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Petra Desert Marathon & Half Marathon 03 September 2022



PETRA DESERT MARATHON & HALF MARATHON ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE

Welcome to the Petra Desert Marathon! Embark on an Arabian adventure and run one of the most challenging desert Marathons on Earth. Petra Desert Marathon & Half Marathon is a small race with about 500 entrants and will take place on 3 September 2022.

Starting from the ancient cave city of Petra, the Marathon route takes runners on a scenic tour through the stunning mountain and desert landscape. Take part in a historic run, in remarkable settings. Explore the UNESCO-listed site while running a challenging desert Marathon that showcases the beauty of Jordan.

The Marathon event consists of a full Marathon and a half Marathon. The event is part of a 6-day tour package which includes social events, tours, hotel accommodation, entry pass for Petra and a dip in the Dead Sea. You can also extend your stay in Jordan with our tours suited for the adventurous or the cultural traveller.



Day 1 / 31 August

Arrival day & Transfer to the Dead Sea

The tour offers a selection of two different hotel levels: Standard and Deluxe.

Upon arrival, our airport representative will meet you in the arrival's hall, after you've cleared immigration and customs, and guide you to the driver that will take you to your hotel at the Dead Sea.

Transfer to the Dead Sea is included in the package cost and will be arranged according to your arrival. Note, however, that other Petra Desert Marathon participants may arrive at the same time as you, in which case you will share the bus with them. After check-in you have the rest of the day/evening free to enjoy the pool and the beach on your own.

Please note that many flights to Amman arrive at night time. Hotel check in is normally at 15:00 in the afternoon, so if you arrive in the night and want your room available upon arrival we recommend that you book a pre-night. The airport representative is also available for pre-night arrivals and participants also have transfer to the Dead Sea included for pre-night bookings.

Meals: Not included

Day 2 / 1 September

The Dead Sea

Waking up at the Dead Sea – the lowest point on Earth – you can start the day with breakfast at the hotel, a swim in the Dead Sea and relax by the pool. The Dead Sea is one of the top attractions in Jordan. The experience of swimming, or rather floating, in the Dead Sea is simply extraordinary. You have a full day to enjoy, swim and relax by the Dead Sea.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 / 2 September

Dead Sea to Petra. Race briefing and Pasta Dinner

After breakfast at our hotel, we'll check out and drive by bus to Wadi Musa (Petra). Upon arrival, we'll go straight for lunch at a local restaurant while we wait for our rooms to be ready for check in at 15:00.

As the sun sets all runners will meet at tomorrow's finish area, where the race officials and medical team will give the race briefing about tomorrow's run.

In the evening, we can carbo-load with a pasta dinner served at our respective hotel restaurants.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Day 4 / 3 September

Petra Marathon & Half Marathon

The day we have all been waiting for! After an early wakeup call and breakfast, all runners meet outside the Petra Visitor Centre. At 05h15 all participants walk through the Siq to the start line at the Street of Facades. As Petra is not open to the public at that time of day, runners will get the unique experience of seeing Petra without the crowds. At 6h30 the race starts for both full and half Marathon runners. Although regarded as an official race following international competition rules including time taking, it is important to remember that it is first and foremost an Adventure Marathon in which the experience, scenery and satisfaction in completing is more important than winning or setting a personal record. For a detailed description of the Marathon Day and route, have a look at the route and elevation section. Runners receive their medals and refreshments at the finish line.

In the evening we offer two optional local experiences; Petra Kitchen and Petra by Night, that can be booked in addition to the tour package.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Petra by Night - The extra cost for this is approx. R 640 per person.

Starting from the Petra Visitors Center after dark, we walk 2 km through the Siq to the Treasury on the path lit by candles. Nothing matches this special atmosphere where the candles throw flickering shadows on the rock walls and the Treasury stands mythical and awe-inspiring as we exit the Siq. A local musician will play the pipe and a storyteller will share a magical tale of Petra and the Nabateans.

This show normally only runs Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, but Petra Desert Marathon participants will get an exclusive chance to experience it as the Petra by Night organizers have agreed to open the gates on the evening of the Petra Desert Marathon. The tour runs with min. 150 participants, starts at 20h30 and lasts for 2 hours.

Petra Kitchen - The extra cost for this is approx. R 800 per person.

In this cooking class, a chef will teach us how to cook a traditional Jordanian meal. Using fresh ingredients and local spices, we will chop, cut, slice, and mix to create a tasty array of soup, salads, appetizers and a main course. Of course, we will all sit down at the end of the class and enjoy our cooking while the chef hands out the full recipes, so we can impress our friends and family at home.

