

Jordan Experience with Dead Sea Option

Get up close and personal to magic, mystery and history in the Greco-Roman city of Jerash, Amman and the UNESCO-listed wonders of Petra and Wadi Rum.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | DYNAMIC



DAY 1 | ARRIVE AMMAN

Your journey begins in Amman, the innovative white stone capital city of Jordan. The landscape of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has remained largely unchanged for 2,000 years. On arrival at Amman International airport, you will be transferred to your hotel, where you can choose to relax and settle in or explore at your leisure. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**

Hotel: Amman Rotana

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING AMMAN AND JERASH

Today, you will join two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences. First, delve into the inspiring work of a woman's cooperative in Iraq Al-Amir, which empowers women and girls from nearby Wadi Al Seer villages with training and work opportunities, helping them to become financially independent whilst preserving local heritage. Then, the journey to Jerash reveals the most beautifully preserved Greco-Roman city still in existence. Enter through Hadrian's Arch to explore the grand ruins of the temples of Artemis and Zeus, where you can listen to the Whispering Column. Overlook the vast Oval Plaza and Cardo Maximus, the key Roman Road. Second, visit Beit Khairat Souf, a women-owned cafe dedicated to combatting female unemployment and fostering a strong community of women leaders, and savour an al fresco lunch of natural produce and family recipes. Return to Amman, where the rest of the day is at leisure. **(B) (L)**

DAY 3 | MOUNT NEBO, MADABA, SHOBAK AND ON TO PETRA

Continue to Mount Nebo, one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan, where Moses is said to have stood and seen before him the Promised Land. In Madaba, visit the famous Greek Orthodox Church of St. George with its amazing 6th-century mosaic map depicting the entire Holy Land, stretching from Jordan and Palestine in the north to Egypt in the south. Afterwards, indulge in a Farm-to-Table lunch with fresh local organic produce, and learn how they connect with local farmers to build a community of conscious food producers. Follow the King's Highway to visit Shobak, an authentic 12th-century crusader fortress perched on the side of a rocky mountain. Admire the towers and Arabic calligraphy on the external walls before stepping inside to discover the original Crusader chapel, palace complex, and even a set of secret passages. Later, head south for one of the highlights of your journey: the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Petra, voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. **(B) (L) (D)**

Hotel: Grand Mercure Petra

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**

RELAXED STARTS: **(RS)**

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

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Guest Review Rating



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 4 | EXPLORING THE LOST CITY OF PETRA

This day is devoted to the beautiful 'rose-red city, half as old as time', half-built and half-carved into the rock. It is one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world, where ancient Eastern traditions blend with Hellenistic architecture. You enter this 'Lost City', undiscovered by the Western world until 1812, through a narrow gorge, the Siq, with walls that rise up to 200 metres. Upon emerging from the path, you will behold the magnificent Treasury (Al-Khazneh), Petra's most iconic monument, carved out of solid rock and standing over 40 metres high. Wind your way through the canyon to explore the ancient tombs and the Roman Amphitheatre, which once seated 3,000 spectators. Tonight, taste authentic Jordanian flavours as you experience a traditional desert dinner with locals amidst the stunning backdrop at the Ammarin Bedouin camp. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | WADI RUM WITH THE BEDOUIN

Head to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon and a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognised for its natural drama and cultural significance. Described as "Vast, echoing and God-like" by British officer T.E. Lawrence, it has served as a backdrop for several movies, most notably the classic film Lawrence of Arabia. Enjoy a jeep safari through its majestic, red-hued, Mars-like desert landscape, where you will see stunning rock formations and learn about the history of the area and the local Bedouin culture. In Aqaba, the only coastal city in Jordan, delve into mosaic designs during a Stone Mosaic Class—

an ancient Jordanian tradition that provides a fascinating glimpse into the past. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Mövenpick Aqaba

DAY 6 | AMMAN

Explore Amman, where ancient history meets modern life, with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided sightseeing experience, highlighting the city's history, architecture and culture. Alternatively, explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour that will provide you with a new perspective on Jordan's capital. Later, settle in at your hotel and spend the rest of your day at leisure. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner paired with wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 7 | DEPART AMMAN

After breakfast, you are transferred to Amman Airport for your onwards flight. For those continuing their adventure to the Dead Sea, indulge in pampering treatments at your resort to soothe the body and mind. Immerse yourself in mineral-rich waters and feel your body become lighter and buoyant as you float effortlessly. **(B)**

Dead Sea Option

Personalise your holiday by adding a two-day Dead Sea extension. See insightvacations.com for more details.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Jerash | Explore the ancient metropolis, the finest surviving Greco-Roman city in the world.

Mount Nebo | Take in the view of Moses' Promised Land, where the ruins are a sight to behold.

Petra | Explore the 'rose-red' city, see the Treasury (Al-Khazneh) and discover the Roman Amphitheatre and ancient tombs.

Aqaba | Join a stone mosaic class to learn about the ancient art of mosaic design and craft your own masterpiece.

Wadi Rum | Enjoy a jeep safari deep into the heart of the majestic desert.

Amman | *Insight Choice* Explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour, or join a guided tour of Citadel, the grand Roman Amphitheatre and the Archaeological Museum.

Amman | Visit the Iraq-Al Amir Women's Co-operative to learn traditional handicraft skills and admire the work supporting their financial livelihoods. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 5 & 11: Gender Equality & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Amman | Enjoy lunch at Beit Khairat Souf, a female-owned cafe in the Bataresh family home supporting local women's financial independence.

Madaba | Savour a Farm-to-Table lunch at Carob House and learn about their community-driven support for conscious food production.

Petra | Taste authentic Jordanian flavours with a traditional desert dinner at Ammarin Bedouin camp.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

