



ASIA & MIDDLE EAST · RECOMMENDED 13 DAYS

✦ The Treasury (Al-Khazneh), Petra

Jordan

From Roman columns to red desert: all of Jordan in one private journey

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RECOMMENDED LENGTH

13 days

DEPARTURE

Any day

you pick the dates

TRANSPORT

Self-drive

or private driver

 ESTIMATED FROM, EXCL.
FLIGHT

€1,310 p.p.

My recommended route through Jordan's highlights as a fully arranged 13-day private trip: Jerash and the green north, Amman, Madaba and the Dead Sea, the canyon of Wadi Mujib and two nights in Dana with the Wadi Dana hike. Then two full days in Petra, a night in the Wadi Rum desert and snorkelling in the Red Sea. You self-drive or travel with a private driver, at your own pace; a local guide can join wherever you like. This trip is temporarily on hold because of the travel advice.

✓ Put together personally

✓ No group travel

✓ At your own pace

✓ Leave out or add what you like

✓ Dates completely free

✓ Eat wherever you like

Highlights

- ★ Two full days in Petra, including the Monastery and Little Petra
- ★ Night in a Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum, with a 4x4 tour through the desert
- ★ Two nights in Dana and the hike through Wadi Dana down to the Feynan desert
- ★ Wadi Mujib: wading to a waterfall (Apr–Oct)
- ★ Floating in the Dead Sea
- ★ Roman Jerash, Ajloun castle and Umm Qais
- ★ Madaba mosaics and the view from Mount Nebo
- ★ Snorkelling in the Red Sea at Aqaba

Best time to travel

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

best time to travel: advice only, you travel when you like

TRAVELLERS

Private: only your own party, from 1 traveller. No group travel, no fellow travellers you don't know.

LENGTH

Recommended: 13 days · shorter or longer is always possible

DATES

Completely flexible: you leave on the day that suits you.

Your route on the map



Map: Natural Earth (public domain) · the arcs show the order of the route, not the exact road

- 1 Amman
3 nights · day 1–3
- 2 Dead Sea
2 nights · day 4–5
- 3 Dana
2 nights · day 6–7
- 4 Petra (Wadi Musa)
3 nights · day 8–10
- 5 Wadi Rum (desert camp)
1 night · day 11
- 6 Aqaba
1 night · day 12

overland, arrow = direction of travel day trip



DAY 3 Temple of Hercules on the Amman Citadel



DAY 10 Ad Deir, the Monastery of Petra



DAY 11 The Milky Way over Wadi Rum

My recommended route

This is the route as I put it together for you. It is a starting point, not a fixed programme: leave out what doesn't appeal to you, add what you would like to do and travel at your own pace. Everything below is arranged for you in advance. Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity.

DAY 1

Arrival in Amman AMMAN

Direct flight from Brussels to Amman (approx. 4h30). I buy your Jordan Pass for you in advance and tell you exactly what to do at passport control. Your private driver waits for you outside the arrivals hall with a name sign and takes you to your city-centre hotel (approx. 45 minutes). The evening is free; your roadbook lists my favourite mezze address.

DAY 2

Jerash, Ajloun and Umm Qais AMMAN • BREAKFAST

Today the round trip begins: your rental car is delivered to your hotel in the morning, or your private driver is ready. Early start to the north. In Jerash you walk the colonnaded streets and oval forum of one of the best-preserved Roman cities outside Italy. After lunch the 12th-century Ajloun castle among oak forests, and at sunset Umm Qais (ancient Gadara) with views over the Sea of Galilee and the Golan Heights. Long but varied day (approx. 4h driving in total); drop Umm Qais for an easier day.



The oval forum of Roman Jerash

DAY 3

Amman: citadel, souk and street food AMMAN • BREAKFAST

The car stays parked today: Amman is best on foot and by taxi. Morning at the Citadel with the Temple of Hercules and the Umayyad Palace, then the Roman Theatre (both in the Jordan Pass). In the afternoon you eat your way through downtown with my addresses: falafel at Hashem, knafeh at Habibah, spices and coffee in the souk. Free evening on Rainbow Street.

DAY 4

Madaba, Mount Nebo and the Dead Sea DODE ZEE • BREAKFAST

In Madaba you see the famous mosaic map of the Holy Land in St George's Church. From Mount Nebo, where Moses is said to have seen the Promised Land, views stretch to Jericho on clear days. Then descend to the lowest point on earth (-430 m) to float and mud-bathe in the Dead Sea, with a day pass for a beach. At Budget and Comfort level you stay in Madaba or in a simpler hotel on the shore, at Premium level in a resort on the water.

