

## Happy in Jordan

### **Day 1: Welcome Meeting Amman Hotel**

Arrive independently at your booked hotel. This evening, meet your guide for a welcome meeting.

*Meals: None*

### **Day 2: 10 Visit Jerash and Amman Street Food Walking Tour**

Your driver takes you to the Roman ruins of Jerash, about 50 km away from Amman. Set in the hills of Gilead Jerash is the best example of a Roman provincial city in the Middle East. See the Hippodrome, the spectacular Forum, the Colonnaded Street, the Nymphaeum, the Temple of Artemis and the North Theatre. If time permits, stroll around the remains on your own. Back in Amman uncover downtown, where the historical places are located. Visit the Citadel with remains from the Roman to the early Islamic period and the small Archaeological Museum. Have a great vista over the hilly surroundings, then we walk to the Roman Theatre from the second century with 6000 seats. From where we enter the busy Souq. Wandering the alleys we observe the daily life, try some delicious local dishes and gain a unique perspective of the city. Return transfer to your hotel in Amman.

*Meals: Breakfast, Simple Lunch*

### **Day 3: Explore Mt Nebo and the Kings Way with Kerak Castle and Dana Village View**

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 4: Visit the Wonder of Petra and Overnight at Wadi Rum Camp**

Breakfast, 07:00 pick up from the hotel lobby and drive 2.5 hours via the Desert Highway to the rock city Petra, Jordan's main attraction and an UNESCO World Heritage Site. 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 5: Wadi Rum 3 Hours Jeep Ride and Travel to the Dead Sea**

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 colours 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 has attracted visitors since ancient times, it is said even King Herod and Cleopatra took a bath here. 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. Overnight Dead Sea Hotel.

*Meals: Breakfast*

### **Day 6: Umm Quais 1-1.5 Hours Cycling Tour and Visit**

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 theatres, 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 to your hotel in Amman. Overnight Amman hotel.

*Meals: Breakfast*

### **Day 7: Goodbye!**

Breakfast at hotel; latest check out at 12:00 noon – service ends.  
*Meals: Breakfast*