

FIVE CANYONS

NUMBER OF DAYS: 5

TREK CATEGORY: LEISURE TREKS

Our Leisure treks are very accessible, designed with most anyone in mind; anyone that is, who is looking for a bit of exertion along with their vacation. Walking days can be upwards of 6 hours often over mountains and down into valleys. The reward for tired legs are beautiful views, fresh mountain air and the satisfaction of arriving at your destination whether that be a remote ecolodge, an oasis, a walled orchard or your guesthouse in St. Catherine's.

SUMMARY: The group meets up in one of the remote beach camps in Nuweiba. You will be welcomed by the Terrabin tribe, who will have made all preparations including cameleers and guides for the next 5 days. Choose to spend a night in the camp and get a bit of snorkeling in before departing, or leave right away it's up to you.

	Distance	Vertical Ascent
Day 1	17 km	770 m
Day 2	23 km	390 m
Day 3	15 km	340 m
Day 4	Open Day	Open Day
Day 5	13.5 km	280 m
TOTALS	68.5 km	1,780 m



The trek begins in Wadi Milha a twisting valley leading to Wish Washi where we'll enjoy our first tea stop. The morning continues up the valley and opens into a beautiful red sandy basin and a large oasis where we'll stop for lunch in the shade of palm trees. We'll need the energy as the largest climb of the day looms ahead. A half hour beyond the climb we meet the next two canyons of the hike, as closed canyon – which requires a bit of scrambling up and under large boulders – leads to the colored canyon, a hot-spot on the Sinai tourist circuit. We move on, walking over a plateau strewn with colorful glass-like pebbles before dropping down into the valley where our first night will be spent in soft sand.

The second day is the longest. We walk in the cool morning air and have the option of washing at a small oasis surrounded by old Bedouin settlements. We reach rainbow canyon a beautiful place to stop for lunch and thus have the time to explore. The afternoon is a long 9 km stretch of sand, which may be a good time to hop on a camel until reaching the evening's campsite in a remote oasis surrounded by opium and marijuana gardens.

The next morning we leave the oasis and alternative agriculture behind and walk a long straight stretch for two hours. The valley, with mountains towering on either side gives the feeling of a grand avenue the world's biggest cities can only attempt to replicate. The path leads to a long sandy ascending valley, another good opportunity to ride the camel for tired legs. The top, a huge Sand Dune with beautiful views, will be the night's campsite. We will have time to enjoy the area thoroughly as the next day is open to either relaxation or exploration of the surrounding sandstone peaks.

The final day towards Ain Khodra is also stunning. A narrow winding gulley takes us off the giant sand dune and through remote canyons, made of chalk and sandstone. Beautiful sandstone structures and open soft sandy plateaus are the scenery that accompany us to our final destination. After hours of walking through wind and sand, the sight of Ain Khodra's large green palm trees is beautiful. There is water to spare there, so rinse off and sit around the arisha sipping tea and recounting the stories of your adventure. Which was your favorite canyon?