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## Petra & Wadi Rum by Bike Trip Notes

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Trip Code:  
**MXW**



**9 Days** Flight Inclusive  
**9 Days** Land only  
**Min age:** 16

### Trip Overview

The Kingdom of Jordan is the perfect place to combine a cycling tour with some of the best sites in the Middle East. This bicycle trip takes us through olive groves and hill top villages in the north, while further south we will head along desert roads where the communities are sparse and nomadic and the landscape vast and spectacular. If the cycling alone isn't enough to entice you, perhaps the UNESCO site of Petra, a night under the stars in the Wadi Rum desert or a float in the Dead Sea will tempt you to visit this fascinating country.

### At a Glance

- 7 nights in hotels, all en suite , 1 night basic camping
- 5 days cycling with full vehicle support
- Group normally 5 to 18 plus local leader. Min age 16
- 95% quiet tarmac roads, 5% gravel and sandy roads
- Mainly flat with some steep climbs and hot temperatures
- Countries visited: Jordan

### Trip Highlights

- Cycle through spectacular desert scenery
- Visit the UNESCO site of Petra
- Camp under the stars in Wadi Rum

### Is This Trip for You?

This trip is classified road and Activity Level 3 (Moderate). 5 days cycling, average 45km/day (28 miles), 100% vehicle support. Please see the introductory pages of the cycling holidays brochure or our website for more information on classification and grading

The tour centres on the Jordan Valley using mostly tarmac roads which are generally in a good state of repair, with some pot-holed sections. The first two riding days involve several descents on tarmac roads. In places, there may be some loose stones so care needs to be taken. Some of the descents are quite steep but the leader will be able to assist you if you are not confident and the trip is fully vehicle supported should you decide you want a day off riding. The fourth day of cycling is the longest and most challenging in terms of terrain, but it is also the most spectacular. There are several ascents and one reasonably long and quite steep descent. This day is a fantastic day of riding but it is important you have a reasonable level of fitness and keep well hydrated in the warmer months. On the whole, the cycling days are quite short and, other than day 6, you will not be cycling all day. The trip is well balanced with the cultural sites and these are as much the focus as the cycling.

On the two days spent in Petra, there is a fair amount of walking involved – the site is big and there are opportunities to walk into the sandstone mountains to get a different and rewarding perspective of the site. Again, it is important that you have a reasonable level of fitness and that you keep well hydrated.

Whilst camping in Wadi Rum please be aware that although the campsite does have a plumbed toilet and a shower the facilities are basic and running water can be limited.

During the winter months Jordan can experience some low temperatures so it is really important that you are adequately equipped for the cycling and the night in the desert during this time. Conversely, during the summer months it can get very hot and you will need to ensure that you are hydrated and have appropriate sun protection.

If you have any queries about the difficulty of the trip please do not hesitate to contact us.

Following a review of all our trips we have categorised this trip as generally not suitable for persons of reduced mobility. However if you are a regular traveller on such trips, please contact customer services to discuss the trip and your personal condition.

**Adult min age:** 16  
**Min group size:** 5  
**Max group size:** 18

## Itinerary

### Land Only Itinerary

#### Day 1

##### **Start Amman.**

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#### Day 2

##### **Visit Jerash; ride/drive through olive groves and villages to Madaba.**

After an initial briefing, we transfer by bus for approximately 45 minutes to the ancient city of Jerash. Known in Roman times as Gerasa, Jerash is one of the best preserved examples of a Roman provincial town in the Middle East. It is a vast site with incredible ruins that enable you to almost visualise Roman life there, from the dramatic chariot racing to imagining the trading and bartering that went on along the colonnaded streets. After a good couple of hours absorbing the atmosphere of this incredible site we get back on the bus for a short transfer to the beginning of our ride, having lunch en route. When we arrive we will be introduced to the cycling team and our bikes.

