

BEST SELLER

## Family Jordan, Petra and Desert Adventure

JORDAN - TRIP CODE FJD

FAMILY

### Why book this trip?

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Lost cities, crusader castles and sleeping under the stars are all part of this action packed family holiday to Jordan. Discover the spectacular lost city of Petra, with a night under canvas next to its smaller neighbour known as Little Petra; spend a night in a comfortable Bedouin camp complete with ensuite bathrooms in the Wadi Rum desert and get to swim the Red Sea and float in the Dead Sea.

- **Petra** - Visit the spectacular 'Rose Red City' of the ancient Nabateans
- **Wadi Rum** - Enjoy a delicious meal in the desert and camp under the stars
- **Aqaba** - Swim and snorkel in the turquoise waters of the Red Sea
- **Little Petra** - Spend a night at a secluded camp next to Little Petra, watching the sun set over the site

**INCLUDED MEALS**

Breakfast: 8  
Lunch: 1  
Dinner: 3

**TRIP STAFF**

Explore Tour  
Leader  
Camp Crew  
Driver(s)  
Local Guide(s)

**TRANSPORT**

Bus  
4WD

**ACCOMMODATION**

1 nights simple  
camping  
5 nights  
comfortable hotel  
1 nights premium  
hotel  
1 nights premium  
tented camp

**TRIP PACE:**

Moderate

**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. Amman as we know it now is a young city, home to almost half of the country's population. It's a fascinating city full of contrasts, where the very ancient and the brand new collide.

There are no planned activities for today, so you can arrive into Amman at any time. If you would like to receive a complimentary transfer today, you'll need to arrive into Amman's Queen Alia International Airport (airport code AMM), which is around one hour from our hotel. 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.

If your flight arrives earlier in the day, perhaps you might choose to head to the Temple of Hercules in the commercial heart of the city. Surrounded by ultra-modern buildings, hotels, smart restaurants, art galleries and boutiques old and new rub shoulders comfortably with traditional coffee shops and tiny artisans' workshops.

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Toledo Hotel (or similar)

**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

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## DAY 2 - Visit Jerash and Madaba taking part in a mosaic workshop visit

This morning drive northwards to ancient Jerash, located in the Gilead Hills. One of Jordan's major attractions, Jerash is a beautifully maintained Roman city, 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. It is estimated that this represents only about 10% of the entire city, the rest is still to be uncovered. We spend several hours exploring the site.

Travelling onto the town of Madaba, once a one of the most important Christian communities east of the Jordan River. Today Madaba harbours a collection of extraordinary mosaics, including the incredible 6th century Great Map of the Holy Land mainly Jerusalem. Discovered in 1896, it contains detailed depictions of the important pilgrimage sites throughout the Holy Land, including Jerusalem, and is believed to be the oldest surviving map of Palestine in existence. We watch and learn the procedures of mosaic production from the specialists before returning to Amman.

If time permits, you will be able to wander around the streets of the capital and discover its 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 that all rub shoulders comfortably with traditional coffee shops and tiny artisans' workshops. The downtown area is much older and more traditional with smaller businesses producing and selling everything from fabulous jewellery to everyday household items. The people of Amman are multicultural, multi-denominational, well-educated and extremely hospitable.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Toledo Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 3 - Morning float in the Dead Sea, explore Kerak's Crusader castle. Continue to Little Petra, overnight Bedouin camp.**

This morning drive to the shimmering Dead Sea. At nearly 400m below sea level, it is the lowest point on earth. Surrounded by barren hills, this unique body of water has an amazingly high salt content (33%) which means no animal life survives and that it is almost impossible to sink! But don't take our word for it, try for yourself. There is also access to a hotel pool, beach, showers and the hotel restaurant and bars.

We then head south following one of the oldest trade routes in the world, the King's Highway, which once carried the richly laden caravans of Solomon. We reach Kerak, imposingly positioned on a hilltop, which became famous in the time of the Crusades as one of a chain of fortresses in the Holy War against Islam. Built in 1132 by Baldwin of Jerusalem, a Crusader king, the castle finally fell to the forces of Saladin himself and who was so impressed with the courage shown by its defenders that he set them free, we spend time touring the castle at Kerak, with stories of what life was like for the early crusaders.

From Kerak continue south to Siq al-Barid known as Little Petra. Arriving mid to late afternoon our accommodation tonight is a traditional Bedouin camp located ten minutes\ walk from Little Petra's entrance. Take a stroll from the camp to explore the site which contains several Nabatean temples and structures carved into the bedrock, the site is also a great deal quieter than its more famous neighbour. Returning to camp to watch the sun sink below the sky line, enjoy a traditional dinner served in the communal tent. On warm nights its worth sitting outside - there is no light pollution here and on a clear night the night sky is magnificent.



