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Explore Jordan & Saudi Arabia: Ancient Trade Routes

12 days, Amman to Jeddah

Trip code DJSA

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing September 16th, 2022 and onwards

Itinerary



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

Arrive at any time.

There are no planned activities until an evening welcome meeting followed by an optional group dinner. Amman is a very big city and there is not one central area to stay - hotels are spread out across various neighbourhoods within the city. For this reason, to move around the city in your free time, you will have to take a taxi, please feel free to ask your CEO for recommendations and assistance.



Today's Activities

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/Jerash/Dead Sea/Amman

Guided visit to the ancient Roman town of Jerash followed by a visit to the Dead Sea.

Set off on a half-day trip to Jerash, a fascinating site and one of the largest and most well-preserved Roman ruins outside Italy.

Continue on to the Dead Sea. Known for its high salinity, opt to bob like a cork in the healing water or cover yourself in therapeutic mud. There is also the option to visit the site of Jesus' baptism.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Dead Sea - Amman

1h

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

Private Vehicle

Jerash Governorate - Dead Sea

2h-2h30m

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

Private Vehicle

Amman - Jerash Governorate

1h-1h30m

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

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.

Jerash Guided Visit

Jerash Governorate

3h-4h

Take a step back in time visiting Jerash, one of the most well-preserved Roman sites outside of Italy. Wander amid its paved and colonnaded streets, soaring hilltop temples, handsome theatres, spacious public squares and plazas, baths, fountains, and city walls pierced by towers and gates – all in exceptional condition.



Optional Activities - Day 2

Site of Jesus' Baptism

Dead Sea

18JOD

Visit the site of Jesus' baptism with a local guide. Round-trip transportation included.

Mud Baths

Dead Sea

3JOD

Black mud at the dead sea is rich mineral content, and known to have purifying and healing effects when applied to the skin. Take some time to cleanse your body and mind in this tranquil setting.

Start the day with a guided visit to the intricate Madaba mosaics, enjoying the panoramic views from Mt Nebo and a visit to the crusader castle at Karak. Stop at a G Adventures- supported community cafe for lunch, then continue to Wadi Musa for the evening.

Depart early for the first stop, Mt Nebo. Learn the ancient history of this spot and check out the views.

Enjoy lunch at Safi Kitchen. The kitchen is a nonprofit organization working in the South Ghour region, south of the Dead Sea, to create opportunities for members of the local community. The mission of the company is to raise awareness about the importance of cultural heritage and natural resources of the area. Their tourism program is key to the expansion of their environmental and social mission.

Continue on to Madaba to see the famous Byzantine mosaics, dating back to the sixth century. After, visit Karak Castle, built during the Crusades.

Arrive in the early evening to Wadi Musa, the town just outside Petra.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Madaba Mosaics Guided Tour

Mādabā

Explore Madaba's long history on this guided tour, including its role as the centre of early Christianity. See some of the finest Byzantine mosaics in the world, including the famous sixth-century mosaic map of the Middle East. Tour churches, the Archaeological Park, and the local museum that's housed in several old Madaba residences.

Mt Nebo Visit

Mādabā

45m

Visit Mount Nebo, a historic site believed by many to be the location of Moses' death and has thus been a centre for pilgrimage since the earliest Christian times. Reach to the summit (817m or 2,680 ft), and be rewarded with views of the stunning surrounding countryside and Israel in the distance.

ACTIVITY

Stop for lunch at Al Safi Kitchen to enjoy a traditional Jordanian meal. Take a tour of the grounds, taste a delicious meal with the freshest ingredients from Safi's farms, and learn about how this nonprofit is working to create a sustainable future for community members near the Dead Sea. The mission of the

company is to raise awareness about the importance of cultural heritage and natural resources of the area. They also offer equal job opportunities for all members of the local community.

Karak Castle Guided Visit

Karak

Take a walk through history on this guided tour of Karak Castle, the largest late-Islamic castle in Jordan. Explore its unique construction – initially built in the Crusader period, it was expanded and refortified during the Ayyubid and Mamluk eras.

Private Vehicle

Amman - Wādī Mūsá

3h-4h

240km

Including stops along the way.

Day 4

Petra

Start early to visit iconic Petra. Enjoy a guided walking tour with your CEO, then opt to hike up to the top of the treasury or explore on your own. This evening, opt to visit a Turkish bath or visit Petra by night.

