

EXPERIENCE

JORDAN

Dana to Petra 6-Day Trek on the Jordan Trail: Experience Unexpected Beauty



Trip Rating: 3 - Moderate (Good physical fitness required; ~4-6 hours activity/day) Some days will be easy and some days will be up hill, but no special technical skills are required

Summary

See Jordan in a way that few people do, from the trail! Rated by National Geographic as one of the world's best hikes, the famed Wadi Dana to Petra trek showcases the most magnificent scenery that southern Jordan offers. The four biospheres inside of the Wadi Dana Reserve are just the beginning. The diversity of the scenery on this hike is most surprising to visitors who expect to see only desert. Seriously, there is much more!

Along the route, we stay at one of the world's top rated ecolodges, Feynan Ecolodge. Another accommodation highlight is the Seven Wonders Camp where we experience a bit of Bedouin culture.

Our hike culminates with two days in the rose red city of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore this famous site entering via the secret back door! We end with a transfer to the Dead Sea, the location of AdventureNext Near East.

Highlights

- Hike the most famous section of the Jordan Trail
- Enter the rose red city of Petra through the secret back route
- Stay at Feynan Ecolodge, one of the world's top rated Eco-Lodges
- Experience Bedouin culture and the hospitality of the Jordanian people
- [Photos of Dana to Petra 6-Day Trek on the Jordan Trail](#)



Note: You need to arrive in Amman on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

Day 1 – May 10

Amman - Larsa Hotel at 7:00AM

Our trip begins at Larsa Hotel at 7:00AM. The drive from Amman to Wadi Dana, the start of the trek, is about 2.5 hours. From Dana Guesthouse, 1,200m above sea level, we begin trekking west into Dana valley with our guides. The trail drops steeply at first, then levels-off to a more gradual descent through the Dana Biosphere Reserve towards Feynan eco-lodge. The reserve, Jordan's largest, includes four distinct bio-geographical zones, which means that Dana supports an astonishing diversity of birds, plants, and animals. Along the valley, we may see Griffin Vultures overhead as well as hyrax and copper-blue lizards on the rocks; if lucky, we might even catch a glimpse of an ibex, a desert fox, or see the footprint of a wolf in the dust. We finish the hike at the highly acclaimed Feynan Eco-Lodge.

Every day, a guided sunset walk (20-30 min) leads from the lodge up to a nearby hilltop. Freshly brewed Bedouin tea is served with stunning views westwards as the sun sets over the vast Wadi Araba deserts. After dinner, gaze at the stars from the Feynan roof.

Hike from Dana Village to Feynan Ecolodge

Hiking Distance 13.2 Km, Ascent 108m, Decent 1007m, Max Elevation 1226m, Min Elevation 327m

Feynan Ecolodge – Twin share rooms (WiFi in lobby)

Lunch – Lunch Box Dinner – Feynan Ecolodge (Vegetarian)

Day 2 – May 11

Feynan Ecolodge 7:00AM Breakfast

From Wadi Feynan, we walk through the historic landscape around Feynan, where copper has been mined for some 3000 years. Mining reached its peak under the Romans, when thousands of

slaves died here working the mines and furnaces. Millions of tons of ore were smelted into a metal that was exported all over the empire.

As we walk out of Feynan, we see mountains of slag that are the waste product of this ancient industry, as well as ruined buildings from the Nabataean and Roman periods. As we pass the entrance to Wadi Ghweir, we ascend through the mountains with great views behind. In the afternoon, we reach the wilderness campsite set up by the crew at Furon.

Hike from Wadi Feynan to Furon

Hiking Distance 18.2 Km, Ascent 1310m, Decent 447m, Max Elevation 1309m, Min Elevation 272m

Wilderness Camping - Single Tents (No WiFi)

Breakfast – Feynan Ecolodge

Lunch – Lunch Box

Dinner – Cooked Meal



Day 3 – May 12

Furon 7:00AM Breakfast

We leave Furon along rocky sandstone terrain. There are expansive views of the barren desert landscape with surprise encounters of desert vegetation and animal life. Approaching Little Petra, there are signs of increasing human habitation of Bedouin camps, sheep pens, and small agricultural plots. Our wilderness campsite is in the Gbour Wehdat area.

