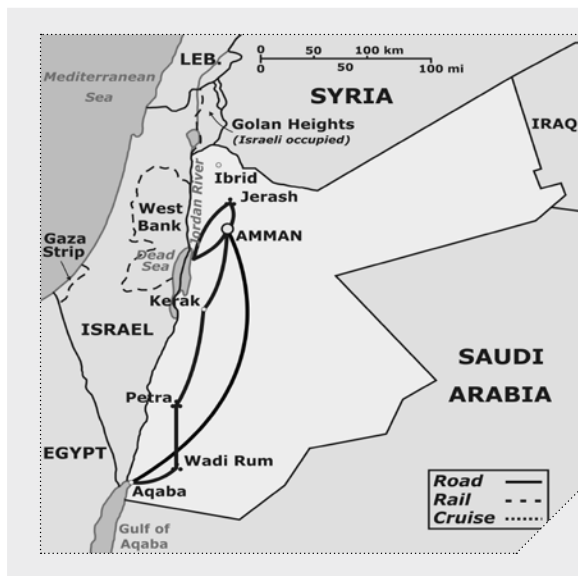


# Jordan Uncovered from only £790pp\*



9 DAYS / SMALL GROUP OR PRIVATE TOUR / STANDARD OR SUPERIOR TOUR /

Jordan is a beautiful country with a rich mix of stunning scenery in its deserts and Wadis, historic castles and ancient Roman ruins, as well as unique sites such as the city of Petra and the Dead Sea. This tour gives a comprehensive introduction to all of these allowing you to enjoy and learn all about this fascinating country. Options are available to do this tour using both our Standard and Superior level hotels.



**FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**  
See page 5 for details

**Regular small-group departures run all year round. Call or check the website for dates and prices. Private and tailor-made options are also available on request.**

Please refer to page 4 or website for details.

<b>FLIGHTS INCLUDED:*</b> ✗	<b>LOCAL PAYMENT:</b> ✗	<b>ENTRANCE FEES:</b> ✓	<b>AIRPORT TRANSFERS:</b> ✓
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## TOUR FACTS

<b>Tour Code &amp; Class:</b>	CUJOJU / Standard or Superior
<b>Group Size &amp; Age:</b>	Min. - 3 Max. - 18 / Min. age - none
<b>Activity - Cultural:</b>	Sightseeing, jeep safari, dead sea swim, optional camel ride
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Low
<b>Accommodation:</b>	8 nights in 3 or 5-star hotels,
<b>Transport:</b>	A/C car/bus/minibus, 4x4 jeep
<b>Meals:</b>	8 Breakfasts (B), 3 Lunches (L) and 0 Dinners (D)

## YOUR 9 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

<b>Day 1:</b>	Arrive in Amman. Transfer from airport to hotel.
<b>Day 2:</b>	Desert castles and wildlife reserve tour.
<b>Day 3:</b>	Amman tour. Drive the Desert Highway to Aqaba.
<b>Day 4:</b>	Aqaba - Free day for snorkelling, scuba-diving.
<b>Day 5:</b>	Drive to Wadi Rum. Afternoon jeep safari & Bedouin lunch
<b>Day 6:</b>	Petra. Full day tour.
<b>Day 7:</b>	Petra (optional short 2nd visit). Drive the Kings Highway to Amman via Kerak, Madaba & Mt. Nebo.
<b>Day 8:</b>	Amman, Dead Sea, Jerash.
<b>Day 9:</b>	Amman - Free time. Transfer to airport for departure.

"Would you like to combine this tour with a visit to Egypt? ...we offer several options from 9 to 16 days, at both our Standard and Superior levels. Please check our website or contact us for details...."

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## DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / ARRIVE IN AMMAN

You arrive at Amman airport where we greet you and transfer you to your hotel. Our local rep. welcomes you, helps you settle into the hotel, and outlines the plan for the next few days.

*Overnight at hotel in Amman.*

### DAY 2 / DESERT CASTLES TOUR

After breakfast we have a short pre-tour briefing before we take you on a tour of the 'Desert Castles' to the east of Amman. Really palaces, fortresses and bath houses rather than castles, many of these numerous sites are now in ruins, but still make for an interesting tour. We start with a stop at Qasr Hallabat, with its elaborate mix white limestone ruins from the 8th century, and some remaining black basalt stones from an earlier 2nd century Roman fort. There is also an old bathhouse about 3km away we can visit.

