



# Cycling Jordan: Sea, Sand, History

## a 9 day Jordan Bicycle & Hike Tour

Pedalers' Cycling Jordan introduces you to this country, its people, history and foods. Explore the carved city of Petra and take a dip in the Dead Sea, cross the barren Wadi Rum Desert and also meet the Bedouin tribe of desert nomads, explore the Dana Nature Preserve. Head out to quiet local cafés and lodges to taste the best of regional cuisine, wander through ancient ruins with guides who know and love their homeland. With the cycling and experiences in Jordan we are sure you will crave to be back. Enjoy several traditional lunches taken at Bedouin camps along the route prepared by the family specially for our group.

Start in Amman, one of the oldest cities in the world, then venture to Mount Nebo, the place where Moses looked out across the Jordan River to the Promised Land. Ride the Madaba plains to the Dead Sea, the lowest geographical point on earth, and explore the intricate architecture of ancient Crusader Castles. Walk among the towering cliffs of Petra, home to temples, sacrificial alters, and hundreds of elaborate tombs, and enjoy the beauty of the desert as you bike the Disi Mud Flats. All along your trip, taste the finest regional cuisine at local restaurants, meet members of a nomadic tribe, stay in traditionally styled lodges, and look up at night to see a desert sky full of stars.

## Day by Day Itinerary

### Day 1 - Arrival & Welcome Dinner

Arrive at Amman Airport, where we will meet you, assist with immigration and then transfer to your hotel in Amman. Amman is one of the oldest cities in the world, inhabited since the bronze age. The city is growing into a modern city, but retains its character and history. Depending on your flight arrival time, you may have free time to explore on your own. At 6pm meet your guide to get to know each other and go through the trip details, then you'll head to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner.

Meals: D

### Day 2 - Amman - Madaba - Mount Nebo - Cycle to Dead Sea - Dead Sea

After breakfast, you will drive South to the city of Madaba. Visit Saint George church, that has one of the oldest mosaic maps of the Holy Land. Then drive to Mount Nebo, the spot where Moses looked out across the Jordan River to the Promised Land. Then the group will ride across the Madaba plains, descending along the Panorama road to the Dead Sea. En route we will stop for lunch prepared by a local family from Madaba.

Cycling: 34 mi / 55 km, Terrain: hilly, Meals: B L D



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### **Day 3 - Dead Sea - Cycle Along Dead Sea Coast - Karak**

After a good breakfast, start your 2nd cycling day from your hotel towards South along the Dead Sea coast line. Dead Sea is the lowest geographical point on earth. Located at -400m below sea level. The myth says that its water and mud will take you back to your childhood... Cycling today is flat and easy with few gentle climbs no longer than 1.2km. Once cycle is over, you will be transferred to the city of Karak where your guide will take you for dinner at a local family house.

Cycling: 28 mi / 45 km, Terrain: flat, small hills, Meals: B L D

### **Day 4 - Karak - Karak Castle - Cycle Karak to Wadi Hasa - Dana**

Start you day with a visit to Karak castle, an ancient Crusader Castle, where you can explore the maze of stone-vaulted halls and passageways. The city of Karak was the capital of Moab and the castle dominates the skyline. The castle provides an impressive insight into the architectural and military skills of the Crusaders. Later, start cycling right after the city of Karak, this section passes through rural countryside and then races downhill along the King's Highway passing the Tanour Dam just outside of Karak Governorate limits. Reaching Wadi Hasa, take a transfer to Dana Nature Reserve for overnight.

Cycling: 28 mi / 45 km, Terrain: hilly, Meals: B L D

### **Day 5 - Dana - Cycle Dana to Petra - Petra**

We leave Dana village with a very short transfer and start cycling along the Kings Highway all the way to Petra. En Route, you'll make a short detour to visit Shobak castle, the first of the series of Crusader Castles built in Jordan; which was constructed by Baldwin I in 1115 and only surrendered in 1189 to the Great Salahdin. From Shobak onwards, we cycle towards Little Petra for a quick visit then continue cycling the last 10Kms on road to your hotel in Petra. Somewhere on the side of the road, we will have a lunch with a local family. Check in into your hotel, have some rest and then guide will take you for dinner at a restaurant in the town of Wadi Musa.

Cycling: 37 mi / 60 km, Terrain: flat, Meals: B L D

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### **Day 6 - Petra - Full Day Petra visit - Petra.**

A full day to explore Petra where you will leave your hotel and head to the Petra visitors center, enter the city through 1KM long narrow gorge which is flanked either side by 80m high cliffs! Notice the dazzling colors and formations of the rocks. The site is massive, and contains hundreds of elaborated rock-cut tombs, a treasury, Roman-style theatres, temples, sacrificial altars and colonnaded streets. Then continue into the city, viewing the amphitheater, exploring its many caves and tombs. If you feel courageous, want to avoid the crowds and discover some less visited monuments in Petra you can visit sites such as the Monestary, the Khubtha Mountain, Al Madras trail or the High Place of sacrifice. You will follow a steep climb up ancient Nabataean steps to near the summit of Al Khubtha to enjoy the magnificent panorama overlooking the Treasury, then descending to Petra main entrance.

