



Wadi Rum Bedouin Culture & Adventure Camps

3-7 days /2-6 nights Wadi Rum Bedouin Culture & Adventure Camps

Bullet points:

- Bedouin experience specifically designed for groups of 5 min to 15 max
- Be part of Bedouin life amongst traditional Bedouin family campsites from your own Bedouin tent for your first 1-2 days (depending upon the duration of your stay). With our Bedouin hosts, we then move tent for the remainder of your stay to a remoter location for your adventure activities.
- Action packed adventure includes (options to choose from) – group / family orientated cultural immersion into Bedouin cultural life (Bedouin music, songs, poetry and riddle games; learning some Bedouin Arabic; family life including cooking, milking goats, weaving, henna art and making soap); Bedouin bush-craft (wildlife tracks and signs, plant uses, walking with the shepherd, making fires and shelters); lovely canyon walks; beginners' group abseiling and rock climbing; camel rides; jeep desert tours; GPS night navigation course; sunset treks and the easy scramble ascent of Jordan's highest mountain. The evening always includes fun and fellowship around the campfire with a delicious Bedouin traditional dish to enjoy (maybe you helped make it?)
- This is eco-tourism (explained below)





Overview:

This is eco-tourism at its best – living with the Bedouin of Wadi Rum. Shabab Sahra will be your hosts, the Desert Youth Association, all from the Azallabeh tribe who belong to this 560km² World Heritage Site, which will be your adventure play-ground for the duration of your stay. Shabab Sahra's members have been working in eco-tourism for many years, but they have recently come together as a local NGO to develop new exciting products – one of which is your Bedouin Culture & Adventure Camp.

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*Please note, this is **eco-tourism**.* Throughout, you are well looked after by the Desert Youth Association and those who work with them. Your base will be a bespoke Bedouin tent set amongst the Bedouin at first, then moving to a remoter area for adventure activities. Your nights will be spent under the stars or in the Bedouin tent. There is no wifi and very little mobile reception for most of your week. The desert is your bathroom with simple advice on how to use it in an eco-friendly sustainable manner (burning paper and burying waste), and washing will be in a private area with soap and a bucket of clean water.

Tour Highlights:

- Bedouin cultural immersion – living in a Bedouin tent with the Bedouin
- Bedouin bush-craft, local exploration and adventure activities





Itinerary Tab

Day 1 - Arrival to Wadi Rum

Collection from the Airport in Amman and transfer to Wadi Rum and your Bedouin camp. Over a delicious evening meal around the camp fire, there will be an informal talk on eco-tourism living followed by Bedouin hospitality and your first night sleeping under the stars or in the traditional black and white goat hair tent, with carpets, cushions and mattresses. Please note that genders sleep in same sex groups unless you are a family – the ladies with the Bedouin ladies in one of their tents; the men, in the adventure camp tent.

Day 2 – Bedouin Culture

We all come together and make the fire, brew Bedouin tea, prepare breakfast with your hosts and discuss the day ahead.

Informal Arabic lesson to suit your abilities. As this is a cultural day, and in Bedouin culture genders have different roles, so you will have the option of genders being in different groups.

Ladies can learn from the Bedouin ladies all about family life, milking goats, plant uses, weaving from goat's hair, henna art and making soap. This is an activity for ladies and their children only (girls of any age and boys under the age of 8) as it is with the Bedouin ladies in their part of the tent or participating in their daily routines.

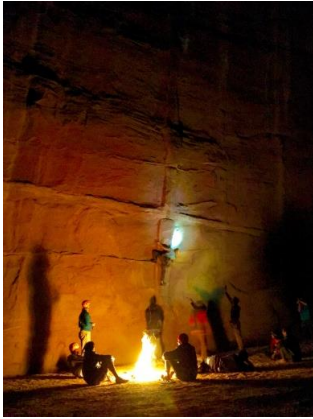


Men and boys on their own, or everyone from the family / group together, can learn about Bedouin bush-craft – the different desert animals, reptiles and birds – spotting them and their tracks and signs; plant uses; walking with the shepherd; weather impacts; milking camels (if lactating) and discussing camel husbandry; shelters and the like so that you will begin to understand indigenous Bedouin knowledge and how they relate to the desert.