Another stop is at the World Heritage Site of Qasayr Amra, another bath house, famous for its detailed and exuberant frescoes covering the whole of the interior.

Our other main historical visit is to Qasr Hraneh, one of Jordan's most impressive ancient buildings, visible for miles around.

Our tour is completed by tours to two nature reserves in the middle of the desert. The Azraq Wetlands Reserve is an area of marshland and lakes once home to numerous water buffalo, wild horses, and hundreds of thousands of ducks and water birds which stopped off here on their migrations to feed, or over-winter and breed. Over the last few decades extensive draining of the lakes and aquifers has diminished the oasis, and the visitor centre gives a good explanation of the work being done to counteract this, and information about the extensive wildlife which still makes the reserve home. A boardwalk provides access through the reeds.

We also stop at the Shaumari Wildlife Reserve, which is successfully

re-introducing locally endangered species, including the Arabian oryx (an elegant white long-horned antelope), ostriches, onagers (an Asian wild ass) and gazelles, which are all protected here from the from hunting and habitat destruction that nearly wiped them out. Enclosures and viewing towers allow sightings of all these animals. Returning to Amman, your evening is free to relax in the hotel, or head into Downtown to explore the many souks and noisy street-life in and around the Forum and Husseini Mosque.

*Overnight at hotel in Amman (B,L).*

### DAY 3 / AMMAN TOUR. DESERT HIGHWAY TO AQABA

We start this morning with a short city tour in the centre of Amman, visiting the Roman amphitheatre and Odeon, and getting a feel for the geography of the city with its many hills and steep winding roads.

We then head south on the Desert Highway, a large trunk road offering the fastest way to get down from Amman to Aqaba. You'll see numerous trucks heading in either direction transporting goods all around the Middle East.

Late in the afternoon we arrive in the Red Sea resort town of Aqaba, where we check into our hotel and look forward to a relaxing day tomorrow.

*Overnight at hotel in Aqaba (B).*

### DAY 4 / AQABA. FREE DAY

We have a free day today to look around Aqaba, relax in our hotel, or more likely, try some snorkelling or scuba-diving over the beautiful coral reefs of the Red Sea. The clear blue waters are home to myriad marine life including many varieties of colourful fish and coral. Our local rep will be happy to help arrange any activities for you today, and advise you on the best place to enjoy the sunset.

*Overnight at hotel in Aqaba (B).*

### DAY 4 EXTRA OPTIONS

#### Snorkelling & scuba diving option

*See page 4 for details*

### DAY 5 / WADI RUM JEEP SAFARI. BEDOUIN LUNCH

We leave Aqaba this morning and drive into the spectacular desert & mountains of Wadi Rum. The desert here, with its towering rust coloured rocky 'jebels' awed TE Lawrence during his visits during the Arab Revolt of 1917-18, and was later made famous in the film Lawrence of Arabia.

**Note:** We may be joined this morning by travellers arriving from Egypt who are doing one of our Egypt & Jordan tours, who will form part of our group for the remainder of the tour.

After a traditional Bedouin Lunch inside Wadi Rum, we take a jeep safari this afternoon through the stunning desert scenery to see more of the sheer cliffs and bizarre rock formations

Later in the afternoon we drive out through the desert to rejoin the Desert Highway, the Jebels get smaller, and the desert more expansive. After a short time on the main road, we start to climb into the hills, and turn off towards Petra. Also made more famous by a film, this time the rather different 'Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade', Petra is, for good reason, Jordan's tourism highlight.

We will spend the next 2 nights at Petra.

