

# OPTIONAL TOURS



## WADI RUM JEEP TOUR (HALF DAY)



Departure point: Aqaba or Tala Bay Hotels

Departure Time: 14:00 AM

Duration: 4-5 hours (approx.)

Return details: Returns to original departure point

Admire Jordan's UNESCO-listed Wadi Rum on a full-day trip from Aqaba. Traveling by 4x4 with a Bedouin driver, explore this extraordinary wilderness to see its mountains, red dunes, and gorges. Hear about its ancient past and links with Lawrence of Arabia, and visit natural rock arches, high-walled Al Khazali canyon, and more. Finish at a viewpoint to watch one of the wadi's famous sunsets.

### Highlights

- Full-day Wadi Rum tour from Aqaba.
- Ride a 4x4 through the UNESCO-listed wilds of Wadi Rum.
- See spectacular sandstone mountains, valleys, and gorges.
- View Lawrence's Spring, ancient rock art, and Al Khazali canyon.
- Visit the Burdah Rock Bridge and opt to climb to the top.
- Includes lunch plus tea at a Bedouin camp (**optional**).
- Round-trip transport, entrance fees, and Aqaba hotel pickup and drop-off included.

### What You Can Expect

- After Aqaba hotel or port pickup, travel eastward by air-conditioned vehicle toward Wadi Rum.
- This UNESCO-protected region consists of deserts littered with craggy mountains and valleys that have been home to Bedouins for centuries.
- It's where TE Lawrence, nicknamed 'Lawrence of Arabia,' fought alongside the Bedouins during World War I.
- Scenes from the 1962 movie Lawrence of Arabia were filmed here, and some of its beauty spots bear his name.
- After about an hour, arrive at Wadi Rum's visitor center and after using the facilities, board a 4x4 with a Bedouin driver to begin your tour.
- Pass Rum village, whose houses are flanked by towering granite mountains, and view a ruined Nabataean temple, thought to date to the 14th century BC.
- Drive between two of Jordan's highest mountains, Mount Rum and Um Ashreen, and pause at the base of Lawrence's Spring.
- This natural mountain spring is so named for reputedly being where Lawrence stopped to wash during the 1917-1918 Arab Revolt.

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- View some rock inscriptions thought to be 5,000 to 10,000 years old, and after a break for tea at a Bedouin camp, visit the Al Khazali canyon, a narrow ravine framed by high, red-walled cliffs.
- Take an optional trek up to a natural rock bridge, and continue to the Burdah Rock Bridge, the wadi's highest rock arch.
- If you wish, make an optional guided climb to the top to experience the awe-inspiring views over the surrounding mountains.
- Stop for lunch and see the remnants of Lawrence's House - where he is thought to have stayed before visiting one of the wadi's famous sunset-watching sites.
- Admire the incredible sunset views before returning to the wadi entrance and swapping vehicles for your return to Aqaba. Your tour then finishes at your hotel.

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## PETRA (FULL DAY)



Departure point: Aqaba, Tala Bay Hotels  
Departure time: 08:00 AM.

Hotel pickups commence approximately 30 - 60 minutes prior to this time, exact pickup time will be advised on reconfirmation.

Duration: 8 hours (approx.)

Return details: Returns to original departure point

While in Jordan, high on the itinerary of every traveler is Petra: an ancient city featuring a magnificent tableau of pink sandstone tombs and temples. Departing Aqaba, this 8-hour tour not only takes you to Petra, but also to the sandstone desert of Wadi Rum, where rock sculptures litter the landscape. Take a guided tour of

Petra's ancient architecture, eat a traditional Jordan lunch, and enjoy the convenience of round-trip transport from your Aqaba hotel.

### Highlights

- 10-hour tour of Petra from Aqaba.
- Hike through Petra to see pink sandstone tombs and temples dating back to 300 BC.
- Eat lunch in a traditional Jordan restaurant (optional).
- Hotel pickup and drop-off in Aqaba are included.

