

BEST SELLER

## Highlights of Jordan and Israel

ISRAEL, JORDAN, PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES - TRIP CODE MH

DISCOVERY

### Why book this trip?

This trip takes in the fascinating history and cultural sites of both Jordan and Israel. Explore the desert landscapes of Negev and Wadi Rum, visit ancient sites, including Petra and Jerash, and learn about the Holy Land.

- **Experience the desert** - Sleep under the stars, taste a Bedouin Zarb and ride a camel in Wadi Rum
- **Jerusalem** - Discover the Old City, visit the Mount of Olives and walk the Via Dolorosa
- **Dead Sea** - Float in the buoyant waters of the lowest place on the planet



**INCLUDED MEALS**  
Breakfast: 10  
Dinner: 3



**TRIP STAFF**  
Explore Tour  
Leader  
Camp Crew  
Driver(s)  
Local Guide(s)



**TRANSPORT**  
Bus  
4WD



**ACCOMMODATION**  
9 nights  
comfortable hotel  
1 nights simple  
tented camp



**TRIP PACE:**  
Full on



**GROUP SIZE:**  
12 - 18

## Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

### DAY 1 - Join trip in Amman

Arrive in Amman, the capital of Jordan, which is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Now home to almost half of the country's population, it is a fascinating city of contrasts, where the very ancient and the brand new collide.

Due to a majority of flights arriving in the late evening, your leader will meet you for the welcome meeting on the morning of day two. There are no other activities planned today, so you are free to arrive in Amman at any time. If you would like to receive a complimentary airport transfer today, you'll need to arrive into Queen Alia International Airport (AMM), which is around 30 minutes' drive .

If you arrive early today you can spend some time exploring the capital of Jordan. Amman is a fascinating city of contrasts - a unique blend of old and new. The Temple of Hercules is in the commercial heart of the city along with ultra-modern buildings, hotels, smart restaurants, art galleries and boutiques. These comfortably rub shoulders with traditional coffee shops and tiny artisans' workshops. Due to the city's modern-day prosperity and temperate climate, almost half of Jordan's population is concentrated in the Amman area. The residential suburbs consist of mainly tree-lined streets and avenues flanked by elegant white houses in accordance with a municipal law, which states that all buildings must be faced with local stone. The downtown area is much older and more traditional with smaller businesses producing and selling everything from fabulous jewellery to everyday household items.



**ACCOMMODATION:**  
Toledo Hotel (or similar)

**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**





SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

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## **DAY 2 - A morning tour of Amman before travelling to the ancient Roman site of Jerash for a guided tour**

This morning we visit the cultural heart of the Hashemite kingdom with a tour of its vibrant capital. The origins of this remarkable city have been traced back some 9,000 years but it was the arrival of the Ammonites in 1200BC that saw the city begin its rise to prominence as the great city of Rabbath Ammon. The intervening centuries saw it fall under the influences of the Israelites, Assyrians, Babylonians, Ptolomids, Seleucids and the Romans, under whose auspices it thrived as one of the 10 cities of the Decapolis. Our tour this morning will take in some of the highlights of ancient Amman (Philadelphia), including the Citadel and the Temple of Hercules, the 8th century Ummayad Palace and the Roman Theatre and Nymphaeum. This afternoon we depart the city and head north, towards ancient Jerash, located in the Gilead Hills. One of Jordan's major attractions, this beautifully preserved Roman city is considered to be the best preserved of the Decapolis, a confederation of ten Middle Eastern cities under the Emperor Pompey. One of the highlights of the Middle East, a triple arch gateway gives way to colonnaded streets, theatres, temples and baths and it is estimated that this represents only about 10% of the entire city, the rest is still to be uncovered. We will tour this magnificent site with a local guide before returning to Amman.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Toledo Hotel (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