*Overnight Petra (B,L)*

### DAY 6 / PETRA

We have a whole day today to tour this fascinating city, escorted by an expert local guide (4 hour tour, then free time to explore yourselves). We start by walking through the Siq, which rises to 200m above us, and narrows to just 2m wide in places. The ancient Nabatean water channel can still be seen on one wall, as well as some remnants of the terracotta pipes that brought water into the city. All of a sudden, a now classic view appears around

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one corner, and one of Petra's most impressive monuments, the Khazneh (Treasury) comes into view. Our guide will explain how this, and the other buildings here, are mainly elaborate facades carved into the rock from the top down, and also discuss the spiritual significance of the building style. From the Khazneh, the valley opens out, with tombs carved into the rock on both sides. We'll see the ruined Roman amphitheatre, and colonnaded street, and can walk up a steep and narrow winding gorge past beautifully coloured sandstone cliff walls to the huge and imposing 'Monastery'. The biggest of Petra's carved monuments at 50m high and 45m wide, this is truly spectacular, as are the distant views west across Wadi Aruba and the Jordan valley.

Another climb can take us to the High Place of Sacrifice, and Lion Fountain.

All in all, this is a full & tiring, but hugely rewarding day touring one of the world's most famous ancient sites. We spend the evening and night relaxing at our hotel.

The ancient capital of the Nabataean commercial empire until the Romans finally took over in 106AD, Petra was largely forgotten, except by the local Bedouins, until it was 'discovered' in 1812 by a young Swiss explorer, Johann Ludwig Burckhardt. This was partly due to its remoteness, and its situation on the edge of Wadi Aruba., whose canyon walls and surrounding hills make it almost impossible to approach except through a narrow, winding cleft in the rock, called the Siq. The city itself has very few free-standing buildings, as the Nabateans chose to carve their homes, buildings and tombs into the multi-coloured sandstone cliffs. Nowadays, the Jordanian government and local people are well aware of Petra's interest to tourists, and the tourism infrastructure in the adjoining village of Wadi Musa is booming, though, thankfully, once you enter through the Siq, the site is protected, and all the building feels miles away.

An option is available to return to the Siq in the evening for the Petra by Candlelight tour through the Siq to the Treasury.

*Overnight at hotel in Petra (B L).*

## DAY 7 / PETRA, KERAK, MADABA, MT. NEBO

We have time for another visit into Petra early this morning to see the rising sun highlight the colourful rock temples & cliffs, before we leave mid-morning and drive north to Amman up the King's Highway (a slower, but much more interesting and beautiful drive than the busy Desert Highway). Our first stop is at the old Crusader town and castle at Kerak, which lies on the ancient Egypt-Syrian caravan routes. Built in 1132AD by the Crusader King, Baldwin 1 of Jerusalem, the castle fell to Saladin in 1188AD. It is still an impressive building with commanding views over the surrounding hills & plains.

From Kerak, we head further north crossing several deep Wadis, including the majestic Wadi al-Mujib, where the road winds down, and then up the other side of this 1km deep canyon.

Arriving in Madaba, an important Christian town in Jordan, we stop to see some of its famous and priceless Byzantine era mosaics, including one of a 6th century map of Palestine in the Greek Orthodox St. George's church, which was laid out in 560AD on an area of well over 100square metres, using more than 2 million pieces.

Close to Madaba is the Mt. Nebo area, used as a memorial to Moses. There are 3 peaks, with spectacular views to the Dead Sea, and on a clear day, all the way to the church spires of Jerusalem.

We finish our journey today with a short drive into Jordan's capital city, Amman.

*Overnight at hotel in Amman (B).*

## DAY 8 / AMMAN, JERASH, DEAD SEA

We have a couple of visits today, one to the Roman ruins at Jerash, and the other the Dead Sea where we stop to enjoy a swim in this strange place, over 200m below sea level. The intense salinity, around 33%, of the waters here, caused by the intense evaporation rate, leads to a very strange swimming experience. In fact,

normal swimming is not really possible, and it is easier (and more photogenic!) just to float, sitting or lying in the water. Be careful not to get any water in your eyes, as it will sting very strongly - you'll also discover various tiny cuts you never thought you had. We ensure we bathe where there are clean water springs or shower facilities so that you can wash the salty water off before it dries and starts to itch!

Our visit to Jerash takes us to what is probably Jordan's second most visited tourist site. As with Petra, this is for good reason, as the Roman ruins here are very well preserved, and an excellent example of a Roman provincial city.

We return to Amman late in the afternoon and you have some free time to visit the bazaars, numerous gold shops, and the Roman museum in the city centre.

