

Petra Desert Marathon & 25KM Run

05 September 2026

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 & 25KM run is a small race with about 500 entrants and will take place on 5 September 2026.



Starting in the ancient cave city of Petra, the Petra Desert Marathon leads runners past incredible tombs, mountainside carvings, and caves before venturing into the arid, lunar-like landscapes of the Jordanian desert. Before and after the marathon, you'll get the pleasure of tasting delicious Jordanian cuisine, meeting welcoming people, and immersing yourself in their rich history and culture with other running-minded spirits.



Day 1 / 02 September

Arrival day & Transfer to the Dead Sea

You will be greeted with big smiles at the *Queen Alia International Airport (AMM)*, from where they will guide you to the bus that will take you to your hotel at the Dead Sea. There is no set arrival time, so you can book the most suitable flight from your departure airport.

Transfer is included in the package and will be arranged according to your arrival. There might be other participants arriving at the same time as you, so you will be sharing the bus with them.

After check-in at the hotel, you have the rest of the day/evening free at your own leisure.

Please note that many flights to Amman arrive at night time. Hotel check in is normally at 15h00 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 / 03 September

The Dead Sea

Today begins at **the Dead Sea** — the lowest point on Earth — with a delicious breakfast at the hotel. The day is all about relaxing by the pool or floating effortlessly in the salty waters of this natural wonder.

Nearly 10 times saltier than the ocean, the Dead Sea is famous for its healing properties and so is the perfect place to unwind and recharge before the big challenge ahead.

Ready to dive into culture? You can join us for a full day excursion where we visit the historical and spiritual gems of Jordan: Mt. Nebo, Madaba and the Baptism Site.

Meals: Breakfast included

Baptism Site, Mt Nebo & Madaba - The extra cost for this is approx. R 2 800 per person.

Join us for a full day excursion where Jordan's historical past and spiritual present converge!

Baptism Site/Qasr el Yahud: Where History and Faith Converge

This sacred riverside spot, where Jesus is said to have been baptised by John the Baptist, blends powerful spirituality with stunning desert beauty.

Mount Nebo: The Holy Land

Mount Nebo is where Moses is said to have glimpsed upon the Holy Land before settling in his final resting place. The breathtaking views and spiritual significance of this site are truly spectacular.

Madaba: A Historic City of Mosaics

The city of Madaba is renowned for its captivating "Mosaic of Jerusalem" - the oldest surviving original cartographic depiction of Jerusalem. If the sky is clear, you will have a stunning view up from the mountain seeing the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, and Jericho on the other bank of the Jordan River.

Day 3 / 04 September

Dead Sea to Petra. Exploration of the "Red Rose City"

After breakfast, you check out of your hotel and start your journey to **Wadi Musa (Petra)** by bus at **09h00**. The drive takes about **4 hours**. Once you arrive, a lunch with local delicacies awaits.

After checking in at **15h00**, you will have some time to settle in before continuing an exploration of the illustrious *Red Rose City* of Petra. Included in your tour package is a 3-day entry to Petra (4-6 September).

As the sun sets, all runners will meet at the finish area for a race briefing, where the race officials and medical team will answer any final questions, you may have about race day.

Your day ends with a pasta dinner served at your respective hotel restaurants, perfect for carb-loading in preparation for tomorrow's Race Day.

Meals included: Breakfast and Pasta dinner

Day 4 / 05 September

Petra Marathon & 25KM run

The day you have been waiting for! After a light breakfast, all runners meet **outside the Petra Visitor Centre** at **05h45**. At 06h00, you will walk together to the starting line.

At **06h30** the race starts, for both marathon and 25 km runners. 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.

In the evening, you offer you an opportunity to put your culinary skills to the test with a delicious Jordanian cooking class. This can be booked along with your tour package.

Meals included: Breakfast and a packed lunch

Petra Kitchen - The extra cost for this is approximate R 1 090 per person.

In this delicious cooking class, a local chef will guide you through the art of crafting a mouthwatering traditional Jordanian meal. With a focus on using fresh, locally-sourced ingredients and array of aromatic spices, you will practice the culinary techniques needed to create a delectable Jordanian feast.

After showing off your culinary expertise, everyone will gather for a cozy dinner. You will receive the recipes, ensuring you can recreate these flavours for friends and family back home.

Class starts at 18h00, and expected dinner time is 20h00.

Day 5 / 06 September

Petra and Celebration Dinner

After breakfast, you will walk to Petra Visitor Centre, where your walking guided tour begins.

You have the option to spend your time relaxing and recovering from the day before adventure at one of the Turkish baths or spas in the area - or explore Wadi Musa's delicious restaurant scene.

In the evening, all participants will dive into the desert for a Celebration Dinner, commemorating your accomplishments! Enjoy drinking, dining and dancing under the stars!

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Day 6 / 07 September

Farewell Jordan or Hello Extension

Your 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. All participants are transferred to Queen Alia International Airport in Amman.

Four transfers are available with ARRIVAL times at the airport 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 the adventures after breakfast.

Meals included: Breakfast



Estimate for 5 nights/ 6 Days land package

approx. Prices Per Person	Double share Room - Runner	Double share Room – Non-Runner	Single Room – Runner	Single Room – Non- Runner
Standard Package	R 34 045	R 27 095	R 40 345	R 33 395
Comfort Package	R 37 345	R 30 695	R 46 645	R 39 695
Deluxe Package	R 42 745	R 36 095	R 54 745	R 47 795

(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. However, shared room cannot be guaranteed and will be at the discretion of the organizers)

Price includes:

- 5 nights' accommodation in chosen hotel category
- 2-day entry to Petra
- Arrival transfer from Amman Airport to Dead Sea
- Scheduled departure transfer from Petra to Amman airport
- Entry to Petra Desert Marathon or 25KM run, including English-speaking race officials, Supplies on the route, Official Race T-shirt, time taking & medal
- Transportation as per itinerary
- English-speaking tour leader
- Meals according to itinerary
- Celebration dinner
- 8 Days Comprehensive Travel Insurance (1 – 8 September 2026 inclusive)

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)
- Optional tours
- Anything not mentioned under "Price includes"

Travel Insurance

Race official recommend that you adequately covered to participate in the Marathon, which is why we have included comprehensive coverage is included in this package for all South African residents for the period 01 to 08 September 2026. If you intend to extend your stay, you will be invoiced for the additional premium, a price is available on request. A supplement will be added if the traveller is aged 70 years and older.

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 to secure.

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 <http://international.visitjordan.com/generalinformation/entryintojordan.aspx>

If you have an RSA passport as well as a foreign passport you must show the RSA passport when exit/enter RSA. Please note that it is your responsibility to be in possession of the necessary travel documents before travelling. If you are travelling via another country or

intend to travel of your own accord to another country during this trip please ensure you have the correct visas and personal documentation

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Disclaimer

Please note that all decisions made by the race officials and or medical team are final and not up for discussion. Albatros Adventure Marathons reserve the right to change the itinerary and/or running course without further notice in the event of extreme weather. This also includes the decision to cut the course short.

By signing up for this event you agree to the Terms & Conditions of Albatros Adventure Marathons

I want to book. What do I do next?

Places are limited. **IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A BOOKING PLEASE COMPLETE AND SCAN THE BOOKING FORM and LAST PAGE OF STANDARD T&C'S TO US TOGETHER WITH PASSPORT COPIES.** Upon receipt of these documents (subject to availability) we will send banking details and a request for an initial 25% non-refundable deposit per person to secure. Balance of monies will be due before 08 June 2026.

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