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## **Israel and Jordan Adventure**

15 days, Tel Aviv to Amman

Trip code DOTA

### **What's included**

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- Your Local Living Moment: Druze Village Visit and Traditional Lunch , Isfiya Druze Village
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- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

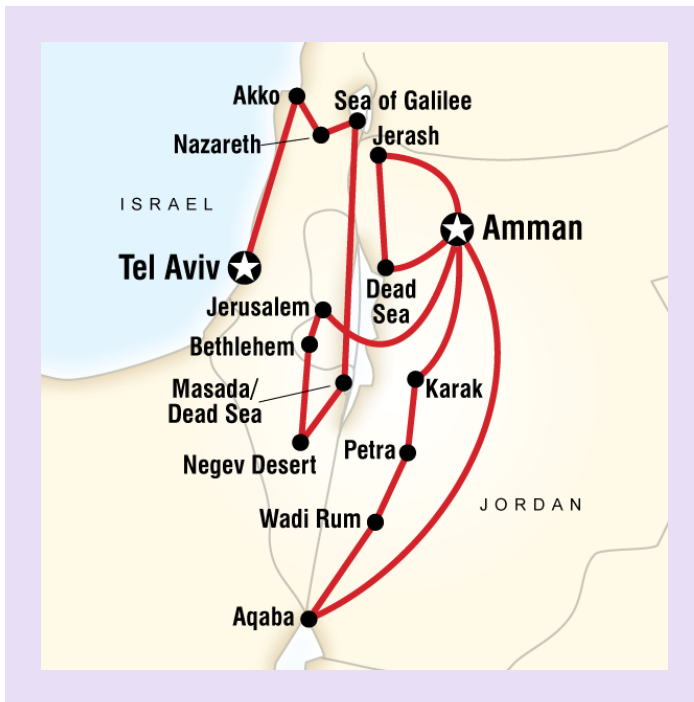
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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing June 3rd, 2016 and onwards

# 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

## Tel Aviv

Arrive at any time.

There will be the chance for the group to head out for an optional local dinner.

With so much to do and see in Tel Aviv, we highly recommend booking post nights to fully enjoy all that the city has to offer.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### 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.

Enjoy a quick driving tour of Tel Aviv before continuing to historic Jaffa to visit the old markets and the Old Port.

After, make a unique visit to a Druze village and enjoy lunch with a local family.

Continue on to Akko to visit the old markets, Aljazar Mosque, and the unique underground crusader castle before journeying on to Nazareth for the night.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tel Aviv - Nazareth

200km

Make stop along the way.

Tel Aviv Orientation Drive and Jaffa Port Tour

Tel Aviv

4h

Enjoy a quick driving tour of Tel Aviv before continuing to historic Jaffa, where we take a walking tour to visit the Old Markets, Simon's House, and the ancient port of the city of Jaffa, out of which modern day Tel Aviv has grown. The port is thought to be one of the oldest ports in the world and, myth has it, this was the point from which Jonah set off in the Biblical story of Jonah and the Whale.

### ACTIVITY

Visit a Druze town and enjoy a lunch of local specialties. The Druze community in Israel is recognized as a separate religious entity with its own courts and spiritual leadership. The culture and language is Arabic but they opted against mainstream Arab nationalism over 60 years ago.

Akko City Tour

Akko

Traced back to Pharaoh Thutmose III, Akko is thought to be one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Following the labyrinthine of alleys, explore the traces of the Crusader, Muslim, and Ottoman conquerors. While here, visit the Old Markets, Aljazar Mosque, and the unique underground Crusader castle .



## Optional Activities - Day 2

Diaspora Museum

Tel Aviv

35ILS

Learn about the history and culture of Jewish people throughout the world.

Museum of Modern Art

Tel Aviv

40ILS

Get lost in an amazing collection of classical and contemporary art, both international and Israeli.

Hagana Museum

Tel Aviv

Visit the early headquarters of the Hagana organization, now a museum for the collection of weapons, documents, and photographs from the Haganah archives.

Azrieli Observatory

Tel Aviv

22ILS

Learn about the history of Tel Aviv told through high powered telescopes. Enjoy the view overlooking Gush Dan.

Day 3

## Nazareth/Galilee

Tour the Sea of Galilee, view the Golan Heights, and spend the night on a kibbutz.

Travel to Golan Heights and learn more about this history of the area.

