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**PETRA & WADI RUM  
EXPEDITION**

**1 - 14 MAY 2025**

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## Overview

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In partnership with a specialised travel industry insider, we have crafted an itinerary designed exclusively for those seeking an authentic adventure. Picture yourself tracing the footsteps of ancient civilizations, guided by experts who unveil Petra's hidden gems and share its storied past.

Extend your expedition to the majestic Wadi Rum, where the spirit of Lawrence of Arabia still lingers. Here, under the vast desert sky, you'll experience the timeless allure of a Bedouin camp, sharing tales around crackling fires and gazing upon stars that have witnessed centuries of history.

But the adventure doesn't stop there. Join us as we venture into Petra by night, a magical experience that illuminates its ancient marvels under a canopy of stars. Explore the lesser-known wonders of Little Petra, where history whispers through the narrow passages and ancient dwellings carved into the rock.

Cap off your journey with a visit to the Dead Sea, where you can float effortlessly in its mineral-rich waters—a serene moment of relaxation amidst your exhilarating expedition. And for those hungry for more, an optional extension beckons to unravel the mysteries of ancient Egypt—a testament to humanity's enduring legacy.

Join us in 2025 for a bespoke adventure unlike any other, where every detail is meticulously curated to ensure a seamless and enriching experience. From door-to-door hosting to exclusive access to hidden treasures, this is your opportunity to embark on the adventure of a lifetime. Are you ready to step into history and forge unforgettable memories?



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## Itinerary

FRIDAY 2ND MAY / SUNDAY 4TH MAY 2025

### ACCOMMODATION

2 x nights Dubai – 3 star hotel with transfers and morning city tour.

✈️ DEPARTURE: THURSDAY 01 MAY ▶ ARRIVAL: FRIDAY 02 MAY <small>Please verify flight times prior to departure</small>			
<b>EMIRATES EK 0449</b> Duration: 17hr(s) 5min(s) Cabin: Economy Status: Confirmed	<b>AKL</b> AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND Departing At: <b>20:30</b> <b>(Thu, May 1)</b> Terminal: INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL	<b>DXB</b> DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMI Arriving At: <b>05:35</b> <b>(Fri, May 2)</b> Terminal: TERMINAL 3	Aircraft: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A380-800 JET Distance (in Miles): 8824 Meals: Meals Est. emission: 1008.78 kg CO2

✈️ DEPARTURE: SUNDAY 04 MAY <small>departure</small> <small>Please verify flight times prior to</small>			
<b>EMIRATES EK 0903</b> Duration: 3hr(s) 15min(s) Cabin: Economy Status: Confirmed	<b>DXB</b> DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMI Departing At: <b>14:05</b> Terminal: TERMINAL 3	<b>AMM</b> AMMAN, JORDAN Arriving At: <b>16:20</b> Terminal: Not Available	Aircraft: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A380-800 JET Distance (in Miles): 1257 Meals: Meals Est. emission: 157.80 kg CO2



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## DAY 1: 4TH MAY

### AMMAN

Welcome to Jordan. Jordan is a unique country with a wealth of cultural and scenic attractions to offer the visitor. Jordanians are gracious and welcoming hosts and will often surprise you with their command of English. Please remember that religious beliefs, traditional customs and daily manners may sometimes seem quite strange at first. Please be patient if you think things are happening at a different pace than you are used to!

On arrival into Amman Airport, you will be met prior to customs and immigration and assisted with all formalities including your prearranged and paid visa, before transferring to your Amman Hotel.

## DAY 2: 5TH MAY

### AMMAN – JERASH – AJLOUN – AMMAN

Today, explore the Roman ruins of Jerash. Depart your hotel in Amman to visit Jerash, widely regarded as one of the most beautifully preserved cities in the world, nestled at the bottom of a green valley. Start the tour from the "South Gate" into the "Oval Plaza", continue your way down through the "Street of Columns" until you reach the "Arch of Triumph" built on the honour of Emperor Hadrian in 129 AD. After lunch return to Amman for a tour of the city. The tour will take you to the archaeological museums, the Citadel, the amphitheatre, folklore Museum, the souks and the modern part of town, experience falafel and hummus at Hashem Restaurant and knafeh from Habiba Sweets before walking back to your hotel in Amman.



