



## **Trek to Petra**

Thousands have experienced Petra, but few have experienced it like this. Imagine discovering some of the most remote terrain, trails and archaeological treasures in Jordan. Imagine a backcountry adventure across different terrain every single day with unique breathtaking views. Feynan Ecolodge has partnered with Adventure Jordan to offer the hike of a lifetime. This 5 day trek follows ancient Bedouin migration routes, shepherd trails and forgotten paths in the Jordanian wilderness from Feynan Ecolodge in Dana Biosphere Reserve across the Sharah Mountains to the ancient city of Petra. This exceptional trail, led by the award winning guide Yamaan Safady, will place you far off the beaten track and grant you passage into the remote world of Bedouin that call the area home.

### **2011 Trek to Petra Departure Dates from Feynan Ecolodge\***

Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 **\*\* (unsupported)**

Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

\*If you are interested in a date other than those posted, please contact us to help arrange a guided trip on other dates

### **Packages**

Price per person:           750.00 JOD\*\*\* for the March or April trip

850.00 JOD\*\*\* for the October trips

Package includes:

- All food from leaving the lodge until lunch in Petra (4 dinners, 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches)
- All drinking water through the hike
- All accommodation: four nights camping
- Full support during the hike (except for the trip departing on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, this trip is unsupported); guests only have to carry their backpack with a packed lunch and drinking water (both provided), and

whatever else the guests feel like carrying e.g. camera, sunscreen, etc. Crew will take care of all meals, including a four course dinner. Crew will take care of camp setup, luggage transportation, washing facilities, food, water, etc.

\*\* For those who enjoy backpacking and enjoy a higher level of fitness, the April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Trek to Petra will offer the chance to do the hike **unsupported**. This means carrying your food (dehydrated meals), sleeping bag, sleeping mat, tent, etc. A backpacker's water filtration system to filter drinking water at springs where you camp will be provided.

- Guiding fees

- Visit to Little Petra

**\*\*\*Please note:** Package does not include tax. Package does not include entry ticket into Petra. Accommodation at Feynan Ecolodge must be booked for the night prior to departure from Feynan Ecolodge. To book your place on one of the Trek to Petra trips and the first night at Feynan, please visit our [reservations page](#). Please be sure to mention your interest in the Trek to Petra trip in the comments section and our team will be in touch.

## **Day 1**

### **Feynan Ecolodge**

Overnight at the breathtaking solar-powered lodge with early morning departure after breakfast the next morning. Make sure to arrive in the early afternoon so that you will have time to partake in the complimentary sunset hike offered 1.5 hours prior to sunset. After dinner, enjoy rooftop stargazing or relaxation in one of the lodge's hammocks in the warm glow of the candlelit lodge.

## **Day 2**

### **Feynan Ecolodge – Wadi Barwas**

**Distance:** 14km (9m)

**Time:** 5/6 hrs

**Altitude:** undulating, mostly level

### **Trail:**

Leaving the serenity of Feynan Ecolodge you will head south along the stony desert of Wadi Araba. Walking through Feynan village you will visit some of the oldest copper mines in antiquity. Ruins of ancient churches remind us of the early Christians who died working the copper mines in Feynan as slaves. Further south the desert becomes more and more remote with little signs of human activity. After lunch under a big Acacia and a couple of hours walk you will reach your destination for the night,

the outlet of Wadi Barwas, where the crew will be waiting for you. Wadi Barwas provides a nice little gorge with seasonal water, a perfect place for a shower!

### **Day 3**

#### **Wadi Barwas – Ras el Feid**

**Distance:** 9km (5.5m)

**Time:** 6/7 hrs

**Altitude:** 700m (2300 ft) ascent, 250m (820 ft) descent

#### **Trail:**

This morning you will spend two hours walking along the stony desert on the western side of the Shara'a mountains, until you reach the trail head of a well-trodden Bedouin migration path. Walking where the Bedouin once travelled on their nomadic journey to and from summer pasture, you will head up a shaded gully full of centuries old Juniper trees. There are breathtaking vistas of the Wadi Araba desert below, with many outlets of wadis and sand dunes on the horizon.