Visit the Sea of Galilee, including sights like the Church of Transfiguration and the Mount of Beatitudes.

Later, travel to a kibbutz for the night. Learn about this unique communal way of life unique to Israel.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Nazareth - Tiberias

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

Golan Heights Visit

Golan Heights

Drive deep into the Golan Heights, in Israel's mountainous northern region. Considered one of the most beautiful regions in the country, enjoy views over the Syrian border and learn more about this historic region.

Sea of Galilee Area Tour

Sea of Galilee - Nazareth

Tour the Sea of Galilee, including sites such as the Church of Transfiguration and Capernaum. Capernaum is home to one of the earliest churches in the world, as well as a monumental ancient synagogue. We also visit Tabgha, with its ancient mosaic of the Loaves and Fishes dating back to the original Byzantine church.

Day 4

## Galilee/Dead Sea

Visit the fortress of Masada followed by a swim in the Dead Sea.

Travel to Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit the famous rock fortress. Opt to hike (or ride) to the top and learn more about this ancient place.

Continue on to the fascinating Dead Sea. Cover yourself in the healing mud, bob like a cork in very salty water, or enjoy a little sunbathing on the shore. Spend the night in Jericho.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tiberias - Jericho

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

Masada Guided Tour

Masada

Take a tour of Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage site and stunning rock fortress that was the last stronghold of the Jewish in their war against the Romans. The story of the site reveals the courage of the defenders of Massada and their battle against the conquering Romans. Visit Herod's palace, the mikveh, storerooms, watchtowers, and the synagogue.

Dead Sea Visit (Israel)

Dead Sea

The Dead Sea is actually a lake, without any form of life whatsoever in its waters, hence its name. The water is so dense that it is practically impossible to sink and its five to ten times as salty as regular sea water. While swimming, cover yourself with the sea's mud, which is reputed to have special healing powers, and don't forget to take a photo of yourself reading a book while floating! You will notice that the salt penetrates any cuts on your body and has an unusual smell, but there are showers to wash off under after swimming.

Day 5

## Negev/Dead Sea/Jericho

Travel to the Negev Desert and visit a village to learn firsthand about Bedouin culture before sleeping overnight in a Bedouin- style camp.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Jericho - Negev Desert

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

Negev Desert Camp Overnight

Negev Desert

Spend the night in the Negev Desert to learn more about this remote region.

Day 6

## Negev Desert/Jerusalem

Visit Bethlehem and the Duhaishe Camp for Palestinian refugees.

Travel to biblical Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity before heading to Duhaishe Camp for Palestinian refugees. The camp has become something of a permanent town. Learn more about the situation of the Palestinians in Israel and what life in the camp is all about.

In the late afternoon, travel to Jerusalem for the evening.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Negev Desert - Jerusalem

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

Duhaishe Palestinian Refugee Camp

Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Visit the Duhaishe Palestinian Refugee Camp. The camp has been around for so long it's more of a permanent city. Visit it to learn more about what life is like for Palestinians in the area.

Bethlehem Visit

Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Explore ancient Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus and King David, and visit the Nativity Church. The city is an important site to all three major religions of Israel: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

Day 7

## Jerusalem

Explore the old city of Jerusalem, walking through the Muslim and Jewish quarters. Visit the Western Wall and walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Holy Sepulchre Church. Enjoy the afternoon free to explore on our own.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Old Jerusalem Walking Tour - Classic

Jerusalem

4h-8h

Take a walking tour through the Old City of Jerusalem and view the Temple Mount and western wall, before walking the 14 Stations of the Via Dolorosa, ending at the Holy Sepulchre Church. Later, visit the 4 quarters of the Old City: Christian, Jewish, Armenian, and Muslim quarters.

Free Time

Jerusalem

Explore this ancient city.



### Optional Activities - Day 7

Museum on the Seam

Jerusalem

30ILS

Visit this museum to learn about socio-political topics in Israel, as communicated through contemporary art.

City of David and Hezekiah's Tunnel

Jerusalem

25ILS

Marvel at the city of David, the heart of ancient Jerusalem, and one of Israel's most important archaeological sites. Wander through this site, and along through the Hezekiah tunnel that runs beneath the city's surface.

Zedekiah's Cave

Jerusalem

16ILS

See the remnants of the largest quarry in Jerusalem that has been carved over thousands years.

