SPICE ROADS
CYCLING



TRAILS

BIKE TRAILS OF JORDAN

Tour Code
JOR-JBT

8 DAYS
7 NIGHTS

Destinations	Jordan
Tour Meets	Amman
Tour Ends	Amman
Fly in to	Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA)
Fly out of	Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA)
Group Size	n/a
Minimum Age	18 (on scheduled departures)

ACTIVITY PROFILE

5 Cycling days	**222** km Total cycling distance
44 km Avg distance / day	**483** m Avg climbing / day

PRICING

Price	On request
Bike Hire	N/A
Single Supplement	N/A

DEPARTURES

There are no scheduled departures for this trip at the moment. Please contact us to arrange a private departure.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ SpiceRoads jersey
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Support vehicle
- ✓ Guide(s)
- ✓ Meals (as indicated)
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Snacks and drinks

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Domestic flights
- ✗ Airport pick up
- ✗ Airport drop off
- ✗ Visa fees
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Tips

TRIP PROFILE

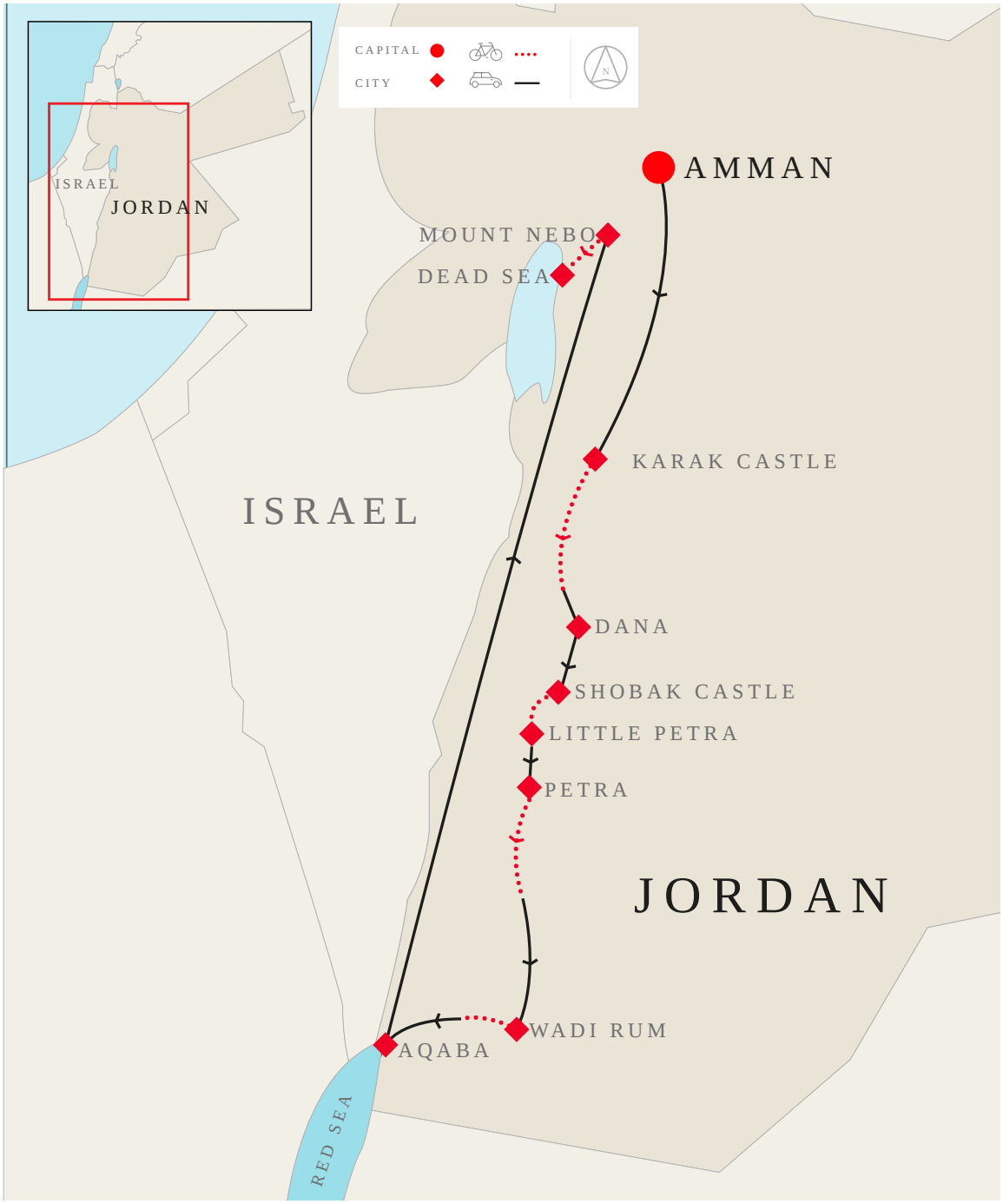
We ride a total of 222 km over five cycling days. Our route takes in some of the best riding on the Jordan Bike Trail, a network of mixed-surface tracks that spans the entire length of the country. In the process, we connect the dots of the Kingdom's top attractions including, of course, the world-famous rock-hewn city of Petra, the spectacular desert of Wadi Rum, and the salty expanse of the Dead Sea. By bike we can go beyond the hits and immerse ourselves in the natural and cultural splendours of Jordan on a much deeper level. With several vehicle transfers before and/or after our rides, we avoid busy main roads and focus on the most enjoyable routes.

