



## Jordan Dream

### Amman, Dead Sea, Petra, & Wadi Rum

#### Trip Dossier

#### Highlights

- Jeep safari at Wadi Rum
- Guided exploration of Petra
- Guided tour of Jerash

#### Fact Finder

**Style:** Adventure

**Staffing:** Service of local guide at all the sites stated in the itinerary and English speaking driver.

**Transport:** Air-conditioned mini van and 4x4 jeeps.

**Accommodation:** 4 nights hotel and 1 night desert camp.

**Meals:** 4 breakfasts and 1 dinner

Please allow US\$15-25 per day for additional meals.

**Entrance fees:** included

#### A NOTE ABOUT PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION

This Trip Dossier is designed to be read in conjunction with our Pre-Departure Information.

You can download the Pre-departure information from the website ([www.experience-egypt.com](http://www.experience-egypt.com))

It is a good idea that you read this dossier & the pre departure information in full before you travel.



#### Itinerary (5 days / 4 nights)

##### DAY 1, Amman NO MEALS

Arrive at Amman Airport where our representative will meet and assist you through customs and then claiming your baggage. You will then be transferred to your selected hotel, for a free evening.

##### ARRIVAL

For details of arrival procedure and transfers please refer to your Pre-Departure Information

ARRIVAL TRANSFER IS INCLUDED!

##### TOUR BRIEFING

The representative will give you an overview of all the exciting things you will be seeing and doing during your tour upon your arrival and will answer any other questions or queries you may have.

##### AMMAN

Amman, the modern and ancient capital of Jordan, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the World. The city's modern buildings blend with the remnants of ancient civilizations. The mix of gleaming white houses, kebab stalls with roasting meat, and tiny cafes where rich Arabian coffee is sipped in the afternoon sunshine, conjure a mood straight from a thousand and one nights. One hundred years ago the city barely existed, now it is built on seven hills, or jabals, each of which more or less defines a neighbourhood. Most jabals once had a traffic circle and although most of these have now been replaced by traffic lights, Amman's geography is often described in reference to the eight circles which form the spine of the city. First Circle is located near downtown, and the series extends westward through Eighth Circle. Women wearing the traditional gowns walk the streets passing boutiques stocked with the latest trendy fashion. Old men sit in the cafes smoking shisha pipes and wearing keffiyas, as their grandfathers have done before them, while kids walk the streets listening to the latest dance tunes. The city is visually striking - with few exceptions, no building is allowed to be more than four storeys high, and all must be built with the white limestone taken from the earth surrounding Amman.



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#### Day 2, AMMAN – DEAD SEA - JERESH – AJLOUN BREAKFAST

After breakfast you will drive on the main road until you reach the Dead Sea the lowest spot on the Earth Surface (1306 feet below sea level). The Dead Sea is 46 miles long and 310 miles wide with no outlets. It is a scenic oddity by day it is silvery blue and by the night it glistens in the moonlight. You will then drive to Jerash, which was known as the city of a 1,000 Pillars. You will also visit the Triple Arched Gate, the Huge Hippodrome, the Theatre, and the only Roman Forum surrounded by 63 Ionic columns. Just west of Jerash and Ajloun is the imposing Arab Castle of Qalaat El Rabad from where the forces of Salahedin (Saladin) launched their successful campaigns against the Crusaders. Overnight at your hotel in Amman.

#### DEAD SEA

Deep in the Jordan Valley and 55 km southeast of Amman is the Dead Sea, one of the most spectacular natural and spiritual landscapes in the whole world. It is the lowest body of water on earth, the lowest point on earth and the world's richest source of natural salts hiding wonderful treasures that accumulated throughout thousands of years. It is part of the Great Rift Valley that stretches from the Middle East all the way down into East Africa. As you descend to 400 metres below sea level, the mountains tower above, looking fierce and unforgiving. As you approach the Dead Sea, you notice the white residue left all around the shore line - evidence of its high salinity and because the salt content is four times that of most world's oceans, you can float in the Dead Sea without even trying, which makes swimming here a truly unique experience not to be missed: here is the only place in the world where you can recline on the water to read a newspaper. The Dead Sea is said to contain many healing properties, and you can reach down and pick up some of the soft, sulphurous black mud and apply it to your body like a mud pack! Many of our travellers remark just how good their skin feels after a quick dip in its waters. Stepping into the Dead Sea is a sensation like no other and definitely one of those life experiences that you shouldn't miss out on.

