

Deserts Ruins Reefs 11 Days



Combining incredible ruins, castles, deserts & stunning coastline. Visit Jerash, test your buoyancy in the Dead Sea, make like Indiana Jones at the Rose City of Petra, enjoy a thrilling 4x4 trip at Wadi Rum & soak up the sun by the Red Sea in Aqaba/Tala Bay.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Amman / Ends in: Amman
- Departs: Saturdays - year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 10, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 3
- Hotel Rating: 3 star, 4 star - Aqaba (+wadi rum desert camp)
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1: Amman

Saturday. Welcome to Jordan and the start of your holiday! Arrive Amman and included onward transfer to our hotel. Overnight - [Amman](#)

Day 2:

Amman - Jerash - Umm Qais - Amman. Driving north, we visit the awesome Roman ruins of Jerash. The 2,000 year-old Graeco-Roman ruins of Jerash are recognised as one of the best-preserved member cities of the Decapolis, a confederation of 10 Graeco-Roman cities. When Emperor Hadrian paid a visit in 129 AD, the place was buzzing. The citizens threw up a Triumphal Arch for him which still stands today. Exemplifying the finesse of Roman urban life, the town boasts a hippodrome the old sports field that once held 15,000 spectators, a stunning amphitheatre and colonnaded street paved with original stones and the rut marks of chariots. From here, we travel to the modern town of Umm Qais, which is the site of the ancient Graeco-Roman town of Gadara, one of the cities of the Decapolis with panoramic views over the Sea of Galilee. Overnight - [Amman](#)

Day 3:

Amman - Mt Nebo - Umm ar Rasas - Petra. This morning, we tour the citadel of Amman, Archaeological Museum and enjoy free time shopping in the local souq, before visiting Mt Nebo - the single most important biblical site in Jordan. Having led the Israelites for 40 years through the wilderness, Moses finally saw, from this awesome vantage point, the Promised Land, that God forbid him to set foot in. We too can enjoy the wonderful panoramic views of the Jordan River Valley, the northern shore of the Dead Sea, Jericho on the opposite bank and (on clear days) the towers on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

Later we explore the roman ruins and beautiful mosaics of Umm ar-Rasas. The mosaic floor of the Church of St Stephen dates to 785, over 150 years after Muslim rule was established in Jordan, and depicts the cities of the day including Jerusalem, with Palestinian cities below such as Nablus and Gaza and seven Trans-Jordanian cities including Philadelphia (modern-day Amman), Madaba and Karak. Overnight - [Petra](#)



Day 4: The Rose City

Petra. Chief among Jordan's many archaeological riches is the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Rose City of Petra. Rediscovered in 1812 by the young Swiss explorer Jean Louis Burckhardt, it remains on the list of many travellers. We access the hidden archaeological treasures of the Rose City on a walk through a narrow, deep siq, where the rocks finally give way to reveal the Treasury of Petra. It's natural to have an Indiana Jones moment here as it was this building that served as the Holy Grail's resting place and the prize Indy so coveted. Petra is an erosion-hewn masterpiece. Sandstone shot with minerals burst into colour giving off blue, red, orange and green hues. The intrepid can ascend the hundreds of rock-cut steps to Ad-Deir. Better known as the Monastery, Ad-Deir has a similar facade to that of the Treasury, but is far bigger and the views from the nearby cliff-tops are awesome.

Want to learn how to cook Middle Eastern food? Consider opting for our Petra Kitchen bolt-on tonight! Overnight - [Petra](#)



Day 5: Wadi Rum

Petra - Wadi Rum. This morning return to Petra for further exploration before we depart for Wadi Rum. A vast, silent landscape of ancient riverbeds, pastel coloured stretches of sandy desert and amazing rock formations known as jebels that rise from the desert floor, the desert landscape of Wadi Rum is an unspoiled natural beauty, forged by millions of years of geological formation, erosion and evolution. Boarding 4x4 jeeps, we take a safari through the sand dunes, getting up close and personal to the surrounding scenery. Tonight, we enjoy a Jordanian dinner with the opportunity to camp out under the stars (it you wish) or in permanent tents. Overnight - [Wadi Rum](#)

