



## **Ultimate Active Jordan**

10 days, Amman to Dead Sea

Trip code DJAD

## What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Beit Khayrat Souf Cooking Class & Lunch, Jerash Governorate
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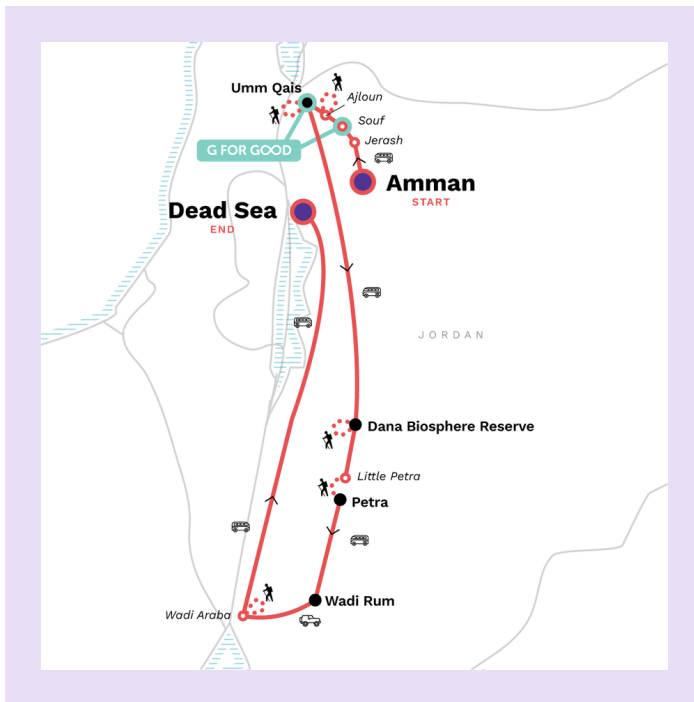
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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing August 15th, 2024 and onwards

# Itinerary

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**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## Amman

Arrival day. Please make your way to the meeting point before the 3pm group departure to the Roman Amphitheatre. Upon arrival, the group will enjoy a historical walk towards the Fruit Market, Souq Al Bukhari, and a local restaurant that serves local snacks like falafel, fresh bread, olives, and chicken liver. Opt to try something if looks good and cap off the day with a stop at the most famous dessert place in all of Jordan. Then, enjoy a quick welcome meeting in the evening back at the hotel before dinner on your own.

Please note that your flight must arrive no later than 12pm in Amman in order to make your 3pm group departure to the Roman Amphitheatre.



### Accommodation

Mena Tyche Hotel Amman (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Markets Walk Amman

Amman

2h

After seeing the Roman Amphitheatre, the group will walk towards the Fruit Market and Souk Al Bukhari for a classic Amman local market experience. The local restaurant in the market serves speciality local snacks like chicken liver, lamb liver, lamb brain, pickles, olives, and hummus. Cap off the visit at the most famous family-run desert place in town and choose to try some of their irresistible sweet treats.

#### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Day 2

## Amman

Start today with a guided visit of the Citadel, then visit the Roman Amphitheatre from the outside and walk through the downtown Gold, Spices, and Vegetables markets to gain a true sense of this city's charm. Have lunch on your own before heading to an included traditional coffee making experience in the home of a local Bedouin family in Dehir area. Witness this timeless tradition and gain insights into their unique way of life by practicing daily tasks like goat milking. Dinner this evening is at your leisure in Amman.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Mena Tyche Hotel Amman (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Traditional Bedouin Coffee Making Experience

Amman

Travel to the home of a Bedouin family in the Dheir Area. Enjoy a cup of authentic coffee and enter an immersive experience into the intricacies of coffee services and discover the significance behind each cup and the stories it may hold. Put your senses to the test and taste Jameed, a dried yogurt made from goat's or sheep's milk and a renowned component of Mansaf, the national dish of Jordan. While here, gain insights into the local family's unique way of life, a tapestry woven with time-honored traditions and cherished customs. As a delightful surprise, you may even have the opportunity to engage in the time-honored practice of goat milking, offering you a rare glimpse into the family's authentic daily activities.

Free Time

Amman

Enjoy a free evening to yourself in the bustling nightlife of Amman.

Citadel Visit - Amman

Amman

1h

The first stop on today's journey is the Citadel, an archaeological site best known for the Roman Temple of Hercules and used by numerous civilizations since the Bronze Age. Gain an overview of the

history of this complex within Jordan on a guided visit. Then, head to the Roman Amphitheatre to see it from the outside and then walk through the downtown markets in Amman. From the gold market to the spices and vegetable markets, there is no shortage of humming activity and vibrant colours to catch your attention.