The site is large so please be prepared for a lot of walking over sand and rocks for the entire day. Pace yourself, stay hydrated and be sure to have proper walking/hiking shoes.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Petra Guided Tour

Petra

4h-6h

Journey to Petra to explore this UNESCO World Heritage site. Wind your way through the Siq, a narrow, 1km-long (.6 mi) gorge flanked by soaring 80m-high (262 ft) sandstone walls. Take in the astounding colours and patterns of the rock, and, at the end of this passage, catch your first glimpse of Al-Khazneh, the famed treasury of Petra.

Explore in depth with your Expedition Leader 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 Column, the triumphal arch, the amphitheatre, and the monastery.



Optional Activities - Day 4

Turkish Bath

Petra

45JOD

You've done some walking this tour, so take this opportunity to give your muscles some much needed attention. Enjoy this true hammam experience.

Petra by Night

Petra

30JOD

Enjoy a magical night at Petra. Sit back in the candle lit Siq and treasury, and enjoy bedouin live music show.

This activity is only available to book Sunday-Thursday

Opt to visit Little Petra in the morning before continuing to Wadi Rum. Head out for a 4x4 excursion during the day before a traditional dinner and overnight at a Bedouin desert camp.

Drive to Wadi Rum, a vast, silent landscape of ancient riverbeds and the largest and most magnificent of Jordan's desert landscapes. Head deep into the desert by 4x4 stopping at famous landmarks along the way.

Arrive to the camp in time for a traditional meal and learn more about this ancient culture. Our dinner is prepared in traditional fashion, with the meat and vegetables cooked in an underground oven. Soft drinks and water are available for purchase. Lanterns light the way but we do suggest you bring a flashlight.

Accommodation in the desert is in individual cabins that are all attached. Each room contains a bathroom and basic linens are provided, but many travellers prefer to bring a sleep sheet for extra comfort. For religious reasons, no alcohol is permitted at the camp.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Petra - Wadi Rum

2h-2h30m

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

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!

Your accommodation in the desert is in individual cabins that are all attached. Each room contains a bathroom and basic linens are provided, but many travellers prefer to bring a sleep sheet for extra comfort.

Wadi Rum 4x4 Excursion

Wadi Rum

2h

Journey into the stunning, colourful desert on this 4x4 excursion. Make stops along the way to get out and explore, learn about the region or scramble up rocks or sand dunes. Reach the Bedouin camp for nightfall to learn about a new culture and eat traditional food beneath the starry skies.



Optional Activities - Day 5

Siq al-Barid (Little Petra) Visit

Wādī Mūsá

8JOD

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.

Wadi Rum 4x4 Excursion Extension

Wadi Rum

70JOD

Extend the 4x4 ride by two extra hours to see more of the fascinating Wadi Rum desert. The listed price is the price per jeep.

Today we leave our camp early to transfer to the Durra Border crossing south of Aqaba. Once we clear border formalities we will drive and meet our 4x4 vehicle so that we can deeply explore this rural part of Saudi Arabia. The group will explore the ancient site of Al Bad' also know as Madyan. This land is said to be the area where Moses found refuge after being exiled from Egypt, a region that has for millenniums been at the heart of the Arabian trade routes.

We enjoy our picnic lunch as we visit Al Bad', site of the ancient city of Madyan until the Middle-Ages. The archaeological site dates from the 2nd Century BCE. The city was active during the Nabatean, Roman, and Islamic periods. See The Well of Moses and watch the sunset over the surrounding valley before ending the day in Tabuk.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Aqaba - Tabuk

3h15m-3h30m

262km

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

Private Vehicle

Wadi Rum - Aqaba

1h

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

Al Bad' & Jethro's tombs Visit

Tabuk

Madian or Al-Bad' is a small province located 2.5 hours away from Tabuk region. There we will have a closer historical look at the collection of Nabatean tombs there. These tombs are carved into the rocks and decorated in an artistic way similar to the Nabatean tombs found in Petra in Jordan. Our next stop will be in Maqna City where we will visit The Well Of Moses. The final stop for today's tour will be at Tayyeb. This is believed to be where Moses brought the people out of Egypt after traveling through the Red Sea.

