

CLASSIC JORDAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- FAMOUS COLLECTION OF DEAD SEA SCROLLS
- FASCINATING ONCE-HIDDEN CITY OF PETRA
- RELAX ON THE SHORES OF THE DEAD SEA

Jordan is a country of extraordinary ancient cities and sights. The wonderful 'Rose-Red City' of Petra is the legacy of an industrious Arab people who settled in Jordan more than 2,000 years ago, and the highlight of any holiday to Jordan. Often described as the eighth wonder of the ancient world, it is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. The ancient Greco-Roman city of Jerash boasts an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years. At the lowest point on earth at 422 metres below sea level, the Dead Sea is one of the most unique places on earth. Experience this and

much more on an eight day journey through the unique country of Jordan.

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DAY 1

London/Amman

Your journey begins this afternoon with a Royal Jordanian flight to the capital city Amman, inhabited since Roman times, where the essence of Jordanian hospitality awaits your arrival at the Four Seasons Hotel. This contemporary yet classic hotel in Amman's finest setting presents breathtaking views of the cityscape. Watch the chef in the open kitchen at Seasons restaurant and savour the signature dish of braised lamb shank with saffron rice.



DAY 2

Amman

Admire the grand view over downtown Amman from the Citadel next to the Temple of Hercules - the city walls, the magnificent 5,000 seat Roman amphitheatre and the twin minarets of the Hussein Mosque. See a collection of Dead Sea Scrolls, beautifully coloured dresses, mosaics and a cross-section of

Jordanian life in the array of museums, and visit the distinctive blue domed King Abdullah Mosque. Moving north to the Decapolis region, arrive to the wonderfully preserved 'Pompeii' of the East, the Greco-Roman city of Jerash. With architectural details and inscriptions dating from the time of Alexander the Great, the chariot wheel marks are still visible in the ancient road.



Renowned for its imposing Roman Forum, walk along the mile-long Street of Columns to the unique oval plaza and enjoy a Roman army and chariot race experience. Enjoy a visit to the most dramatically situated Roman town in Jordan, Umm Qais and continue on to see the panoramic views of Pella, overlooking the Jordan Valley plain. ➤



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DAY 3

Amman/Petra

Famed for its scenic beauty, follow the ancient Kings' Highway, travelling through rugged scenery to once-flourishing Byzantine towns. At Madaba the town's skyline of church spires and minarets gives a clue to its history. See the delightful 6th century map portraying physical characteristics of the Eastern Byzantine world including Jerusalem and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Stop in Umm Rassas to see one of its many churches and Mount Nebo with its spectacular outlook over the Jordan Valley. Your last stop before arriving at Petra is at the spectacular hillside setting of the 12th century Crusader fortress at Kerak. Explore the four square towers and dark passages, one of which emerges onto the ruined Crusader

chapel and the three-storey Mamluke keep, from where there is a spectacular view of the castle and its surroundings.

DAY 4

Petra

Put on your walking shoes for a trek through the 'Rose-Red City' of Petra which is accessed on foot through a narrow fissure in the mountains known as the siq. See the dramatic temple façade of the Treasury carved into the pink and red cliff-faces. Abandoned in the 4th century, Nabateans, Romans and Crusaders all left their mark on this unique historical site. Explore the tombs, temples and exquisite monuments all hewn from solid mountain rock. The walk is well worth the effort, as you will see the Treasury, Royal Tombs, Theatre and Roman City, with an additional



climb (if energy and time allows) up some 1,200 steps to the Monastery.

DAY 5

Petra

After some more time to further explore the fascinating city of Petra, head south to enjoy an excursion to the desert sands of Wadi Rum. Wadi Rum is a protected area covering 720 square kilometres of dramatic desert wilderness. Huge mountains of sandstone and granite emerge, sheer-sided, from wide sandy valleys to reach heights of 1,700 metres and more. Narrow canyons and fissures cut deep into the mountains and many conceal ancient rock drawings etched by the peoples of the desert over millennia. Bedouin tribes still live among the mountains of Rum and their large goat-hair tents are a special feature of the landscape. Experience an exhilarating

off road drive over the dunes of Wadi Rum, whose dramatic lunar landscapes will forever be associated with Lawrence of Arabia.

DAY 6

Petra/Dead Sea

Step back in time to visit the site of Jesus' baptism, with plastered pools and water systems that were almost certainly used for mass baptisms. Arrive at the Dead Sea with its unique water qualities and climate for a stay at the Movenpick Dead Sea Resort, an exclusive hotel combining a style of oriental flair with natural traditional local stone.

DAY 7

Dead Sea

Savour the luxury of a whole day to enjoy the peace and serene setting of your hotel overlooking the Dead Sea.



Pamper yourself at the spa; we suggest you try a tingling full-body mud pack, or simply laze by the pool with a book. Do not miss an opportunity to experience a 'swim' in the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth at over 400 metres below sea level.

DAY 8

Dead Sea/London

Time to head home on a return flight from Amman to London, or perhaps continue your journey with an extension to the ancient wonderland of Syria.

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