### **JORDAN**

# THE BEST OF JORDAN



**Garantee Departures** 

8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS SUNDAY

#### ITINERARY

#### **COUNTRY OF DESTINATION - ARRIVE AMMAN QALIA**

Arrival at Queen Alia International Airport- Meet and assist with visa formalities. Exit to the hall – Transfer to Hotel.

#### **AMMAN - AJLOUN - JERASH - AMMAN**

Breakfast – depart to Ajloun, the Islamic castle Ajloun stands on top of 1123 meter high Jabel Auf. It was built in 1185 by the famous General Sultan Salah Ad-din to protect the country against the Crusader attacks and to secure the pilgrim routes & was re-built on XIII century after Mongol destruction. Continue driving to the one of Decapolis Cities, Jerash, the best example of a Roman provincial city in the Middle East, which is only 50 km north of Amman. Jerash was built by Alexander the Great in 332BC and started to prosper after the Roman conquest in 63BC. The Artemis Temple, the theatres, the Colonnaded Street and many other ancient buildings give you the feeling of the great civilization and the history of the region. End of day tour, return back to Amman. Dinner and Overnight.

## AMMAN - PANORAMIC CITY TOUR - MADABA - MOUNT NEBO- UMM ER RASAS - PETRA

Breakfast – running the panoramic view of Amman, capital of Jordan, to see the Citadel, roman theatre, the old city and the main streets and avenues, stroll through the busy sougs, then passing by the houses in the residential areas Abdoun (PANORAMIC TOUR). Continue drive to Madaba, well known for its Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics. Especially popular in Madaba is the 6th century mosaic map of Palestine on the floor of the orthodox St. George's Church. Continue to Mount Nebo, not far from Madaba. Mt. Nebo where Prophet Moses gazed across the Promised Land and also where he later died, here one can also find the remains of a church from the 4th century and a monastery with magnificent mosaics. From the mountain enjoy a panoramic view of the Holy Land; usually Jericho is visible and on clear days Jerusalem is visible too. The importance of the place lies in being the last place visited by Moses. Continue drive to Petra. Dinner and Overnight.

#### LITTLE PETRA - PETRA - AQABA

Breakfast, and departure to the nearby town of Al BEIDA, also known as LITTLE PETRA. Visit of this caravanserais. Back to Petra. Day dedicated to the visit of the pink city, the capital of the Nabateans. During the visit, we will get to know the most important and representative monuments carved in the rock by the Nabateans. We start with The Treasury, a famous and internationally known monument made into a film in one of the Indiana Jones movies, the Colored Tombs, the Royal Tombs, the Monastery... Petra is one of those places in the world where at least there are to go once in a lifetime. Then proceed to Agaba..

#### **AQABA – WADI RUM**

Breakfast then enjoy the south of Jordan and experience this dramatic desert landscape with its beautiful rock formations. Visitors can enjoy approximately a two hours Jeep tour coached by Bedouins (6 pax per vehicle) visiting the beautiful landscape built by the action of the erosion on the mountain's rocky and the fine red tonalities – coloured-sands. Dinner and Overnight.

#### WADI RUM - DEAD SEA

Breakfast then drive through the desert road to the hill, to reach to Jordan Valley/Dead Sea the Salt

Lake between Israel and Jordan is the lowest point on earth, about 400m below sea level. The Dead Sea is mainly supplied by water from the Jordan River. While it is an experience to bath without sinking, the mineral-rich Dead Sea offers more; as it was one of the first spas in the world. Herod the Great, king of Judaea used it in the 1st century BC as health treatment. The water and the special conditions of the area have positive effects on dermatological and rheumatic diseases. Free time at leisure. Dinner and overnight

#### **DEAD SEA - BETHANY - DEAD SEA**

Breakfast and departure for the border with Israel and Palestine, in search of the Jordan River. We will dedicate this day to visit one of the most mystical and spiritual places in Jordan. We visit Bethany, the place where Jesus was baptized by St.John the Evangelist. The Jordanian enclave of Bethany was opened to visitors in 2000 and Pope John Paul II attended its inauguration as a sign of its recognition by the Vatican. Place of the Baptism of Jesus "Bethany beyond the Jordan" (Al-Maghtas) The archaeological complex located on the eastern bank of the Jordan River, about 9 km north of the Dead Sea,is of immense importance for Christianity because it is recognized as the place where Jesus of Nazareth was baptized by John the Baptist. After the visit, return to the hotel. Free time... Dinner and overnight.

#### **DEAD SEA - AIRPORT**

Breakfast. Airport transfer.

#### INCLUDED

- Accommodation at selected Hotels on a HB Basis except 1st night on a BB basis
- All transfers, to and from the airport, as well as all internal transfers between the indicated sites are included.
- Transfers and transportation by modern car, van, mini bus, coach
- 05 days of accompanying guide from day 2 to day 6
- Excursion: 02 hours 4 X 4 vehicle in Wadi Rum
- FREE ENTRY VISA (with our meet and assist)
- Entrance fees

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Flight Tickets
- Tips (restaurants, hotels, guides, drivers ... etc.)
- Lunches, dinners, drinks and extras
- Personal expenses and insurance
- Taxes and Visa