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Jordan

Despite its relatively small size, Jordan is bursting with ancient ruins, religious sites and incredibly diverse natural landscapes.

Located at the intersection of Asia, Europe and Africa, Jordan boasts a history replete with a wide cast of empires and civilizations, each of which has impacted the country.

A safe haven in a region of conflict, Jordan has delighted visitors for centuries with its World Heritage Sites, friendly towns and inspiring desert landscapes.



LANGUAGE

The official language of Jordan is Arabic, but English is widely spoken – especially in the cities.

Many Jordanians have travelled or have been educated abroad so French, German, Italian and Spanish are also spoken, but to a lesser extent

TIME ZONE

Jordan follows Eastern European Standard Time plus 3 hours (G.M.T. + 3)

CURRENCY

The local currency is the Jordanian Dinar, symbol JD, which is often called the “jaydee”.

There are 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 JD notes.

The dinar is divided onto 100 piasters (pronounced “pee-aster”) of 1000 fils (“fills”). The fils is the unit most commonly used and you will usually see prices written as 4,750 (which is 4 JD and 750 fils).

Currency can be exchanged at major banks, exchange booths and at most hotels. Street money-changers are best avoided. Exchange rates are set daily by the Jordanian Central Bank.

CREDIT CARDS

Credit cards are accepted at hotels, restaurants and larger shops, including American Express, Visa, Diners Club, and MasterCard.

Please note that many smaller shops still prefer cash payment in the Jordanian currency, and it’s essential for shopping in the local souks.



BUSINESS HOURS

Friday is the weekly holiday. Banks, government offices and most businesses are closed on Saturdays as well.

Many businesses, including airline offices, travel agencies and some shops also close on Thursday afternoon, although department stores and supermarkets remain open.

A few businesses and shops close for some of Sunday.

WEATHER

Climate - in the evening, Jordan is cool, especially in mountains and deserts, therefore, warm sweater can be wear even in the summer time.

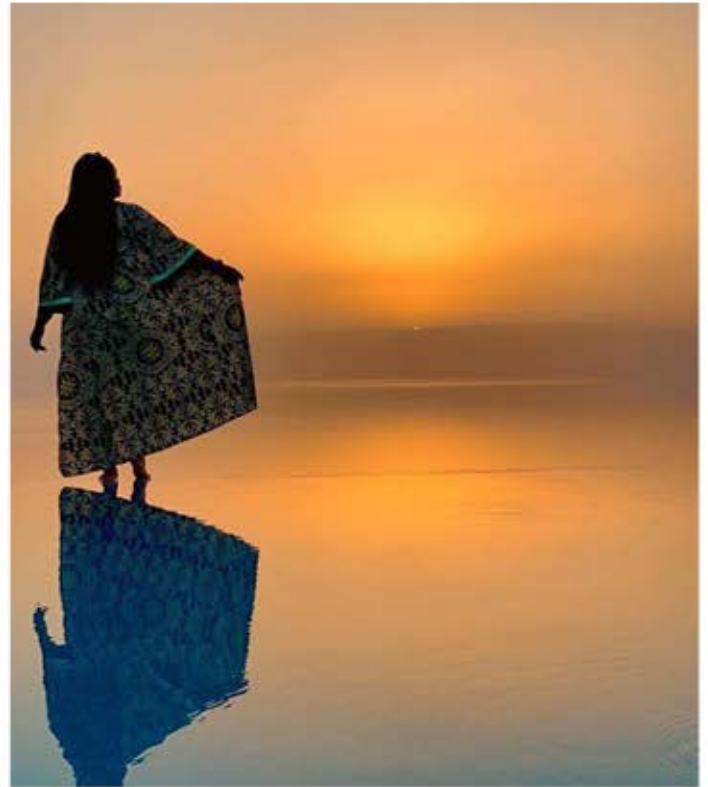
In the afternoon usually warm. But it is not necessary to forget, that sensations at the same indications of the thermometer in Europe and Jordan are various - 25 degrees in Amman can be cool enough, while 35 degrees - is much more comfortable, than at Europe 25...

