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Your passport to adventure

Country(ies): Jordan

Tour type: Small Group

Transport: AC minivan/minibus & Bedouin jeep

Group size: Min: 2 | Max: 14

Days: 9 days

Start Location: Amman, Jordan

End Location: Amman, Jordan

Meals: Breakfasts - 8, Lunches - 2, Dinners - 2

Highlights:

As-Salt, Amman Food Tasting, Dana Hike, Red Sea in Aqaba, Wadi Rum Bedouin Experience, Petra Reverse Hike, Dead Sea and Wadi Mujib Hike, Madaba, Mount Nebo, Jerash

Map Image

Day 1: Arrive in Amman, airport to hotel transfer included

Upon arrival at Queen Alia International Airport near Amman, a member of our team will be there to meet you before you are transferred to your hotel in the city. The rest of the day is yours to relax in your hotel or to start exploring Amman.

OVERNIGHT:

Amman hotel

MEALS:

EXTRAS:

Extra day in Amman - pre tour

Day 2: As-Salt, Amman City and Local Food Tasting

Our day begins with a visit to the hilltop town of As-Salt, located about 40 minutes from Amman. Once an important trading link and the capital of Amman, As-Salt’s old Islamic architecture was built using fine yellow limestone, and many impressive buildings still stand today amidst its narrow streets filled with shops. The town now serves as an example of religious and cultural friendship between its local Muslim and Christian populations, and we’ll take a walking tour on its self-designed ‘Harmony Trail’ to learn more about the town and local Jordanian life.

In the afternoon, we'll continue with a city tour of Amman, a city with a rich history dating back millennia. Archaeological discoveries have revealed remains from the Neolithic period through to the Hellenistic, Roman, and Arab Islamic ages. We'll begin at the Citadel, the former home of the ancient Temple of Hercules, the Umayyad Palace, and a Byzantine Church. From there, we'll make our way to the 6,000-seat Roman Theatre, a monument from the Roman period that is still in use today for various cultural events.

While in Downtown Amman, we'll also include a special food tasting tour. You'll have the chance to try several different dishes, which may vary. We'll start with a snack like Manakish (flatbread with various toppings like egg, white cheese, or za'atar) or a classic falafel sandwich. You might also get to taste the Jordanian national dish of Mansaf, a delicious slow-cooked lamb with rice and a yoghurt sauce. To finish, we'll visit a popular local sweet shop to try one of the city's famous desserts like Knafeh.

OVERNIGHT:

Amman hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 3: Dana Biosphere Reserve hike. Drive to Aqaba

Today, we'll travel down the Desert Highway to the Dana Biosphere Reserve, where we'll stop for a relatively easy hike through the beautiful hills and scenery. As Jordan's largest nature reserve, it offers great views of the valleys and hills from the trails around the restored Dana village. Spring is a particularly lovely time to visit when the terrain is surprisingly green and full of flowers. After an included picnic lunch and our walk, we'll continue on to the Red Sea city of Aqaba, where you'll have a free evening (and the following morning too).

OVERNIGHT:

Aqaba Resort

MEALS:

Breakfast,Lunch

EXTRAS:

Day 4: Free morning in Aqaba and overnight Wadi Rum Bedouin Camp

You have a free morning to relax by the Red Sea, explore Aqaba, or enjoy the many water sports on offer. The crystal-clear waters and vibrant reefs make Aqaba one of the best spots in the Red Sea for diving. You can also take an optional morning boat trip to snorkel on the nearby reefs.

This afternoon, after meeting up with new arrivals from Egypt, we'll leave Aqaba and drive into the spectacular desert scenery of Wadi Rum. We'll be greeted by friendly Bedouin hosts at a comfortable camp nestled beneath the towering rocks and cliffs. The evening is yours to relax at the camp before enjoying a delicious, traditional Jordanian meal, which typically includes 'Zarb', a local speciality of lamb and chicken cooked underground in the authentic Bedouin style. Optional activities for the evening include a sunset camel ride or stargazing with telescopes.

