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1 Arrival in Jordan – Meet & Assist-Transfer to Amman for overnight

City tour of Amman (Citadel, Theatre, Old Souk), Jerash - Overnight Ajloun

Amman, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom offers a contrast between oriental and cosmopolitan. A tour of Amman takes in museums, the Citadel, the amphitheater, the souks, and some of Amman's oldest neighborhoods as well as some of the best street food outlets and coffee shops in Jordan. After lunch, you will head to Jerash, one of the best-preserved examples of Roman civilization. Jerash was one of the Decapolis Cities, (the ten big Roman cities of the East) and nicknamed the Pompeii of the East for its unique state of preservation. The city features theaters, churches, temples, a nymphaeum and colonnaded streets. After the visit, proceed to the Saracen castle at Ajloun. 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. In the late afternoon, you will head to Ajloun Nature Reserve where you will spend the night. Set amongst a dense highland forest of evergreen oak, olive, pistachio, carob, and wild strawberry the Ajloun Nature Reserve is a perfect overnight location for families. With, both guided and self-guided walks you can try the easy Soap-Makers' Trail, which leads directly from your overnight accommodation to the Soap House, a crafts project employing local women where you can buy hand-made soap.



3 Madaba, Mt Nebo, Kings Highway and Rummana Campsite for Overnight

Known as the City of Mosaics, Madaba is home to the oldest map of the Holy Land on the floor of Saint George's Church. Madaba, or Medeba in antiquity, has many churches, buildings and private homes that boast unique mosaics dating back to the Byzantine period. A short drive from Madaba is 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 land he was never allowed to enter. Here Franciscans have built a structure that protects a 4th and 6th Century Byzantine church, with probably the best-preserved mosaic in Jordan and a view that hasn't changed for millenia - across the Dead Sea towards the Mediterranian. You will then transfer to Rummana Camp in the Dana Nature Reserve located in the flagship reserve of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature. The campsite is perfect for families and enjoys spectacular views and opportunities for guided, and self-quided walks with an easy three-hour trail to the Dana Guest house.



Transfer to Peta for full-day tour. Overnight Petra.

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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 mountains, which is over a kilometer long, 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 there are hundreds of 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."

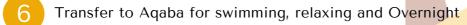


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Free morning in Petra then Wadi Rum – Overnight Wadi Rum

After a free morning in Petra, you will head to the magical desert of Wadi Rum. A local Bedouin will drive you through the moon-like, ochre-colored landscape visiting the sites of Rum. The first stop is Lawrence's Spring, named after T.E. Lawrence, who fought in the Arab revolt against the Ottoman Empire. Then continue to the iconic Khazali Canyon, an easy 20-minute walk full of Nabatean inscriptions and drawings.

As the sun sets in Wadi Rum you'll experience not only the changing temperature but also the changes in the color as the rock and sand take on the deep red of the setting sun. As day turns to night the atmosphere of the desert changes from one of oppressive (heat) to relaxed and welcoming as the Bedouin prepare the fire and the sumptuous hospitality. Once the night has fully arrived the stars light up the night sky and the magic begins.



In clear morning light of sunrise the desert takes on a heavenly aura before the sun once again assumes control. Waking up in the serenity of the desert is a truly memorable experience.

After breakfast, it's time to head to Jordan's Red Sea Riviera, famous for its warm water, rich marine life as well as diving and snorkeling. With its vibrant fringe reef and crystal clear waters Aqaba is the perfect spot for snorkeling and for those who prefer to experience the coral from above you can take a ride in a glass-bottomed boat. There is also a thriving souk and an abundance of local and tourist restaurants.



Leaving Aqaba, you will take a beautiful drive along the Dead Sea Highway, through the Wadi Araba desert passing the banks of the Dead Sea. As you descend to 410 metres below sea level you will notice the change in both temperature and landscape. The Museum at the Lowest Place on Earth explains the Dead Sea region, its history and geology. You will then transfer to the Mujib Chalts on the Madash Peninsula. Owned and managed by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature, the chalets provide unique views of this incredible landscape. Overnight Mujib Chalets.



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