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## DAY 3: 6TH MAY

### AMMAN – DANA NATURE RESERVE

This morning travel on one of the oldest highways on earth, the Kings Highway. This fascinating road into history will include highlights of Madaba where you can view the oldest known map of the "Holy Land" inlaid in mosaics, Mt Nebo where Moses looked out over the "Promised Land" before arriving into Dana Nature Reserve

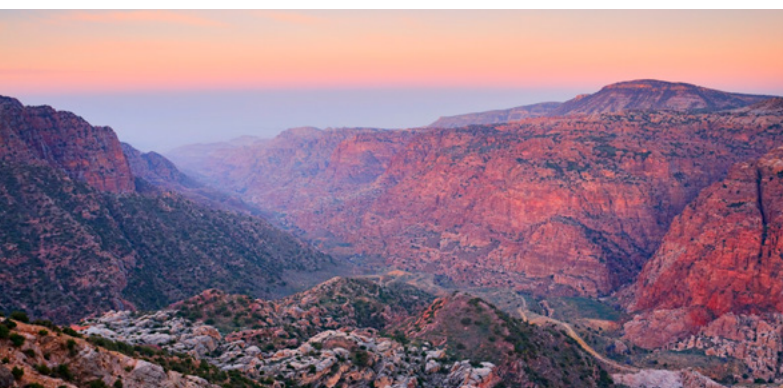
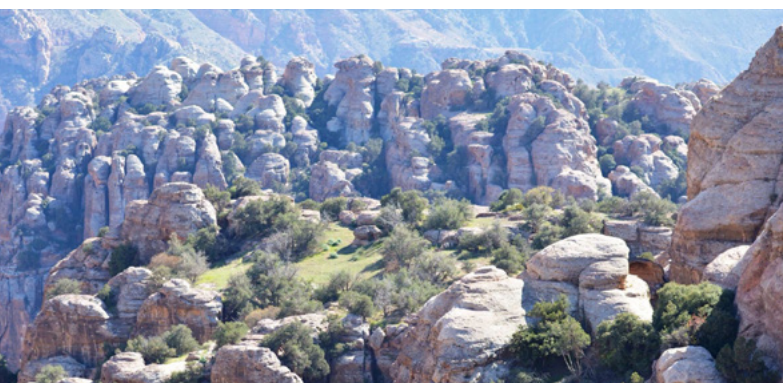
Dana Nature Reserve, nestled in south-central Jordan, captivates visitors with its landscapes and biodiversity. Spanning rugged mountains, canyons, and desert plains, the reserve showcases a diverse array of plant and animal species, some rare and endangered. Its hiking trails offer an immersive experience, leading adventurers to panoramic viewpoints and through ancient canyons.

Beyond its natural wonders, Dana Nature Reserve holds cultural significance, hosting archaeological sites and traditional villages, providing a glimpse into the region's history. Committed to conservation, the reserve actively involves local communities in sustainable practices, ensuring the preservation of its ecological and cultural treasures.

## DAY 4: 7TH MAY

### WADI DANA TRAIL (MODERATE TO DIFFICULT HIKE):

We will make an early start for the drive southwards to the Dana Nature Reserve. Here, we meet our trek crew and trekking guide set off on a first day's walk which will take 5.5 hours including a stop for lunch. The walk from Dana to Feynan is essentially downhill with the initial 800 metre / 2650-foot descent taking place in the first hour of the walk. After this, the route levels out and we can enjoy a far gentler walk through a wide-open valley flanked by the Dana Mountains. Arriving at Wadi Feynan, we get received by one of the top fifty eco-lodges in the world as rated by National Geographic magazine, Feynan's off-the-grid lodge is a special place to stay. The building is perfectly adapted to the climate and landscape of this desert, its water heated by solar panels and its rooms lit only by candles. The darkness of the night sky also makes this one of the best stargazing hotels on earth.