DAY 5

Wadi Mujib: hiking through the water DODE ZEE • BREAKFAST

Adventure in Wadi Mujib's Siq Trail: wade and scramble with a life jacket through a narrow gorge to a waterfall (approx. 2–3h, no technical skills needed, you will get wet). The reserve provides life jackets. The Siq Trail only opens April to end of October; in March and November I plan the dry Ibex Trail (a reserve guide is compulsory there) or a visit to the Baptism Site on the Jordan River. Free afternoon.

DAY 6

King's Highway: Karak and Dana DANA • BREAKFAST • DINNER

Follow the historic King's Highway to Karak's Crusader castle with its dark passages and sweeping views, stopping at the Wadi Mujib viewpoint. Afternoon arrival in the Ottoman-era village of Dana on the edge of Jordan's largest nature reserve. Wander on your own through the partly restored stone houses and terraced gardens to the viewpoints above Wadi Dana for sunset over the canyon. Dinner with local specialties at the guesthouse: the village has hardly any alternative.



Wadi Dana: where the hike to Feynan begins

DAY 7**Wadi Dana hike to Feynan** DANA • BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER

Jordan's finest hike. Early start (approx. 7am): the trail is easy to follow and you descend approx. 14–16 km (5–7h, approx. 1,200 m descent) through Wadi Dana, from the cool plateau past sandstone cliffs and acacias to the red desert of Feynan. Picnic lunch on the way. On the Feynan side local Bedouin drivers take you by 4x4 to the visitor centre; there your private driver, or a taxi for self-drivers, is waiting for the ride back up to Dana (approx. 2h in total). Your car and luggage stay in Dana. Prefer something shorter, or is it too hot in Wadi Araba? Then choose the Rummana Trail or the upper part of Wadi Dana (2–4h).

DAY 8**Shobak and Little Petra, then Petra** PETRA (WADI MUSA) • BREAKFAST

Easy morning in Dana with breakfast on the terrace above the canyon. Along the King's Highway to the Crusader castle of Shobak (Montréal, approx. 1h), alone on its hilltop. After lunch visit Little Petra (Siq al-Barid), a surprisingly quiet 'preview' of Petra with a rare Nabataean fresco. Then just 15 minutes on to your hotel in Wadi Musa.

DAY 9**Petra: the Siq and the Treasury** PETRA (WADI MUSA) • BREAKFAST

Early start to walk the Siq in morning light until the Treasury (Al-Khazneh) appears. Then explore the Royal Tombs, the Street of Facades and the theatre at your own pace; optional climb to the High Place of Sacrifice. Optional: Petra by Night (Mon, Wed, Thu).

DAY 10**Petra: the Monastery** PETRA (WADI MUSA) • BREAKFAST

Second day in Petra, entirely at your own pace. Highlight: the climb of approx. 850 steps to Ad-Deir, the Monastery, larger than the Treasury with views across Wadi Araba. For the late afternoon I recommend a cooking class in Wadi Musa, where you prepare your dinner together with local cooks: I'm happy to reserve a place for you, and you pay on the spot.

DAY 11**Wadi Rum: jeep and starry skies** WADI RUM (WOESTIJNKAMP) • BREAKFAST • DINNER

Drive to Wadi Rum (approx. 1h45). Your car stays at the Wadi Rum Village car park, where a Bedouin driver from your camp picks you up. By 4x4 you cross the Valley of the Moon: rock bridges, dunes, Nabataean inscriptions and T.E. Lawrence sites. Sunset on a rock plateau, zarb (sand-oven BBQ) around the campfire and a night under an extraordinary starry sky.



By 4x4 through the red desert of Wadi Rum

DAY 12**Aqaba and the Red Sea** AQABA • BREAKFAST

Desert sunrise, then on to Aqaba (approx. 1h). Boat snorkelling trip along the coral reefs of Aqaba Marine Park, equipment included. Rest of the day free at the beach or in town. For the last evening I suggest a restaurant with fresh fish.

DAY 13**Return journey** • BREAKFAST

Along the Desert Highway back to Amman airport (approx. 3h30–4h). Your private driver drops you at departures, or you return your rental car at the airport. Prefer not to drive on the last day? Then I arrange a domestic flight Aqaba – Amman. Return flight to Brussels.

