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BEST SELLER

Treasures of Jordan

JORDAN - TRIP CODE DJD

DISCOVERY

Why book this trip?

Discover Jordan's ancient history, diverse landscapes and delicious cuisine with a little added comfort at the end of each day. Explore Petra, sleep under the stars in a luxurious desert camp in Wadi Rum and look over the Holy Land from Mount Nebo.

- **Wadi Rum** - Experience the thrill of a jeep safari, try a traditional camel ride and taste a traditional nomadic barbecue
- **Dead Sea** - Float in the saline waters of this inland sea at the lowest point on earth
- **Jerash** - Walking tour of the most well-preserved Greco Roman ruins outside of Europe



INCLUDED MEALS

Breakfast: 8
Dinner: 2



TRIP STAFF

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



TRANSPORT

Bus
4WD



ACCOMMODATION

7 nights premium
hotel
1 nights premium
tented camp



TRIP PACE:

Full on



GROUP SIZE:

10 - 16

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.

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 Queen Alia International Airport (AMM), which is around 30 minutes' drive. 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. This evening you will find information including meeting times on the Explore hotel notice near reception.

If your flight arrives earlier in the day, you may wish to explore the streets and souks of downtown Amman independently.



ACCOMMODATION:

Corp Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Premium Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

DAY 2 - Amman City Tour and Roman Jerash

Today we dive straight into exploring the ancient history of this area, with a guided tour of Amman. The city tour this morning will be a combination of travelling via minibus and walking through this amazing city. The main sights will include; The King Abdullah Mosque also known as the Blue Mosque, is a landmark with its blue dome which internally is covered with Quranic inscriptions; The Citadel, situated on the city's highest hill, also includes the striking historic buildings of the Umayyad Palace and the Roman built Hercules Temple; and The Roman Theatre, a remarkable example of Roman Philadelphia, is set within the side of a hill with the capacity of 6000 seats.

This afternoon we drive to Jerash and spend our time at this Middle East treasure located in the Gilead Hills. Considered to be the best preserved city of the Ten Decapolis Cities of the Roman Empire, we will spend our time roaming the ruins and walking through the iconic triple arch gateway leading onto a colonnaded street, theatre, temples and baths. From here we return to Amman for our overnight stay.



ACCOMMODATION:
Corp Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Premium Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 3 - Visit Qasr Al Kharana, Madaba and Mount Nebo

We start today with a visit to Desert Castles and Palaces. Our morning tour includes Qasr Al Kharana; a castle that is believed to have been built 1200 years ago and is one of the first examples of Islamic Architecture in the region. Amra Palace; a UNESCO site, is a wonderful example of an Umayyad desert complex, renown for its amazing early Islamic art depicted throughout the many frescoes on the walls and ceilings. And Aszraq Castle, once the headquarters of Lawrence of Arabia, which he called the Blue Fortress.

This afternoon we visit Madaba, a small Christian town with its collection of extraordinary mosaics,

including the Great Map of Palestine (6th century). We also stop at St George's Church where the mosaic map of the Holy lands is part of this church's floor. We then investigate Jebel Neba (808m), better known as Mount Nebo. A pilgrimage centre for Christians principally because Moses is said to have seen the Promised Land from this summit. We return to our hotel in Amman.



ACCOMMODATION:
Corp Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Premium Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 4 - Journey to Petra and a Guided Tour of the Rose City

This morning we leave Amman and travel to Petra for a two night stay. 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 and, enhanced by the play of light and shadow, an altogether overwhelming experience. A guided orientation tour will take us to some of the key parts of this remarkable and ancient site. We'll take in the Colonnaded Street, the Royal Tombs and marvel at the amazing theatre, with its 8,000 seats carved from the solid rock, before a free afternoon to continue exploring at your leisure.

