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**The journey of your life.**

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## Jordanien **The time of your life**

Wir sind gespannt, was dich auf dieser Reise mehr bewegt: die Zeit, als Moses mit einem Stab Wasser aus den Felsen springen ließ und Wunderkinder begannen, eine ganze Stadt in den Fels zu meieln oder die schnste Wstenlandschaft der Erde, die fr sich betrachtet auch ein Wunder ist. Am Ende werden es beide fr die Zeit deines Lebens sein.



## Leistungen:

- Abenteuerreise mit maximal 12 Teilnehmern
- Jede Reise findet statt
- Englisch sprechender, einheimischer Guide in internationaler Reisegruppe
- Unterkunft: 5 x Hotel, 2 x Wüstencamp
- Transport: Van, Jeep
- Mahlzeiten: 7 x Frühstück, 1 x Mittagessen, 2 x Abendessen
- Aktivitäten laut Programm
- Nationalparkgebühren und Eintrittsgelder
- 100 m² Regenwald 4 you (Jedem Gast schenken wir im Regenwald von Ecuador ein Grundstück, das Jahr für Jahr den CO<sub>2</sub>-Ausstoß seiner Reise kompensiert. Eingetragen auf seinen Namen und auf ewig seins.)
- Highlights: Baden im Toten Meer, Wandern Wadi Rum, Geführte Tour in Petra, Geländewagensafari und Übernachtung im Wüstencamp
- Rail&Fly inkludiert bei allen Buchungen mit Flug

## Tagesprogramm:

### Day 1

#### Amman

Ahlan Wa Sahlan! Welcome to Jordan, cosmopolitan and contemporary, yet steeped in biblical history. Your adventure begins with a Welcome Meeting at 6 pm on Day 1.

As there's not much time spent in Amman on this itinerary, it's worth arriving a day or two early to explore the sights. If you do then the highlights are the citadel with its amazing sweeping views of Amman, the Jordan Museum – home to the Dead Sea Scrolls – or the Roman Theatre, right in the middle of downtown Amman. Either way, this evening get out on to the streets, where you'll soon hear "Welcome to Jordan" from the locals, and maybe pick up a coffee from one of the cafes and partner it with an ara'yes, a toastie filled with spicy mincemeat.

#### **The Welcome Meeting will take place at 6 pm.**

Please look for a note in the hotel lobby or ask the hotel reception where it will take place.

If you can't arrange a flight that will arrive in time for this, consider arriving a day early so you are able to attend. If you are going to be late, please inform the hotel reception. We'll be collecting your insurance details and next of kin information at this meeting.

**Accommodation:** The Art Hotel/ 32 King Faisal street, Down town, Amman, Jordan 11118/ Amman/ JORDAN

#### **Optional activities:**

- Amman - King Abdullah Mosque - JOD2
- Amman - Roman Theatre Entrance - JOD2
- Amman - Citadel - JOD3



- Amman - Bethany Baptism site - JOD12
- Amman - Jordan Museum - JOD5

## Day 2

### Wadi Rum

Follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia with a journey to the extraordinary desert scenery of Wadi Rum, a rugged moonscape of huge sandstone mountains (approximately 5 hours). A 4-hour jeep safari will take you through some of the most beautiful and sublime desert scenery on the planet, a true highlight of this trip. Wadi Rum is full of weird and beautiful lunar-like rock formations, and traces of ancient civilisations can be seen in the many carved inscriptions found throughout the area, from pictographs to Thamudic, Nabataean and Arabic texts. The most enduring monuments in Wadi Rum are those carved by nature – the natural rock bridges, towering rose-coloured sand dunes and scattered rocky peaks. Tonight you'll sleep in a simple desert camp, with the choice of sleeping under a camel hair tent or out under the stars. Enjoy a delicious dinner cooked in an earthen oven by your Bedouin hosts. Conditions are basic at the desert camp, but the hospitality of your hosts is legendary and you'll treasure the memory of sleeping beneath the twinkling desert night sky.

### Included activities

- Wadi Rum - 4WD jeep safari and desert camp

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Desert Camp

Please note: A mattress and blankets are provided. Please be aware that while the desert may be very hot during the day, it will still be cool at night and warm clothes and a sleeping bag are highly recommended when travelling outside of the summer months. Western-style toilet facilities are available, solar panel showers are available.



