reaching Edomite ruins at Sela and Ma'tan. After moving on through the deep Wadi Labun, the trail turns to easier terrain as it passes over the next hill to the restored village of Dana, its hotels and campsite resting on the rim of Wadi Dana at the edge of the Dana Biosphere Reserve.

Days: 5 hiking days + 1 break day

Length: 83.2 km

Main sites in the region:

- ▷ Karak Castle
- ▷ Khirbet Ainun village
- ▷ Tor al Taboun crags
- ▷ Wadi Hasa - Burbaita village
- ▷ Ma'tan and Buseira and Edomite ruins
- ▷ Dana Village and Dana Biosphere Reserve (entrance fee)

DAY 1: KARAK TO WADI AL-MIGAIR

Date: Friday, April 21

Distance: 19.4 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 2: WADI AL-MIGAIR TO WADI HASA

Date: Saturday, April 22

Distance: 12.7 km

Overnight: Guesthouse/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 3: WADI HASA TO AIS

Date: Sunday, April 23

Distance: 22.6 km

Overnight: Guesthouse/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 4: AIS TO MA'TAN

Date: Monday, April 24

Distance: 14.3 km

Overnight: Guesthouse/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 5: MA'TAN TO DANA

Date: Tuesday, April 25

Distance: 15.5 km

Overnight: Hotel/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 6: DANA (Break day)

Date: Wednesday, April 26

Overnight: Hotel/ Camping





DANA TO PETRA

A truly awe-inspiring section of the Jordan Train and named by National Geographic as one of the 15 best hikes in the world. The trail descends the hilltop village of Dana into Wadi Feynan and onto the dramatic mountain plateaus of Wadi Araba. This region crosses several climate zones, diverse ecosystems, hidden canyons, and dramatic labyrinths of hills and valleys displaying the full spectrum of the region's geology. The scenery spans from majestic and epic

mountaintops to peaceful, fertile farmlands with new landscapes presenting themselves every few kilometres. This section's most dramatic and memorable aspect is the departure at the Nabatean masterpiece, Petra. A chance to enter the city through the 'back door' to walk in the footsteps of ancient traders. Few other trails can boast a site as spectacular as Petra.

Days: 4 hiking days + 1 break day

Length: 72.6 km

Main sites in the region:

- ▷ Dana Biosphere Reserve
- ▷ Feynan ruins and ancient copper mines
- ▷ Feynan ecolodge
- ▷ Hidden stream and waterfall in Wadi Feid
- ▷ Little Petra
- ▷ Petra, Nabatean capital and wonder of the world

DAY 1: DANA TO WADI MALAGA

Date: Thursday, April 27

Distance: 23.5 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 2: WADI MALAGA TO RAS AL-FEID

Date: Friday, April 28

Distance: 13.7 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 3: RAS AL-FEID TO LITTLE PETRA

Date: Saturday, April 29

Distance: 22.8 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 4: LITTLE PETRA TO PETRA

Date: Sunday, April 30

Distance: 12.6 km

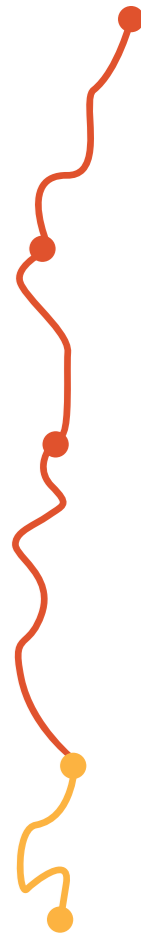
Overnight: Hotel/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 5: Petra (Break day)

Date: Monday, May 1

Overnight: Hotel / Camping





PETRA TO WADI RUM

Connecting the two legendary sites of Petra and Wadi Rum is a week-long trek across one of the longest stretches of wilderness on the Jordan Trail. Here in the empty but striking desert, with its dramatic rock formations, stargazing and peace are found at their best. Starting with deep, rugged wadis and moving into open, sandy plains, this section of the trail takes you deep into the places where humans seldom go. Finishing at Wadi Rum village offers a taste of Bedouin life after the remoteness of this section.