Hike from Furon to Gbour Wehdat

Hiking Distance 18.3 Km, Ascent 774m, Decent 913m, Max Elevation 1272m, Min Elevation 808m

Wilderness Camping - Single Tents (No WiFi)

Breakfast – Wilderness Camp

Lunch – Lunch Box

Dinner – Cooked Meal

Day 4 – May 13

Gbour Wehdat 7:00AM Breakfast

Between Gbour Wehdat and Little Petra we pass many sites that hint to its ancient past, such as Ba'ajah ruins, siq Ba'ajah, the Nabataeans wine and olive presses, water tanks, wells and the Nabataean rock carved facades. Siq al-Barid, otherwise known as Little Petra, due to its high gorge and carved facades, was a flourishing community in Nabatean times. Beyond Little Petra, we follow timeline markers through history to the remains of a Neolithic village. The scenic Seven Wonders Camp is our home for night. We enjoy Bedouin tea as well as songs and poems around the camp fire.

Hike from Gbour Wehdat to Little Petra

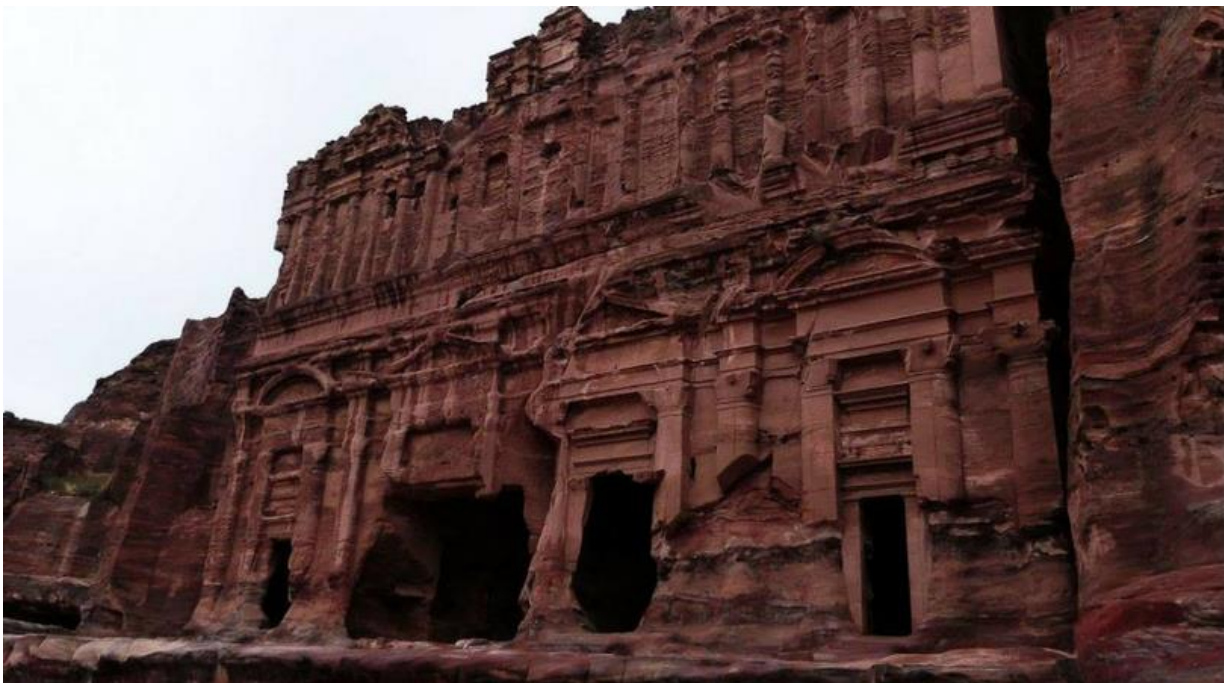
Hiking Distance 13.2 Km, Ascent 415m, Decent 366m, Max Elevation 1163m, Min Elevation 995m