Day 3

## Amman/Umm Qais

In the morning, depart Amman for the well-preserved Roman archaeological site of Jerash and enjoy a 3-hour guided visit of this impressive architectural marvel. Then, sit down for a traditional Jordanian meal for lunch at a G Adventures-supported café run and managed by women seeking financial independence.

After lunch stretch those legs on a hike from Ajloun Castle to the ruins of one of Jordan's oldest churches. Arrive in the quaint town of Umm Qais where you will enjoy a special homestay with a local host family. Sit down together for dinner and get to know each other over a home-cooked meal of regional specialties.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Bait Al Baraka Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Amman - Umm Qais

3h-3h30m

Sit back and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle between Amman and Umm Qais. There will be a few stops along the way to break up the journey.

Jerash Guided Visit

Jerash Governorate

3h

Take a step back in time visiting Jerash, one of the most well-preserved Roman sites outside of Italy. Traverse its meticulously paved and colonnaded streets, observe the grand hilltop temples, elegant theatres, expansive public squares and plazas, and well-maintained baths and fountains and city walls pierced by towers and gates – all in exceptional condition.

Ajloun Castle Visit

Ajloun Castle - 'Ajlūn

Take a tour of historic Ajloun Castle, one of many Crusader fortresses in the area. Learn about its interesting past, and opt to see artifacts in the castle's museum.

## Hike From Ajloun Castle to Mar Elias Church

Ajloun

3h-4h

7km

Set off on a lovely hike from Ajloun Castle to Mar Elias Church as a group. Walk the winding trail through fig and pear orchards, forests of oak and strawberry trees. You'll see stone walls criss-crossing the valley to guard the farmers' crops inside from winter rains and wild boar. Enjoy a glass of tea in the shade of a tall tree before finishing the climb to the hilltop ruins of one of Jordan's oldest churches.

Terrain: Easy to moderate / rocky

Length: 7km (4.4 miles)

Time: 3-4 hours total hiking

### ACTIVITY

Part of the G Adventures for Good program, Beit Khayrat Souf is a women-run cafe with the purpose of training and employing women to gain their own financial independence. Women manage the cafe and lead cooking classes on site. Enjoy one such cooking class during today's visit and learn how to make a traditional Jordanian meal before gathering together to eat a lunch of your efforts; an ideal way to connect with the local community .

### ACTIVITY

Stay in a charming property located in the heart of Umm Qais village and experience life in this often overlooked beauty near the Yarmouk Nature Reserve. Sit down for an intimate dinner together in the cozy kitchen area and share stories over a delicious typical meal.

Day 4

## Umm Qais

Begin the day with a visit to the archaeological site and ruins that this northern town near Jordan's borders with Israel and Syria, is famous for. After learning about the history of this area the group will set off on today's afternoon hike to the Arab Dam which is a great trail for hikers interested in the diverse aspects of Jordan's landscape and heritage. Return to your quaint village stay in Umm Qais for free time to try out the experiences offered to guests. Dinner will be on your own this evening in town.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Bait Al Baraka Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Umm Qais Archaeological Site

Umm Qais

1h30m

Visit the Umm Qais Archaeological Site where the ruins of the ancient city of Gadara are found. Perched on a hilltop overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Sea of Galilee, the site boasts an impressive colonnaded street, a vaulted terrace, and the ruins of two theatres.

Arab Dam Hike - Umm Qais

Umm Qais

4h45m-5h

12km

Hike past the Ruins of Gadara and stop for a rest about 2km in to enjoy the surrounding views. Continue onwards to the cave of Issa and learn about its historical and spiritual influences. The remainder of the hike offers striking view points and plenty of opportunities for amazing photographs. The last part down to the dam is the best section to spot wildlife. There will be a picnic lunch along the route and it's a great way to experience a blend of Jordan's landscapes and learn more about the deep cultural heritage of this country on hikes through the very lands you will hear about.

Distance: 12-13 km

Duration: 4 hours and 45 minutes

Elevation: Between 350 and 400m

Free Time

Umm Qais

Spend a free evening at your homestay accommodations in Umm Qais. There are unique experiences offered by the property and you can choose to partake in them when you return from today's hike and freshen up.

