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HISTORY CULTURE WILDLIFE

Jordan Express



Jerash – the Cardo or Main Boulevard.

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amman.

On arrival at Amman's Queen Alia Airport you will be met outside customs by a representative of World Discovery and taken by private car direct to your hotel.

DAY 2 – Jerash. South to Petra.

After a leisurely breakfast, your guide will meet you and take you to the breathtaking ruins of **Jerash**, an hour's drive to the north-east of Amman. Jerash is one of the best-preserved Roman cities in the Middle East and boasts a magnificent theatre, cardo (the main boulevard) and a unique oval plaza. Dominating the site with its towering limestone columns is the imposing Temple of Artemis, built in the 2nd century AD and considered the most important building in the ancient city. In the afternoon drive down the Desert Highway to Petra.

Meals included: Full breakfast.

DAY 3 - Petra.

No photograph can prepare you for the impact of first seeing the Treasury of Petra as you approach the ancient city along the famous 'Siq', a narrow winding defile through the amazing rose-coloured mountains. Petra is undoubtedly one of the world's great destinations, an entire city carved out of the living rock in Biblical times. Built by the Nabateans, Petra dominated the great caravan routes of the Middle East until it was mysteriously abandoned and forgotten for centuries. It was only in 1812 that Petra was rediscovered - by the Swiss explorer John Burckhart. Your guide will be with you all morning to show you the lower city. You may return to the hotel for lunch or stay on in Petra to explore further. The two most popular visits are to the wonderful Monastery (El Deir) or to the High Place of Sacrifice, both involving some steep ascents but well worth the effort.

Meals included: Full breakfast.

DAY 4 – The King's Highway to the Dead Sea.

Today's journey takes you along the scenic King's Highway, the main trade route through Transjordan since prehistoric times. First stop is at the majestic **Crusader castle of Kerak**. As well as exploring this masterpiece of 12th century military architecture, you will have lunch in the town of Kerak before continuing north. Traversing the spectacular Wadi Mujib, often referred to as "Jordan's Grand Canyon", continue to the town of **Madaba** and the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George with its superb mosaic map of Palestine dating from the Byzantine era. Next you will visit **Mount Nebo**, Jordan's most important Biblical site, from where it is believed Moses viewed the Promised Land "flowing with milk and honey" in the valley below. The Moses Memorial Church at Mount Nebo contains some beautiful mosaic floors of hunting and pastoral scenes. A short journey from here takes you down to the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth (408m/1,305 ft below sea level). Your hotel is located on the northeast shores of this unique inland sea.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch.

DAY 5 - Depart for home.

Private transfer to Queen Alia Airport for your flight home.

Meals included: Full breakfast.