Little Petra – Seven Wonders Camp – Single tents (WiFi in camp)

Breakfast – Wilderness Camp

Lunch – Lunch Box

Dinner – Seven Wonders Camp



Day 5 – May 14

Little Petra 7:00AM Breakfast

Today we enter Petra via “the back door” avoiding most of the tourists. Good tracks go pleasantly down Wadi Ghurab amidst sandstone mountains guarding the approaches to Petra. This way follows the Nabataean route out of the valley and skirting round the final mountain on a natural rock terrace which has been “improved” for the safety of the walkers. Even so, it still narrows slightly before reaching a hidden plateau high above the impressive chasm of Wadi Siyyagh.

Just beyond, carved into the cliff face, “The Monastery” suddenly comes into view, where there is a Bedouin café for refreshments if you would like. Nabataean steps then lead down into ancient Petra; our route then takes us through Wadi Muthlim (weather dependent) to Wadi Musa and on

to our Petra hotel. If the weather is poor, there is an alternative route to our hotel via Wadi Al-Khayl.

Hike from Little Petra - Petra

Hiking: Distance 15.5 Km, Ascent 693m, Decent 755m, Max Elevation 1130m, Min Elevation 876m

Petra – Petra Hotel – Single rooms (WiFi in rooms)

Breakfast – Seven Wonders Lunch – Basin Restaurant Dinner – Petra Hotel



Day 6 – May 15

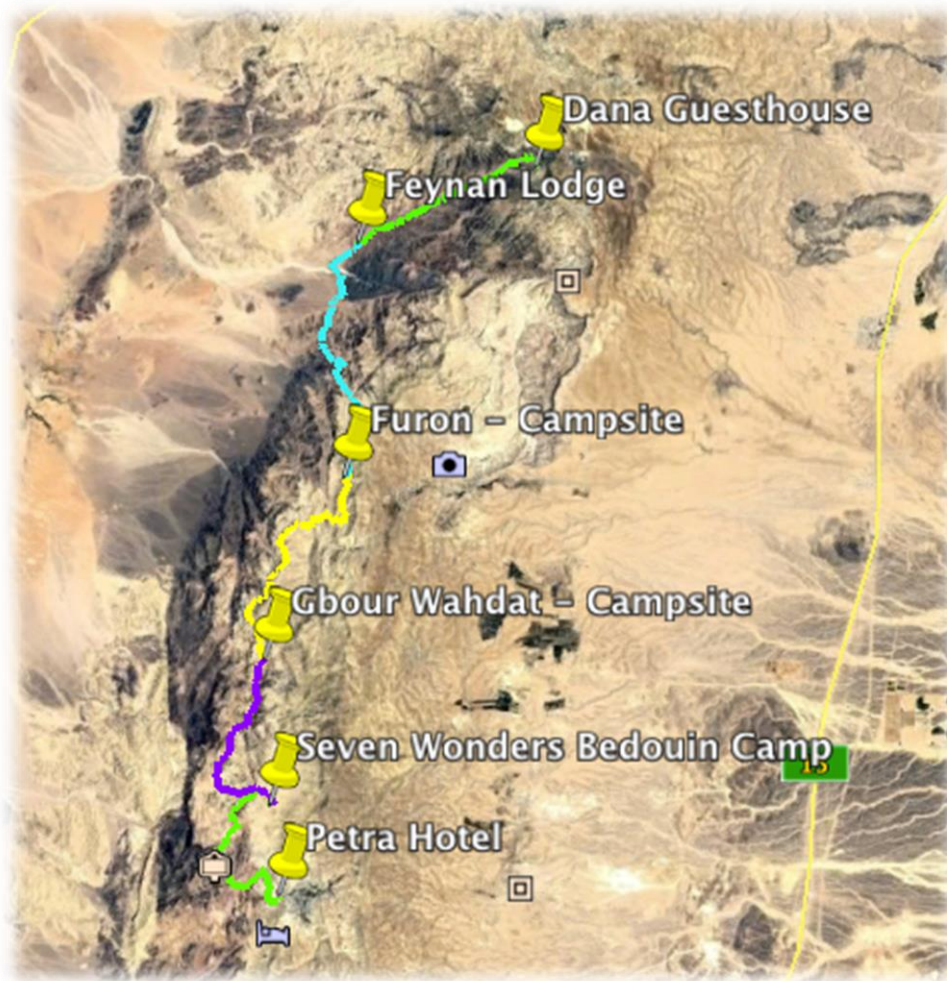
Petra 7:00AM Breakfast

After breakfast re-enter the city through 1KM long narrow gorge called the Siq, which is flanked either side by 80m high cliffs and arriving at the Treasury. Notice the dazzling colors and formations of the rocks. The site is massive, and contains hundreds of elaborated rock-cut tombs, a treasury, Roman-style theatres, temples, sacrificial altars and colonnaded streets. We have the time to visit other trails and sites inside Petra, such as the High Place of Sacrifice, the monastery etc. After exploring, we depart for the Dead Sea to arrive by 4:00PM.

Sightseeing in Petra & Drive to Dead Sea

Breakfast – Petra Hotel Lunch – Lunch Box

Map of Route



Group Size: 4-12 People

Price per person - \$799

