

New Years in Wadi Rum

8 Days | Starts/Ends: Amman



Celebrate a Bedouin New Year's Eve Bash in the heart of Wadi Rum desert. Add to this the fascinating Lost City of Petra, swimming in the Dead Sea and exploring heaps of Roman ruins and you can be assured that you'll be ringing in the new in style!

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Amman - Ancient hilltop citadel, fascinating Archaeological Museum and bustling souqs
- Jerash - Ruins of the ancient Roman city, which at over 2000 years old is still surprisingly well-preserved
- Umm Qais - Roman Decapolis city, once a cultural centre, home to poets and great philosophers
- Dead Sea - Dramatically beautiful landscape with warm buoyant mineral-rich waters
- Petra - UNESCO-listed Nabataean city that was all but lost to the modern world until its rediscovery in 1812
- Wadi Rum - Vast red desert landscape with rolling dunes and dramatic rock formations
- Umm ar-Rasas - An ancient city and important stop on the caravan route between east and west

- Mt Nebo - Perhaps one of the most sacred sites in Jordan with views across the Promised Land
- Madaba - Christian market town, Church of St George, Jordan's finest Byzantine mosaics

What's Included

- 7 breakfasts and 2 dinners including New Year's Bedouin Party at Wadi Rum camp
- 6 nights - 4 star hotels, 1 night - Wadi Rum deluxe desert camp
- Wadi Rum dinner, camping and 4x4 safari
- Dead Sea - Free time to swim and detox
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 8. Please note the departure transfer is only valid at 00:30, 08:30 and 13:30 on day 8
- Touring of Amman, Jerash, Dead Sea, Petra, Wadi Rum, Umm ar-Rasas, Mt Nebo and Madaba
- Escorted by a qualified Jordanian tour guide
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: \$45-55 USD
- Entrance Fees: \$140-150 USD
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller.

Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Amman

27 December 2016. Once you arrive into Amman you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure.

Overnight - Amman

Day 2 : Jerash & Umm Qais



Amman - Jerash - Umm Qais - Amman. Today we tour Jerash, arguably the world's best-preserved Roman provincial city with whisper-perfect acoustics in the South Theater, chariot-wheel marks in the paving stones of the Cardo and an exciting chariot race in the 2,000-year-old Hippodrome. Drive on to Umm Qais (Biblical Gadara) to visit a dramatic black-basalt Roman Decapolis city featuring great views over the Sea

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of Galilee and the Golan Heights. Later on we return to Amman **Overnight - Amman** (B, D)

Day 3 : Mt Nebo & Umm ar Rasas



Amman - Madaba - Mount Nebo - Umm ar Rasas - Petra. Today we tour the citadel and Archaeological Museum of Amman before we take a walk through the bustling local souk to enjoy typical Jordanian street treats of falafel and hummus at the country's most popular local street stand. As the pictures on the wall will prove, the unglamorous food stand was a great favourite of the late King Hussein.

Leaving Amman we'll stop first at Mt. Nebo, the site from which Moses saw the Promised Land. Having led the Israelites for 40 years through the wilderness, Moses finally saw them from this awesome vantage point. This amazing panorama includes the Jordan River Valley, the Dead Sea, Jericho and the spires and domes of the Mt. of Olives and Bethlehem on the Judean hills just across the wide valley. Later we visit Madaba en route to Petra where we see the Church of St George, the Madaba Archaeological Park, Apostles Church and Madaba Museum.

Our next port of call is Um ar-Rasas, one of Jordan's World Heritage sites and once an important stop on the busy caravan routes. The impressive mosaic floor of the St. Stephen Church features medallions commemorating all the early Christian pilgrimage sites of the region, and the extensive ruins also include one of the area's earliest Stylite towers, where a Byzantine hermit lived atop the tower and preached to the pilgrimage visitors.

