

PETRA DESERT MARATHON & HALF MARATHON

5 SEPTEMBER 2020



Run back in time - challenge yourself to a desert run in legendary settings!

Starting in the ancient city of Petra, the Petra Desert Marathon leads runners past the incredible tombs, mountainside carvings, and caves before venturing into the arid, lunar-like landscapes of the Jordanian desert. Choose the marathon, half-marathon, or cheer on the runners!

Rich in history, culture and scenic nature, Jordan offers its visitors superb possibilities for an exciting vacation. From the splendid ruins of Petra and the vast and awe-inspiring Wadi Rum desert, to a float in the Dead Sea - Jordan has something for everyone to enjoy, not to mention the warm hospitality of the Jordanian people.

Embark on an Arabian adventure and run the desert race of a lifetime!



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Included...

- 4 nights accommodation in chosen hotel category
- Arrival transfer from Amman Airport to Dead Sea (Comfort and Deluxe packages only)
- Scheduled departure transfer to Amman airport (all packages)
- Transportation as per itinerary
- English-speaking tour leader
- 3-day entry to Petra
- Meals according to itinerary
- Celebration dinner
- Marathon or half-marathon entry
- English-speaking race officials
- Start number
- Finishers medal
- Danish and Jordanian medical team
- Time-taking
- Supplies on the route
- Exclusive Petra Desert Marathon 2020 running t-shirt

Excluded...

- Flight to/from Jordan – we can provide a quote
- Entry visa to Jordan – we can assist with this
- Arrival transfer from Amman Airport to Amman Hotel (Standard package only)
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Beverages
- Personal expenses
- Tips for local guides and drivers (USD\$5 per person per day is recommended)
- Travel insurance – we can provide a quote
- Anything not mentioned under "Inclusions"

Payments

Should you wish to secure a space, a NZD\$1,099 deposit is required. Deposit payment is due by 01 May 2020.

Final payment for your package is due by 30 July 2020. All payments are non-refundable; therefore, it is crucial that your purchase travel insurance. We would be happy to provide you with a quote.



4 NIGHT PACKAGE

DAY ONE

(No meals included)

Arrive in Amman, Jordan

On arrival, transfer from the airport to your hotel for check in

Afternoon/evening at leisure

DAY TWO

(B, L, D)

Breakfast at your hotel

Check out of the hotel and travel by bus to Wadi Musa (Petra). On arrival, you will have lunch at a local restaurant before checking in to your hotel

Race briefing at the Petra Desert Marathon finish line

Carbo-load dinner at the hotel

DAY THREE - RACE DAY!

(B, L)

Race morning continental breakfast

Transfer to the start line

Rest of day at leisure - optional excursions available including Petra by Night and Petra Kitchen

DAY FOUR

(B, D)

Guided walking tour of Petra

Afternoon at leisure

Festive Celebration Dinner; dine, drink and dance under the stars

DAY FIVE

(B)

Breakfast at hotel

Check out of hotel and transfer to the Queen Alia International Airport for you return to New Zealand, or your onward travel plans

ATHLETE PACKAGE PRICING

STANDARD TWIN/SHARE PACKAGE FROM **\$2,099** PP

COMFORT TWIN/SHARE PACKAGE FROM **\$2,399** PP

DELUXE TWIN/SHARE PACKAGE FROM **\$2,739** PP

FULL ITINERARY

3 Sept 2020: Arrival in Amman

You'll arrive in the Queen Alia International Airport (AMM). There is no set arrival time, so you can book the flight most suitable from your departure airport. Kindly note that a visa is required for all visitors to Jordan.

The tour offers a selection of three different hotel levels: Standard, Comfort, and Deluxe.

The program for the three options is identical, except for Day 1 as follows:

Standard Package:

Upon arrival, our airport representative will meet you in the arrivals hall, after you've cleared immigration and customs, and guide you to the taxi stand. Transfer to the hotel in Amman is at your own expense, but fares are set (expect JOD 25 for a one-way ride from the airport to Amman city).

After check-in you have the rest of the day/evening free to relax in your room or explore Amman on your own.

Comfort and Deluxe Package:

Upon arrival, our airport representative will meet you in the arrivals hall, after you've cleared immigration and customs, and guide you to the driver that will take you to your hotel at the Dead Sea.

Transfer to the Dead Sea is included in the package cost and will be arranged according to your arrival. Note, however, that other Petra Desert Marathon participants may arrive at the same time as you, in which case you will share the bus with them. After check-in you have the rest of the day/evening free to enjoy the pool and the beach on your own.

Please note that many flights to Amman arrive at night time. Hotel check in is normally at 15:00 in the afternoon, so if you arrive in the night and want your room available upon arrival we recommend that you book a pre-night. The airport representative is also available for pre-night arrivals and comfort and deluxe package participants also have transfer to the Dead Sea included for pre-night bookings.

