



JORDAN TRAIL

THRU-HIKE 2022

AN EVER-CHANGING STORY
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South To North



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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 wonders, 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.

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REGION 8: RED SEA TO WADI RUM

Leaving the warm waters of the Red Sea and the port of Aqaba behind, you reach the first pass and the last view of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba, beyond which lie the mountains of Sinai. The trail here follows old shepherd paths, winding its way east across desert wadis and over granite mountains striated with basalt dyke intrusions. Continuing through the magnificent desert landscape, the trail passes the cliffs of Jabal Qattar and Jabal Khazali and

weaves between the unique and colorful backdrops of Wadi Rum's sandstone desert mountains. Before arriving at Wadi Rum village, the trail passes beneath the towering cliffs of Jabal Um Ishrin and Jabal Rum through the iconic landscape of Wadi Rum – vast, echoing and godlike wrote T.E. Lawrence. Finishing at Wadi Rum village offers a taste of Bedouin life and hospitality.

Days: 5 hiking days and 5 nights

Length: 83 km

Main sites in the region:

- > Wadi Rum (World Heritage site)
- > Wadi Rum Bedouin village
- > Bedouin encampments
- > Village of Titen
- > 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
- > Aqaba (Red Sea)

DAY 1: RED SEA TO FINAL CAMP

Date: Friday, February 25

Distance: 19 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level:

DAY 2: FINAL CAMP TO TITEN

Date: Saturday, February 26

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level:

DAY 3: TITEN TO AL-QIDR

Date: Sunday, February 27

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level:

DAY 4: AL-QIDR TO RUM VILLAGE

Date: Monday, February 28

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level:

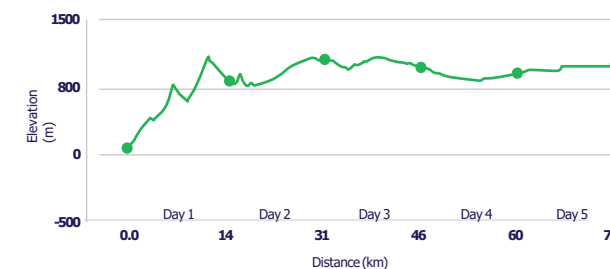
DAY 5: RUM VILLAGE TO SHAKRIYA

Date: Tuesday, March 1

Distance: 17 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level:



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



REGION 7: WADI RUM TO PETRA

Connecting the two legendary sites of Wadi Rum and Petra 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 open, sandy plains and moving into deep, rugged wadis, this section of the trail takes you deep into the places where humans seldom go. This section's most dramatic and memorable aspect is the arrival at the Nabatean masterpiece, Petra.

Days: 8 days and 7 nights (7 hiking days +1 break day for thru-hikers only)

Length: 129 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 6: SHAKRIYA TO JABAL KHARAZAH

Date: Wednesday, March 2

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 7: JABAL KHARAZAH TO ABBASIYA

Date: Thursday, March 3

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 8: ABBASIYA TO WADI AHAIMER

Date: Friday, March 4

Distance: 24 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 9: WADI AHAIMER TO WADI GSEIB

Date: Saturday, March 5

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 10: WADI GSEIB TO WADI AL SAIF

Date: Sunday, March 6

Distance: 13 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 11: WADI AL SAIF TO GAA' MRIEBED

Date: Monday, March 7

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 12: GAA' MRIEBED TO PETRA

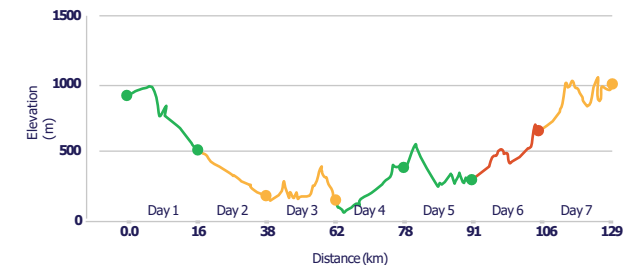
Date: Tuesday, March 8

Distance: 22 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

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REGION 6: PETRA TO DANA

A truly inspiring section of the Jordan Trail and named by National Geographic as one of the 15 best hikes in the world. This section's most dramatic and memorable aspect is the departure at the Nabatean masterpiece, Petra. A chance to leave 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. The scenery spans from majestic and epic mountaintops to peaceful, fertile farmlands

