



JORDAN TRAIL THRU-HIKE 2020

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.

MODERATE  DIFFICULT  CHALLENGING 



REGION 1: 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 handicraft stalls adding a true cultural experience to this beautiful northern corner of Jordan.

Days: 6 days and 5 nights

Length: 83 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, birth place 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 06

Distance: 14 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🏔️

DAY 2: MAKHRABA TO ZIGLAB

Date: Saturday, March 07

Distance: 12 km

Overnight: Guest house

Difficulty level: 🏔️

DAY 3: ZIGLAB TO PELLA

Date: Sunday, March 08

Distance: 13 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: 🏔️

DAY 4: PELLA TO BEIT IDIS

Date: Monday, March 09

Distance: 10 km

Overnight: Home stay/ Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🏔️

DAY 5: BEIT IDIS TO RASOUN

Date: Tuesday, March 10

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Home stay

Difficulty level: 🏔️

DAY 6: RASOUN TO AJLOUN

Date: Wednesday, March 11

Distance: 18 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: 🏔️🏔️



*Break days are for thru-hikers only
Distance may vary depending on weather conditions and camping sites*



REGION 2: AJLOUN TO AS SALT

This section weaves through farmland and a spattering of rural villages as you leave Ajloun and its hilltop castle behind. The trail crosses 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 historically fragrant city of As Salt.

Days: 4 days and 3 nights + 1 break day for thru-hikers only

Length: 66 km

Main sites in the region:

- ▷ Khirbet Sarabis and Springs
- ▷ King Talal Dam
- ▷ Rmeimeen village
- ▷ City of As Salt

DAY 1: AJLOUN CASTLE TO KHIRBET AL-SOUQ

Date: Thursday, March 12

Distance: 17 km

Overnight: Home stay/ Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 2: KHIRBET AL-SOUQ TO KING TALAL DAM

Date: Friday, March 13

Distance: 17 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 3: KING TALAL DAM TO RMEIMEEN

Date: Saturday, March 14

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Home stay/ Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 4: RMEIMEEN TO AS SALT

Date: Sunday, March 15

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Guest House / Hotel

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 5 (Break day): DEAD SEA

Date: Monday, March 16

Overnight: Hotel



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REGION 3: AS SALT 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 days and 3 nights

Length: 82 km

Main sites in the region:

- ▷ City of As Salt
- ▷ 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: AS SALT TO IRAQ AL-AMEER

Date: Tuesday, March 17

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Iraq Al-Amir Women Cooperative

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 2: IRAQ AL-AMEER TO HUSBAN

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Date: Wednesday, March 18

Distance: 19 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 3: HUSBAN TO OYOUN AL-THEEB

Date: Thursday, March 19

Distance: 19 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 4: OYOUN AL-THEEB TO WADI ZARQA MA'IN

Date: Friday, March 20

Distance: 21 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾



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REGION 4: 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 days and 3 nights + 1 break day for thru-hikers only

Length: 76 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: Saturday, March 21

Distance: 18 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 2: WADI HIDAN TO WADI MUJIB

Date: Sunday, March 22

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 3: WADI MUJIB TO MAJDALINE

Date: Monday, March 23

Distance: 20 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 4: MAJDALINE TO KARAK

Date: Tuesday, March 24

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 5 (Break day): KARAK

Date: Wednesday, March 25

Overnight: Hotel

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REGION 5: KARAK TO DANA

The crusader-themed 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 days and 5 nights + 1 break day for thru-hikers only

Length: 88 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: Thursday, March 26

Distance: 20 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 2: WADI AL-MIGAIR TO WADI HASA

Date: Friday, March 27

Distance: 14 km

Overnight: Wild Camp/Guest house

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 3: WADI HASA TO AIS

Date: Saturday, March 28

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 4: AIS TO MA'TAN

Date: Sunday, March 29

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp/Guest house

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 5: MA'TAN TO DANA

Date: Monday, March 30

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 6 (Break day): DANA

Date: Tuesday, March 31

Overnight: Hotel/Camp



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REGION 6: 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 kilometers. 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 days and 4 nights + 1 break day for thru-hikers only

Length: 74 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: Wednesday, April 01

Distance: 25 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 2: WADI MALAGA TO RAS AL-FEID

Date: Thursday, April 02

Distance: 14 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 3: RAS AL-FEID TO LITTLE PETRA

Date: Friday, April 03

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 4: LITTLE PETRA TO PETRA

Date: Saturday, April 04

Distance: 12 km

Overnight: Hotel

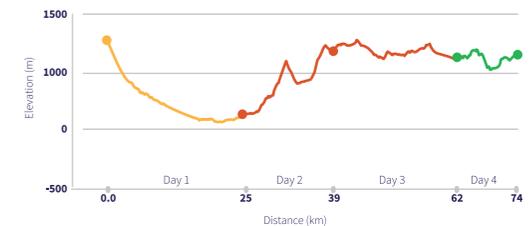
Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 5 (Break day): PETRA

Date: Sunday, April 05

Overnight: Hotel

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REGION 7: 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: 7 days and 7 nights + 1 break day for thru-hikers only

Length: 129 km

Main sites in the region:

- ▷ Petra
- ▷ Jabal Haroun (Mountain top burial place of Haroun, 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: Monday, April 06

Distance: 22 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 4: WADI GSEIB TO WADI AHEIMAR

Date: Thursday, April 09

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 7: JABAL KHARAZA TO SHAKRIYA

Date: Sunday, April 12

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 2: GAA’ MRIEBED TO WADI AL-SAIF

Date: Tuesday, April 07

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 5: WADI AHEIMAR TO ABBASIYA

Date: Friday, April 10

Distance: 24 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 8 (Break day): SHAKRIYA