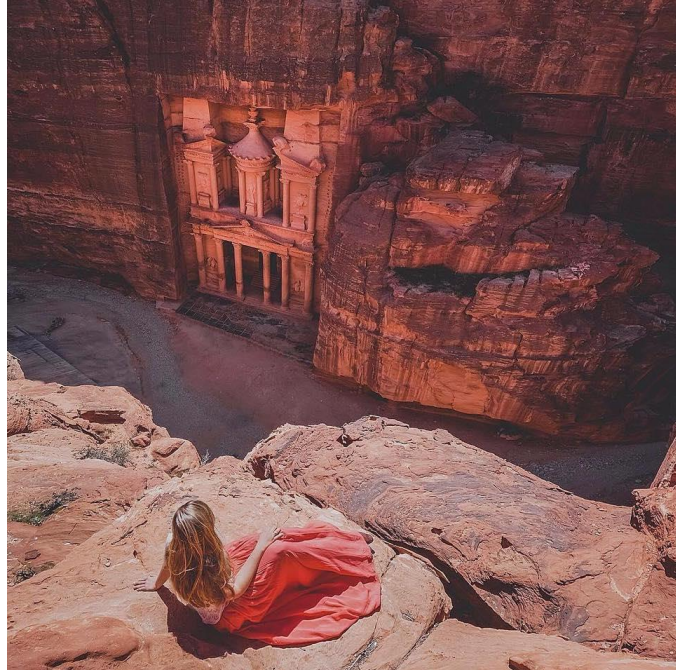
### What You Can Expect

- Caves in Petra Your tour begins around 10:30am at your Aqaba hotel, where you'll board an air-conditioned vehicle destined for the incomparable jewel of Petra.
- Stop to capture photographs before you continue to Petra, to take an unforgettable walking tour of the ancient archeological site and New 7 Wonder of the World.
- After strolling through Siq, a narrow chasm, you'll behold the imposing columns of the Treasury, arguably Petra's most iconic building.
- See, too, the Roman amphitheater and admire the rose-tinted hue of sandstone caves, tombs, and temples as you explore one of the wonders of the world.
- Then, when hunger strikes, head to an authentic Jordan restaurant to revitalize with lunch. Sated, you'll return to Aqaba at your hotel.

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## PETRA AND WADI RUM (FULL DAY)



Departure point: Hotel in Aqaba, Tala Bay

Departure time: 08:00 AM

Hotel pickups commence prior to this time. Times are subject to change; due to local traffic conditions.

Duration: 10 hours (approx.)

Return details: Returns to original departure point

Visit south Jordan's must-sees of Wadi Rum and Petra in one day from Aqaba. Experience the red-and-pink cliffs and canyons of the Wadi Rum desert valley on a 2-hour 4x4 tour. Then, enjoy a guided tour of Petra's highlights, including the Siq, Treasury, amphitheater, and royal tombs. Your experience includes round-trip transport, and tours and admission to both sites, including the option of riding horseback in Petra.

### Highlights

- Day trip to Wadi Rum and Petra from Aqaba.
- Explore Wadi Rum on a 2-hour 4x4 ride around the desert valley, cliffs, and rock formations.
- See landmarks such as the 'Seven Pillars of Wisdom' cliffs and ancient rock carvings.
- Visit Petra, the rose-red rock city hewn by the Nabataeans 2,000 years ago.
- Enter through the Siq gorge and view the Treasury, royal tombs, and Amphitheatre
- Admission to Wadi Rum, plus entrance fee and horseback riding at Petra included.
- Round-trip transportation including Aqaba hotel pickup and drop-off.

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## What You Can Expect

- Meet your driver at your Aqaba hotel, and relax as you travel to Wadi Rum by air-conditioned vehicle.
- This vast chunk of desert mountains, valleys, cliffs, and rocks is known for its ever-changing pink-and-red colors, Bedouin settlements, and connections with T.E. Lawrence, also known as World War I's 'Lawrence of Arabia.
- On arrival, enjoy a roughly 2-hour tour by 4x4. Turned around the canyons and cliffs and absorb the timeless scenery.
- See landmarks including the 'Seven Pillars of Wisdom' rocks named after Lawrence's autobiography, and view some of the valley's pre-Christian rock carvings.
- Next, continue to the spectacular rock city of Petra, hewn by the Nabataeans along trade routes 2,000 years ago.
- Once here, meet up with a local guide and set off to explore. Your entrance ticket, and the option to explore by horseback is included.
- Make your way through the Siq, the 1-mile (1.5 kilometer) entrance gorge, and marvel at the magnificent Treasury (Al Khazneh), where it's believed many riches were hidden.
- Then, explore Petra's other wonders, like the amphitheater and royal tombs, as your guide shares their history. Afterward, reconvene with your vehicle and end your tour with a hotel drop-off in Aqaba.

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## SUNSET IN WADI RUM AND BEDOUIN DINNER



Departure point: Aqaba or Tala Bay Hotels

Departure Time: 14:00 AM

Duration: 6 hours (approx.)