This afternoon we will cycle for approximately 3 and a half hours through the foothills of the Jordan Rift Valley. This is the most fertile region of Jordan and also the most populated. We will wind our way down quiet roads and through small villages taking in the landscapes of this region. The cycling is on good roads and much of the time you will be descending. In places there may be some loose gravel that you will need to watch out for and there is one fairly long ascent. You will be briefed about the ride before you set off and the support vehicles will always be on hand. At the end of the ride we will leave the bikes for the day and transfer to Madaba, the 'city of mosaics'. The bus journey will take approximately 2 hours. There are a number of nice restaurants in Madaba for you to choose from as well as coffee and sweet shops for those of you that want to try your first mouth-watering taste of baklava.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Distance covered:** 42 km / 26 miles

#### Day 3

##### **Ride to Mt Nebo; exhilarating descent to the Dead Sea for a float in the saline water; drive to Petra.**

This morning we will wake up in Madaba, the 'City of the Mosaics'. Madaba is the most important Christian centre in Jordan and is famous for its Byzantine era mosaics. The most important of these is the 6th Century mosaic of Jerusalem and the Holy Land that covers the floor of the Greek Orthodox church of St. George. This morning we will have the opportunity to observe the mosaic and marvel at its detail and natural colour. We will then have a very short transfer to take us out of the centre of town where we will be reunited with our bikes.

Today's ride starts with a 7km mild ascent up Mt Nebo. We will take a pit stop at the top of Mt Nebo, reputedly the burial place of Moses but certainly the site for a spectacular view over the valley below. From here it's a fantastic descent to the shores of the Dead Sea. Parts of this descent are quite steep but support will be at hand and you can take your time. We follow the coast on a smooth tarmac surface to Suwaima where we can change and take a float in the famous waters. After a shower, it's back on the bus for the long drive south (approx. 3 hours) along the Kings Highway towards Petra. In many places the route is spectacular and there will be a couple of stops to admire the view on the way.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Distance covered:** 45 km / 28 miles

**Day 4****Explore the fascinating UNESCO city of Petra.**

We now have two full days to explore Petra. Petra the 'Rose-red city, half as old as time', was hidden for centuries until the Swiss explorer Burckhardt made his great discovery in 1812. The Nabateans, an Arab tribe that arrived here in the 6th Century BC, founded Petra. Building at Petra began in the 3rd Century BC and continued through the Roman period, financed by taxes levied on the desert caravans. Two features of Petra are unique: firstly, it is a city made defensible by being built down a series of chasms, rather than on a hilltop; and secondly, it is built directly into the rock - beautiful red and yellow sandstone carved into the most impressive facades which glow in the brilliant sunlight.

During our time in Petra we will have the opportunity to explore the site from all angles. We will walk down the narrow Siq with the sandstone chasm rising 80m to either side of us and revealing El Khazneh, the Treasury as we reach its end. Set in stunning sandstone mountains there will also be an opportunity to explore the higher caves and the 'high place of sacrifice' giving a fantastic panorama of the whole site. At ground level we will pass the houses and tombs of the rich citizens, and the amphitheatre. A long walk beyond the centre is El Deir, the Monastery, with its superb facade topped by a huge urn. The Monastery is set in a more remote location of the site and we will have to climb around 800 steps to reach it, but it is well worth it.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Day 5****Guided tour around Petra; cycle to Little Petra.**

In the morning we cycle to the north of the main city to Little Petra and the Siq Al-Barid. A classical temple stands guard outside the miniature siq, which is believed to have been an important suburb to the city of Petra itself. The narrow file, only some 350m long, is crammed with triclinia, water channels and cisterns. Of particular note are the remains of painted frescoes on plaster dating from the 1st Century AD, which are to be found in one of the biclinia.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Distance covered:** 20 km / 12 miles

**Day 6****Ride via Wadi Araba to Aqaba on the Red Sea.**

It's an early start today to avoid the heat for our first real desert experience. After a short transfer to Tayba village, we begin riding mostly on tarmac to Ar-Rajif. The road cuts through traditional Bedouin territory and is a seasonal stop for the nomadic shepherds of south Jordan so the chance of a local 'tea break' are high! The road is in a good state of repair, with some sections having been recently resurfaced. However, parts are quite heavily potholed and there is a chance that sand and stones have blown across the road and make for a loose surface on top of the tarmac, so care should be taken. We head into the desert and follow the road down to Gharandal via Dilagha to Wadi Araba. There are a few ascents and descents on today's ride and it is our longest and hardest day of riding. However, it is also the most spectacular and rewarding. The road takes you on an amazing journey through the desert and makes for a very satisfying day of riding. This day is all about the cycling allowing us to immerse ourselves in the landscape. After our desert crossing, it's a short drive to Aqaba on the Red Sea.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Distance covered:** 50 km / 31 miles