The trip is fully supported, and your guide's expert knowledge of the area and terrain means that you always know what is coming up in terms of distance and difficulty. This makes a tremendous difference, as does the constant supply of water and refreshments along the way.

Suitability: This is an active-level tour, and riders can expect to be challenged by both the route and terrain in various ways. Jordan's rugged geography of highs and lows involves steady ascents and descents, though the route has been specifically designed to capitalise on more of the latter! As an adventure designed for mountain biking, you should have experience cycling on rough surfaces and off-road trails. This requires confident bike handling skills, particularly on the descents. A 4x4 vehicle follows the group at all times to carry supplies and provide a refuge for weary riders. However, please note that the 4x4 may occasionally need to deviate for a short period depending on the conditions of the trail, which can vary according to the season.

Biking Conditions: Riders can expect approximately 75% of the route to consist of vehicle-width dirt and gravel tracks, alongside sections of singletrack and off-road riding. The remaining 25% is made up of paved surfaces, ranging from high-quality tarmac to broken, bumpy, and cratered roads. The non-paved portions of this trip offer fantastic riding for mountain bikers, though it is important to remember that some sections consist of loose gravel and sandy patches that require careful navigation. Additionally, several descents are quite rocky and demand extra caution. While traffic on the paved sections is generally minimal, be prepared to share the road with cars, motorcycles, and buses, particularly when approaching towns and major attractions. Jordan can be windy, which may work for or against our favour depending on the direction, but you will certainly need a buff to protect your mouth and nose from the dust. Rainfall is not common at the time we schedule our tours, but it is possible; conditions can become slippery, and flash floods can occasionally impact the trails. It is all part of the adventure, and your expert guide will ensure you are safe at all times!

Accommodations: In Amman (Day 1), Petra (Day 4), and Aqaba (Day 6), we stay in modern, centrally located hotels at the 3–4 star level. In Dana (Day 2), we stay in a boutique guesthouse blending in with the stone architecture of the village. In the desert (Days 3 & 5), we sleep under the stars at bespoke tented camps with Bedouin décor. And at the Dead Sea, we stay at an elegant beach resort with all the bells and whistles. While all selected accommodations on this tour offer clean private rooms with ensuite bathrooms, hot water, and AC/heating, please note that extras like a swimming pool or a lift are only available at some of the properties. Our chosen hotels also feature hygienic restaurants offering a mix of Jordanian and Western options. Please be aware that some older properties, while charming, may show signs of wear and tear. Room sizes may vary, and beds can be firmer than you are used to. For larger groups, we may need to use more than one accommodation and, in case of limited availability, switch to an alternative property of a similar standard to those listed in the itinerary.



Day 1: Meet in Amman

Welcome to Amman, the capital of Jordan! We suggest arriving a day early to explore this enigmatic city, where ancient history meets contemporary Levantine flair. If you're short on time, you can also tick off the main sights in the afternoon before we meet for our trip briefing and welcome dinner. Don't miss the Citadel for panoramic views of the "White City," the 2nd-century Roman Theatre carved into the hillside, and a stroll through the colourful markets of Al-Balad. Please let us know if you require assistance with airport transfers and pre-tour hotel bookings.

