



Description

Al-Khazneh ("The Treasury") is Petra's iconic rock-cut monument, carved into sandstone by the Nabataeans in the 1st century CE. Despite its nickname, it was likely a royal tomb, not an actual treasury. The façade (~39 m tall) blends classical and local design: six columns and a broken pediment with a central tholos (circular shrine) - features inspired by Hellenistic Alexandria. The façade is adorned with mythological figures (such as dancing Amazons and the twin gods Castor and Pollux), reflecting a blend of Greek and Nabataean artistic traditions.

Specifications

Country: Jordan

Region: Petra

Site: Petra Archeological Park

Material: Stone

Age: Antiquity

Provenance: Petra

Model URL: <https://gdh.org/model/al-khazneh-the-treasury/>