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## DAY 5: 8TH MAY

### DANA NATURE RESERVE – PETRA

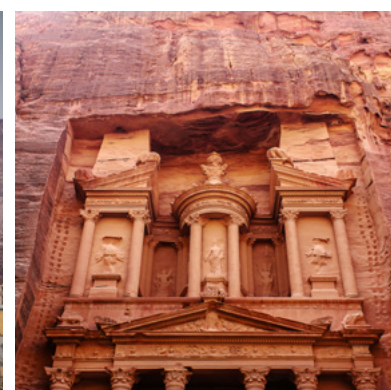
OFF\ON-ROAD ON THE EASTERN PLATEAU SCENIC TRAIL TO PETRA

RIDING: 40KM / 4 HOURS

A transfer from Feynan ( around 2.5 hours' drive) brings us to Shobak, another in the great chain of castles that guarded the eastern edge of the Crusader kingdoms and watched over the old trade routes that ran from the Red Sea coast up towards Damascus.

It was built in 1115 by King Baldwin, one of the leaders of the First Crusade and the first to be crowned King of Jerusalem. Like Kerak, it was part of the principality governed by Reynald of Chatillon in the late 12th century, and it was here at Shobak that Reynald built the ships that he then transported to the coast at Aqaba and used to launch a raiding party towards Mecca. The castle was taken by the Arab Islamic armies of Salaheddin (Saladin) in 1189, and extensively restored in the 14th century by the Mamluk dynasty. There are two churches inside the castle, and if you ask your guides they will show you the steep underground tunnel that the Crusaders cut to get down to the water spring below the castle.

Leaving the castle, we ride along an excellent dirt track that contours around the edge of the Eastern Plateau and offers magnificent views down into the Wadi Araba. There are some short, steep climbs along the way, but this is an enjoyable section of the ride, and the support vehicle is always at hand. Eventually we rejoin the King' Highway and continue towards Wadi Musa arriving at your hotel Petra, nestled in the mountains south of the Dead Sea, is perhaps the most spectacular ancient city remaining in the modern world. The city was the capital of the Nabateans who dominated the lands of Jordan during pre-Roman times. They carved this wonderland of temples, tombs and elaborate buildings out of solid rock. For centuries, Petra fell into the mists of legend, its existence a guarded secret known only to the local Bedouins and Arab tradesmen. In 1812, a young Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt heard locals speaking of a 'lost city ' hidden in the mountains of Wadi Mousa. Burckhardt disguised himself as a pilgrim and discovered the secret of Petra, revealing it to the modern world. In order to best savour the atmosphere of this ancient wonder, visit in the quiet of the morning or late afternoon when the sandstone rock glows red with quiet grandeur.



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## DAY 6: 9TH MAY

### PETRA

Visit Little Petra – Visit Petra from the backdoor trail (hike to the monastery)

16 KM / 8 -10 HOURS (INCLUDING SIGHTSEEING TIME)  
TOTAL ASCENT: 290M / TOTAL DESCENT: 230M

Today's hike brings you into Petra via a spectacular but little-known Bedouin trail through the mountains. You'll begin with a couple of hours walk across open farmland before following the path across the eroded sandstone. Huge views begin to open up across the Great Rift Valley to the west. After another hour the trail descends towards Petra and opens onto one of the city's most impressive sights: the immense rock-cut façade of ad Deir, the Monastery. You can rest and drink tea here, and explore the ruins, before following the stone steps of a Nabataean processional way down into the heart of Petra. After wandering through the temples and tombs you will leave through another secret slot canyon ('the Dark Siq') before turning back towards Petra and following the main siq for the classic entry into the city. This brings you out at Petra's most famous monument, the Treasury. This itinerary offers a long, wonderful day's hiking around Petra, and means you can experience the two greatest approaches to the city in a single day.

### PETRA BY NIGHT

Admire the beauty of Petra by night. Complete your Petra experience with the Petra Night Show. This wonderful experience starts by walking the entire Siq to the Treasury, lit with over 1,500 candles – a magical way to admire the rock city by candlelight and explore the old centre.