Day 7

Jibal Hisma

Travel to Jibal Hisma, a spectacular range of red sand dunes, giant sandstone mountain, and an impressive landscape that will feel like it's all yours. Here we will travel by 4x4 and stop for a hike/walk, and to explore the landscape with interesting rock shapes.

Jibal Hisma (Jimal Hisma) is the Saudi version of Wadi Rum but left undisturbed for the last millennium. The red sand dunes and giant sandstone mountain protect rock art dating back to the Nabateans. The site is only accessible by 4x4. Small farm families and herdsmen call the region home, with luck we may encounter their herds as we explore.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tabuk

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

Jibal Hisma Visit

Tabuk

Jibal Hisma is home of ancient rock art and thousands of Kufic Arabic inscriptions dating back to the first decades of Islam. Located amid spectacular red sand dunes and giant sandstone mountains rising in the distance, this impressive landscape contains links to the past. Jimal Hisma is the Saudi version of Wadi Rum, but undeveloped and still undiscovered by tourists. You might encounter a Berber herdsmen caring for his hear of camels or goats, or even a small family farms. It may be one of the most impressive places to visit.

Tabuk to Al' Ula via Wadi Dissah

After breakfast we continue our journey south towards Al Ula. En route we stop to explore the natural beauty in Wadi Dissa (Disah), sometimes referred to as Wadi Qaraqir. Here our 4x4 allows us to drive deep into the valley that makes this Wadi so unique and green. We'll have a picnic lunch with spectacular views again today. In the late afternoon we head out and arrive into Al Ula just as the sun starts setting.

Explore a very unique area in the desert on the way to Al Ula. We'll leave the main road for the Qaraqir mountains. The area starts off dry and arid but below the rock is a spring that comes out further down the valley where it feeds the green valley known as Wadi Dissa (Sometime spelled Disah). The valley is home to small farms and herds of goats and sheep.

Our camp is a private farm camp run by a local family and is only for our use. Tents have comfortable cots and power. Bathrooms and showers are shared.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tabuk - Al 'Ulayyā'

3h30m

301km

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

Wadi Dissah Canyon Visit

Tabuk

Wadi Dissah is a 15 kilometer long canyon running through Jebel Qaraqir, a sandstone massif lying between Tabuk and Al Ula. This natural wonder, once a well-kept secret among explorers, has become popular as more people travel to Al Ula. However, it is so vast that there is still this feeling of being alone. Admire the massive rocky peaks standing on both sides of the canyon walls that rise 500 meters up. Considered some of the most dramatic scenery in the entire country, you'll have plenty of time to take it all in.

Today our focus is entirely on Al Ula. Start off with a walk along the Heritage Oasis Trail. You'll see the beauty of this little old town, tall palms in a historic archway of a mud brick house, or the lush green farms. We spend a few hours exploring Hegra, the main site of Al Ula on a structured visit, before meeting a local farm owner and exploring their farm. We end the day at Elephant rock to enjoy the sunset and the desert night sky.

Walk along the Oasis trail. Stop at a stall selling freshly squeezed juice, hang out on a palm swing and enjoy the beautiful setting. Later, visit the iconic UNESCO World Heritage site of Hegra, also known as Madain Saleh. Hegra was a principal Frankincense route town built by the Nabataeans, a spectacular site that can't be missed. After a farm lunch, walk around the farm with the owner and learn about local life and agriculture, gaining insight into the life of a local Saudi Farmer. This evening, head over to elephant rock for sunset. Enjoy the transition from sunset colours to night sky and see the illuminated stone formations. We end the day with dinner featuring local Yemeni specialties.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Today's Activities

Hegra Tour (Madain Saleh)

Al 'Ulayyā

Today we are starting with the most popular historical site in Saudi Arabia, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, Madain Saleh means the "cities of Saleh" after the name of the Prophet Saleh who tried to convert the ancient people of Thamud to Islam. The importance of Madain Saleh is displayed by its 111 monumental tombs, among which 94 were decorated with majestic facades on the sandstone massifs of the area, especially the Jibal Ithlib. Madain Saleh was the second largest city of the Nabatean kingdom whose capital was Petra (in today's Jordan). Spend time with the local experts know as "story tellers" as they lead you, exploring all of Hegra, the principal town along the Frankincense trade route.

