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Al Aqaba Tours by Lek Boonlert

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Al Aqaba is ideally situated for day excursions to some of the best historical sites in Jordan.

The hidden city of Petra is the number one site in Jordan, sometimes known as the Rose City. This famous complex, hidden behind rock cliffs is a two hour drive from Al Aqabar and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is a city of exceptional architecture, providing a unique insight into the Nabatean culture that existed in Southern Jordan 2,000 years ago.

For sheer spectacle, the Wadi Rum is hard to beat. Just 68 kilometres from Al Aqabar, it is one of the most beautiful desert areas in the world, now classed as a nature reserve. The Wadi Rum features sandstone mountains set in the midst of a pink sand desert. There is a small settlement of Bedouins who are welcoming and informative.

Whilst in Al Aqabar you mustnâ€™t miss the opportunity to visit the Dead Sea; at 400 metres below sea level, this is the lowest point on earth.

Pharos Island is a mere 45 minute boat ride from Al Aqabar, in the Gulf of Aqaba and is the perfect spot for a day of water activities. History lovers can explore the Crusader castle, so there is something for all the family here. There are plenty of boat-hire companies offering excursions; they usually leave early in the morning and return in the evening, giving visitors a long relaxing day on the beach. Your Al Aqabar hotel will have details of operators, or may even provide their own excursion.

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