Petra Kitchen is a fun and social way to celebrate the completion of the Petra Desert Marathon and a guaranteed delicious festive dinner - regardless of cooking skills!

The class starts at 17:30 and expected dinner time is around 19:00, which means that you will also be able to join the Petra by Night tour. Maximum number of participants is 80.

Day 5 / 4 September

Petra and Celebration Dinner

Today is the day to explore Petra at its full glory. After breakfast we walk to Petra Visitors Centre from where we will start our guided tour on foot and learn about the impressive history of yesterday's starting point.

The main entrance to the historical and archaeological city of Petra is the Siq. With walls rising up to 200 metres in height, this narrow gorge, split apart by tectonic forces, winds its way 1.2 km through the mountains and ends at Petra's most elaborate temple, the Treasury. We continue past the marvellous tombs and caves carved out of the red sandstone cliff while our guide tells us about the old Nabateans who created the city. After some time to explore the area and buy lunch on our own we head back to our hotel.

Depending on how much time you want to spend in Petra you can also relax and recover from the strenuous efforts of yesterday in one of the areas' Turkish baths and spas or simply treat yourself at a local restaurant with the incredibly tasty Jordanian cuisine.

In the evening all participants depart from the hotel to the desert where we celebrate the completion of the Petra Desert Marathon with a festive celebration dinner. Dine, drink and dance under the stars.

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Day 6 / 5 September

Farewell Jordan or Hello Extension

Our adventure in Jordan is over and it is time to bid farewell to this extraordinary country. Checkout from the hotel must be completed before 12h00 (noon). All participants are transferred to Queen Alia International Airport in Amman.

Four transfers are available with ARRIVAL times at the airport on 5 September as follows: 05h00, 08h00, 13h00 and 18h00.

It is possible to book a different transfer to Amman if the above scheduled group transfers don't fit your onward journey (extra charge).

Participants who book one of the extensions will start these adventures after breakfast today.

Meals included: Breakfast



Estimate for 5 nights/ 6 Days land package, arriving 31 August 2022

Standard Package (Grand Eat at Dead Sea & Petra Moon Hotel or La Maison Hotel in Petra)

Package cost: approx. R20 720.00 per person

Cost for a single room supplement is approx. R 5 520.00 (Note: Single travellers who wish to save the single room supplement can request to share a double room with another traveller of the same sex. A shared room however cannot be guaranteed)

Deluxe Package (Movenpick Resort * Spa & Movenpick Resort in Petra)

Package cost: approx. R23 920.00 per person

Cost for a single room supplement is approx. R 7 600.00 (Note: Single travellers who wish to save the single room supplement can request to share a double room with another traveller of the same sex. A shared room however cannot be guaranteed)

Price includes:

- 5 nights' accommodation
- Meet n greet on arrival
- Arrival transfer
- Scheduled Departure Airport Transfer (**ARRIVAL** times at Amman airport 05h00, 08h00, 13h00 or 18h00)
- Transportation as per itinerary
- English-speaking tour leader
- 3-day entry to Petra
- Meals according to itinerary
- Celebration dinner

Price does not include:

- Flight to/from Jordan (Amman)
- Visa on arrival (approx. JOD40)
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Beverages
- Personal expenses
- Tips for local guides and drivers (US\$5 per person per day is recommended)
- Cancellation insurance due to illness or injury prior to departure
- Travel and health insurance (we strongly recommend you take out sufficient insurance)
- Race Entry (extra, see below)
- Optional tours (extra, see above)
- Anything not mentioned under "Price includes"

Marathon Entry Package: approx. R4 000.00 per person

Price includes:

- Entry to Petra Desert Marathon or Half Marathon
- English-speaking race officials
- Supplies on the route
- Official Race T-shirt, time taking & medal

Extras

- Nonscheduled transfer: approx. R1 440 per person one way
- Pre-night at Grand East Hotel Dead Sea – Standard: R1 280 per person in shared double room (single room surcharge approx. R 960)
- Pre-night at Mövenpick Dead Sea – deluxe: approx. R1 520 per person in shared double room (single room surcharge approx. R1 440)
- Post-night in 3* hotel in Amman: Approx. R1 200 per person in shared double room (single room surcharge approx. R800)

EXTEND YOUR STAY AND GET MORE ADVENTURES IN JORDAN

Two extensions are offered – a cultural and an adventure tour. The two tours cannot be combined.