Lunch in a Local Farm

Al 'Ulayyā

Enjoy a home cooked meal and a taste of local flavours. Besides a delicious lunch you will be supporting the local community and helping the sustainability of this farm. After finishing lunch go on a tour through the farm to learn more about the local life of Al Ula.

Elephant Rock for Sunset

Al 'Ulayyā

Visit Elephant Rock, also known as Jabal AlFil, one of AlUla's many geological marvels. Unlike the ornate, hand-carved facades of nearby Hegra's Nabatean tombs, the "trunk" and "body" of this monolithic red sandstone beast were hewn by natural forces –millions of years of wind and water erosion. Grab a spot in the underground seating where we enjoy tea and snacks as the sun sets and the night lights turn on and shine on the beautiful site.

ACTIVITY

Sit down and enjoy a Yemeni food experience for dinner, featuring flavourful dishes of local cuisine. Soak in the family atmosphere as you dig in to a delicious meal while learning about the traditional history of the cuisine.

Day 10

Al' Ula to Medina (Medinah)

From Al Ula to Medina we drive along the desert used by pilgrims for centuries as they made their way to Medina. In Medina we'll learn about the founding of Islam and the Holy Cities. The group will have an opportunity to see the first two mosques built by the Prophet and learn about the pilgrimages. Its unique insight into local culture.

Set out on an early morning drive from Al Ula to Medina. Upon arrival visit the International Fair and the Museum of the Prophet's Biography and Islamic Civilization. This is near the Holy Mosque which you will be able to take photos of from the outside. Then, visit Qiba Street which connects the two oldest mosques, the Holy and the Qiba You will only be seeing these mosques from the outside. Spend the later afternoon and evening at your own leisure.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Al 'Ulayyā' - Medina

3h30m

331km

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

Medina City Tour

Medina

Medina is one of Islam's two holiest cities. It's a key destination for millions of pilgrims traveling to Saudi Arabia. The city is centered around the Prophet's Mosque, which was built by the Prophet himself and is also where he is buried. The first stop is to the International Fair and the Museum of the Prophet's Biography and Islamic Civilization which is located right in the area of the Holy Mosque. The group will see the outside as non-Muslims are not allowed in the mosque.

Next we walk along Qiba Street which connects the two mosques, the Holy Mosque and the Qiba Mosque which both have significant importance in Islamic history. That same street can be used as a jumping off point to find food and souvenirs later after the tour.

Today, go a bit more local. Start by taking the high speed train from Medina to Jeddah. In Jeddah we explore the corniche where locals go to cool off and share favourite foods. Then head into the old city and experience what the Jeddah looked like only 50 years ago. End the visit of the old town by tasting some truly local Jeddah specialties.

Hop on a train this morning from Medina to Jeddah. After lunch on the corniche, where you might want to try the Saudi version of KFC known as Al Baik, the group will go on a city tour of Jeddah. Stop at the most famous monuments, like the world's tallest flag pole, fountain, and open air museum. Then, go towards the beach to see the floating mosque and the waterfront. End the day exploring Jeddah's Historical Old City, Al Balad. Which was founded in the 7th century and historically served as the center of Jeddah, another UNESCO World Heritage site. End the visit of the old town by tasting some local specialties. Then, take advantage of free time in the evening to walk along the waterfront and grab a bite to eat for your final night in Saudi Arabia.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Train

Medina - Jeddah

2h

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Al Balad Tour

Jeddah

Today we explore Al Balad as locals call it which means “ the town” a reference to the oldest part of Jeddah. Founded in the 7th century and historically the center of Jeddah. Al-Balad's defensive walls were torn down in the 1940s. In the 1970s and 1980s, when Jeddah began to become wealthier due to the oil boom, many Jeddawis moved north, away from Al-Balad. Today because it was preserved, it is registered as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The old buildings have a unique architectural style, and window and door designs. As we wanders around the narrow streets your guide will explain how merchants used to sell their goods and how pilgrims used to get their supplies of cloth and food before they headed to Makkah through the Makkah Gate. See the first school built in Saudi Arabia and visit one of the art houses and museum, offering its unique local art collection and antiques. Stop and try some very local delicacies and sample a local drink made of bread “Sobia”. Then, stop for rest in one of the local coffee open air places and try famous local tea mixed with milk and herbs.

