



ADVENTURE WATER IN THE DESERT











In the arid desert lands of Jordan, water is precious. In ancient times it was revered, sacred, and you will find many indications of this. The Nabataeans found ingenious ways to collect and store water and the Romans and Ummayads collected it too, for daily life and luxurious bath houses. Find out more about the desert's history and discover hidden sources and unexpected areas of waterfalls and lush vegetation.



The Eastern Desert

Today explore the desert castles as you head east into Jordan's main desert. Stop at Qasr Kharraneh, Qusayr Amra and Qasr Azraq. Qusayr Amra was once a leisure resort for desert princes and contains a luxurious bathhouse; it is also a UNESCO World Heritage site. Head to the Azraq Oasis in the midst of the desert; it once covered a vast area and was an important watering hole for travelers, animals and birds alike. The communities in this part of Jordan include Chechens and Druze. Enjoy a traditional lunch with a family from one of these communities to learn more about their unique culture and life in the desert.

Overnight at Azraq lodge or back to Amman

Downtown Amman and Madaba

Begin your day with a visit to the Amman citadel, where traces of civilizations that have occupied this hill can be seen dating back thousands of years. Walk down through the neighborhood of Jabal Al Qal3a, where several art installations are based on the theme of water. Experience the buzz of downtown and a traditional lunch at a local spot.

Spend the afternoon in the city of mosaics, Madaba, where you can visit the Church of St. George and see the Byzantine mosaic map of the Holy Land that it houses. Stroll through the city center before dinner. Enjoy a traditional water-based hubbly bubbly after dinner.

Overnight in Madaba.

Day 2

Waterfalls and spa time

Spend a rejuvenating day at the Ma'in hot springs and the luxury spa hotel located there. The hot springs and waterfalls are rich in minerals.

Overnight at Ma'in spa.

Day 4



Canyoning in the Jordan Valley After breakfast wind your way down to the Jordan Valley and drive along the Dead Sea to Wadi Muji for a water-filled adventure. Swim through pools, wade through the flowing waters of the narrow canyon and down natural slides. Afterwards continue on to Wadi Feynan.

Overnight at the globally acclaimed candlelit Feynan Eco Lodge.

Day 3



Nabataean water engineering

Drive to Petra to visit to the beautiful capital of the ancient Nabataean kingdom. Learn about their ingenious hydraulic system directing water to the city, and cisterns to store water located throughout the desert. Climb to high places and learn how water was revered and used in rituals.

Spend the night in Petra.

Day 5



Day 6

The red desert

Today you will explore the mystical desert of Wadi Rum. Camel trek through the red sands to Lawrence's Spring for a refreshing stop. Explore the sand dunes and enjoy a traditional lunch at a Bedouin tent.

Transfer to the Red Sea city of Aqaba for overnight.

Red Sea

Day 7

Enjoy sun, sand and sea at this Red Sea resort. Explore the lovely coral reefs by glass boat, or take a boat trip to snorkel or dive.

Overnight in Aqaba.

Day 8

Red to Dead

Following a leisurely morning by the sea, lunch and then transfer along the Dead Sea highway back to the lowest point on earth. Catch the sunset over the Dead Sea, and overnight at one of the luxury spa hotels that dot its salty shores. Day 9

Relax

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Spend your final day relaxing on the shores of the Dead Sea.

Day 10

Depart

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