Israel Museum & Dead Sea Scrolls

Jerusalem

42ILS

Visit the famed Israel Museum and view the Dead Sea Scrolls, housed in the Shrine of the Book. Considered one of the greatest archaeological finds of the past century, these ancient manuscripts (dated at over 2000 years old) were discovered between 1947 and 1956 in 11 caves near Khirbet Qumran, on the shores of the Dead Sea. After, enjoy free time to walk through the museum's state of the art archeological exhibition which showcases some of the most significant finds in the region.

Garden Tomb

Jerusalem

15m-30m

Visit this quiet garden space; commonly considered to be a possible site of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Monastery of the Cross

Jerusalem

10ILS

Constructed in the eleventh century, the Eastern Orthodox Monestary of the Cross is a place of historical and religious importance in Jerusalem. Take a visit to learn about the mystery behind its foundation.

Day 8

## Jerusalem/Amman

Cross the border into Jordan and make your way to Amman. Take a free night to explore Jordan's capital city.

Please remember that Israel and Jordan are very different Countries, in terms of culture, daily way of life and infrastructure. The best part of travel is gaining insight into these difference and keeping an open mind.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Jerusalem - Beit She'an

2h30m

137km

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

Border Crossing (Israel - Jordan)

Beit She'an - Sheikh Hussein

1h-3h

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Private Vehicle

Sheikh Hussein - Amman

90km

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

Day 9

## 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.

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### Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Amman – Jerash Governorate

1h-1h30m

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

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.

Private Vehicle

Jerash Governorate – Dead Sea

2h-2h30m

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.

Private Vehicle

Dead Sea – Amman

1h

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



## Optional Activities - Day 9

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.

Site of Jesus' Baptism

Dead Sea

18JOD

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

Lunch at the Dead Sea Spa Hotel

Dead Sea

10JOD

Enjoy a buffet of Middle Eastern and International fare at the Dead Sea Spa Hotel.

Day 10

## Amman/Karak/Petra

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. 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.

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



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Amman - Wādī Mūsá

3h-4h

240km

Including stops along the way.

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.

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.

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.

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 11

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

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.

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

Drive time doesn't include stops in the gorgeous desert along the way.

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.

### 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!

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## Optional Activities - Day 12

Camel Ride

Wadi Rum

14JOD

Enjoy a camel ride with the bedouin in the desert of Wadi Rum.

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.

Day 13

## Wadi Rum/Aqaba

Journey to the red sea, where you can explore your surroundings or relax on the beach.

Drive to the Red Sea resort city of Aqaba. Enjoy free time to enjoy the beach, go snorkelling or check out the city. Make sure to try some fresh seafood for dinner.

Opt to pre-book the "Aqaba Boat Trip with Snorkelling" activity on the checkout page ahead of time to include this optional on your tour.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Wadi Rum - Aqaba

1h

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

Free Time

Aqaba

Make the most of this Red Sea resort town. Free time is yours to use any way you want!



### Optional Activities - Day 13

Aqaba Boat Trip with Snorkelling

Aqaba

4h-5h

Looking for a perfect day trip to make the most of your time in this seaside town? Board a boat and enjoy a relaxing day on the waters of the Red Sea. Enjoy a BBQ lunch and join a snorkelling guide to spot marine life beneath the surface. If snorkelling isn't your thing, sit back and enjoy the views from the water of Aqaba.

Aqaba Castle Visit

Aqaba

3JOD

1h-2h

Get in some extra activity and learn about the Aqaba Castle's long and interesting history on this fascinating trip. Explore the castle's storied walls – built by Crusaders, it was occupied by the Ottomans and destroyed by the British.

Hot Air Balloon Ride

Wadi Rum

130JOD

Watch the sun rise over the sprawling mountain ranges of the Wadi Rum desert.

Day 14

## Aqaba/Amman

Head back to Amman with a little time to explore.

The morning is flexible. Spend a little more time at the beach or head back early. Reach Amman by way of the Desert Highway. Enjoy a final night out in the city.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Aqaba - Amman

4h

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

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 an 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.

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

### **RAMADAN**

According to the lunar cycle, Ramadan will fall between May 15th and June 14th, 2018. 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.

## What is the group leader like?

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders. 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 15, avg 10

## What meals are included in this trip?

15 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 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, 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 single 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 single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

## Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotels (12 nts), desert camps (2nts, Bedouin-style camps)

## 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

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

Nights 5 and 12, 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 is the joining hotel?