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:
Petra Moon Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Premium Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

DAY 5 - Free Day to Discover the Treasures of the 'Lost City' of Petra

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



ACCOMMODATION:
Petra Moon Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Premium Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 6 - To Wadi Rum; Take an Optional Jeep Excursion and Camp in Luxury Under the Stars

Today we transfer to the Wadi Rum Desert. The Wadi Rum desert is an impressive sight with Monolithic outcrops of granite rock and sandstone rising out of the desert. This afternoon we have the chance to experience an exhilarating 4WD excursion (optional), that ends at the camp. After sunset, we enjoy the Bedouin hospitality around the campfire under a blanket of stars; a great setting to share stories while sipping mint and sage tea. A traditional bedouin dinner, which consists of a chicken or a goat meal cooked under the desert sand, is served as well as a delicious selection of mezze. We use a comfortable

camp with great views over the desert. Each private tent retains the traditional Bedouin design, furnished with comfortable handmade beds, with electricity provided via solar power.



ACCOMMODATION:
Space Village Luxury Camp (or similar)

Grade: Premium Tented Camp



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

DAY 7 - Optional Camel Ride, then Drive to Aqaba. Enjoy Time at Leisure in the Red Sea

This morning there is the opportunity for a camel trek (optional) through the dramatic Siq el Barra and learn about this precious alliance between the dromedary and the nomads. Leaving Wadi Rum later this morning we drive to Aqaba on the Red Sea coast for a chance to relax and take in the sea views. On arrival in Aqaba your Explore Leader will be on hand to arrange an optional snorkelling trip or visit to the private Berenice Beach Club (optional).



ACCOMMODATION:
City Tower Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Premium Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 8 - Visit Kerak Castle; Afternoon Float in the Dead Sea

We visit the Crusader Castle of Kerak this morning, imposingly sited on a hilltop. Kerak became famous during the time of the Crusades as one of a chain of fortresses in the Holy War against Islam. After visiting this magnificent castle we continue with our journey and head towards the saline waters of the Dead Sea. At nearly 400m below sea level this is the lowest point on earth. We will have time to enjoy the strange delights of floating and bathing in the skin-soothing properties of the mud as well as visiting the Panoramic Complex and Visitors Centre, before returning to the capital for our final night.



ACCOMMODATION:
Corp Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Premium Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 9 - Trip ends 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 Queen Alia International Airport (AMM), a 30 minutes' drive from the hotel.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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 | Plugs | Religion | Language |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| +2 | 2 Pin Round | Islam | Arabic |

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.

Petra - Petra by night JD17.00 pp; Ottoman bath JD25.00 pp;

Little Petra JD17.50 pp for return transportation from Petra.

Wadi Rum - Camel trek JD20.00 pp.

4WD excursion . Prices for this excursion are dependent on the group size

Aqaba - Snorkelling on coral reef including lunch and snorkelling kit JD35.00 pp; Snorkelling from Boat (snorkelling equipment included) JD35.00 pp; Berenice Private Beach club - entrance fee JD10.00 pp.

Clothing

Lightweight clothing is essential in mid- summer, with a sun-hat and neck protection, though a sweater and light jacket are advisable for Wadi Rum. Early mornings throughout the year can be very cold in the desert and winters (Nov-Mar) in Jordan can be cold, so please bring suitable warm clothing. We recommend a waterproof and windproof jacket, fleece, hat and gloves for winter.

Women are advised not to wear shorts or dresses that are too revealing as this can attract unwelcome attention in the streets of Muslim towns - loose fitting trousers or slacks are ideal. Women should also cover their head and shoulders when entering a mosque and men should wear long trousers.

Footwear

We recommend taking lightweight walking/hiking boots with good ankle support, plus trainers or sandals for relaxing and travelling in.

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

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

Equipment

A high factor sunscreen and good quality sunglasses are essential. Walking poles may be useful for steps and the walks around Petra. A personal water bottle and small torch are useful.

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 JD25.00 (Jordanian Dinar) per person for group tipping.

International Departure Taxes

The Jordanian government levies on all travellers a departure tax of JD10.00 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.

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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.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals**Transport Information**

Bus, 4WD

Accommodation notes

This trip features a range of accommodation types chosen to enhance your trip.

In Amman we always endeavour to stay in a centrally located hotel with restaurant and pool facilities. Amman is not a very pedestrian-friendly city and many of the premium hotels are on large main roads. However, our chosen hotel will be a short taxi ride from the Citadel area and Rainbow Street where there is a selection of cafes and restaurants to explore on free evenings.