**Day 7****Free morning to visit the beach, explore Aqabal or snorkel; afternoon drive/ride to Wadi Rum and camp overnight in desert.**

This morning we have free time to lounge on the beach, swim, or snorkel. The transport and entrance to one of the private beaches is included in your trip. The hire of snorkelling equipment is extra to be paid on the day. In the early afternoon we will transfer out of town for around 45 minutes and then we will get on the bikes for the last time. This ride will take us into the Wadi Rum on a relatively flat desert road. The desert scenery today is quite different to that experienced yesterday and will evoke a sense of more recent history than what we have been experiencing until now. This is where Lawrence of Arabia and Prince Faisal assembled the Arab tribes for the attack on Aqaba in the First World War and also where sections of the film of 'Lawrence' were shot. Tonight we will experience Bedouin hospitality with a traditional meal, sweet tea and camping out in goat-hair tents in the desert. We will be able to contemplate our week of adventure as we gaze up at the star-lit sky, warmed by a fire. If you like you can pull your mattress outside and sleep under the stars.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Distance covered:** 25 km / 15 miles

**Day 8****Morning desert drive into the Wadi Rum; drive to Amman.**

After breakfast we take a 4x4 drive vehicle into the area for around 2 hours for a desert adventure. Following lunch, surrounded by the vastness of the desert and towering rocky outcrops, we transfer back to Amman, a journey of approx. 4 hours with a stop en route.

**Standard Hotel**

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Day 9****End Amman.**

End Amman.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

All ascents, descents and distances listed above have been measured by our local partners or tour leaders. Please note that different GPS measuring devices can give differing results dependent on the barometric pressures at the time. Measurements stated throughout these trips notes are given to help you understand the types of terrain and distances you will encounter.

**Accommodation****Hotels, Camping & Chalets**

We spend 2 nights in a 4-star hotel in Amman, 1 night in a standard hotel in Madaba, 3 nights in a standard hotel in Petra, 1 night in a 4-star hotel in Aqaba. We also have one night in a desert camp in Wadi Rum. The private camp is for the sole use of the Exodus group and offers an unforgettable experience.

Throughout the tour the hotels have en suite facilities and air conditioning. Some hotels have more facilities than others however it is always good to keep in mind that the star rating in Jordan is quite different to what you may expect at home. Sometimes we use less centrally located hotels in the interests of comfort. Accommodation in Petra is limited and demands on the infrastructure are high; this creates occasional problems with hot water and general plumbing for all hotels. In general, the hotels in Petra are older style and more basic in comparison with the rest of Jordan.

At the Wadi Rum camp there are traditional style tents equipped with basic beds, sheets and blankets. There are plumbed toilets and basins, and simple shower facilities with (limited) hot water.

Single supplements are available for this trip however cannot be guaranteed at Wadi Rum. Please enquire at the time of booking for details and up-to-date prices.

*Where a single supplement is available, paying for a single only guarantees a room for single use. It does not always mean a twin or double room will be provided for sole occupancy.*

Single supplement from \$266.50 AUD

## Food & Transport

### Eating & Drinking

All breakfast, 2 lunches and 1 dinner in Wadi Rum are included.

Whilst staying in hotels we usually eat in local restaurants and on some occasions the leader will take those who wish, to a restaurant for a 'mezze' style meal. A mezze meal is made up of lots of small dishes which are eaten as a starter before a larger main course. It is a great way to taste lots of different foods from the area in one sitting. These allow fast service and a good quality of food for the group and usually cost 10-15 JOD pp. Allow about £190-230 (approx. US\$300-370) to cover these meals. If you are vegetarian, please note that main meals are limited in choice; however mezze is almost always available in restaurants and is a good, filling option. There is also a good choice of seafood available when at the Red Sea. Meals are nearly always served with bread or in wraps so we recommend bringing some of your own snacks if your diet is more limited.

