

Essential Jordan

7 days | Starts/Ends: Amman



From the remarkable rose city of Petra and Karak Crusader castle, to the striking desert landscape of Wadi Rum and the salt-laden Dead Sea, take in the highlights of Jordan on this 7 day adventure.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Petra - explore this spectacular UNESCO-listed Nabataean city, which is one of the New Seven Wonders of the World
- Wadi Rum - explore this vast red desert with its rolling dunes and dramatic rock formations in a 4x4 and camp under a blanket of stars
- Dead Sea - bob around like a cork in the famously buoyant, mineral-rich waters and smother yourself in Dead Sea mud
- Karak - roam around this imposing Crusader castle, perched dramatically on a hill top
- Mt Nebo - take in the incredible panoramic views across the Promised Land
- Madaba - wander around this Christian market town, home to Jordan's finest Byzantine mosaics
- Amman - visit the ancient hilltop citadel, the fascinating Archaeological Museum and bustling souqs

What's Included

- 6 breakfasts and 1 dinners
- 5 nights - 3 star hotels and 1 night - Wadi Rum desert camp
- 4x4 desert safari across the sand dunes of Wadi Rum
- Excursion to the Dead Sea
- Touring of Amman, Petra, Karak, Wadi Rum, Dead Sea and Mt Nebo
- Escorted by a licensed Jordanian tour guide
- English speaking specialist guides at some local sights
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 7
- All transfers and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles
- Ave group size: 16 persons

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$60-70pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$120-140pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$5 - 7 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture

Local Payment

GBP£150pp (or USD equivalent)

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Amman

Sunday. Upon arrival at Queen Alia International Airport you'll be met and transferred to our hotel in Amman. At 6pm this evening meet your guide and the rest of the group at a Welcome Meeting. **Overnight - Amman**

Day 2 : Optional Jerash & Ajloun



Today is free to independently explore Jordan's capital or join our optional excursion to see the spectacular 2000-year-old ruins in the Graeco-Roman city of Jerash and explore the 12th century Ajloun Castle which sits atop a hill in the Jabal Ajloun district in northwest Jordan. **Overnight - Amman (B)**

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Day 3 : Amman City tour & Karak Castle



Amman - Karak - Petra. Our day starts with a guided tour of Amman, taking in the Citadel, which sits on the highest hill in Amman, and the National Archaeological Museum. From Amman we drive south to Petra, stopping en route to explore the crumbling remnants of the magnificent Crusader castle of Karak.

Overnight - Petra (B)

Day 4 : Petra



The remarkable rose city of Petra is one of the New Seven Wonders of the World and undoubtedly the jewel in Jordan's crown. We spend the whole day exploring this incredible UNESCO-Listed archaeological site, which dates back to 6th century BC and was once the thriving capital of the Nabataean empire. Nestled in a secluded valley surrounded by rugged mountains and a lunar-like rock formations, Petra was left deserted and hidden from the world for hundreds of years before being rediscovered in the 1800s.

We access the hidden archaeological treasures of the Rose-Red City on a walk through a narrow siq, where the 200m high rocks finally give way to reveal the spectacular facade of the Kazneh (aka the Treasury). From the Treasury the hidden valley widens to reveal the remains of this ancient city where we'll see tombs, temples,

an impressive amphitheatre and a Roman colonnaded street.

After our guided tour there's free time to explore and those that are feeling energetic can climb the hundreds of rock-cut steps to Ad-Deir which is better known as the Monastery. The Monastery has a similar facade to the Treasury, but it's larger and more striking, with incredible views over the Petra Hills.

This evening there's the opportunity to walk through back the Siq after dark and revisit The Treasury, illuminated by thousands of candles, on the optional Petra By Night excursion (payable locally). **Overnight - Petra (B)**

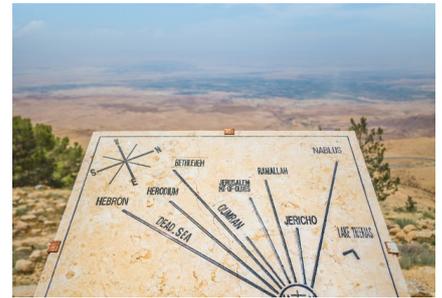
Day 5 : Free time in Petra & 4x4 in Wadi Rum



Petra - Wadi Rum. This morning is free for you to spend at leisure or you can revisit Petra this morning on an optional hike, entering via the Al Madras secret road to see Treasury from above and visit the High Place of Sacrifice on a morning hike.

