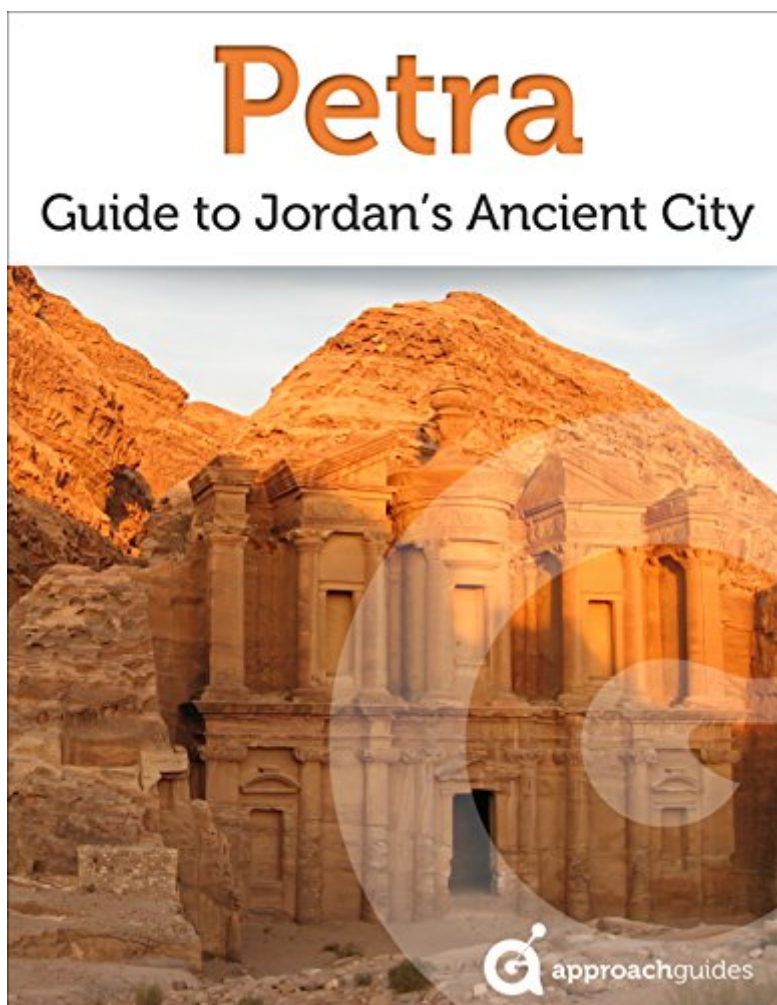


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# Petra: Guide To Jordan's Ancient City (2017 Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

RECENTLY UPDATED FOR 2017! With high-resolution images, maps and a detailed tour itinerary, this is the definitive travel guide to Jordan's ancient city of Petra. Petra's temples and tombs "carved into the sandstone cliffs of Jordan's Negev Desert" are a sight to be seen. They stand witness to the greatness of the Nabataean civilization which thrived from 312 BCE - 106 CE. Just as the Nabataeans' trading network brokered goods between East and West, its architecture bridged styles, yielding a creative mix of Mesopotamian (East) and Greek (West) traditions. It is yours to discover.

**What's in this guidebook\*** Comprehensive look at Petra's art and architecture. We provide an overview of Petra's art and architecture, isolating trademark features that you will see again and again as you make your way through the old city's highlights. As part of this review, we highlight those features that were likely borrowed from Mesopotamian and Hellenistic prototypes. To make things come alive, we have packed our review with high-resolution images.

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**Itinerary** In total, this guidebook profiles thirteen of Petra's top sites for art and architecture. To help you prioritize your touring itinerary, we mark the absolute must-see sites with asterisks (\*).

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A quick guide on what to expect. Not as much history as I would have liked, but one learns a lot when in Petra.

This is a very good guide to one of antiquity's grandest sites. It provides good history, descriptions, and explanations of the various portions of the site which is so much more than the well known Treasury. Be prepared to spend at least one full day at this magnificent site. This book makes the

experience much more meaningful.

Petra is amazing. It is in Jordan, so people hesitate, but we felt perfectly safe. The book is a little detailed for me, but has good pictures. If you can go to the Middle East, don't miss this place, and ride a camel!

This is a good book that provided me with a lot of useful information that I was able to incorporate into a construction 101 paper on the Petra. I think that this would be a good book for many different grade levels and I felt that it was an interesting read as well.

Second time here. Much better this time due to our wonderful guide Daoud! Rode horse in and camel out. It's a nice walk which I did last time, but fun on the local animals. Judy

A very useful book in terms of understanding the facade of the Nabataean buildings of Petra, incredibly fascinating ancient city.

Comprehensive guide that gave a first time visitor enough information to read- as- you -go but not too much to overwhelm.

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