

EXPLORE!



Tailormade A Long Weekend in Petra
5 days

Jordan - Trip code TMJO4

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Explore iconic Petra

Petra is simply breathtaking - the dramatic approach on foot through the winding siq creates a sense of mounting anticipation before suddenly the glowing pink façade of the Treasury appears before you. This short trip to Jordan affords you the opportunity to spend time exploring awe-inspiring Petra and relaxing at the shores of the famous Dead Sea.

Enriching tailormade journeys – for you

This bespoke journey features some of our favourite spots in Jordan. You can choose to take our destination experts' recommendations and travel just as you see the itinerary here, or contact us to add your own special touches; maybe a hotel right next to the entrance of Petra or a relaxing massage at the Dead Sea. We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on 01252 883 184

Trip highlights

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Premium

Our premium accommodation is hand-picked and chosen for its character, location or local importance. These properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service. They provide the perfect wind down after an active day.

TRIP PACE:

Moderate

Moderate pace tours are ideal if you want a holiday which combines exciting activities and experiences with plenty of time to relax and unwind. Typically you'll be active and busy for part of the day but then also have time to rest and recharge your batteries.

Itinerary

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

DAY 1 - Fly to Amman

Depart from the UK. You'll be met on arrival in Amman and transferred to your hotel.



Accommodation: Grand Palace Hotel (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Wi-Fi available



Swimming pool available



Meals Included: None

DAY 2 - Drive to Petra via the Desert Highway

Follow the Desert Highway to Petra in time to visit this afternoon. A winding narrow path through the Siq leads you to this incredible ancient city and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Petra has been a focus of settlement since pre-historic times, but it was under the Nabataeans that it reached its apotheosis as a centre for trade. From around the 3rd century BC, the Nabataeans began to abandon their nomadic lifestyle and build a city at Petra. Passing trade not only brought great wealth but also inspired a synthesis of Hellenistic, Egyptian and indigenous architectural influences, resulting in the stunning monuments for which Petra is famous. Your afternoon will be spent exploring the site.



Accommodation: Petra Moon Hotel (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Wi-Fi available



Swimming pool available



Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 3 - Free day to explore Petra

Spend a second day exploring the archaeological wonders of Petra. Observe countless tombs, baths, temples and intricate rock drawings, as well as a 3000-seat open-air theatre. Beyond the Treasury the main route passes tombs, dwellings, temples and the central city area, with its colonnaded Roman street. However, two of Petra's most impressive sights are to be found above the valley floor. The Monastery (Ad Deir) is one of Petra's best preserved monuments and the long steep climb to get there is well worth the

effort. Equally stunning is the 'High Place of Sacrifice' on the summit of Jebel Madhbah, which affords magnificent views in all directions.



Accommodation: Petra Moon Hotel (or similar)



Premium Hotel

Wi-Fi available



Swimming pool available



Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 4 - Drive to the Dead Sea via Little Petra

Today your journey continues to the Dead Sea. First of all however as you leave Wadi Musa, stop at Siq Al-Barid which is also known as Little Petra, a site well worth the visit. After your visit, drive to the Dead Sea, an area flanked by mountains which provide a perfect backdrop as you float in the lowest point on earth. If you wish, indulge in a pampering massage with nourishing Dead Sea mud which reputedly rejuvenates mind, body and spirit!



Accommodation: Holiday Inn Dead Sea (or similar)



Premium Hotel

Wi-Fi available



Swimming pool available



Meals Included: Breakfast

DAY 5 - Drive to Amman and fly home

Unfortunately, time to leave Jordan - drive to Amman, to connect with your flight to the UK.



Meals Included: Breakfast

What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 4



Transport

Private car



Trip staff

Local guides
Driver



Accommodation

4 nights premium hotel

Trip information

Country information

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

+2

Plugs

2 Pin Round

Religion

Islam

Language

Arabic

Budgeting and packing

Country Information

Jordan

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

£10

Dinner price

£15

Beer price

£4

Water price

£1.5

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Jordanian Dinar

Recommended Currency For Exchange

Sterling and US\$ are widely accepted 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.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Accommodation notes

Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

Standard

Light on your pocket but long on authentic experiences, these tours are based in simple, sometimes local-style accommodation. If your idea of adventure travel is to experience real, everyday life then you will enjoy our authentic style of tour. You will have the chance to stay at simple, family-run hotels and guesthouses where the lack of luxury is more than compensated for by the warm welcome and genuine insight into local life.