Days: 8

Length: 90.5 km

Main sites in the region:

- ▷ Petra
- ▷ Jabal Haroun (mountaintop burial place of Aaron, off-route)
- ▷ Humeima, ancient and Umayyad ruins
- ▷ Sandstone mountain “islands” in a sea of sand
- ▷ Wadi Rum, Jabal Rum, and Jabal Um Ishrin

DAY 1: PETRA TO GAA' MRIEBED

Date: Tuesday, May 2

Distance: 22.1 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 2: GAA' MRIEBED TO WADI AL-SAIF

Date: Wednesday, May 3

Distance: 14.3 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 3: WADI AL-SAIF TO WADI GSEIB

Date: Thursday, May 4

Distance: 12.3 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 4: WADI GSEIB TO WADI AHEIMAR

Date: Friday, May 5

Distance: 15.4 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 5: WADI AHEIMAR TO ABBASIYA

Date: Saturday, May 6

Distance: 22 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 6: ABBASIYA TO JABAL KHARAZA

Date: Sunday, May 7

Distance: 23.3 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 7: JABAL KHARAZA TO SHAKRIYA

Date: Monday, May 8

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 8: SHAKRIYA TO RUM VILLAGE

Date: Tuesday, May 9

Distance: 12.1 km

Overnight: Homestay/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾





WADI RUM TO AQABA

Leaving Wadi Rum village behind you, the trail passes beneath the towering cliffs of Jabal Rum and Jabal Um Ishrin through the iconic landscape of Wadi Rum – vast, echoing and godlike wrote T.E. Lawrence. Continuing through the magnificent desert landscape, the trail passes the cliffs of Jabal Khazali, Jabal Qattar and weaves between the unique and colorful backdrops of Wadi Rum's

sandstone desert mountains. The trail here follows old shepherd paths, winding its way west across desert wadis and over granite mountains striated with basalt dyke intrusions. At the last pass, the first view of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba, beyond which lie the mountains of Sinai. The final destination is the warm waters of the Red Sea and the port of Aqaba.

Days: 4

Length: 112 km

Main sites in the region:

- ▷ Wadi Rum (World Heritage site)
- ▷ Wadi Rum Bedouin village
- ▷ Lawrence's Spring (Ain Shellaleh) and the Nabataean Temple
- ▷ Dramatic desert scenery – sandstone domes and granite and basalt striated mountains, changing color constantly throughout the day
- ▷ Bedouin encampments
- ▷ Village of Titen
- ▷ Aqaba (Red Sea)

DAY 1: RUM VILLAGE TO AL QIDR

Date: Wednesday, May 10

Distance: 15.5 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 2: AL QIDR TO TITEN

Date: Thursday, May 11

Distance: 14.2 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 3: TITEN TO FINAL CAMP

Date: Friday, May 12

Distance: 15.7 km

Overnight: Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 4: FINAL CAMP TO AQABA

Date: Saturday, May 13

Distance: 18.4 km

Overnight: Hotel/ Camping

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾 / 🥾🥾





SAFETY TIPS

Whether you're new to hiking or have been doing it for a while, it's always good to walk along with a friend. That's not the only tip that can make your adventure safer and more enjoyable, though! Here are some tips you should keep in mind.

REGION / WEEKEND / THRU HIKE

Footwear

- ▷ Good hiking shoes, should be broken in and not too heavy.
- ▷ Hiking socks: wool are best (smart wool or similar)
- ▷ Sandals or light footwear for evenings

Clothing

- ▷ Hat
- ▷ Sunglasses
- ▷ Shirts for walking
- ▷ Pants / shorts – (lightweight and comfortable for walking)
- ▷ Warm fleece for evenings
- ▷ Long underwear for evenings
- ▷ Waterproof jacket (in case it rains)
- ▷ Underwear
- ▷ Warm hat

Essentials for day pack

- ▷ Backpack for day gear (40-25L)
- ▷ Headlamp
- ▷ Sunscreen and lip balm
- ▷ Water bottles or hydration system (at least 3 liters/day)
- ▷ Towel- lightweight travel type
- ▷ Pocket knife/spoon/fork
- ▷ Personal items / toiletries
- ▷ Blister care products