#### JERASH

Jerash, located 48 km north of Amman and nestled in a quiet valley among the mountains of Gilead, is the grandeur of Imperial Rome being one of the largest and most well preserved sites of Roman architecture in the World outside Italy. To this day, its paved and colonnaded streets, soaring hilltop temples, handsome theaters, spacious public squares and plazas, baths, fountains and city walls pierced by towers and gates remain in exceptional condition. Here the past really comes to life as you stand on the stage of the beautiful amphitheatre, stroll around the once bustling market place and imagine the sounds of laughter coming from the bathhouses. As you walk between the columns, glance down at your feet where narrow channels worn into the stone are a remarkable reminder of the days when chariots regularly thundered by.

#### AJLOUN

A short journey northwest of Jeresh, you will drive through beautiful pine-forest and olive groves you come to the town of Ajloun, where Hadrian stayed over the winter of 129-30 AD and built himself an arch well outside the town leaving unbounded its sides for future city walls to come out to meet it. Here you will find the Castle of Ajloun or Qalaat Errabadh (Arabic for "Hilltop Castle"), from which there is a splendid view westwards into the Jordan Valley. It looks like a Crusader fortress, but it was built by Muslims in 1184-85 as a military fort and buffer to protect the region from invading Crusader forces. The castle today is beautifully preserved and is a popular attraction for foreigners & Jordanians alike. The beautiful scenery, the structures, towers, chambers, galleries and staircases that form part of the town will captivate you.

#### Day 3, AMMAN – MT NEBO – MADABA – KERAK- PETRA BREAKFAST

After breakfast check out of your hotel you drive southward along the King's Highway (one of the oldest trade routes in the world which runs 200 miles along Jordan's hilly backbone). You will make a stop at the Byzantine Church of Mt. Nebo and then proceed to Madaba where you will see a unique Mosaic Map of Palestine. You will then visit the Great Crusaders Castles of Kerak and continue to Petra for the night. Overnight at your hotel.



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#### **MT NEBO**

Mt Nebo, the presumed site of Moses' death and burial place. Visit the Sanctuary at Nebo the memorial of Moses (pbuh), the presumed site of his death and burial place and a centre for pilgrimages since earliest Christian times. You'll be inspired by the biblical feel from start to finish as you experience this divine tour.

#### **MADABA**

In many respects Madaba is a typical East Bank town which differs in one major aspect: underneath almost every house lies a fine Byzantine mosaic. Many of these mosaics have been excavated and are on display in the town's museum, but it is estimated that many more lie hidden waiting to be discovered. Madaba's chief attraction - in the contemporary Greek Orthodox church of St. George - is a wonderfully vivid, 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map showing the entire region from Jordan and Palestine in the north, to Egypt in the south. The map sits on the floor of the church of St George, and has been built around over the centuries, but is still in excellent condition.

#### **KERAK**

Located on the Kings Highway and towering above a small town on a plateau 1000 metres above sea level is the imposing Kerak castle. The magnificent Crusader fortress of Kerak - Crak des Moabites, or Le Pierre du Desert to Crusaders - soars above its valleys and hills like a great ship riding waves of rock. But Kerak's origins go back long before the Crusaders; the earliest remains are Iron Age, shortly after the Exodus, when this was a part of Moab. It was known as Kir-haraseth, Kir-heres, or Kir, and its doom was prophesied by Isaiah (16:7), who mentions its 'raisin-cakes', presumably a local speciality. Then it falls out of history until the Byzantine period, when it was important enough to have an archbishop.

#### **Day 4, PETRA – WADI RUM BREAKFAST DINNER**

Start the visit with a horse ride from the main gate of Petra to the entrance of the old city. Then walk on foot to visit the rose-red city of Petra.- City of the Edomites and later the Nabateans who carved a breathtaking empire out of the solid mountain rock hidden by a canyon. You will visit the Treasury, Theatre Tombs, Hall of Justice and Palaces. In the late afternoon you will leave Petra for Wadi Rum which is well know from the movie "Lawrence of Arabia" you will stay for an unforgettable night camping with the traditional Bedoins including dinner and party . Overnight at your Camp.

