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Highlights of Jordan

8-DAY ENLIGHTENED TOUR

From only
£999

Mysterious Arabia will beguile you with its ancient history, remarkable monuments, exotic culture and dramatic scenery, as you travel from city to mountain to desert to coastline.

So much is included in the price

- Return flights to and from the UK with BMI including all UK taxes
- Prepare to be astonished by the amazing city of Petra, carved out of rose-red sandstone mountains and experience the unusual sensation of floating in the Dead Sea as well as a sensational open top four wheel drive in the desert
- Sightseeing as specified with transfers and entrance fees included
- Local guides who'll share their knowledge of the country, its history and culture
- Free time to explore independently
- 7 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- Quality hotels throughout

Tour itinerary

Day 1 Depart Heathrow

On arrival your local guide will meet you at the airport and accompany you to your hotel in Amman.
Meals: In-flight. Hotel: Al Waleed.

Day 2 Amman

After breakfast, a full day tour takes you to Jerash, the best-preserved Roman city of the Decapolis. You'll see the monumental South Gate, the lovely Oval Plaza, the Temple of Zeus, the Colonnaded Street and visit a 4th century cathedral.

Back in the capital city, you'll visit downtown Amman, where the Citadel offers panoramic views. You'll see the ancient ruins of the Temple of Hercules, dating to 161AD, the Byzantine Church, the Omayyad Palace and the 2nd century AD Roman Theatre.

Meals: Breakfast. Hotel: Al Waleed.

Day 3 Amman to Petra

Driving along the Kings' Highway, you'll stop at Mount Nebo, believed to be the burial place of Moses, and visit a 4th century Christian church. Continuing to Madaba, you'll view the most significant of all the city's treasures; the wonderful 6th century mosaic map of ancient Palestine in the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George. You'll then visit the School of Mosaics, founded to preserve and restore Jordan's many ancient mosaics.

- 1 Treasury, Petra
- 2 Dead Sea
- 3 Wadi Rum
- 4 Tabbouleh, meze

- 5 Byzantine mosaic, Mount Nebo
- 6 Aqaba
- 7 Temple of Hercules, Amman



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After arriving at your hotel, you can join an optional excursion to the Rock Camp at Beidha, in an exceptionally beautiful, ancient setting surrounded by towering rocks, to get an insight into traditional Bedouin life. You'll sit in lamp-lit, hand-woven tents under the stars and dine on traditional, slow-cooked meats and cardamom spiced coffee.

Meals: Breakfast. Hotel: Petra Palace.

Day 4 Petra

Today's half day tour explores the breathtaking Nabatean city of Petra, which was carved out of the rose-red sandstone about 2,000 years ago. Walk through the narrow Siq to Petra's most impressive monument; the Treasury, and on to the Street of Facades, the remarkable 3,000 seat Theatre, the Royal Tombs and the Colonnaded Street. If you want explore further on your own, you can climb around 900 steps up the gigantic Monastery for remarkable views over Wadi Araba.

Meals: Breakfast. Hotel: Petra Palace.



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Day 5 Petra to Aqaba

After a free morning, you'll drive to Wadi Rum's fascinating visitor's centre, with time to look around the attractions before an adventure into the desert in an open top four-wheel drive. You'll view the Seven Pillars of Wisdom, ancient rock drawings, a carving of Lawrence of Arabia in Siq Um Al Tawaqi and the ruins of Allat temple. As the sun sets, the views are dramatic and unforgettable. You'll dine at a traditional Arabian camp around a bonfire before continuing to your Aqaba hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner. Hotel: Coral Bay.

Day 6 Aqaba to The Dead Sea

Relax and enjoy the beach and pool, before driving to the Dead Sea this afternoon, travelling along the Dead Sea rift valley. The lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea is known for its mineral-rich salt sea and thermal-mineral springs.

Meals: Breakfast. Hotel: Dead Sea Spa.

Day 7 Dead Sea

You're free to experience the wonders of the Dead Sea today. This afternoon you can enjoy an optional excursion to the fascinating Mujib Nature Reserve where the variation in elevations and permanent water flow creates a magnificent bio-diversity. Here you can follow the Siq Trail which involves walking, swimming and clambering over boulders in the Mujib Gorge.

Meals: Breakfast. Hotel: Dead Sea Spa.

Day 8 Arrive Heathrow

Your morning flight arrives in London later today.
Meals: Breakfast. In-flight.



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DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

2012 08 September	£1,099
2012 20 October	£1,245
2013 09 March	£1,275
2013 20 April	£1,325

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£1,225

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TOUR EXTENSION	2 nights Dead Sea extension	From £199
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LAND ONLY TOUR	Arrange your own flights	Deduct £220
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