### Transportation

The support vehicle will carry all your luggage and personal belongings. The vehicle will follow the riders all of the time, allowing you to cycle as much or as little as you like. For most of this trip we use one air-conditioned mini or midi bus depending on group size, with local drivers. These will sometimes be four-wheel drive and occasionally we will use 2 vehicles for the group. In Wadi Rum, we use Bedouin four-wheel drive vehicles. These Bedouin 4X4 vehicles are not up to standards we are used to in the UK. As there are no other vehicles available and as we are not travelling by road we feel that they are adequate for the job.

## Weather & Seasonality

### Weather Information

Spring and autumn are very popular as it is cooler, at around 24°C in the day and down to 8°C at night. Rain is more likely, but protracted bad weather is unlikely. In the summer Jordan is hot and dry but not unpleasant. Daytime maximum temperatures are around 32°C in Amman. Rain is unusual but possible. In winter it is generally crisp and sunny in the day but be prepared for cooler temperatures than you might think, approximately 7-10°C. At night it can get particularly cold, approaching freezing. Please be prepared for this, especially for the night spent in the Wadi Rum. There are even occasions when it snows in the winter months.

### Weather Charts

## Joining Instructions

### Travelling flight inclusive from London: 9 days

The group flight from London is a daytime flight departing on Day 1 of the itinerary.

### Flights from London

We normally use the scheduled services of Royal Jordanian Airlines (depending on availability). As flight timings and schedules change regularly we recommend you call one of our specialist sales staff or your agent to confirm up-to-date timings.

Please note timings may change at a later date and cannot be confirmed until approximately two weeks before departure.

Those on the group flight will be met before immigration by an Airport Co-ordinator who will collect your passport to get it stamped with the group visa. Please be aware in high season this process may be subject to delays. The Airport Co-ordinator will be holding an Exodus sign, please make yourself known to him. You will then be directed to the baggage collection point and then to the arrivals hall where your group leader will meet you. It is at this point that the Airport Coordinator will return the passports.

Easy Jet offer low cost flights from London Gatwick to Amman. If you would like to make use of this service and would like us to book any pre or post tour accommodation for you, please contact our Customer Operations team.

### Travelling land only: 9 days starting and ending in Amman

Your trip normally starts at our accommodation in Amman in the evening of Day 1 of the itinerary. Details of how to reach the start point are provided in the Final Joining Instructions - sent approximately two weeks before departure.

### **Regional Flights**

The Flight Inclusive price is based on a London departure, but we are happy to tailor this to your local or regional airport. Please ask about flights from local or regional airports. (/au/regionaldepartures)

If booking regional flights other than with Exodus, you must allow a minimum connecting time (in addition to the international check-in time) of 1 hour at Gatwick, and 1.5 hours at Heathrow; this is longer than the official minimum, but baggage handling is known to be subject to delays.

Full joining instructions including local emergency numbers will be sent to you as part of our Final Joining Instructions. If you do not receive these at least a week before departure, or require them earlier please contact our office or your travel agent.

### **Transfers Details**

#### **Free Transfers**

Exodus offers FREE arrival transfers on all flights for both Land Only and Flight Inclusive clients. To receive this free transfer Land Only clients must arrive on the trip start date or have booked pre-tour accommodation at the start hotel. Exodus must receive full flight details in advance. Unless specified otherwise, the transfer will be to the Exodus start (or pre-tour) hotel; transfers to other hotels in the same city may attract an extra charge. Transfers may be shared with other Exodus customers on the same flight, or on a flight with similar arrival times. Detailed instructions including local emergency numbers will be sent to you as part of our Final Joining Instructions. If you do not receive these at least a week before departure or require them earlier, please contact our office or your travel agent.

