Cycling Jordan Pre-Adventure

Offer #: A182017

5 days - 4 nights

May 11 – 15, 2017

Cycling Jordan
Amman to Petra via the Dead Sea

With its dramatic desert landscape, quiet back roads, and famous historical sites, Jordan makes a wonderful destination for cycling. This 3-day bike tour gives a glimpse into what Jordan can offer cyclists. Beginning near Amman, Jordan’s bustling capital, our ride takes us south through the mosaic city of Madaba, along the coast of the Dead Sea, and ends near the “Rose City” of Petra. Along the way, we fuel up on Jordan’s delicious food and experience the hospitality of its people.

Highlights:
- Experience Jordan’s desert landscape on two wheels
- Ride along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth
- Explore Petra, the “Rose City”
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Itinerary

Day 1  May 11 – QAIA – Amman o/n

Arrive in Amman, Jordan. Our friendly representative will meet you at Queen Alia Airport to provide full assistance through immigration & customs. Transfer to hotel in Amman for overnight.

Day 2  May 12 – Amman – Madaba o/n

Today our cycling route begins in Amman, the ancient and modern capital of Jordan, originally built on seven hills, and ends in Madaba, “The City of Mosaics.” Known for its Byzantine era mosaics, the most famous is the 6th century mosaic map of the Holy Land on the floor in the Orthodox church of St. George. With one-third of its population being Christian, Madaba is a symbol of religious tolerance as the Muslim call to prayer and church bells ringing over the town summon the faithful. Overnight in Madaba.

Cycling: 35km; 211m/692ft elevation gain; road

Day 3  May 13 – Madaba – Dead Sea - Kerak Intersection – Petra o/n

Today we transfer to the northern edge of the Dead Sea to start our cycling route. The Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth. At 400 meters (1,312 ft) below the sea level, it is one of the most remarkable natural and spiritual landscapes in the world, where the salinity is 10 times more than other seas and oceans.

We cycle along the Jordan Valley Highway, which runs the length of the Dead Sea, to the intersection with the road to Kerak. As an ancient Crusader stronghold, Kerak is built on a triangular plateau about 1000 meters above sea level and is surrounded on three sides by a valley and has a view out to the Dead Sea. A city of 20,000 people has developed around the castle, and includes buildings from the 19th century Ottoman period.

Transfer to Petra for overnight.

Cycling: 56km; 653m/2141ft elevation gain; road
Day 4     May 14 - Petra – Little Petra – Petra o/n

Our cycling route begins outside Petra, Jordan’s most famous historical site, and ends at Siq al-Barid, also known as Little Petra. With its short, high gorge and carved facades, the site gives us a taste of what we can expect tomorrow. Return transfer to Petra hotel o/n.

Cycling: 56km; 653m/2141ft elevation gain; road

Day 5     May 15 – Petra visit- Transfer to Dead Sea

Today we visit Petra, known as the “Rose City,” due to the hues of the sandstone into which its magnificence is carved. It is a vast, unique city, chisled into the sheer rock face by the Nabateans, an industrious Arab people who settled here more than 2000 years ago, turning it into an important junction for the silk, spice and other trade routes that linked China, India and southern Arabia with Egypt, Syria, Greece and Rome. Petra has been featured in Hollywood blockbusters such as "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" and "The Mummy Returns".

Beyond Al Khazneh, the famous Treasury, we are surrounded on both sides by Petra’s soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a curved Nabatean theater (seating 3,000 people), large and small houses, burial chambers, banquet halls, water channels and reservoirs, baths, monumental staircases, cultic installations, arched gates, public buildings and paved streets.

After exploring Petra, we transfer to the Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea, the location of AdventureNEXT, to arrive by 4:00pm.

This trip is rated a level 3 – Moderate (Good physical fitness required; ~4-6 hours activity/day). It combines a good balance between exercise, fun and healthy food with the aim of enjoying a healthy and rejuvenating experience.
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Cycling Routes

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Our Services Include:
- Bikes, Helmets and reflective vests
- Professional Cycling Guides
- Support Pickup, can hold luggage, water, snacks and extra bike
- Water and snacks for the Participants
- Specially selected Cycling Routes

Please note the following:
- We provide everything to make the cycling safe, fun and user-friendly including bikes, helmets, reflective vests, guides, water and a support vehicle.
- Our professionally trained cycling guides can spend extra time with less experienced riders to help familiarize them with the bike and can also challenge the strong and fit members of the group.
- All guides plus a support vehicle will follow the group at all times to provide needed support, maintenance, and give a lift to a tired rider.
- We have invested time and effort in choosing adequate and safe routes; quality bikes, support and maintenance. We only provide high quality equipment and service.