#### **ACCOMMODATION:**

Little Petra Ammarin Bedouin Camp (or similar)

**Grade: Simple Camping**



**MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER**

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### **DAY 4 - Full day in the Nabatean city of Petra.**

After breakfast at our campsite, make a short drive to Petra, without doubt one of the most famous and awe inspiring sites in the Middle East. Abandoned centuries ago, Petra was the rock cut stronghold of the Nabateans (and the final resting place of the Holy Grail - according to Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade).

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 we walk through the Siq and enter this lost city, sighting the famous temple façade of the Treasury as we approach. A guided walking tour will take us to some of the key parts of this remarkable site after which the rest of the day is free to walk through one of the most impressive and exciting attractions of ancient history at leisure. We return in the evening to our hotel located just beyond the site entrance.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Edom Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 5 - Free in Petra, dinner with a local family in Wadi Mousa.**

A full free day in Petra. Returning to the city you can 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. It is a place to lose oneself in the atmosphere of the past.

This evening we visit a local family in Wadi Musa, close to Petra for dinner and to learn about the local way of life and traditions. Your tour leader will explain how the meal is prepared as well as how local Bedouin tea and other traditional dishes are made. Dinner is likely to be a national dish of the country, such as Makloobah, which is lamb cooked in a sauce of fermented dried yogurt and served with rice.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Edom Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

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### **DAY 6 - Four wheel drive to Wadi Rum. Overnight camp with a traditional zarb dinner served.**

We spend today experiencing the beautiful area of Wadi Rum.

Departing after breakfast, head off south for an exciting half-day four-wheel drive through stunning desert scenery. Travelling via the old Roman road, we explore the lesser-known northern areas of Wadi Rum, seeing natural rock bridges and viewing incredible rock sculptures on the way to our overnight camp. After lunch we rendezvous for an unforgettable trek, either on foot or you have the option of taking a camel. We ride and/or walk for about 2 hours through a landscape of sandstone mountains, white and pink coloured sands and a desert that is dripping in the 'Lawrence of Arabia' legend with scenes of the famous film being shot here. The desert has been inhabited by the nomadic Bedouin people for generations and we discover how the Bedouins of Wadi Rum live with explanations from our guide and the opportunity to visit a local Bedouin family and share a cup of tea with them.

During the afternoon we learn about the Bedouin habits and way of life, their culture and the stories that have been passed down from previous generations. They believe that Wadi Rum is beautiful due to its magical landscape, and so we include time in this area with few other visitors which help us discover the silence and majesty of the desert. The Bedouin culture is also famous for story-telling and we get the chance to listen to stories about the past days and generations of those who used to live in the vast desert of Wadi Rum.

We overnight at Space Village Luxury Camp, located in the heart of the Wadi Rum Desert surrounded by dramatic sandstone mountains and huge sand dunes. The individual Bedouin style tents are spacious and feature modern en suite bathrooms and comfortable bedding. There is a large communal dining tent with low Middle-Eastern-style seating or you can relax under the stars on the blankets.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Space Village Luxury Camp (or similar)

**Grade: Premium Tented Camp**



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

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### **DAY 7 - Travel to Aqaba with afternoon free to spend on the beach.**

Leaving Wadi Rum, drive to Aqaba on the Red Sea. Aqaba is Jordan's only seaport and has a long history of occupation and trade. King Solomon's ships left here loaded with copper whilst the Edomites and the Nabateans used the port as part of a trade route from Damascus to Egypt. The Roman 10th Legion was stationed here and during the 12th century the Crusaders made good use of Aqaba's strategic position. During World War I, the Arab troops under Prince Faisal used the fort as a base for attacks on the Ottoman forces.

After checking into our hotel, the rest of the day is free for you to relax. The hotel is located in the heart of Aqaba, ideal for exploring Jordan's second biggest city or heading to the beach.



ACCOMMODATION:  
City Tower Hotel (or similar)

**Grade: Premium Hotel**



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 8 - Free day in Aqaba with optional sailing and snorkelling, return to Amman**

Today you have a free day where you may wish to enjoy the splendid coral reefs and clear warm waters for which Aqaba is famed. Aqaba has numerous watersports activities including sailing, snorkelling and glass bottom boats for hire, so there should be something for everyone. Later this afternoon we will drive back to Amman.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Toledo Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 9 - Trip ends in Amman**

The trip ends after breakfast at our hotel in Amman.

There are no activities planned today, so you are free to depart from Amman at any time. If your flight is departing later in the day luggage storage facilities are available at our hotel. If you would like to receive a complimentary airport transfer today, you need to depart from Amman's Queen Alia International Airport (airport code AMM), which is around one hour's drive from the hotel.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## **Trip information**

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### **Climate and 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	Plugs	Religion	Language
+2	2 Pin Round	Islam	Arabic

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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.

