

One of the most common pre-trip questions we receive is all about what to pack, and what the essential items are. This is a list of recommended kit to take on this trek. We have tried to pare down this kit list to the absolute must-haves for your trek, but above all you should use your common sense and your own personal preferences when you are packing. Check out our additional guidelines at the bottom of this list!

## RUCKSACKS AND BAGS

- Day sack 25-30L
- Large Rucksack/Duffle bag
- Waterproof liner\*

## SLEEPING

- 4 season sleeping bag (Oct/Nov departures)
- 2-3 season sleeping bag (Mar/Apr/Sept)
- Sleeping bag liner\*
- Thermarest\* for extra comfort (a foam mattress will be provided)

## FOOTWEAR

- Walking boots with ankle support
- Trekking sandals or trainers for evenings & sightseeing
- Desert gaiters\*
- Hiking socks
- Spare laces\*

## CLOTHING

- Lightweight waterproof and breathable jacket and over-trousers. GORE-TEX recommended
- Down jacket
- Fleece top – very cold at night
- Wicking t-shirts
- Trekking trousers (not jeans)
- Thermals
- Long-sleeved lightweight shirt
- Bandana/buff/scarf
- Sun hat and woolly hat (gets cold at night)
- Gloves for the cold
- Casual clothes
- Swimwear for Dead Sea
- Hiking shorts\*
- Smart clothes for the celebratory meal\*

## GENERAL TREKKING EQUIPMENT

- LED Head torch plus spare batteries
- Water bottles/bladder min 3L
- Sunglasses
- High-energy snacks (cereal bars, dried fruit, chocolate, nuts)
- Plastic bags/dry bags for keeping clothes and docs dry
- Walking poles\*
- Portable power bank\*
- Camera\*
- Contact lenses (plus spare glasses)\*
- Gaffa tape\*
- Ear plugs\*

## SMALL FIRST AID KIT

- Your own medication
- Pain killers
- Plasters
- KT Tape
- Blister pads such as Compeed
- Antiseptic wipes
- Insect repellent
- Diarrhoea tablets
- Rehydration tablets/sachets
- Dextrose tablets for extra energy\*
- Deep heat\*
- Knee supports\*

## TOILETRIES

- Personal toiletries
- Dry wash/dry shampoo\*
- Wet wipes (dispose of these responsibly please)
- Towel
- Talcum powder
- Tissues
- Roll of toilet paper
- Nappy bags/Ziplock bags for used toilet tissue

- Sun screen (min factor 30)
- Aftersun/moisturiser
- Anti-bacterial hand gel (washing water limited in the desert)

## DOCUMENTS

- Passport
- Tickets
- Photocopy of passport
- Cash in Jordanian Dinar
- Debit/credit card
- Copy of travel insurance

**KEY\*** Indicates Optional

If you do not own some of this equipment and do not wish to spend a lot of money on buying equipment, then we would highly recommend hiring equipment from our partners at [Outdoorhire](#). They can hire really good quality outdoor equipment for weekends and often hiring a high-quality piece of equipment is better than purchasing a cheap version.

# MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR KIT

## PACKING

As no formal clothes are needed, luggage should be kept to the absolute minimum. During this challenge, bags will be transported by bus and 4 x 4 vehicles so please only bring soft rucksack/duffel bags – no hard suitcases. Your day sack should have a thick waist strap for maximum comfort. Other things to consider are back ventilation, hydration compatibility and gear loops for stowing walking poles. Waterproof liners or bags are essential for keeping valuables and clothes dry within your pack.

## CLOTHES

Temperatures can fluctuate enormously from day-night. Lots of light layers are key, as well as a synthetic or down jacket. Make sure that you wear and test your kit before arrival, particularly your hiking boots and socks.

Please remember that Jordan is an Islamic country, so modest dress is preferable, but not essential, in the towns and cities. In this case, shoulders should be kept covered, and full-length trousers/skirts are recommended. Shorts are okay though – particularly once on the trek.

## SLEEPING

If you particularly feel the cold then upgrade your sleeping bag to the next level e.g. from 2 Season to 3 Season. Don't forget a silk sleeping bag liner for extra comfort without taking up too much space in your pack. Mattresses will be provided. You can take a pillowcase or dry bag and stuff it with clothes or a jacket to create a pillow to sleep on. Otherwise, you can purchase an inflatable pillow. Another handy tip is to keep your camera in your sleeping bag as you sleep. This will conserve the battery, which can run down quickly in cold temperatures.

## HYDRATION

During exercise your fluid needs increase dramatically and hydration is vital. There are various ways to get the right fluids into your body, with many people using water bladders or bottles. Another alternative is a widemouth bottle with a drinking tube adaptor. Rehydration tablets are always good as they'll help you maintain a healthy balance of electrolytes—like sodium, potassium, and magnesium—which are essential to keeping your body hydrated. Only put rehydration tablets in a water bottle, not a water bladder as they make them go mouldy. You could carry a litre Nalgene bottle as this can act as a spare if the bladder is split and also can be used as a handy hot water bottle!

## HEALTH

Make sure you take a first-aid kit with you. Zinc Oxide tape or KT Tape is a handy addition, as it is often a lifesaver for blisters. Tape up your feet before trekking and this will reduce the chance of you developing hotspots. In addition, when applying your sunscreen, make sure that you cover the backs of your hands as well as your face and neck. Don't forget to take an SPF stick for your lips as well.