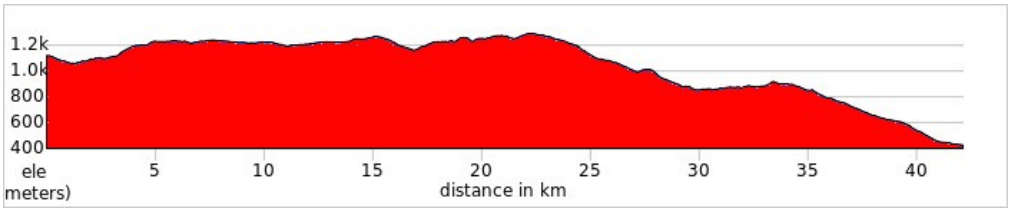
La Locanda Boutique Hotel Dinner

Day 2: Amman - Karak Castle - Dana

It is time to head for the great Jordanian outdoors. In the morning, we transfer around 1.5 hours south to Karak Castle, an imposing stronghold built by Crusaders in the 12th century but refined by the Islamic sultans who captured it. We explore the maze of weathered, stone-vaulted halls and subterranean passageways before emerging onto the ramparts for sweeping views across the Moab plateau. This sets the scene for the tour's first ride, taking us across this high-altitude limestone prairie blanketed by wheat fields and olive groves. After around 20 km we begin a thrilling descent to join the King's Highway as it coils down into the Wadi al-Hasa canyon. From

here we jump in the support vehicle and drive around one hour further south to the village of Dana where we spend the night. Dana is no ordinary village — it is a lovingly conserved 15th-century stone settlement perched on the edge of a vast UNESCO-recognised Biosphere Reserve, offering cool mountain air and spectacular sunset views.

Dana Tower Hotel Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

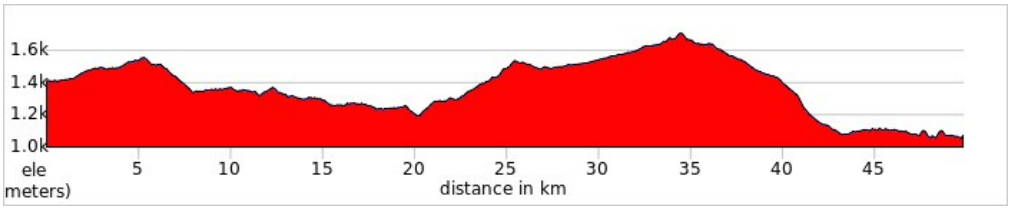


Ride 42km +540m -1233m

Day 3: Dana - Shobak Castle - Little Petra

We start the day with a 30-minute drive to Shobak Castle, one of the earliest Crusader strongholds in the Levant, once the site of fierce sieges but today a silent ruin perched on a hilltop. After exploring the castle, we hop on our bikes and dart off into one of the most epic stages of the tour, taking us on a mix of dirt and gravel tracks etched into the rugged escarpment that rises sharply above the Jordan Rift Valley. After around 27 km, we're back on tarmac and rejoin the King's Highway before branching off onto a side road that leads us down into a labyrinth of red rock canyons. We roll right towards the entrance of Little Petra, a suburb of the main city which served as a reception area for incense and spice trading caravans. Known for its shaded, rock-cut passages that block most sunlight, Little Petra is home to beautiful and exceptionally rare 2,000-year-old frescoes displaying scenes of birds, vines, and Greek mythology. After our exploration, it is only a short ride to tonight's lodgings: a bespoke Bedouin camp with cosy ensuite tents tucked away in the rocky gorge.

