JOURNEY IN JORDAN

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INTRODUCTION

Journey in Jordan offers authentic luxury travel experiences in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, a country forming part of the Holy Land, sacred to the three great monotheistic religions: Christianity, Islam, and Judaism.

Jordan is a peaceful nation with a rich and distinctive history. It was part of the Roman Empire, a land of crusaders during the Middle Ages, and under Ottoman rule until the Great Arab Revolt in 1916. Lawrence of Arabia resided here during the First World War and took part in the liberation of Aqaba from the Turks. The Emirate of Transjordan became a British Protectorate until 1946, when the country gained full independence as the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

With a population of nearly twelve million, the majority religion is Sunni Islam. There is a vibrant and integrated Christian minority comprising 3% to 5% of the people, mainly Orthodox, though there are also Catholic and Protestant communities. Jordan is a safe country and Jordanians are proud of its prevailing internal harmony and of being a centre of regional security.

Jordan is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system elected by universal suffrage, in which His Majesty King Abdullah II plays an important unifying role. There are seats in the Jordanian Parliament reserved for Christians and for women.
Bordering Saudi Arabia to the south, Syria to the north, and Palestine to the west, Jordan lies along the Dead Sea, and at the Port of Aqaba on the Red Sea. Over the past three thousand years, God showed Moses the Promised Land from Mount Nebo, Jesus was baptised at Bethany Beyond the Jordan, and both Romans and Turks left their marks. There is peace with the State of Israel. Times of conflict have passed. Today, Jordan welcomes more than five million visitors each year. It is a friendly and hospitable nation with high standards of education, medical care, and infrastructure.

Over the last half-century, Jordan has played a central role in the Middle East peace process. It enjoys good relations with its neighbours and the broader international community. The country also plays a key humanitarian role in the region, offering a haven and refuge for those displaced by war and conflict, particularly from Iraq, Palestine, and Syria. Amman, the capital, hosts numerous diplomatic missions and international organisations. It is a hub of diplomatic activity and home to many large embassies, most notably from Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States. According to the US Embassy's LinkedIn page, "it is one of the fast growing missions and... is among the top seven largest in the world".

JiJ offers authentic adventures for discerning travellers in small groups of two to six. Our intrepid explorers are as diverse as Jordan itself, brought together for twelve or fourteen days by a shared desire to trace our human story in one of the world's most beautiful and complex regions.

Each JiJ group is led by our affable team, which includes a former English banker who has had a home in Jordan since 1999, a native Jordanian with ten years of military service for his country, and an English lawyer who has arranged pilgrim groups to Jordan, Italy, and the Holy Land for over twenty-five years.

Together, we journey immersed in Jordanian culture and its way of life. JiJ's itineraries are dynamic and tailored to guests' specific preferences, even as our Journey progresses. The emphasis is on delivering a luxurious personal travel experience, with a minimum of two nights' accommodation at each location to ensure comfort. The host to guest ratio is typically one to two.

All Journeys begin at Queen Alia International Airport. Guests are welcomed as soon as they arrive and assisted through passport control and baggage collection. Royal Jordanian airlines, the national flag carrier, operates daily flights from Frankfurt, London, New York, Paris, and other cities, with the schedule available at www.rj.com. Other airlines flying directly to Amman include British Airways, Emirates, Air France, Lufthansa, Ryanair, and Turkish Airlines.

The JiJ team looks forward to welcoming you to Jordan.

THE ESSENCE OF JORDAN

7 Days | 6 Nights

01 Day One
Arrival in Amman

Guests arrive at Queen Alia International Airport, Amman. Tikram VIP Services meets each guest at the aircraft or at the end of the air-bridge, and assists with passport control, baggage collection, and customs. After customs, the JiJ Team greets guests before the forty-minute car transfer to the Four Seasons Hotel on the 5th Circle, Amman, where guests check in for one night.

There are no specific plans for the remainder of the day. Many of our guests prefer to recover from their travel and to enjoy the facilities of the Four Seasons Hotel, including an excellent spa. A rejuvenating massage is included and will be booked at the time of confirming your participation in the Journey.

For those who feel energetic, and arrive earlier in the day, there will be a trip to see the King Abdullah I Mosque and the King Hussein Mosque, leaving the Four Seasons Hotel at 12.30pm.