Accommodations:

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<td>Petra</td>
<td>Nabatean Castle 4*</td>
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*if the above hotel is not available we can look for similar alternate*

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Our Bikes

TREK 3700

GIANT Revel Street 1
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All bikes and equipment we use are from high-quality brand names like TREK and GIANT. All of them are well maintained and comfortable for use.

GIANT Revel Street 1 (14”, 17”, 19”) TREK 3700 Size (16”, 18”, 19.5”) TREK 4300 Size (18”, 19.5”, 21”) TREK 4400 Size (19.5”, 21”)

Bikes specs:

Frame
ALUXX-Grade Aluminum
Fork SR Suntour M3030 26”, 75mm travel, alloy monocoque lower, coil w/ preload adjuster

Components
Handlebar Low Rise, 25.4mm
Stem Giant Sport Alloy, 15-degree rise
Seatpost Alloy, 30.9x350mm
Saddle Giant DJ
Pedals One-piece black PP, 9/16”

Drivetrain
Shifters Shimano EF51, 3x8 speed
Front Derailleur Shimano M190
Rear Derailleur Shimano Acera, 8s
Brakes MTB alloy linear pull
Brake Levers Shimano EF51
Cassette Shimano HG31 11-34, 8-speed
Chain KMC Z8
Crankset SR Suntour NEX, 24/34/42
Bottom Bracket SR Suntour Cartridge BB

Wheels
Rims Giant GX02 26” 6061 Aluminum, Double
Wall w/ CNC brake surface
Hubs Joytech [F] 751DSE [R] 801DSE, alloy hub, double-sealed, loose ball bearing, 32H
Spokes Stainless 14g
Tires Kenda 26x2.1” 30TPI

We provide high-quality Helmets for clients Safety
1 Support Car and 1 professional Cycling Guide for
Each 10 Pax
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PRICE VALIDITY: DURING MAY/2017

Tour Package Rate in US Dollars:

Rate Per person sharing in a Double room on meal basis for the above-mentioned services is:

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<td>9-10 pax</td>
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<td>11-12 pax</td>
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Single supplement is mentioned only for hotel accommodation

Tour Rates Include:

- Meet & Assist by Ashtar English speaking staff
- Waving free visa
- English-speaking guide throughout the tour.
- Overnights as mentioned above on BB Basis
- Entrance fees to Petra
- All Transfers in Modern A/C vehicle throughout the program.
- Cycling for 3 days

Tour Rates do not include:

- Personal expenses
- Any kind of food or beverages not mentioned in the program
- Tips of any kind
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the program.

We are confident that you will choose to treat your team to an alternative and unconventional activity that will only rejuvenate and revive them with fresh and healthy ideas. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above. We will be contacting you shortly to discuss your possible interest in partaking in this activity.

NOTES:

- Above rates are based on the month of May onwards.
- We will notify you with any changes on Government tax or Service additional charges applicable by the government, and will be added on above rates
- These prices based on Standard Room, for higher category, extra charge will be applied.
- Please let me know if you might need any further information.
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Payment policy:
Full payment prior to arrival, Please note that no bank fees have been taken into consideration, these have to be covered in full by the sender.

Cancellation policy:
Applicable for part and whole of a booking:
- Up to 21 days prior to arrival: no cancellation fees apply
- 20 – 14 days prior to arrival: 10% of total package
- 13 – 7 days prior to arrival: 25% of total package
- 6 – 1 day(s) prior to arrival: 100% of total package
- No show on arrival day: 100% of total package

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**Weather**
Temperatures in Jordan can be hot and with little rain. The average temperature in May is 21°C/70°F, with highs reaching 34°C/93°F near the Dead Sea and lows around 14°C /57°F 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.

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**Luggage:**
- Medium to large duffle or rolling soft-sided luggage
- Packing cubes/stuff sacks
- Day pack – 15-25 liters

**Clothing:**
- Casual, comfortable clothing for travel and city wear (lightweight, easily washable)
- Light rain/windproof jacket
- Mid-weight fleece/softshell
- T-shirts
- Long sleeve shirt with collar
- Lightweight hiking pants
- Underwear/sports bra (quick drying)
- Sleepwear
- Warm hat (for chilly evenings in the desert)
- Thin buff/neck scarf

**Footwear:**
- Comfortable walking shoes/socks
- Sandals

**Assorted Personal Items:**
- Water bottles or hydration bladder
- Sunblock and lip balm with SPF
- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- Personal first aid kit, medications
- Insect repellent
- Camera/memory cards/battery