### DAY 3 - Float in the saline waters of the Dead Sea and travel to the 'rose city' of Petra

Today we venture south to the Dead Sea. We will take some time to enjoy and float in the remarkable saline waters. At 418m below sea level this salty expanse of mineral rich water has been revered for centuries for its beneficial properties. We then head back to the main road to drive to Petra, the most famous of Jordan's treasures. Abandoned centuries ago Petra was the rock cut stronghold of the Nabateans, a fortress city built to protect the lucrative levies its citizens imposed on the rich caravans heading north. Surrounded by imposing mountains and approached through a deep, narrow cleft in the rocks, known as the Siq, it is a unique and unforgettable place and, enhanced by the play of light and shadow, an altogether overwhelming experience. Entering the Siq on foot we follow its towering sandstone walls towards the site of the captivating and iconic splendour of the beautiful Khazneh (The famous Treasury). A guided orientation tour will take us to some of the key parts of this remarkable site. We'll take in the Colonnaded Street and the Royal Tombs and marvel at the amazing theatre, with its 8,000 seats carved from solid rock. After our guided tour there will be free time to explore independently. This evening we enjoy a Bedouin cookery demonstration and meal at a nearby restaurant, learning how to make a traditional Makloubah (upside down) dish, with meat, rice and fried vegetables, followed by Um Ali, a creamy Arabic dessert with croissant pieces, raisins and nuts.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Edom Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### DAY 4 - A full day to explore ancient Petra

Today we have a full free day at Petra. Returning to the city we climb steep paths to the sacrificial 'High Places' (altars) and hike to the top of Jebel Harin (1396m) for a stunning view over Wadi Araba and the Negev Desert. The Monastery is the largest of Petra's monuments and certainly worth the steep climb up to it. Towering to a height of 40m its doorway alone measures 8m in height, dwarfing anyone framed within it. We also recommend a trip to El Beidha (or 'Little Petra' as it is known) or to an excavated Stone Age village where you can see the remains of houses, fireplaces and workshops dating from around 6000BC. This evening there may be a possibility of enjoying an enchanting tour of the city by night (optional).



ACCOMMODATION:  
Edom Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

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### **DAY 5 - Drive south to Wadi Rum for an optional camel trek and a night camping under the stars**

This morning there is the opportunity to spend some more time at Petra if you wish before we continue our journey to the haunting vistas of Wadi Rum. We enter another world, one inhabited by the nomadic Bedouin peoples for generations and steeped in the legend of Lawrence of Arabia. Indeed scenes from the remarkable film of his life were shot here, deep in the fabulous purpleblack mountains that rise from the sand of the desert. On arrival we transfer into 4 wheel drive vehicles and cross the dramatic desert landscape, to marvel at the panoramas of what is surely some of Jordan's most dramatic wilderness. We arrive at our camp in time to watch the golden glow of the sunset cast its pall over the desert landscape and settle in to enjoy dinner and a night under the stars. The campsite we use presents the opportunity to experience traditional Bedouin living arrangements in a large communal style goat hair tent, which provides the best protection against typical desert extremes of hot and cold weather. The tent is laid out with rugs, mattresses, pillows and blankets and is where each tribe would commune to eat, sleep and socialise. A toilet and wash block with limited washing facilities is also available during your stay.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Muhammed Mutlak Wadi Rum Camp (or similar)

Grade: Simple Tented Camp



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

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### **DAY 6 - Free time on the Red Sea coast in Aqaba with an opportunity to go snorkelling**

This morning we drive to Aqaba and have a day to enjoy the Red Sea. The day is your own but your tour leader will be on hand to offer advice on any optional activities to maximise your time here. You can explore both above and below the waves, taking a boat trip or hiring snorkelling equipment.



ACCOMMODATION:  
My Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 7 - Cross into Israel; Ascend Masada by cable car for dramatic views over the desert and the Dead Sea**

This morning we'll have an early start to make our way to the border, as we say goodbye to Jordan and our Jordanian leader before crossing into Israel and the Palestinian Territories where we will be met by our new local leader and driver.