OVERNIGHT:

Wadi Rum Bedouin Camp

MEALS:

Breakfast,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 5: A jeep safari and Bedouin experience in Wadi Rum, travel to Petra

After breakfast at the camp, we'll take a jeep safari through the sands and beneath the towering 'jebels' of Wadi Rum. We'll stop to climb sand dunes and see incredible rock formations, including a spectacular rock bridge.

We'll also enjoy some traditional Bedouin activities, starting with a walk alongside a local shepherd with his sheep and goats to a Bedouin tent.

You'll have the opportunity to participate and learn about other traditional Bedouin activities like shearing sheep, milking, grinding grains, making bread, and roasting coffee until our lunch is ready. After truly experiencing the nomadic Bedouin way of life, we'll return to our camp by jeep and then drive to Petra.

For a spectacular and atmospheric introduction to Petra, you have the option of taking the Petra by Night tour this evening. You'll walk through the Siq to the Treasury, with the entire path beautifully lit by hundreds of candles.

OVERNIGHT:

Petra hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast,Lunch

EXTRAS:

Day 6: Reverse-route mountain hike to Petra via Little Petra

Today, we dedicate our time to exploring the magnificent Nabataean city of Petra. Once the ancient capital of a vast commercial empire, it was eventually taken over by the Romans in 106AD and subsequently forgotten for centuries, known only to local Bedouin communities. It was finally rediscovered in 1812 by Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt. Located on the edge of the Wadi Aruba desert, Petra is almost impossible to reach, save for a narrow rock cleft known as the Siq. The Nabataeans carved most of their dwellings directly into the multi-coloured sandstone cliffs,

leaving very few free-standing buildings. While the tourism infrastructure in the nearby village of Wadi Musa has boomed, once you enter the site, it remains a protected haven, with the bustle of modern life feeling miles away.

We'll have most of the day to explore this ancient city, with the added bonus of exploring Petra via the unique back-route hike. We'll begin by visiting the small but fascinating site of Little Petra (Siq al-Barid) before taking a short jeep ride to the start of the mountain trail. This path connects Little Petra to the Monastery and the main site of Petra, offering a less crowded way to visit. The hike rewards you with incredible mountain views towards the Holy Land, and you'll still see all the monuments from the normal route, with the addition of Little Petra and the Monastery. The trail begins with an ascent of rock-hewn steps and paths along the mountain's edge. Once you reach a plateau, you can stop for refreshments at a small café with fantastic photo opportunities. The path then continues until you get your first glimpse of 'Ad-Deir' (the Monastery), where you can enjoy a well-deserved rest before descending into the main site of Petra.

Once you're in Petra, the valley opens up to reveal tombs carved into the rock on both sides. You'll get a glimpse of the ruined Roman amphitheatre and colonnaded streets as we continue through the ancient city. Our path will eventually lead us to the Khazneh (Treasury), arguably Petra's most familiar and iconic monument.

While the back-route hike isn't particularly difficult, it does involve a number of ascents, descents, and a significant number of steps. This route is only suitable for those who are comfortable with hiking on this type of terrain for at least 2-3 hours to reach the Monastery, followed by a few more hours of walking on sandy ground while exploring the main site. For those with mobility concerns or who prefer not to walk the full distance, horse carriages are available for an agreed period of time within the main site of Petra for approximately 20 JD (USD 28). Please note that the use of these horse carriages is not recommended due to animal welfare concerns.

OVERNIGHT:

Petra hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 7: Dead Sea road to Wadi Mujib - Siq Trail Hike. Dead Sea 'swim'

After breakfast in Petra, we'll travel north along the scenic Dead Sea road to Wadi Mujib to hike the exciting Siq Trail. Along the way, we'll be rewarded with great views of the salt flats at the southern end of the Dead Sea. Upon reaching the Wadi Mujib visitor centre, you'll have time for lunch (not included) before we enter the water and begin our hike.

