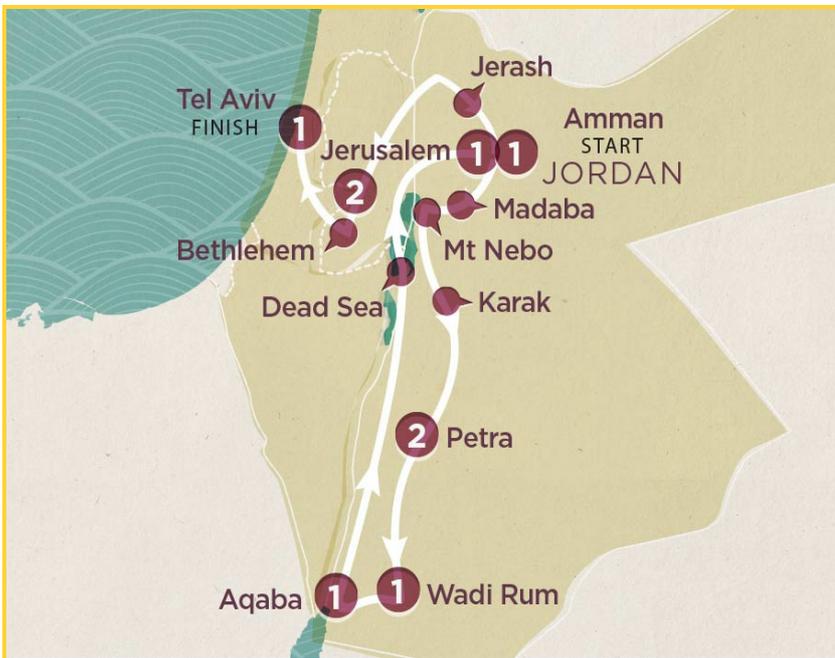


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JORDAN & ISRAEL



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Get ready for a mind-blowing adventure that takes in Jordan, Israel and Palestine. Soak up the sandy sights of Jordan's Wadi Rum, get snap-happy at the Greco-Roman ruins of Jerash, float in the Dead Sea and marvel at the ancient city of Petra. Then: wave hello to Tel Aviv, venture through the ancient city of Jerusalem and check out the religious epicentre of Bethlehem. Awesome, huh?

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Discover the 'Lost City' of Petra
- + Float in the Dead Sea
- + Guided tours of Amman and ancient Jerash
- + Wadi Rum 4x4 excursion
- + Stay in a Bedouin desert camp
- + Relax on the Red Sea in Aqaba
- + Guided tours of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Tel Aviv
- + Entrance fees to all sights in the itinerary

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Airport transfer
- + Visit Madaba
- + Visit Mt Nebo
- + Visit Karak Castle
- + Visit Little Petra
- + Wadi Rum 4x4 excursion
- + Stay overnight in Bedouin desert camp
- + Float in the Dead Sea
- + See the Roman ruins at Jerash
- + Amman city tour
- + Guided tour of Jerusalem
- + Guided tour of Bethlehem

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- + Israel and Palestinian Territories - ILS

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
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DAY 1 | AMMAN, JORDAN

Touch down in one of the oldest cities in existence and drop off your gear before trading bios with your new travel buddies tonight. For dinner, track down some falafel. This ain't just any old falafel though! Trust us, the stuff you get here is like nothing you'll find at home. Why not shimmy over to Hashem Restaurant? It's a favourite with locals and travellers.



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Airport transfer

DAY 2 | AMMAN TO PETRA

Today it's time to kick it old school in Madaba, the site of an ancient holy map that's so detailed it's like Google Maps for theologians. Then: soak up views of the Promised Land from the top of Mt Nebo, storm a giant Crusader castle in Karak... and we haven't even got to the Lost City yet!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Madaba
+ Visit Mt Nebo
+ Visit Karak Castle

DAY 3 | PETRA

'Historic' is a word that doesn't even come close to describing a city that was founded around 312 BC. With 80 m high red sandstone tunnels and a façade made famous by Indiana Jones, Petra stands as testament to man's ability to create beauty from nothing. Wander through the Siq and remember to pinch yourself when you catch your first glimpse of the Treasury.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Petra by Night tour