Making our way north, we'll have a long drive of about three hours before arriving at the isolated hilltop fortress of Masada. Once the last stronghold of the Zealots, against the Romans during the First Revolt AD70, the tale of Masada is shrouded in mystery. Originally fortified by Herod the Great the fortress became renowned for withstanding a further two years of assault after the crushing of the Jewish resistance in Jerusalem by the Romans, before succumbing to the invasion. We'll take a cable car up to the citadel where there are stunning views of the surrounding desert, Mount Moab and the Dead Sea. We will have time to explore the ruins and take in the dramatic scenery before returning to the bus for a short drive to our accommodation in Ein Gedi Nature Reserve.

The hotel in Ein Gedi had very humble beginnings, starting off as a few pools in the sand for women of the local kibbutz to visit for the healing qualities of the water gradually growing in popularity and size over time. Now the hotel sits within gardens with the Dead Sea flanking one side and Ein Gedi Nature Reserve on the other.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Ein Gedi Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST AND DINNER

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### **DAY 8 - Visit Ein Gedi Synagogue before spending the day exploring the ancient city of Jerusalem**

This morning we will visit Ein Gedi National Park and the excavation site of the sixth-century synagogue with its intricate mosaic floor. Next we will drive for one hour to the viewpoint at the Mount of Olives, stopping to see the panoramic view over the old city of Jerusalem. Continuing on we'll leave the bus and begin a walking tour of the ancient city with our leader. Passing through Herod's Gate and making our way along the narrow winding streets overflowing with stalls and shops to the Via Dolorosa, traditionally believed to be the route taken by Christ on the day of his execution. We will follow the 'Stations of the Cross' to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest site in Christendom and the reputed place of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jerusalem is unique in that it is a place held sacred by the three great monotheistic religions of the world and after having visited Christendom's most sacred site we'll continue exploring these ancient streets, including a visit to Mount Zion including the Last Supper rooms and King David's Tomb.

This evening will be free to relax and get some rest after a busy day. Jerusalem has so much choice when it comes to food including international options but if you still have a taste of Middle Eastern food then Jerusalem is arguably home to the tastiest hummus.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hotel Caesar Premier (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST



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## DAY 9 - Spend the morning exploring the old city of Jerusalem before an afternoon in Palestinian Bethlehem

We'll have an early breakfast this morning before returning on foot to the Old City, where we'll continue in our in depth discovery with our leader. Along the way we will visit Temple Mount, the City of David and the Western Wall. Temple Mount, known as Haram esh-Sharif in Arabic, is a small hill inside the walls of the Old City and one of the most contested religious sites in the world. Continuing on, we'll also visit the historic City of David, the first city of Jerusalem and thought to be the place that Jesus healed a blind man. Another stop of utmost importance this morning is the Western Wall, sometimes referred to as the Wailing Wall, this spot is believed by Jews to be the last remnant of the second sacred Temple and, as such, considered the most revered of all sites for the Jews. Here you will see and hear many Jews praying at the wall, so atmospheric that at this spot, no matter your beliefs, it's a memorable experience.

After lunch we will drive to Bethlehem, about one hour's drive away. Along the way we will pass the Knesset - Israel's Parliament - and the Supreme Court. Shortly before arriving to Bethlehem we will cross the border back into Palestinian Territory and our leader will swap with a local Palestinian guide, who will lead us around the town that is an icon in religious history as the biblical birthplace of Jesus Christ. The Bus will park in the central bus station and we will continue on foot up a cobbled street to the Church of the Nativity before continuing by bus to the Shepherd Fields and the Milk Grotto.

Please note, Bethlehem can become very busy with tourist and pilgrims therefore we are unable to guarantee the time access inside each of the sites. Queueing times are unpredictable and areas have little shade so please be prepared for long waits if you wish to see inside the Church of Nativity and the Milk Grotto.