Culture Extension – 4 days/3 nights

Day 1 / 5 September

Madaba, Mount Nebo, Baptism Site & Amman

We start our day with a visit to the historic city of Madaba, famous for the ancient “Mosaic of Jerusalem” – one of the oldest pictured testimonies of the Holy City. A church has now been built up around the mosaic for protection of this historical site.

We'll continue to Mount Nebo, the mountain where Moses saw the Holy Land before finding his final resting place on the mountain. We can enjoy the great views all the way to Israel and down the Jordan Valley. We'll then continue down the Jordan Valley to Bethany Beyond the Jordan, or better known as the Baptism Site. This place has been identified as the likely site where John the Baptist preached and where he subsequently baptized Jesus.

We finish our day in Amman, where we'll check into our hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch

Day 2 / 6 September

As-Salt & Amman City Tour

Today, we will be heading to the small town of As-Salt. A living museum, As-Salt features old lanes and beautiful houses from the late Ottoman period. A walking tour through this inviting community showcases some of Jordan's most charming buildings and bazaars. In As-Salt, many traditional businesses and skilled artisans enrich the city's cultural life, and as you walk down the street, you will see a variety of different trades and shops, including blacksmiths, shoemakers, barbershops, Arabic sweet stores, and herbalists.

After our visit in As-Salt, we drive back to Amman and will do a sightseeing tour of the capital's most prominent places and buildings.

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch

Day 3 / 7 September

Ajloun & Jerash Castle

After breakfast, we'll head to the Castle of Ajloun, another highlight of northern Jordan. The Qalat er-Rabad, as the Ajloun Castle is locally known, was the base of the Arab forces of Saladin when he defeated the Crusaders in the 12th century. The nearby Ajloun Mountains are famous for their lush vegetation and thick green forest.

We'll then drive north through the Jordan Valley to the excavated city of Jerash, known as Pompeii of the East. The well-preserved ruins were once the ground pillars of a Roman Decapolis city built in approximately 330 BC. At its peak, the city flourished from trade with the Nabateans in Petra and was one of the most important cities in the Roman province. In 747 AD, Jerash was hit by an earthquake and slowly the city was abandoned. As the years went by, sand buried the columns and buildings, which is why everything was so well preserved when a Russian expedition excavated the city in 1878. A modern city has been built next to the ancient city of ruins, so visitors can see both sides of Jordan. After lunch in Jerash, we'll drive back to Amman. In the evening, we'll head to a local restaurant in Amman for a farewell dinner together.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Day 4 / 8 September

Farewell Jordan

Our adventure in Jordan is over and it's time to bid farewell to this extraordinary country. Checkout from the hotel must be completed before 12:00 noon. All participants are transferred from Amman to Queen Alia International Airport.

Three transfers are available and **ARRIVAL** times at the airport are 05:00, 13:00 and 18:00.

It is possible to book a different transfer to Queen Alia International Airport if the above scheduled group transfers don't fit your onward journey (extra charge).

Meals included: Breakfast

Estimate for Cultural Extension

Package cost: approx. R9 600.00 per person sharing a double room

approx. R3 120.00 single room supplement

Price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation in a 3* Hotel in Amman
- Transportation as per itinerary
- Local guide
- Entrance fee to Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Baptism site, As-Salt and Jerash
- Meals according to itinerary

Price does not include:

- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Beverages
- Personal expenses
- Cancellation insurance due to illness or injury prior to departure
- Travel and health insurance (we strongly recommend you take out sufficient insurance)
- Anything not mentioned under “Price includes”

Adventure Extension – 4 days/3 nights

Day 1 / 5 September

Wadi Rum Desert

Vast, echoing, and god-like is how T.E. Lawrence described the Wadi Rum desert, also known as Valley of the Moon, and now it's our turn to get lost in this stunning desert and sleep under the stars.

After breakfast we leave Petra and drive to the magnificent Wadi Rum desert. It was here the British army officer T. E. Lawrence gathered the Arab tribes to revolt against the Ottoman Turkish rule during World War I, a story that became world-famous in the movie "Lawrence of Arabia."