*Note: Petra by Night runs every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday only; departs and returns to Petra Visitor Centre; 8.30pm - 10.30pm; guided by a licensed guide of the Visitor Centre.*



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## DAY 7: 10TH MAY

### PETRA - WADI RUM

Today travel to Wadi Rum where Lawrence of Arabia rode across the desert with his Arab liberation army. Take a jeep ride through this impressive moon-like landscape, with its dramatic canyons and dunes. (Duration of jeep trip: 2 hours approx.) and an optional Sunset Camel ride Note: Wadi Rum drivers and jeeps are locally-based, so the quality may vary, and is beyond the control of Dream It.

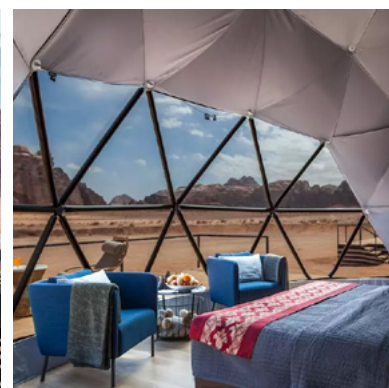
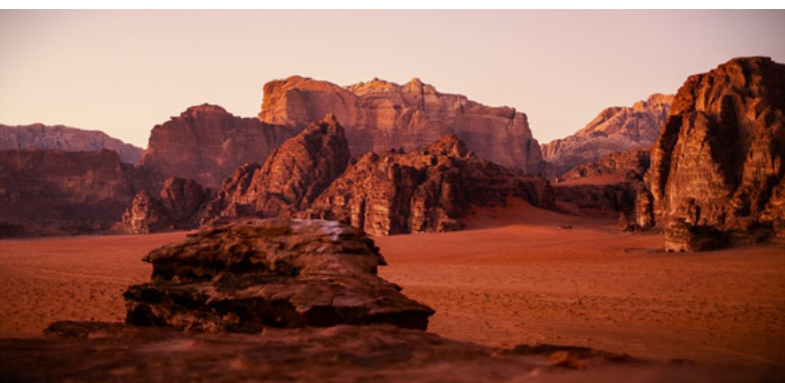
Please note that Camp offers simple accommodation designed to offer guests a unique experience of the authentic charm of the desert. The camp offers 30 tents equipped with private bathrooms and terraces.

Located in the heart of Wadi Rum majestic desert stands Sun City Camp which is magnificently designed to offer its guests a unique experience of the authentic charm of the deserts.

## DAY 8: 11TH MAY

### WADI RUM

Today is a day of exploring with your English speaking Bedouin guides as you combine a jeep tour with 2-3 hours of hiking through this rugged landscape Get close to the sand dunes and the whimsical sandstone mountains of Wadi Rum. Lunch today will be Bedouin style before returning to the camp for the evening.





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## DAY 9: 12TH MAY

### WADI RUM VIA WADI MUJIB – DEAD SEA

Depart the desert region of Wadi Rum and head north to Wadi Mujib Canyoning in Wadi Al Mujib, Siq Trail, 2-3 hours (The trail is subject to the weather conditions, Children below 18 years old are not allowed to participate in the trail).

2KM / 3 HOURS

This is an adventurous self-guided hike that takes you up through the beautiful sandstone ravine of the Wadi Mujib to one of the canyon's highest waterfalls. You'll walk through the clean, shallow river, occasionally crossing waist-deep pools as you make your way upstream. There are two or three points at which ropes or metal ladders have been fixed to the rock to help you climb up. After about an hour you'll get to the falls (18m high), where you can rest and swim in the pools beneath the cascading water. From here you head back the way you came and continue to the Dead Sea – remainder of the day at leisure to have a float in the Dead Sea. Optional Farewell dinner.

There are more difficult trips, but experience is required – this is highly subject to weather conditions. The Dead Sea is 75 kilometres long and from 6 to 16 kilometres wide. It is fed by the Jordan River, but it has no outlet. As its name suggests, the Dead Sea

is entirely devoid of plant and animal life. This is due to an extremely high content of salt and other minerals—350 grams of salt per kilogram of water, as compared to about 40 grams in the world's oceans. This concentration is caused by a rapid rate of evaporation. These natural elements give the waters of the Dead Sea certain curative properties, recognized since the days of Herod the Great over 2000 years ago.