Inclusions

- 2 nights camping in wilderness
- 2 nights in hotels
- 1 night permanent Bedouin camp
- All food and water while camping
- Local Bedouin guiding the route
- Tour guide as well to give insight into history and politics of the country whilst you walk
- A donkey will accompany the group as a safety precaution, to support any one who is injured or needs some rest
- Mattress and blankets provided for the 2 nights in wilderness
- Transport by A/C bus

Exclusions

- Flights
- Visa to Jordan -Purchase the [Jordan Pass - Explorer](#). This costs 75JD, but includes your Jordan entry visa and entrance to Petra and Wadi Rum (2-day pass).
- Travel/Medical/Evacuation Insurance
- Departure taxes (Jordan \$15 pp at land borders). Airport tax is usually included on air-tickets.
- Tips to driver & guides

Weather

Temperatures in Jordan can be hot and with little rain. The average temperature in May is 21°C/70°F, with highs reaching 27°C/80°F and lows around 14°C /57°C at night. The high temperatures may feel hotter in the sun all day. While the chance of rain is slight in May, it is still important to be prepared with a proper rain and wind proof jacket. Layering is important for protection from the sun and cool nights.

Things to Consider

Jordan is an Islamic nation and tends to be quite conservative so you should dress accordingly. As a general guideline, shoulders and knees should be covered. Long shorts can be worn during hiking, though we generally recommend lightweight hiking trousers to keep the sun off. A light water and windproof jacket is useful and a sun hat essential. Loose, lightweight, long clothing is both respectful and cool in the predominantly hot climate.

For your luggage, we recommend large rucksacks/backpacks or soft duffle bags that can be locked.

While hiking, you only need to carry in your day pack what you need for the day (water, camera, snacks, etc). We recommend you keep your day pack as light as possible. Your luggage will be transported by vehicle to our accommodation each night.

Packing list is on the next page.

