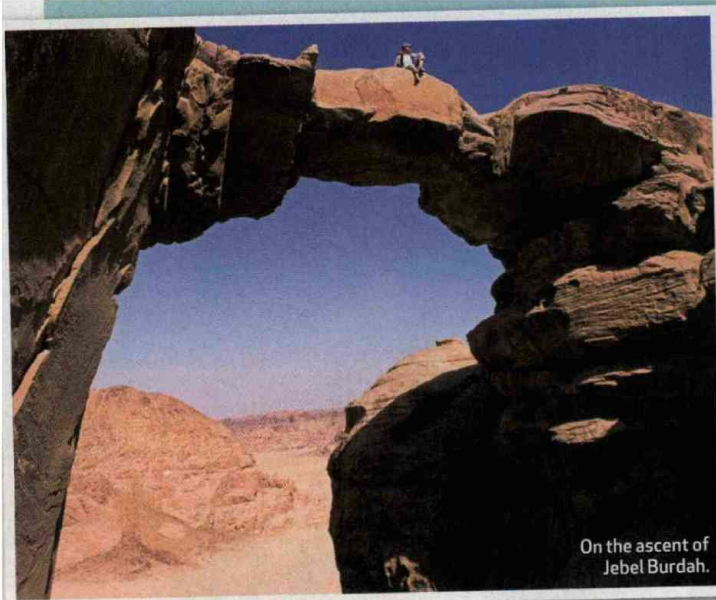


25 Walks of a Lifetime



On the ascent of
Jebel Burdah.

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Made famous by Lawrence of Arabia, Wadi Rum is a desert maze of wind-rounded humps and towers of red sandstone that rise from a carpet of pale sand. Starting from Disseh village, the five-day Jebel Burdah trek involves easy walking through a landscape riddled with broad troughs and thin, winding canyons to the rock arches of Um Fruth and Jebel Burdah, the high point of the route at 1,350m. The burnt orange Khazali Canyon and open, sand-rippled expanse of Wadi um Ischrin follow, plus the chance to climb a towering rust-coloured sand dune and slither and slide your way back down as if it were a hot snow slope. Nights are spent in traditional Bedouin tents and don't miss the side trip to Petra, a desert city whose buildings are intricately carved into the sheer sandstone cliffs.

Guidebook: 'Jordan Walks, Treks, Caves, Climbs & Canyons' by Di Taylor & Tony Howard, pb Cicerone.

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