JiJ hosts drinks and dinner at La Capitale Restaurant at the Four Seasons Hotel, with drinks from 6.45pm and dinner at 7.30pm. A first taste of Jordanian wine.

02 Day Two
From Amman to the Dead Sea

Breakfast in the hotel at your leisure. 8.30am: Depart the Four Seasons Hotel.

We visit the Roman Amphitheatre in the centre of the old town. Built in the 2nd Century when Amman was called Philadelphia, the theatre is one of the largest examples of its kind with a capacity of 6000 people. Within the Roman Amphitheatre is a museum of Bedouin life and Jordanian history. Today, the Roman Amphitheatre is used primarily for musical concerts. Guided tour.

After the Amphitheatre, we make the short trip to the Amman Citadel dating from 1500 BCE and continuously inhabited until the early 20th Century. Guided tour. We visit the Royal Automobile Museum, which is amongst the finest of its type anywhere in the world and a major attraction in Amman. The museum café serves excellent fare for those wishing light refreshment.

In the late afternoon, we travel to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth (1,412 feet – 431 metres below sea level), arriving around 6pm. We stay at the Kempinski Hotel for two nights.

The evening is at leisure. There is a buffet dinner served in hotel's main restaurant.

03 Day Three
The Dead Sea

There is a full day of leisure at the Dead Sea. Buffet breakfast and buffet dinner are in the hotel's main restaurant. JiJ is on hand to assist you throughout the day. The hotel has an Italian restaurant, at which if open, our guests are welcome to take their dinner.

During the day and at a time we agree together, there is an optional trip of approximately two and a half hours to the warm waterfalls at Maen. It is possible to bathe and there are basic changing facilities available.

There is an excellent spa at the Kempinski Hotel. At the time of booking the Journey, guests are able to select treatments from the spa menu.

04 Day Four
From the Dead Sea to Petra via the Baptismal Site of Jesus

9am: Depart Kempinski Hotel

We move from the Kempinski Hotel, staying the next two nights at Hayat Zaman Hotel & Resort. During our stay, at the Hayat Zaman Hotel & Resort, the Four Seasons Hotel provides the catering.

A short 30 minutes' ride to visit the site of Jesus's Baptism. Guided Tour. We also visit the Catholic Church of the Baptism of the Lord.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State, and Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, opened the church in January 2025.

By mid-afternoon, we arrive in Petra. A light collation awaits us. The evening is at leisure. Dinner is in the hotel's restaurant.

05 Day Five
The Rose City of Petra

Breakfast from 6am in the hotel. Please be ready to depart by 8am.

We recommend a hearty breakfast, as it is a long day.

8am: Depart Hayat Zaman Hotel & Resort.

A full day guided tour of Petra. We begin the Main Trail round-trip of 8.5 km initially by electric buggy from the Visitors' Centre as far as the Treasury, thereafter on foot before returning by buggy. Guided tour.

From experience, visitors usually spend between three and five hours in Petra depending on individual curiosity and stamina. Along the trip, local Bedouins will tempt you with camel and donkey rides to the less easily accessible corners of the site.

7pm: Dinner is in the hotel's restaurant.

06 Day Six
From Petra to Aqaba

Breakfast in the hotel from 6am. Please be ready to depart at 8am. 9am: Depart Hayat Zaman Hotel & Resort.

We travel approximately two hours by road from Hayat Zaman Hotel & Resort to Aqaba, staying the next night at the Kempinski Hotel.

Early check-in at the hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure in Aqaba.

Included in your Journey are a variety of complimentary water-based activities, including scuba diving (subject to your prior experience, though an introductory PADI diving course is available), snorkelling, jet/water skiing, paragliding, and power boating. Such activities should be booked with JiJ before the beginning of your Journey.

6.45pm. Depart for dinner at the Royal Yacht Club, a few minutes' stroll from the hotel.

07 Day Seven
Depart Aqaba

Breakfast in the hotel with departure according to each individual's schedule. JiJ is happy to arrange to extend your stay in Aqaba, and/or to assist with travel to Amman and additional nights at The Four Seasons Hotel.