This evening will be free to continue exploring Jerusalem. You may wish to explore the more modern areas outside of the Old City and the main pedestrianised street - Jaffa Street.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hotel Caesar Premier (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## DAY 10 - Visit Yad Vashem the official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust



Today we will take the light rail with our leader and make our way to Yad Vashem, the world's official memorable centre for the victim of the holocaust. Yad Vashem is based outside of Jerusalem's centre and is a large state-of-the-art museum where you can learn the facts of the holocaust period in a linear format taking you through the years as this period evolved. There are also true life stories and a memorial for the 6,000,000 people those who were lost. The centre has been created to share historic information and ensure the victims are never forgotten. The architecture itself is a site to behold and the museum offers panoramic views over Jerusalem.

This afternoon we return the bustling city centre for another walking tour in the Old City. The Old City of Jerusalem is packed inside ancient walls and is home to numerous world-famous religious sites but it's also full of street-vendors, hole in the wall shops and some lesser known places of interest. For this reason, this afternoon's exact routing will be dependent on how much we have managed to pack in to our time in Jerusalem already and our leader's areas of expertise. There will be the option to have a free afternoon if preferred to rest, do some last minute shopping or perhaps return to some of the important sites for more time.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hotel Caesar Premier (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 11 - Trip ends in Jerusalem**

The trip ends this morning after breakfast. All customers departing from Ben Gurion Airport today will receive a complimentary airport transfer.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## **Trip information**

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## Climate and country information

### Israel

#### Climate

Israel has a Mediterranean climate. Summer is hot with fairly high humidity in coastal regions. Rainfall is mostly from November to March: during this period temperatures can drop quite sharply, particularly in December, so pack accordingly.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
+2	2 Pin Round	Jewish, Islam, Christian.	Hebrew, Arabic, English.

### Jordan

#### Climate

During April to November days are generally sunny and hot without rain with temperatures around 32°C. In spring and autumn evenings can be cool and night temperatures can drop suddenly especially in the desert. Expect cold nights in winter (December to February) when temperatures can drop to around 0 degrees. Some rain should also be expected at this time of year.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
+2	2 Pin Round	Islam	Arabic

### Palestinian Territories

#### Climate

Palestinian Territories has a Mediterranean climate. Summer is hot with fairly high humidity in coastal regions. Rainfall is mostly from November to March: during this period temperatures can drop quite sharply, particularly in December, so pack accordingly.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
+2	2 Pin Round	Jewish, Islam, Christian.	Hebrew, Arabic, English.

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## Budgeting and packing

### Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Jordan (Jordanian dinar)

Petra - Ottoman bath JD25.00 pp, Petra by Night JD17.00 pp  
Petra - Cookery demonstration including meal JD25.00 pp  
Wadi Rum - Camel trek JD20.00 pp

Israel (US dollars)

Jerusalem Sound & Light Show - from \$22.00 pp (subject to weather conditions and availability)

## **Clothing**

Clothes should be casual and practical. Long trousers should be worn in some holy places, and women must cover their arms, legs and head.

In the warm, summer months this region can get very hot during the height of the day, so lightweight and loose fitting clothing is recommended when visiting conservative areas. A hat and sunglasses are recommended.

During winter, medium weight clothing for layering and rainwear is advisable. A fleece will be useful during this time for early mornings (Masada visit & Wadi Rum) when it can be chilly. An umbrella can be useful!

Pack swimwear and a towel for your visit to the Dead Sea.

## **Footwear**

Comfortable walking shoes or boots, trainers and sandals.

## **Luggage**

20kg

## **Luggage: On tour**

One main piece of baggage and daypack. Remember you are expected to carry your own luggage so don't overload yourself.

## **Equipment**

Blankets and mattresses are provided, but we suggest you bring your own sleeping sheet. A personal water bottle and small torch are useful for the night camping. In addition a high factor sunscreen and sunglasses.