Meals: Not included

4 Sept 2020: Dead Sea/Amman to Petra and Pasta Dinner

Standard Package:

After breakfast at our hotel in Amman, we'll check out and drive by bus to Wadi Musa (Petra). Upon arrival, we'll go straight for lunch at a local restaurant while we wait for our rooms to be ready for check in at 15:00.



Comfort and Deluxe Package:

Waking up at the Dead Sea – the lowest point on Earth – you can start the day with breakfast at the hotel, a swim in the Dead Sea and relax by the pool. In the early afternoon we'll check out and drive by bus to Wadi Musa (Petra). On the way, we'll stop for lunch. When we arrive in Wadi Musa, we'll check in at our hotel, which is not far from the entrance to Petra.

As the sun sets all runners will meet at tomorrow's finish area, where the race officials and medical team will give the race briefing about tomorrow's run.

In the evening, we can carbo-load with a pasta dinner served at our respective hotel restaurants.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

5 Sept 2020: Race day

Today is the day we have all been waiting for! After an early wakeup call and a light continental breakfast, all runners meet outside the Petra Visitor Center. At 05:15, all participants will walk together through the Siq to the start line at the Street of Facades. As Petra is not open to the public at that time of day, runners will get the unique experience of seeing Petra without the crowds.

The race starts at 06:30am for both full and half-marathon runners. Although Petra Desert Marathon is regarded as an official race, following international competition rules including time taking, it is important to remember that it is first and foremost an adventure marathon in which the experience, scenery, and satisfaction in completing is more important than winning or setting a personal record. At the finish line, refreshments and your medal will be waiting for you.

In the evening we offer two optional local experiences - Petra Kitchen and Petra by Night - that can be booked in addition to the tour package. Please see the excursions below the itinerary for more details.

Meals: Breakfast and packed lunch

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

PETRA BY NIGHT

5 September 2020 (2 hours)

\$80 per person

Experience the ancient magic of Petra by candlelight

PETRA KITCHEN

5 September 2020 (2.5 hours)

\$95 per person

Replenish after your race by cooking a traditional Jordanian meal



6 Sept 2020: Petra and Celebration Dinner

Today we get to explore Petra's full glory. After breakfast, we will walk to Petra Visitor's Center where we will start our guided tour on foot and learn about the impressive history of yesterday's starting point.

The main entrance to the historical and archeological city of Petra is the Siq. With walls rising up to 200 metres in height, this narrow gorge, split apart by tectonic forces, winds its way 1.2 km through the mountains and ends at Petra's most elaborate temple, the Treasury. We'll walk through the Siq again and continue past the marvelous tombs and caves carved out of the red sandstone cliff while our guide tells us about the old Nabateans who created the city. We'll spend some time exploring the area and buy lunch on our own, after which we'll head back to our hotel.

Depending on how much time you want to spend in Petra, you can also relax and recover from the strenuous efforts of yesterday in one of the area's Turkish baths and spas or simply treat yourself at a local restaurant with the unbelievably tasty Jordanian cuisine.

In the evening, all participants will head to the desert, where we celebrate the completion of the Petra Desert Marathon with a festive celebration dinner. Dine, drink, and dance under the stars.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

7 Sept 2020: Farewell or Hello Extension

Sadly, our adventure in Jordan is over and it is time to bid farewell to this extraordinary country. Checkout from the hotel must be completed before 12:00 (noon). All participants are transferred to Queen Alia International Airport in Amman.

Four transfers are available with ARRIVAL times at the airport on 7 September as follows: 05:00, 08:00, 13:00 and 18:00.

It is possible to book a different transfer to Queen Alia International Airport if the above scheduled group transfers don't fit your onward journey (extra charge).

Participants who book one of the extensions will start their adventure after breakfast today.

Meals: Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS



CULTURAL EXTENSION

7 - 10 September 2020 (4 days)

Twin share from \$999 per person

See the Castle of Ajloun, visit the historic city of Madaba, famous for the ancient "Mosaic of Jerusalem" – one of the oldest pictured testimonies of the Holy City. A church has now been built up around the mosaic for protection of this historical site. Experience the small town of As-Salt. A living museum, As-Salt features old lanes and beautiful houses from the late Ottoman period and much much more!



ADVENTURE EXTENSION

7 - 10 September 2020 (4 days)

Twin share from \$1,089 per person

Sleep under the stars and hike through Jordan's breathtaking nature.

Vast, echoing, and god-like is how T.E. Lawrence described the Wadi Rum desert, also known as Valley of the Moon, and now it's our turn to get lost in this stunning desert and sleep under the stars. Swim in the dead sea, drive to the Wadi Mujib gorge with towering cliffs rising on both sides. Hike 8km through the Dana Valley – one of Jordan's premier nature reserves and much much more!