Return details: Returns to original departure point

Experience outdoor adventure in Jordan's desert from Aqaba. Explore Wadi Rum by 4x4 vehicle with your guide and discover rock carvings dating back 12,000 years. Watch the sun sink below the horizon from the comfort of your

campsite and enjoy a traditional Bedouin dinner by the fireside as the stars twinkle overhead. Upgrade your tour to explore the sandy desert on camelback through Wadi Rum.

### Highlights

- Tour of Wadi Rum from Aqaba with round-trip transport.
- Explore Wadi Rum on a 2-hour 4x4 tour of the UNESCO-protected desert region with a Bedouin driver-guide Marvel at majestic red, pink and gold mountains, canyons and valleys.
- Savor a traditional Bedouin dinner under the stars.
- See ancient rock carvings believed to date back 12,000 years

### What You Can Expect

- After Aqaba hotel or port pickup, travel eastward by air-conditioned vehicle toward Wadi Rum.
- This UNESCO-protected region consists of deserts littered with craggy mountains and valleys that have been home to Bedouins for centuries.
- On arrival, enjoy a roughly 2-hour tour by 4x4. Turned around the canyons and cliffs and absorb the timeless scenery.
- Keep your camera ready, too, to record the ever-shifting colors around you, as the cliffs and rocks morph from pink to red and to ocher and gold and back again in the changing light. Upgrade to include a 30-minute camel ride and feel like a real-life Bedouin as you plod across the sandy terrain on your hump-backed herbivore!
- Later, enjoy the sunset views and savor a traditional Bedouin dinner around the campfire. Then, watch the stars flicker to life in the night sky and make your way to your comfortable.

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## MADABA – MT. NEBO – BETHANY



Departure point: Aqaba or Tala Bay Hotels

Departure Time: 07:00 AM

Duration: 11 hours (approx.)

Return details: Returns to original departure point

Experience three of Jordan's most important religious and historical sites on a private 11-hour trip. In addition to viewing the famous Mosaic Map at Madaba, tour Mt. Nebo, where Moses is thought to have seen the Promised Land, and visit Bethany, Jesus' believed baptism site on the River Jordan. Your package includes guided tours, plus entrance fees and round-trip transportation.

### Highlights

- Madaba, Mount Nebo, and Bethany tour from Aqaba.
- See the Holy Land mosaic map in Madaba's St. George's Church.
- Visit Mount Nebo, where the bible says Moses saw the Promised Land.
- Visit Bethany on the River Jordan, where Jesus is thought to have been baptized.
- Entrance fees, transport and hotel pickup and drop-off included.

### What You Can Expect

- After pickup from your Aqaba hotel, hop inside your comfortable, climate-controlled vehicle with driver.
- Then, gaze at Jordan's desert landscapes as you travel south to Madaba, the 'City of Mosaics.' On route, your driver will share information about the region, but will not act as your guide at the destinations.
- Upon arrival, hop out at Madaba's St. George's Church, the basilica that's home to the famous Mosaic Map: a 6th-century floor mosaic depicting the Holy Land and Jordan. Walk around this intricate masterpiece, and admire its rich renderings of Jerusalem, Jericho, the Dead Sea and other biblical sites.
- Next, continue to Mount Nebo, the hill where the prophet Moses was said to have been granted a view of the Promised Land before he died. Asorb the panoramas over the Jordan Valley from the hillside, which on a clear day, can stretch as far as Jericho and

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Jerusalem. Then, view the relics and still-vivid 6th-century floor mosaics on show inside Nebo's memorial church.

- Your driver will transfer you to the Baptism site which is close to the Dead Sea (the lowest point on earth). Al-Maghtas (Arabic), meaning "baptism" or "immersion" in Arabic, is an archaeological World Heritage site in Jordan on the east bank of the Jordan River, officially known as Baptism Site "Bethany Beyond the Jordan" (Al-Maghtas). It is the original location of the Baptism of Jesus and the ministry of John the Baptist and has been venerated as such since at least the Byzantine period. Whilst in Al-Maghtas you will see the remnants of a monastery on a mound known as Jabal Mar-Elias (Elijah's Hill) and an area close to the river with remains of churches, baptism ponds and pilgrim and hermit dwellings. The two areas are connected by a stream called Wadi Kharrar.
- Also see the Jordan River that is a 251-kilometre (156 mi)-long river in West Asia flowing to the Dead Sea. Israel and the West Bank border the river to the west, while the Golan Heights and Jordan lie to its east. Both Jordan and the West Bank take their names from the river.



