



MEJDI TOURS

Optional Extension Tour to Jordan

October 15 - 18, 2019

- Extension Cost:** 10-15 travelers: \$950 Per Person // \$165 Single Supplement
15-20 travelers: \$880 per person // \$165 Single Supplement
- Included:** 3 nights' accommodation (double occupancy) at the following hotels or similar; Hotel Seven Wonders (Petra), Mena Tyche Hotel (Amman)
1 Jordanian guide for 3 days (Oct. 15 - 18)
1 MEJDI-trained guide for 1 day (Oct. 18)
4 days of private bus transportation
1 departure group airport transfer (to accommodate group flight)
Domestic flight from Tel Aviv to Eilat
Meals listed in the itinerary: 4 Breakfasts and 3 Dinners
Water on the bus throughout the tour
Collective Jordanian visa
VIP transfer service at the Allenby Border crossing on Oct. 18
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support
- Not Included:** International airfare
Travel insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement Costs (\$165)
Israeli Exit Tax (Approx. 105 ILS, or \$30 USD)
Jordanian Exit Tax (10 JOD or \$14 USD)
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual/Group airport transfers (arrival and departure)
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Trip Description:

Explore the wild beauty of the Arabian Peninsula, with MEJDI's add-on to Petra, Wadi Rum, and Jerash. The perfect combination of relaxation, education, and adventure, with only a few extra days you can:

- Experience traditional Arabian desert life in the valleys of Wadi Rum. Share coffee with bedouins, see camels in their natural habitat, and view rock inscriptions (ancient and modern) left by local tribes.
- In a MEJDI exclusive, have an opportunity to give back and help bring positive change to the Middle East, by meeting with Syrian refugees in Jerash. Learn first-hand about the conflict in Syria, ask questions, and hear how the war has taken a toll on countries like Lebanon and Jordan, and on everyday Syrian families.
- Check off your bucket-list the impressive and monumental ruins of Jerash, the best-preserved Roman city in the Arab Middle East following the destruction of Palmyra.
- Put on your cowboy hat (or fedora), and explore the ancient Nabatean city of Petra! Walk through wind-swept sandstone valleys with stunning rock striations, and discover the echoing chambers of ancient tombs. The more adventurous can ride a horse or a donkey through the valleys of this the famous "Indiana Jones" filming site.

Itinerary:

Tues, October 15: Eilat, Wadi Rum, and Petra

Fly from Tel Aviv to Eilat, Israel's southernmost city, situated on the sparkling Red Sea. A short drive through the Wadi Arabah takes us across the border into Jordan. This afternoon, explore the lunar-like landscape of **Wadi Rum**, where T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia) stayed with Bedouin friends and allies during World War I. Discover epic sand dunes and rose-tinted mountains where Bedouin tribes still make camp. Continue to our hotel at **Petra**, located just a few steps from this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Hotel: Petra (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Weds, October 16: Petra

Spend a full day exploring **Petra**, the legendary city of the Nabataean people. Hidden in deep canyons south of the Dead Sea, this remarkable site was founded more than 2,400 years ago. Enter the ancient city through its primary entrance, known as the Siq, a narrow chasm between naturally sculpted cliffs. This passageway, which could have been easily defended against attack by an invading army, ends at the glorious sight of the world-famous Treasury. Go on a guided

visit of the expansive site, where hundreds of monuments were rediscovered only in 1812. Then enjoy time on your own to explore the Royal Tombs or the Monastery. Return to the hotel for dinner. Then, in the evening, have an optional tour of “Petra by Night” where you can experience the wonders of Petra by candlelight (cost of tour is approximately \$25 and can be paid on site).

Hotel: Petra (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 3: Jerash/Amman

This morning travel north on the historic King’s Highway and visit one of the best-preserved cities of the Roman Empire, **Jerash**, called the “Pompeii of the Middle East.” Step back in time as you explore the colonnaded streets, visiting the South Theater, the Temple of Artemis, and the ornate Nymphaeum. Later, continue on to Jordan’s capital, **Amman**, a modern and culturally diverse city steeped in an ancient past. Enjoy some time to explore this fascinating city before gathering for a **farewell dinner**.

Hotel: Amman (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 4: Departure

After breakfast, drive to the Allenby Border where you will say farewell to your Jordanian guide and cross back into Israel. At the border, you will have VIP transfer services provided to expedite and facilitate both the Jordanian and Israeli border control processes. Once on the Israeli side, you meet your Israeli guide and driver for the day. They will take you to Tel Aviv to spend the afternoon touring the city. We will make dinner reservations for the group since it is Shabbat and many places will be closed. Following dinner, the group will be transferred to the airport for the departure flight home.

(Breakfast included)