*Overnight at hotel in Amman (B).*

## DAY 9 / AMMAN, TOUR ENDS

Your tour ends after breakfast and your time is free until we transfer you to the airport for your flight home.

*(B).*

## SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

### SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour throughout the year. Departure dates are given on our website, and on request.

### PRIVATE DEPARTURES:

You can also choose to do the tour privately, following the itinerary above, but on any other date. We add a small supplement for these departures. Please contact us first to check availability.

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## TAILOR-MADE TOURS:

This tour can also be used as a base for a private tailor-made itinerary, to be run on any dates. You can make adjustments as per your own requirements (for example, adding extra days, slightly shortening the tour, adding a scuba-diving course etc.).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OPTIONS:

#### Booking and paying for options:

Options are split into two types

A - Those that must be booked in advance (mainly accommodation based). Prices for these are set in GB Pounds and must be booked and paid for in advance of your arrival.

B - Those that may be arranged in Jordan (eg. snorkelling, scuba diving, Petra by candlelight etc.). Prices for these are set in Jordanian Dinar, and they are paid for while you are in Jordan. This gives you more flexibility and means you won't lose out if you were to book an option in advance and then not do it.

#### A - ADVANCE BOOKING OPTIONS

These may be booked by selecting them on our online reservation form, and can also be added after you have made your booking, subject to availability at the time.

#### Single room supplement - Price: £150 (3-star) or £400 (5-star)

If you want to guarantee yourself a single room throughout the tour, then we need to add a single supplement charge.

Also, if you are a single traveller joining one of our Jordan tours, then you also need to add this option, as we do not share rooms on this tour.

**Note:** Couples will always be given a private double room, and triple/family rooms are available on request.

#### Extra days - Price: subject to party make-up

These are available on request in Amman before and after the main tour. If you want to add extra days into the time elsewhere, we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. The price includes a night in the 3 or 5-star hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers (single room supplements apply).

#### 5 star Accommodation upgrade - Price: see website

We run this tour using two levels of accommodation. The base tour price is based on our Standard level, using approx. 3 star hotels. If you want to upgrade the hotels to our Superior level, and stay in 5 star hotels throughout the tour, then we are happy to arrange this (see note on Accommodation below).

#### A - LOCAL BOOKING OPTIONS

These may be arranged through your guide and our local reps while you are on the tour.

#### Snorkelling & scuba diving - Price: on request

You have a full day in Aqaba do some snorkelling or try some scuba-diving. First-time divers can just try an introductory dive or two, while experienced divers can arrange dives to a wide range of excellent dive sites.

Both the snorkelling and diving can be arranged through your guide and our representative in Aqaba.

#### Petra by candlelight - Price: approx. GBP 12 p/p

On 3 evenings a week (Mon, Wed, Thu) a special candle-lit visit in through the Siq to the Treasury in Petra can be arranged locally. Our group tour departures are timed to allow you to do this option if you wish. The tour is subject to a minimum number of people booking and may not run if only a few people wish to do it.

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- Accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Tours & guides as indicated on the itinerary
- Entrance fees (one day ticket in Petra - supplement of £5 payable locally for a 2 day ticket)
- All transport

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Jordan departure tax (JD5)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses
- Snorkelling equipment
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

## ACCOMMODATION:

Two different levels of accommodation are available on this tour.

Our **Standard level** uses good quality hotels (approx. 3-star) in which all rooms have air-conditioning and en-suite bathrooms.

Our **Superior level** uses high quality 5-star hotels, in which all rooms have air-conditioning, en-suite bathrooms, telephone and cable TV. Other facilities and services include swimming pools in pleasant garden surroundings, an assortment of coffee shops, cafes, restaurants and shops, fitness studio, business centre, laundry and room service.

### Notes:

- 3 and 5-star hotel standards in Jordan may vary slightly from those in Western countries. However, we regularly inspect the hotels we use to ensure their high levels of facilities and service.
- Single, double & twin rooms are available on request. Triple

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rooms are not generally available. Connecting rooms are available for families in most of the hotels.