## **Tipping**

### **Explore leader**

Tipping isn't compulsory, and we work hard to ensure that our leaders all receive a fair wage. However, you might want to recognise a leader that's done a great job or really added to your trip by giving them a tip. We're often asked about the recommended amount. It's a tricky one, and down to personal

preference, but we'd recommend between £15 to £20 per person per week as a guideline.

### **Local crew**

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, the Tour Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

Accordingly you should allow approx JD20.00 pp (for Jordan) and US\$25.00 per person (for Israel) for gratuities.

### **International Departure Taxes**

The Jordanian government levies on all travellers a departure tax of JD8.00 per person. For travellers departing by air this is usually included in the taxes on the airline ticket and thus nothing will be collected from you at the point of departure. For those travellers departing by land, this will be collected by the immigration authorities at the port of departure from Jordan.

There is a \$25 departure tax payable when leaving Israel & Palestinian Territories for Jordan.

## **Israel**

### **Food and drink**

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

<b>Lunch price</b>	<b>Dinner price</b>	<b>Beer price</b>	<b>Water price</b>
£10.00 - 12.00	£10.00 - 14.00	£2.00 - 4.00	£1.00 - 2.00

### **Foreign Exchange**

#### **Local currency**

Shekel (NIS). Please note Shekels and US Dollars are readily accepted in the Palestine Territories

#### **Recommended Currency For Exchange**

It is easy to exchange major currencies - euros, pounds sterling and US dollars

#### **Where To Exchange**

Your tour leader will advise you on arrival.

#### **ATM Availability**

ATM's are widely available.

#### **Credit Card Acceptance**

Credit cards are also generally accepted.

#### **Travellers Cheques**

Travellers Cheques are not easily exchanged and should be avoided.

## Jordan

### Food and drink

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Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£10	£15	£4	£1.5

### Foreign Exchange

#### Local currency

Jordanian Dinar

#### Recommended Currency For Exchange

Sterling and US\$ are widely exchangeable though exchange rates tend to favour the US\$. It is worth taking some money in cash. You may be able to order Dinars from your bank although the rate will usually be lower than purchasing currency in country.

#### Where To Exchange

Banks or 'Forex' offices in main towns/cities.

#### ATM Availability

ATMs are widely available, but do not always work.

#### Credit Card Acceptance

In hotels and some larger shops/restaurants.

#### Travellers Cheques

Travellers Cheques, although still the safest way of carrying money, are difficult to cash in Jordan. There are high commission charges on Travellers Cheques on a per cheque basis so if using them we suggest you take high denomination cheques. Proof of purchase may be necessary for encashment of Travellers Cheques.

## Palestinian Territories

### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Water price
£20	£25	£0.6

## Foreign Exchange

### Local currency

Shekel (NIS).

### Recommended Currency For Exchange

US Dollars are the easiest to exchange, but most major currencies are accepted.

### Where To Exchange

Your tour leader will advise you on arrival.

### ATM Availability

ATM's are widely available.

### Credit Card Acceptance

Credit cards are also generally accepted.

### Travellers Cheques

Travellers Cheques are easily exchanged at banks and exchange offices.

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## Transport, Accommodation & Meals

### Transport Information

Bus, 4WD

### Accommodation notes

Overall the tourism infrastructure is well developed in Jordan, Israel & Palestinian Territories and standards are generally good. Our accommodation throughout this tour is mostly in modern mid-range hotels with en-suite facilities and air conditioning.

#### Jordan

Due to the recent considerable rise in tourism, hotels are experiencing very high demand for hotel rooms', particularly in and around Petra. This high demand can lead to lower levels of service and quality, as well as occurrences of overbookings, which are often notified to us at a late stage. For this reason, we would like to emphasise that hotel accommodation, including the standard of, is subject to change and facilities are often simple. However, we are confident that these issues are vastly outweighed by our close proximity to historical Petra.