In Petra, we stay just a 5 minute walk from the Petra gates so access to the archaeological site is easy and convenient. The family run hotel features a rooftop terrace and a swimming pool, so our hotel is great for relaxing after a day in Petra.

While in Wadi Rum we stay in a luxury Bedouin-style camp located away from the roads, light pollution and noise of other camps. Each luxury tent has ensuite shower and toilet facilities and are furnished comfortably. There is also a communal restaurant tent where meals are served and Bedouin-style seating area for relaxing.

In Aqaba, our chosen hotel is short walk from the beach and local amenities. Featuring an indoor pool

and sauna, it's a comfortable place to stay during our time by the sea.

Please note, swimming pools may have seasonal opening hours in all hotels.

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](#)

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 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 now 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.

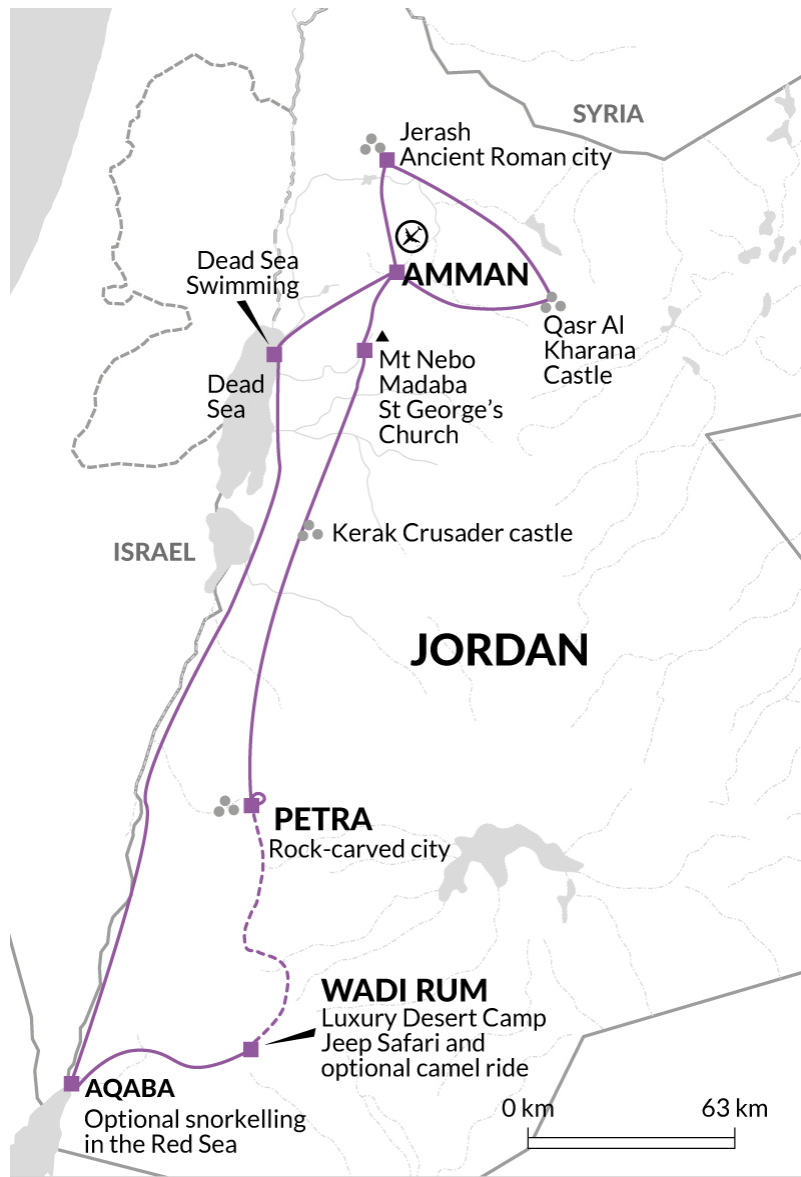
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Vaccinations

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.

Additional Information



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