



THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

Columbus Travel Pre- Holy Land Adventure

Petra, Jerash, Amman, Madaba, Karak, & Mt. Nebo

Our exciting and unique “Kingdom of Jordan” pre-tour adventure provides the Columbus Holy Land traveler an adventure into another part of the Bible Lands where prophets, kings, and Jesus Christ traversed. This tour highlights the major sites of Jordan prior to your Holy Land experience in Israel and Palestine. At the conclusion of our Jordan tour, you will be transferred to our tour group hotel in Netanya, Israel, for the start of our Holy Land tour.

Day 1, Saturday. USA to Amman, Jordan. Depart your home city to **Amman**, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Day 2, Sunday. Arrive Amman. You will be met upon your arrival in Amman where you will be greeted by your tour host, Dann Hone, and transferred to your deluxe **Mövenpick Hotel Amman**.

Day 3, Monday. Amman & Jerash

Today we journey north from the Jordanian capital city of **Amman** (known in Greco-Roman times as **Philadelphia**) to **Jerash**, the monumental Graeco-Roman Decapolis city, visiting its magnificent ruins and review Old and New Testament events that occurred along the route. We will cross the **Jabbok River** near **Penuel** and recall that the patriarch **Jacob** was renamed “Israel” at its banks after wrestling with an angel all through the night. You return to Amman for visits to the famous downtown **Souk** (open-air market), **Amman Citadel**, location of the **Jordan Archaeological Museum** (houses some of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**), **Temple of Hercules**, and other significant sites. We will also transfer for a tour of the **Roman Theater** and the **Odeon** before returning our Mövenpick Hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 4, Tuesday. Amman, Balqa Highlands, Jordan Valley, Pella, Umm Qais, Irbid, Ajloun Castle

This morning we take a journey few tours provide throughout the northwestern areas of Jordan. Our adventure begins with a drive through the picturesque western hills of the **Balqa Highlands**, passing through **Es-Salt** to the **Jordan River Valley**, then following the valley north we arrive at the city of **Pella**, where the Jewish Christians fled from Jerusalem in 66 AD, following the prophetic instructions of Jesus and his disciples. Our next travels take us further north to the site of New Testament city of **Gadara (Umm Qais)**, where we have a view of the **Sea of Galilee**. From this vantage point, we can see **the borders of Israel, Syria, and Jordan**. Heading south again, we pass through the provincial capital of northern Jordan, **Irbid** and stop at the crusader-Moslem fortress of **Ajloun Castle**. We return to our Mövenpick Hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 5, Wednesday. Amman, Madaba, Karak Castle, Petra

This morning we head south, stopping for a lunch break at **Madaba** where **the oldest mosaic map of the Holy Land** is displayed on the floor of the Byzantine church. After our visit, we journey southeast along the **King’s Highway** through the **biblical lands of Moab and Edom** (tribal inheritances of Reuben). Enroute we stop to view the ruins of Herod Antipas’ fortress-palace overlooking **the Dead Sea, Machaerus**. This is the location of Salome’s dance and the beheading of John the Baptist. Traveling further south, we visit **al-Karak**

Castle, one of the **largest crusader castles** in the Levant. Along the **Kings Highway** we will pass many of the biblical cities and locations from the days of the Patriarchs through the Exodus of the Children of Israel. We continue traveling south to **Petra**, a marvel long before “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade” opened in theatres. After a memorable day, we arrive at our **Old Village Hotel Resort** in **Wadi Musa** for dinner and overnight. The hotel is a unique experience with the true ambience of the Bedouin-Nabatean cultures. (B, D)

Day 6, Thursday. Petra, Mt. Nebo, King Hussein Bridge, Netanya

After breakfast we will head to **the ancient ruins of Petra** by entering through **the Siq**. Most people recognize Petra for **the Treasury**, but there is so much more to see. There are two ways into and out of Petra. One is by buggy pulled by a donkey (additional fee). The other method is by foot, which allows for a scenic and memorable experience and is not a difficult walk. After lunch we leave along **the Desert Highway** to a mountain peak in the Jordanian western mountains, **Mount Nebo**, where **Moses** made his last stopping place before departing the tribes of Israel and entrusting their leadership to **Joshua**. After taking in the panorama of modern Israel and the Palestinian Territories and reviewing the events on this mountain we descend to **the great rift valley of the Jordan River** and see in the distance the city of Palms, **Jericho**. We will make the **crossing of the Jordan** close to where Joshua and the children of Israel, Elijah and Elisha, Joseph and Mary, and Jesus and His disciples crossed near **Al-Maghtas or “Bethany beyond the Jordan”**, the probable site of **Bethbara** where the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist occurred. We will reminisce those events as we cross the **King Hussein/Allenby Bridge** from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the modern nation of **Israel and the Palestinian Authority Territories**. After crossing the border, we will pass by Jericho and through **the Judean Hill Country** before continuing our journey to the **Mediterranean coastal city of Netanya** and our accommodations for dinner and overnight. Here we will meet the rest of the Holy Land group at the **Netanya Island Suites Hotel**. (B, D)

