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CLIMBING IN JORDAN

Programme : 8 days (12 days also possible on request, for example **CHRISTMAS 2004**). **IF YOU WISH TO STAY FOR 12 DAYS, LET US KNOW WHEN YOU BOOK ; the price remains the same as for 8 or 9 days, providing there are sufficient participants, except that transport to PETRA is not included in the 12 DAY price.**

Days 1 and 2 :

Flight Paris - Amman, Aqaba or to EILAT and transfer to AQABA. Few hours wait in transit in Amman at night. On arrival in Aqaba, we can swim in the Red Sea, amongst the fabulous coral and multicoloured fish. View over the Sinai and Israël.
Climbing on pink granite or sandstone in the Wadi Rum canyons (short training climbs) ..

Day 3 : A BEDOUIN ROUTE (a MUST in this magical desert) or BIG WALL CLIMBING

From today, the participants will be divided into two groups, according to climbing standard. Participants climbing at grade 4 or 5 climb HAMDAD'S ROUTE at JEBEL RUM, 1754 m - the highest summit in Jordan... in a fantastic gorge setting, with lots of atmosphere and accompanied by our Bedouin friend, SABBAAH. Participants climbing at a higher level climb LE PILIER DE LA SAGESSE / 5c and 6b ; or AQUARIUS / 6a and A1 or 6c, also on the East face of JEBEL RUM, a wonderful, mysterious route leading to the bivouac site between the domes, and waiting friends! Bivouac around a camp fire, next to a juniper or a giant cypress tree, beneath thousands of stars : unlike the Sahara or the Sinai, the nights here are never freezing cold.

Day 4 :

Return to the village of RUM, descent via EYE OF ALLAH or SABBAAH'S CANYON in two groups, following the tracks of the ibex. In the afternoon, we all climb on the magnificent 3 – 4 pitch routes at the foot of JEBEL RUM.

Days 5 and 6 : HIKE - CLIMB in the wonderful RAKABAT UM EJIL canyon, at the end of which a jeep awaits to take us climbing on a grade 5 wall ; for example at JEBEL BURDAH, finishing on the famous summit 'rock bridge'.

Group 1 (grade 4 and 5) climb the East face of JEBEL UM ISHRIN, after traversing the RAKABAT UM EJIL CANYON, then the East face of JEBEL BURDAH. Group 2 (5c à 7a), has the choice of either climbing two different routes in two days (VANISHING PILLAR at AL KHARAZEH, 6a, fabulous, then on the West face of DRAIF EL MURAGH) or spending two days on the ASTIER route on the North face of JEBEL AL KHARAZEH, 6c.

At the end of the day, departure by car for the antique city of Petra.

Day 7 : All the buildings are cut directly into the rock. Pleasant, easy ascent of a 200m wall at FARASA or at ER DEIR, unusual view over the Nabatean town from the domes.

Petra. Visits to the tombs, temples, places of sacrifice, both in the canyons full of flowering oleanders and on the summits from which the Nabatean look-outs and warriors kept watch. Evening departure for WADI RUM, the biggest and most fabulous sandstone mountain range in the Middle East, stretching as far as Saudi Arabia. Red or cream coloured sandstone monuments, 700 metres high : the longest sandstone walls on the planet !!

Day 8 : Flight back to Europe for those who have to return home! EXTRA DAY IN PETRA FOR THOSE WHO STAY !!



Days 9 et 10 :

For these two days, our base camp will no longer be at the RUM rest-house camp site, as we leave to camp for two nights in the desert : we pitch our tents at EL BARRAH CANYON often called *ABU JUDAIDAH CANYON*. Climbing at all grades on the TOUR DE L'ARCHE at JEBEL ABU JUDAIDAH, at MERLIN'S WAND, at JEBEL BARRAH...

Day(8 or) 12:

Morning: return to RUM then to AQABA for return flight. Transit via Amman. Swimming and sight seeing.

Days 8 or 12 :

Amman - Paris.

PRICE :

1900 EUROS per person if at least 3 participants , otherwise 2300 EUROS per person for 3 persons
(or all guide's expenses + guided days at 300 euros per climbing day) (15% REDUCTION for groups of more than 4 persons or for autonomous climbers with no guide).

This price includes : the flight PARIS-AQABA-PARIS, land transport in Jordan, accommodation and half board, tents, training and supervision by a high mountain guide.

This price does not include : POSSIBLE NIGHTS IN HOTELS (AMMAN, AQABA, PETRA), visa expenses, airport taxes, cancellation insurance, drinks with meals or otherwise, MIDDAY MEALS and CLIMBING FOOD. For those participants staying for 12 days, return transport to PETRA is NOT INCLUDED.

NUMBER of PLACES :

9 places maximum, in two groups, according to climbing standard (2 guides).

PERIODS :

March - April - May October - November - December.

Note : For trips to Jordan, the price of possible nights in hotels (optional) is not included.

Departures 2005 and 2006: November : definite departure 25th October and 1st NOVEMBER

departures May and November : 9 days. =

(per pers. for a GROUP of 4 to 6 persons).

- * 20th October to 1st November
- * 27th October to 6th November
- * April, May, and also November