

Ancient Lands: Jordan & Israel

Amman, Dead Sea, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Petra, Wadi Rum



Explore ancient civilizations, history, cultures and traditions – and the threads that bind them together. Discover hidden treasures in Jordan and explore Israel's ancient history and its tumultuous past going back thousands of years. You will find yourself on an unforgettable, authentic journey to Jordan & Israel.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ *A visit to all the must see sights in both countries*
- ❖ *In-depth insight into the local culture*
- ❖ *Visit Petra, a UNESCO world heritage site and one of the wonders of the world*
- ❖ *Take a dip in the warm mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea*
- ❖ *A visit to several spectacular ancient Roman ruins*

Itinerary

Day 1 – 21st February 2020 : Arrival in Amman



Upon arrival at Queen Alia International Airport, our representative will meet you on the way out past customs.

You will be transferred to your hotel upon arrival.

(The transfer will be arranged for all flights arriving between 1130 – 1230 hours. For any other time, an extra cost will be applicable)

You will be booked at **The Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana or similar** for a stay of 1 night.

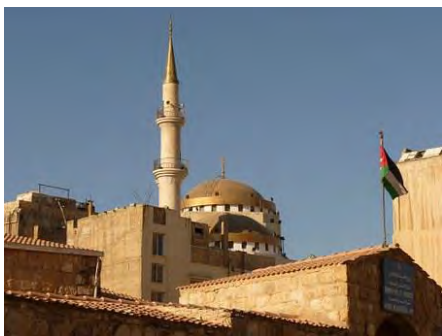
This afternoon you will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Jordan's capital city- Amman.

Amman city tour; *The Citadel, Archeological Museum, Roman Amphitheatre, and Folklore Museum, Due to the City's modern-day prosperity and temperate climate, almost half of Jordan's population is concentrated in the Amman area. The residential suburbs consist of mainly tree-lined street and avenues flanked by elegant, almost uniformly white houses, in accordance with a municipal law, which states that all buildings must be faced with local stone. The downtown area is much older and more traditional with smaller businesses producing and selling everything from fabulous jewellery to everyday household items. The people of Amman are multi-cultural, multi-denominational, well-educated and extremely hospitable. They welcome visitors and take pride in showing them around their fascinating and vibrant city.*

Dinner will be at the hotel tonight

Overnight in Amman.

Day 2 - 22nd February 2020 : Amman to Dead Sea



After breakfast, drive along the Kings Highway for a visit to **Madaba** – where you can see the oldest map of the world including Jerusalem, in a mosaic floor. On to **Mt Nebo**, the traditional burial site of Moses. From this hill, Moses viewed the Promised Land before he died.

You will then be driven to the **Dead Sea**.

On arrival at the Dead Sea, you will be booked at **the Holiday Inn Dead Sea hotel or similar** for a stay of 1 night.

Our hotel is by the **Dead Sea** shores, where we will swim, or to be more exact, float, on the amazing waters, a non-swimmers paradise.

Dinner and overnight in the **Holiday Inn Dead Sea Hotel** or similar

Day 3 - 23rd February 2020 : Dead Sea to Nazareth



After breakfast, travel to the **border with Israel**. Cross into Israel at the S. Hussein Border after security and passports control. Meet our guide in Israel. Drive west to Nazareth.

You will be booked at the **Legacy or similar** for a stay of 2 nights

This afternoon, you will visit the **Church of the Annunciation**, and the **Synagogue** where Jesus learnt to read the Bible in the afternoon

Dinner and overnight in Nazareth

Day 4 - 24th February 2020 : Sea of Galilee - Capernaum - Tabgha



After breakfast start the day from historic **Tiberias**, where Jesus lived, sojourned, and preached on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Our next destination will be **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus ministry. From here, we head on to Tabgha, the site of Christ's miracle of feeding the 5,000 and the **Church of Multiplication**, where the mosaic floor depicts a basket with loaves and two fishes. We drive on to the **Mount of Beatitudes** overlooking the sea, where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount" and it is believed that he picked his 12 apostles.

Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 - 25th February 2020 : Nazareth to Jerusalem Via Caesarea & Tel Aviv / Jaffa



After breakfast, drive towards **Caesarea**, where we will explore the ruins of the Roman and the Crusader City. We will see the reconstructed Roman city and Theatre, the walls from the times of the Crusaders and the prison where St. Paul was held in captivity before being sent to Rome. This was also the place where the first gentile was converted to Christianity. As we leave the beautiful walls and moat, we will pass the remains of the Roman horse racing theater, the **Hippodrome**. We will top at the amazing remains of the **Roman Aqueduct** which has been beautifully preserved under the sand dunes for 2000 years.

We will then head to **Tel Aviv** for a short visit of the city of Jaffa, where we will take a short walking tour in picturesque alleys of the old, fortified town

We end our journey today in **Jerusalem**. At the entrance to the **Holy City** we will celebrate with a traditional blessing while overlooking the walls of the city of the Lord.

You will be booked at the **Hotel Dan Boutique Jerusalem or similar** for a stay of 3 nights.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 6 – 26th February 2020: Jerusalem



This morning, we will visit the birth place of Jesus – **Bethlehem** (if it is open). We will visit the **Church of Nativity** and the **Shepherd's Fields**.

We will then continue on to the **Israel Museum** to see the replica of the Dead Sea scrolls. Alternatively, we will take you to the **Mahane Yehuda market** depending on time

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 7 – 27th February 2020 : Jerusalem



We will begin the day after breakfast with a spectacular panoramic overlook of the **Old City** from the **Mount of Olives**. Drive downhill to the Kidron Valley and pass by the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of All Nations, also called the Basilica of Agony.

From here, we will head to the Old City. Head to **Mount Zion** and visit the Hall of the Last Supper, a chamber believed to stand where Jesus shared his last meal with his disciples. Then, head downstairs to visit the **Tomb of King David** before continuing into the walled Old City. Enter through the Zion Gate and walk to the **Byzantine Cardo**, the main thoroughfare during Byzantine times.

Next, delve into the **Jewish Quarter** to see the **Western Wall (Wailing Wall)**, a pilgrimage site for thousands of Jewish worshippers. Visit the **western Wall tunnels**.

We will work way into the **Christian Quarter** and walk part of the Via Dolorosa, the route taken by Jesus to his crucifixion, to see some of the Stations of the Cross (no. 5-14). Pass through souks and courtyards, and visit the hallowed **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, believed to stand where Jesus died. See the stone where his body was prepared for burial and where he was laid in a tomb.

We will then return to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8 – 28th February 2020 : Jerusalem – Eilat via Masada



Today, early after breakfast, we will drive south to the Port City of Eilat

Enroute, we will visit **Masada**, the site of the Zealots last stand against the Romans, that was originally built as a magnificent palace for Herods the Great. We will ascend by cable car to observe impressive construction, the beautiful mosaics, the synagogue, a **bathhouse** and a Byzantine Church.

On arrival in Eilat, you will be booked at **Nova Hotel Eilat or similar** for a stay of 1 night.

Dinner and overnight in Eilat.

Day 9 – 29th February 2020 : Eilat to Wadi Rum



Today, early after breakfast, we will drive to the **Arava Border** and cross back into Jordan

After security and passports control, we will meet our guide in Jordan and drive to Wadi Rum

Travel to **Wadi Rum** — the Valley of the Moon — and explore the rose-tinted mountains and desert vistas where Lawrence of Arabia lived with his Bedouin allies.

Wadi Rum is a uniquely-shaped massive mountain that rose among the rosy red sand of the desert with towering cliffs of various brownish, reddish and golden colours. Virtually all of the people who live in Wadi rum are originally Bedouin. It is also called the Valley of the Moon due to the similarity of its terrain with the topography of the moon; it and was the location where the movie Lawrence of Arabia and the Martian were filmed.

On arrival, we will enjoy 2 Hours Bedouin Jeep tour in Wadi Rum

Your accommodation and dinner tonight will be at the **Sun City Camp or similar** in Wadi Rum.

Dinner and overnight in Wadi Rum.

