

JORDAN THROUGH THE AGES

1 Arrival at QAIA – Meet & Assist – Transfer to Hotel

2 Um Qais, Ajloun then Evening Café and Street Food

Visit Um Qais or Gadara of antiquity with its magnificent view over the northern Jordan Valley, the Sea of Galilee (Lake Tiberias), the Yarmouk River gorge and the Golan Heights. Then head to the Saracen castle at Ajlun. This 12th-century castle was built by Saladin in his successful campaign to drive the Crusaders from Jordan in 1189 and is an outstanding example of Arab/Islamic military architecture. Return late afternoon to your hotel.

3 Royal Automobile Museum, City Tour inc Souk & Roman Theatre

Visit the Royal Automobile Museum. The museum depicts the history of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan from the early 1920s through King Hussein's love of cars. Each car tells its own unique story in the making of modern-day history of Jordan. The Museum has been developed as a tribute to the late King Hussein of Jordan. Then begin the city tour of Amman, which includes the Citadel, amphitheater, souks and the traditional neighborhoods, which have become the lifeblood of Amman. Overnight Amman.

4 Mt Nebo, Madaba, Um Al Rasaas, Kerak, Shobak - Overnight Petra

Depart Amman for Petra via the Kings' Highway. En route, visit the mosaics of Madaba where you visit the oldest map of the Holy Land on the floor of Saint George's Church. Madaba has hundreds of mosaic sites in public and private buildings. Then head to Mt. Nebo, the alleged burial site of Moses overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. From this mountaintop, Moses first glimpsed the Holy Land, a place he never allowed to enter. After this transfer to Um Al Rasas, which contains ruins from the Roman, Byzantine, and early Muslim civilizations and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is also home to one of the most significant Mosaics in the region and a unique Stylite tower.

Continue to Petra via the scenic canyons of Wadi Mujib (Arnon Valley in the Bible) to the Crusader castle at Kerak. This 12th-century hilltop fortress features galleries, towers, chapels, and ramparts that recall the gallantry of the Crusaders themselves. It fell to Saladin in 1189 and was restored by the Mamluks in the 14th century. Inside the fortress, there are two churches as well as baths, cisterns, rainwater pipes and millstones for pressing olives. This is yet another castle in the great chain of Crusader fortresses that stretch across Jordan. Overnight Petra

5 Full Day Tour of Petra - Overnight Petra

Once the ancient Nabatean capital, this city gently reveals itself as you walk through the kilometer-long Siq, that winds its way between overhanging cliffs that seem to meet more than 300 feet overhead. Near the end of the passage, the Siq, with great style, makes one last turn, and out of the gloom in towering brightness appears Petra's most impressive monument, el Khazneh - The Treasury. This is one of the most elegant remains of antiquity anywhere in the world, carved out of solid rock.

Beyond el Khazneh the visitor is surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures, soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a carved Roman theater, large and small houses and burial chambers. The Victorian traveler and poet, Dean Burgon, gave Petra a description that holds to this day - **"Match me such a marvel save in Eastern clime, a rose-red city half as old as time."**



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Wadis Rum & Feynan - Overnight Feynan Eco Lodge

Transfer to the magical desert of Wadi Rum, home of "Lawrence of Arabia". Upon arrival, you will take a jeep tour driven by one of the local Bedouin through the ochre-colored, moon-like landscape of Rum. These include Lawrence's Spring named after T.E. Lawrence, of Lawrence of Arabia fame, who fought in the Arab revolt against the Ottoman Empire, and Khazali Canyon, an easy 20-minute walk full of Nabatean inscriptions and drawings.

Depart Rum for the rocky desert of Wadi Feynan and home to the Feynan Ecolodge, constructed in 2005 by renowned architect Ammar Khamash at the western edge of the Dana Biosphere Reserve. The Ecolodge not only provides economic opportunities for local communities and generates revenue for the conservation of Jordan's wild places but also an unparalleled opportunity to experience Jordan's wilderness, meet its native people, and explore its ancient history. Lit entirely by candles and run on solar power the Ecolodge is a fantastic experience set in the rugged Araba Valley that was once home to the early Christians as they were forced to work in the local copper mines. Overnight at Feynan Eco-lodge.

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Lot's Cave & the Dead Sea

Depart Feynan for The Museum at the Lowest Place on Earth designed and managed by Greek Archaeologist Konstantinos Politis, who also discovered Lot's Cave. The cave is surrounded by the ruins of a small Byzantine church, a reservoir and mosaics. Remains from the cave date to the early Bronze Age (3300-2000 BC) and an inscription in the cave mentions Lot by name. After visiting the museum, transfer to your hotel at the Lowest Place on Earth for a float in the super salty waters of the Dead Sea. Overnight Dead Sea.

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Transfer to the Airport for your flight Home

Transfer to the airport where our customer service team will guide you through airport procedures.

