

# THE LOWEST PLACE ON EARTH

**1** Arrival in Jordan — Meet & Assist-Transfer to Dead Sea for overnight

**2** Dead Sea, Madaba, Mt. Nebo. Overnight Dead Sea

Experience the ultimate sensation of trying to swim, while only floating in the super salty waters of the lowest place on earth. Following a relaxing first morning in Jordan, you will visit Mount Nebo and Madaba. The drive to Mt. Nebo passes through a truly biblical landscape to the top of the mountain and the alleged burial site of Moses overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. From this mountain, Moses first glimpsed the Promised Land, a land he was never allowed to enter. Here Franciscans have built a structure that protects the best preserved mosaic in Jordan and an early Byzantine church.

A short drive from Mt. Nebo is Madaba where you will visit the oldest map of the Holy Land on the floor of Saint George's Church. Madaba has hundreds of mosaics which can be found in private houses as well as many churches. After lunch at one of the fantastic restaurants in Madaba, you will return to the Dead Sea for a restful float in the super salty waters of the Dead Sea.

**3** Jerash & Amman. Overnight Dead Sea

After breakfast, you will visit one of the best-preserved examples of Roman civilization, the city of Jerash. Jerash, part of the Decapolis (Ten Roman cities of the East) has been called the Pompeii of the East for its unique state of preservation. The city features theaters, churches, temples (Zeus and Artemis), a nymphaeum, colonnaded streets and a fantastic oval plaza. Then head back to Amman for an under-the-skin tour of the capital. The tour includes museums, the Citadel, the amphitheater, souks, and some of the traditional neighborhoods. You will also get to sample some of the best street food on offer in Jordan before you head back to the Dead Sea for overnight and a cheeky float.

**4** Visit Petra. Overnight Dead Sea

Depart the Dead Sea on a full-day tour of Petra. Once the ancient Nabatean capital, this city gently reveals itself as you walk through the Siq, an immense crack in the sandstone that winds for over a kilometer 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 and is 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."** Back to the Dead Sea for overnight.

**5** Free Day and overnight at Dead Sea

Free day at the Dead Sea to enjoy the world's biggest natural spa

**6** Transfer to the Airport for your flight Home

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