#### ACTIVITY

Stay another night in the quaint property located in the heart of Umm Qais village. Dinner will be on your own in the evening and you can choose to have it at your guesthouse or in town. It should be noted that the property is renowned for its delicious breakfast that is prepared by local women from the village coming every morning at sunrise to make dishes such as 'galayet bandora' and 'manaqish za'atar' with a spread of cheese, labaneh, homemade jams, and many other delicious food items.

Day 5

## Umm Qais/Wādī Ḍānā

Travel to the Dana Biosphere Reserve this morning and upon arrival set off on a walk through the quaint Dana Village, perched on the edge of the epic canyon. This walk is a great way to become a little more acquainted with rural Jordanian life. The views alone make the 2km meander through the village well worth it. Arrive at your Eco-camp in the evening for free time and dinner with the group.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

Wadi Dana Eco Camp (or similar)

Campground



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Umm Qais - Wādī Ḍānā

4h-4h30m

312km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Dana Village Hike

Dana Biosphere Reserve

1h30m

2km

Enjoy a walk through Dana Village offering amazing views of the Dana Biosphere Reserve. When you enter the village you will follow the main pathway through the terraced gardens, which serve as a testament to the village's agricultural practices. Then, head towards the local workshops where you can observe traditional crafts being made like weaving and pottery. You will have time to interact with the artisans and ask questions about their processes. Finish by walking through the Ottoman Houses and arriving at the top of the village for the best views.

Distance: 2km

Duration: 1.5hrs

Day 6

## Wādī Dānā

Spend a full day hiking in the breathtaking scenery of the Dana Biosphere Reserve with a rare opportunity to step into the shoes of a local shepherd and witness the serene beauty of the country's largest nature reserve. Walk alongside a shepherd and his herd on this guided trek and then have a hands-on moment while partaking in the daily tasks of tending to the animals. A picnic lunch will be served along the way. Return to camp in the evening to relax and have dinner as a group.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Accommodation

Wadi Dana Eco Camp (or similar)

Campground



### Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

10km

Discover the timeless traditions of Jordan with a unique "Day in the life of a Shepherd" experience in the beautiful Dana Biosphere Reserve. Witness the serene atmosphere of one of Jordan's largest nature reserves and walk along with a shepherd and one of his seasoned herds. Learn the daily rhythms and ancient practices of shepherding in a truly picturesque setting. By the end of the day you will understand the art of herding a bit more and will have tried your hand at various farming tasks. A picnic lunch will be included during the experience.

Distance: 10-12km

Duration: 10 hrs

Day 7

## Wādī Ḍānā/Petra

Drive to Little Petra this morning and embark on a hike along the backdoor route to the iconic Petra. Follow an ancient trail that leads the way to this UNESCO World Heritage site through long, narrow gorges and canyons finishing at the gorgeous Monastery. A picnic lunch will be had near this deeply humbling place. In the afternoon wind your way through the famed treasury of the rose-rock city of Petra on a guided tour before continuing on to the hotel for a free evening to relax on your own.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Seven Wonders Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Wādī Ḍānā - Wādī Mūsá

1h

56km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Siq al-Barid (Little Petra) Visit

Wādī Mūsá

3h

Explore the narrow alleyway with tall cliff walls and carved rock of Little Petra, which is similar to its larger namesake. Just 9km (5.6 mi) from Wadi Musa, it's worth the visit.

Little Petra Hike & Guided Visit to Petra

Petra

5h-7h

13km

Start today's hike along the back door trail to Petra. You'll visit the often overlooked, but unique and charming Little Petra and then embark along the ancient trail that leads to the back entry into Petra via the Monastery. Sit down for a picnic lunch overlooking the splendor before exploring this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wind through the Siq, a narrow, 1km-long gorge flanked by these soaring sandstone walls standing 80m-high and catch a glimpse of this magnificent creation, the famed treasury of Petra.

Explore in depth with your CEO and get a brief history of the city, one of the greatest attractions in the Middle East. The Nabateans carved this capital from the living rock of the surrounding mountains in

Petra. Visit monuments that include the Pharaoh's Castle, the triumphal arch, the amphitheatre, and the monastery.

Free Time

Wādī Mūsá

Enjoy free time at your hotel in Wadi Musa this evening.

