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HIGHLIGHTS OF JORDAN

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Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries

North Africa & Middle East, Jordan

7 days from AU$6,750 pp

Private

Journey Overview

At the top of every traveller’s bucket list is the ancient city of Petra, Jordan’s most recognisable attraction, which never fails to impress. The mysterious siq lures visitors into the depths of the site arriving at the Treasury where a pink glow suffuses the surrounding terrain. The epic proportions and sheer grandeur of the place is utterly captivating but there’s so much more on offer including crusader castles, Roman ruins and the mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea. Easy to navigate, Jordan can be covered in a perfect week-long adventure.

Journey Highlights

- Stroll through the architecturally impressive Darat al Funun art centre and admire Amman's contemporary art scene
- Be swept away by the magic of ancient Petra
- Explore the extraordinary lunar landscapes of Wadi Rum
- Bathe in the mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Amman

Marhaba and welcome to Jordan. On arrival you are personally greeted by A&K and transferred to your hotel, located in one of the city's smartest districts. Amman, the capital of Jordan, is a fascinating city of contrasts – a unique blend of old and new, ideally situated on a hilly area between the desert and the fertile Jordan Valley.

St Regis Amman

Day 2: Amman

Travel a short distance north to Jerash, an extraordinarily well-preserved ancient city, acknowledged to be one of the best-preserved Roman provincial towns in the world. Explore the iconic temple of Artemis at the highest point of the city, the long colonnaded street, with its original stone paving, and the monumental Hadrian's Arch built to celebrate a visit by the emperor himself – all which were hidden for centuries in the sand before being excavated and restored some 70 years ago.

Later return to the modern, bustling capital. Venture up to the citadel, situated on one of the seven hills that originally made up Amman, and then spend time wandering through the National Archaeological Museum, home to a collection of artifacts which date from prehistoric times to the 15th century. Take a seat in the magnificently restored 6,000 seat Roman Amphitheatre built during the reign of Antonius Pius in 138-161 CE. Lastly today, stroll through Darat al Funun arts centre, housed in a series of restored sandstone residences and warehouses, which provides a collaborative platform for contemporary Arab artists.

St Regis Amman | Meals: BL

Day 3: Amman – Madaba – Kerak – Petra

Travel south along the King's Highway, an ancient trade route and important access point for many historic sites. Explore the Christian town of Madaba famous for its beautiful mosaics. Admire the vast mosaic map embedded on the floor of the Church of St. George depicting the Holy Land with Jerusalem at its heart. Continue to Mt. Nebo to admire the spectacular views of the Jordan Valley. It is from this vantage point that Moses is said to have gazed down on the Promised Land. Stop at the 12th century Crusader castle of Kerak before arriving at Petra, the country's most famous archaeological site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

This evening head to the gates of Petra for a magical candlelight visit to the site. To see Petra by Night by the light of 1,800 candles is truly an out-of-this-world experience! Walk through the Siq to the Khazneh following a candle-lit path and enjoy the haunting music of the Bedouin at the Treasury.

Mövenpick Resort Petra | Meals: BL

Day 4: Petra

Explore on foot the many wonders of the 'Rose-Red City', one of the most famous UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the world. Established as the capital of the ancient Nabataeans, it was an important stop on the caravan route between Asia, Arabia and Europe. Discover tombs, temples and exquisite monuments hewn out of the surrounding mountains. Whilst the entire site is extraordinary, the most well-known structures include the Treasury, accessed through the narrow 'siq' – a naturally occurring geological rift between the mountains, the Roman Theatre, the Corinthian and Palace Tombs and the Roman Road. Later climb the 1,200 steps to one of the ancient city's most awe-inspiring monuments, the Monastery. With a massive facade almost fifty metres square, carved out of the mountain, the summit offers spectacular views.