ATTIRE

Jordan is primarily a Muslim country, although the freedom of all religions is protected. Muslim women's clothing often covers their arms, legs and hair.

Western women are not subject to these customs, but very revealing clothing is never appropriate and conservative dress is advisable for both men and women in the old part of Amman (Downtown), and outside the cities.

Shorts are rarely worn by either sex, and would be out of place in the downtown Amman area.



POSTAL SERVICES

As well as post offices, most 4 and 5-star hotels offer postal services.

Post office opening hours are:

Summer: Sat-Thurs 0700-1900, Fri 0700-1300

Winter: Sat-Thurs 0700-1700, Fri 0700-1300

There are also a number of international courier services, including DHL, FedEx, TNT International, UPS, etc.

RADIO & TELEVISION

Television:

Jordan television broadcasts in English and French on Channel 2. Daily programme listings can be found in The Jordan Times. CNN and other international stations are available via satellite at larger hotels.

Radio:

Radio Jordan: 24hr English-language service on 96.3FM.

BBC World Service: 24hr English-language service on 103.1FM.

Radio Sawa: 24hr English-language service on 98.1 FM

ELECTRICAL CURRENT

220 AC volts, 50 cycles, requiring rounded two-prong wall plugs. Visitors from the US will need a transformer which most hotels can provide.

WATER

Water is a precious resource in Jordan and visitors are encouraged not to waste it. Hotels rated 3 stars and above have their own water filtering systems and their water is considered safe to drink.

Elsewhere, bottled water is cheap and readily available.





AMMAN

Amman, the capital of Jordan, is a fascinating city of contrasts, a unique blend of old and new, situated on a hilly area between the desert and the fertile Jordan Valley.

In the commercial heart of the city, ultra-modern buildings, hotels, smart restaurants, art galleries and boutiques rub shoulders comfortably with traditional coffee shops and tiny artisans' workshops.

Amman's neighborhoods are diverse and range in cultural and historical context from hustle and bustle of the downtown markets to the art galleries of Jabal Lweibdeh and the modern shopping district of Abdali.

DEAD SEA

A spectacular natural wonder the Dead Sea is perfect for religious tourism and fun in the sun with the family.

With its mix of beach living and religious history you can soak up the sun while Biblical scholars can get their daily dose of religious history.

The leading attraction at the Dead Sea is the warm, soothing, super salty water itself some ten times saltier than sea water, and rich in chloride salts of magnesium, sodium, potassium, bromine and several others.

The unusually warm, incredibly buoyant and mineral-rich waters have attracted visitors since ancient times, including King Herod the Great and the beautiful Egyptian Queen, Cleopatra.

All of whom have luxuriated in the Dead Sea's rich, black, stimulating mud and floated effortlessly on their backs while soaking up the water's healthy minerals along with the gently diffused rays of the Jordanian sun.

WADI RUM

"The Valley of the Moon", depicted as Mars in several Hollywood feature films Wadi Rum is an Arabian fairy-tale waiting to be discovered.

Home to nomadic Bedouin tribes, Wadi Rum is a quiet getaway of stars, sand, and sun; a perfect complement from Amman's epicenter.

Once inhabited by the Nabataeans of prehistoric times, Wadi Rum allows you to get lost in large landscapes and horizon lines.

The calmness of the desert is sure calm your spirit and de-clutter your thoughts. Wadi Rum is waiting for you.

PETRA

The ancient city of Petra is one of Jordan's national treasures and by far its best known tourist attraction.

Petra is the legacy of the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled in southern Jordan more than 2,000 years ago.

Admired then for its refined culture, massive architecture and ingenious complex of dams and water channels, Petra is a UNESCO World Heritages Site and one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Inhabited by the Nabateans, Edomites and Romans, Petra brought together the knowledge and skill of these civilizations to create this world wonder.

Caravans laden with incense, silks, spices and other exotic goods would rest at Petra.















Ishtar Kempinski Dead Sea



Aroma Therapy Dinner



Hiking in the Mujib River



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Private Tour



Exclusive Private Dinner



Private lunch at Bespoke Bedouin Camp



Jeep Safari in the desert



Spend the Night at the Luxury Camp