with new landscapes presenting themselves every few kilometers. 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 trail climbs the hilltop village of Dana from Wadi Feynan leaving behind the dramatic mountain plateaus of Wadi Araba.

Days: 5 days and 4 nights (4 hiking days +1 break day for thru-hikers only)

Length: 75 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 13: PETRA TO LITTLE PETRA

Date: Wednesday, March 9

Distance: 12 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🟢

DAY 14: LITTLE PETRA TO RAS AL-FEID

Date: Thursday, March 10

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🟡👟

DAY 15: RAS AL-FAYD TO FINAN RUINS

Date: Friday, March 11

Distance: 24 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🟡👟👟

DAY 16: FINAN RUINS TO DANA

Date: Saturday, March 12

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Hotel

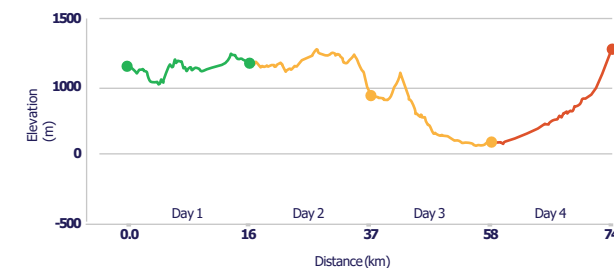
Difficulty level: 🟠👟👟

DAY 17 (BREAK DAY): DANA

Date: Sunday, March 13

Overnight: Hotel

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REGION 5: DANA TO KARAK

The trail starts with 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, before moving on through the deep Wadi Labun. Passing by Edomite ruins at Sela and Ma'tan, the landscape becomes a series of towering limestone cliffs and ridges before reaching a Dead Sea canyon, Wadi Hasa.. Orchards and olive groves grow abundantly through fertile plains. The crusader landscape is manifested in this section, passing the abandoned village of Khirbet Ainun and the old crusader village of Shehabieh, until you reach the imposing crusader castle of Karak, impressively situated to overlook the surrounding landscape.

Days: 5 hiking days and 5 nights

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 18: DANA TO MA'TAN

Date: Monday, March 14

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Eco Lodge

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 19: MA'TAN TO AIS

Date: Tuesday, March 15

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: 🥾

DAY 20: AIS TO WADI HASA

Date: Wednesday, March 16

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Camp/Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 21: WADI HASA TO WADI AL-MUGAIR

Date: Thursday, March 17

Distance: 14 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

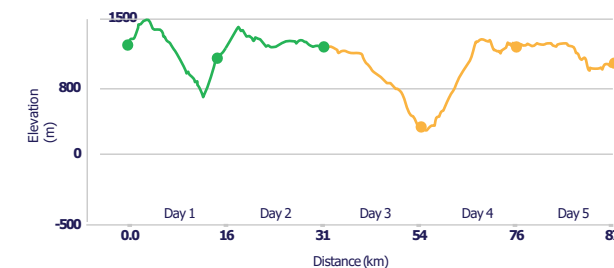
DAY 22: WADI AL-MUGAIR TO KARAK

Date: Friday, March 18

Distance: 20 km

Overnight: Home stay/Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾



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REGION 4: KARAK TO 3 WADIS

By this point on the trail you encounter some of the most spectacular Dead Sea wadis. Leaving the majestic crusader castle of Karak into Wadi ez Zaiyatin. The from Wadi el Tawahin ascending to Wadi Ibin Hammad that lead you to the ruins of Majdaline. Then to Wadi Mujib, one of the grandest wadis in Jordan, before reaching Wadi Hidan and Wadi Zarqa Ma'in. Fertile farmland with rich red soils and Bedouin tents create a dramatic landscape.