**Location start:** Amman

**Location end:** Amman

### **What to Take**

#### **Essential Equipment**

##### **Wadi Rum**

For the night in the Wadi Rum you will need a 2 season sleeping bag and warm jacket (3 season in April, Sept and Oct). There are blankets and mattresses at the campsite but it is strongly recommended that you take at least a sleeping bag liner for the warmer departures and a 3/4 season sleeping bag for the winter months (November-March). You will only need it for one night but you will appreciate the warmth, especially if you choose to sleep under the stars. Your luggage will be transported for you between each hotel and out to the desert so this should not be too much of an inconvenience.

It is also very useful to have a torch with you for the night in the Wadi Rum and a swimming costume for the Dead and Red Sea.

##### **Clothing**

In spring and autumn, the days are generally quite hot (very hot in July and August), the nights are cool in the desert. Light cotton clothing is suitable for daytime use, but you may need a sweater.

For departures from the end of September onwards you should also bring a warm jacket and/or fleece, thermal layers, a waterproof jacket, hat and gloves, leggings or 3/4 length trousers, layers that you can take on and off while cycling and a wind-proof layer.

Please remember that Jordan is a Muslim country and we ride through traditional villages that see few tourists. You are therefore asked to wear baggy cycling shorts rather than tight Lycra. Shoulders should be covered, and cropped tops/sports bras are not suitable. However when exploring areas such as Petra and Amman on foot the dress code is more relaxed for men and women.

##### **Water Included**

Plastic bottles are a big issue in many countries where recycling isn't yet widely available; they often end up in landfill sites or get burnt, both processes are harmful to the environment and we would like to reduce our impact here. For your trip we provide an alternative to single-use plastic bottles in order to reduce the amount of plastic used. This means that safe drinking water will be available throughout so all you need to do is bring a bottle to re-fill along the way. Please add this to your packing list!

### **Optional Equipment**

A supply of your favourite energy bars or drink powder.

Inner tubes (unless hiring a bike)

If you are hiring a bike, and have access to the following, we suggest you bring: mini-pump, tyre levers, small universal bike tool. Having these to hand will aid speedy roadside repairs for simple issues such as punctures or saddle adjustment, when the leader or support vehicle are not close by. If you are not confident making your own repairs, rest assured that support will be close at hand.

### **Equipment Hire**

**Local Bike Details:** Trek FX 2 hybrid bikes. Lightweight with 24 speeds and wide range of gearing.

**Discount for bringing your own bike:** £90.

A quality local hire bike is now included in the overall price of our cycling holidays. At the time of booking we will take your height in order to reserve equipment. There may on occasions be insufficient bikes available in the correct size; we will endeavour to find suitable alternative equipment but this cannot be guaranteed. We will tell you before you book whether suitably sized bikes are available.

Conditions

1. The equipment remains the property of the supplier and you may not sell, hire out or part possession with the equipment.
2. You must not misuse the equipment and must return it in the same condition as when received (ordinary wear and tear excepted). The supplier is entitled to charge for any damage caused to the equipment during the period of hire.
3. You must ensure that the equipment is adequately secured when not in use. In the event of the equipment being lost or stolen, you may be liable for the replacement value of the equipment.
4. You must not use the equipment whilst under the influence of drink or drugs and should immediately notify the Supplier in the event of breakdown or loss.

#### **Bringing Your Own Bike**

If you prefer the familiarity of your own bike, you may of course bring it along. Please advise us at the time of booking and you will receive a discount off the price of the holiday, as specified above. You will be responsible for any extra baggage charges, please speak to our Sales team for individual airline fees. Any clients bringing their own bike should ensure they have adequate cover for loss, damage or theft under their travel, home contents or a specialist insurance policy. If Exodus is confident that we have taken all reasonable care to ensure the safety of your bike, in the rare event of loss, damage or theft you will need to claim under your own insurance policy.

#### **Extra Bike Bits**

You may like to bring your own pedals and saddle (excluding the seat post) or gel saddle cover to fit to the hire bikes. We encourage this, if it is your preference. However, please note that you are responsible for your own equipment, and removing your saddle/pedals at the end of the trip. We cannot guarantee the return of any bike parts left behind.