Ream Hotel

Ream Hotel is located in the business district of Amman. The hotel has restaurant and coffee shop, with complementary Wi Fi in the communal areas. Rooms are comfortably furnished, with TV, coffee-making facilities, en suite and some have a balcony.

Petra Palace Hotel

A locally owned and run hotel, this property offers simple accommodation. There are two swimming pools, one indoor and heated and another outdoor situated within the gardens. There is a buffet restaurant and bar available too. The hotel is also within walking distance of Petra. There is no Wi-Fi available.

Ramada Resort, Dead Sea

The hotel located on the northern shores of the Dead Sea and is ideal for those looking to escape and enjoy some pampering and relaxation. Rooms are spacious with modern furnishings, and guests can enjoy a choice of bar and restaurant. There are three swimming pools, a jacuzzi and sauna and spa offering Dead Sea mineral treatments.

Premium

On Premium level tailor-made holidays you will stay at comfortable mid-range hotels, chosen for their location, ambiance or local character. Your rooms will be clean and well-appointed, with en suite bathrooms and air-conditioning or heating as necessary.

Premium level hotels normally have restaurants, bars and often other amenities such as a swimming pool and gardens, offering a good level of comfort at a reasonable price.

The Grand Palace Hotel

The Grand Palace Hotel is located near to the Royal Culture Centre in Amman's Shmeisani district, near to the main shopping area. Facilities at the hotel include a health club and spa, indoor swimming pool, restaurant and bar. The rooms are comfortable and spacious with Wi-Fi access.

Petra Quattro Relax Hotel

Petra Quattro Relax Hotel is located in Wadi Musa, within a five minute drive of the main gate of Petra. Renowned for its friendly service, the rooms are spacious and modern in design and free Wi-Fi is offered throughout the hotel. Facilities include a fitness centre, spa and indoor pool. The main restaurant serves both buffet and a la carte dishes and there is also a coffee shop. From the rooftop terrace you can enjoy a barbecue while taking in the views over the city. The hotel also offers a shuttle bus service to and from the Petra Visitors Centre.

Holiday Inn Dead Sea

Located on the shores of the Dead Sea, this hotel offers a comfortable stay with many facilities including a choice of restaurants and bars. The well-appointed rooms are modern and spacious. There is a large swimming pool overlooking the Dead Sea, there is also a private beach where you can float in the saline waters.

Indulge

If you are looking for the best of both worlds, with adventurous days and indulgent nights, our Indulge level tailor-made tours may be just the answer. On these tours you can enjoy busy days packed with adventure and activity, followed by relaxing evenings unwinding in the comfort of accommodation hand-picked for its high level of comfort and service. Some hotels are full of historical interest too: a converted palace in India for example, or a restored colonial mansion in Latin America.

The Kempinski Amman

Located in the Shmeisani area of the city, The Kempinski Amman is a luxurious hotel offering a wide range of facilities. The spacious rooms are modern in design and have large picture windows with views over the city. The hotel has a good choice of restaurants and bars, including the adults-only H2O pool bar and a relaxed sports bar. The hotel also has a spa and fitness centre with large pool for all guests to use. Kids will love spending time in Strikers, where they will find an eight-lane bowling alley, plus snooker tables and darts board.

Marriott Hotel Petra

With spectacular views of the valleys and mountains of Petra, the Marriott Petra is an oasis in the desert. Whether you want to dine on a traditional Middle Eastern mezze, feast on Italian cuisine or enjoy a chilled glass of wine with a view, you'll find the perfect treat here, for after a hard day's exploring. Rooms are a good size and many have a view, too.

Jordan Valley Marriott Resort and Spa

The Jordan Valley Marriott Resort and Spa is the perfect place to rejuvenate – either at the beach, just a few steps away from the hotel, at the side of one of the swimming pools, or with a massage or health treatment at the hotel's spa. In the evening, continue your relaxation at one of the many bars and restaurants with a view. A stay here will make your last night in Jordan truly special.

Essential Information

FCO 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 Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

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](#)

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 now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. 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 allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

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.