Day 10 – 1st March 2020 : Wadi Rum to Petra



After breakfast, drive along the Kings to **Petra**, the Rose Red City.

Petra, the world wonder, is without a doubt Jordan's most valuable treasure and greatest tourist attraction. It is a vast, unique city, carved into the sheer rock face by the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled here more than 2000 years ago.

You will be booked at the **Petra Moon or similar** for a stay of 1 night.

In the afternoon enjoy a tour of Petra. (Approx 3 hours)

Enter the site of Petra and walk to the "Siq" (Canyon). Walk through the "Siq" to the red rock city, the ancient capital of the Nabateans from 3rd Century BC to 2nd Century AD. Visit the most interesting carved monuments such as the Treasury (El Khazneh a tomb of a Nabatean king) then the field of tombs, obelisks and the altar (Al Madhbah) - from this point you can view the whole of the city.

Dinner and overnight in Petra.

Petra by Night optional tour available. Your tour escort will assist you with reservations should you wish to consider it.

Day 11 – 2nd March 2020 - Petra to Amman . Fly back

This morning, the transfer back to Queen Alia International airport will be made for you for your flight back to India.

(The transfer will be arranged for all flights departing at approx 1700 hours from Amman airport. For any other time, an extra cost will be applicable)

*** Return home with wonderful memories ***

Price per person on a twin-sharing basis: INR 196,600
Single supplement: INR 53,800

Price includes:

- Meet & Assist at the airport on arrival & departure
- 10 nights' accommodation in the 4 star hotels mentioned or similar
- Transportation in a private vehicle for the entire duration of the trip
- Daily Breakfast
- Daily Dinner
- Local English speaking guide
- Entrance fees where applicable
- Porterage at the hotels
- Israel & Jordan Border Taxes
- Wadi Rum entrances & Jeep tour
- Services of an Odyssey Tour escort

Price excludes:

- Air ticket for travel to and from Amman
- Visa for Israel & Jordan
- Overseas Medical Insurance policy
- Meals and sightseeing not mentioned
- Tips (recommended at USD 9 pp per day)
- Items of a personal nature
- **GST at 5%**
- Anything not specifically mentioned under "Price includes"

Notes:

- Standard check in at hotels is at 1400 hours onwards. Where necessary we will request an early check-in however, this is not guaranteed. The same applies to check out, which is at 12h00.
- Rates subject to change without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control e.g. fuel increases, rate of exchange fluctuations.
- Please note that your passport should be valid for more than 6 months beyond the date of travel and that you must have at least 2 blank pages on your passport.
- Please contact us if you would like to book pre-tour or post-tour accommodation in Amman
- ROE calculated at 1 USD = Rs. 70.61. Any fluctuations at the time of payment will alter the cost
- **Price based on a minimum of 14 people travelling together**

Recommended Flight Schedule:

<u>Carrier</u>	<u>Flight</u>	<u>Dep.Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Dep</u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Arr.Date</u>
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Approx Fare: INR 41,000 per person including taxes (subject to change)

Map of Jordan & Israel



Terms & Conditions

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS

1. A deposit of Rs 30,000 per person will be payable by 15th November 2019. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Odyssey Tours & Travels.
2. At the time of making the booking, please send a copy of the first page of your passport
3. Balance payment is to be made by 15th December 2019.
4. All rates are subject to a revision if there is a fluctuation in the currency rates.
5. Payment of the booking deposit constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

1. Should you wish to cancel any part or all of a confirmed booking / reservation all such cancellations must be advised in writing . Given below is the cancellation policy.
2. Cancellation of a reservation due to any visa being rejected will amount to cancellation charges being levied as per the scale mentioned below and Odyssey Tours & Travels will not be responsible for any visa rejection by the respective consulates.
3. Cancellation of any reservations are subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Cancellations effected before 31st December 2019 will attract a service fee of Rs 10000 pp.
 - b. Cancellation from 31st December 2019 to 15th January 2020 will attract a fee of 50% of the total cost
 - c. Cancellation after 15th January 2020 will be charged 100% of the total cost.
 - d. No refund will be due after commencement of travel
4. Refunds due can take up to 5 weeks to process.