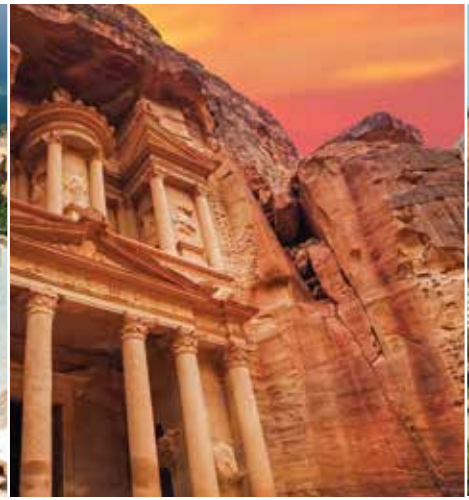
SPA LINKS

Four Seasons Spa (Amman)	Al Manara Spa (Aqaba)
Kempinski Spa (Dead Sea)	Kempinski Spa (Aqaba)

SUMMARY

DAY	HOTEL	MEALS INCLUDED
1	Four Seasons Hotel, Amman	Welcome Drinks, Dinner
2	Kempinski Hotel, Dead Sea	Breakfast, Buffet Dinner
3	Kempinski Hotel, Dead Sea	Breakfast, Buffet Dinner or Italian Dinner
4	Hayat Zaman Hotel & Resort, Petra	Breakfast, Light Collation, Dinner
5	Hayat Zaman Hotel & Resort, Petra	Breakfast, Light Collation, Dinner
6	Kempinski Hotel, Aqaba	Breakfast, Dinner
7	Kempinski Hotel, Aqaba	Breakfast

GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE



Amman

Altitudes in Amman range from 700 metres to 1,200 metres and the air is generally dry. December, January, and February are the coolest and wettest months and there can be snow, though this is rare. Average daily temperatures range from 8 degrees centigrade in mid-winter to 27 degrees in mid-summer. There is little precipitation in June, July, August, and September. Evenings, except in the height of summer, can be cool and it is useful to have a sweater. The record high temperature in Amman is 44 degrees and the record low is -8 degrees.

Dead Sea

At 431 metres below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth. The Dead Sea is only an hour's drive from Amman, but the climate is markedly different. The road between Amman and the Dead Sea is noticeably steep. Average daily temperatures range from 17 degrees centigrade in mid-winter to 34 degrees in mid-summer. There is almost no precipitation in May, June, July, August, and September. The record high temperature at the Dead Sea is 47 degrees and the record low is 6 degrees.

Petra

Over 800 metres above sea level, average daily temperatures range from 5 degrees centigrade in mid-winter to 30 degrees in mid-summer. December, January, February, and March are the wettest months with almost no rain May to October inclusive.

Aqaba

A sea port and resort, average daily temperatures range from 15 degrees centigrade in mid-winter to 33 degrees in mid-summer but can reach 40 degrees plus.

HOW TO BOOK

The Journey commences every other Saturday. JiJ offers each of its guests a bespoke personal travel experience. JiJ likes to get to know its guests, and to understand and fulfil their expectations of the Journey, together with any special requirements, from the time of booking, to the time we bid farewell.

Please email us with the dates you wish to book, your telephone number, and contact details. Shorter Journeys commence every Saturday. We shall contact you by email, or telephone, as you prefer.

A booking is secured by paying USD 2,000 per person online by Visa or Mastercard.

We require a copy of the passport of each person travelling at the time of booking.

JiJ does not accept bookings from persons under the age of 18, though JiJ does welcome persons over the age of 14 if accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is no upper age limit, though we ask that anybody with a serious ongoing medical condition informs us at the time of booking and confirms that travel is not against medical advice.

The medical services in Jordan are outstanding. Each guest must have comprehensive travel and health insurance. JiJ requires details of each guest's travel and health insurance policy/policies before the Journey commences. This is to assist you if an emergency arises. JiJ cannot accept guests who do not have full insurance cover for the whole of the Journey.

Please note that all communication with JiJ is in the English language. English is widely spoken in Jordan. English will be the language of guided tours.

ATTIRE AND CLOTHING

Dress on the Journey is casual. For men, jackets and ties are not required at any time. For women, trousers or dresses are appropriate. Shorts and/or sleeveless attire are prohibited in religious buildings, though covering shawls may sometimes be available on site.