A selection of optional activities are listed below to help you budget for your Family adventure. Whilst the basic tour price you pay before you travel includes a great selection of highlights, we have also built in free time to allow you the flexibility to choose from a carefully selected range of additional excursions and activities or take time to relax, the choice is yours. At certain destinations along the way there may be several options to choose from and it may not be possible to fit all the activities in; your Explore Leader will be able to give advice on which are the most suitable for your family.

#### Petra:

Day 3: Live cooking course at the Red Cave restaurant followed by dinner JD25 per person

Day 4: Cave BBQ supper in Little Petra including transfers JD30 per person

Day 5: Return visit to Petra - no charge

Day 5: Visit to El Beidha and Siq al-Barid (known as Little Petra) 9km north of Petra, JD17 per person for transport and a local guide, minimum group size of 4 applies.

Day 5: Petra 'by night' (candlelit walk to The Treasury) JD17 per person, children under 10 free

#### Wadi Rum:

Day 6: Desert camel trek JD20 per person

#### Aqaba:

Day 7 or 8: Snorkelling on coral reef plus transport JD35 per person

Day 8: Snorkelling boat trip with lunch, tea and coffee. 4 to 5 hours in total with two snorkelling stops JD35 per person; Berenice Private Beach club - entrance fee JD10.00 per person.

## Clothing

Lightweight clothing is essential in midsummer, with a sun-hat and neck protection, though a sweater and light jacket are advisable for Wadi Rum. Early mornings can be very cold when camping in the desert.



Winters in Jordan can be cold and it may snow, so please bring suitable warm clothing. We recommend a waterproof jacket in winter. Women are advised not to wear shorts or dresses that are too revealing as this can attract unwelcome attention in the streets of Moslem towns - loose fitting trousers or slacks are ideal.

Women and older girls should also cover their head and shoulders when entering a mosque and men should wear long trousers.

## **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, a towel and small torch are useful for the nights in Wadi Rum. You may also wish to bring your own snorkelling equipment. Antibacterial hand wash, such as Travelproof's 'H2O-No' water-less hand scrub (available through Explore Trader catalogue); try to avoid anti-bacterial wipes as these can pose a disposal problem

## **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, your leader may organise a group's tips kitty for included activities and meals and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

Accordingly, you should allow JD20.00 (Jordanian Dinar) per family member for group tipping.

For all non-included services and meals on your trip please tip independently at your discretion.

### **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.

## 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	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.

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## Transport, Accommodation & Meals

### Transport Information

Bus, 4WD

### Accommodation notes

Jordan's tourism infrastructure is well developed and standards are generally good, however due to the recent considerable rise in tourism in Jordan, hotels are experiencing very high demand for 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 in Petra, including the standard of, is subject to change. However, we are confident that these issues are vastly outweighed by our close proximity to historical Petra perfect for exploring.

Our accommodation throughout this tour is in modern mid-range hotels with ensuite facilities, air conditioning, hair dryer, mini bar, direct dial telephone, TV and have use of a swimming pool and free Wi-Fi. We stay in the heart of Amman, on the edge of the old city centre and within walking distance of the downtown area before moving on to our accommodation in Petra. Enjoying a good location, the hotel is close to the entrance of the site itself which allows for lots of opportunities to explore. A highlight of our trip is our desert camp in Wadi Rum, set within a stunning location in a little visited part of the desert. 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. There is even a proper toilet and washing facilities! In Aqaba we stay in a bright, modern hotel with a rooftop restaurant and pool all close to the beach.

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

## **Family swimming**

All the hotels have a swimming pool and there is a chance to swim in the Red Sea at Aqaba and float in the Dead Sea. The swimming pool at the Toledo hotel in Amman is open to the public and operates segregated swimming based on gender, a timetable is available at the hotel reception.

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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 Foreign, Commonwealth & Development 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](#)

### **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.

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 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.

## Ability to swim

An ability to swim is essential for your safe enjoyment of the water based activities on this trip. If you wish to participate in these activities then we insist that you are able to swim.

## 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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## Family information



**Crusader castles and desert camps:** Jordan offers families one of the best introductions to the Middle East. Friendly and welcoming, with highlights by the dozen. Jordan is a compact country, travelling times are short and with direct flights from London just 5

hours, it's closer than you think.

Join us on an action packed nine day adventure as we explore amazingly well preserved Roman remains in Jerash, float in the Dead Sea, discover the true magic of the vast ancient city of Petra, hear tales of the Crusaders as we visit Kerak and the formidable Crusader Castle overlooking the Dead Sea, with time to relax on the coast in Aqaba at the end of the trip.