From the Wadi Rum Visitors Center, we change from bus to jeep and go on a tour through the desert, past sand dunes and incredible rock formations. After a cup of tea made by Bedouins, the tour ends with dinner and an overnight in a Bedouin Camp with the choice of a Bedouin Tent or a Star Tent.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Day 2 / 6 September

Dana Valley – White Dome Trail

We enjoy breakfast Bedouin style before the jeeps bring us back to the Visitor Center where our bus will take us to the village of Tafilah. From here we set out for an 8 km hike through the Dana Valley – one of Jordan's premier nature reserves. The trail contours the huge escarpments of Wadi Dana and offers breathtaking views of the canyon-like valley while passing through terraced gardens. After approximately 4 hours, we'll reach Rummana Camp, from where we drive to Grand East Hotel Dead Sea for the night.

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch

Day 3 / 7 September

Wadi Mujib and Amman

We have breakfast at our hotel and then enjoy a free morning at the Dead Sea. We drive to the Wadi Mujib gorge, in many ways similar to the Siq in Petra - narrow and with towering cliffs rising on both sides. Through the gorge runs the Mujib River and this unique nature reserve is home to over 400 species of plants, more than 100 species of birds and animals like the Nubian Ibex, Red Fox, Hyena, Jackal, Wild Cat, Caracal, Badger, Mongoose, Wolf and Arabian Leopard.

We will see the Wadi Mujib on a 2-hour hike on the Siq Trail. This trail starts at the visitors center and then heads up into the canyon. We'll follow the course of the river, wading through the water, up to the base of a large waterfall. Along the way, we'll climb several smaller waterfalls with the help of fixed ropes, ladders, and our guide. Once we reach the waterfall, we can swim around in the pool at its base and even go behind the falls! Perhaps the best part, though, is after all the hard work is done - we'll float peacefully back out of the canyon on the river, and really have time to soak in the surroundings. Please note that while this hike is rated easy - moderate, the depth of the pools can vary depending on seasonal conditions. Thus, the nature reserve authorities require anyone going on this trail to be 18 years old and capable of swimming.

After leaving Wadi Mujib, we will head to Amman where we check in to our hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch

Day 4 / 8 September

Farewell Jordan

Our adventure in Jordan is over and it's time to bid farewell to this extraordinary country. Check out from the hotel must be completed before 12:00 in the afternoon. All participants are transferred from Amman to Queen Alia International Airport.

Three transfers are available and **ARRIVAL** times at the airport are 05:00, 13:00 and 18:00.

It is possible to book a different transfer to Queen Alia International Airport if the above scheduled group transfers don't fit your onward journey (extra charge).

Meals included: Breakfast

Estimate for Adventure Extension

Package cost: approx. R11 120.00 per person sharing a double room

approx. R2 400.00 single room supplement

Participants going on the Adventure Extension will have the first night in Mazayen Rum Camp, a tented camp in Wadi Rum. We offer the chance to upgrade this night to a Star Tent Dome (20 Star Tent Domes available)

approx. R12 720.00 per person sharing a double room with upgrade to Martian Dome for the first night

approx. R 4 000.00 single room supplement with upgrade to Martian Dome for the first night

Price includes:

- 1 night in tented camp in Wadi Rum
- - 1 night in Standard Hotel Dead Sea
- - 1 night in 3* Hotel, Amman
- - Transportation as per itinerary
- - Local guide
- - Entrance fee to Wadi Rum and Wadi Mujib
- - Meals according to itinerary

Price does not include:

- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- - Beverages
- - Personal expenses
- - Cancellation insurance due to illness prior to departure
- - Travel and health insurance (we strongly recommend you take out sufficient insurance)
- - Anything not mentioned under "Exclusions"

Travel Insurance

Petra Desert Marathon organisers insist that you are adequately covered. Travel Insurance Consultants have a comprehensive cover which we can arrange for you.

The current premium for up to 8 days is approx. R 695 for each runner (aged up to 69 years).

The current premium for up to 14 days is approx. R 1280 for each runner (aged up to 69 years).

Terms and conditions apply more details available on request. For families or groups a reduced premium can apply – please ask for more information.

Flights

Please note flights are extra. If you would like us to arrange your flights please advise and we will advise current airline costs and the options available. Airline tickets must be paid in full within 1 – 5 days of booking (dependent on airline rules and advised at the time of booking).

Passport and visa

You need a full valid passport with at least six months beyond the date of their arrival in Jordan. A visa is required for all visitors, and can be obtained on arrival. The current cost is JOD40 (equivalent to approx. R850). Advice and assistance with these requirements is available on request however they can only be a guideline. Please refer to

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I want to book. What do I do next?

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For reservations please contact
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