

Jordan & Israel Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome Meeting Amman Hotel

Arrive independently to your booked hotel. 19:00 (or any other time) meet your guide for a welcome meeting.

Meals: meet and greet reception

Day 2: Amman Hotel - Mt Nebo - King's Way - Kerak Castle – Dana Village View - Petra Hotel

A tour of several hours along a scenic route lies ahead of you. Start at Mt Nebo. From here overlook the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and parts of the Holy Land. According to the Bible this is the place where Moses was granted to see the Promised Land before he died and alleged to be his burial place. Travel along the famous ancient caravan route of the King's Way. Short photo stop in Wadi Al Mujib, a great wide valley with magnificent geological formation, identical with the Arnon River of the Hebrew Bible. Then to the remains of the Crusader castle Kerak. Explore the underground passageways, enjoy the view and imagine how the forces of Salah ad-Din besieged this stronghold several times. From the Bedouin village Dana enjoy some panoramic views over Dana Nature Reserve. Afterwards, drive 1 hour to your hotel in Petra for check-in and a leisurely evening.

Meals: breakfast

Day 3: Petra Visit - Wadi Rum Camp

Breakfast, Petra was established around the 6th century B.C. by the Nabataean Arabs, a nomadic tribe settling in the area. With a sophisticated water supply and distribution system the city could prosper and the Nabateans founded a commercial empire that extended into Syria and controlled the main caravan routes at that time. Meet your private guide at the Visitor Centre and start the tour on foot to the Siq, the narrow canyon with some votive niches. At the end of this gorge you will see the most beautiful monument of Petra, the Treasury, also known as Al Khazneh. Continue along the Street of Facades, the Royal Tombs and Pharaoh's Castle. Free time on your own before you own, we continue driving southwards to the protected area of Wadi Rum. Enjoy dinner at the camp and enjoy a hopefully starry desert sky in the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Zarb Dinner (Bedouin underground cooking method)

Day 4: Wadi Rum 3 Hours Jeep Ride - Dead Sea Beach – Amman Hotel

Wadi Rum has been inhabited since prehistoric times and this dramatic desert is Jordan's largest wadi. Hop in a 4x4 and with your Bedouin driver uncover more of the vast desert. The rugged landscape, the changing colors of sands and mountains, the serene atmosphere will make you understand why Wadi Rum is one of the most impressive desert landscapes in the world. The setting had been used for Hollywood movies. You see canyons, red sand dunes, Nabataean rock inscriptions and a natural rock bridge formed over centuries.

Drive 3.5 hours to the Dead Sea, with 430 meters below sea level it is the lowest point on earth. This natural wonder attracts visitors since ancient times, it is said even King Herod and Cleopatra took a bath here. We bring you to one of the beaches equipped with locker rooms and showers. Float on the buoyant and salty water, cover your body with the dark mud on the shores for some beauty effects or just relax at this special place. Proceed one hour to Amman, check into your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5: Amman Hotel - Umm Qais Visit – 1-1.5 Hours Cycling Tour (easy) – Amman Citadel - Amman Hotel

Today visit the remains of Gadara, known as Umm Qais. The town belonged to the famous Decapolis, a union of 10 cities, founded by Alexander the Great. Several poets and philosophers lived here, and this is the place where the Biblical miracle of the Gadarene swine took place. In Umm Qais you see ruins of theaters, colonnaded streets and have an overwhelming view over the north Jordan Valley, the Golan Heights and the Sea of Galilee. Best time to visit is spring when the surrounding hills are lush and green. Then explore the area on a short cycling tour passing by the village and farmlands. Return 2.5 hours to Amman. End the day on the Citadel hill with remains from the Roman to the early Islamic period and a small Archaeological Museum. Overnight Amman hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 6: Amman Hotel-Allenby Bridge-Bethlehem-Ein Karem-Jerusalem Hotel

We have an early start as we make our way to the border and cross into the West Bank. We will explain to you the steps of the border procedure, which takes an average of 2 hours.

Drive to the Palestinian town of Bethlehem, one of the most popular destinations for Christians, especially during the Christmas season. Arriving at Manger Square you visit the Church of Nativity, a 4th century basilica standing over a cave where Jesus was born. At the outskirts of the town you find the "Shepherds' Fields" in Beit Sahour and we have a look over the Greek Orthodox Mar Saba Monastery. You will also feel the presence of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, when entering the West Bank through the 700 km long Separation Wall. Time to walk along the barrier wall and see the protest art in form of graffiti. From Bethlehem we continue to the charming village Ein Karem, best known as the birthplace of John the Baptist. Visit the Church of Visitation and the Church of St John the Baptist. If you wish free time to meander through the small streets and enjoy the picturesque scenery. Overnight Jerusalem.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7: Jerusalem Old City - Jerusalem Hotel

Start our tour with an introduction to the city from the top of The Mount of Olives, and then walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane. We also visit the "Wailing Wall", the last remnants of the Temple in Jerusalem. We continue in the footsteps of Jesus along the Stations of the Via Dolorosa, Jesus' "Way of Suffering", and unto the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Jesus was crucified and buried. The Via Dolorosa also passes through the Old City's oriental "Suq" (Bazaar). At the end of the day we visit King David's Tomb and the "Room of the Last Supper", the Cenaculum. Overnight Jerusalem.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8: Jerusalem New City - Jerusalem Hotel

This day is dedicated to Jerusalem's New City: We visit the famous "Menorah" (Candelabra) situated outside the "Knesset", Israel's parliament, and the the Israel Museum with the "Shrine of the Book", where the "Dead Sea Scrolls" are exhibited, the Model of Jerusalem at the time of the 2nd Temple. Visit the Yad Vashem, the memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. End the day at

the Machne Yehuda Market, where you'll enjoy the flavors, colors and atmosphere of the 'shuk'. Overnight Jerusalem.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner at local restaurant

Day 9: Nazareth - Mt. of Beatitudes - Capernaum - Tabgha - Tiberias Hotel

Check out of the hotel and drive north to Nazareth, where we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and the Greek-Orthodox St. Raphael church near Mary's Well. Continue to the Sea of Galilee. On the Mt. of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount, we enjoy the wide view over the Sea of Galilee. We also visit the archaeological excavations of Capernaum, "The Town of Jesus", and its well-known Synagogue and the Church of the Fish & Bread in Tabgha. Overnight Tiberias.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10: Mt Arbel Hike – Visit of a Winery - Old Jaffa - Tel Aviv Hotel

Check-out of the hotel and enjoy a morning hike on Mount Arbel, with high cliffs and views of Mount Hermon in the Golan Heights. The trail takes you to a cave-fortress, and ruins of an ancient synagogue. Then we make our way to Tel Aviv and stop along the way for some wine tasting at a winery. If time permits, tour Old Jaffa. The alley-ways attract many artists, who have their galleries there. Continue to your hotel for check-in. Enjoy dinner out at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11: Tel Aviv Hotel - Ben Gurion Airport

Breakfast at hotel, check out, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your departure.

Meals: Breakfast