

A photograph of the Treasury in Petra, Jordan, showing a large, ornate facade carved into a red sandstone cliff. The facade features a central entrance with a pediment supported by columns, and a smaller entrance below it. The word "EXPLORE!" is written in large, bold, orange letters in the top left corner.

# EXPLORE!

**Tailormade Jordan's Highlights**  
8 days

Jordan - Trip code TMJO3

## Tailormade Jordan's Highlights

### Immerse yourself history, culture... and float in the Dead Sea!

A fascinating trip that takes in all the highlights of Jordan from north to south. Visit iconic sites such as Petra, Mt Nebo and the colourful mosaics of Madaba, plus explore the desert landscapes of Wadi Rum and take a memorable dip in the Dead Sea. This holiday is a perfect way of absorbing the country's unique blend of history, culture and scenery in one easy go.

### 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 enjoy a mud bath at the Dead Sea or take a candlit journey down the Siq at Petra. We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on **01252 883 184**

## Trip highlights

### ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

#### Standard

Our standard, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en suite facilities.

### 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: Ream Hotel** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Wi-Fi available



None

## DAY 2 - Visit Jerash

Your introduction to Jordan's fascinating blend of history, architecture, religion and culture begins with a short 30 mile journey north of the capital to the ancient city of Jerash. Populated for over 6,500 years, the city's golden age was in Roman times when it was conquered by General Pompey and became one of a confederation of ten important Middle Eastern cities, known as the Decapolis League. Now, because of the way it has been preserved in sand before its excavation last century, it is widely acknowledged as one of the best-preserved Roman provincial towns in the world. Walking around the colonnaded streets, soaring hilltop temples, handsome theatres and the chariot-racing stadium, it is easy to imagine Roman life carrying on around you. All this is just the tip of the iceberg - it is estimated that only about 10% of city has been uncovered. Afterwards, transfer back to Amman for the night.



**Accommodation: Ream Hotel** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Wi-Fi available



Breakfast

## DAY 3 - Drive to Petra via Madaba and Mount Nebo and Kerak Castle

This morning you head south to Madaba - a town with a strong Christian heritage and aptly dubbed the 'City of Mosaics'. Home to hundreds of Byzantine-era mosaics, the most famous of these is the 6th century map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Created with two million pieces of vividly coloured local stone, it is believed to be the oldest surviving map of Palestine. You will also stop off at Mount Nebo - a site of Christian significance due to its reference in the Old Testament as being from where Moses saw the Promised Land. On a clear day, you too can see out across the border to Israel from its summit. Continue your journey with a stop at Kerak Castle, a fine example of a crusader castle and one of the biggest in the Middle East. After this your journey continues along the

5000 year old King's Highway to Petra.



**Accommodation: Petra Palace Hotel** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Breakfast

## DAY 4 - Visit Petra

Abandoned centuries ago, Petra was the rock cut stronghold of the Nabateans. 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. Enhanced by the play of light and shadow, the sights are an altogether overwhelming experience. In the morning you walk through the Siq and enter this lost city, sighting the famous temple façade of the Treasury as you approach. A guided orientation tour which will take you to some of the key areas, you then have the rest of the day to explore in your own time.



**Accommodation: Petra Palace Hotel** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Breakfast

## DAY 5 - Free day in 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 Palace Hotel** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Breakfast

## DAY 6 - Drive to Wadi Rum via Little Petra

Start today with a drive to Little Petra, just outside the main town of Wadi Musa for a visit to a smaller version of this archaeological wonder. After, head for the desert and follow in Lawrence of Arabia's footsteps to Wadi Rum, only you'll explore by four-wheel drive! The desert is another world, inhabited by the nomadic Bedouin people for generations. Here, looming mountains and sand dunes rise from the desert floor, creating a wonderful backdrop. You'll travel through a landscape of sandstone mountains and white and pink coloured sands. Before your night under the starry sky, enjoy traditional Bedouin hospitality around a campfire and you may be lucky enough to witness a spectacular desert sunset.



**Accommodation: Mohammed Mutlak Camp** (or similar)



Standard Campsite



Breakfast Dinner

## DAY 7 - Relax at the Dead Sea

After a night under the desert stars, your journey continues to the Dead Sea. Flanked by mountains, the scenery provides a perfect backdrop as you float at 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: Ramada Resort, Dead Sea** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast

## DAY 8 - Drive to Amman and fly home

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



Breakfast

## Tailormade Expert



Meet Sarah Slocomb,  
Regional Specialist for Jordan

Call on 01252 883 184

# What's included?



## Included meals

Breakfast: 7  
Dinner: 1



## Transport

Private car  
4WD



## Trip staff

Local guide  
Driver



## Accommodation

1 nights standard campsite  
6 nights standard 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 Standard 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.

**Mohammed Mutlak Camp**

Mohammed Mutlak Camp is located on the edge of the protected area's wilderness zone within Wadi Rum and offers fabulous sunsets and a traditional Bedouin experience. You are assured a warm welcome and true Jordanian hospitality during your stay. The individual tented rooms are simple but comfortable with single beds and electricity. Bathroom facilities are on a shared basis with cold running water, flushing toilets and showers. The dining tent provides low tables and comfortable cushioned seating and you will experience a variety of local Jordanian dishes.

**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 tours 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.

#### **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.

#### **Sun City Camp**

Sun City Camp is a large, luxury camp in Wadi Rum offering private individual tents. The Bedouin style tents each have a small porch, en suite and beds, bedding is also provided. There is a large communal dining tent with low Middle-Eastern-style seating, or you can relax under the stars on the blankets. Traditional dishes are served in a buffet style at meal times.

#### **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.

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#### **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.

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