Days: 5 days and 4 nights (4 hiking days +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 23: KARAK TO MAJDALEEN

Date: Saturday, March 19

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 24: MAJDALEEN TO WADI MUJIB

Date: Sunday, March 20

Distance: 20 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 25: WADI MUJIB TO WADI HIDAN

Date: Monday, March 21

Distance: 15 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

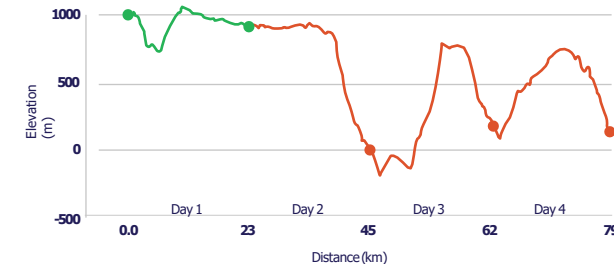
DAY 26: WADI HIDAN TO WADI ZARQA MA'IN

Date: Tuesday, March 22

Distance: 18 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾



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REGION 3: WADI ZARQA MA'IN TO AL SALT

Leaving Wadi Zarqa Ma'in with its year-round stream behind, the trail now follows a roman road, encountering basalt cliffs. The climate and scenery changes as the Dead Sea disappear and Bedouin camps scatter the path. Here you get closer to the more northern regions and the city of Amman. Walk past the ancient palace of Iraq Al-Ameer before reaching the historically fragrant city of Al Salt.

Days: 6 days and 4 nights (5 hiking days +1 break day for thru-hikers only)

Length: 82 km

Main sites in the region:

- Al 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 27: WADI ZARQA MA'IN TO OYOON AL-THEEB

Date: Wednesday, March 23

Distance: 21 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty Level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 28: OYOON AL-THEEB TO HUSBAN

Date: Thursday, March 24

Distance: 19 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾🥾

DAY 29: HUSBAN TO IRAQ AL-AMIR

Date: Friday, March 25

Distance: 19 km

Overnight: Iraq Al-Amir Women Cooperative

Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 30: IRAQ AL-AMIR TO AL SALT

Date: Saturday, March 26

Distance: 23 km

Overnight: Hotel/Homestay

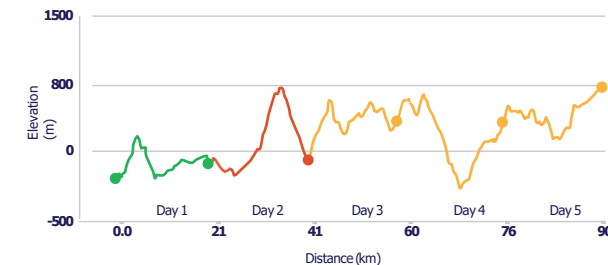
Difficulty level: 🥾🥾

DAY 31 (BREAK DAY): AL SALT

Date: Sunday, March 27

Overnight: Hotel/Homestay

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





REGION 2: AL SALT TO AJLOUN

This section weaves through farmland and a spattering of rural villages as you near the city of Ajloun and its hilltop castle. Winding up through fertile valleys to the village of Rmeimeen with its beautiful church spire and minaret. The trail crosses the King Talal Dam, and then ascending a hilltop following rich farmlands until it reaches Ajloun Castle.

