

Jordan Cultural Extension



Duration: 3 days

Extend your stay in Jordan to discover the incredible history of the region around Amman.

From Biblical sites to Roman ruins and Islamic castles dating back to the Crusades, this region is rich in evidence of its ancient civilisations. The highlight is undoubtedly Jerash, arguably the most well-preserved Roman city outside of Italy, and second only to Petra in the country's cultural riches.

We have time for some souk shopping opportunities as well as a trip back in time!

Contact the office for pricing and availability.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Madaba – Mount Nebo – Jerash – Aljoun – Amman

(main group departs for UK)

After breakfast we leave the ancient town of Madaba for big day of culture and history! Our first stop is Mount Nebo (15 mins), a Biblical site where Moses is said to have been shown the Promised Land; according to legend he is buried here. At approx 710m high, the impressive views stretch to Israel and Palestine, with the Dead Sea and Jericho on the far bank of the River Jordan.

We then head to Jerash (1.5 hours). Probably Jordan's most famous site after Petra, Jerash is known as the Pompeii of the East – mainly because it's considered to be the best-preserved Roman city outside Italy. Entering through the monumental South Gate, you'll discover highlights including the Oval Plaza, surrounded by colonnades, the amphitheatre and mosaic floors of the Byzantine temples, and the main street, the Cardo. The colonnades were built to be earthquake-proof, and many survive despite the earthquakes that hit the region in the 8th Century. It really does feel like you are wandering around a Roman city, brought to life by the inscriptions and carvings that adorn the ancient stonework. We drive back to Amman via Aljoun, an Islamic castle dating back to the 12th Century and the Crusades; built on a hill-top with fantastic views, its well-preserved walls form a real contrast to the Roman ruins of Jerash.

Breakfast and lunch provided. Hotel accommodation.

Day 2: Amman

Jordan's capital dates back thousands of year, and we'll have time to see Roman ruins including the 2nd-century amphitheatre, and the Citadel, an ancient site dating back to the Bronze Age. From a wander around the ruins you can see many of the region's great civilisations have built over earlier structures. Later, you can relax or spend time exploring the souks of the city, where there are plenty of shopping opportunities.

Breakfast and lunch provided. Hotel accommodation.

Day 3: Amman; Return to UK

We transfer to the airport for our flight back to London

Breakfast provided.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Accommodation in 3-4* hotel in Amman in shared twin/double room
- Meals as indicated in itinerary; drinking water during day
- Entrance fees and permits for sites detailed in itinerary
- All transportation and airport transfer
- Local English-speaking guide

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Meals where indicated
- Personal spending, tips for guides/drivers, extra food, drinks with meals
- Any optional / extra sites or activities



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