DAY 4 | PETRA TO WADI RUM VIA LITTLE PETRA

Back in the day, camels were the go-to way to cross the desert. Nowadays, we do it in a 4x4 (though the camel ride is still an option if you wanna have yourself a happy hump day). At Wadi Rum, we'll spend the night alongside one of the world's most ancient nomadic tribes in a Bedouin camp. Take it all in as the sun starts to go down and watch the cliffs glow with 50 shades of red. When night comes, get set for an epic show. We're talking countless stars and the Milky Way as your canopy for the night. Whoever spots the most shooting stars wins!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Little Petra
+ Wadi Rum 4x4 excursion
+ Stay overnight in Bedouin desert camp



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Camel ride

DAY 5 | WADI RUM TO AQABA

Founded in around 4,000 BC, Aqaba is Jordan's only coastal city – and it sits smack bang in the middle of everything that is the Red Sea. Take the option to (wet) suit up and see what all those 'top dives in the world' lists are on about. Also on the optionals menu: snorkelling and a glass bottom boat tour. Who knew the marine life here was so colourful?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Diving
- + Snorkelling
- + Glass bottom boat ride

DAY 6 | AQABA TO AMMAN

Time to enjoy one of the world's oldest health resorts! At 427 m below sea level (the lowest point on Earth), the Dead Sea is so salty you can float around in it like a cork. Afterwards, we'll hit the road to Amman. Roman, Byzantine and Umayyad empires have all had their two cents when it comes to this place, creating a melting pot of ancient historical sites.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Float in the Dead Sea

DAY 7 | AMMAN TO JERUSALEM VIA JERASH

Today we'll crank the history knob up to 11 and take you through Jerash – home to a bunch of Greco-Roman highlights, including a hippodrome which was used for chariot racing (and is nothing to do with hippos). Then: you'll see the Roman Amphitheatre, Citadel and more on this afternoon's city tour back in Amman.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + See the Roman ruins at Jerash
- + Amman city tour

DAY 8 | JERUSALEM

Christianity, Islam and Judaism all consider Jerusalem a holy place, so it's kind of a big deal. We'll check out the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, King David's Tomb, the Western Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and Golgotha (where Jesus was crucified), just to name a few.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Guided tour of Jerusalem

DAY 9 | JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV VIA BETHLEHEM

Step into a real-life nativity scene in Bethlehem before swapping religious sites for Tel Aviv. Wanna top up your tan? You've got 16 beaches to choose from! If you're keen for a wander, head to the chilled-out seaport of Old Jaffa. Tonight we'll find out why Lonely Planet ranked this place one of the top ten party cities in the world. But before you hit the bars and the nightlife, why not head out for a final dinner with your travel mates? Saluf & Sons does some tasty, traditional Yemeni food that's well worth a try.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Guided tour of Bethlehem

DAY 10 | TEL AVIV

The trip might be over after breakfast, but don't leave until you track down Abu Hassan for hummus that will haunt your dreams (it's that good). Don't miss the boho neighbourhood of Florentin either. There are plenty of cafés here to sample some local coffees and treats – just the ticket after the night before.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

Meals

Breakfasts are included every day on most trips (except on the first morning). A typical breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yoghurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, cheese and a range of spreads, with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast, though on some occasions there may be some hot food available as well.

Included evening meals are in local restaurants or your place of accommodation. In most cases table water is provided with the meals, and if you wish to purchase additional drinks you can do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Topdeck Customer Service Consultant when you book. But please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

Your included meals are detailed in the 'More Inclusions' section of this document.

Important note on Ramadan: As many Middle Eastern countries are of Islamic faith, it is important to remember that many restaurants and shops will either be closed or operating on reduced hours during this time. Some Optional and Included Activities may also be affected. Despite some of these restraints, Ramadan is an incredibly important and sacred month for Muslims. When equipped with some basic knowledge, you'll have the chance to immerse yourself in this special tradition and experience all its highlights.

Topdeck Travel App

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow

Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

OTHER INFORMATION



THAT'S IT!