Descending into the gorge, we enter the Wadi Mujib Nature Reserve. From April to October, you can take an exhilarating hike through the shallow waters that fill the gorge. The trail involves climbing small waterfalls with the help of installed steps, leading you to a large waterfall at the end of the gorge where you can relax. The entire round trip typically takes 2 to 3 hours. We highly recommend bringing a dry-bag to protect your camera or phone, and water shoes, which you can hire or purchase at the visitor centre for a small fee.

Note: During the months of November to March, when the Siq Trail is closed, we will instead visit the Baptism Site in Bethany. This recently excavated site is believed to be the biblical 'Bethany-beyond-the-Jordan' where John baptised Jesus Christ. We'll travel by electric minibus to the three main sites – Tell Mar Elias, the Baptism Pools, and John the Baptist's Church – and explore the churches, caves, and pools dating from the Roman and Byzantine periods. The site has also been visited by Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

After our day of activities, we'll head to our resort right on the banks of the Dead Sea. You'll have free time to swim – or rather float – in its incredibly salty waters and to relax by the hotel pool. Don't forget to bring a newspaper or magazine for that iconic Dead Sea photo!

OVERNIGHT:

Dead Sea hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 8: Madaba, Mount Nebo and Roman Jerash

After a restful night, we'll head to nearby Madaba to marvel at the Byzantine mosaics and the 'Madaba Map', the oldest preserved map of the Holy Land. From there, we'll make our way to Mount Nebo, the place where the prophet Moses is said to have looked across the Promised Land. On a clear day, which is most of the time, you'll get great views towards Jericho and beyond.

Our final visit of the day is to the ancient city of Jerash, known as one of the largest and best-preserved Greco-Roman cities outside of Europe. Once we arrive, we'll explore the Forum, wander its Roman colonnaded streets, and see the Nymphaeum and the Temple of Artemis, which was built on one of the city's highest points.

The day ends with a drive back to Amman, where we will spend our final night in Jordan.

OVERNIGHT:

Amman hotel

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 9: Free time in Amman, hotel to airport transfer included

Your time is free in Amman today until we pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the airport for your departure. Further sightseeing tours are available today if you have a late afternoon or evening flight, including a trip to the Baptism Site at Bethany on the Jordan River. This tour also connects well with several of our Egypt and Israel tours; please contact us for ideas and help with connections.

OVERNIGHT:

N/A

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Included:

- 5 nights in 3 to 4-star hotels, 2 nights at resorts in Aqaba and the Dead Sea & overnight Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum in comfortable tents
- The Back Route hike into Petra
- Siq Trail Hike in Wadi Mujib
- 24-hour airport arrival & departure transfer service
- All transport and transfers in AC vehicles
- 4x4 jeep safari and Bedouin experience in Wadi Rum
- English speaking tour leader and guides
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Excluded:

- International flights (available on request)
- Visa fees (available free as part of the Jordan Pass)
- Entrance fees (discounted package included in the Jordan Pass, available in advance for JD70)
- Travel insurance (compulsory, get a quote here)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Hotel gala dinner supplements if applied on Christmas & New Year's Eve
- Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tips

- Any other items not mentioned above

Options

Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you???re visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

Snorkelling in the Red Sea

Snorkelling in the Red Sea

From $75.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

This snorkelling trip offers a fantastic opportunity to explore the Red Sea's stunning coral reefs. The boat journey takes approximately 3-4 hours, and all transfers, snorkelling equipment, and lunch are included.

Single room supplement (JOSGJE18)

Single room supplement (JOSGJE18)

From $640.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

This tour is based on twin-share accommodation, where solo travellers are paired with another same-sex member of the group. Should the final group composition preclude a room share, you will not be required to pay the single supplement. However, if you wish to guarantee a single room for the duration of the tour, please add

this option to your booking.

