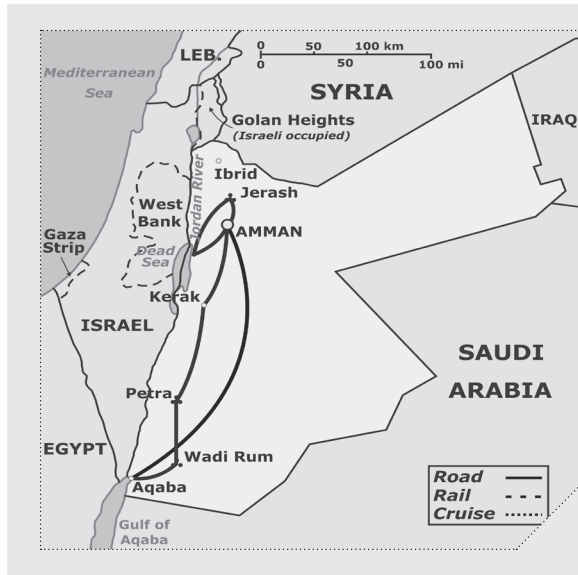


# Jordan Uncovered



9 DAYS / SMALL GROUP OR PRIVATE TOUR / CLASSIC JOURNEY /

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.



**FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**  
See below 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 see notes below or on our 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:</b>	CUJOJU
<b>Group Size &amp; Age:</b>	Min. 3 Max. 18 / Min. age - 12 (group deps only)
<b>Travel Idea:</b>	Classic Journey
<b>Activity Level:</b>	Mild
<b>Comfort Rating:</b>	Luxury
<b>Accommodation:</b>	8 nights in 5-star hotels,
<b>Transport:</b>	A/C car/bus/minibus, 4x4 jeep

## YOUR 9 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Amman. Transfer from airport to hotel.
- Day 2:** Amman city tour. Afternoon tour of Jerash.
- Day 3:** Desert castles and wildlife reserve tour.
- Day 4:** Morning Madaba tour. Afternoon drive to Aqaba
- Day 5:** Afternoon Wadi Rum jeep safari & Bedouin lunch. Drive to Petra
- Day 6:** Morning tour of Petra. Afternoon free to explore the site
- Day 7:** Morning tour of 'Little Petra'. Afternoon free to revisit the main site
- Day 8:** Drive the Kings Highway to Dead Sea via Kerak, Mt. Nebo.
- Day 9:** Dead Sea. Free time. Departure airport transfer.

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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 a hotel in Amman.*

### DAY 2 / AMMAN AND JERASH TOUR

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. In the afternoon we visit Jerash which 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 a hotel in Amman (B)*

### DAY 3 / DESERT CASTLES AND WILDLIFE RESERVE

After breakfast 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 make for a fascinating tour. We start with a stop at Qasr Hallabat, with its elaborate mix of 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 one or two nature reserves located right out in the middle of the desert (subject to time and whether the reserves are open when you visit). 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 stop 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 try and counteract this, and information about the extensive wildlife which still makes the reserve home. A boardwalk provides access through the reeds.

If it is open, we may 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 potential sightings of all these animals.

Returning to Amman, your evening is free to relax in the hotel, or to 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 4 / DESERT HIGHWAY TO AQABA VIA MADABA

We leave Amman today and 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. Along the way we will make a stop at Madaba - an important Christian town in Jordan. Here we will 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.

We arrive in the resort town of Aqaba by lunchtime and check into our beach resort by the Red Sea. The afternoon is free to relax on the beach, or do a snorkelling boat trip to one of the nearby islands. Scuba-diving options are also available.

*Overnight at hotel in Aqaba (B).*

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

After some more free time in Aqaba this morning, we make the short 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.

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 as 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.

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

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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.

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

## DAY 6 / PETRA

We have a whole day today to tour this fascinating city (4 hour guided 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 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 during your free time you 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 you 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.

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 / LITTLE PETRA, FREE TIME

This morning we visit Siq al-Berid, often known to tourists as 'Little Petra'. The whole of Little Petra was once a thriving community and almost every nook and cranny provides evidence of Nabatean habitation. When you first enter the Siq you will discover why this was once referred to as the 'Cold Siq'. Almost no sunlight reaches this area and because of this the area stays cold most of the time. The Little Petra site differs from that of the main Petra site due to the density of the rock carved houses and temples and also the rock cut steps which lead off in all directions to a multi-storey alley-way which must have once buzzed with life. Our guide will ensure that you visit the main highlights whilst at Little Petra and you will also have some free time to explore on your own. In the afternoon you can relax in the hotel, explore the village of Wadi Musa, or return to the main Petra site where you will have more free time to continue exploring this amazing site (a 2-day ticket is included for Petra)

*Overnight at hotel in Petra (B)*

## DAY 8 / DEAD SEA VIA KERAK & MT. NEBO

We leave Petra early this morning and drive north to the Dead Sea 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 a hugely 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 down, and then back up the other side of this 1km deep canyon to visit the Mt. Nebo area. This area is 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 to the Dead Sea where we can 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.

You can spend your evening relaxing by the Dead Sea or enjoying some spa treatments in your hotel.