#### **Exodus Policy on Cycling Helmets**

Wearing a helmet is mandatory for anyone taking part in any guided Exodus cycling holiday. Group members must bring their own helmets, as they are not available for hire, even if they are hiring a bike from Exodus.

For self-guided cycling holidays wearing a helmet is highly recommended. Customers who choose to ignore our advice do so entirely at their own risk and on the understanding that it may affect the validity of their travel insurance. It should also be noted that in some countries we travel to wearing a helmet is already a legal requirement.

Cycling of all kinds has its dangers and accidents can happen from time to time. Please ensure that you are properly prepared for the riding you are going to undertake.

#### **Recommended Cycling Clothing**

Padded cycling shorts (with loose 'over-shorts' where recommended), breathable clothing, and a lightweight waterproof/windproof top. Shoes with relatively stiff soles are better for biking, but are not essential unless you are cycling long distances. Most people want to carry certain items with them during the day while cycling, for this we recommend a large bum-bag or small close-fitting daysack.

## **Practical Information**

### **Passport**

#### **Jordan**

All nationalities require a full passport that must be valid for 6 months beyond the intended length of stay. It is your responsibility to have the correct personal documents and to obtain your own visa, if one is necessary, in accordance with the regulations of the country you are to visit. The information below is primarily for UK passport holders, and other nationalities should check with their travel agent or the relevant embassies. We are not responsible for the actions of local immigration and customs officials, whether at points of entry or otherwise, and any subsequent effects.

### **Visa**

#### **Jordan**

Visas are required by most nationalities, including British, and can be obtained at the border or Amman airport. At time of print, visa fees (usually 40JOD) have been waived for all nationalities travelling to Jordan with a tour operator and spending a minimum of 2 nights in country. Our airport representative will meet and assist you with obtaining the free visa on arrival in Jordan at Customs & Immigration. He will be carrying an Exodus sign.

For more information on the free Jordan Visa, please see the link below:

<http://international.visitjordan.com/MediaCenter/News/JordanianGovernment...>  
<http://international.visitjordan.com/MediaCenter/News/JordanianGovernmentEasesRegulationsonEntryVi.aspx>

Visa regulations can change without notice: please check the current regulations in good time to obtain a visa if one is required.

There are no specific health risks on this trip.

### **Vaccination**

#### **Jordan**

There are no mandatory vaccination requirements. Recommended vaccinations are: Polio, Tetanus, Typhoid.

Travel health can often be something people forget about before going away, but a little preparation and knowledge can go a long way to help you stay fit and healthy while abroad.

The Travel Health Pro website recommends to have a rabies vaccination on this trip, as cycling is considered a higher risk activity.

The above information can change at short notice; as we are not qualified to answer all your questions about travel health we strongly recommend you contact your Medical Professional or a Travel Health Clinic at least 8 weeks prior to departure for up-to-date information. Please note: vaccinations that are routinely recommended to residents of the UK, North America or Australasia are not considered to form part of the travel health advice, and you should ensure these are kept up to date where necessary.

For additional information please visit: <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries> (<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>)

#### **Insurance - are you adequately covered?**

It is a condition of joining any of our holidays that you must be fully insured against medical and personal accident risks (to include repatriation costs and air ambulance or helicopter rescue services where appropriate). On arrival in destination for your trip, you will be asked to present details to your leader or local representative of your policy.

If you are resident in the UK we strongly recommend the **Exodus travel insurance policy** ([/au/insurance](#)), this is specifically designed to cover all activities on your trip. If arranging your own policy please ensure that you are covered for all activities that are part of the trip, optional activities that you intend to take part in and/or on high altitude itineraries, that you are covered up to the maximum altitude of the trip.

### **Local Time**

**Jordan's Timezone:** Asia/Amman EEST (GMT +03:00)

## Electricity

**Jordan's Electricity:** 230 Volts. Plug types B,C,D,F,G & J; establishments often take UK plugs and/or two round pin plugs.

You will need a round 2-pin plug. This type of plug is very common in most universal adaptor sets. Plugs are generally 230V and 50Hz frequency.