Please note: Single supplement prices are subject to seasonal variations.

Extra day in Amman - pre tour

Extra day in Amman - pre tour

From $65.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

This option allows you to begin your tour a day early, with accommodation at the same hotel used for the main tour (subject to availability). Your airport arrival transfer is included. Prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room.

Please note: Single room and peak season supplements apply.

Extra day in Amman - post-tour

Extra day in Amman - post-tour

From $65.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

This option allows you to extend your tour by an extra day, staying in the same hotel as your main tour (subject to availability). Your airport departure transfer is included. Prices are per person and based on two people

sharing.

Please note: This option is applicable to those who have booked the superior level of accommodation. If you have booked the standard accommodation package, please select the superior extra night option.

Please note: Single room and peak season supplements apply.

Camel Ride in Wadi Rum

Camel Ride in Wadi Rum

From $35.00

Min numbers:

*Based on person/s

This option adds on a fun sunset or sunrise camel ride through the Wadi Rum desert.

1. Accommodation

The hotels used on this tour are rated at the Jordanian 3 and 4-star level. Local star ratings may vary from international standards but we ensure we use some of the best hotels available at the level stated. We have also aimed to use hotels in Amman that have a better location than most, with a range of cafes and restaurants within easy walking distance. Accommodation is based on twin or double en-suite rooms with air conditioning. All couples will have a private double room.

In Wadi Rum we use a Bedouin camp located inside the Wadi Rum Protected Area. Accommodation is in permanent traditional goat hair tents with proper beds and all bedding provided. Bathrooms are separate, though some en-suite tents are also available and subject to availability you can upgrade to these locally if you wish. You can also bring a sleeping bag if you wish, and find a sheltered spot on the rocks on the edge of the camp and sleep under the stars.

Please check the Single Room Supplement option for details on room sharing options and charges for solo travellers on this tour.

2. Group Size/Tour Leaders/Guides

We are committed to being a small group operator, as we feel this gives everyone in the group the best chance to get to know their fellow travellers and to hear and make the most of their guide. So, on our small group tours we won't ever put you in a full size coach packed with other people and just one guide.

This tour has a minimum group size of 2, and maximum of 14.

To accompany you on the tour we provide an English speaking local tour leader/driver and specialist guides in Jerash, Amman and Petra. Groups of 6 or more will have both a driver and a professional guide throughout the trip.

At Encounters Travel we only use local Jordanian guides and reps. We feel this gives you the best experience of the country and the sites you are seeing.

3. Activity level

This tour includes several walks or hikes in Jordan and while you do not need to be super fit by any means, you should bring suitable footwear.

In Wadi Mujib we'll hike along the Siq Trail which is a water trail through the canyons of Wadi Mujib. The majority of this hike is relatively easy, however there are a number of small waterfalls which must be ascended in order to reach the end of the route. At these waterfalls, ladders and ropes are provided for assistance. We highly recommend bringing along a dry-bag (so your camera or mobile phone don't get wet) and water shoes. It is possible to hire a dry bag at the visitors centre for around US$7.00 and purchase water shoes for US$7.00).

In Dana Biosphere Reserve we'll take a short walk (around 2 hours) through the hills around the restored Dana village. Trails are generally always dry and a little rocky but we won't be taking one of the longer more challenging hikes here.

In Petra, you will be doing a lot of walking to explore the site. This tour includes the back route hike from Little Petra, to the Monastery and then through the main site of Petra. Whilst the back-route hike into Petra isn't particularly difficult, as a number of ascents/descents and a significant number of steps are required, this route is only suitable for those who have no issue in hiking in this type of terrain for a minimum of 2-3 hours as far as the Monastery and then a further few hours walking on sandy terrain, whilst exploring the main site of Petra. You can take everything at your own pace, but do be prepared for a long day. Again comfortable walking shoes and a

daypack are required.