### Day 3

#### Wadi Rum

After waking up in the unique surrounds of the Bedouin camp this morning, you will enjoy a trek around the area (approximately 12 to 15 kilometres), with a stop for tea and a lunch break. You might scale one of the large sand dunes for sensational views of the surrounding area. This is the perfect chance to snap some unbelievable pictures. Wadi Rum is a truly beautiful place, where great gouts of rock on a carpet of bright red sand have been eroded into fantastical gnarled shapes. Explore the distinctive rock formations and soak in the vast silence of this lunar-like landscape. Wadi Rum is probably best known for its connection with the enigmatic British officer T.E. Lawrence, who was based here during the Great Arab Revolt of 1917-18. You'll get to spend another memorable night in the desert camp with your new Bedouin friends. Meaning 'Desert Dwellers' in Arabic, the Bedouins are a semi-nomadic people, and in Jordan up to 40 per cent of the general population is thought to have Bedouin ancestry. This might explain the legendary hospitality of the Jordanians – in traditional Bedouin culture, a huge onus is placed on taking in and feeding any visitor, and so you'll enjoy brilliant hospitality while you're here in this incredible place.

#### Included activities:

- Wadi Rum - Guided trek

**Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Accommodation:** Desert camp

### Day 4

#### Petra

This morning you'll leave your desert camp, taking 4WDs to the main entrance, which is opposite the Seven Pillars of Wisdom, the mountain named after Lawrence of Arabia's book. The visitor's centre here is also a great spot to buy some jewellery and handicrafts, mostly made by a women's co-operative that is aimed at supporting traditional local industries. You will then continue your journey to the fabled city of Petra (approximately 2 hours) by private van. The site remained unknown to the Western world until 1812, when it was discovered by Johann Ludwig Burckhardt, a Swiss explorer. It was once described as 'a rose-red city half as old as time' in a sonnet by John William Burgon and UNESCO has described it as 'one of the most precious cultural properties of man's cultural heritage.' In 1985, Petra was designated a World Heritage site. So you know you are in for an amazing experience here. Spend the afternoon of Day 4 on Guided Tour of Petra. Squeeze through a mile-long narrow path, known as the Siq, through huge towers of rock and get your first glimpse of the iconic Treasury – it's impossible not to imagine the armies and traders who made their way down here in the ancient times. It's amazing to think that this awesome, intricate building entrance was hand carved out of the rock.

#### Included activities

- Petra - Guided tour of Petra

Please note: A two day entrance pass to Petra is included. Please note that when entering Petra as a group, a complimentary horse ride is included in the ticket price from the entrance point down to the Siq. YOLO



doesn't recommend that you take this option due to the safety and insurance liability involved. And as well for the welfare of the animals. Please note a lot of walking is required to see all the sites and viewpoints of Petra. A basic level of fitness will enhance your enjoyment of your visit.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel

### Day 5

#### Petra

Enjoy a free day of self-discovery as you explore Petra on your own. The site is surprisingly big, and you can explore the old Roman road, temples and several old tombs, as well as the rock-hewn amphitheater. For those with the energy, there's the challenging but highly rewarding walk up the steps to the stunning Monastery (approximately 1 hour).

**Included activities:**

- Petra - Second day entrance (no guide)

**Meals:** breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel

**Optional activities:**

- Petra - Petra By Night tour - JOD17

### Day 6

#### Madaba

Travel the Desert's Highway to the historic crusader castle of Kerak, which stands on a cliff commandingly overlooking Wadi Karak and the Dead Sea in the distance (approximately 2.5 hours). You'll have time to explore the evocative ruins and discover the legends of the 12th-century battles between the Crusaders and the Muslim armies led by the Arab hero, Saladin. Pack your swim gear as next you can wash off the dust from exploring with a dip like no other. Drive to the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth (420 metres below sea level). This isn't actually a sea but a super-salty lake (dead because of the lack of life in it) where the density of the water means you'll go for a float, not a swim. Spend some time relaxing here and get some classic floating pictures. The mud here is supposed to have healing properties, so why not cover yourself from head to toe for a nutrient-rich natural mineral mud bath. Towels are available for hire. Continue to Mt Nebo, the spot where the prophet Moses is said to have seen the 'promised land' and where he's supposedly buried. Explore this sanctuary and view the remarkable mosaics of the 4th-century church. Thirty minutes down the road is the historical town of Madaba, famous for its Ottoman-style houses and beautiful Byzantine-era mosaics, including the famous 6th-century mosaic map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land at St George's Church. Other mosaic masterpieces found within churches and the Archaeological Museum depict a



rampant profusion of flora and fauna, as well as scenes from mythology and daily life. Literally hundreds of other mosaics from the 5th to 7th centuries are scattered throughout Madaba's churches and homes.