One of the highlights of the trip is the time spent in Wadi Rum, the location used in the film The Martian. Everyone, at least once in their life, should experience the thrill of sleeping out under a desert sky at night lit up with a million stars. The scenery here is truly awe inspiring with impressive rock arches, vast sand dunes, canyons contrasting against the red desert sand.

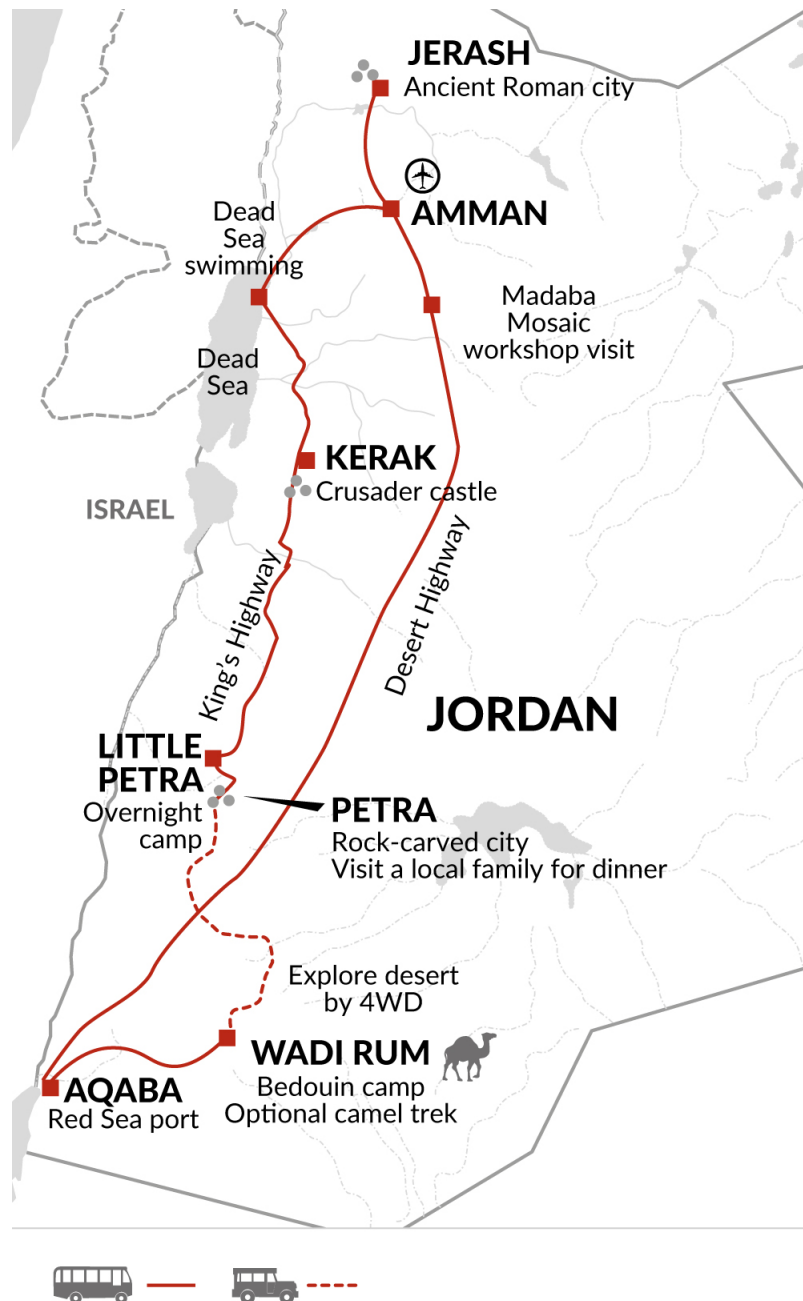
**Triple Rooms:** This trip allows the option for triple rooms to be included within the booking on all nights except the camping in Wadi Rum. If you would like this option, please ask our Sales team for further information.

**Average Age:** As a guide we have identified the actual average age of the children who have travelled on this trip over the last 5 years, to help you decide whether it's the right one for your family. The average age on this trip is 12 years old.

**Minimum age:** This trip is suitable for children of all ages from 7 upwards. On certain trips there may be some flexibility to accept children from the age of 5 if travelling with older siblings, please speak to our reservations team for details.

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## **Additional Information**



## Ramadan

In 2020, Ramadan runs from 24 April - 23 May. Read more about travelling during Ramadan.

The following 2020 departures will coincide with Ramadan.

23 May 2020

## Why book this trip

Jordan will be of interest to any family who enjoy desert landscapes, amazing monuments and cultural interaction. Enjoy dinner with a local family and listen to ancient stories told by a Bedouin tribesperson in the desert. Jordan offers a great 'Lawrence of Arabia' experience with time at the beach to relax at the end of your journey.



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## Reviews

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AWARD WINNING  
EXPLORE LEADERS



PRICE GUARANTEE  
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