There are no walks of similar durations on the Egypt section of the tour. However, access on and off the feluccas is by way of planks and steps, and you do need to be fairly mobile for this part of the trip.

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4. Dates & Prices

We run regular small-group departures on this tour throughout the year. All departures are guaranteed to run with a minimum of 2 travellers and maximum of 14. Departure dates and prices are listed on our website (please check for up-to-date prices and special offers).

The tour can also be run privately on any other dates for a small supplement, with the itinerary then being customisable to fit your personal requirements and budget.

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5. Passports and Visas - Jordan

Passports should be valid for at least six months after your departure from the country. Please do not bring an almost full or almost expired passport. Visa arrangements are the responsibility of the traveller, and requirements are subject to change by the local authorities.

To promote tourism to the country, the Jordanian government has designed the **Jordan Pass**. This provides adults of most nationalities with a free single entry Jordan visa (for stays of 3 nights or more), a discounted package of entrance fees, and free digital brochures for the various sites in Jordan. Please check the Jordan Pass tour note for more information.

Please note that whilst the Jordan Pass is recommended for the vast majority of our Jordan Tours where entrance fees are not included, this is not recommended for our Petra & the Bedouin Trail tour as entrance fees to Petra and Wadi Rum are already included in the cost of this tour.

Double or multi entry visas for Jordan are no longer available and you will need to arrange two visas if you are doing a combination tour (eg. with Egypt and/or Israel) that visits Jordan more than once. Exceptions may occur if you are crossing to and from Israel via the King Hussein Bridge - please contact us for details.

If you wish to arrange your visa separately in advance, or if your stay will be shorter than four days/3 nights, then a visa fee of 40JD (approx. USD 57) will be due.

Families with children under 12 are recommended not to purchase the Jordan Pass for the children as entrance fees are not charged in Jordan for children under 12. Instead, the adults should purchase a Jordan Pass and we will arrange a free visa for the children which you will receive when we meet you on arrival into Amman airport.

Other nationalities may require a visa prior to arrival and to obtain this in advance, please contact your local Jordanian embassy or consulate or a visa agency for details. In addition, if you plan to enter Jordan via the southern Wadi Araba crossing (Eilat-Aqaba) or the Allenby Bridge/King Hussein border with Israel in the north, you will need to obtain your Jordan visa in advance as these are not available on arrival at the border.

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6. Transport

Our trips feature a mix of different transport options. We want you to feel like you're really experiencing the country you're travelling through, but at the same time we want you to finish journeys refreshed enough to enjoy the next stage of the tour. The small distances involved in Jordan mean that we use private vehicles throughout this tour. These will be minivans, minibuses or coaches, depending on the number of travellers in the group.

The jeeps used in Wadi Rum are provided by the local Bedouins we work with, and while suitable for your desert safari, they may fall below the normal safety and quality standards for vehicles we use during the rest of our tours.

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7. Transfers

Your airport transfers are included on the first and last day of the set tour itinerary, plus on any additional days if you book your hotel room with us. If you make your own arrangements for additional accommodation at either the beginning or the end of the tour then you will need to arrange your own airport transfers on these days. We will provide detailed instructions of where to meet us in the airport, along with international and local emergency contact numbers, when we send you your final tour confirmation voucher about 2 weeks before departure.

On some of our group tours we do offer an optional upgrade to a higher level of hotels. If some people in the group take this upgrade, this will mean that there may be two pick-ups and drop-offs each day. We do endeavour to ensure that all hotels used are close to each other and to streamline and time arrangements to limit any extra driving time as much as possible.

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8. International Flights

We want to give you as much flexibility as possible when it comes to booking your holiday with us. So, to take account of people with varying travel plans, we don't include your international flights in the main tour price. We are however very happy to suggest flights to go with the tour. Please contact us with your preferred dates and departure airport and we'll give you a selection of airlines, times and fares to choose from.

Your airport arrival & departure transfers are included on the first and last days of the tour.