Little Petra Bedouin Camp Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Ride 50km +968m -1313m

Day 4: Petra Exploration

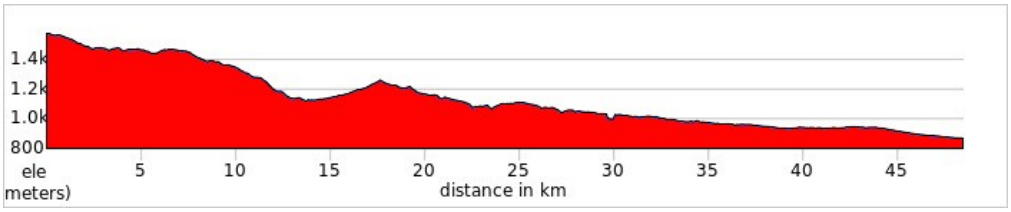
Today is dedicated to Jordan's most treasured archaeological wonder and one of the world's most fascinating UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Petra. Built more than 2,000 years ago by the Nabataean civilisation who controlled the vital trade route connecting the Arabian Peninsula to the Mediterranean, the 'Rose City' remains a marvel of ancient engineering chiselled directly into the red-hued sandstone cliffs. We start by transferring a short distance to Wadi Musa, the gateway town to Petra, where we drop off our bags and walk to the Visitors Centre. We then enter the city with an expert guide and take in the trio of Petra's most iconic sites: the Treasury, with its towering rock-cut facade made famous by Indiana Jones; the Colonnaded Street, the grand Roman-style thoroughfare at the city's heart; and the Royal Tombs, colossal chambers carved into the cliffside. Following lunch, you then have the option of joining the guide on a hike up 800 rock-cut steps to the Monastery, Petra's largest and most imposing monument, where you are rewarded with sweeping views across the Wadi Araba. You can also explore independently and make your way back to the hotel at your own pace.

Petra Icon Hotel Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Petra - Wadi Rum

Our journey today takes us to another of Jordan's unmissable attractions: the otherworldly desert landscape of Wadi Rum. From Petra, we drive around 30 minutes to the top of a pass along the King's Highway and hop on our bikes for a fabulous descent through a barren, high-altitude mountain plateau into the Arabian Desert. While we ride primarily on gravel and dirt trails, the gradients are fairly mild so it doesn't feel too technical, and there are a few uphill bursts mixed in to make sure we're not getting too comfortable! Once we reach the 'Desert Highway' – Jordan's busiest commercial thoroughfare – we swap for the support vehicle and fast-track ourselves to the Wadi Rum Protected Area, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Also known as the "Valley of the Moon" for its vast, open sand valleys and towering sandstone monoliths, the region has famously served as the extraterrestrial backdrop in The Martian. After arriving, we experience Wadi Rum in its full splendour with a sunset jeep ride to witness the striking rock formations, ancient petroglyphs, and sand dunes up close. We spend the night at a secluded yet cosy Bedouin camp where we sleep under a spectacular and unpolluted starry sky.

Rum Magic Nights Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

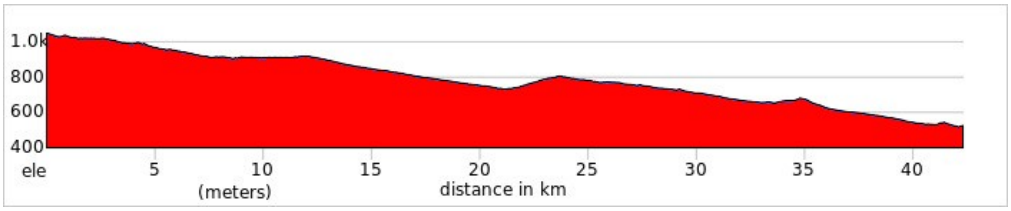


Ride 49km +325m -1030m

Day 6: Wadi Rum - The Red Sea - Aqaba

Intrepid cyclists are in for a real treat this morning. Our bikes will be waiting right outside of the camp, ready for us to zip our way out of Wadi Rum. We weave along jeep tracks pressed onto the desert sands, surrounded by red-hued sandstone massifs. After around 27 km we reach the village of Tetten and switch to tarmac for a final stretch to the Desert Highway. That's our cue to hop in the support vehicle and drive 30 minutes to Aqaba, Jordan's window to the Red Sea. In the afternoon, after lunch, you are provided with a day pass to one of the fabulous beach resorts on the coast. Here you can relax by the sea and the pool or get yourself some snorkelling gear and dive in the nearby reef. The cost for additional activities is not included. After sunset we head back to Aqaba and check into our centrally located hotel from where you can join an optional stroll through the city's local souk (market) and browse the colourful array of spices, nuts, and local handicrafts on offer.