Date: Monday, April 13

Overnight: Camp

DAY 3: WADI AL-SAIF TO WADI GSEIB

Date: Wednesday, April 08

Distance: 13 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 6: ABBASIYA TO JABAL KHARAZA

Date: Saturday, April 11

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾



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REGION 8: 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 dike 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: 5 days and 5 nights + 1 break day for thru-hikers only

Length: 83 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: SHAKRIYA TO RUM VILLAGE

Date: Tuesday, April 14

Distance: 17 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🏔️

DAY 2: RUM VILLAGE TO AL QIDR

Date: Wednesday, April 15

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🏔️

DAY 3: AL QIDR TO TITEN

Date: Thursday, April 16

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🏔️

DAY 4: TITEN TO FINAL CAMP

Date: Friday, April 17

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🏔️

DAY 5: FINAL CAMP TO AQABA

Date: Saturday, April 18

Distance: 19 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: 🏠👟

DAY 7 (Check Out): AQABA

Date: Monday, April 20

DAY 6 (Break day): AQABA

Date: Sunday, April 19

Overnight: Hotel



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TIPS

SAFETY AND OUTFIT

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.



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 (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

Bringing the items in red is **a must** to join the hike

THRU HIKE / REGION / WEEKEND

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 a day gear (25-40 L)
- ▷ 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

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

Other

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





PRICING

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

*Visit www.jordantrail.org/thru-hike
and book your spot today!*



WEEKEND RATES

REGION 1 WEEKEND

From Friday morning March 06
Till Saturday evening March 07
Shared occupancy rate: JOD 150
Single occupancy rate: JOD 160

REGION 2 WEEKEND

From Friday morning March 13
Till Saturday evening March 14
Shared occupancy rate: JOD 150
Single occupancy rate: JOD 160

REGION 3 WEEKEND

From Friday morning March 20
Till Saturday evening March 21
Shared occupancy rate: JOD 150
Single occupancy rate: JOD 160

REGION 5 WEEKEND

From Thursday evening March 26
Till Saturday evening March 28
Shared occupancy rate: JOD 200
Single occupancy rate: JOD 220

REGION 6 WEEKEND

From Thursday evening April 02
Till Saturday evening April 04
Shared occupancy rate: JOD 200
Single occupancy rate: JOD 220

REGION 7 WEEKEND

From Thursday evening April 09
Till Saturday evening April 11
Shared occupancy rate: JOD 200
Single occupancy rate: JOD 220

REGION 8 WEEKEND

From Thursday evening April 16
Till Saturday evening April 18
Shared occupancy rate: JOD 200
Single occupancy rate: JOD 220



The single occupancy applies to tents or hotel rooms and not home-stays, home-stays are on sharing basis according to gender



REGION RATES

REGION 1 - Um Qais to Ajloun

6 days and 5 nights
 Starts on: March 06
 Returns on: March 11
 Shared occupancy rate: JOD 420
 Single occupancy rate: JOD 500

REGION 2 - Ajloun to As Salt

4 days and 3 nights
 Starts on: March 12
 Returns on: March 15
 Shared occupancy rate: JOD 330
 Single occupancy rate: JOD 380

REGION 3 - As Salt to Wadi Zarqa Ma'in

4 days and 3 nights
 Starts on: March 17
 Returns on: March 20
 Shared occupancy rate: JOD 350
 Single occupancy rate: JOD 390

REGION 4 - Three Wadis to Karak

4 days and 3 nights
 Starts on: March 21
 Returns on: March 24
 Shared occupancy rate: JOD 365
 Single occupancy rate: JOD 415

REGION 5 - Karak to Dana

5 days and 5 nights (1st night in Karak)
 Starts on: March 26
 Returns on: March 30
 Shared occupancy rate: JOD 450
 Single occupancy rate: JOD 520

REGION 6 - Dana to Petra

4 days and 4 nights (1st night in Dana)
 Starts on: April 1
 Returns on: April 04
 Shared occupancy rate: JOD 470
 Single occupancy rate: JOD 525

REGION 7 - Petra to Rum

7 days and 7 nights (1st night in Petra)
 Starts on: April 06
 Returns on: April 12
 Shared occupancy rate: JOD 800
 Single occupancy rate: JOD 890

REGION 8 - Rum to Aqaba

5 days and 5 nights (1st night in Shakriya)
 Starts on: April 14
 Returns on: April 18
 Shared occupancy rate: JOD 520
 Single occupancy rate: JOD 590

The single occupancy applies to tents or hotel rooms and not home-stays, home-stays are on sharing basis according to gender



THRU HIKE RATES

Shared occupancy rate: JOD 3,700

Single occupancy rate: JOD 4,200

REGION / WEEKEND / THRU HIKE RATES INCLUDE:

- ▷ Licensed English/Arabic speaking guide
- ▷ Two trail escorts (guide assistants)
- ▷ Transportation from Amman to hiking location and back
- ▷ JTA team support
- ▷ Water refill
- ▷ 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 refill
- ▷ Meals: Lunch

THE THRU-HIKE IS ORGANIZED BY THE JORDAN TRAIL ASSOCIATION



The Jordan Trail Association (JTA) was established in July 2015 and registered as a Jordanian non-governmental organization (NGO) with the aim to develop and maintain the Jordan trail, and to support and build the capacity of local communities that the trail passes through. This trail is 650 km starting from Um Qais in the top north to Aqaba in the very south of Jordan. The trail is a national product that promotes Jordan nature and culture at its best and attracts local and international tourists.



Get Involved

The Jordan Trail is still a work in progress! The trail route presented in this booklet and on the 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 hikers, share them with us through info@jordantrail.org. Help us develop our website by sending us any relevant information or materials you may have gathered whether from hiking the trail or from other experiences in the region. Be a part of this growing project!

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