Nearly all our Jordan tours start and finish at Amman airport (AMM). Private and tailor-made tours may also start or finish in Aqaba (AQJ).

We do also sometimes advertise flight inclusive packages from selected airports. Where these are shown on our website, prices are correct at the time of quoting, but are subject to continued availability of the fare used. Prices will be reconfirmed at the time of booking, and we will also provide the flight times and airline details before tickets are issued.
Flight inclusive prices are based on the cheapest Economy ticket class available which is generally non-refundable and non-changeable unless the flight is cancelled for reasons such as Covid-19, in which case the airlines are more flexible. More flexible ticket options, as well as Premium Economy and Business Class tickets are available on request for an additional supplement. Any changes made to flight inclusive bookings will be subject to the airline rules on your ticket.

Flight CO2 Emissions:

Traveling by air is an amazing way to explore the world, but flights also contribute to carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions that impact the environment. By considering the airline's CO2 emissions when you choose your flight, you can help minimize your travel footprint.

When selecting your international flights and airline, we do therefore recommend that you try and also take into account the flight CO2 emissions. Some airlines and flight search websites (eg. Google Flights, Skyscanner) do publish this information, so you can compare between your flight options and make an informed decision. Thankfully, many airlines are working towards sustainability efforts, and choosing a greener option allows you to contribute to positive change while still enjoying your incredible adventure.

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9. Group Sizes/Tour Leaders/Guides

We are dedicated to offering small group tours, as we believe this provides the best opportunity for everyone to connect with fellow travellers and fully engage with their guide. There's little value in having exceptional guides if you're struggling to see or hear them over a crowd of 30-40 people! That's why we'll never place you on a 50-seater coach with 49 other passengers and a single guide. Instead, our Jordan group departures are limited to a maximum of 18 travellers.

In Jordan, all of our sightseeing tours are led by fully trained, local English-speaking guides. Additionally, our local representatives in each town and city along the route are available to assist, ensuring all practical arrangements are taken care of for the tour.

At Egypt Uncovered, we exclusively employ local Jordanian guides and representatives, as we believe this enhances your experience of both the country and the sights you are visiting. For more details and profiles of some of our most renowned local guides, please visit our website.

For groups of up to five, we provide an escort driver along with specialist local guides at Jerash and Petra. For groups of six or more, an escort guide will accompany the group throughout the tour.

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10. Tipping

Tipping for services provided is part of the local culture in Jordan, is often expected, and will be very gratefully received. While the amount you tip is subject to your satisfaction with the services provided and your personal budget, we are often asked for help and guidelines and can therefore suggest that you allow approx.:

Tour guides: US$8-10 per person per day
Drivers: US$3-5 per person per day
Restaurants: 10% or leave the change
Petra horse boys: US$2-5 (we recommend against riding the horses for animal welfare and safety concerns, but the boys may still expect a tip)

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11. Money - Jordan

The currency used in Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar (JD). There is no need to bring Jordanian Dinars with you as you can easily exchange currency at international airports, hotels, banks, and currency exchange offices in major cities. It is advisable to carry small denominations of notes or coins for things like using public restrooms, tipping, and small purchases. ATMs are widely available in large towns, and many local shops accept VISA, Mastercard, or Amex, although they may charge a fee of up to 10%, so it’s wise to confirm this before making a payment. Traveller’s cheques are no longer widely accepted and can come with high exchange fees.

During your time in Jordan, you will need to cover costs such as meals not included in the itinerary, drinks, snacks, souvenirs, and personal expenses like laundry. These are typically paid for in Jordanian Dinar, but tips for guides and drivers can be given in foreign currency such as GBP, USD, or EUR.

It’s hard to give a precise figure for personal spending, as this depends on individual preferences, but as a rough guide, we recommend budgeting USD 15-25 per person per day. If you plan on shopping extensively or purchasing alcoholic drinks frequently, it’s advisable to set aside more.