Afterwards, enjoy a Chef's Table experience that will take you on a journey of the palate to learn the fine art of Jordanian cooking. Led by your masterful chef, you'll plan and cook an authentic three-course meal, learning time-honoured skills you can take home forever. Listen in as your teacher reveals culinary traditions, paying special heed to the history of Jordanian spice, from cardamom and cloves, to cumin, ginger, cinnamon, pepper and chilli. The mouth-watering Chicken Maqloubeh is a showstopper for the celebrated tradition of flipping the pot and serving the dish upside down. Afterwards, feast on your fare as you look out over the Petra Hills.

Mövenpick Resort Petra | Meals: BL

Day 5: Petra – Wadi Rum – Dead Sea

Travel south to Wadi Rum, setting for the epic 1962 film *Lawrence of Arabia* and more recently *The Martian*. Discover impressive red desert landscapes, huge rock formations, narrow canyons and Bedouin tents on a 4x4 excursion. Continue your journey across an arid landscape with strangely shaped mountains to the lowest land-based point on the earth's surface, the Dead Sea. At more than 430m below sea level, it is known for its highly salty waters. Spend time in arguably the most luxurious resort on the Dead Sea.

Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea | Meals: BL

Day 6: Dead Sea

A day at leisure to enjoy the resort's lavish facilities and soak up the mineral rich waters whose medicinal qualities have drawn visitors to the area for millennia. Swimming here, with its odd sensation of weightlessness, is a memorable experience. The high levels of salt in the water are nearly 10 times that of the ocean and keep the body afloat, whilst the variety of minerals, including magnesium, sodium, potassium and bromine, promotes health and wellbeing.

Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea | Meals: B

Day 7: Dead Sea – Amman

Your A&K journey concludes with a private transfer to Amman and the airport for your onward journey.

Meals: B

Map


Jerash
Amman
Dead Sea
Madaba
ISRAEL
JORDAN
Petra
Wadi Rum
ARRIVE/DEPART
ROAD

Accommodation

Mövenpick Resort Petra



With its prime location a stone's throw from the entrance to the historic city of Petra, the Mövenpick Resort Petra is a perfect retreat from a day's exploration. Recently refurbished, it is decorated with handcrafted Oriental wood and embroidered cushions and has a fun, buzzing atmosphere that caters for all age groups. Dine in the award winning Al Iwan restaurant, which serves delicious Mediterranean delicacies against the backdrop of the central marble fountain.

Why we like it

- The modern guest rooms and suites boasting state-of-the-art technologies
- The lush Al Ghadeer roof garden offers an exotic Arabic setting with argileh (water pipes), live Arab musical entertainment and glorious sunset views
- The Fun Factory offers billiards and games for children and teenagers
- The Wellness Centre has an outdoor pool, steam bath and fully equipped gym
- Don't forget to enjoy Mövenpick Premium Ice Cream on the pool terrace

Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea



In true Kempinski style, the Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea is elegant and contemporary in design with direct access to the Dead Sea. Quiet enclaves set amidst gardens, lagoons, winding rivers and waterfalls are ideal places to snatch a quiet moment, whilst the terrace provides stunning views of the Dead Sea - especially at sunset as you relax with a classic cocktail in hand. Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea is beautifully appointed, based on a Babylonian-inspired theme - carved in natural stone and styled with contemporary fittings. There is a real sense that every detail has been pored over to create an immaculate living space.

Why we like it

- The longest private beach in Jordan
- All rooms offer enchanting sea view balconies
- Four restaurants serve delicious Thai, Italian and world cuisine
- The Ishtar Spa by Resense, tennis court, bowling centre and Children's Club ensure guests are well occupied
- The Health Centre is full of whirlpools, steam rooms and saunas, also has meditation and yoga rooms

Dates & Pricing

From $6,750 per person twin share (low season) and from $7,695 per person twin share (high season). Solo travellers on request.

As this Tailor Made Journey can be personalised to your specific requirements, it is not available for online booking. Depending on your preferred dates and arrangements, final pricing will vary.

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