Captain's Hotel Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



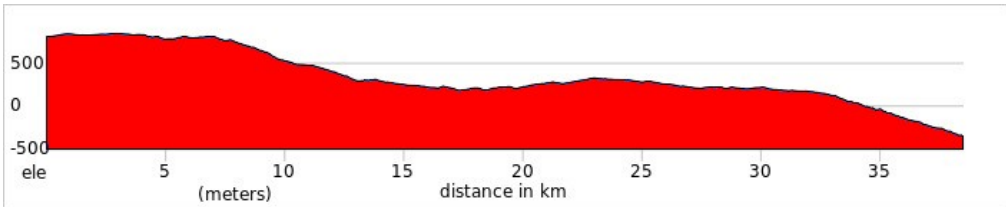
Ride 42km +167m -690m

Day 7: Aqaba - Mount Nebo - The Dead Sea

This morning we settle in for a roughly 3.5-hour drive back north. Our destination is Mount Nebo, an important pilgrimage site for Jews, Christians and Muslims alike where Moses is believed to have looked out across the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering the desert. On a clear day, the view from the top reveals the shimmering waters of the Dead Sea, the green palm groves of Jericho, and the distant, sun-drenched hills of Jerusalem. From here it is only a short distance to the start of our final ride near the city of Madaba. On a delightful mixed-surface route, we transition from olive groves and wheat fields to the barren canyons that drop toward the Dead Sea. Our final downhill simply couldn't get any more grand as we are literally cycling to the lowest point on Earth's land surface, finishing at the shores of the Dead Sea, 430 metres below sea level. A short transfer along the highway then delivers us to an elegant palm-fringed resort where we reconvene in the evening for a farewell dinner.

Hotel Holiday Inn Resort Dead Sea

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Ride 39km +412m -1570m

Day 8: Dead Sea Departure

Our tour has ended but you shouldn't miss the quintessential experience of effortlessly floating on the Dead Sea. While it is technically a lake, the Dead Sea is nearly ten times more saline than the actual ocean, providing a weightless sensation that is the ultimate therapy for tired legs after a week in the saddle. You can also treat yourself to a rejuvenating spa treatment with salt scrubs and mineral-rich mud wraps on the menu. If you are flying out today, the airport is just an hour's drive away. Please let us know if you require assistance with post-tour hotel bookings or airport transfers.

Breakfast

Disclaimer: The adventure cycling tours we operate often go beyond the beaten track, and the countries where we ride are not always predictable. Due to these reasons, it is occasionally necessary to reroute or update itineraries. Our guarantee is that we will not change a trip unless for safety or to improve it. Our listed hotels are always accurate at the time of writing, but should we have to change any hotel, it will always be for a similar or better one.

NUTS & BOLTS

Bikes

Because some people can't imagine going on a trip without their own beloved bicycle, we do not provide them as part of this tour. However, you can hire bikes locally for the price listed in the tour pricing section. We provide high-quality hardtail mountain bikes manufactured by Scott or similar. If you bring your own bike, please make sure it is a mountain bike with front suspension in good mechanical order. We also have E-Bikes available for hire, but they are limited in number & size - please send an email to us to check on availability.

Bike Repairs

Basic spares and tools are carried by the guide and on the support vehicle, though we cannot guarantee having spares for every conceivable problem. Carrying a basic tool kit, a spare tube and a pump while riding is recommended.

Safety

Wearing a helmet is required on all our biking adventures and is non negotiable. If you do not wear a helmet you will not be allowed to cycle. Your tour leader is trained in first aid and emergency rescue, but to a large degree you must be responsible for your own safety while riding. It is therefore compulsory that you take out travel insurance that will cover you for a mountain biking tour.

Guides

You will be led by a local English-speaking guide and if the group is 9 people or more we will add another guide to the tour. All our guides are well informed in the history, culture and religions of the area where you are biking and are skilled at passing that knowledge on to you. Your guide is also medically trained and an experienced cyclist, able to handle most minor repairs en route.

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Passports and Visas

To join this trip, you are required to purchase the Jordan Pass. This pass waives your tourist visa fee and provides entry to over 40 attractions, including Petra. Because the pass covers these fees, entrance costs are not included in the tour price.

