



Social Programme

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Regional Conference INVESTING IN TOURISM FOR AN INCLUSIVE FUTURE: Challenges and Opportunities 26-27 October 2016 - Petra, Jordan

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities of Jordan has arranged the following social programme:

Tuesday, 25 October (for all speakers and participants)

- 18:45 Pick-up from hotels
- 19:00 Light dinner in Restaurant Cave, located beside the Entrance to Petra and Hotel Mövenpick
- 20:00 Petra by Night (good shoes and jacket)

Special programme for spouses

Wednesday, 26 October - Petra Site Tour

Departure: 10:00 a.m. (from Mövenpick Hotel)

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Thursday, 27 October - Shoubak Castle

Departure: 10:00 a.m. (from Mövenpick Hotel)

This crusader castle was known as "Mont Real." It is located about an hour north of Petra. The castle's exterior is impressive, with a large gate and encircling triple wall. Despite the precautions of its builder, the fortress fell to Saladin only 75 years after it was built, were Arabic Inscriptions were added to the castle walls.

We would kindly ask for your confirmation Ms. Lina Younis at Petra Tours: Lina.Younis@petratours.com
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Friday, 28 October (for all conference participants)

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Hiking trail:

Al Madras, a Petra "suburb" where caravans were held upon reaching the Nabatean capital, is an area with a number of decorated cave facades behind the Obelisk Tomb. This special route into Petra climbs along the southern cliff of the Siq and involves several scrambles over steep sandstone escarpments. At one point in this trek, you will arrive at a vantage point on the cliff side facing the Khazneh (Treasury) from high above, and be able to watch visitors walk out of the Siq below you. The journey continues along the rugged mountains to the High Place of Sacrifice, where the Nabatean altars, an obelisk and foundations of the priest's house are still visible, as well as a splendid panoramic view of the Petra city center below. Descend through Wadi Farasa, passing the Lion Fountain and the Roman Soldier's Tomb. Visit the recently excavated Nabatean Villa and the Great Temple as you return to the center of the ancient site.

Duration of trip is 6 hours & it is with medium difficulty passing Sacrifice place – Wadi Farasa – End at Basin Restaurant.

We would kindly ask for your confirmation to Ms. Dua'a Hinnawi, Senior Operations Officer, Jordan Tourism Board Duaa@visitjordan.com (cc. Ansam.Malkawi@MOTA.GOV.JO / wg-jordan@unwto.org).