



## **Solo-ish Jordan**

9 days, Amman to Dead Sea

Trip code DJAS

## What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Beit Khayrat Souf Cooking Class & Lunch, Jerash Governorate
- Your G for Good Moment: Dar ne'meh - Citadel Drink Stop, Amman
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Dinner Party: Amman Market Walk & Jordan Cuisine Sampling, Amman
- We Day: History, Ruins, & Jordanian Hospitality, Amman
- G Day: The Main Sights, Sounds, & Tastes of Amman, Amman
- Me Day: Aqaba Me Day, Aqaba
- Complimentary arrival transfer
- Dead Sea visit
- Visit Madaba mosaics and Mt Nebo
- Petra guided tour
- Wadi Rum 4x4 excursion and desert camping
- Red Sea stay
- Entrance fees in all included tours
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

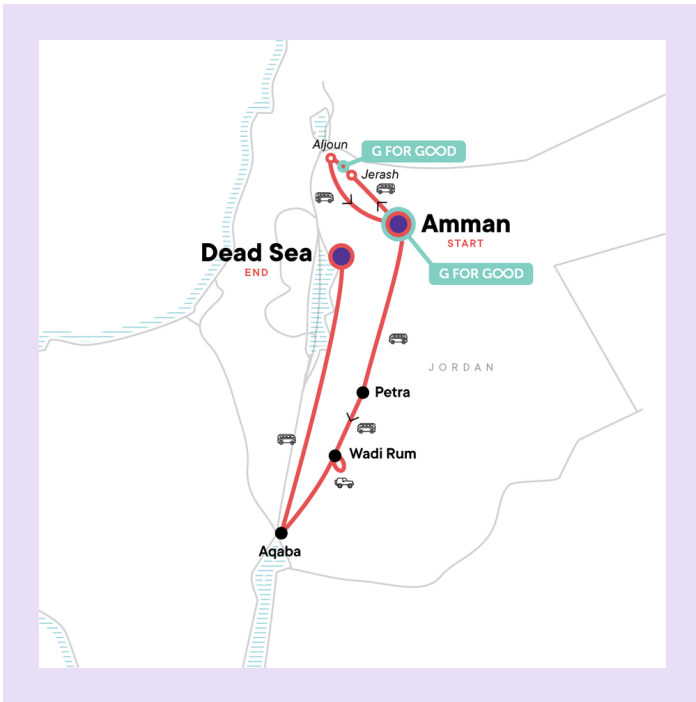
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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing August 26th, 2024 and onwards

# Itinerary

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

Day 1

## Dinner Party: Amman

Please ensure your flight lands by to 3pm and enjoy an included arrival transfer to the start hotel in Amman. After a brief welcome meeting in the evening, the group will drive to the Roman Amphitheatre and walk to the Fruit Market and Souq Al Bukhari for an immersive introduction to the tastes, sounds, and smells of one of the oldest markets in all of the city. The owners of these shops have been inheriting their businesses here for generations. Visit a nearby restaurant for some regional snacks like, fresh breads, falafel, hummus, and various animal livers before capping off the night with drinks at a rooftop overlooking Amman as night falls like blanket over the city.



### Meals included

Dinner



### Accommodation

Mena Tyche Hotel Amman (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Arrival Transfer

Queen Alia International Airport - Amman

You will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel to start your adventure.

#### 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.

#### ACTIVITY

Food is a universal language, and there's no better way to get to know a new friend, or a new community, than by breaking bread together and digging in to a delicious meal. Join your fellow Solo-ish travellers on an Amman market walk and food sampling of some of Jordan's best regional cuisine.

Tonight's walk departs from the outside of the Roman Amphitheatre and runs through the Fruit Market and Souk Al Bukhari. Your CEO will share stories and facts about Amman and the group will visit a local restaurant within the market that is known for serving specialty local snacks like chicken liver,

hummus, mutabbal, fresh breads, and olives. Leave room for dessert because the final stop of the food walk is at the city's most famous dessert place to try some of their irresistible sweet treats. Then, your CEO will bring you to a rooftop overlooking Amman to share a drink with new friends and toast to the adventure ahead.