A desert camp in Wadi Rum boasts a stunning and little visited part of the Wadi. We camp in a communal Bedouin tent and all bedding is provided. There is even a proper toilet! This campsite also has a handful of separate tents for sleeping, and if availability allows there may be the option to upgrade to your own twingle tent if you wish. The cost for this should be paid in cash to your Tour Leader and is \$40 per twin tent and \$30 for a single.

Please note that some hotel swimming pools in Jordan may operate separate timetables for men and women.

#### Israel & Palestinian Territories

In Ein Gedi we stay in a comfortable hotel with onsite spa and swimming facilities, located between the Dead Sea and Ein Gedi Nature Reserve.

In Jerusalem, we stay in a centrally located hotel, just a short tram ride from Jaffa Gate into the Old City. There is also a large communal area with comfortable seating, a bar and their roof top pool is open during the warmer months (separate hours for men and women).

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## **Essential Information**

### **Government Travel Safety Advice**

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK citizens, check the latest Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advice.

Please refer to our COVID-19 entry requirements page for any country-specific conditions of entry. Whilst we strive to update this on a regular basis we recommend you also check the FCDO website for the latest advice on entry requirements in this fast-evolving situation. Information can change at any time.

#### **Under 18 immigration guidance**

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

### **Price Guarantee**

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

### **Visa and Passport Information**

Jordan: The Jordanian government have announced that from 01 June 2015, all visa fees will be waived for tourists of British, American, Australian, New Zealand and Canadian nationalities on arrival at an international Jordanian airport. There are however, certain conditions that each tourist of these nationalities must meet in order to gain the free visa. Most of these are already met by Explore trips; however flight information, passport details and arrival date into Jordan all have an effect on qualifying for the free visa. Please see below for the category that is applicable to your flight arrangements:

The following information relates to the above nationalities travelling on flights to Jordan arranged by Explore arriving on the first day of the tour: In order to qualify for the free visa, the above nationalities must advise their passport details at least 14 days prior to your departure date to Explore and must be met by a representative who will assist with the visa process, this is already arranged by Explore as part of the transfer arrangements from the airport to the start of the tour.



The following information relates to the above nationalities with Land Only arrangements arriving on the first day of the tour: In order to qualify for the free visa, these tourists must advise their passport details at least 14 days prior to your departure date to Explore and must be met by a representative who will assist with the visa process. Land Only customers of the above nationalities arranging their own flights to arrive in Jordan on the first day of the tour must advise their full flight details to Explore at least 7 days prior to your departure date. We will then arrange for the representative to meet you as part of the transfer arrangements from the airport to the start of the tour.

The following information relates to the above nationalities arriving in Jordan prior or after the first day of the tour: In order to qualify for the free visa, tourists of the above nationalities must advise their passport details at least 14 days prior to your departure date to Explore and must be met by a representative who will assist with the visa process. To qualify for the free visa, you must contact Explore at least 7 days prior to your departure date to arrange and purchase a private transfer. We will then arrange for the representative to meet you as part of the transfer arrangements.

Please Note: For all tourists of the above nationalities that do not advise their passport details and for all above nationalities that arrange their own travel arrangements and do not advise their flight details to Explore within the above specified timelines, the Jordanian visa fee of JD40.00 (approximately £45) will be applicable. This must be paid on arrival at an international Jordanian airport in order for individuals to gain a visa to enter the country.

All other nationalities should consult the relevant consulate to determine if they are applicable for the above free visa on arrival or must gain a visa prior to departure.

Israel & Palestinian Territories: Visas are not required by UK, New Zealand, Australian, US & Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

Note: You will now be given a visa card at immigration with your details on it. This replaces a stamp in your passport and must be kept safe as it will be required when exiting the country.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See [www.travcour.com](http://www.travcour.com) to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

## **Booking conditions**

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

## **Transfers**

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

## **Booking a land only package with Explore**

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

### **Joining Tour Abroad**

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

## **Insurance**

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## **Flight information**

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them [here](#).

