# Petra Desert Marathon

## 07 September 2024

Take part in a historic run, in remarkable settings. The start of the race will make you see parts of this UNESCO World Heritage site that most never will before heading into the lunar-like landscape of the Jordanian desert.

The Petra Desert Marathon is part of a six-day tour package with great opportunity to explore one of the new 7 Wonders of the World.

Before and after the marathon, you'll get the pleasure of tasting delicious Jordanian cuisine, meeting welcoming people, and immersing yourself in their rich history and culture.

With a grand celebration dinner under the stars, a relaxing dip in the Dead Sea and the opportunity to extend your trip on an Adventure tour, you will be flying back home with a suitcase full of memories from this friendly country.

Be sure to check out the additional activities and extension tours on offer.

STANDARD HOTEL PACKAGE			
6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM	
RUNNER	\$2851 AUD	\$3441 AUD	
SUPPORTER	\$2377 AUD	\$2966 AUD	

4\* Grand East Hotel, Dead Sea (or similar)

3\* Hotel Petra Palace Hotel, Petra (or similar)

#### **COMFORT HOTEL PACKAGE**

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6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$3174 AUD	\$2699 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$4284 AUD	\$3810 AUD

5\* Holiday Inn, Dead Sea (or similar)

4\* Petra Moon Hotel, Petra (or similar)

#### **DELUXE HOTEL PACKAGE**

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$3658 AUD	\$4811 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$3184 AUD	\$4336 AUD

5\* Mövenpick Resort & Spa, Dead Sea

5\* Mövenpick Resort Petra

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### PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- GUARANTEED Race entry (Runners Only)
- 5 Nights' accommodation Check in: Wed 04 Sep 2024 Check Out: Mon 09 Sep 2024
- Meet and Greet on Arrival
- Arrival transfer from Amman Airport to the Dead Sea
- 4 scheduled departure transfers from Petra to Amman Airport
- Meals as per the Itinerary including post-race Celebration Dinner (Sunday)
- Transportation during the tour, as per the itinerary
- 3 Day entry into Petra
- English speaking Tour Leader
- Personalised Travelling Fit Running Top Exclusive to Travelling Fit clients
- Invite to Travelling Fit's Petra Marathon Closed Facebook Group Exclusive to Travelling Fit clients



Please Note: All prices are quoted in Australian dollars and are based on a per person basis. Prices and itinerary are subject to change at any time without prior notice.



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# **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1 -04 Sep - Arrival in Jordan and Transfer to The Dead Sea

Arrive in Amman Queen Alia International Airport. Note: A visa is required for all visitors to Jordan. For more visa details please read the Important Info found on the separate leaflet. Once you have collected your luggage and enter the arrival hall, the Petra Marathon representatives will be in the arrivals hall to greet you in the arrivals hall and guide you to the driver that will take you to your hotel at the Dead Sea. The rest of the day/evening is free to relax and enjoy the surroundings. *No meals included this day.* 

#### Day 2 – 05 Sep - The Dead Sea

Today, you will wake up at the Dead Sea – the lowest point on Earth. This day will be all about winding down and relaxing by the pool or floating on the surface of the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is truly unique, a landlocked lake bordering Jordan to the east and Israel to the west, known for being one of the saltiest bodies of water in the world. In fact, it is almost 10 times saltier than regular seawater, making it one of the most fascinating natural phenomena on Earth. This extreme saltiness makes it impossible for plants and animals to thrive in, hence its name. That being said, the Dead Sea is sometimes considered the largest spa in the world, due to its healing properties. It is the perfect way to mentally prepare yourself for the challenge ahead. An optional historical and cultural excursion is offered this day (at extra cost) – contact Travelling fit for details. *Meals included: Breakfast.* 

#### Day 3 - 06 Sep - Dead Sea to Petra. Race Briefing and Pasta Dinner

After breakfast at your hotel, you will check out at 9am, and drive by bus to Wadi Musa (Petra). The journey will take approximately 6 hours. Upon arrival, it's straight to lunch at a local restaurant, where you'll eat all sorts of local delicacies, while waiting for the rooms to be ready for check-in at 3pm. After check-in you will get a few hours to settle in and go out to explore the illustrious "Red Rose City of Petra." The hotel, located at the gate of Petra, means you are only steps away from this ancient rock-carved Nabataean city. Remember, tomorrow you will be able to get exclusive access to the city before it opens its doors to the public. You will also have Sunday to explore this wonderful place.

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

In the evening a carbo-load pasta dinner will be served at your hotel restaurant. You are then welcomed to go back to your rooms to get some well-needed rest before the big day. *Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.* 

#### Day 4 - 07 Sep - Race Day

Today is the day you have been waiting for! After an early wakeup call and a light continental breakfast, all runners meet outside the Petra Visitor Centre just before 6.00am. 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 6.30am for both the marathon 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, an optional local experience is on offer - the Petra Kitchen experience will have you cooking your own traditional Jordanian meal in a fun, inspiring, and delicious way. This can be booked in addition to the tour package. Please check out the separate flyer for more information. *Meals included: Breakfast and Packed Lunch.* 

#### Day 5 - 08 Sep - Petra and Celebration Dinner

Today you get to explore Petra's full glory. After breakfast, it's off to Petra Visitor's Centre to commence a guided tour on foot and learn about the impressive history of yesterday's starting point. The main entrance to the historical and archaeological city of Petra is the Siq. With walls rising 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. After walking through the Siq again, you will continue past the marvellous tombs and caves carved out of the red sandstone cliff while the guide talks about the old Nabateans who created the city. You'll spend some time exploring the area and buy lunch (at own expense), after which the tour ends.

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, to celebrate the completion of the Petra Desert Marathon with a festive celebration dinner. Dine, drink, and dance under the stars. *Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner.* 

#### Day 6 - 09 Sep - Farewell Jordan or Hello Extension

After breakfast you will need to be ready to checkout from your hotel before 12pm (noon). All participants are transferred to Queen Alia International Airport in Amman. Four transfers are available with Airport ARRIVAL times at: 5am, 8am, 1pm, and 6pm. If these times do not suit it is possible to book your own personal transfers at an extra charge. If you have booked one of the extensions, you will start your adventure after breakfast. *Meals included: Breakfast.* 

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