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12. What to take

Luggage: You can bring suitcases, rucksacks, or fabric holdalls to Jordan without any issues. It's also a good idea to pack a small daypack or bag for daytime outings. Your main luggage will usually stay in the hotel while you're on sightseeing trips, so you won’t need to carry it around much, and hotel porters are typically available to help.

Luggage Limits: There is no specific luggage limit for this tour. However, most airlines have weight restrictions, typically between 20kg and 25kg for checked luggage and 5kg to 10kg for hand luggage. It’s best to confirm the baggage policy with your airline prior to heading to the airport.

Clothing: The weather in Jordan can vary greatly, from hot summers to cooler, sometimes rainy winters. The temperature at night, particularly in desert areas, can drop significantly, so it’s important to pack for cooler conditions. There’s no need for formal attire (like suits and ties). Modesty is highly valued, particularly for women, so ensure that your clothes are loose-fitting and not too revealing. Shorts (except very short ones) and T-shirts

are acceptable at tourist sites, but try to avoid showing too much skin (keeping shoulders covered is recommended). When visiting mosques, both arms and legs should be covered.

Other Items: If your tour includes an overnight stay at a Bedouin camp, bedding will be provided, but we suggest bringing a light sleeping sheet or liner for extra comfort, as sand can get everywhere. In winter, or if you'd like to sleep under the stars instead of in a tent, a sleeping bag is a good idea as it can get very cold at night. It's also advisable to pack a sun hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, a basic first aid kit, toiletries, a money belt, a small torch, and your camera with its charger.

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13. Voltage - Jordan

The sockets are two-pronged and provide 220 volts. Universal adapters can usually be found in most airport shops if you don't already have one. Standard European adapters will fit, though they may feel slightly loose in the sockets. All hotel rooms are equipped with electrical sockets, so you can charge cameras, phones, and other devices. Hairdryers are generally available upon request at hotel receptions, if they aren't already provided in your room. If you're bringing US appliances, you'll need both a voltage converter and a plug adapter.

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14. Time

The time zone in Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and Lebanon is GMT +2 hours, while in the UAE it is GMT +3 hours. Daylight saving time has been implemented in some years but not consistently. As of now, Egypt is not expected to observe daylight saving time from 2016 onwards, although this could change unexpectedly, potentially affecting flight schedules and timings. In Jordan and Israel, daylight saving time of one hour is typically observed from the end of March to the end of October, shifting the time to GMT +3 hours. However, the exact dates vary each year, and sometimes the changes are cancelled altogether.

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15. Jordan info

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16. Health and Vaccinations

You should make sure you are fully covered by insurance for medical emergencies, including emergency evacuation and repatriation.

Vaccinations and other health precautions vary depending on the country you're visiting and where you're travelling from. We suggest contacting your GP or a travel clinic for the latest advice on vaccinations for your destination. You should also make sure you're up to date with the vaccinations and boosters that are recommended for everyday life at home, including those for occupational risks, lifestyle factors, and any existing medical conditions.

Additionally, the following vaccines or boosters are generally recommended for the countries in this region:

- **Egypt**: Tetanus, Typhoid, Hepatitis A
- **Jordan**: Tetanus, Hepatitis A
- **Israel**: Hepatitis A, Poliomyelitis
- **Lebanon**: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A

Malaria is generally not a risk unless contracted abroad, so you do not need to take malaria prevention medication.

Further details are available here: Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon

Please note: We are aware that some places in Egypt may use 'black henna' instead of pure brown henna. Black henna contains a chemical dye called PPD (paraphenylenediamine), which can cause severe allergic reactions

and scarring. To be safe, we recommend avoiding henna tattoos in Egypt unless you are certain they are using pure brown henna.