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Day 6: Dead Sea

Wadi Rum - Karak - Dead Sea - Madaba. This morning, we explore the vast well preserved 12th century crusader castle of Al Karak. It took the Crusaders some twenty years to erect their fortified stronghold, which through the proceeding centuries withstood countless attack and siege. Once finished in 1161, it became the residence of the lord of Transjordan, by then the most important fief of the Crusader kingdom, rich in produce and tax revenues. Note: Shobak crusader castle maybe visited as an alternative to Karak.

Straddling the border between Israel and Jordan, the Dead Sea is the lowest spot on the Earth's surface. The mineral content of 33%. We spend the afternoon swimming, lathering up with a detoxifying mud bath and bobbing about in the ever warm mineral-rich body of water. After we drive onward to the bustling Muslim-Christian market town of Madaba. Overnight - [Madaba](#)



Day 7:

Madaba - Aqaba/Tala Bay. Famed for it's Byzantine mosaics, including the fascinating map of the Holy Land made in the 6th century out of two million stone pieces and now housed in the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, Madaba - it's mosaics, quaint village shops and local market are all here to explore.

Leaving Madaba we drive south to the Red Sea resort town of

Aqaba, and 15km further south to the idyllic beaches of Tala Bay. Upon arrival we enjoy an included hotel buffet dinner this evening. Overnight - [Aqaba](#)

Days 8 - 9:

Wake up to some Red Sea relaxation with the following days offering free for you to independently explore, swim, snorkel, dive or simply relax. Azure blue waters brimming with kaleidoscopic marine life are a real attraction here on Jordan's Red Sea coast line. Why not undertake some scuba diving or snorkelling?

Travellers will be accommodated in a 4 star hotel with sea or pool view room. The resort complex of Tala Bay features a number of hotels, restaurants, 3 swimming pools, private marina, Gym and fitness centre, private beach (300m away) water sports, diving, and snorkelling. There is also a free shuttle service running three times daily allowing you to choose to spend the day by the beach/ pool or shopping, dining and or enjoying the nightlife of nearby Aqaba. Overnight - [Aqaba/Tala Bay](#)



Day 10:

Tala Bay - Amman. Spend the day at the beach or pool. Alternatively head out for a last minute shopping and or souvenir hunting. Both Aqaba and Tala Bay are located within Jordan's a Duty Free Zone making this the ideal place to purchase alcohol, perfume, cosmetics and many other duty free items. Afternoon transfer to Amman and evening at leisure. Overnight - [Amman](#)



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Day 11: Amman

Tuesday. Amman - Amman airport. Our tour concludes after breakfast, bid farewell to Jordan and onward departure transfer to Amman's Queen Alia airport.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Amman - Citadel, Archaeological Museum and souq
- Jerash - Ruins of ancient Roman city
- Dead Sea - opt for a swim
- Umm Qais - Roman Decapolis city
- Petra - Nabataean Rose City
- Wadi Rum desert and dunes
- Shobak or Karak Crusader castles
- Aqaba - Red Sea resort town - free time
- Mt Nebo - views across the Promised Land
- Madaba - Christian market town, Church of St George, Jordan's finest Byzantine mosaics
- Umm ar-Rasas - ancient city on the caravan route

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 3 dinners
- 6 nights - 3 star hotels, 3 nights 4 star hotel in Aqaba/Tala Bay
- 1 night - Wadi Rum deluxe desert camp
- 4x4 desert safari through the sand dunes of Wadi Rum
- Dead Sea - free time, swim & detox
- Aqaba - coastal bliss and colourful reefs
- Touring of Amman, Jerash, Dead Sea, Petra, Wadi Rum, Umm ar-Rasas, Mt Nebo and Madaba
- Airport arrival and departure transfer day 1 and day 11
- Escorted by a licensed Jordanian tour guide (excl free time in Aqaba, days 6 - 8)
- Specialist guides at some local sights
- All relevant transfer and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow \$3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture.
- Entrance Fees: \$135-145 USD