## We Day: Amman & Ajloun

See what truly makes this area of Jordan unique and gain full immersion into the ruins and important historical sites surrounding Amman. Travel north to explore the ancient orchards that were part of the fertile crescent region, and the remarkably well-preserved Roman archaeological site of Jerash. Spend three hours being guided around a place with incredible tales of Roman invaders and Christian churches during the rise of Islam and Crusader attacks. Traverse its meticulously paved and colonnaded streets, observe the grand hilltop temples, elegant theatres, expansive public squares, and well-maintained baths and fountains. Then, sit down for lunch at a G Adventures-supported café entirely run and managed by local women seeking financial independence. Enjoy a traditional Jordanian meal before arriving at Ajloun Castle for a short walk through the valley of olive groves towards Mar Elias Church. Arrive back in Amman for a free evening.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Mena Tyche Hotel Amman (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Amman - 'Ajlūn

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle. There will be a stop along the way to visit the well-preserved Roman ruins of Jerash followed by a cooking class and traditional lunch at a G Adventures-supported community project.

#### ACTIVITY

With your incredible CEO at the helm, get to know the local community and your Solo-ish travel mates on a day packed full of interesting and engaging adventures. Begin by taking a step back in time on a visit to Jerash, one of the most well-preserved Roman sites outside of Italy. Traverse its meticulously paved and colonnaded streets, and observe the grand hilltop temples, elegant theatres, expansive public squares and plazas – all in exceptional condition.

There will be a lunch stop along the way to the Aljoun Castle walk. Learn about the historical significance of the castle and take in the views from the hilltop grounds before starting the walk on a direct path to Mar Elias Church. Pass through some of the area's beautiful natural landscape, featuring fig and pear orchards, oak and oriental strawberry trees, and the stone walls of the valley. The hike will conclude at the hilltop ruins of Mar Elias Church, where you can explore the ancient ruins while enjoying the panoramic views.

Total distance: 8km

Duration of hike: 2hr 30min Elevation: 800-950m above sea level

Terrain: Rocky, soil, asphalt street

Level of difficulty: Easy to moderate

## ACTIVITY

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

Private Vehicle

'Ajlūn – Amman

1h30m

66km

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

Prepare to experience what G does best and enjoy a true taste of Amman. And what better way to fully understand a city and its people than through food? Begin the morning at the Citadel for a guided tour of this archaeological site best known for the Roman Temple of Hercules as well as an outside visit to the Roman Amphitheatre. Hear stories of Jordan's past before stepping into the present while walking through the gold, spices, and vegetable markets, passing countless stalls of freshly prepared regional dishes and ingredients. Right as the hunger is about to set in, the group will sit down at a nearby charming restaurant specializing in authentic Jordanian cuisine and soak in the warm, welcoming atmosphere full of traditional flavours and local hospitality. Try dishes like, mansaf, makloubeh, and maqluba. Be on the lookout for your surprise moment with a special G twist as the day starts to wind down.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



## Accommodation

Mena Tyche Hotel Amman (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

### ACTIVITY

With your Solo-ish travel mates and CEO, explore some of the world's coolest activities alongside new friends. It's not just an epic day of fun, it's chock full of incredible experiences and a surprise G element along the way to take your day to an 11. The first stop on today's journey is the Citadel, an archaeological site best known for the Roman Temple of Hercules and used by numerous civilizations since the Bronze Age. Gain an overview of the history of this complex within Jordan on a guided visit. Then, head to the Roman Amphitheatre to see it from the outside before a walk through the downtown markets in Amman. Lunch today is a special treat in a charming restaurant that specializes in serving Jordanian cuisine and offer a menu rich in classic dishes such as mansaf, makloubeh, and maqluba. Indulge in time-honoured recipes made from locally-sourced ingredients in a welcoming and authentic atmosphere.

Free Time

Amman

Enjoy time to yourself on a free evening in Amman. Find a fun local spot to have dinner or curl up with a good book at the hotel for some rest and relaxation.

#### ACTIVITY

At Dar Ne'meh experience a warm taste of Jordanian culture while supporting women, youth, and local artisans. Enjoy a traditional beverage, browse handmade artisan treasures, and hear directly from Jordanian women about the impact of this women-led, G Adventure-supported social enterprise. Your brief time here not only celebrates Jordan's heritage, but also empowers women, youth, and local artisans across the country.

Day 4

## Amman/Petra

Travel to Mt. Nebo's ridge line for spectacular views over the historic site that is believed by many to be the location of Moses' death. The views of the surrounding countryside are stunning and on a clear day you can see Israel in the distance. From here it's time to visit St. George Church to see some of the finest Byzantine mosaics in the world, including the sixth-century mosaic map of the Middle East. There will be free time for lunch on your own before transferring to Wadi Musa, the town just outside of iconic Petra's location. The group will arrive in the late afternoon and can choose to spend the evening together or on their own. Sometimes, after a day of immersion it's nice to take a walk outside by yourself around the town's streets, amid the dry heat of the desert.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Seven Wonders Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Amman - Wādī Mūsá

3h-4h

240km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle. There will be stops along the way, which have been taken into consideration when calculating the total duration of this drive.

