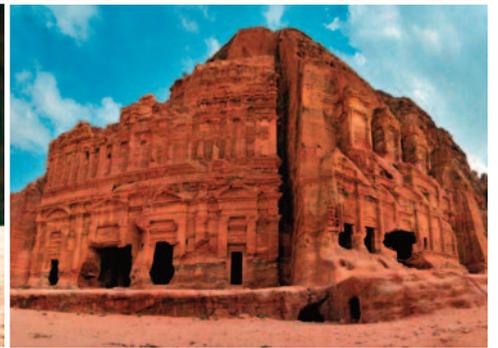


# CLASSICAL JORDAN

Amman, Jerash, Ajloun, Madaba, Mount Nebo, Kerak & Petra



*Admire the wealth of this spectacular country's culture and history on a 7 day, 6 night tour of the most stunning and popular sites of Jordan. Incorporating the captivating city of Petra, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, the tour also visits the capital, Amman, the ancient city of Jerash and the renowned mosaics in Madaba. Marvel at the majestic view of the Holy Land from Mount Nebo and experience the desert landscape of Wadi Rum on a jeep safari.*

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable trip to Jordan. Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all of the aspects of your tour. It includes important details, such as flights and insurance.

#### Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

#### DAY 1: UK to Amman

Depart London on your scheduled flight and arrive at Amman airport where you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Amman.

#### DAY 2: Amman B/L/D

After breakfast, you will take a tour of the historical capital city, Amman. Your guide will take you to the Archaeological and Folklore Museums, the Citadel, Blue Mosque and the Amphitheatre. You will then continue to the Eastern Desert to see Al Karraneh Castle, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Amra Castle and Al Azraq Castle where Lawrence of Arabia resided and wrote part of his book, "Seven Pillars of Wisdom". Return to your hotel in Amman to spend the night.

#### DAY 3: Amman B/L/D

Start the day with a visit to the ancient Roman city of Jerash with its hilltop temples, theatres and fountains. Here you can enjoy a walk through the paved, colonnaded streets and spacious public plazas. Then continue to northern Jordan to see Ajloun, one of the most important ecological and historical sites in the Middle East. Also known as Qal'at Ar-Rabad, Ajloun Castle is one of the finest examples of Islamic architecture. Built by Saladin's

general in 1184 AD, it was used to control the iron mines of Ajloun, to inhibit the progress of the Crusaders and to protect the communication routes between Jordan and Syria. Return to Amman for your overnight stay.

#### DAY 4: Amman & Petra B/L/D

This morning, head to the city of Madaba, famous for the 6<sup>th</sup> century mosaic map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land as well as its spectacular Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics. Then travel on to the site of Mount Nebo to see the city mentioned in the bible as the place where Moses was granted a view of the 'promised land' that he would never enter. From here you will travel south to Al Karak, a Crusaders Castle built on a triangular plateau dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> Century, before continuing to Petra for an overnight stay.

#### DAY 5: Petra B/L/D

Following breakfast, you will head to visit the magnificent Nabatean Red Rose city of Petra, one of the 7 New Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Entering the city through a one kilometre long winding, narrow gorge, flanked either side by 80 metre high cliffs you will pass dazzling colours and rock formations along the way. The final turn opens up to a view of the famous and iconic 2,000 year old façade of the treasury. Believed to be a royal tomb, the impressive site, carved into the rock, may be recognised from the film 'Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade'. Continuing deeper into the ancient city you can explore hundreds of elaborated rock-cut tombs, temples, sacrificial altars, Roman-style theatres and colonnaded streets. Tonight you will spend the night in Petra.

#### DAY 6: Petra & Amman B/L/D

Today you will head further down to southern Jordan to explore the Wadi Rum Jordanian Desert on a one and a half hour jeep safari. Described by T.E Lawrence as 'Vast, echoing and god-like', the locals refer to the untamed sea of red sand as the 'Valley of the Moon'. Touring around this beautiful desert by jeep is the perfect way to appreciate the unbelievable rose sandstone mountains, canyons and dunes. Return to Amman for an overnight stay.

#### DAY 7: Amman to the UK or Extension B

Transfer to Amman International Airport for your flight back to the UK, or continue on to your chosen extension.



### Hotels

**Amman (4 nights): 3★ Al Liwan Hotel** - Princess Taghreed Mohammed Street, 11185, Amman, Jordan. Contact number: 00962 6 585 8125

**Petra (2 nights): 3★ Edom Hotel** - Wadi Mousa, Jordan. Contact number: 00962 32 156 995

All accommodation is all 3★ and features an en suite bathroom, heating, air-conditioning and a TV. Mercury Holidays has visited and inspected all of the hotels to ensure that they meet the high standards of service which we require for our clients. If the hotels detailed are not available, alternatives will be used of a similar standard. Final confirmation of your hotels will be sent in a document approximately two weeks before you travel. Please be advised that the hotels do not offer tea/coffee making facilities. Therefore we suggest that you bring a travel kettle and tea/coffee supplies with you if you wish to have these in your room.