Accommodation Summary:

Day 1: Feynan Ecolodge: Twin shared room (Wi-Fi in lobby)

Days 2 & 3: Wilderness Camping (2 nights): Single tents (no Wi-Fi)

Day 4: Seven Wonders camp: Single tents (Wi-Fi in the camp)

Day 5: Petra: Single rooms (Wi-Fi in Rooms)

Packing List:

<p>Luggage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Medium to large duffle (no wheels/handle)<input type="checkbox"/> Luggage lock<input type="checkbox"/> Packing cubes/stuff sacks<input type="checkbox"/> Day pack – 20-30 liters <p>Clothing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Casual clothing/shoes for travel and city wear (lightweight, easily washable)<input type="checkbox"/> Light rain/windproof jacket<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-weight fleece/softshell<input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts<input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve shirt with collar<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking pants<input type="checkbox"/> Underwear/sports bra (quick drying)<input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear<input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat (for chilly evenings in the desert)<input type="checkbox"/> Thin buff/neck scarf <p>Footwear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots/approach shoes; suitable for rough terrain and easy scrambling<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking socks, synthetic or wool<input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable shoes/sandals for camp use <p>Camping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> A sleeping bag liner or sheet (blankets provided) *Sleeping bag, optional<input type="checkbox"/> Headlamp with spare batteries	<p>Assorted Personal Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Water bottles - 1 liter/1 quart x 4 (4 liters total) and/or hydration bladder<input type="checkbox"/> Sunblock and lip balm with SPF<input type="checkbox"/> Sun hat<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses<input type="checkbox"/> Personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, small travel towel, etc.)<input type="checkbox"/> Personal first aid kit, medications, blister prevention/treatment kit<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Women: Tampons – difficult to obtain in rural areas<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Kit: Toilet paper, Ziplock bags (at least one for clean TP, one for dirty TP), wet wipes, hand sanitizer (You must pack out all toilet paper out the wilderness or burn it.)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Lighter/matches to burn TP<input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent<input type="checkbox"/> Alarm Clock<input type="checkbox"/> Camera/memory cards/battery/adaptor<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Charging not possible at wilderness camps <p>Optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Snacks - Dates, fruits, or candy bars (energy for the trail) <p>Don't forget!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Passport<input type="checkbox"/> Jordan Pass -Explorer. This costs 75JD, but includes your entry visa and entrance to Petra and Wadi Rum.<input type="checkbox"/> Travel/Medical/Evacuation insurance<input type="checkbox"/> Air tickets<input type="checkbox"/> Health requirements arranged<input type="checkbox"/> Money - cash/debit cards/credit cards
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Cancellation Policy

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For 1-9 people:

31+ Days before the trip 20% processing fee (with a \$100 minimum charge per person).

30 – 8 Days before the trip 50% cancellations charge

7 – 1 Days before the trip 100% cancellation charge

For Groups 10+ people:

31+ Days before the trip 20% processing fee (with a \$100 minimum charge per person).

30 – 1 Days before the trip 100% cancellations charge.

If paying by credit card directly through the office, there is an additional 6% charge to cover the credit card company commission costs, which we still pay even when providing a refund.

If paying by PayPal, there are no additional PayPal charges if the refund is requested within 2 months of the original payment. After this period the refund amount will be sent through PayPal, but the customer must pay the normal PayPal charges to receive this payment.

Refund Policy

If you cancel your trip and qualify for a refund, as per the cancellation policy above, we will process the refund within 1 week of agreement to the refund. The money will normally be refunded by the same method the payment was made, unless mutually agreed by both parties to transfer the refund by a different method.

About Experience Jordan

We hope you love this itinerary! We want you to know we do more than just offer unique experiences in Jordan. So here are our top 5 reasons to book with us.

1. Our attention to details will make your trip smooth and easy and ensure that you won't miss out on any fun adventures along the way.
2. Our knowledgeable staff will assist you in whatever your chosen activity is, whether you are sightseeing, hiking, biking, or any combo of the above.
3. Our deep love of Jordan means that we want to share with you what makes Jordan an amazing place to be by showing you the "real" Jordan beyond what tourists typically see and experience.
4. Our heart for the communities we interact with will allow you to interact with Jordanians and learn about what makes Jordanians unique in the Middle East.
5. Our passion for you our honored guests. Our goal is for you to finish your time in Jordan with unforgettable memories, amazing photos and stories, and full bellies. Because when you visit Jordan, you are family.

But don't just take our word for it. [Check out our reviews on Trip Advisor!](#)