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## DEAD SEA FOR RELAXATION



Departure point: Aqaba or Tala Bay Hotels

Departure Time: 08:00 AM

Duration: 11 hours (approx.)

Return details: Returns to original departure point

Float on super-salty waters, wallow in Dead Sea mud, and discover the lowest place on land on this 1-day private trip to the Dead Sea from Aqaba. Take your pick of the many waterfront resorts, most with pools and spas, and enjoy the Dead Sea at your leisure until you're ready to return.

### Highlights

- Family friendly.
- Ideal choice for families.

### What You Can Expect

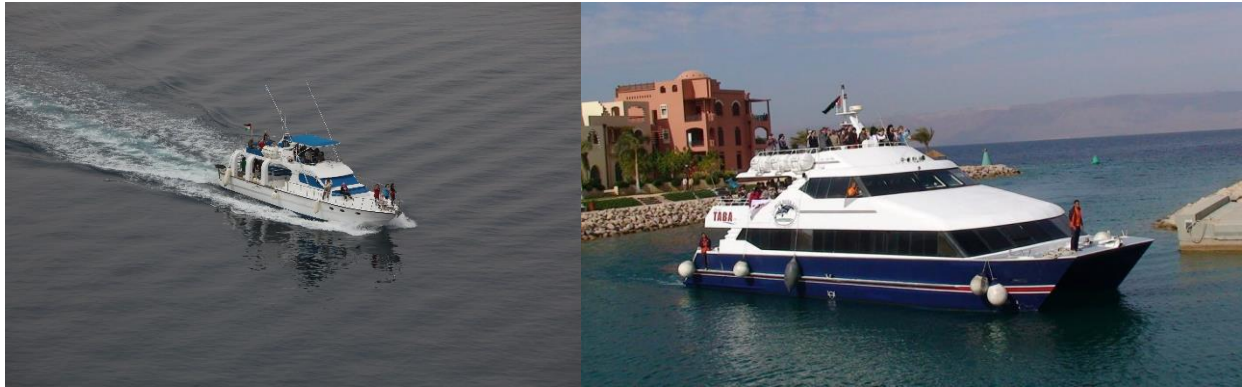
- Driver will collect you from your Aqaba hotel at 7am, ready for the 3-hour drive from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea.
- Along the way, admire desert landscapes, including the Mujib Biosphere Reserve, where you'll see the natural rock formation supposed to represent Lot's wife. Descend 1,407 feet (429 meters) below sea level to where this lake, so salty that nothing can live in it, shimmers against the background of the desert.
- Enjoy the unique experience of bobbing on the super-salty waters-they're so rich in salt and minerals that it's almost impossible to sink.
- Salve yourself in therapeutic mud and dense white clay.
- Depending on your budget and interests, your guide will direct you to a resort that's right for you, where you can lounge by the pool, indulge in Dead Sea spa treatments, and savor lunch looking across the Dead Sea to Israel.
- When you're ready to return, just let your driver know. You'll be back at your hotel in around three hours

# RED SEA BOAT TRIP



## DAILY CORAL VIEWING & SNORKELING CRUISE

Sindbad Discovery 667 Glass Bottom Yacht



Enjoy a magnificent 4 hours experience of coral viewing on our Discovery 667 glass bottom yacht & Snorkeling followed by a BBQ lunch.

To include:

- One towel.
- Snorkeling kit (Aqua lung 2018 model).
- BBQ-Basic BBQ lunch including fish fillet, chicken, kebab, Arabic bread and 4 types of salads.
- One round of soft drink with lunch & water.
- Free shuttle bus available from Aqaba - Sailing Location - Aqaba if requested.

Unless there is prior, confirmation the cruise could be canceled due to law demand.

The cruise could be canceled due to weather conditions.

# RED SEA BOAT TRIP



## YACHTING ACTIVITIES – SUNSET CRUISE

Sindbad 636 Yacht & Aladdin 24 Yacht



Watch the magnificence of a sunset seen from both sides of the sea; observe the sun disappear behind the mountains of Sinai and see the colors change on the mountains of Aqaba. Three hours of an unforgettable cruise, a cruise to remember.

To include:

- BBQ-Basic BBQ lunch including fish fillet, chicken, kebab, Arabic bread and 4 types of salads.
- One round of soft drink with lunch & water.
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