**Included activities:**

- Kerak - Kerak Castle
- Mt Nebo - Mt Nebo visit
- Dead Sea - Dead Sea visit

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel

**Day 7**

**Madaba/Jerash**

Today you will leave Madaba for a short drive north (approximately 75 minutes) to Jerash, once one of the grandest ancient Roman cities in the world. These are some of the best preserved Greco-Roman ruins around. The city thrived due to its position on the route of the spice and incenses trade, and it reached its zenith as a favourite of the emperor Hadrian around AD 130. The ancient walled town that survives today is a remarkable evocation of life 2000 years ago. It has a striking collection of archways and theatres, baths, public buildings and colonnaded streets, and is a beautiful place to spend a day exploring. Discover Hadrian's arch, the partially restored hippodrome, ornate public fountains, the south amphitheatre, and see the collection of daily artefacts uncovered during excavations. Grand ionic columns encircle the city's centrepiece, the Oval Plaza, a wonderfully atmospheric place to linger after uncovering Jerash's riches. After a full day of exploring, maybe gather your travel buddies together and share a celebratory shisha as this Jordan exploration comes to an end.

**Included activities:**

- Jerash - Roman ruins
- Madaba - St Georges Church

**Meals:** breakfast

**Accommodation:** Mariam Hotel / Aisha Um Al Mu'meneen St / Madaba / JORDAN



### Day 8

#### Madaba

This trip comes to an end today. There are no activities planned and you are able to depart the accommodation at any time.

Meals: breakfast

## Unterkünfte auf deiner Reise:

During the trip you might stay in the following accommodation. Please note that, depending on availabilities, these may vary from departure to departure.

- Day 1 Art Hotel (<https://art-hotel-downtown-amman.amman-hotels-jo.com/de/#photo>)
- Day 2 Wadi Rum Desert Camp
- Day 3 Wadi Rum Desert Camp
- Day 4 La Maison Hotel (<http://laisonhotel.com.jo/>)
- Day 5 La Maison Hotel
- Day 6 Mariam Hotel (<http://www.mariamhotel.com/>)
- Day 7 Mariam Hotel
- Day 8 -

## Wichtige Hinweise zu deiner Reise:

- ♣ A single supplement is available on this trip. On the following nights the Single Supplement is not available:  
Day 2 & 3 Wadi Rum camp
- ♣ There is quite a bit of walking involved in visiting Jordan's historic sites, especially in Petra and Wadi Rum, so a reasonable level of fitness is required. Most of the time there is no shade so remember to bring a hat, sun protection, and sturdy, comfortable walking shoes.
- ♣ Winters can get quite cool, so if you're visiting at this time, don't forget to pack some warmer layers too.
- ♣ The desert camp in Wadi Rum is basic but incredibly memorable. There are tents and shared western bathroom facilities. Please be aware that while the desert may be very hot during the day, it will still be cool at night and warm clothes and a sleeping bag is highly recommended when travelling outside of the summer months.
- ♣ We recommend 150 € per week for meals not included during the trip.
- ♣ Visas are the responsibility of the individual traveller. Entry requirements can change at any time, so it's





important that you check for the latest information. Please visit the relevant consular website of the country or countries you're visiting for detailed and up-to-date visa information specific to your nationality. Visas can take several weeks to process, so familiarise yourself with any requirements as soon as you have booked your trip to allow for processing time and costs.

## Preishinweise:

- Einzelzimmerzuschlag: 159 €
- Langstreckenflug an/ab Frankfurt – Amman und zurück z.B. mit Royal Jordanian, Turkish Airlines, Egypt Airlines ab 599 €
- Rail & Fly innerhalb Deutschlands (2. Klasse): inkludiert bei Flugbuchung über YOLO
- Flughafentransfers im Zielland: Hintransfer vom Flughafen Amman zum Starthotel 50 € pro Auto (bis zu 2 Personen), Rücktransfer vom letzten Rundreisehotel zum Flughafen Amman 53 € pro Auto (bis zu 2 Personen)
- Vorübernachtung exkl. Frühstück: 50 € p.P. im Doppelzimmer, 100 € im Einzelzimmer
- Anschlussübernachtung exkl. Frühstück: 50 € p.P. im Doppelzimmer, 95 € im Einzelzimmer
- Bitte beachten: Bei Vor- und Anschlussübernachtung ist ein halbes Doppelzimmer nicht buchbar



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