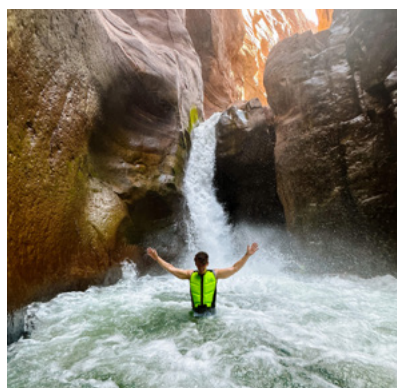
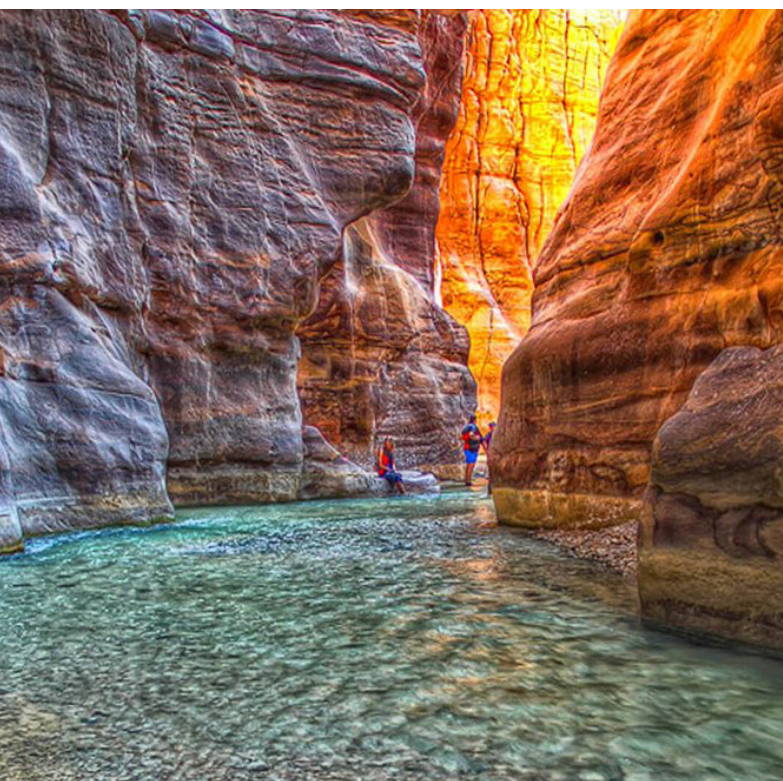
## DAY 10: 13TH MAY

### DEAD SEA

Bid farewell to Jordan (option to extend on the Red Sea or travel to Egypt)

DEPARTURE: TUESDAY 13 MAY <small>Please verify flight times prior to departure</small>			
<b>EMIRATES</b> <b>EK 0906</b> Duration: 3hr(s) 0min(s) Cabin: Economy Status: Confirmed	<b>AMM</b> AMMAN, JORDAN	<b>DXB</b> DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMI	Aircraft: BOEING 777-300ER JET Distance (in Miles): 1257 Meals: Est. emission: 157.46 kg CO2
	Departing At: 02:05 Terminal: Not Available	Arriving At: 06:05 Terminal: TERMINAL 3	

DEPARTURE: TUESDAY 13 MAY ▶ ARRIVAL: WEDNESDAY 14 MAY <small>Please verify flight times prior to departure</small>			
<b>EMIRATES</b> <b>EK 0448</b> Duration: 15hr(s) 45min(s) Cabin: Economy Status: Confirmed	<b>DXB</b> DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMI	<b>AKL</b> AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND	Aircraft: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A380-800 JET Distance (in Miles): 8824 Meals: Est. emission: 1008.78 kg CO2
	Departing At: 10:05 (Tue, May 13) Terminal: TERMINAL 3	Arriving At: 09:50 (Wed, May 14) Terminal: INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL	



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## TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Jordanian Visa.
- Meet and assist upon arrival and departure.
- Accommodation at the above-mentioned hotels on bed & breakfast basis.
- Four dinners: (Two dinners at Dana and Two dinners at Wadi Rum).
- Three lunches as mentioned in the above Itinerary.
- All tours and transfers in AC coaches throughout the program.
- All entrance fees to the above-mentioned sites.
- Bikes, helmets.
- Support vehicle is available in case you got tired.
- Short horse ride in Petra.
- Jeep tour (for two hours) in Wadi Rum on day 07.
- Jeep tour (for five hours) in Wadi Rum on day 08.
- Private English speaking guide throughout the program.
- Cycling guide.
- Daily mineral water inside the vehicle.
- International airfares.
- Hosting throughout.
- Strata Lounge access at Auckland Airport pre departure.