- Tipping Kitty: \$35-45 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Petra Kitchen - USD \$59

Ever wanted to know how to make real, authentic Middle Eastern hoummus? Based just up the road from the entrance to the Rose City, Petra Kitchen - a locally managed business staffed by local Jordanian people, offers a hands-on approach to the preparation of a Middle Eastern repast. At Petra Kitchen, enjoy a cooking session which will result in the mysteries of dishes such as baba ghanoush, fattoush, sambousek b'jibn (cheese triangles) and proper hoummus-from-scratch dispelled before your very eyes and with your very involvement. Then enjoy the fruits of your labours - a faraway feast, fit for a king, sultan or khedive! Something good's cooking at the Petra Kitchen!

Jerusalem & Beyond - USD \$1359

Take an inspirational journey to the revered Holy Land. Serving as a pillar to the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths, we tour Jerusalem - the heart of the Promised Land and beyond, visiting some of world's most sacred and historical sites. This bolt-on fits perfectly with our Totally Jordan and Deserts Ruins and Reefs group tours.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,399

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
09 JUN - 19 JUN	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
07 JUL - 17 JUL	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
25 AUG - 04 SEP	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
08 SEP - 18 SEP	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
22 SEP - 02 OCT	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
06 OCT - 16 OCT	USD \$2,639	USD \$899

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20 OCT - 30 OCT	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
03 NOV - 13 NOV	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
17 NOV - 27 NOV	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
01 DEC - 11 DEC	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
27 DEC - 06 JAN	USD \$2,639	USD \$899

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
19 JAN - 29 JAN	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
16 FEB - 26 FEB	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
02 MAR - 12 MAR	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
16 MAR - 26 MAR	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
30 MAR - 09 APR	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
13 APR - 23 APR	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
27 APR - 07 MAY	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
11 MAY - 21 MAY	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
25 MAY - 04 JUN	USD \$2,639	USD \$899
15 JUN - 25 JUN	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
13 JUL - 23 JUL	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
27 JUL - 06 AUG	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
24 AUG - 03 SEP	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
07 SEP - 17 SEP	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
21 SEP - 01 OCT	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
05 OCT - 15 OCT	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
19 OCT - 29 OCT	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
02 NOV - 12 NOV	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
16 NOV - 26 NOV	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
30 NOV - 10 DEC	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
22 DEC - 01 JAN	USD \$2,399	USD \$899
27 DEC - 06 JAN	USD \$2,399	USD \$899

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Amman Pre-Tour accommodation	USD \$99	USD \$50
Madaba Post-Tour accommodation	USD \$89	USD \$60
Extra Aqaba Accommodation	USD \$109	USD \$40

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

I had a fantastic week in Jordan and think that Jameela was an excellent tour leader she made all the sites fun and provided a wealth of information wherever we went even on areas we hadn't visited, she is very informed about the country of Jordan and think we were very lucky to have her take us through this beautiful country.

[Lindsay Kay , Jan 2012](#)

Great holiday - saw and experienced everything I wanted and more! Pace was brisk, but not too rushed. Well organized and performed.

[John T., May 2010](#)

The guides had exceptional knowledge on Jordan's history, culture and local areas. I enjoyed the tour very much. Thank you.

[Michelle P., Apr 2010](#)

Hi John, We just came back from Jordan and wanted to let you know that we had a great time. Everything went smoothly, without even smallest problem, which was mainly thanks to our guide who looked after us so well. We learnt a lot about Jordan's culture and people - who are very open and friendly. We will be highly recommending On the Go tours.

[Brian Downey, Dec 2009](#)

Wonderful trip - Petra did not disappoint and it was good to have two days there.

[E Laine, Sep 2009](#)

Great country - excellent sight-seeing especially Petra, loved the Dead sea experience and the 4x4 trip in the desert and camp.

[Mike Piper, Jul 2009](#)