## Money

### Jordan's Currency

The national currency of Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar (JOD), with an exchange rate at the time of publication (June 2017) of approximately 0.9 to the GBP, 0.7 to the USD, 0.54 to the CAD, 0.79 to the EUR, 0.54 to the AUD and 0.51 to the NZD.

The Dinar (JOD) is divided into 1,000 fils. Ten fils is referred to colloquially as 1 piastre, and quite frequently prices of small items are given in piastres.

### ATM Availability

There are ATMs in Jordan, and can be found in the major towns and cities, such as Madaba, Petra, Aqaba and Amman. However not all ATMs will take British/ European style cards, and your leader will be able to advise you. Larger shops in the cities may take credit cards, but do not rely on this.

### Extra Expenses & Spending Money

Including all food and optional excursions we would advise you take between £300-350 (approx. US\$480-560) to cover everything.

At the beginning of the week the leader will suggest that he collects 20-25JD per person to provide snacks and juice during the cycling, extra water and 5 lunches that are not included. This is often the best way to do this so you don't need to worry about trying to find shops to buy things yourself. However, there is absolutely no obligation, so if you would prefer to bring your own snacks or arrange this yourself then please let the leader know.

### Optional Excursions (approximate costs, depending on group sizes)

There are various excursions possible on this trip - the leader will provide more details on arrival. Please note that all prices are subject to change.

**Jerash Entry fees:** 10 JOD pp.

**Petra by night:** Follow the trail from the Siq to the Treasury in candlelight where you will be offered tea and traditional music by the local Bedouins approx. 17 JOD pp. Please note this is not possible every evening and it can get crowded.

**Turkish bath in Petra:** 22 JOD pp.

**Camel rides in Wadi Rum:** camel rides provided by the local Bedouins will be possible on the morning of Day 8. A trek from the camp to the local village will take approximately 1hr 20 and will be 20 JOD pp.

**Archaeological site at Madaba:** 2 JOD pp.

**Amman Entry fees:** Citadel 3 JOD pp, Theatre 2 JOD pp, King Abdulla Mosque 2 JOD.

## Tipping

Our local staff are paid well and fairly for their work with Exodus. Tipping is at your discretion for both the leader and the local staff. However, tipping in Jordan is part of the culture that has developed with tourism due to the low income of most people.

During the week if you wish to tip local people at restaurants etc. we have found it useful for the group to have a kitty for tipping. Your leader will be able to advise you on the amount, but as a guide expect it to be 10-15JOD per person for the week. This kitty will be placed in the hands of one of the group members to look after and the leader will advise where it is appropriate to tip. The kitty is there to ease confusion and embarrassment by not knowing how much or how little to tip. If you do not wish to join in on the group kitty, do not feel pressured.

Many clients also wish to tip their leaders and driver at the end of the trip. We suggest approximately 15JOD per person divided equally between the driver, bike leader and bike mechanic and around 20JOD per person for your leader. Most groups prefer to present the money to the leader at the end of the week with three separate envelopes (one for the leader, one for the bike team and one for the driver). This is completely at your own discretion and to be used as a guideline only.

## Responsible Tourism

At Exodus we believe in the power of Responsible Travel.

Every time we travel, we are part of a global movement that creates jobs, builds more sustainable societies, encourages cultural understanding and safeguards common natural and cultural heritage. To learn more about what Responsible Travel means to Exodus [click here \(/au/responsible-travel\)](#)...

## Exodus Community

### Join the Exodus online community

Don't forget to visit the Community area on our website. You can view the range of Exodus videos and podcasts, read trip write-ups which have featured in the national media and take advantage of some special deals on travel gear and equipment.

In the Community Travel Forum you'll find the Departure Lounge where you can discuss your trip with fellow travellers before you depart. When you get back from your holiday remember to upload your images to the relevant trip page on our website. This helps other people see what our holidays are really like and you'll be entered automatically into our monthly photo competition.

To make full use of the [Community \(/au/community\)](#) you'll need to join My Exodus. It's free, registration is simple and easy, so what are you waiting for?