## TOUR PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

- Optional tours and excursions.
- Tipping/Gratuities (please refer to tour notes for a recommended guideline).
- Personal Expenses.
- Departure taxes.
- Hotel charges for minibar or any extra charges.
- Any other services not clearly mentioned in the inclusions above.



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## Jordan

### PETRA

In Petra, the entrance fee includes free access to brochures and maps, a horse ride from the gate to the Siq and 3 hours guided tour. A horse and carriage is available within the Siq – this is booked and paid locally. Tips for horsemen and guides not included.

### DEAD SEA

When travelling to the Dead Sea from Amman, remember to take your passport as there is a security stop enroute where it will need to be produced.

### WADI RUM

The Desert camps, although permanent campsites, have basic infrastructure and facilities.

The standard of accommodation will be lower than that experienced in a hotel.

### VISA ON ARRIVAL IN JORDAN

For New Zealand and Australian passport holders staying more than 2 nights in Jordan, visa upon arrival can be organised by our local representative. Visas can be also pre organised by our local representative for clients arrival into Jordan at Amman Airport, when arriving from Israel at Sheikh Hussein bridge or Arava Borders. For clients arriving from Israel via Allenby Bridge (also known as King Hussein Bridge), visa need to be pre-organised (and prepaid) prior to arrival.



## Trip costs

### TOTAL PACKAGE COST:

**NZD \$9,950 on Twin Share Basis**

Single Supplement option available	NZD \$1,435
Optional Camel Ride at Wadi Rum	NZD \$50
Personal Comprehensive Travel Insurance (price may vary with age and pre-existing medical conditions)	NZD \$402*

### PAYMENT DATES

In order to meet the necessary arrangements and preparations with our travel partners and agents we request the following payment schedule:

<b>Deposit Payment</b>	NZD \$2,500	Upon registration
<b>Progress Payment</b>	NZD \$5,000	Due 1st February 2025
<b>Balance Payment</b>	NZD \$2,450	Due 1st April 2025

### BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bank Account details for payment are as follows:

Dream It NZ  
02-0492-0136659-00

Invoices will be sent to you via email.

### REQUIRED NEXT STEPS

Upon receipt of your deposit payment we will require the following to confirm your booking:

- Scanned copy of your Dream It Client form. This will be emailed to you.
- Scanned copy of your passport. Please ensure your passport is valid at least 6 months from the start of your trip.
- Scanned copy of your travel insurance cover.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This package is based on the following terms and conditions.

1. Group departures are based on reaching the minimum number of 10 participants being reached. Maximum group size of 12.
2. Inclusions as specified.
3. All prices are subject to change until paid in full and prices are all subject to availability. Prices are for cash or bank transfer. There will be a 2.5% surcharge for Visa/Mastercard payments and a 3.5% surcharge for Amex/Diners. Your name on the electronic ticket must be the same as on your passport upon your return to prevailing travel pricing conditions in May 2024.
4. Prices are quoted for economy return airfare and twin share accommodation. Single supplement and flight upgrades are available upon request.
5. Itinerary subject to change.



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# NO REGRETS

For Dream It to succeed, so must you. Our ultimate goal is to give you an amazing and epic Dream It adventure in the best possible way with no regrets. At Dream It, our no regrets policy is all about ensuring you get the most out of your adventure by being well prepared and informed.

We will prepare a pre departure event for our Dream It family so we all get the chance to meet one another before we depart. We will also set up a closed facebook group specific for this trip to provide regular travel updates and information plus advice and guidance leading into our epic trip.

## Key contacts

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