Days: 4 hiking days and 3 nights

Length: 66 km

Main sites in the region:

- > Khirbet Sarabis and Springs
- > King Talal Dam

- > Rmeimeen village
- > City of Salt

DAY 32: AL SALT CITY TO RMEIMEEN

Date: Monday, March 28

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🟢

DAY 33: RMEIMEEN TO KING TALAL DAM

Date: Tuesday, March 29

Distance: 16 km

Overnight: Wild Camp

Difficulty level: 🟢

DAY 34: KING TALAL DAM TO KHIRBET AL-SOUQ

Date: Wednesday, March 30

Distance: 17 km

Overnight: Camp/Homestay

Difficulty level: 🟡🟡

DAY 35: KHIRBET AL-SOUQ TO AJLOUN

Date: Thursday, March 31

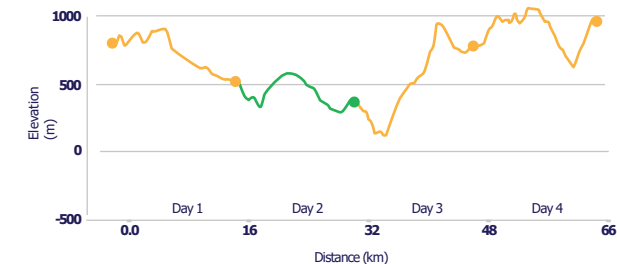
Distance: 17 km

Overnight: Hotel

Difficulty level: 🟡🟡

Break days are for thru-hikers only

Distance may vary depending on weather conditions and camping sites





REGION 1: AJLOUN TO UM QAIS

As you leave Ajloun, you pass by the villages that 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. 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. You finish at the most northern region of the trail, with lush, green hills and canyons, over rolling hills, and through oak forests that carry you to Um Qais Archaeological site.

Days: 5 hiking days and 4 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, birthplace of the prophet Elijah
- Community tourism and rural scenery in the al-Ayoun village
- Medieval mountaintop site of Ajloun Castle

DAY 36: AJLOUN TO RASOUN

Date: Friday, April 1
 Distance: 18 km
 Overnight: Homestay
 Difficulty level: 🟢

DAY 37: RASOUN TO BEIT IDIS

Date: Saturday, April 2
 Distance: 16 km
 Overnight: Homestay/Camp
 Difficulty level: 🟡🟡

DAY 38: BEIT IDIS TO PELLA

Date: Sunday, April 3
 Distance: 10 km
 Overnight: Wild Camp
 Difficulty level: 🟡🟡

DAY 39: PELLA TO ZIGLAB

Date: Monday, April 4
 Distance: 13 km
 Overnight: Ziglab Eco Park
 Difficulty level: 🟢

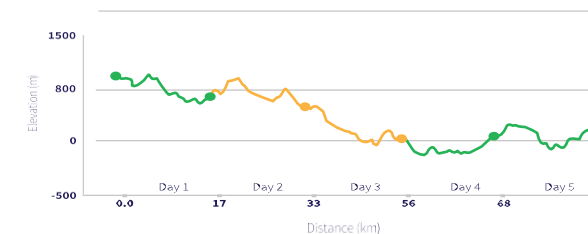
DAY 40: ZIGLAB TO MAKHRABA

Date: Tuesday, April 5
 Distance: 12 km
 Overnight: Wild Camp
 Difficulty level: 🟢

DAY 41: MAKRABAH TO UM-QAIS

Date: Wednesday, April 6
 Distance: 14 km
 Overnight: Arrive to finish line
 Difficulty level: 🟡🟡

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





SAFETY TIPS

Whether you're new to hiking or have been doing it for a while, it's always good to walk 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
- 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 red items is a **must** to join the hike*

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

- 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!

DAILY RATES

Starts on:
February 25 Ends
on: April 6
Regular: JOD 35

AJLOUN TO UM QAIS

AJLOUN TORASOUN
Date: Friday, April 1
Distance: 18 km
Elevation: Lowest 550m/ Highest 950m

