

# Self Drive Jordan

## 8 days | Starts/Ends: Amman



*PRIVATE SELF DRIVE TOUR: Grab the wheel and take control of your holiday on this 8 day self drive trip to Jordan. Enjoy the freedom to see sights at your own pace as you explore Amman and Petra, camp in the desert of Wadi Rum and relax at the Dead Sea.*

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Touring of Jordan - Self-drive holiday
- Wadi Rum - Vast red desert landscape with rolling dunes and dramatic rock formations
- Suggested touring itinerary - Amman, UNESCO-listed Rose City of Petra and Dead Sea

#### What's Included

- Breakfast daily and 1 dinner in Wadi Rum
- 1 night - Wadi Rum deluxe desert camp
- 7 nights SUPERIOR hotels. STANDARD and DELUXE hotel options are also available upon request. Accommodation rating - See Trip Notes for details
- Wadi Rum 4x4 jeep safari through the desert

- Entrance fees for Wadi Rum Desert
- 6 days car hire/rental based upon compact vehicle, Opel Classic 1400CC or similar. Includes sales tax, unlimited kms, CDW (USD \$500 deductible) and TP insurance, 24-hour emergency road service/replacement
- An airport arrival transfer on day 1 and a departure transfer on day 8
- Private air-conditioned transfers where applicable

#### What's Not Included

- International flights and visa (see Trip Notes for further information about visas)
- Tipping - An entirely personal gesture

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Amman

Welcome to Jordan and the start of your adventure! We will be at Amman Airport to meet you before your included transfer to the hotel. The rest of the day is then free to head into the Jordanian capital to independently explore. **Overnight - Amman**

#### Day 2 : Amman or Mt Nebo

Your rental car will be delivered at 10:00am. Spend the day exploring

Jordan's capital city or perhaps visit Madaba and Mt Nebo, the choice is yours. Madaba is famed for its Byzantine 6th century Mosaics, perhaps the most impressive of these is an enormous 6th-century map of the Holy Land, which is located in St. George's Greek Orthodox Church. A short drive from Madaba is Mt Nebo, where it is said that Moses first viewed the Promised Land. Enjoy the same incredible views over the Dead Sea, Jericho, the Jordan Valley and even Jerusalem, if it's a clear day. After your busy day, return to the hotel in Amman. **Overnight - Amman (B)**

#### Days 3-4 : The Rose City of Petra

Amman - Petra. Today you'll drive to the ancient Rose City of Petra. You can stop en route to visit the impressive crusader castle of Karak if you wish. The UNESCO World Heritage site of Petra is the jewel in Jordan's archaeological crown and you have two days to discover all of its hidden gems.

The entrance to the city is through a narrow and deep winding trail-like fissure in the rocks known as the Siq. The rocks give way to reveal the most awesome sight, that of the famous Kazneh - The Treasury of Petra. Explore

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the ancient Nabatean tombs and the Roman rock-carved streets lined with temples, royal tombs, staircases, arched gates, and public buildings. If you are feeling intrepid, ascend the numerous steep steps to Ad Deir, better known as the Monastery – the views from the top are spectacular. (Guided sightseeing is highly recommended and can be arranged upon request).

**Overnight – Petra (B:2)**

## Day 5 : Spectacular Wadi Rum



Petra – Wadi Rum. Time for some exciting 4x4 action! On arrival in Wadi Rum, you'll transfer to a jeep for a 4x4 safari across the stunning desertscape. The region is home to the semi nomadic Bedouin, living in goat's hair tents, tending their herds of sheep and goat and preserving an ancient lifestyle that has been practised in the Arabian Desert for thousands of years. Spend the evening at a Bedouin camp, enjoy a traditional meal and sleep either in a tent or under a galaxy of stars! It's a truly unforgettable experience.

**Overnight – Bedouin Camp (B, D)**

## Day 6 : Dead Sea

Wadi Rum – Dead Sea. Heading north, you descend to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth. There's free time here to float in the mineral-rich water, a unique experience. The water is said to be very good for your skin, after all it is the oldest spa!

**Overnight – Dead Sea (B)**

## Day 7 : R&R by the Dead Sea



Relax and enjoy your final day at the Dead Sea – perhaps treat yourself to a luxurious spa treatment, or head to Jerash. Your rental vehicle will be collected this evening at 18:00 hrs.