What I arrange for you

- 1 Airport pickup**
On arrival at Queen Alia International Airport in Amman your private driver waits for you outside the arrivals hall with a name sign and takes you to your hotel. I buy your Jordan Pass for you in advance and tell you what to do at passport control. On the last day you are dropped at the same airport (or return your rental car there).
- 2 Hotels**
Every night is booked and confirmed in advance, at the level you choose: Budget, Comfort or Premium. Prefer another hotel? I change it.
- 3 Transport**
You choose: self-drive with a rental car waiting for you, or a private driver and private transfers. Domestic flights, trains and boats where they make sense, all booked in advance.
- 4 Activities, at your pace**
The activities and entrance tickets on the route. No guide or group travels with you: you set the pace, and anything you would rather skip, you simply leave out.
- 5 Eat wherever you like**
Breakfast is included, as are the meals at remote camps and lodges where there is no alternative. For the rest I give you my restaurant tips, but you are completely free to choose where you eat. I never send you somewhere because it earns me something.

Estimated prices per person

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PER PERSON, BASED ON 2 TRAVELLERS, EXCL. INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

ACCOMMODATION LEVEL	Self-drive	Private driver
	rental car, everything pre-booked	private transfers and driver
Budget simple, clean and well located	€1,310 p.p.	€1,930 p.p.
Comfort characterful mid-range	€1,560 p.p.	€2,200 p.p.
Premium the best addresses on the ground	€2,200 p.p.	€2,830 p.p.

WITH 4 TRAVELLERS	approx. 15% off per person: you share the car and driver. E.g. Comfort, private driver: approx. €1,870 p.p.
TRAVELLING SOLO	supplement of approx. 60%: you carry the room and transport alone. E.g. Comfort, private driver: approx. €3,520 p.p.
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT	I book your flight as part of your trip; the flight price for your dates is in your personal quote. Return flight Brussels–Amman not included: allow about € 310–630 p.p. depending on the month (July and August are the most expensive). I find you the best flight with your quote.

SELF-DRIVE

In normal times Jordan is an easy country to drive yourself: good roads, signposts in English and short distances, and you drive on the right. Your rental car (full insurance with zero excess) is delivered to your hotel in Amman on day 2 and returned at the airport on day 13. Fuel and parking are paid locally (indicative ± €160 per car for the whole route; there are no toll roads). Watch out for speed bumps, busy Amman traffic and police checkpoints, and do not drive the King's Highway after dark. In Wadi Rum the car stays at the village. While the trip is on hold, self-drive cannot be booked either.

WITH A PRIVATE DRIVER

One dedicated English-speaking private driver takes you from day 2 to the airport in a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle. He knows the King's Highway and the best stops, waits while you visit or walk and is there at Feynan after the Wadi Dana hike. Fuel and his accommodation are included. He is a driver, not a guide; if you would like a guide somewhere, I arrange one for you.

ESTIMATED PRICES

Estimated prices: per person, based on 2 travellers sharing a room, excl. international flight, estimated from desk research (2027 price level). The binding price is the one in your personal proposal and booking confirmation.

Estimated price. In high season the price can be higher, in low season lower; your exact price is in your personal quote.

Three accommodation levels

Budget

Simple, well-reviewed city hotels and guesthouses with breakfast (indicative approx. €35–45 per room), Madaba as the base for the Dead Sea and a simple Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum.

Comfort

Good 3- and 4-star hotels close to the sights (indicative approx. €65–80 per room), a comfortable lodge in Dana and a camp with en-suite facilities in Wadi Rum.

Premium

The best hotels in my selection in Amman, Petra and Aqaba, a 5-star resort on the Dead Sea (indicative approx. €190 per room) and a bubble or luxury camp in Wadi Rum (indicative approx. €210 per room).

Possible guided moments

Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity.

- ★ Day 2: a local guide in Roman Jerash
- ★ Day 3: a food walk with a guide through downtown Amman
- ★ Day 7: an RSCN guide for the hike through Wadi Dana
- ★ Day 9: a licensed guide for your first morning in Petra
- ★ Day 10: Petra's back door, from Little Petra to the Monastery, with a guide

Ideas to adapt the route

- Shorter (8 days): Amman – Dead Sea – Petra – Wadi Rum – Amman, without the north, Dana and Aqaba
- More nature: a night at Feynan Ecolodge after the Wadi Dana hike (Premium)
- More desert: two nights in Wadi Rum with a day trip by camel or on foot
- More beach: extra nights in Aqaba or at the Dead Sea
- Less driving on the last day: domestic flight Aqaba – Amman
- Extras: Petra by Night, Petra's 'back door' from Little Petra to the Monastery with a guide