Day 8

## Petra/Wadi Rum

Travel to the red dunes of Wadi Rum, a vast, silent landscape of ancient riverbeds and the largest and most magnificent of Jordan's desert landscapes. Arrive to your private camp in the afternoon and get settled before an included 4x4 ride through the unique landscapes and natural beauty of the area. Drive up the dunes, view amazing rock formations, and visit ancient sites where rock art is visible. Back at camp, sit down for a traditional meal and learn more about ancient Bedouin culture before a night walk to witness the unpolluted skies of Wadi Rum for yourself.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner

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### Accommodation

Harb Eco Camp (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Petra - Wadi Rum

2h-2h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

4x4 Desert Trip

Wadi Rum

Head deep into the desert by 4x4 and enjoy the amazing natural beauty and unique landscape on this unforgettable drive. Along the way drive up red sand dunes, view stunning rock formations, and visit ancient sites to view rock art and inscriptions.

Night Walk - Wadi Rum

Wadi Rum

2h

3km

Walk out into the desert from Wadi Rum and search for stars as the sun goes down and full darkness reveals just how many were there all along.

### ACTIVITY

Stay overnight in the desert, enjoying a traditional meal and learning more about the ancient Bedouin culture. Spend the evening sitting under the stars, around a fire, listening to stories from the Bedouin hosts. If really lucky, they may bring the drums out for some music!

Day 9

## Wadi Rum to the Dead Sea via Wadi Araba

Leave Wadi Rum in the morning and enjoy an exciting hike through the stunning, untouched landscape of Wadi Araba in the Jordan Rift Valley. This seldom visited area is a hiker enthusiast's dream and the perfect spot to enjoy the rugged landscape without the presence of other tourists. From here, continue to the Dead Sea for a float in the legendary healing waters and perhaps a mud bath with a unique mineral makeup and lots of salinity. In the evening, attend an optional farewell dinner with the group.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Ramada Resort by Wyndham Dead Sea (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Wadi Rum - Dead Sea

3h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Wadi Araba Hike

Wādī'Arabah

2h

Hike through the stunning and untouched landscape of Wadi Araba in the Jordan Rift Valley. Think vast desert scenery, rolling dunes, and rugged mountains, making it truly the perfect adventurous hiking spot on the border between Jordan and Israel.

Dead Sea Visit

Dead Sea

Discover the legendary healing qualities of the Dead Sea, famous for its unique mineral makeup and salinity. Spot salt chunks drifting by like icebergs on the water's surface. Take a dip yourself and float like a buoy or cover yourself in the mud along the shore, believed to have medicinal and therapeutic benefits. There are showers nearby to wash off after.

Depart at any time.

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## Meals included

Breakfast

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## Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

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## **Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?**

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

## **What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?**

### **RAMADAN**

According to the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between Feb 28th - Mar 29th 2025, and Feb 17th - Mar 19th 2026. Please note that Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world, during which time the followers of Islam should not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. There may be some limitations to services and disruptions to schedules during Ramadan, but generally our tours still operate effectively during this period and food is available to non-Muslims throughout the day. It is very important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan. Please wear loose fitting clothes, that cover knees and shoulders, and try to avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public out of respect for those who can't at that time.

### **TIPPING NOTE:**

Tipping is a way of life in the Middle East. Locals themselves will usually tip anyone who provides them with services. Due to this expectation, your CEO will collect a Tipping Kitty at the start of the tour. For more details see the Tipping section below.

## **What is the group leader like?**

All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our Chief Experience Officers (CEO). The aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting - we think it's the best of both worlds.

## **How large will the group be?**

Max 12, avg 8.

## **What meals are included in this trip?**

9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners

## **What are the meals like on this trip?**

Eating is a big part of traveling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. The above information applies to G Adventures group trips. For Independent trips please check the itinerary for details of meals included. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

## **What are the modes of transportation on my trip?**

Private vehicle, 4x4, walking.

## **What transportation will we take on this trip?**

On this trip we will travel by air-conditioned private buses for most of the journeys. En route to Wadi Rum and our desert camp we will travel in 4x4 vehicles.

## **Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?**

We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

## **Where will we stay during the trip?**

Hotels (6 nts), Local Village Guesthouse (2 nts), Desert Camp (1 nt).

## **Will I get my own room?**

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops

## **What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?**

On this trip you can expect to stay in small local hotels or pensions (with the exception of the start and finish hotels, which are often larger city hotels), which will vary a little in standard and facilities: some may not have elevators, air-conditioning or English-speaking staff, but most importantly all are locally-run and in excellent central locations to give you maximum time for exploring the sights.