This afternoon we drive to the striking Wadi Rum desert with its rolling red dunes and amazing rock formations. Boarding 4x4 jeeps, we take an exhilarating ride across the sand dunes to our desert camp where we spend the night. This evening we enjoy a Jordanian dinner and spend the evening around the camp fire under an incredible blanket of stars before bedding down for the night in permanent tents. **Overnight - Wadi Rum (B, D)**

Day 6 : Dead Sea & Mt Nebo



Wadi Rum - Dead Sea - Mt Nebo - Madaba. This morning consider waking early to watch an incredible sunrise over the desert. After breakfast at the campsite we bid farewell to Wadi Rum and travel north to the lowest point on the earth's surface - the Dead Sea. More than 400 meters below sea level, the mineral-rich Dead Sea is a hypersaline lake which is famous for its buoyancy. We spend a leisurely few hours at the Dead Sea bobbing around like corks in the therapeutic waters and smothering ourselves in some of the famous black Dead Sea mud to give our skin an invigorating boost.

After our Dead Sea dalliance we travel on to Madaba, stopping en route at Mt Nebo, which is the site where Moses saw the Promised Land. From this wonderful vantage point, we can take in the amazing panorama which includes the Jordan River Valley, the Dead Sea, Jericho and the spires and domes of the Mt. of Olives and Bethlehem on the Judean hills just across the wide valley. We spend the final night of our tour in the ancient market town of Madaba which is renowned for its beautiful Byzantine-era mosaics, the most famous of which is the map of the Holy Land in St George's Church. **Overnight - Madaba (B)**

Day 7 : Madaba - your way

Saturday. Our Jordanian adventure comes to an end today with an included transfer back to Amman's Queen Ali Airport. If time permits we recommend that you visit the nearby St George's Church to see Madaba's most famous mosaic, which is the map of the Holy Land.(B)

HOTELS

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Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Rojina Hotel

Conveniently located in the heart of Amman, Rojina Hotel offers a comfortable and relaxing stay. Each of the guestrooms feature air conditioning, a TV, private bathroom and the addition of a seating area. Traditional Arabic and international dishes can be enjoyed in the hotel's two restaurants and the hotel is fully equipped when it comes to leisure facilities. Alongside a gym, Jacuzzi and indoor pool, a new swimming pool has been opened on the rooftop - offering you a refreshing dip as you soak up views of the capital.



Edom Hotel

Just a short distance from the entrance to Petra, the Edom Hotel features a roof terrace overlooking the Bedouin village of Wadi Musa. You'll find the air-conditioned guestrooms to be fully equipped with modern amenities, including a satellite TV, minibar and private bathroom. The hotel also offers a traditional hammam, or Turkish bath, and massage facilities, so you can unwind after a day out in the desert. But this hotel's most unusual feature is its restaurant. Offering a range of cuisine, the cave-like restaurant is carved from stone – keeping the atmosphere of ancient Petra alive.



Beyond Wadi Rum Camp

This eco-friendly camp is set in the very heart of the desert in the Wadi Rum natural reserve. Offering a real Bedouin experience, the accommodation is arranged in a group of private tents equipped with comfortable bedding and shared shower facilities. In the evenings, guests are invited to help the staff prepare a traditional meal. The camp boasts a great location for watching the sunset over the landscape and you can spend your night sharing stories with your fellow travellers around a roaring campfire.



Mosaic City Hotel

Cosy and modern, two words to describe the Mosaic City Hotel in Jordan's vibrant Madaba. Guest rooms are comfortable and simply furnished and the hotel offers complimentary Wi-Fi to all guests. The restaurant serves a range of dishes on request. The hotel is located in the very heart of Madaba, within short walking distance from the Church of St. George which houses the famous mosaic map of the Holy Land.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to

the per person price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same gender on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
22 Mar	AUD 1,325	AUD 1,825
19 Apr	AUD 1,295	AUD 1,795
05 Jun	AUD 1,295	AUD 1,795
19 Jul	AUD 1,295	AUD 1,795
20 Sep	AUD 1,295	AUD 1,795
04 Oct	AUD 1,325	AUD 1,825
01 Nov	AUD 1,325	AUD 1,825
29 Nov	AUD 1,325	AUD 1,825
20 Dec	AUD 1,345	AUD 1,865

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