



Best of Jordan

7 Night Private Tour

Step into the heart of the Middle East on this private tour of Jordan, a land where history and natural beauty intertwine seamlessly.

Explore Jordan's rich heritage, from the vibrant capital of Amman to the ancient ruins of Jerash. Discover the stunning landscapes of Dana Nature Reserve and enjoy traditional Jordanian hospitality with a home-cooked meal. Uncover the wonders of Petra, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, and marvel at its rock-carved structures. Experience the otherworldly desert of Wadi Rum, then relax and float in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea to end your adventure.

Highlights:

- Stay in a traditional Bedouin camp
- Jeep safari in Wadi Rum
- Magical star gazing experience
- Drink traditional coffee with local Bedouin and learn about their centuries old traditions
- Bathe in the healing waters of the Dead Sea
- Dana Nature Reserve Eco Walk
- Interact with a local cooperative
- Learn the local culture while eating in the home of a local Jordanian family
- Discover Petra, one of the 7 New Wonders of the World

What's included:

- Getting there: Return flights to Amman
- Meet and assist on arrival with visa pre-arranged
- Transport: Return airport transfers and air-conditioned private vehicle throughout the tour
- Accommodation: 7 nights total duration – 2 nights hotel Amman, 2 nights hotel Petra, 2 nights Bedouin desert camp Wadi Rum, 1 night Dead Sea
- Meals included : 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 7 dinners.
- English speaking driver throughout and English speaking guide in Petra and Jerash

Not included:

- Any meals (other than the one mentioned in the itinerary), drinks, tips, expenses of personal nature.
- Anything not mentioned in the "What's Included" list

Full Itinerary

Day 1: UK to Amman

Arrive at Amman airport and transfer to your hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Amman West Hotel or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Dinner



Day 2: Explore Jerash, Lunch with a Local Family, Amman Citadel and Amman by Night

After your first breakfast in Jordan, you will have a short drive to the city of Jerash, known as the city of 1000 pillars, founded by Alexander the Great.

Upon arrival, wander through Jerash's remarkably well-preserved streets and experience the grandeur of this ancient Roman city.

Enjoy lunch in the home of a local Jordanian family, gaining insight into how different cultures now coexist in modern Jordan. The afternoon will see you head back to Amman to visit the Citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Amman Citadel also provides a great view with its raised position and backdrop of the city, an ideal place to take in the atmosphere and history of Jordan. The Citadel showcases remnants of various civilizations, making it a fascinating 'who's who' of ancient history.

In the evening, take a stroll through the city under the unspoiled desert sky, illuminated by stars. The choice is yours to explore the markets, find fine local dining or return to the hotel and unwind.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Amman West Hotel or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 3: Dana Nature Reserve and Local Folklore Evening

Today we leave Amman behind and make our way to Dana Nature Reserve. Here you'll enjoy an easy two hour eco walk and meet a representative of the local Dana Co-operative who will tell us about their sustainable tourism project, helping local Bedouin families find additional sources of income.

Dana's landscapes range from wooded highlands and rocky slopes to sweeping dunes and stony deserts, home to rare flora and fauna. Cross paths and exchange warm greetings with locals tending their goats.

In the evening there is local folklore entertainment at your accommodation. This unique experience is made all the more intimate with the surrounding caves being beautifully lit when the sun goes down; a truly magical experience for everyone.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Little Petra Bedouin Camp or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner



Day 4: The Wonders of Petra

Start the day with a visit to one of the 7 New Wonders of the World, Petra. Enjoy a guided tour of this iconic landmark, uncover its history, and discover why it's one of the greatest sights in the Middle East.

Petra Guided Tour: The ancient sandstone city of Petra was built by the Nabataens, an industrious Arab people who settled there over 2000 years ago. Their presence turned this desert land into an important junction for the silk and spice route that linked the East with the West.

Walk through the narrow, winding Siq before emerging to the breathtaking sight of the Treasury, Petra's most iconic landmark. A UNESCO World Heritage site, you'll appreciate its vastness and journey back in time as you walk the Treasury, the Royal Tombs, Churches, and Temples in one of the oldest cities in the world.