#### **PETRA**

Petra is the treasure of ancient world, hidden behind an almost impenetrable barrier of rugged mountains, boasting incomparable scenes that make it the most majestic and imposing ancient site still-standing nowadays. It has been said "perhaps there is nothing in the world that resembles it", actually, for sure, there is nothing in the world that resembles it. The rock-carved rose-red city of Petra is full of mysterious charm it was "designed to strike wonder into all who entered it". The approach through a kilometre long, cool and gloom chasm (or Siq) a long narrow gorge whose steeply rising sides all but obliterate the sun, provides a dramatic contrast with the magic to come. Suddenly the gorge opens into a natural square dominated by Petra's most famous monument, The Treasury (El-Khazneh), who's intricately carved facade glows in the dazzling sun. Used in the final sequence of the film Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade the Treasury is only the beginning of your fabulous adventure. As we climb old steps to the High Place of Sacrifice where you view the dramatic expanse of Petra, catch glimpses of a multitude of tombs nestled into rugged mountain sides, walk on sands that change colour from rose, to deep reds and to purple, take the monumental staircase to the magical Monastery and walk to the 'end of the world' for views of the wild Negav mountains, Petra will carve itself into your mind forever.



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#### **WADI RUM**

A journey to Wadi Rum is a journey to another world. A vast, silent place, timeless and starkly beautiful, Wadi Rum is one of Jordan's most stunning deserts capes in the World. As the main inhabitants of Wadi Rum, the lives of the Bedouin are intrinsically linked with the desert landscape and here and there you will see women herding goats and families around their traditional camel hair tents. Uniquely shaped massive mountains rise vertically out of the pink desert sand, which separate one dark mass from another in a magnificent desert scenery of strange breathtaking beauty with towering cliffs of weathered stone. The faces of the sheer rock cliffs have been eroded by the wind into faces of men, animals and monsters. Immortalised as the desert of Lawrence of Arabia, Wadi Rum (Wadi means valley) was once a meeting place for caravans from Arabia but also has a longer history dating back to pre-historic times.

#### **Day 5, WADI RUM - AMMAN**

##### **BREAKFAST**

After Breakfast, you will leave Wadi Rum by bus and transfer to Amman. Arrive Amman and transfer to the Amman Airport for your departure flight.

*Have a great trip!*

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TOUR INFORMATION**

### **VISAS**

You will need to obtain the following visas for this tour.  
Contact your local Jordanian Embassy for more information.

### **REQUIRED IN ADVANCE**

- Jordan single entry

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the correct visas for your holiday and onward travel. Experience Egypt cannot accept responsibility for anyone who is refused entry to a country because they lack the correct documentation.

### **BORDER TAXES**

Entry by air nil  
Exit by air US\$8

### **ENTRANCE FEES**

These are included in this trip.  
Jordan has a wealth of other historical sights and museums, which you may wish to visit in your free time please, allow extra money for this option.

### **FITNESS**

None of the activities featured in this trip require special training or skills, just a reasonable level of fitness and a willingness to participate. If you are in any doubt contact your doctor for advice.

### **TRANSPORT**

Private Coach/ mini van or car to travel between hotels, sites and other activities and 4X4 jeep.

## **GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION**

### **PRICE INCLUDES**

Staffing as shown in the 'Fact Finder'  
Accommodation, meals, transportation, and sightseeing excursions as per itinerary.  
Transfer to hotel on arrival and back to the airport for your departure flight.

### **PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE**

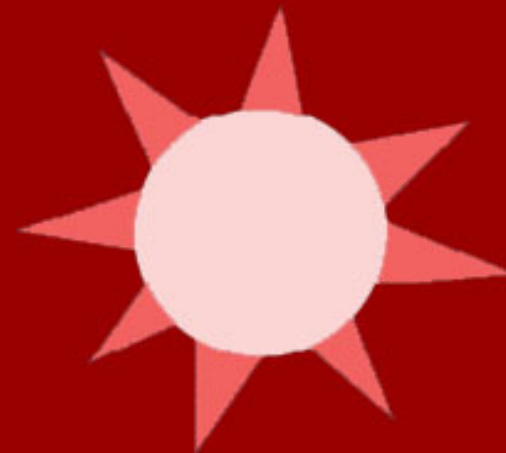
Visa costs  
Departure tax  
Drinks, tips, laundry and other items of a personal nature.  
International flights  
Meals other than those listed

### **ARE YOU READY TO GO?**

Before you travel you should take the time to read ALL of the following documents which you can download from our website ([www.experience-egypt.com](http://www.experience-egypt.com))  
Trip Dossier (this document)  
Pre Departure Information  
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