

## **Jordan – The Lowest Place on Earth**

### **Day 01: Arrival at QAIA – Meet & Assist – Transfer to the hotel at Dead Sea for overnight**

You will arrive at Amman airport and will be met by our representative at the airport; you will transfer to your hotel in Amman for overnight.



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### **Day 02: Free morning Dead Sea, Afternoon visit Madaba, Mt. Nebo, Dead Sea for overnight**

Free morning at the Dead Sea for a swim in the salty waters of this lowest spot on earth. Experience the ultimate sensation of trying to swim, while you can actually only float. Then proceed to visit the city of Madaba, known as the City of Mosaics. Here you will visit the oldest map of the Holy Land on the floor of Saint George's Church. Madaba, or Medeba in antiquity, features many famous mosaics that exist in public and private buildings. After Madaba, a short drive will bring you to Mt. Nebo, the alleged burial site of Moses overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. From this mountain top Mosaic had his first glimpse of the Holy Land, a land he was never allowed to enter. Here Franciscans have built a structure that protects a 4th and 6th Century Byzantine church.



Then stop for a while for lunch at Haret Jdoudna Restaurant is a very elegant restaurant in the centre of downtown Madaba with a beautiful courtyard garden where you can sit under big umbrellas. The restaurant is nestled in a small shopping area so you can even do a little handicrafts shopping while you wait for your food. Probably Jordan's best traditional restaurant Large choice of cold and hot dishes, you are sure to find something you like but worth a try is the grilled chicken or labneh served with fresh herbs. Why not try a Hubbly Bubbly water pipe in Apple, Mint or Strawberry flavored tobacco. They also have those flavored water pipes to smoke if you feel like giving it a try. Head back to your hotel for a free late afternoon float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea as you enjoy the sun setting over the mountains of Israel.



### **Day 03: Visit Jerash, City tour of Amman, Back to Dead Sea for free time, Overnight at the hotel at Dead Sea**

After the breakfast, proceed to the North of Amman for a 45 minute drive to the best preserved example of Roman civilization, the city of Jerash. Jerash, part of the Decapolis (the ten big Roman cities of the East) has been called the Pompeii of the East for its unique state of preservation. The city features theatres, churches, temples (Zeus and Artemis), a Nymphaeum and colonnaded streets. After the visit back to Amman to start a city tour of Amman, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom. Often referred to as the "White City" because of the white stone used to build houses, Amman offers a contrast between oriental and cosmopolitan. The tour will take you to the museums, the Citadel, the amphitheatre, the souks and the modern part of town. Back to your hotel at Dead Sea for overnight.



### **Day 04: Depart to visit Petra (horse ride) – Back to Dead Sea for overnight**

After breakfast, depart on a full day tour of Petra. Once the ancient Nabatean capital, this city gently reveals itself as you walk through its hand carved facades. Starting at the visitors center, each person is assigned a horse guided by a local Bedouin who will lead you to the once hidden entrance to the lost city. After passing some tombs which are located outside the city, the visitor passes through the SIQ, an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone. It is a winding, one-kilometer-long fissure between overhanging cliffs that seem to meet more than 300 feet overhead. Near the end of the passage, the SIQ, with great style, makes one last turn and



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out of the gloom in towering brightness appears Petra's most impressive monument, el Khazneh - The Treasury. This is one of the most elegant remains of antiquity, carved out of the solid rock from the side of the mountain and is nearly 140 feet high and 90 feet wide.

Beyond el Khazneh the visitor is surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures, soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a carved Roman theater, large and small houses, burial chambers and much



more. The Victorian traveler and poet, Dean Burgon, gave Petra a description which holds to this day - "Match me such a marvel save in Eastern clime, a rose-red city half as old as time." Back to Dead Sea for overnight

**Day 05: Free day at Dead Sea – Overnight at the hotel at Dead Sea**

Free luxury day at Dead Sea and overnight at your hotel at Dead Sea

**Day 06: Transfer to QAIA for departure**

You will transfer to the airport to fly back home with safe trip

**HOTELS**

CITY	HOTEL NAME	MEAL PLAN	NIGHTS
Dead Sea	Kempinski Ishtar Hotel	BB	05

Low Periods:	High Periods:	Peak Periods:
01.Dec.2013 – 23.Dec.2013 06.Jan.2014 – 28.Feb.2014 01.Jun.2014 – 24.July.2014 03.Aug.2014 – 14.Sep.2014	24.Dec.2013 – 05.Jan.2014 01.Mar.2014 – 16.Apr.2014 26.Apr.2014 – 31.May.2014 15.Sep.2014 – 01.Oct.2014 09.Oct.2014 – 31.Oct.2014	17.Apr.2014 – 25.Apr.2014 25.July.2014 – 02.Aug.2014 02.Oct.2014 – 08.Oct.2014

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Above rates include the following services:</li> <li>Meet and assist upon arrival and departure.</li> <li>Accommodation at the above-mentioned hotels on BB Basis.</li> <li>All tours and transfers in AC 3-seater car / 7-seater minivan with English speaking driver throughout the program.</li> <li>All entrance fees to the above-mentioned sites.</li> <li>Horse ride in Petra</li> <li>Local English speaking guide for two hours in Jerash and in Petra for three hours during the visit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visa: USD 58.00 per person.</li> <li>Departure tax (Usually included in the flight ticket, and USD 14.00 per person for land departures).</li> <li>Tips.</li> <li>Dinners</li> <li>Lunches</li> <li>Personal items such as drinks with meals and telephone calls.</li> </ul>