Clothing should be discreet on beaches and at swimming pools. Men should avoid skimpy trunks. Women may not bathe topless. Swimming shorts are the norm for men. Modest bikinis or swimsuits are acceptable for women. There is no requirement for women to wear Islamic dress at any time.

Except in the summer months, later May, June, July, August, and early September, the Amman evenings can be cool, so it is sensible to have a light sweater. In the winter months, November to February inclusive, it is important to bring a sweater and coat.

We strongly recommend that our guests carry at least one change of clothing in their hand luggage in case of airline baggage loss travelling to Amman.

GUIDED TOURS AND TRANSPORT

JiJ only uses qualified and officially licensed Jordanian guides to provide guided tours.

The Four Seasons Hotel, Amman, provides the luxury minibus and driver throughout the Journey.

COSTS

The cost of the Journey is USD 9,500 per adult sharing a room for six nights.

Maximum six persons per Journey. Maximum two persons per room. Minimum age 14 years.

JiJ has negotiated special rates for its single travellers. The single supplement is USD 2,500 for the Journey and includes sole occupancy of hotel rooms.

Rooms normally have king-sized or double beds. Twin-rooms are not always available as an alternative, though JiJ will do its best to fulfil specific requests.

A deposit of USD 2,000 per person is required at the time of booking the Journey within five days of receipt of the invoice.

Full payment is required for bookings made 75 days or less before the commencement of the Journey to be paid online, or if requested by invoice and international bank transfer in USD.

WHAT IS INCLUDED AND WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

Included

1. The services of Tikram VIP Services on arrival and departure at Queen Alia International Airport to facilitate a swift passage through the airport including fast track through passport control and assistance with luggage. Please note: these services are not available at Aqaba Airport.
2. Transport to and from the airport on arrival and departure.
3. En-suite standard accommodation though we often manage to obtain complimentary upgrades for our guests. Accommodation is based on two persons sharing a room.
4. Meals and beverages as stated. Guests are free to choose from the restaurants' menus, which are usually a la carte except where there is a buffet. Local beer and Jordanian wine are available to accompany meals and are included.
5. Spa treatments / massages in Amman and at the Dead sea.
6. Admission charges on the Journey.
7. Activities as specified.
8. Travel within Jordan by Luxury Mercedes Minibus or Mercedes E Class.
9. The services of the JiJ Team.
10. Tips for guides on our guided tours.

Not Included

1. Air travel to and from Queen Alia International Airport, Amman.
2. Jordan Entry Visa. Though, for many nationalities, it is possible to buy a visa on arrival, we strongly recommend that you purchase your visa online in advance from the Jordanian government website (Visa E Applications). We request that you send us a copy of your entry visa prior to travel. Some passport holders require an embassy issued visa prior to travel to Jordan.
3. Any exit fees from Jordan (none at present).
4. Travel and health insurance.
5. Drinks and food, except where specified, and any services such as laundry and dry-cleaning ordered in the hotels.
6. On Day Two and Day Three, any account in the Italian Restaurant of the Kempinski Hotel, Dead Sea, exceeding in total the equivalent of JOD 125 per head (approximately USD 175 per head).
7. On Day Six, any activities at the Kempinski Hotel, Aqaba exceeding in total the equivalent of JOD 125 per head (approximately USD 175 per head).
8. On Day Seven, airplane flights from King Hussein International Aiport, Aqaba to Queen Alia International Airport, Amman.

BESPOKE JOURNEYS

In addition to its regular itineraries, JiJ specialises in creating bespoke Journeys in Jordan, tailored to your specific requirements without compromising the adventure, luxury, and personal service which are JiJ's hallmarks. If you are looking to explore Jordan for between four and eight days, JiJ will work with you to craft your ideal travel experience.

Bespoke travel with JiJ is designed for you and your budget but always includes JiJ's personal first class service. Many of JiJ's guests delight in VIP passage through Queen Alia International Airport, a chauffeur-driven S Class Mercedes throughout their stay, all meals, wines and beverages, and pre-booked spa treatments. Some of our guests prefer to use helicopters to see as much of Jordan as possible in the shortest time.

The JiJ Team will accompany you throughout your Journey. The price for bespoke travel is determined by your specific requirements.

Booking and contacts

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For reservations, please email us at:
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The team is always happy to speak with prospective guests, as well as those already booked on one of our Journeys.

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