### **Flight Information**

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

### **Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore**

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK

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## **Israel**

### **Vaccinations**

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against, typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, polio, rabies, hepatitis A and B. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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## **Jordan**

### **Vaccinations**

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against malaria, typhoid, tetanus infectious hepatitis and polio. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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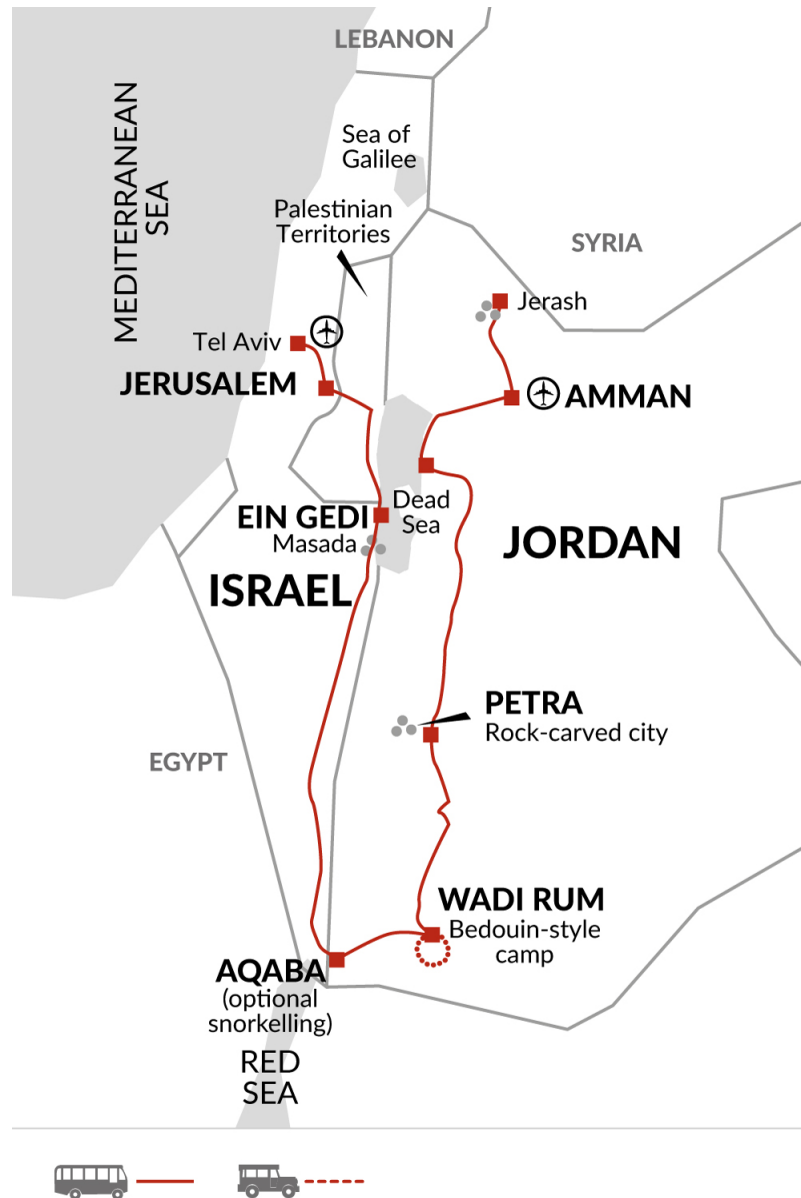
## **Palestinian Territories**

### **Vaccinations**

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against, typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, polio, rabies, hepatitis A and B. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider.

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## **Additional Information**



## Ramadan

In 2022, Ramadan runs from 02 April to 02 May 2022. Read more about travelling during Ramadan.

The following 2022 departures will coincide with Ramadan.

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