Free Time

Wādī Mūsá

There will be a free evening in the desert for you to enjoy the town and your surroundings with the group or on your own.

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.

Day 5

## Petra

Begin your day early with a morning visit to iconic Petra. Head into this 2000-year-old site carved out of the rocky Jordanian desert by the Nabateans and hidden completely until 200 years ago. Pass by the famed Al-Khazneh, known as the treasury of Petra, and gain a comprehensive understanding of this awe-inspiring place as you walk through the area with your guide. Located along trade routes that traversed Egypt, Arabia, and the Mediterranean Sea, Petra was once a hub for the transferring of goods across boundaries and cultures. Visit monuments that include the Pharaoh's Column, the triumphal arch, the amphitheater, and the monastery before proceeding back to Wadi Musa for a free afternoon and evening at your leisure. Who says solo-ish travel can't have the best of both worlds?



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Seven Wonders Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### 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.

Free Time

Wādī Mūsá

Take advantage of some free time in Wadi Musa for optional activities. Choose to visit a Turkish Bath for a relaxing experience, or book a visit back to Petra at night for an entirely different perspective.



## Optional Activities - Day 5

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.

Another day, another chance for unforgettable adventures! Travel to the breathtaking Wadi Rum, also known as 'Valley of the Moon' in the protected desert wilderness of southern Jordan. Witness some of the most dramatic scenery in the entire country and see if you can recognize various viewpoints from old films like, 'Lawrence of Arabia'. Stop for some refreshments and to escape the scorching sun before a 2-hour 4x4 journey through the undulating sand dunes to a remote, private camp. Make stops along the way to explore this unique environment and scramble up rocks or dunes. Upon arrival, spend some time getting settled before experiencing a traditional Zarb dinner at camp, in which the meat and vegetables are cooked in an underground oven. Cap off the adventures with a night walk under a vast sky of stars.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



## Accommodation

Harb Eco Camp (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Wādī Mūsá - Wadi Rum

2h

114km

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

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.

Traditional Zarb Dinner

Wadi Rum

1h

Enjoy a traditional Zarb dinner at the camp tonight. Dinner will be prepared in a traditional fashion, with the meat and vegetables cooked in an underground oven.

\*Lanterns light the way but we do suggest bringing a flashlight.

Night Walk - Wadi Rum

Wadi Rum

2h

3km

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

Day 7

## Me Day: Aqaba

Awake to the desert hum of life as the sun begins to rise over your remote camp amid the dunes. Journey back to the main camp and onwards to Aqaba, Jordan's only coastal city, and prepare to enjoy the rich marine life of the warm waters in the Red Sea. A free afternoon along shores sparkling in the mid-day sun is perfect to take some time for yourself. Choose to relax on the beach, maybe read a good book while lounging in the sand, or perhaps choose to go snorkelling. There's also places in town like the Ayla Oasis or the Aqaba Local Market you can choose visit with your CEO where you can learn more about the history and culture of Jordan's only seaport.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

My Luxury Hotel Aqaba (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Wadi Rum - Aqaba

1h

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

#### ACTIVITY

Traveling solo alongside your new Solo-ish travel mates means there's always something fun to do and new friends to explore with. But the joy of travel can also be about taking time to yourself to recharge, refresh and reflect on the journey. Today, choose to join your CEO for a local activity, or take the time to yourself to enjoy your own company in one of the most incredible places on our planet.



### Optional Activities - Day 7

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.

Beit Al Ward - Saayadia Cooking Class

Aqaba

Located in the coastal city of Aqaba, The House of Roses Women's Association (Beit Al Ward) is a G Adventures-supported, non-profit initiative dedicated to empowering local women, youth, and individuals with special needs by preserving and sharing Jordanian cultural heritage through authentic culinary and handicraft experiences. Choose to pre-book the Sayyadieh cooking class at Beit Al Ward and be led by the inspiring women of the project as you explore Aqaba's culinary traditions and learn how to prepare an iconic dish of seasoned rice and fish.

Sayyadieh, is a beloved specialty of Aqaba, combining spiced fish with fragrant rice and caramelized onions, reflecting the city's deep connection to the Red Sea. More than just a recipe, it is a story of culture, heritage, and community.