For this tour, you only need the standard package: **Jordan Wanderer (70 JOD / approx. 100 USD).**

Key Conditions & Steps:

- **Nationality**: Ensure your nationality is not on the restricted list.
- **Passport**: Your passport must be valid for at least six months from your date of entry.
- **Minimum Stay**: To receive the visa fee waiver, you must stay a minimum of two nights (3 days) in Jordan. (Since our tour is 8 days, you are fully covered).
- **Validity**: The pass is valid for use within 3 months of the date of purchase. (Don't buy it too far in advance!). The pass will automatically expire 2 weeks (14 days) after it is first scanned at a tourist attraction. Your entry stamp at the airport typically allows you to stay in Jordan for 30 days (though a new 2026 rule has started granting 90 days to many nationalities
- **Arrival Process**: After purchase, you will receive the pass via email. We suggest printing a physical copy and saving the digital version/QR code to your phone.
- **At the Airport**: When you land, do not go to the "Visa" counter to pay. Instead, go straight to the Immigration/Passport Control queue. Show the officer your passport and your Jordan Pass (printed or digital). They will scan the QR code and stamp your passport for free.
- **During the Tour**: Keep your Jordan Pass and your physical passport with you daily. Both will be scanned and verified by officials at the entrance of each site we visit.

Health

Travelers are recommended to be up-to-date on Hepatitis A, Typhoid, and Tetanus. While not required for entry, these are standard for Jordan. See here for more recommendations to help you prepare. Please speak to your doctor/physician for the most recent information.

Yellow Fever Note: You are only required to show a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate if you are arriving from (or have transited for more than 12 hours through) a country with a risk of Yellow Fever transmission.

Weather

The optimal months for cycling are March to May and September to November. During these windows, you avoid the extreme seasonal peaks of the summer and winter. While these months are generally dry and sunny, sporadic rain can occur, particularly in late March or late October. Strong winds can also be a factor and kick up sand and dust, so a lightweight rain and windproof jacket is recommended. Regardless of the season, desert temperatures drop significantly at night, so packing layers is essential to stay comfortable once the sun goes down.

Food

Meals are included as per the itinerary where B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner. Breakfasts are provided at the hotels and include a mix of continental favorites and traditional Jordanian staples like creamy hummus, labneh (strained yogurt), olives, and za'atar flatbread. Lunches are served either picnic-style during our outdoor adventures or at vetted local restaurants along the route, offering fresh salads and regional specialties. Dinners are also held at the hotels and, depending on the location, may consist of a buffet, shared platters, or traditional Bedouin cookery.

Drink

Keeping you completely hydrated is a job we take very seriously. Water is included while riding and during all meals. Soft drinks and other beverages during meals are not included. Jordan is a Muslim country, and while alcohol is legal, it is not as widely available as in Western countries. Beer and alcohol are not included in the tour price and won't always be available at every stop. Most larger hotels and specific restaurants in Amman and Aqaba serve alcohol, but many local cafes and remote desert camps are "dry." Drinking in public streets is prohibited, so we recommend enjoying a drink within the designated bars or the privacy of your hotel.

Solo Travelers

SpiceRoads does not require you to pay a surcharge for traveling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveler of the same gender and if we can not match you up we will provide a single room at no extra charge. If you prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room. The cost of the single supplement is listed above.

Extra Expenses

We recommend that you tuck away a few extra liras for possible incidentals that might arise. It is always wise to have some paper currency in case of ATM absence or credit card problems. This will save you a lot of unnecessary worries. It is also customary to tip local tour guides and drivers; however, the amount you give should be dependent on the level of service you receive.

Money

The Jordanian Dinar (JOD) is the official currency. What works best for most people is exchanging some money as soon as you arrive at the airport and then topping up as needed with ATM withdrawals. ATMs are widely available in Amman, Aqaba, and Wadi Musa (the town next to Petra). While Visa and MasterCard are accepted at most hotels and larger restaurants, it is highly recommended to keep cash on hand for tipping, local markets, and small cafes, as many vendors do not accept cards.

Be Aware

Overall, the level of petty crime is much less than in most Western countries. However, take the usual precautions about avoiding rowdy political demonstrations, not flashing money around and being aware of pickpockets in crowded places.