What is included:

- Comprehensive sightseeing with professional licensed Jordan guide
- Five-days/four-nights First Class hotel accommodations
- Meals as noted (B: breakfast, D: dinner)
- Headsets throughout for groups over 14 participants
- Amman arrival group transfer
- Transfer from Jordan to Netanya, Israel hotel
- All admissions and entrance fees per itinerary
- All group ground transportation

What is not included:

- Anything not specifically listed as included
- Jordan departure tax (currently \$15) which must be paid in person
- Shuttle bus between Jordan/Israel border check point (currently \$6) which must be paid in person
- Meals and drinks other than those listed as included
- Items of purely a personal nature
- Driver, guide, and hotel tips/gratuities

Tour Guide:

Your tour will be guided by a licensed, professional Jordan guide. If 14 or more guests travel on the same Jordan tour dates, Dann Hone will accompany the Jordan tour in addition to a local licensed Jordan guide. For a group of two to 13 persons, you will be guided by a local licensed Jordan guide.

Tour Cost: from \$1,295 per person based upon double occupancy with eight or more people traveling. Single occupancy supplement is + \$495.

Our comprehensive Jordan tour is available to all guests as a pre- Holy Land tour option. The price varies according to the number of participants, as noted below. The listed price is per person, double occupancy and based upon eight or more persons traveling together. The final price will be determined by the actual number of participants. At the time of final payment, you will be notified of the number of guests and associated price. You may cancel without penalty any time prior to the date of final payment. For groups of 14 or more, led by a Columbus tour host, group tips of \$94 will be collected in advance before departure and managed by the tour host.

Holy Land Tour: Jordan tour costs includes transportation from Jordan to Israel to join your Holy Land tour

Airfare: Consult with your Columbus Travel advisor for group discount flights

Reservations & Information:

- **Deposit:** \$ 200 per person
- **Final Payment:** Due at time of your Holy land tour payment
- **Cancellation & Refund:** All cancellations must be in writing and received by Columbus Travel on or before the final payment date. Cancellations may be mailed to Columbus Travel, 563 West 500 South, Bountiful, UT 84010 or emailed to your Columbus Travel agent. For Jordan cancellations received on or before the date of final payment, there is no cancellation penalty and you will receive a full refund. For cancellations received after the date of final payment, there is no refund.

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- Trip Delay
- Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay and more

For a summary of plan details on benefits, coverages, limitations and exclusions, please refer to the applicable Description of Coverage. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, Omaha NE; NAIC #222276.

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS:

For all tours and cruises that include international air, a passport with at least six months validity beyond your return travel date is required. *Columbus Travel*[®] must receive a copy of your passport information page by final payment date. Airlines have strict policies concerning name changes/corrections after tickets have been issued. If a name change/correction is required on your ticket, you will be required to cover the cost of the fees. If not a USA citizen/passport, advise your agent.

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As a matter of privacy, we do not disclose addresses or other personal information about other travelers in the group. We do all in our power to assure seats for passengers traveling together on aircraft are assigned together, but because airline seating assignments for groups are controlled by the air carrier, we cannot guarantee specific seat assignments.

Passengers must be in good health and able to care for their own needs. Please contact us regarding any health concerns you may have or if you need to bring any specialized medical equipment such as wheelchairs, oxygen tanks, C-Pap, etc. so that we can determine if transportation services, hotels, and other suppliers can accommodate your equipment. If it is determined that your equipment can be accommodated, you or your traveling companion are fully responsible for it and must be able to lift, fold, push, and handle the equipment. Tour directors on the trip cannot be of assistance with such needs. We reserve the right to remove passengers from the group at their own expense if the care of or actions of a passenger become detrimental to the functioning of the tour. Payment of deposit(s) as outlined in this agreement shall be deemed consent to be bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Airline schedule changes, mechanical or weather delays may affect flight times. Your connecting flights and/or transportation to and from the tour start and end point, whether issued by Columbus Travel or on your own arrangement, may be affected. Please allow extra connection time. Columbus Travel is not responsible for misconnections, delays, and/or cancellations. **Once your first flight has commenced the air carrier controls your reservation. Any flight delays, misconnections, or cancellations must be re-scheduled by the responsible airline.**

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