Our final stop of the day is Petra. Consider doing a Petra by Night excursion (payable locally) for a tantalizing candlelight stroll through Petra's

Siq...a romantic preview of things to come. **Overnight - Petra** (B)

Day 4 : The Rose City of Petra



Begin the day with a walk through the mysterious mile-long Siq, the narrow gorge with towering sandstone walls which leads into the ancient capital city of the Nabatean trading empire. Explore the Khazneh (the temple of Indiana Jones fame), Theater, Colonnaded Street and Museum. After lunch, climb to ad-Deir (the Monastery), Petra's largest carved façade.

Want to learn how to cook Middle Eastern food? Consider opting for our Petra Kitchen bolt-on tonight!

Overnight - Petra (B)

Day 5 : New Years Eve in Wadi Rum



Petra - Wadi Rum. This morning we have the opportunity to join our guide for a return to Petra along the "secret way" of al-Madras, with visits to the High Place of Sacrifice and Wadi Farasa. Mid-day stop in the Wadi Musa souk to pick up shawarma sandwiches or fruit and veggie snacks from the local produce souk before making the scenic drive to Wadi Rum. We make a late afternoon Jeep tour of this moonscape desert terrain, arriving to our

remote camp site deep in the heart of the Wadi Rum Protected Area.

See out the old year at a Bedouin party featuring folkloric dancing, Bedouin musicians, hands-on demonstrations of traditional Bedouin coffee and bread making, fireworks and more...along with a lavish buffet dinner and champagne toast at midnight. **Overnight - Wadi Rum** (B, D)

Days 6-7 : Dead Sea



Wadi Rum - Karak - Dead Sea. Happy New Year!!!! After breakfast at the campsite on day 6 we head north along the Desert Highway. We make a drive through the busy market town of Karak under the towering shadows of the Karak Crusader Castle, descending some 1300 meters to the Dead Sea - the lowest point on the earth's surface. More than 500 meters below sea level, the mineral-rich Dead Sea is the world's original health and beauty spa. Bob in the waters and slap on some of the famous black Dead Sea mud to give your skin an invigorating boost.

Day 7 is free to further relax and pamper yourself at the Dead Sea. Enjoy this natural phenomena, whiling away the time bobbing in the mineral rich buoyant waters and lathering up with a detoxifying mud bath. **Overnight - Dead Sea** (B:2)

Day 8 : Dead Sea

03 January 2017. Dead Sea - Amman Airport. Hotel check out and included onward transfer to the airport in Amman.

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transfer with post tour accommodation this can be arranged at an additional cost.
(B)

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Al-Qasr Metropole

Recently refurbished, the Al Qasr Metropole is a modern and chic boutique hotel. Guest rooms are beautifully furnished and include free Wi-Fi connection and luxury en suite facilities. All guests at the Al Qasr gain free access to the on site Fitness First gym as well as a complimentary breakfast. The rooftop restaurant has fantastic panoramic views of Amman and is a great place to spend the evening. The hotel is well located in Shmeisani, one of Amman's most prestigious neighbourhoods.



Petra Moon Hotel

Just 300 ft from the entrance gate to Petra, the Petra Moon hotel features spacious rooms with private balconies and flat-screen TVs. It also has a roof garden with a seasonal outdoor pool. The soundproofed rooms and suites at Petra Moon come with satellite channels, a DVD player and extra-long beds. Each has air conditioning and a private bathroom. The hotel's restaurant serves a delicious selection of international meals in both buffet-style and a la carte.



Rainbow Camp

A row of permanent tents in the desert make up the popular Rainbow Camp. Inside the tents are comfortable camp beds and warm bedding. Showers and toilets are close by and are cleaned thoroughly everyday. Guests can relax in the communal area which is adorned with colourful rugs and cushions. The food at Rainbow Camp always gets rave reviews. Taking an evening stroll around the beautiful surroundings is a great way to work up an appetite before dinner. This accommodation is well located in the heart of Wadi Rum.



Dead Sea Spa

The Dead Sea Spa is a superb hotel with spacious rooms and a spa treatment centre. Beside the dermatological & rheumatological treatment the centre has body massage, mud packs, ultrasound therapy, galvanic therapy, microwave therapy, cryotherapy & hydrotherapy.

PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates can be guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons.

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Date	Twin Share	Single
27 Dec	AUD 2,499	AUD 3,128

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