

# CULTURE AND BEACH

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

2 Madaba, Mount Nebo and Dead Sea - Overnight Petra

Enjoy an early morning stroll through the market town of Madaba, known as the City of Mosaics, and watch this fascinating little Christian community come to life. Visit the oldest map of the Holy Land on the floor of Saint George's Church. Madaba, or Medeba in antiquity is home to hundreds of mosaics that can be found in public and private buildings. A short drive from Madaba will take you to Mt. Nebo, the alleged burial site of Moses, and overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. From this mountain, Mosaic had his first glimpse of 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. Then head to the Dead Sea for a swim in the mineral-rich, salty waters at the lowest spot on Earth. Experience the ultimate sensation of trying to swim, while you can only float. Transfer to Petra for overnight.

3 Petra - Overnight Petra

Once the ancient Nabatean capital, Petra gently reveals itself as you walk through its hand-carved facades. Walk through the SIQ, an immense crack in the sandstone mountains that twists and turns 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."**

4 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. Boarding a jeep, driven by one of the local Bedouin tribesmen, you will be driven through the moon-like, ochre-colored landscape visiting the sites of Rum. Visit 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 begins. Once the night has fully arrived the stars light up the night sky and you can experience the real joy of the desert.



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Transfer to Aqaba for swimming, relaxing and time on the beach

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, Aqaba. Famous for its warm water and rich marine life it is a seaside and diving/snorkeling resort. Aqaba's vibrant fringe reef and crystal clear waters make it the perfect spot for snorkeling and for those who prefer to experience the coral from the surface, you can take a trip in the comfort of a glass-bottomed boat. Aqaba also has a thriving souk and an abundance of local and tourist restaurants.

You can spend as many nights as you like in Aqaba but we suggest a minimum of two to fully relax and soak up the balmy year-round weather.

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Aqaba free time - Overnight Aqaba

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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 the airport procedures.



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