GENERAL BOOKING INFO

If this is the tour for you here's what you need to do to confirm your place:

FLEXIBLE BOOKING CONDITIONS

Booking a SpiceRoads cycling adventure is easy and we try to do everything possible to make sure you have full flexibility and peace of mind. We do not require a deposit to hold your place on a tour and once full payment has been made your money is protected in our client account and you have the flexibility to cancel or change your booking if needed.

CONFIRMING YOUR BOOKING

Just complete our online booking form or send your booking details offline (email or post), and we will confirm your participation. No deposit is needed to confirm your place on a SpiceRoads tour.

You are advised to read our Booking Conditions in full before you make your payment and should you require further clarifications of any of the conditions below, please email us or call our office.

TRIP STATUS

There is a minimum number of participants (usually 2) required to enable the trip to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to Depart'. Once a trip is guaranteed to depart you are free to book your flights and make other travel arrangements. If the trip status is 'Limited' will mean we have only a small number of spaces available for booking. If you are unsure about the trip status, please email us or call our office.

BOOKING ONLINE

From the tour page, click the 'Book Now' link. All departures for this tour will appear, just select the date you'd like to travel. For the next steps, you'll need to know the names of the people travelling. If you wish you can also provide extra details such as passport numbers, height (for bike hire), or you can add that later by logging into Manage My Trip (we'll set up an account for you automatically if you don't already have one). Our system will contact you from time to time to fill in the missing information, as it will be required before departure. However, if the trip that you are booking offers a child discount, you will have to fill out the date of birth of each rider (so we can calculate the appropriate discount).

If you are having any problems please send us an email, or give us a call (+66 026 3295) and one of our travel specialists will assist you with your booking.

BOOKING OFFLINE

Just call us or send an email indicating which trip you want to join and we will happily send you a list of questions and process your booking for you.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

We do not require a deposit or full payment to book a place for you on a tour.

The balance of the tour's cost (final invoice) will need to be paid 60 days before the departure date with fees for any bicycle rental(s), single supplement(s) and extra hotel nights.

In the case where a booking is made when there are less than 60 days until the tour departure date, the tour's cost should be paid in full within 72 hours of receiving an invoice from SpiceRoads. Payment can be made by credit card using our online payment gateway or by bank transfer. When making payment online you will need to confirm that you have read these booking conditions during the "checkout" process, which equates to agreeing to the terms of services and stipulations as indicated in this document.

In all cases, tour fees need to be paid "in full" before participation in a tour. No person(s) will be allowed to join a tour without fully settling their invoice and receiving a confirmation number from SpiceRoads.

The exception can be made for last-minute miscellaneous fees that can be paid locally (visas, additional local hotel bookings, etc.) can be settled on the day of arrival.

FULL FLEXIBILITY FOR TOUR CANCELATIONS

If the tour is cancelled or postponed by SpiceRoads because we didn't make the trip numbers and the tour can't run, we will make a full cash refund (by bank transfer or on your credit card).

If the tour is cancelled for any other reason, including due to Covid related travel restrictions, we will give you a full credit (with no deductions for admin or any other small-print item) to use on any SpiceRoads tour with no time limit. (Exceptions being flights, special permits and other non-refundable items and these will be advised when booking the trip).

Before paying for your tour, you can cancel your booking with no charge and up until 40 days before departure, you can change your booking to another travel date or move your booking onto another SpiceRoads tour with no charges.

If you need to cancel after you have made full payment, please see our cancellation policy.

Loyalty Riders Club

For those who have been on several long tours with us, we reward customer loyalty by offering repeat customers a special discount off the tour price (excludes single supplement and bike rental). If this is your fourth scheduled tour or more you will receive a 5% discount. If this is your eighth scheduled tour or more we will extend a 10% discount. The discount will be reflected in your online booking, but please contact us if any questions. Loyalty discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Note: Only tours of 7 days or more will be applicable for a loyalty discount.

International Flights

International flights, to and from the start and finish points are not included in the tour price. Once your tour is Guaranteed to Depart you can book your flight. Please contact us for advice before arranging flights for the best arrival and departure times. We would only cancel a trip for an extreme circumstance, but in that case, where we cancel your trip, we cannot be liable for losses incurred relating to any flight booking you have made. Please claim any losses from your travel insurance that you acquired when you booked your holiday.

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