Once you reach the top of the gully you will see lush greenery below. At the spring you will break for lunch where you will have a chance to wash up and refresh in the cool spring water. After lunch you walk up the wadi along an ancient aqueduct overlooking thick dense vegetation in the wadi bed below. The birds singing and trees swaying make this area feel like a tropical paradise. After walking up a mostly dry wadi bed through a colorful gorge, you arrive at your camp for the night. Again, the crew will be waiting for you with a warm hearty dinner and our campsite all set up.

## Day 4

### Ras el Feid – Shkaret Msei'd

**Distance:** 16km (10m)

**Time:** 8/9 hrs

**Altitude:** 170m (560 ft) ascent, 150m (490 ft) descent, 300m (985 ft) ascent



### Trail:

This day's hike is the most scenic of the Trek to Petra, but you will have to work hard for some astonishing views of Jordan. It is your chance to see the elusive Ibex if you tread lightly and keep your eyes peeled. Contouring the Sharah Mountains, the trail follows in the footsteps of Bedouin shepherd tracks. On the most remote sections of this day's trail you are on less taken (and hence harder to identify) hunters' paths. The sheer peaks of black mountains overlooking our trail and steep precipitous drops of the canyons below make this day absolutely spectacular! With lunch taken in the shade of a steep colorful sandstone overhang, overlooking the mountains in the distance and canyons below, you will find yourself contemplating the reason of creation in this stunning landscape. In the afternoon you take a long gentle uphill up to the saddle of the infamous "conical hill" where you will be rewarded with a breathtaking view. Relax and take it all in with another traditional hot dinner served by our crew and then sleep under the stars.

## Day 5

### Shkaret Msei'd – Beidha

**Distance:** 14km (9m)

**Time:** 5/6 hrs

**Altitude:** 150m (500 ft) ascent, 250m (800 ft) descent

#### Trail:

Just around the corner today you will enter yet another different landscape, with agricultural fields farmed today by the local Bedouins like their ancestors the Nabateans did two thousand years ago. Up a juniper filled gully used by the locals for camel breeding, you will be surrounded by eerie white sandstone domes. Our first glimpse of Petra will be Aaron's Tomb in the horizon overlooking the Nabatean capital. Today you will walk down to the campsite for a change along one of the last remaining oak forests in Jordan. But before you head to camp, you will have the chance to visit Little Petra for a taste of what is to come in Petra. At this small site you can take a glimpse into ancient Nabatean trade and camel caravans. Finally, you will head to your campsite which is owned by the Ammarin Bedouin Cooperative Society, a locally run campsite which benefits the Bedouin of the Ammarin tribe. Uniquely nested in a gully surrounded by sandstone mountains, the campsite provides us with the luxury of hot showers and electricity. Here you can charge your cameras for the big day ahead, walking into Petra!

## Day 6



### Beidha to Petra (via the Monastery)

**Distance:** 6km to the Monastery, 5/6km inside Petra total 12km; (3.5 miles to Monastery, 4 miles inside Petra, total 7.5miles)

**Time:** 3/4 hrs to Monastery, 5/6 hours inside Petra

**Altitude:** 110m (360 ft) ascent, 100m (330 ft) descent, 100m (330ft) ascent

**Trail:**

Walking past some Bedouin encampments we will approach Petra, just around the Sharah Mountains overlooking Wadi Araba. You will be reminded of the Great Rift Valley you have been walking with even more majestic views all the way down to the desert of Wadi Araba where you started a few days ago. Contrary to the solitude of the past few days, today's path is a popular trail. After turning one corner, the Monastery of Petra suddenly reveals itself with all its beauty and grandeur. The rest of the day is spent exploring everything Petra has to offer, walking down from the Monastery you will see the Royal Tombs, Qasr el Bint, the Mountain Ridge Church, the Great Temple, Royal Tombs, Urn Tomb, the unique Theatre, Street of Facades, and of course the infamous Treasury. Today you will realize how unique of a site Petra is, and why you have walked here rather than clambered from a bus.

