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Petra



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Jordan Select Tours was wonderful to work with. Our guide/driver David was quiet, concienious and knowledgable. We gave our itinerary and Elin did a great job setting up hotels etc.

From Jerash, Kerak, Mt Nebo, Madaba, Petra, Wadi Rum, it was all a great experience meeting the people of Jordan. We felt very safe the whole time.

Petra is a 2 day experience, with a morning guide and then the rest of the time on our own, climbing to the

Monastery and Place of High Sacrifice. We packed food and water for picnics and snacks but there is a restaurant by the museums.

Wadi Rum is a great experience, sleeping under the stars and enjoying a Bedouin meal
Fantastic country!!!!

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“ Petra, Jordan Hiking- Beware of Walks Worldwide ”

Petra



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I would like to say that those of you considering Jordan as a destination will not be disappointed. My husband, five friends, and I participated in a trek from Dana National Park (Feynan) to Petra in April, 2009. It was one of the most challenging and rewarding trips we've done. However, I would suggest that you use some other adventure outfitter than **Walks Worldwide**. We've found that **Walks Worldwide** is simply a booking agent, and takes no responsibility for anything that happens on the trip. Incidences that occurred included:

- 1) Guests not being met at the Amman airport for pickup and transportation to Madaba (worse...this was after midnight).
- 2) Not enough hotel rooms when arriving in Madaba (and requesting single supplement people to share). Some were forced to find other accommodations on their own.
- 3) NO rooms for the entire group of 15 at the Feynan EcoLodge (which we later found happened to multiple trips).
- 4) Currency surcharge, which was discounted for repeat customers or those who adamantly complained (even though we paid in British Pounds and airfare was purchased way in advance).

We found that **Walks Worldwide** doesn't organize the trips, but just markets them. You could contact a Jordanian guide directly who could either work with you to book or direct you to another agent. Our guide, Yaaman Safady, was instrumental in salvaging our trip. Yaaman is probably the most respected guide in Jordan for this kind of trip. There are several good articles on the web found by Googling "Yamaan Safady".

We have travelled extensively throughout the world, and **Walks Worldwide** is probably the only company we would not consider using again. In adventure travel, one can expect itineraries and conditions to change, but Walk Worldwide took no responsibility for their booking agent's blunders, or offered any satisfactory remediation.

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“ Do it before it's too late or wait for improvement in Site Preservation ”

Petra



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Biggest tip - AVOID TOURIST MASS and peak times

This visit could be a nightmare if the weather is not there and if you are in peak tourist activity.

TO GET THERE - Any taxi would take you there - avg price from Aqaba is 70JD go and return

In the expensive 33 JD entrance fee you get a small non necessary horse ride for 200m and a tour guide.

The best experience is in early morning to discover "the TREASURE" when the sun hits it. The Siq is a long 2000 years old paved (at some place) little path through the huge rocks that arrives to the Treasure, most renowned site. The Siq itself is a pleasure to walk and you discover here and there remains of the past.

Obviously the site is very touristic and you get approached 1000 too many times for a mule ride, a camel ride, a "happy hour" discount for gift etc...

- Avoid the bar in front of the treasure, you'll get disappointed. they see you coming and 1,5 JD for a tea that taste like bad water is not excellent.
- the shop contains a lot of cute jewellery worth looking at.

with 4 hours total, you visit a lot, except the monastery which is the last thing on the map and a potential 800 steps

to get to a landscape.

Petra is a must, although you can feel that they should do something to preserve the site better, improve the paths and give you the impression that they really treasure the remains of a 2000 years old history.

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“ Petra is awesome, Jordan is not ”

Petra



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Petra is an unbelievable site. Well worth the trip--especially if you are as close as Israel. The rest of Jordan is a little depressing. Splurge and stay at the Movenpick Resort in Petra. It is right at the entrance to this impressive site. The accommodations are wonderful and both restaurants very good.

Bring a good sun hat, sun screen, and walking shoes when touring Petra. Some people use the horse-drawn carriages to see the site, but those drivers are crazy. Better to walk and slowly enjoy your magical day in Petra. You will be surprised by how much there is to see there.

There is a place to eat mid-day but I would only eat the hot dishes or maybe ask the hotel to pack you a lunch to take with you.

If you are also going to see the Wadi Rum desert, I'd only go at sunrise or sunset. It is suppose to be beautiful at that time. Otherwise, you spend a day in the hot sun driving around a dusty but interesting desert learning about Lawrence of Arabia.

We flew into Amman and drove the 3 long hours to Petra, stopping at the Kerak crusader castle. This made a 2 night stay necessary. I understand you can drive directly to Petra from Israel, but be sure to arrange VIP passage through the border. You will have to research how to do this.

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“ Amazing and no Indiana Jones' well almost... ”

Petra



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...as you get off the bus there is a shop, as ever, exploiting the Indy theme but thankfully it didn't last.

We arrived at about 12:30pm and the coach park was busy and our hearts sank. But it looked like most were now leaving as we passed them on the slow meandering walk down into the gorge and Siq.

I would suggest you read whatever you can before you go on the subject and then review that afterwards as well. It all made so much more sense when you were able to visualise and put context around the words.

Just as with the pyramids you have to question the knowledge and engineering skills that must have been available back in those ancient times. (My wife reckons it's Jordan's answer to Disneyland and it's all a conspiracy...!)

The week before our visit (12 Feb 2010) they'd had snow in the area. We travelled from Aqaba on the coast having got the ferry from Taba Heights in Egypt and this place is in the mountains... I never expected that at all (must have skipped that page in my reading!). We passed our highest point at 5,500ft before we descend down to the Marriott and Wadi Musa and the coach park at 3,200ft. You descend a further 700ft down a gently meandering path into Petra arriving at the Trasury at about 2,500ft above sea level....

We had a lovely day out, met some interesting Bedouin characters - were n't really hassled at all for camel rides etc!! And it did leave us with a sense of awe and wonder. It cost us £175 from Taba Heights which included all transfers (ferry, coach etc), buffet lunch at the Marriott and entry to Petra. It was a long day but we thoroughly enjoyed it. Just be ware that the customs/immigration stuff can take the edge of it - especially at the end of a long day.

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