

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 until today through King Hussein's love of cars. Each car tells its own unique story and how it was involved in the making of the 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 includes the Citadel, amphitheatre, souks and the modern part of town. Return to your hotel.

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

Depart Amman for Petra via the Kings' Highway. En route, visit the mosaic city of, Madaba, known as the City of Mosaics, where you visit the oldest map of the Holy Land on the floor of Saint George's Church. Madaba is full of mosaics that exist 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 Promised Land, a place he was never allowed to enter. After this visit transfer to Um Al Rasas the archeological site in Jordan, which contains ruins from the Roman, Byzantine, and early Muslim civilizations and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is one of the most significant Mosaics in the region.

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. This is yet another castle in the great chain Crusader fortresses which stretches across Jordan. Then head to which was home to about 6000 Christians. 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. Continue to Petra for overnight.

5 Full Day Tour of Petra - Overnight Petra

A full-day tour of Petra. Once the ancient Nabatean capital, this city gently reveals itself as you walk through its hand-carved facades. Walk through the SIQ, an immense crack in the sandstone. It is a winding, one-kilometer-long fissure 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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Wadi Rum & Wadi 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 managed and driven by one of the local Bedouins to many of the sites in the moon-like landscaped desert through the ochre-colored sandy desert as you visit the sites of Rum. These include Lawrence's Spring named for T.E. Lawrence, of Lawrence of Arabia fame, who fought in the Arab revolt against the Ottoman Empire, and Khazali Canyon an iconic feature in Wadi Rum. Khazali Canyon is an easy 20-minute walk with Nabatean inscriptions and drawings. Depart Wadi Rum for the rocky desert of Wadi Feynan and home to the Feynan Ecolodge, constructed in 2005 by renowned architect Ammar Khammash at the western edge of the Dana Biosphere Reserve. Feynan Ecolodge is owned by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature and is the first of its kind in Jordan.

The Ecolodge provides economic opportunities for local communities and generates revenue for the conservation of Jordan's wild places. The Ecolodge provides visitors with an unparalleled opportunity to experience Jordan's wilderness, meet its native people, and explore its ancient history, with minimal impact on the environment. 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.

Lot's Cave, Volunteering and The Dead Sea

Depart Feynan for The Museum at the Lowest Place on Earth designed and managed by Greek Archaeologist Konstantinos Politis, who discovered Lot's Cave. Lot, the nephew of Abraham, features repeatedly in the colorful annals of the Dead Sea's southern shores. Lot's Cave, just past the Lisan Peninsula, is where he and his daughters apparently lived after fleeing the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot's grandsons/sons Moab and Ben-Ammi, the forefathers of the Moabite and Ammonite peoples. The cave is surrounded by the ruins of a small Byzantine church (5th to 8th centuries), a reservoir, and some mosaics, which were excavated by the British Museum. 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 head to Zikra for an opportunity to volunteer in a rural community. Spending an afternoon in Zikra is an incomparable Rural Experience in Ghor Al-Mazra'a, where you will get to learn, share, give, receive and experience the captivating riches of the Dead Sea community. Then 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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