Included

- ✓ 12 nights at the level you choose (Budget, Comfort or Premium): hotels in Amman, on or near the Dead Sea, in Wadi Musa and Aqaba, a guesthouse in Dana (2 nights) and a desert camp in Wadi Rum
- ✓ Daily breakfast, dinner in Dana (2x, the village has hardly any alternative) and the zarb dinner at the Wadi Rum desert camp, and a picnic lunch on the Wadi Dana hike
- ✓ Private transfer on arrival in Amman: your driver waits for you outside the arrivals hall; on the last day you are dropped at Amman airport
- ✓ Your choice: rental car (days 2–13, full insurance with zero excess, delivered to your hotel in Amman; fuel and parking are paid locally) or private driver with a comfortable vehicle (days 2–13; fuel and the driver's board and lodging included)
- ✓ Jordan Pass (Jordan Explorer: 2 days in Petra and over 40 sites; visa fee waived with a stay of at least 2 whole nights (3 days)): I buy it for you in advance and tell you what to do on arrival
- ✓ Entrance fees for the Wadi Mujib Siq Trail, Dana nature reserve, Madaba and Mount Nebo, and a day pass for a Dead Sea beach
- ✓ 4x4 shuttle at Feynan and the ride back to Dana after the hike, 4x4 tour in Wadi Rum and snorkelling boat in Aqaba
- ✓ Detailed roadbook with routes, driving times and my favourite addresses

Not included

- International flight (I am happy to book it for you; allow approx. €310–630 pp, depending on the month)
- Travel and cancellation insurance (travel assistance insurance is mandatory)
- Lunches and dinners outside Dana and Wadi Rum, including the restaurants I recommend, and drinks (allow approx. €20–30 pp per day)
- The cooking class in Wadi Musa (my recommendation; I'm happy to book it for you)
- A local guide, if you would like one (I'm happy to arrange it)
- Tips for drivers (and guides, if you take one)
- Petra by Night, horse or camel rides
- Water shoes in Wadi Mujib (rental, indicative price approx. 5 JOD)
- When self-driving: fuel, tolls and parking (indicative price ± €160 per car for the whole route; paid locally)
- When self-driving: credit-card deposit for the rental car and any traffic fines

Practical information

VISA (BELGIAN CITIZENS)

Visa on arrival or e-visa (40 JOD, approx. €52). With a Jordan Pass bought in advance and a stay of at least 2 whole, consecutive nights (3 days), the visa fee is waived (source: jordanpass.jo FAQ, checked 30 September 2026). I buy your Jordan Pass for you in advance and tell you what to do at passport control. Passport valid for at least 6 months. Stays over 14 days require police registration (not applicable to this trip).

HEALTH

No mandatory vaccinations. Recommended: routine vaccines up to date, hepatitis A. Consult wanda.be (ITG) or your GP. Strong sun, heat and risk of dehydration; flash floods possible in wadis.

CURRENCY & PAYMENT

Jordanian dinar (JOD); 1 JOD ≈ €1.25–1.30. Cards and ATMs in towns; cash needed in Dana, Wadi Rum and for tips.

FLIGHT TIME FROM BRUSSELS

Approx. 4h30 direct (Royal Jordanian Brussels – Amman).

TIME DIFFERENCE

Jordan is on UTC+3 all year: 1 hour ahead of Belgium in summer, 2 hours in winter.

LANGUAGE

Arabic; English widely spoken in tourism.

MEALS

Breakfast is included every day, and so are the meals where there is no alternative: dinner in Dana, the picnic on the Wadi Dana hike and the zarb dinner at the Wadi Rum desert camp. For the other meals I give you my addresses and favourite restaurants, but I don't include them in the price: that way you choose where and when you eat.

GUIDES

Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity. By default you travel without a guide; only the Ibex Trail in Wadi Mujib (March and November) requires a reserve guide.

As of September 2026 — check diplomatie.belgium.be (travel advice) and wanda.be (health) before you travel.

Travelling responsibly

You stay two nights at a family guesthouse in Dana, hike through the RSCN nature reserve, ride with Feynan's local Bedouin drivers after the hike and sleep in a Bedouin-owned camp in Wadi Rum. The Dana and Wadi Mujib entrance fees go directly to nature conservation. I point you to refill stations for a reusable bottle and ask you to respect local dress codes.



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MY CONTACT ON THE GROUND: [\[contact name\]](#)

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