ACTIVITY

After some free time to grab lunch at one of the local spots on the Corniche, get to know the city of Jeddah more. Make some short stops at famous monuments like the world's tallest flag pole, or the world's tallest fountain and the open air museum. See the floating mosque down near the water and close to the beach. Walk along the sand before finishing the tour

Day 12

Jeddah

Depart at any time.



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Breakfast

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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?

ACCOMMODATION NOTE:

Please be aware that properties we stay in with only two stories may not have elevators installed and climbing the stairs with your luggage will be necessary.

RAMADAN

According to the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between Mar 11th - Apr 8th 2024, and Mar 1st - Mar 29th 2025. 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.

COMBO TRIP

Please note that this trip is part of a combination of multiple tours. As such, the CEO, staff and/or particular vehicles operating your tour may change between tour segments. You may also expect some group members to join or leave the tour, between tour segments.

WOMEN'S CLOTHING

To respect the Islamic culture in Jordan and to honour your gracious hosts, women should cover from shoulders to knees. Mid-calf pants and skirts with short sleeved tops are a great option for this. When visiting mosques, long sleeves and a scarf to cover your head are mandatory. They can be removed once you leave the mosque grounds.

AID AL-ADHA

During your visit to this country, we would like to inform you about an important celebration called Aid Al-Adha. This holiday may impact your travel experience, as most shops and restaurants are closed during the celebration. Some of the historical places we visit might also be closed during this time. There will be a shorter number of staff at the hotels and less crowded streets on the day of the celebration. Aid Al-Adha will fall between Jun. 16th-17th 2024, and Jun. 6th-7th 2025.

What is the group leader like?

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The aim of the group leader 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 16, avg 12.

What meals are included in this trip?

11 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 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 van, 4x4 pickup truck & jeep, high-speed train, walking.

What transportation will we take on this trip?

On this trip we will travel by air-conditioned private minivan 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 (8 nts), Bedouin desert camp (1 nt), local family farm camp (2 nts).

Do any exceptions apply to Rooming or “My Own Room” on my tour?

Night 5, Bedouin camp.

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.

Upon arrival at Amman International Airport, please make your way to the joining hotel. Official airport taxis cost around 20 JOD. The drive can take between 20 minutes and 1 hour depending on the time of day and traffic conditions. You should fix a price with your driver before you get into the car and set off.

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport 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 our Transfer drivers will be outside the arrival hall, not in the immigration area where other drivers may be located.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Once you arrive at your Joining Hotel, look out for a Welcome Note which will be left at reception with all of the necessary information regarding your Welcome Meeting, along with the meeting time (usually between 5pm and 7pm). This is when you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, receive information about any general and specific aspects of the trip and learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you arrive late, s/he/they will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

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 within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. 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.

If your call is specifically concerning Amman Airport Transfer complications please call our local G Adventures Transfer provider directly at: +962 7 9806 0551

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Regional Office Emergency Contact Number: +44 1858378000

Local Contact Emergency Phone Number: +962 7 9806 0551

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

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?

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)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- 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
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

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?

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

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!

Should I be tipping on my trip?

Tipping (also widely referred to by its Arabic term as “baksheesh”) 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. A guideline for tipping is about \$5-10 USD per day, depending on the quality of the service (this does not include your G Adventures CEO). 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. You can pay in USD or the equivalent local currency (preferably local currency). 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 \$35-40 USD per person per week can be used as a general guideline.

What activities are optional on this trip?

Dead Sea

- Site of Jesus' Baptism (18JOD per person)
- Mud Baths (3JOD per person)

Petra

- Turkish Bath (45JOD per person)
- Petra by Night (30JOD per person)

Wādī Mūsá

- Siq al-Barid (Little Petra) Visit (8JOD per person)

Wadi Rum

- Wadi Rum 4x4 Excursion Extension (70JOD per group)

Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

DRINKING WATER: It is advisable to drink bottled water in Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

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.

To respect the Islamic culture in Jordan and to honour your gracious hosts, women should cover from shoulders to knees. Mid-calf pants and skirts with short sleeved tops are a great option for this. When visiting mosques, long sleeves and a scarf to cover your head are mandatory. They can be removed once you leave the mosque grounds. Please note on Days 3 and 4 when swimming options are available we suggest wearing capri length yoga pants and a t-shirt as a modest bathing suit.

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/

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.