Sleeping gear

- ▷ Tent
- ▷ Sleeping bag
- ▷ Sleeping pad
- ▷ Camping pillow

Other

- ▷ Overnight bag / duffle bag (carries everything for overnight)
- ▷ Phone & charger
- ▷ External battery pack
- ▷ Camera
- ▷ Hiking poles (optional)
- ▷ Backpack rain cover
- ▷ Solar panel to charge electronics
- ▷ Snacks

ONE DAY HIKE

Footwear

- ▷ Good hiking shoes, should be broken in and not too heavy
- ▷ Hiking socks - wool are best (smart wool or similar)

Clothing

- ▷ Hat
- ▷ Sunglasses
- ▷ Shirt for walking
- ▷ Pants / shorts (lightweight and comfortable for walking)
- ▷ Warm fleece (If cold)
- ▷ Waterproof jacket (If there is rain)

Essentials for day pack

- ▷ Backpack for day gear (40-25 liters)
- ▷ Headlamp
- ▷ Sunscreen and lip balm
- ▷ Water bottles or hydration system (at least 3 liters)
- ▷ Pocket knife/spoon/fork
- ▷ Personal items / toiletries
- ▷ Blister care products

Other

- ▷ External battery pack
- ▷ Camera
- ▷ Hiking poles (optional)
- ▷ Backpack rain cover
- ▷ Snacks

PRICING

The Jordan Trail Association is a not-for-profit organization.
Your contribution will fund the development of the Jordan Trail.

REGION RATES

REGION 1 - Um Qais to Ajloun

5 nights
Starts on: March 31
Return on: April 5
Rate: JOD 350

First 10 Jordanian hikers discounted rate: JOD 210



All Hikers



Jordanian

REGION 2 - Ajloun to Fuhais

3 nights
Starts on: April 7
Return on: April 10
Rate: JOD 240

First 10 Jordanian hikers discounted rate: JOD 145



All Hikers



Jordanian

REGION 3 - Fuhais to Wadi Zarqa Ma'in

4 nights
Starts on: April 11
Return on: April 15
Rate: JOD 280

First 10 Jordanian hikers discounted rate: JOD 170



All Hikers



Jordanian

REGION 4 - Three Wadis to Karak

3 nights
Starts on: April 16
Return on: April 19
Rate: JOD 240

First 10 Jordanian hikers discounted rate: JOD 145



All Hikers



Jordanian

REGION 5 - Karak to Dana

5 nights (1st night in Karak)
Starts on: April 21
Return on: April 25
Rate: JOD 350

