

**WILD WOMEN**  
*expeditions*

HIGHLIGHTS OF JORDAN EXTENSION

4 DAYS



Ahlan Wa Sahlan! Welcome to Amman, the uber modern capital of Jordan! You'll feel the immediate embrace of the country's deeply-carved history—it's visible in the hillside juxtaposition of ancient ruins, stone amphitheater and contemporary buildings like the Jordan Museum (built in 2014 it's touted as the best in the Middle East).

You will be met by a smiling Wild Women representative at the Queen Alia

International Airport (QAIA) and promptly transferred to your hotel in Petra while taking in the surprising and buzzing density of the largest city in Jordan. The journey to Petra takes 2 to 3 hours (250 km / 155 miles), depending on traffic.

We'll gather for dinner once we've checked into our hotel and revived a little. Tell your taste buds to fasten their seatbelts. You've now entered the land of falafel, fattet hummus, kofte (lamb or beef shish kebabs) and manakish (the local version of pizza), traditionally topped with golden olive oil and za'atar! Over dinner, we'll discuss the beautiful days ahead.

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Tonight's Sweet Sleep: Petra Moon Luxury Hotel (or similar)



After breakfast and perhaps an extra cup of sweet tea to stir the senses, we'll strike off on a casual 1.6km (1 mile) guided walk down a narrow path sandwiched between the towers of rock. Today, we'll crack open the secret of Petra ("Red Rose City") at the entrance of a narrow cleft known as the Siq. The iconic view of Al Khazna's ("the Treasury") remarkable facade is glimpsed from here. It's the single-most striking sight of the entire region so have your iPhone or camera charged and revved for

a workout! The 40m (131ft) facade and the Corinthian columns, friezes, intricate carvings, echoey chambers and funerary urn are oozing with mysticism, graveyard ghosts and speculation. Dizzy from amazement, we'll embark on a slow and steady 3-hour hike up to a vista where we will have a birds eye view of the Treasury. This is where we can snap the million dollar selfie shot with one of the seven wonders of the world.

We'll also see the old Roman road, amphitheater and several ancient tombs. History will surround and wow us in a way that high school history class never did! We'll have free time after lunch to wander and wonder amidst the ancient Red Rose City.

Today's lunch will be boxed but sometimes you gotta think outside the box!

We'll return to our hotel early to late afternoon, depending on the group's walking pace and selfie count. There will be time to chill out and reflect on the marvel of the Treasury. It's impossible to not swipe through camera images taken just one hour before to confirm that yes, that really happened!

The afternoon is yours to design as you wish! Follow the fragrant wafts of Petra that permeate the streets to find a memorable snack and perhaps a few take-home spices to woo and tempt your future guests with!

Later, we will have the option of participating in the Petra by Night candlelight tour which begins at 8:30pm from the Petra Visitor Centre and finishes at 10:30pm. This event is a magical way to experience the old city by buttery candlelight. The tour involves walking the entire Siq to the Treasury which is aglow with over 1,500 candles.

Head's Up: The Petra by Night experience will be dependent on availability as the tour only runs three days a week.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Tonight's Sweet Sleep: Petra Moon Luxury Hotel (or similar)



After a filling breakfast (feeding our butterflies of anticipation), we'll wake early and make our way to the site of Little Petra which is the starting point of the hike on the back trail that will loop us back to Petra. This 8km (5 mile) hike is referred to as the "back door to Petra." The first half of the hike is flat but does become gradually steeper.

Upon arrival, we will meet with a local expert guide who will accompany us.

The landscape today is ever changing from sandy plateaus to stone staircases. We'll pass Bedouin campsites and random goat herds on our guided tour that will culminate at the Monastery. This impressive seven-storey structure has a doorway that's 8m (26ft) high. Though less ornate than the Treasury, the sheer scale of this building painstakingly carved into a mountainside makes it an unmatched site. It's believed that it was used as a temple by Christians in the Byzantine period.

We'll then travel to the Dead Sea (settle in for a super scenic 3-hour ride) and make a gradual beeline for the shores of this famously salty-as-a-margarita sea. Did you know that it marks the lowest point on Earth (420m below sea level)? Technically, it's not actually a sea at all—it's really a super-salty lake and it's been deemed 'dead' because of the lack of life in it.

The density of the water makes it easy to float in. Maybe this is where the expression "dead man's float" stems from! Tonight you will have free time to explore and have one last edible Jordan experience!

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Tonight's Sweet Sleep: Crowne Plaza Jordan - Dead Sea Resort & Spa (or similar)



After an indulgent and reflective breakfast, we recommend a float in the Dead Sea. Or, maybe you're planning on staying another day or two to absorb more of Jordan's sights and sounds. If you are staying longer, organizing an independent transfer to the airport is easy—it's a convenient 40-minute drive. For those who are heading home, we'll transfer as a group to Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA)

(for big hugs and heavy-hearted goodbyes. (Your group departure transfer is included.) Day 3 is jam packed, you may be able to squeeze in a float, but we recommend booking your travel to give yourself the morning on Day 4 at the Dead Sea. We recommend booking a flight out in the afternoon, or even staying an extra night or two to really have your hearts fill of floating in the Dead Sea.

The only unanswered question is, where next?

Meals Included: Breakfast

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Group airport transfers (arrival and departure)
- Awesome local, English-speaking female guide
- 3 nights luxe accommodation at Petra Moon Luxury Hotel and Crowne Plaza Jordan - Dead Sea Resort & Spa (or similar, based on double occupancy)
- 3 Instagram-worthy breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Please note: There is an opportunity to participate in Petra by Candlelight Tour if it is available on the nights you are in Petra. Cost is not included.

The Jordan extension aligns with the end of the Ultimate Egypt tour. You will need to purchase your own flight from Egypt into Jordan on the last day of the tour. The extension begins at the airport where you will be picked up to start this new adventure.

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