

## **TRAVEL TIPS FOR PETRA, JORDAN (FOR DAY TRIPS FROM EILAT)**

1. Jordanian visa must be secured prior to departure and a fee of \$69.00 is payable in advance and is non-refundable. Ayelet Tours can apply for the visa on behalf of clients upon request. Travelers to Petra must provide accurate passport information to allow Ayelet Tours to secure a Jordanian visa, a minimum of 10 days in advance of travel. If accurate information is not provided, travelers will be denied entry into Jordan with no refund of tour or visa fee costs.
2. Israeli and Jordanian border taxes (roughly \$65.00 per person) will either be pre-collected by your tour leader, or may be paid directly in person in US currency when you cross the border. This applies when entering Jordan. Credit/debit card, travelers' checks or other currency are not accepted.
3. **Don't forget to bring your valid US passport.**
4. When arriving at Petra, there are horses available to take you to the entrance to the canyon (Ciq). There is no cost, but a \$3.00 - \$5.00 tip is expected for the horse handler.
5. A limited number of horse drawn carriages are available that can take you through from the national park entrance, through the Ciq (canyon) to the Treasury (a little under ½ mile). The carriages are small and take 2 people each at a cost of roughly \$15.00 per person or \$30.00 for a single traveler. The road is bumpy and may not be suitable for those with back or other health conditions that would warrant avoiding such rides.
6. Camel or donkey rides are also available from the Treasury further into Petra. Price can be negotiated, but are usually about \$30.00 per person, one-way.
7. Typically, the tour of Petra itself takes 3-4 hours at the site.
8. Please note day tour includes lunch. Lunch is served (buffet style) at the end of the tour, usually about 2:30 or 3:00 pm. You can pick up a snack at the rest stop before entering Petra. Beverages are NOT included with the lunch, but are available for purchase.
9. US Dollars are widely accepted along the way. Bring \$10.00 - \$20.00 in singles for tips, snacks and drinks.
10. The temperature in Petra may possibly be significantly cooler than in Eilat due to elevation. Be prepared by dressing in layers especially during winter months! Don't forget to wear comfortable, closed shoes – you'll be walking quite a bit on uneven surfaces. Regardless, be prepared with sun protection including a hat, sunglasses, sun block, etc. and plan to remain hydrated by purchasing and consuming bottled water where and when possible.
11. If you are on a tour where tips may have been pre-collected, do remember additional tips for excellent service (guide and driver) are always appreciated.

**Have fun and take lots of pictures. Petra is truly a wonder of the world!**