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17. Entrance fees & Jordan Pass

The price of the majority of our Jordan tours does not include entrance fees to the sites visited on the tour (this excludes our Petra and Bedouin Trail Tour where entrance fees are included in the tour price and the Jordan Pass is not recommended):

We strongly recommend that you purchase a **Jordan Pass** prior to your travel to Jordan. This is a special package that has been designed by the Jordanian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities for tourists visiting Jordan. As well as including a discounted package of entrance fees covering all the sites in Jordan that you will visit on this tour (plus many others), the Jordan Pass also provides free downloadable digital brochures on each attraction, plus a free tourist visa for entering the country (40JD if obtained on arrival in Jordan). It also allows us to speed up our entry to each site as if everyone has the Jordan Pass we won't need to queue for tickets.

A handful of sites that we visit on our tours are not covered by the Jordan Pass (eg. Mt. Nebo, St. George's Church at Madaba, and the Shawmuri & Azraq Reserves), so to keep things simple for you while you are in Jordan, where these are visited in our itineraries, the entry fees are included in your tour price. If you visit any other sites not covered by the Jordan Pass during your free time or on additional tours you arrange while in Jordan, you will need to pay the entrance fee at the site.

The cost for the **Jordan Wanderer Pass** which is suitable for all our tours which visit Petra on one day is JD70 (approx. US$99). You should also check if your tour visits the Baptism Site at Bethany and if it does, add on the supplement for this site (an extra JD8, discounted from the JD12 payable at the site). Passes are available by completing a simple online form before you travel, taking care to make sure your passport details are entered correctly as this doubles as your visa application. Your Jordan Pass will then be emailed to you as a pdf document, which you should print out and bring with you. You will then need to show this print out at the immigration desk on arrival in Jordan to obtain your free entry visa, and also at each attraction where it will be scanned to confirm your entry. Obtain your Jordan Pass here

If you do not obtain the Jordan Pass before arriving in Jordan, you will need to pay the entry fees when you arrive at each site and also pay JD40 for your Jordan visa when you enter the country (or arrange your visa in advance).

More information about the Jordan Pass.

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18. Entrance Fees

The tour price covers entrance fees for all tourist attractions listed in the itinerary. Any visits to sites not included in the itinerary will require you to pay the entrance fees separately.

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19. Airport Transfers

This tour includes a meet-and-greet service and airport transfer on the first day. Our representative will be waiting with an Egypt Uncovered signboard or your name clearly displayed for easy identification. If you are unable to locate our representative, emergency contact numbers will be provided on your tour confirmation voucher.

A transfer to the airport is also included at the end of the tour. Please review the tour itinerary and your flight times carefully. Most international flights departing from Khartoum are scheduled in the early hours of the morning. If you have upgraded to a 4 or 5-star hotel in Khartoum, only a day-use room is typically included for your final day. A full night's stay is provided at the standard 3-star hotel. If you require a full night’s accommodation in an upgraded hotel, an additional charge may apply.

Refunds are not available for missed transfers or parts of your trip due to incorrect flight details or delayed arrivals. Any additional expenses incurred to join the group will be your responsibility.

If your flights are scheduled to arrive before the tour starts or depart after the tour ends, we can arrange extra accommodation and airport transfers. We will strive to book these at the same hotel as the main tour, subject to availability (upgraded hotels can also be arranged upon request). Please note that if you do not book additional accommodation through us, arrival and departure transfer services will not be included, and you will need to organise your own transport.

Arrival Procedure

Be prepared for potential delays at immigration, especially if you are obtaining a “visa on arrival” (refer to the Passports and Visas section). After passport control, proceed to baggage reclaim, where further waiting times are common. Once you collect your luggage, you will need to show your baggage receipts (typically attached to your boarding pass), and your bags may be manually inspected by airport staff. This is standard procedure to ensure no prohibited items, such as alcohol or inappropriate materials, are brought into Sudan. Be aware that some magazines with certain images might also be considered inappropriate and could be confiscated without return.

After completing these formalities, you will find our representative waiting just outside the glass doors with an Egypt Uncovered signboard or your name clearly displayed.

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