## Important Information

### On all guided trips

Although our leaders are well trained to deal with different capabilities, if they have any concerns about someone's ability to safely partake in an activity, or their impact on other people's enjoyment, we authorise them to take necessary action which, in some circumstances, may involve asking someone to miss that activity.

Although rarely enforced, by booking this trip you agree to section 16 of our Booking Conditions which clearly states that our leaders have the authority to do this. In these circumstances we will ensure anyone sitting out is safely provided for and offered alternative options where possible. Refunds will not be provided for activities missed and customers may be liable for additional costs incurred.

### On all trips

In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call the Exodus office and ask to speak to one of the experts on this itinerary.

In an emergency, please contact our 24 hour out of hours service on +44 (0) 844 326 7041.

Every time that you travel abroad you should take the time to read the warnings in the **essential information** ([/au/about-exodus/essential-information](#)) in the brochure.

Full joining instructions including local emergency numbers, and details of how to reach the start point, will be sent to you approximately 2 to 3 weeks prior to departure. If you do not receive these at least a week before departure, or require them earlier please contact our office or your travel agent.

The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure or website, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure and website. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; in order to enjoy them you should be prepared to be flexible where necessary. Occasionally, as stated in our brochure, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned. This may be for a variety of reasons - climatic, political, physical or other. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements that maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

As fuel prices, airport taxes and exchange rates fluctuate, and airlines manage their rates to match demand, it is proving harder than ever to guarantee our Flight Inclusive prices. Although we endeavour to keep our website as accurate as possible, daily fluctuations mean that our Flight Inclusive price may be out of date. For accurate prices we recommend that you contact one of our Travel Experts, or your Travel Agent.

This trip includes time by a lake, river or sea, where there may be opportunities to swim. Swimming results in more tourists deaths than any other activity. All customers should always seek local advice before deciding whether to swim, and are requested to treat the sea with extreme caution if they choose to enter the water. Details on how to keep yourself safe while swimming are shown [here](https://www.exodus.co.uk/sites/exod/files/open_water_safety_guide_lr.pdf?t=1Hgt0V&_hstc=173457148.54af21c7415c562c45136efa0f63971f.1561705245580.1561705245580.1562203980521.2&_hssc=173457148.6.1563333725675&_hsfp=3)

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### TRAVEL AWARE -STAY SAFE & HEALTHY ABROAD

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the NHS have up-to-date advice on staying safe and healthy abroad. For more on security, local laws, plus passport and visa information, see <https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk/> (<https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk/>)

Keep informed of current travel health news by visiting <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/> (<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/>)

Advice can change so check regularly for updates.

For all latest travel information about your holiday, please visit our **Travel Safety Advice** ([/au/travel-safety-advice](#)) page.

Please note, although this trip doesn't visit any FCO no-go areas, it does visit a region close to an area where the advice is not to travel. If joining this trip, or if planning any additional travel pre or post tour in the area, you should ensure you visit their website to familiarise yourself with the advice. Any independent travel to these areas is entirely at your own risk and is likely not to be covered by your insurance.



## How to Book

### 1. Check availability

Go online to check availability, or contact us by phone or email.

### 2. Secure your place

You can provisionally hold a place on this trip, usually for between three and seven days.

### 3. Complete your booking and payment

When you're ready to book, go to [www.exodus.co.uk](http://www.exodus.co.uk) ([/au/homepage](#)) for online booking, book over the phone or you can complete a booking form (available online or on request by calling us). We accept all major credit and debit cards, or you can pay by cheque. Book with confidence: Exodus is fully licensed and bonded as a tour operator. We hold Air Traffic Organisers Licence (ATOL) number 2582 issued and bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). We are also bonded to the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and we are members of the Federation of Tour Operators (FTO) and ABTA - The Travel Association. This means you can book your Exodus holiday with confidence, as all monies paid to us for your trip are fully protected.

### TRIP NOTE VALIDITY

These Trip Notes are valid from the "Current as" date on page one. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure; if there are any updates that significantly impact the inclusions or itinerary bookers will be written to separately. All customers will also receive a link to the most up-to-date version of the Trip Notes with their Final Joining Instructions pre-travel.