First 10 Jordanian hikers discounted rate: JOD 210



All Hikers



Jordanian

REGION 6 - Dana to Petra

5 nights (1st night in Dana)
Starts on: April 27
Return on: May 1
Rate: JOD 320

First 10 Jordanian hikers discounted rate: JOD 195



All Hikers



Jordanian

REGION 7 - Petra to Rum

8 nights (1st night in Petra)
Starts on: May 2
Return on: May 9
Rate: JOD 570

First 10 Jordanian hikers discounted rate: JOD 345



All Hikers



Jordanian

REGION 8 - Rum to Aqaba

5 nights (1st night in Rum)
Starts on: May 10
Return on: May 14
Rate: JOD 320

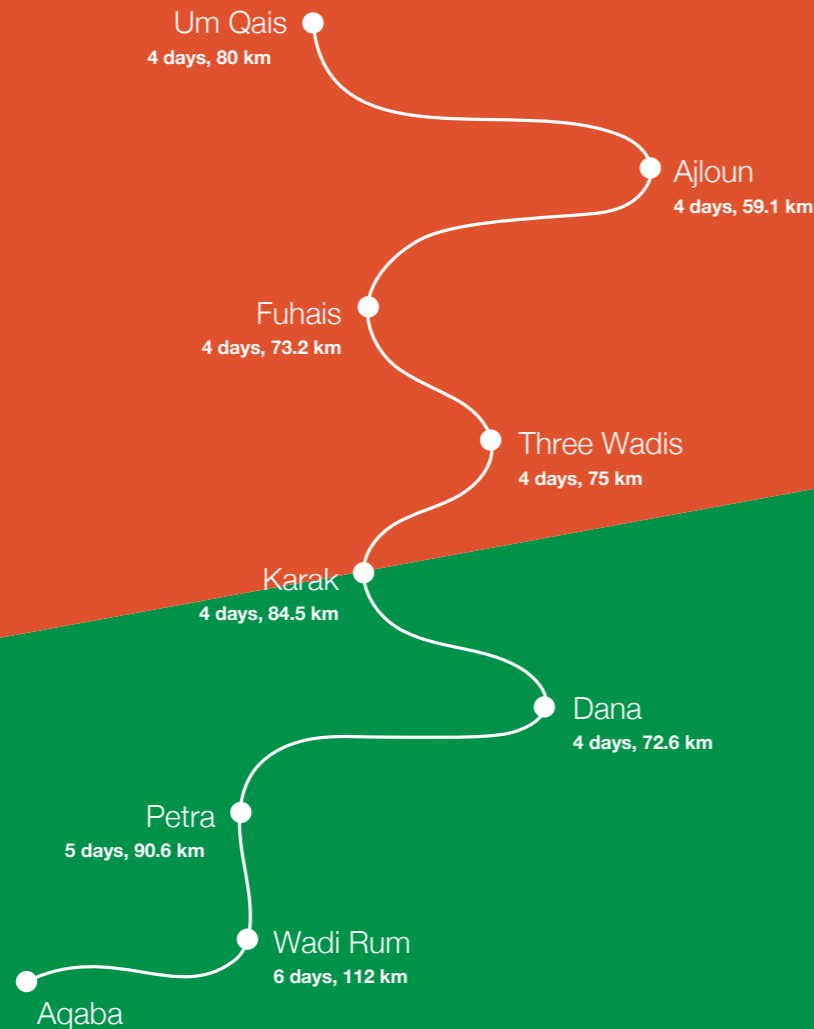
First 10 Jordanian hikers discounted rate: JD 195



All Hikers



Jordanian



DAILY RATES

Rate: JOD 30

First 20 Jordanian hikers discounted rate for each day: JOD 18



All Hikers



Jordanian

THRU HIKE RATES

Rate: JOD 3000

First 3 Jordanian hikers discounted rate : JOD 1800



All Hikers



Jordanian

WEEKEND RATES

REGION 2 WEEKEND

From morning April 7

Till evening April 8

Rate: JOD 100



All Hikers

REGION 6 WEEKEND

From evening April 27

Till evening April 29

Rate: JOD 140



All Hikers

REGION 3 WEEKEND

From morning April 14

Till evening April 15

Rate: JOD 100



All Hikers

REGION 7 WEEKEND

From evening May 4

Till evening May 6

Rate: JOD 140



All Hikers

REGION 5 WEEKEND

From morning April 20

Till evening April 22

Rate: JOD 140



All Hikers

REGION 8 WEEKEND

From evening May 11

Till evening May 13

Rate: JOD 140



All Hikers

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REGION / WEEKEND / THRU HIKE RATES INCLUDE:

- ▷ Licensed English/Arabic speaking guide
- ▷ Transportation from Amman to hiking location and back
- ▷ JTA team support
- ▷ Water
- ▷ Meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner
- ▷ Accommodation in home stays when available
- ▷ Support car to carry excess luggage and sleeping gear
- ▷ Local guide from the local community for each section

DAILY HIKE RATES INCLUDE:

- ▷ Local guide
- ▷ Transportation from Amman to hiking location and back
- ▷ JTA team support
- ▷ Water
- ▷ Meals: Lunch

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The Jordan Trail is still a work in progress! The trail route presented on this website represents only one of many possible ways to walk the length of the country and to experience the Jordanian countryside. Feel free to discover your own route variations and to suggest new possibilities!

If you have resources that could be useful to potential Jordan Trail walkers, share them with us here. Help us develop our website by sending us any relevant information or materials you may have gathered \whether from walking the trail or from other experiences in the region. Be a part of this growing project!

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