### Meals

Breakfast is always western style and served in the hotel each morning. Lunch will be taken in local Jordanian restaurants, whilst dinner will be served either at your hotels or in local restaurants. A variety of restaurants are visited, giving you the chance to experience a range of dishes and flavours.

### On your arrival

On your arrival in Amman you will be met by a representative from our local agent, TravCo, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays/Jordan Travel Service representative will show you to your transfer vehicle.

If you need to contact TravCo during your stay the details are:

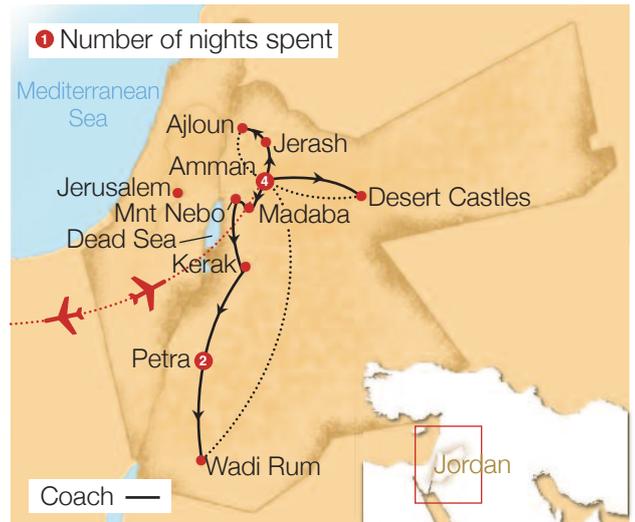
### TravCo - Jordan

Al Sharif Nasser Bin Jameel Street  
#2 - Shmeisani  
PO Box 941642  
Amman, Jordan

### Emergency contact information

Please find below the emergency contact details for TravCo head office:

Contact	Telephone number
Customer Services	00962 6 5666 866 (ext 302) 00962 775 005585
Ms Shatha Bargawi	00962 6 5666 866 (ext 402) 00962 776 077 792



### Visas

UK passport holders are not currently required to obtain a visa prior to travel. You will be issued with a visa on arrival into Jordan free of charge. If you are adding the Holy Land extension to the end of your tour crossing through Allenby Bridge, you will be required to pay a departure tax from Jordan side of USD 15.00 (which must be paid for in Jordanian Dinar JOD 10.00), and USD 52.00 as a departure tax when departing from Israel back to Jordan. Please make sure you have sufficient cash in the relevant currencies before you travel. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you to check with your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up to date guidelines regarding required passport validity.

### Insurance

You must obtain suitable travel insurance prior to departure. Mercury Holidays is partnered with Holiday Extras which offer insurance at the following prices:

Age in years	Up to 64	65-74	75-85
Up to 10 days cover	£37	£72	£104
Up to 17 days cover	£42	£79	£135

Prices are for worldwide insurance, excluding the USA. For all persons 86 years and over, please contact us for insurance prices. Please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

### Health and Vaccinations

We recommend that you consult your GP for advice on vaccinations and travel health before departure. It is not advisable to drink the tap water.

### Physical Accessibility

This tour is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves full days of sightseeing, often on foot and includes some climbing of stairs and getting on and off coaches. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

### Group Size

The minimum number of travellers in your group will be 10, and the maximum will be 40. If in the unlikely event there are less than 10 people booked on your tour date then you may be asked to change to a different date. A full refund will be made available to you should this alternative not be suitable.

### Tour Guides

This is a fully escorted tour, meaning that you will have a guide with you for the duration of your trip, ensuring that you have first-hand knowledge at all times.

### Tipping

Tipping is common practice in Jordan and it is customary to tip your driver £1.50 and guide around £3.00 per day and the airport representative £1.50. Tips for the driver and guide can be given at the end of the tour for your convenience. Tips can be given in any currency you have.

### Currency Exchange

The currency in Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar, known as JOD, but US Dollars are also widely accepted in the major cities. Cash machines will also be available throughout the tour in order to withdraw money in the local currency.

### Personal Expenses

You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, and extra drinks and snacks. Approximately £100-£200 per person will be sufficient for the duration of the tour.

### Credit card information

As normal practice you will be asked for your credit card details on check-in at the hotel in order to cover any extras incurred during your stay. If you do not have a credit card you may be asked for a cash deposit. American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted in hotels.

### Itinerary Changes

The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your local guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Some road construction and/or weather conditions may lengthen the driving times. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

### What to Pack

- Sunscreen and hat in summer
- Warm clothes in winter
- Waterproof lightweight jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Camera, charger and a plug adaptor
- Travel plug adapter - the electricity supply in Jordan is 230 V. You will need a 2 or 3 round pin plug adapter, or UK plug.
- Long-sleeved tops & long trousers/skirts for visiting religious sites

### Flight and Airport Information

Your flight is to Amman International Airport with Royal Jordanian Airlines (RJ), departing from London Heathrow Terminal 3.