Hiking: 7 mi / 12 km, Terrain: flat and hills, Meals: B L D

### **Day 7 - Petra - Rajif - Cycle Rajif to Wadi Rum - Wadi Rum**

After breakfast, take a transfer to just past the small town of Rajif at the top of the large hill after Petra. Start cycling where the pavement meets the dirt just after turning off the main King's Highway and begin a long descent off-road towards Wadi Rum. Lunch will be provided by a local bedouin family en route. After lunch, you will continue cycling to Wadi Rum across some sandy segments. Once the ride is over, Jeeps will take you for a 2hr ride then to your overnight place in the desert where you will enjoy looking at the stars.

Cycling: 28 mi / 45 km, Terrain: flat, Meals: B L D

### **Day 8 - Wadi Rum - Cycle Disi salt flats - Amman**

After having your morning breakfast, Jeeps will transfer you to Rum Village where you will start your final cycling day on the Disi Mud Flats... a nice and easy day where you will enjoy the beauty of the desert on two wheels. Once cycling is over, say goodbye to your cycling crew and head back to Amman.

Cycling: 22 mi / 35 km, Terrain: flat, Meals: B L D

### **Day 9 - Amman - Queen Alia International Airport - Departure**

Pick up from your hotel in Amman and transfer to Queen Alia International Airport for departure.

Meals: B



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### **Private Dates**

This tour is only available as a Private Date, the route and details have been perfected, all we need is for you to pick a date for you and your gang. A tip from our local experts, this tour is best enjoyed in Spring (March - May) and Fall (September - November) providing the perfect combo of better temperatures and little rain.

Contact us for current pricing for this tour.



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### Why Pedalers?

#### **Experience the Heart and Soul of Each Country with Our Local Expert Team**

Our passionate and diverse team of local experts will guide you through their homeland, sharing intimate knowledge and hidden wonders. They are not just guides but also skilled bike mechanics, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Unlike other tour companies, Pedalers' local crew brings an insider's perspective to the table. You'll be pampered by a friendly team, equipped with the skills to fix anything. A sweep rider and sag wagon provide support, and your baggage travels comfortably with you. Pedalers treats you like family, making your journey unforgettable.

#### **Indulge in Mouthwatering Local Delights on a Culinary Adventure**

Unlock the essence of culture through food as we take you on a culinary extravaganza. Bond with fellow riders over scrumptious dishes at local restaurants specializing in regional cuisine. Family-style dining lets you sample outstanding dishes, carefully chosen by our expert guides. Lunch is satisfying but not overwhelming, and breakfast offers comforting Western delights. Pedalers knows the importance of good food for cyclists, creating a mouthwatering experience that combines riding and dining.

#### **Immerse Yourself in Authentic Accommodations, Where Culture Meets Comfort**

Discover the charm of our handpicked accommodations. Pedalers takes a unique approach to accommodations, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience. Choose between Classic and Première Classe tours, each offering carefully selected lodging options. Classic tours feature mid-priced boutique inns that blend comfort with local character, while Première Classe tours add a touch of luxury to your adventure with upscale lodges and inns. Regardless of your choice, Pedalers' accommodations reflect the local culture, providing a delightful and comfortable stay that complements your journey.

### **Lodging:**

Boutique Hotels and Bedouin Camp



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### **What's Included:**

- 8 nights Accommodation in the area's better hotels (double occupancy)
- All meals from Dinner on Day 1 until Breakfast on Day 9 (except where noted)
- Rental bike
- Water, sodas or beer included at dinner
- Service of bilingual Team Pedalers Guide(s)
- Full Van Support
- Daily route directions and maps
- Sightseeing and cultural activities
- Airport pick up & drop off

### **Meeting & Flights:**

Tour meets in Amman, Jordan (AMM), fly in before 2 pm on Day 1.

Tour ends in Amman, Jordan (AMM), fly out after 10 am on Day 8.

For assistance with flights contact our friends at Exito Travel: [help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm](http://help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm)

### **Route Conditions:**

The route mostly on paved roads, with some stretches on packed desert sand. The route is hilly throughout, with some fair climbs, as well as some flatter stretches in the desert regions.

### **Visas & Travel Documents:**

Passports are required for all guests. Your passport should have at least 6 months validity past your intended travel dates. Visas can be obtained from the Vietnam Embassy in your country.

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