## **What are the joining instructions?**

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

If you would like to book an airport Arrival transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport, outside the arrival hall, to meet you. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and your flight must arrive no later than 12pm in Amman in order to make your 3pm group departure to the Roman Amphitheatre. We recommend booking pre-nights in Amman to ensure you are on time for your afternoon activity.

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and you would then need to make your own way to wherever the group is in Amman during the day's tour.

## **What happens if I experience problems when arriving?**

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Operator (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Regional Office Emergency Contact Number: +212 662 312 072

Arrival or Departure Transfer Emergency Phone Number: +20 100 000 3945

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

If you would like to book an airport Departure transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

## Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage.

It is important to pack clothes for warm to hot days and cool evenings. A set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Cold weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Scarf
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers

## Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

## Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

**Essentials:**

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

**Health & Safety:**

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

**Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear Note: For departures from Nov-Feb the weather can be cold, please bring warm clothing.

## When can I do my laundry on this trip?

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

## What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

JORDAN:

Jordan visa can be obtained on arrival at land and airport borders for most nationalities for a fee of 40 JOD. While most travellers are not required to obtain their visa in advance, there are exceptions and you must check the requirements of your particular passport. While we provide this information in good faith, your visa is your responsibility. If you are departing Jordan by Air, then no departure tax is required as it is already included on the air ticket. If you are departing Jordan by land then you will be required to pay an 10 JOD departure tax .

## What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## **What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?**

The currency in Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar (JOD).

ATMs are found within main cities in Jordan and will generally accept cards on the Visa and Mastercard networks. It is a great idea to travel with both a Visa and Mastercard if at all possible as while there is no hard and fast rule, some banks seem to only work with one brand of card. Please note, your bank will charge a fee for overseas withdrawals.

Cash is recommended for times when ATMs are not accessible. Euros, British Pounds and US Dollars are all easy to exchange to the Local currency. Please note that you should bring some cash with you for emergency situations but carrying only cash is a high safety risk. ATM card/s and some cash is the ideal mix.

If you are bringing US Dollars, please make sure that the notes are new and in good condition. Notes older than 1996, or with any tears or blemishes may not be accepted. Be fussy with your bank when buying cash!

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates:  
[www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

## **How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?**

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## **Do I need to pay a departure tax?**

10 JOD departure tax for all nationalities to be paid in cash if departing overland.

## Should I be tipping on my trip?

Tipping is a way of life in the Middle East. Locals themselves will usually tip anyone who provides them with services. In many cases, people depend on the tips they receive to supplement the low salary and wages of the Middle East region.

While on tour in the Middle East, it is customary and even expected to tip small service providers such as restaurant and bar waiters, hotel staff, reception, cleaning personnel, bell boys, taxis and van drivers. Tips are regarded as an essential means of supplementing income for those working in the tourism industry.

To make things as easy as possible and avoid embarrassing situations, G Adventures has developed a tipping kitty system where your CEO will collect a contribution from everybody at the start of your tour and use this kitty to tip anybody who has provided services to the group as a whole. On Day 1 of your tour, your CEO will be able to advise on the amount required from everybody to form the tipping kitty for your trip. Please plan approximately \$60 USD per person for the entirety of the tour (this does not include your G Adventures CEO). You can pay in USD or the equivalent local currency (preferably USD). The CEO will be able to advise you on the exchange rate and the total required in either currency.

If at any time you feel that any service provider failed in maintaining or delivering good service, please bring it immediately to the attention of your CEO so a deduction of tips can take place.

At the end of your trip if you felt that your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is also expected and appreciated. The precise amount is entirely a personal preference, however \$11-13 USD per person per day can be used as a general guideline.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

- No optional activities

## Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

**DRINKING WATER:** It is advisable to drink bottled water in Jordan.

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

There are no specific health requirements for this trip. However, we recommend protection against typhoid, tetanus, infectious hepatitis and polio. You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit, hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities for some time during this trip, and for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc.

## What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## What are the trip specific safety considerations?

Like anywhere in the world, major cities have areas safer than others, use common sense, be aware of your surroundings and mind your personal belongings.

## What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## How should I dress to respect local customs during the tour?

While visiting mosques and other religious monuments you should dress modestly, cover your shoulders and you shouldn't wear short shorts or skirts. Outside of capital cities and the more touristic centres, local dress is often more conservative and as a matter of respect we ask that both men and women are aware of this and recommend loose-fitting clothes with your shoulders covered. Ask your CEO for more specific advice.

## How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)\*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

## Does G Adventures have an email newsletter I can subscribe to?

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

## How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

## Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

## What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

## Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.