**Overnight – Dead Sea (B)**

## Day 8 : Amman

Dead Sea – Amman. Today marks the end of your holiday. There's an included departure transfer from the Dead Sea to Amman Airport to meet your onward flight.(B)

## ACCOMMODATION

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

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel or start point and further arrival information.**

### Al-Qasr Metropole

Recently refurbished, the Al Qasr Metropole is a modern and chic boutique hotel. Guest rooms are beautifully furnished and include free Wi-Fi connection and luxury en suite facilities. All guests at the Al Qasr gain free access to the on site Fitness First gym as well as a complimentary breakfast. The rooftop restaurant has fantastic panoramic views of Amman and is a great place to spend the evening. The hotel is well located in Shmeisani, one of Amman's most prestigious neighbourhoods.



### Old Village Resort

Located above Wadi Mousa, Old Village Resort has a wonderfully traditional feel about it with open stonework and original architecture. Rooms are full of character, some with delightful archways and all directly accessed from the outside. The hotel boasts an indoor swimming pool and sauna and beautiful views of the surrounding mountains. For dinner why not dine al fresco at the restaurant overlooking the mountains. Well located in forested wadis facing Petra's mountains.



### Holiday Inn Resort

Graced with interconnecting palm fringed swimming pools leading to the Dead Sea, the Holiday Inn is an Arabesque style hotel. Guest rooms are elegantly furnished and benefit from complimentary high speed internet. The hotel also has an on site fitness centre and a fine choice of Spa facilities. The 24 hour sleek bar is the perfect place for a tittle at any time of the day or night. The accommodation is located on the shores of the world famous Dead Sea.



## BEFORE YOU GO

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## Accommodation ratings

On our Private trips, you can often choose your style of accommodation. The price quoted on our website is reflective of the included accommodation, please see the "included" section on the first page of this document for details. Should you opt for an alternative hotel category, this will be confirmed in writing with the respective price on your invoice.

For further details about the indicative hotels, please see the "hotels" tab on our website. Here we rank hotel's in their respective country (REGIONAL CATEGORY) - but we also tell you how it ranks by Western standards (OUR CATEGORY).

STANDARD - Equates to a Western 3-star standard, always featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant.  
 SUPERIOR - Equates to a Western 4-star standard, featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant and often a swimming pool and/or a fitness centre.  
 DELUXE - Equates to a Western 5-star standard, usually featuring spacious, en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming pool and fitness centre and an array of amenities, excellent service and customer care.  
 LUXURY - Equates to a Western 5-star plus standard - the creme de la creme. Featuring spacious, en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming pool and fitness centre and an array of amenities, this accommodation is a cut above the rest. Sheer opulence!

## Tipping

Tipping is an essential part of the culture. For a job well done, we would suggest for your tour guide: USD \$5 - 6 per traveller, for each day of sightseeing.

For your driver and On The Go Representative we'd recommend USD \$2 - 3 per traveller for each day of service. Tipping is an entirely personal

gesture and ultimately the amount is up to you.

## Jordan Country Guide

### Welcome to Jordan - Arrival transfer

A complimentary airport arrival transfer is included. For all clients arriving into Amman Queen Alia International airport to start their Jordan holiday (not applicable to *Highlights of Israel & Jordan* tour).

### If we are not arranging your visa

please proceed through immigration, baggage claim and customs. As you exit customs into the public arrivals hall, please look for our representative who will be holding an On The Go Tours logo signboard.

**If we have arranged your visa for you** we will meet you PRIOR to immigration and will fast track you through the process.

Our representative will introduce you to our driver, who will transfer you to your hotel. You will be given a Welcome Letter at this time which highlights the departure time for your sightseeing program tomorrow.

At the hotel reception desk, please take note of the On The Go Tours information sign on the counter which will tell you what time our Amman Representative will be in the hotel lobby to meet with you and discuss the details of your touring program, to give you our informative welcome letter and to answer any questions you may have.

**If for any reason you have trouble locating our representative** (after waiting 20 minutes at immigration) or your flight to Jordan is delayed, please call or send a text message (standard text message, not Messenger or WhatsApp) to the emergency contact number as stated on your Tour Voucher.