In the evening you will be transferred back to your accommodation to relax and unwind after a day of unforgettable spectacles.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Little Petra Bedouin Camp or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner



Day 5: Wadi Rum Sunset Jeep Adventure and Stargazing

Drive to Wadi Rum, also known as the "Valley of the Moon", where this afternoon you will go on an exhilarating sunset jeep safari. Discover unexplored canyons where ancient Thamudic inscriptions and drawings can be seen carved into the rocks and rewarded with breath-taking views of the extraordinary landscape.

Tonight you will spend the night in a camp run by local Bedouins. Enjoy the peace and serenity of the desert, with hardly any interruption from other people, light pollution or noise, only the soft orange sand dunes and spectacular mountain views surround you. Once settled, tuck into some local fare, cooked the traditional way, under the earth, followed by a magical star gazing experience after dinner.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Wadi Rum Desert Adventure Camp or similar. Each tent has a private bathroom, twin or king-size bed, and panoramic view from your pillow.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner



Day 6: Wadi Rum Your Way and a Unique Insight into Traditional Life with a Local Family

Enjoy a second day exploring the Wadi Rum Desert where you will have the opportunity to get out and see the ancient inscriptions on the valley walls. A great opportunity for any keen photographers to capture the unique landscape.

You will also have a chance to meet a local family, offering a unique insight into their traditional way of life and culture. A traditionally made coffee will also be available as you learn more about the land and the people.

The afternoon will be free for you to rest or continue to explore the Wadi Rum at your leisure. In the evening you will be brought back to the camp where you will have dinner and have the chance to gaze at the clear night sky once again.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Wadi Rum Desert Adventure Camp or similar.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner

Day 7: Unwind at the Dead Sea

The final day of your adventure will take you to the Dead Sea which has an extensive spiritual and historical legacy. Its surface and shores are 430 meters below sea level, making it the lowest point on Earth.

It is believed to be the site of five biblical cities, including Sodom and Gomorrah. Plus, it has a peculiar, oxygen-enriched atmosphere and mineral-rich sea salt water - which makes you float when swimming. Take advantage of the mineral-rich mud, known for its therapeutic properties. Relax and unwind as you take in this truly unique setting.

Relax in this one-of-a-kind setting and spend the rest of the day at leisure at your hotel, where you'll have dinner and celebrate the final evening of your Jordan adventure.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Dead Sea Spa resort or similar.

MEAL INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner



Day 8: Departure

Today is departure day from Jordan to head home, though if your flight departs in the evening, you may choose to visit the Healing Ma'in Hot Springs, where you can relax in the mineral-rich waters before heading to the airport (Entrance fee payable locally).

MEAL INCLUDED: Breakfast

FAQs

DO I NEED A VISA?

British passport holders require a visa to enter Jordan, however this is arranged by the local agent. Please ensure that you have sent Coop Holidays your passport details before departure.

HEALTH AND VACCINATIONS

Please note that there are no mandatory vaccinations required to enter Jordan. However, we recommend consulting your GP or a travel health clinic before you travel to ensure your routine vaccinations are up to date and to receive any personalised health advice.

WHO IS THIS TOUR SUITABLE FOR?

This tour is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility, although the Dana Eco Trail is of moderate difficulty, which you can skip if you wish. The tour includes moderate days of walking on uneven paths and small hills and getting on and off coaches. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

ADVICE ON TIPPING

While tipping isn't mandatory, it's a thoughtful way to show appreciation, especially considering the modest wages many workers receive. A small gesture can go a long way, so setting aside a little extra for porters, guides, and drivers is always appreciated. Leaving some spare change at restaurants is also a kind way to recognise good service.

WHAT CURRENCY SHOULD I TAKE?

The official currency in Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar (JOD), USD may be accepted but change is usually given in Dinar. We recommend exchanging currency before leaving the UK as credit / debit cards are usually only accepted in big shops. However, cash machines are readily available in all major cities, allowing you to withdraw money in the local currency if needed.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Jordan is a conservative country, but there is no formal dress code. Dress moderately with respect for their culture and predominant Islamic religion. For women, shoulders and knees should be covered. For men, regular clothes will suffice, but vest tops should be avoided. We also recommend comfortable footwear for the excursions.