



## *Treasures of Travel*

### *Treasures of Jordan Tour, 2023*

*~ 10 days/8 nights ~*

**Please note: This tour is not offered as a pre-planned group tour.**

**We would be delighted to meet the expectation of the interested individuals and/or groups with the below example outline of the trip to Jordan, based on the highlights of the country, or custom design one working around the offered itinerary according to your special interest and desire to make it unforgettable experience of your own Jordan.**

The land of ancient Nabataens, builders of the incredible city of Petra, the famous desert landscapes of Wadi Rum, where Lawrence of Arabia wandered, the country which attracted big influential powers of ancient times, like Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Crusaders, Ottoman Turks, all left their mark, spectacular Crusader castles, incredible Greek and Roman ruins, are all ready for your exploration.

#### *Day 1*

Depart the USA on overnight flight to Amman.

#### *Day 2 ~ Amman*

Upon arrival and going through airport formalities at Amman Airport you will be **met and transferred** to your hotel in the city for overnight. Landmark Hotel or similar hotel on HB basis

#### *Day 3 ~ Wadi Rum*

After a leisurely breakfast we'll drive to **Wadi Rum** through beautiful countryside. Overnight in Wadi Rum inside desert on HB basis

#### *Day 4 ~ Petra (Wadi Rum)*

We'll spend the day exploring **Wadi Rum**, also known as the Valley of the Moon, to experience the magnificent landscape and natural wonder. Wadi Rum has been inhabited by many human cultures since prehistoric times, including the Nabateans who left their footprint in the form of rock paintings, graffiti, and temples. We will also have a four-wheel drive tour in the desert before we head to Petra for overnight. Petra Marriott hotel or similar on HB basis.

#### *Day 5 ~ Petra*

Today we'll have pleasure of a full day tour in the Nabatean rock city of **Petra**, which is one of the most unique places in the world, possibly established as early as 312 BC to serve as the capital of Nabateans and control the main commercial routes. Over thousands of years, people and nature together have created this extraordinary rock-cut architecture which has become the symbol of the country. An impressive stroll through the gorge will lead us to the breathtaking Treasure Chamber. Petra Marriott hotel or similar on HB basis.

### *Day 6 ~ Dead Sea (little Petra and Kerak Castle)*

This morning we will visit the **little Petra** before we take the King's Highway via inspiring Wadi Al Mujib, a deep and majestic cut through rugged highlands that drains into the Dead Sea at 400 meters below Sea level, with the opportunity to bathe there.

On the way to Dead Sea, we will drive by the famous **Kerak Castle**-one of the largest crusader castles in the Levant, with its magnificent view over the city below it.

Once we arrive at Dead Sea, you will have an option to enjoy floating in the Sea and/or take advantage of your hotel facilities to relax and enjoy this beautiful spa. Jordan Valley Marriott Hotel or similar on HB basis

### *Day 7 ~ Amman (Baptism site, Madaba and Mt. Nebo)*

We'll start our day with a visit to the Baptism site, the place where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist; next we'll tour **St. George Church in Madaba**, best known for its large Byzantine-era mosaic map of the Holy Land, and stop at **Mount Nebo**, mentioned in the Bible as the place where Moses was granted a view of the promised land, the view from the Moabite Range summit provides a panorama of the Holy Land and it has been the center of pilgrimages since early Christian times.

In the evening we'll arrive in Amman. Landmark Hotel or similar on HB basis

### *Day 8 ~ Amman (Jerash, Ajloun Castle and Umm Qais, ancient Gadara)*

After breakfast we'll drive to Umm Qais (ancient Gadara), one of the most brilliant Hellenistic-Roman cities perched on the hilltop overlooking the sea of Tiberias and the Golan Heights. Next will be the mighty **Ajloun Castle**, which is considered one of the very few built to protect the country against Crusader attacks. Finally we'll tour ancient city of **Jerash** -one of the best examples of Roman cities in the Levant. The characteristic method of construction is baroque-oriental. We will walk through the monumental **Arch of Hadrian**, around **the Stadium, the Theater, the Temple of Zeus**, and **the marble colonnaded street**. Landmark Hotel or similar on HB basis

### *Day 9 ~ Amman (full day tour in Amman)*

We will dedicate the full day to the sightseeing of **Amman**, the capital of Jordan which joins together the antique and the modern world. We will start our tour by visiting the **Citadel of Amman** with the magnificent view over the old city, the Roman Theater below; next will be **Jordanian National Museum** which has a large collection of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the **King Abdullah Mosque**. We will also stop at the Royal Automobile museum, and stroll through the Rainbow Street with interesting shops and galleries. Landmark Hotel or similar on HB basis

### *Day 10 ~ Depart for home*

We will **transfer** you to the airport for your flight home.

### *Best time to travel:*

Spring ~ fall.