## Visas & passports

Visa requirements are subject to change and visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours. Please be advised visa requirements are subject to change, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Jordan. After booking your holiday, please provide us with your passport details as soon as possible so that we can proceed to book all services.

As a registered holiday operator we are able to obtain Jordan tourist visas free of charge (conditions apply). For information about visas, head to [www.onthegotours.com/Jordan/Visas](http://www.onthegotours.com/Jordan/Visas).

On departure (via land or sea), a 10JD departure tax of is applied to all visitors. If departing Jordan by air, the departure tax is included in the airfare.

## Health requirements & water

You should seek medical advice for vaccinations and about medications before travelling.

Tap water is not safe to drink in Jordan, only drink bottled mineral water which is readily available from hotels, shops and restaurants.

## Essential packing

Please check local temperatures so you can pack accordingly. Visit [www.worldclimate.com](http://www.worldclimate.com)

- Camping at Wadi Rum - All bedding (of a well-laundered standard) is provided at our Bedouin camp. It is a personal choice should you wish to bring your own sleep sheet or sleeping bag
- Pack insect repellent, torch or headlamp if staying in Wadi Rum
- If visiting in winter pack warm clothes, hat, scarf and gloves are advised and an umbrella

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- In summer bring lightweight clothing, sunscreen and a hat
- Universal travel adaptor
- Tour Voucher and a copy of your travel insurance policy, spare passport photos and a photocopy of your passport
- Good walking shoes for sightseeing in Petra
- If visiting Wadi Mujib Siq trail/canyon you'll need clothing and footwear that can get wet. Ideally a t-shirt and shorts or swimmers and trainers/walking shoes that will spend most of the walk submerged
- Binoculars IMPORTANT - are considered as surveillance equipment. Should you be carrying binoculars, expect that you'll be asked to hand these over briefly at times (with your passport) by police or military for inspection. You should not be concerned by the event, as this is merely a routine inspection of the item

## Petra Park services charge

The cost of the entrance ticket to Petra includes a compulsory 7JD fee to ride an Arabian horse. This Government-approved directive is in support of the local Bedouin who own the horses and also live in the surrounding town of Wadi Musa. As you have paid this obligatory charge, you are indeed entitled to ride a horse 800 metres down to the entrance gate at Petra. However, please be aware that you'll need to tip the horse handler an extra 2JD. IMPORTANT- On The Go Tours only recommends that you do so if you are an experienced rider. The decision to ride a horse is a personal one.

## Shopping in Jordan

Jordan offers a range of quality souvenirs. Look out for high-quality artefacts including rugs, pottery, paintings, jewellery, embroidery and woven items produced by local Jordanian women under the auspices of the Noor-Al Hussein Foundation and the Queen Alia Fund. Dead Sea products of all guises, olive oil and

soaps, sweetmeats and olive wood are also uniquely Jordanian souvenirs.

In the tourism industry it's common practice for commission to be offered in exchange for recommending particular shops or suppliers. This can become an issue when clients feel obliged to purchase. We do our best to avoid this by monitoring all shopping experiences offered.

Although we only visit reputable retailers, please note that we cannot explicitly guarantee the quality of their products. All purchases made whilst on holiday with us are at your own discretion. Please make sure that you are completely happy with your purchase. On The Go cannot be held responsible for any items that you buy if they fail to meet expectation, or any shipping arrangements. Proceed with caution.

## It's not like home, what to expect & Ramadan

Please visit [www.onthegotours.com/Jordan/Travel-tips-and-useful-info](http://www.onthegotours.com/Jordan/Travel-tips-and-useful-info) for local customs, currency, WiFi and other helpful information to prepare you for an enjoyable holiday.

## RAMADAN

Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world and adherents of the Muslim faith fast during daylight hours and break their fast with lavish meals and lively celebrations in the evening. Many shops (excluding those which cater mainly to tourists) and attractions close earlier, as such we will start our tour earlier to make the best use of time and itineraries may be slightly altered to ensure we visit all attractions, leisure time will be offered in the afternoon. Non-Muslims are not expected to fast over Ramadan, but it is considered impolite to eat food or drink on the street. NOTE: Traffic is exceptionally heavy during Ramadan, especially toward the time of breaking the fast. Forthcoming Ramadan dates are: 22

Mar - 20 Apr 2023 & 10 Mar - 08 Apr 24 (approx)

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