

# OPTIONAL POST-TRIP JORDAN EXTENSION



Explore the wild beauty of the Arabian Peninsula with MEJDI's add-on to **Petra, Wadi Rum, and Jerash**. This tour is the perfect combination of relaxation, education, and adventure. With only a few extra days, you can:

- Experience traditional Arabian desert life in the valleys of Wadi Rum. Share coffee with bedouins, see camels in their natural habitat, and view rock inscriptions (ancient and modern) left by local tribes.
- Give back and help bring positive change to the Middle East by meeting with **Syrian** refugees in Jerash. Learn first-hand about the conflict in Syria, ask questions, and hear how the war has taken a toll on countries like Lebanon and Jordan, and on everyday Syrian families. This is an experience exclusive to MEJDI.
- Check off your bucket list the impressive and monumental ruins of **Jerash**, the bestpreserved Roman city in the Arab Middle East following the destruction of Palmyra.
- Put on your cowboy hat (or fedora) and explore the ancient Nabatean city of Petra! Walk through wind-swept sandstone valleys with stunning rock striations, and discover the echoing chambers of ancient tombs. The more adventurous can ride a horse or a donkey through the valleys of this famous "Indiana Jones" filming site.

Extension Cost:	5-7 Paying Participants - \$1,290 Per Person
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2-4 Paying Participants - \$1,760 Per Person

#### Included:

- 3 nights' accommodation (double occupancy) at the following hotels or similar; <u>Hayat Zaman Hotel</u> (Petra), <u>Mena Tyche Hotel</u> (Amman)
- 1 MEJDI-trained, English-speaking guide for 3 days
- 4 days of private bus transportation including group airport/border transfers
- Meals listed in the itinerary: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Water on the bus throughout the tour
- Collective visa and departure fees
- 1-way flight Tel Aviv Ramon (Eilat)
- Entrance fees, site visits, and honorariums for speakers
- Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
- Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

## Not Included:

- International airfare
- Travel insurance- REQUIRED
- Single occupancy supplement \$190 per person
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Individual/group airport transfers (arrivals and departures)
- Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

## Jordan Extension Itinerary:

## Day 1: Crossing to Jordan - Wadi Rum (guide/driver)

Check out of your Jerusalem hotel and meet your driver for a transfer to the airport in Tel Aviv. Fly to Eilat, Israel's southernmost city, where you will transfer to the Israel/Jordan border. Cross the border (we'll provide detailed guidance), meet your Jordanian guide, and make your way south to explore the lunar-like landscape of **Wadi Rum**, where T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia) stayed with Bedouin friends and allies during World War I. Discover epic sand dunes and rose-tinted mountains where Bedouin tribes still make camp. Make your way to **Petra** for the night, located just a few steps from this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Hotel: Petra (breakfast, lunch, and dinner included)

## Day 2: Petra

Spend a full day exploring **Petra**, the legendary city of the Nabataean people. Hidden in deep canyons south of the Dead Sea, this remarkable site was founded more than 2,400 years ago. Enter the ancient city through its primary entrance, known as the Siq, a narrow chasm between naturally sculpted cliffs. This passageway, which could have been easily defended against attack by an invading army, ends at the glorious sight of the world-famous Treasury. Go on a guided visit to the expansive site where hundreds of monuments were rediscovered only in 1812. Then enjoy time on your own to explore the Royal Tombs or the Monastery.

#### Hotel: Petra (breakfast, lunch, and dinner included)

#### Day 3: Jerash/Amman

This morning, travel north on the historic King's Highway and visit one of the best-preserved cities of the Roman Empire, **Jerash**, called the "Pompeii of the Middle East." Step back in time as you explore the colonnaded streets, visiting the South Theater, the Temple of Artemis, and the ornate Nymphaeum. Later, continue to Jordan's capital, **Amman**, a modern and culturally diverse city steeped in an ancient past. Meet with a **local refugee**, and then enjoy time exploring this fascinating city before gathering for a **farewell dinner**.

Hotel: Amman (breakfast, lunch, and dinner included)

#### Day 4: Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

(Breakfast included)