Share stories with your hosts as you prepare the meal and sit down for a delicious local lunch together creating a lasting connection with the remarkable women here, thus leaving travellers with a deeper appreciation of the strength and resilience shown in this community.

Day 8

## Aqaba/Dead Sea

Today trade in one sea for another, albeit a much saltier one and transfer from Aqaba to the Dead Sea known for its high salinity. Arrive around lunch time and find a local spot on your own to grab a bite before a free afternoon in the area. Choose to bob like a cork in the healing water, or opt to cover yourself in therapeutic mud along the shore that is believed to have medicinal benefits. (Don't worry there are showers nearby to wash off afterwards). In the evening, come together with the group for a final dinner as the sun sets on your solo-ish Jordan adventure.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

Crowne Plaza Jordan - Dead Sea Resort & Spa (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Aqaba - Dead Sea

3h

273km

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

Free Time

Dead Sea

The afternoon is yours to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of the Dead Sea.

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.



### Optional Activities - Day 8

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.

Day 9

## Dead Sea

You arrived a solo traveller and are leaving with many new friends. Say goodbye to your fellow Solo-ish travellers and depart at any time.

Please note that while this itinerary ends at the finishing point hotel in the Dead Sea, there are taxis/shuttle services available to book back to Amman. Please contact one of our GCOs for more details.



### Meals included

Breakfast



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

### 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.

### 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.

### TIPPING NOTE:

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

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

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 14.

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

8 breakfasts, 2 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 air-conditioned van, walking, 4x4.

## **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 (7 nts), Desert camp (1 nt) on a twinshare basis. If you are interested in purchasing your own room, please see below for the My Own Room option.

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

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

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

On Solo-ish Adventures, it's all about making new friends. Accommodation for Solo-ish Adventures is in twin-share rooms. No booking or rooming requests will be taken, and matrimonial bedding is not offered on Solo-ish Adventures.

## **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.

An arrival transfer is included when you arrive on Day 1, or if you arrive up to three days prior provided that you have booked your pre-accommodation through G Adventures in our joining hotel. Due to customer experience and quality considerations, all services related to the tour must be continuous. Please arrive no later than 3pm on Day 1.

Our driver will be waiting for you with a G Adventures sign, and they will be waiting for you outside the luggage hall. 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.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

## 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.

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

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

### AIRPORT TRANSFER

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

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

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Regional Office Emergency Contact Number: +212 662 312 072

Arrival or Departure Transfer Emergency Phone Number: +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

## What instructions should I follow at the finishing point?

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

## **What should I take on my trip?**

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

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

# What should be on my packing list?

## Cold weather:

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

## Conservative Dress:

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

## Documents:

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

**Essentials:**

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

**Health & Safety:**

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

**Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

## 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](#)

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.

## Where can I read detailed notes about this trip?

### REGIONAL INFORMATION

Official Languages: Arabic, English (secondary to Arabic)

Religions: Muslim 94%, Christian 5%

Time Zone: GMT +2 | US EST +7

Electricity: 220 Volts, 50 AC

Currency: Jordanian Dinar (JOD)

International Dialing Code: 00962

Climate: The climate depends on which part of the country you are in, as altitude ranges from 400m (1312ft) below average sea level at the Dead Sea, to 1850m above sea level at the Al-Shirah mountains. June to September are the hottest months of the year where temperature rises to about 32C (89.6F). The period between December and March is the coolest. Snowfall often occurs and temperatures stay around 15C (59F) during the day.

## 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?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Should I be tipping on my trip?

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

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

To make things as easy as possible and avoid embarrassing situations, G Adventures has developed a tipping kitty system where your CEO will collect a contribution from everybody at the start of your tour and use this kitty to tip anybody who has provided services to the group as a whole. On Day 1 of your tour, your CEO will be able to advise on the amount required from everybody to form the tipping kitty for your trip. Please plan approximately \$56 USD per person for the entirety of the tour (this does not include your G Adventures CEO). You can pay in USD or the equivalent local currency (preferably USD). The CEO will be able to advise you on the exchange rate and the total required in either currency.

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

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

## What activities are optional on this trip?

### Petra

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

### Aqaba

- Aqaba Boat Trip with Snorkelling
- Beit Al Ward - Saayadia Cooking Class

### Dead Sea

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

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

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

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

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

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

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your 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.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

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.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

[www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/](http://www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/)

## 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/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

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

## 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.