- At certain times of the year or where circumstances dictate we may need to use different hotels from those listed below. In this event alternative hotels will always be of a similar standard.
- If you are joining one of our group tours, or booking a private departure on the normal tour itinerary, then we will confirm your hotels about a week before departure. If you want to guarantee a stay in a particular hotel, then please request a tailor-made tour.
- On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the hotels in Jordan run a very special Gala Dinner. The cost of this is often compulsory, whether you attend or not, and is included in our group tour prices, and will be added to our private & tailor-made tour prices as required. Gala Dinner supplements may also be added by the Bedouin Camp.

## Hotels used on this tour:

Please see our website for more current details of the hotels that would be used on the tour.

### Amman (3-star):

- Al Waleed Hotel.

### Aqaba (3-star):

- Various.

### Petra (3-star):

- Petra Palace Hotel, Amra Palace Hotel.

### Amman (5-star):

- Marriott, Kempinsky or Le Meridien.

### Aqaba (5-star):

- Movenpick, Intercontinental.

### Petra (5-star):

- Marriott, Taybet Zaman or Movenpick.

## TRANSPORT:

The transport used on this tour includes private AC cars or minibuses, and jeeps in Wadi Rum. All vehicles are licensed to carry tourists and are inspected regularly.

In Wadi Rum we use 4x4 jeeps for the desert safari.

## TRANSFERS:

The tour includes a 24-hour airport meet & assist service in Amman airport, your arrival and departure airport transfers and all other transfers.

Our representative will meet you in the immigration hall of Amman airport, before you go through passport control. He will help you obtain your visas if required, and then take you through passport control, assist with collecting your luggage, and then take you directly to your hotel.

## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

In order to keep our tours flexible, and to make them accessible to as many people as possible, we do not include your international flights in the set tour itinerary or price.

However, we do hold an ATOL (UK flight sales license) and are happy to book your flights for you. If you let us know your ideal dates and departure airport, then we will be happy to provide you with some flight options that we can arrange for you.

You can then choose whether to book the flights through us, or make your own arrangements. Either way, your airport arrival & departure transfers are included.

## TOUR LEADERS/GUIDES:

In order to provide the most personal service, and to make sure that you get as much out of our tours as possible, we like to keep our groups small. We therefore set the maximum number at 18 and

the minimum at 3 people. You can join our group departures as an individual, couple, group of friends, or family.

For this tour we provide a fully trained, local English-speaking tour leader to accompany you throughout your time in Jordan. We then use specialist local English-speaking tour guides at each of the main sites.

Our policy at Egypt Uncovered is to use only local guides and tour leaders wherever possible, rather than sending people out from the UK. For more details, please visit the 'Tour Type' page on our website.

## ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price includes entrance fees to all the sites mentioned in the itinerary. A two day ticket is included in Petra. Tickets for the Petra by Candlelight tour should be purchased locally (approx. £12 p/p).

Camera Fees may be applied at some of the sites, and these are not included in the tour price.

## COUNTRY GUIDE:

For an in-depth overview of Jordan, please checkout the country guide pages on our website.

## DATES & PRICES:

We run regular small-group departures on this tour throughout the year. These departure dates and prices are listed on our website and on a separate dates & prices sheet available on request. We can also run the set tour itinerary privately for you on other dates, or customise it to make a tailor-made tour to fit your personal requirements.

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## HEALTH:

For up to date health information & vaccination requirements for Jordan we recommend that you contact your GP or a travel clinic (1st Contact travel clinic gives free advice tel. 0800 0393073).

General vaccination recommendations for Jordan include Tetanus, Typhoid, Polio and Hepatitis A.

## VISAS:

British, European, and many other nationalities can obtain their Jordanian visa on arrival in Amman airport (cost JD 10). For further information on your visa requirements, please contact us, or checkout the visa pages on our website.

## PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

After booking, we will provide you with detailed information to help you prepare for the tour. This will include helpful advice on money, health, insurance, tipping, climate, clothing etc.

Further information is also available in the County & Travel guides on our website.

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We have launched a community space for use by past, present and future travellers with us. Here you can make contact with fellow travellers in your group before you travel, or share photos and stay in contact with them after you return home. You can also ask questions of our staff and read updates on itineraries and destination news etc. For further details, please check...

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