*Overnight at resort by the Dead Sea (B).*

## DAY 9 / DEAD SEA, TOUR ENDS

Your tour ends after breakfast and your time is free until we transfer you to Amman airport for your flight home. Extensions to the tour are available to add extra days by the Dead Sea, day trips to the Baptism Site at Bethany, Ajloun Castle and Umm Qais in Jordan, or to take a tour into Israel to visit Jerusalem and Bethlehem. (B).

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## SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

### SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour starting on Thursdays 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.

### 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 three types

A - Those that must be booked and paid for in advance (mainly accommodation based).

B - Those that may be booked in advance or in Jordan (generally things you may know you definitely want to do. eg. day trips out of Amman)

C - Those that are arranged while you are in Jordan (eg. Petra by candlelight etc.). Leaving decisions about these until you get to

Jordan 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.

### Prices:

Prices for all of these options are given on our website and/or in a separate Option Price List provided on your arrival in Jordan and from our UK office.

### 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

If you have any single travellers in your party, then generally they need to add this supplement option to cover a single room in all the hotels used on the tour (We do not share rooms between people not booking together on our 'Luxury' level tours). Triple rooms with 3 separate full size beds are not generally available in many of the hotels. Extra beds may be available in some hotels only for children to share their parents' room if required. Please contact us if you have any questions about room allocations and prices for your party.

### Extra days - Price: subject to hotel & 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. If you wish, you may book a hotel at a higher or lower level than that used on the tour. In this case, we can offer a transfer to/from the group hotel for a small charge (paid locally). Prices include a night in the hotel, breakfast, all taxes and your airport transfer. Single room supplements apply.

### B - OPTIONS BOOKABLE IN ADVANCE AND IN JORDAN

You will receive more information on all the options available to you while you are in Jordan in the Welcome Pack we provide on your arrival, together with information on how and when to book and pay for them with your guide or our local reps.

Prices are set in Jordanian Dinar but payments may also be made with hard currency (GB Pounds, Euros, US Dollars) at our local exchange rate at the time, which is set monthly. Credit card payments are also accepted in Amman for these payments (3% fee).

Once booked and paid for, these options are not refundable if you choose not to do them while on the tour.

### C - OPTIONS BOOKABLE IN JORDAN

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Petra by Candlelight (Petra)

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## 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 (2 day ticket in Petra)
- All transport

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

## ACCOMMODATION:

Tours with our 'luxury' comfort rating use mainly high quality 5-star hotels to provide you with all the luxury and comfort available. We may still use slightly lower level hotels where necessary, but the vast majority of the tour will be in 5-star hotels.

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 a couple of weeks before departure. If you want to guarantee a stay in a particular hotel, then please request a tailor-made tour.

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

## Notes:

- 5-star standards in Jordan may vary slightly from those in Western countries and they do vary between different towns/cities in each country as well. 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 rooms

*with three separate full size beds are not generally available. Extra beds (normally a mattress or sofa-bed) are available for children under 12 to share a room with their parents in the hotels.*

- *On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the 5-star hotels in Jordan run a very special Gala Dinner. The cost of this is often compulsory, whether you attend or not, and if this is the case it is included in our group tour prices, and will be added to our private & tailor-made tour prices as required.*

## TRANSPORT:

This tour aims at balancing a comfortable and enjoyable travelling experience with seeing as much of Jordan and local life as possible. We use private air-conditioned cars, minibuses and coaches for all the sightseeing tours and transfers. Most vehicles used are fitted with speed limiters and all are inspected & checked daily. In Wadi Rum we use basic 4x4 jeeps which are owned by the local Bedouin. Local regulations do not allow us to send vehicles into Wadi Rum and while suitable for use in the desert, the jeeps used may not reach our normal vehicle safety standards.

## TRANSFERS:

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

## 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 2 people. You can join our group departures as an individual, couple, group of friends, or family (min age 12).

For this tour, small groups (up to 5 people) will travel with a vehicle and English speaking driver, using specialist local guides at each of the sites. Larger groups will have an escort guide and driver throughout.

Our policy at Egypt Uncovered is to use only local guides and reps in Egypt and Jordan. We feel this gives you the best experience of the country and the sites you are seeing. More details are given on our website.

## ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price includes entrance fees to all the sites mentioned in the itinerary. A 2 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.

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## 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. Prices are based on a minimum of 3 people travelling - if there are only two people travelling either on a group departure or on a private tour, then a small supplement will be added.

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.

Please contact our knowledgeable sales staff for more help on creating the right tour for you.

## 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:

For many nationalities (including UK, USA, European, Australian, Canadian) the group visa we can obtain on arrival in Aqaba for groups of 5 or more people is free. However, as our travellers often depart from Amman on different flights, you are no longer considered to be part of a group and the visa fee of 10JD (British/European citizens) is due. Please have 10JD (or equivalent in Aqaba) ready to pay for this visa when you arrive in Aqaba or when you leave from Amman airport.

Other nationalities may require a visa prior to arrival and to obtain this in advance please contact your local consulate for details.

## 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, visas, travel insurance, tipping, climate, clothing etc.

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

## FACEBOOK / TWITTER / UNCOVER THE WORLD COMMUNITY:

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