

## **Bedouin Experience**

We visit natural reserves, stay some nights with Bedouin families in tents, visit new projects that support Bedouin families and spend two days as volunteers with children at their Bedouin schools.

### **Day by day tour itinerary**

#### **Day 1 Depart London, Arrival**

Fly to Jordan. Meet and assist at Queen Alia International Airport, visa formalities, transfer to Amman, check in at mid-range budget hotel, dinner and overnight.

Hotel: Darotel hotel or similar

Meals: Dinner

#### **Day 2 Amman - Umm Qais - Jerash - Ajlun – Amman**

After breakfast, transfer to Umm Qais , which was built mainly out of black basalt. Here you can enjoy the impressive view over Lake Tiberius and the Golan Heights. Then drive down to Rabad Castle (Ajlun castle), you will visit the Islamic military castle of Ajloun. The castle was used by the Islamic armies of Saladin to protect the region against the crusaders. The next destination will be Jerash, the Pompeii of the East. You will enter Jerash through the monumental South Gate and find yourself wandering around in a Roman city. You will walk in the Oval Plaza surrounded by colonnades, visit the Roman theatre and Byzantine churches with mosaic-covered floors. Enjoy a stroll along Jerash's main road the Cardo and pass by the Nymphaeum. Jerash has been covered by sand for centuries, the main reason it is still so well-preserved. You may experience the marvelous acoustics of the theatre, the stage of the Jerash music festival, which takes place every year. And see for yourself how the Romans built the earthquake-proof columns of the colonnaded streets. Travel back to Amman, enjoy the night highlights of the capital of Jordan, dinner is at your hotel or at nice restaurant, overnight.

Hotel: Darotel hotel or similar

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

#### **Day 3 Amman – Salt**

After breakfast in Amman drive to Salt, the second city in Jordan, which was the capital of Jordan before Amman. We will visit the new project of Salt's women handicrafts, assist the women with their new project, and visit the old museums and old houses in Salt. We make a late evening drive back to Amman, dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Hotel: Darotel hotel or similar

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

#### **Day 4 Amman – Madaba – Nebo – Karak - Dana**

After breakfast transfer to Madaba and visit the famous mosaic map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Your next stop will be Mount Nebo, where like Moses you will be able to

overlook the Holy Land and the Dead Sea. If the sky is clear Jerusalem, Jericho and Bethlehem will meet your eye. The journey will continue along the King's Highway. You will visit the huge castle where Saladin and Richard The Lionheart fought during the crusades.

Hotel: Hostel of Qadesia families association

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

### **Day 5 Dana - Wadi Dana - Fainan**

We will start from Dana Village, make a short visit to Dana Spring, and via old olive trees in Dana we cross down in Wadi Dana via a special trail, and we hike down to the hole of Wadi Dana. There we will have break after three hours of easy hiking, under a tree 2000 Years old, and we will have cup of tea made by your tour guide. After an half-hour break we will continue the easy hike via Bedouin trail to Qussaib Spring, there you can wash, and then continue a couple more hours hiking near Atta'the Spring. Here we will have a lunch break (included) and cup of Bedouin tea, and we will continue to the end of the great Valley of Dana Natural Reserve, ending at Edge, a beautiful hotel made from mud. We will cross the beginning of Wadi Araba desert, here Bedouin families will be waiting to welcome you at their Bedouin tents and we will have a Bedouin tradition dinner. The tour guide will tell you the story of the Bedouin tribe, as well as more about the Bedouin history. Dinner and overnight at the Bedouin tent with that family.

Total Hike (7 Hours)

Accommodation: With Bedouin family

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

### **Day 6 Fainan - Wadi Ghuwair - Wadi Araba - Wadi Namala - Little Petra**

After breakfast we say goodbye to the Bedouin families, we will hike down to copper mines in Wadi Fainan, the oldest and biggest copper mines in the world in ancient time. We pay a short visit and then continue to Wadi Ghwair, where Jeeps will be waiting, and we will drive by Jeep inside the canyon which has 20 – 30 cm water. Deep in the canyon the Jeeps will stop and then continue by canoe till the end of the canyon after two hours of canoeing. We then ride again our jeeps crossing the desert of Wadi Araba and the amazing landscape of Wadi Namala, to arrive at Little Petra the stone age area, and the first sites of Petra. We camp at Bedouin tents and have a summer night with Bedouin and dinner under candlelight.

Accommodation: Bedouin tents or with Bedouin family at little village in Little Petra called Amarine village

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### **Day 7 Little Petra**

Today we visit Siq El-Barid and Mu'aisara Sharqeiah – late afternoon we drive to our families in Wadi Mousa (Petra city) to their home and we cook together with the mothers an oriental dinner, overnight at family homes.

Meals: breakfast, dinner

### **Day 8 Petra**

We spend a full day sightseeing in Petra, visiting the main Square, treasury, theatre, court, sacrifice high place, soldier tombs, Wadi Habis and the great temple. In the evening we walk to our hotel.

Hotel : Amra Palace hotel

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

### **Day 9 Petra**

Today we will visit the new archaeological project (Jordan university and a German association) for BN church in Petra, study the new found ruins in Petra, and walk around the new digging in Petra. This evening we drive to Bedoul village, to meet with the general manager of the Bedouin school and to meet the children. Tonight we will stay with Bedouin families at Bedoul village in homestay.

Accommodation: Bedoul family homes

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

### **Day 10 Petra - Wadi Rum**

In the morning we will be transferred to Wadi Rum. We will pass the famous seven pillars of wisdom, described by Lawrence of Arabia and explore Wadi Rum by jeep, escorted by a Bedouin guide. You shall see the house where Lawrence of Arabia lived, and the inscriptions made by the Thamudic and Nabatean people centuries ago. You may even climb one of the natural rock bridges. We will check in at deluxe campsite, (all suppliers and equipment are available), dinner is a Bedouin BBQ, overnight at the campsite in the middle of Wadi Rum.

Accommodation: Campsite

Meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner

### **Day 11 Wadi Rum**

In the morning we will take short walk around Rum mountain and Nukhaila Spring for about 3 hours. At noon we come back to Rum village, where we meet the first volunteer who came to Wadi Rum Ms. Juli (her schedule permitting) and we introduce you to the small school at the village. We spend the rest of the day at the children's school to teach them English. Overnight in Bedouin tents.

Accommodation: Bedouin tents

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

### **Day 12 Wadi Rum – Deseh - Aqaba**

There is a free morning in Wadi Rum, then we drive to Deseh desert to meet the Bedouin families and escort you to the water new project founded under the land of desert, where they started growing water melon and potatoes for the Bedouin people. This afternoon we drive to Aqaba, for a free afternoon at Red Sea beach, check in at hotel, dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Al Cazar hotel

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

**Day 13 Aqaba – Wadi Araba – Rahma village – Beer madhkour village – Dead Sea – Amman**

Free morning at the Red sea beach before driving to Amman via desert highway. En route we stop at small Bedouin villages and visit families, schools, projects for women etc.

This evening we arrive at the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the earth, where you can float and use body mud. After sunset drive to Amman, check in at hotel, dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Darotel hotel

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

**Day 14 Departure**

Depending on your flight schedule, we can undertake a city tour of Amman in the morning to visit Roman theatre, citadel, national museum old market, before transferring to the Airport for departure.

Meals: Breakfast