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

## What are the joining instructions?

If you have not booked pre-booked an arrival transfer, you can take a public bus for around 35 ILS, or a metered taxi which will cost about 150 ILS.

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 that Day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned for that day other than your welcome meeting in the evening, so you can arrive at any time. Similarly the last day is a departure day during which no activities have been planned.

A G Adventures Representative will organize a short meeting soon after arrival, during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. A welcome note will be left for you in the hotel so you have all the necessary information regarding the meeting time. If you arrive late, s/he 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, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO (if you are not on a group tour please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier). If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details. If you have pre-booked an airport transfer and 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 Joining Hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

# 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
- 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 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](#)

Israel and Palestinian Territories:

Most tourists to Israel and the Palestinian Territories will be issued a free visa, on arrival valid for 90 days, at air and land borders. Known exceptions to this are India, Singapore and many African countries. Please double check the requirements in relation to the passport you travel on.

Usually your entry and visa will not be stamped into your passport, but onto a separate piece of paper.

JORDAN:

For our groups the Jordanian visa will be organized at the border. Not all nationalities automatically qualify for this visa on arrival, and it is vital that you contact your local embassy or consulate for updated information according to your passport nationality. You will need to retroactively pay the 40 JOD for your visa when you depart Jordan (either at the airport in Amman or by a land border crossing). If you are departing Jordan by air, no additional departure tax will be required as it is already included on the air ticket. If you are departing Jordan by land there is a 8 JOD departure tax.

Please note: Egypt and Jordan have a peace agreement with Israel, which allows travellers to cross borders between these countries; having an Israeli stamp in your passport will not affect your ability to travel to Egypt or Jordan.

If you are planning to enter Israel via land from Egypt or Jordan, the exit stamps from these neighbouring countries will indicate that you have visited Israel. Even without an Israeli visa in your passport, these stamps will impact your ability to use the same passport to travel to Syria Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Saudi, Libya and Yemen.

## How much spending money do I need for my trip?

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?

Jordan:

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!

Israel:

ATMs are found widely in Israel and will generally accept cards on the Visa and Mastercard networks. While this is the best way to get the majority of your money in Israel, and the vast majority of Cirrus network cards work fine, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will work in the Middle East. Check with your bank before travelling.

Credit cards are accepted by most larger restaurants and stores. You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5-10% usually applies.

Cash advances can also be made with some banks.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money.

Cash is recommended for times when ATMs are not accessible. Euros and US Dollars are all easy to exchange to local currency.

Travellers cheques can be tricky to exchange and we do not recommend that you use them as your primary source of funds.

In large cities you can exchange them in some 5-star hotels and banks but this takes time and incurs a high fee.

Thomas Cook or American Express travellers cheques in US or Euro currencies are the easiest to exchange.

Always take more funds rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

The currency in Israel is the Israeli Shekel(NIS).

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)

Note that almost all local purchases (meals, souvenirs, most optional activities, etc) will be paid for in local currencies.

## Do I need to pay a departure tax?

Jordan:

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

Israel:

Included in airline tickets but there may be departure taxes if you are exiting at a land border.

## 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. 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.

If you felt that your G Adventures CEO(s) 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?

## Tel Aviv

- Diaspora Museum (35ILS per person)
- Museum of Modern Art (40ILS per person)
- Azrieli Observatory (22ILS per person)
- Hagana Museum

## Jerusalem

- Museum on the Seam (30ILS per person)
- Zedekiah's Cave (16ILS per person)
- Garden Tomb
- City of David and Hezekiah's Tunnel (25ILS per person)
- Israel Museum & Dead Sea Scrolls (42ILS per person)
- Monastery of the Cross (10ILS per person)

## Dead Sea

- Mud Baths (3JOD per person)
- Site of Jesus' Baptism (18JOD per person)
- Lunch at the Dead Sea Spa Hotel (10JOD per person)

## Petra

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

## Wadi Rum

- Camel Ride (14JOD per person)
- Wadi Rum 4x4 Excursion Extension (70JOD per group)
- Hot Air Balloon Ride (130JOD per person)

## Wādī Mūsá

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

## Aqaba

- Aqaba Boat Trip with Snorkelling
- Aqaba Castle Visit (3JOD per person)

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

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.

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

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 CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your 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 or 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 judgment 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.

## **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.

## 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.

## 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.