Whatever the Bedouin culture activity you choose, everyone will begin to have 'the way of the desert' about them. You will have seen that Bedouin life is very fluid and you will have relaxed into the flow of how they go about their day.

Please note that if the ladies' Bedouin life activity is chosen, it will be difficult for the ladies with their accompanying children to participate in the Bedouin bush-craft activities (there maybe one or two short duration activities that they could participate in, but that will very much depend on how the day is unfolding).

We then come together in the evening. If you are good at playing the guitar, you may like to try playing the 'ude', and if you are good at Arabic, you may like to learn some Bedouin poetry, songs and join in their very funny riddle games (riddle games and some poetry will



be translated into English - other languages catered for upon request). All around a camp fire with a scrumptious Bedouin traditional dinner - maybe you helped make it ...

Days 3-5 (depending upon the duration of your stay)

We move camp with our Bedouin friends to a remote desert location nearer to our adventure activities of (options to choose from depending upon the duration of your stay): canyon treks; easy scramble ascent of Jordan's highest mountain; beginner's group abseil afternoon; beginners' sport rock climbing half day; desert jeep tour; sunset treks; GPS night navigation course; campfires, delicious dinners surrounded by Bedouin friendship - time spent imparting of knowledge, evening traditional music, singing and laughter. The vistas are amazing, combining varied rock formations, the white and red desert sand, towering summits along with gentler outlines. The sunsets are awe inspiring, the moon light on the rock mystical.

Last Day

We break camp in the traditional fashion then we drive to Khuz Ali where camels await to take you on a 2-3 hour camel trek to Rum village where your transfer awaits to take you to your Amman hotel, where you can enjoy the busyness of Amman street life before departing from Amman airport. Lots to reflect on and cherish – an adventure camp of a lifetime.





Tour Details:

Dates: happy to discuss the dates that suit you best.

Eco-tourism:

Please note this eco-tourism adventure training camp involves living in the desert where eco-toilets means burning paper and burying waste in the desert; where washes means soap and a bucket with clean water in a private area; where there is no wifi and very occasional mobile reception.

Meals:

FB: Starting with dinner on first day, to breakfast on last day. Breakfast and dinner in hotels are buffet meals. Bedouin dinners are hot traditional dishes. Lunch is a hot meal; cold breakfast. Hotel drinks with lunch and dinner are not included. Drinks whilst with the Bedouin are included of tea, Bedouin coffee and bottled water.

Transportation:

All transfers are run in private, air-conditioned vehicles, with excellent drivers.

Accommodation:

Hotel accommodation is based on 3-star hotels offering cleanliness with character. Bedouin camps are with Shabab Sahara (Desert Youth) Association (a Wadi Rum NGO, registered with the Jordanian government).

Guides:

The Bedouin have sufficient English Speaking guides. Also we can provide other languages speaking guides upon request.

Terms & Conditions:

Shabab Sahara will select a tour operator will provide terms and conditions.

Prices:

The cost varies depending upon the number of people and specific requirements of each group, including any additional sightseeing and services required. Please contact us with your particular needs to obtain a personal offer.

Cost includes:

- Return transfer to Amman airport.
- Entrance fees to Wadi Rum.
- Transfers by experienced driver in air-conditioned vehicle.



- 2 nights hotel accommodation in a twin share room (single supplement applies if you want a single room); all nights eco-camping in a Bedouin tent.
- FB: Starting with dinner on first day, to breakfast on last day.
- Government Licensed English speaking tour guide on days of sightseeing.
- Porterage at hotels.

Cost excludes:

- Visa fee to Jordan – free for groups, certain conditions apply.
- Departure taxes from Jordan and Israel. Airport tax is usually included on air-tickets. Taxes subject to change with no notice.
- Personal items and drinks with meals.
- Tips to driver & guides, hotels staff and porters.

Tour Options:

Beginning and end of tour excursions in Amman can be arranged depending upon your arrival time.

We have many add on tours for consideration on our website, either for before or after The Best of the Jordan Trail, depending what you would like to do.