PELLA TO ZIGLAB

Date: Monday, April 4
Distance: 13 km
Elevation: Lowest -200m/ Highest 0m

RASOUN TO BEIT IDIS

Date: Saturday, April 2
Distance: 16 km
Elevation: Lowest 500m/ Highest 950m

BEIT IDIS TO PELLA

Date: Sunday, April 3
Distance: 10 km
Elevation: Lowest 0m/ Highest 500m

ZIGLAB TO MAKHRABA

Date: Tuesday, April 5
Distance: 12 km
Elevation: Lowest -200m/ Highest 300m

MAKHRABA TO UM QAIS TO

Date: Wednesday, April 6
Distance: 14 km
Elevation: Lowest -100m/ Highest 400m

AS-SALT TO AJLOUN

AS-SALT TO RMEIMEEN

Date: Monday, March 28
Distance: 16 km
Elevation: Lowest 550m/ Highest 900m

RMEIMEEN TO KING TALAL DAM

Date: Tuesday, March 29
Distance: 16 km
Elevation: Lowest 310m/ Highest 600m

KING TALAL DAM TO KHIRBET AL-SOUQ

Date: Wednesday, March 30
Distance: 16 km
Elevation: Lowest 190m/ Highest 950m

KHIRBET AL-SOUQ TO AJLOUN

Date: Thursday, March 31
Distance: 17 km
Elevation: Lowest 630m/ Highest 1050m



WEEKEND RATES

REGION 8 WEEKEND

AQABA TO TITEN

From Thursday evening February 24

Till Saturday evening February 26

Regular: JOD 150

Single Supplement: Add JOD 30

REGION 7 WEEKEND

ABBASTYA TO WADI GSEIB

From Thursday afternoon March 3

Till Saturday afternoon March 5

Regular: JOD 150

Single Supplement: Add JOD 30

REGION 6 WEEKEND

RAS AL-FYED TO DANA

From Thursday afternoon March 10

Till Saturday evening March 12

Regular: JOD 150

Single Supplement: Add JOD 30

REGION 5 WEEKEND

WADI AL-MUGAIR TO MAJDALEEN

From Thursday afternoon March 17

Till Saturday afternoon March 19

Regular: JOD 150

Single Supplement: Add JOD 30

REGION 3 WEEKEND

HUSBAN TO SALT

From Friday morning March 25

Till Saturday afternoon March 26

Regular: JOD 120

Single Supplement: Add JOD 30

REGION 1 WEEKEND

AJLOUN TO BEIT IDIS

From Friday morning April 30

Till Saturday afternoon April 2

Regular: JOD 120

Single Supplement: Add JOD 30

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



REGION RATES

REGION 8 - AQABA TO WADI RUM

5 days and 5 nights
Starts on: 25 February
Return on: March 1
Regular: JOD 520

Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 7 - WADI RUM TO PETRA

8 days and 7 nights
Starts on: March 2
Return on: March 8
Regular: JOD 800

Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 6 - PETRA TO DANA

5 days and 4 nights
Starts on: March 8
Return on: March 12
Regular: JOD 500

Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 5 - DANA TO KARAK

5 days and 5 nights Starts
on: March 12
Return on: March 18
Regular: JOD 450

Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 4 - KARAK TO THREE WADIES

5 days and 4 nights
Starts on: March 18
Return on: March 22
Regular: JOD 365

Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 3 - WADIZARQA MA'IN TO AL SALT

6 days and 4 nights
Starts on: March 22
Return on: March 26
Regular: JOD 350

Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 2 - AL SALT TO AJLOUN

4 days and 3 nights
Starts on: March 27
Return on: March 3
Regular: JOD 330

Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

REGION 1 - AJLOUN TO UM QAIS

5 days and 4 nights
Starts on: March 3
Return on: April 6
Regular: JOD 420

Single Supplement: Add JOD 100

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



THRU HIKE RATES

Regular: JOD 3000

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
- Accident Insurance

DAILY HIKE RATES INCLUDE:

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

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 reside in the villages/cities that the trail passes through. The Jordan trail is a 650 km trail that stretches from Um Qais in the top north to Aqaba in the very south of Jordan. The Jordan trail is a national tourism product that promotes Jordan's unique and diverse nature and authentic culture. The Jordan trail is an attraction to both local and international tourists.

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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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