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number
Heathrow-Amman	16:05	22:40	5 hours	RJ112
Amman-Heathrow	11:35	14:45	5 hours 40 mins	RJ111

**IMPORTANT: Please note that all flight times are subject to change. Final flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.**

### Baggage Allowance

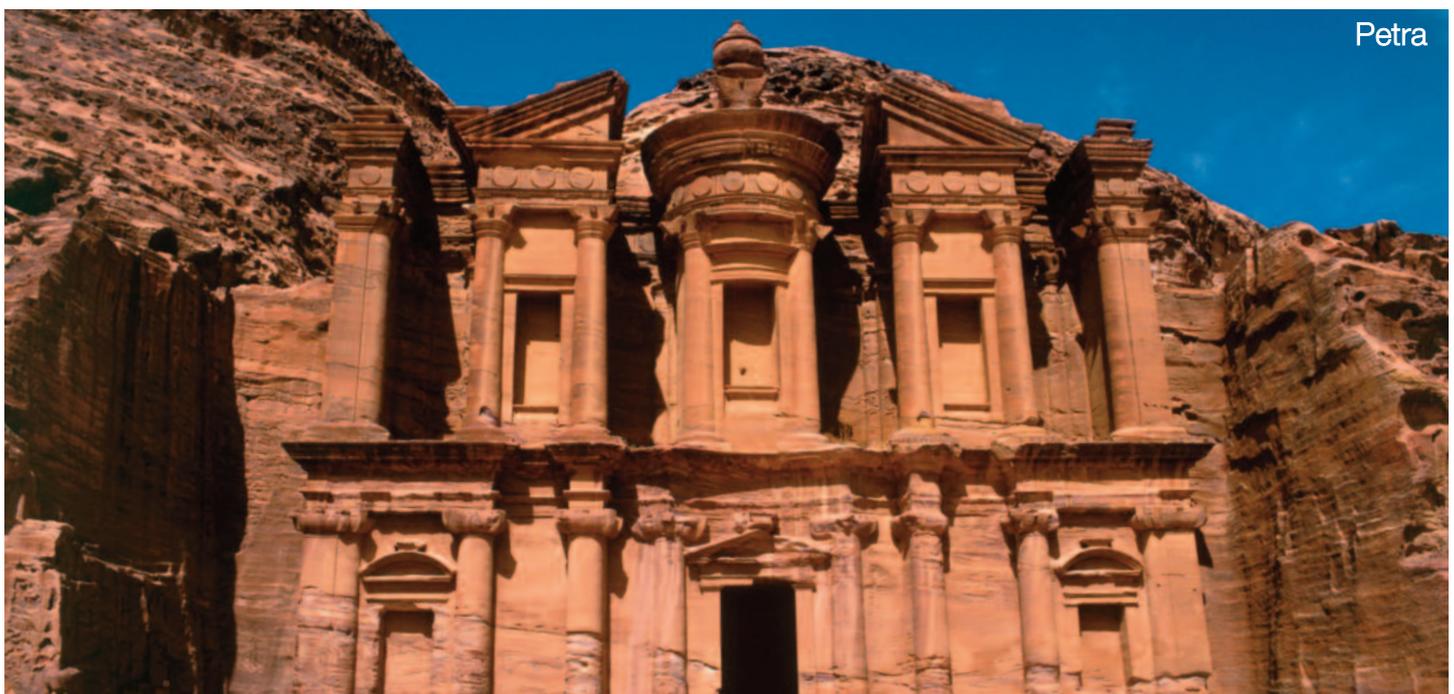
Baggage allowance (per person): Each passenger is entitled to 23kg of hold luggage plus 1 item of hand luggage not exceeding 23cm x 41cm x 51cm in size and 7kg in weight. Weight restrictions will be finalized on E-ticket receipt. Should you wish to take additional luggage you will need to pay extra at check-in. Check-In should be at least 3 hours before departure.

### Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange Airport car parking, lounges or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras - Tel. 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

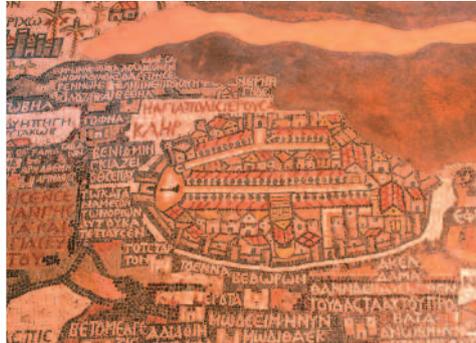
### Weather and Climate

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



Petra

# THE HOLY LAND



Located between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean, Jerusalem is one of the oldest cities in the world and the holiest to the three faiths of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Within the ancient walled city, discover bustling bazaars among a labyrinth of alleyways, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Western Wall & the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Whatever your faith, the city promises a fascinating experience.

### DAY 7: Allenby Bridge & Jerusalem B

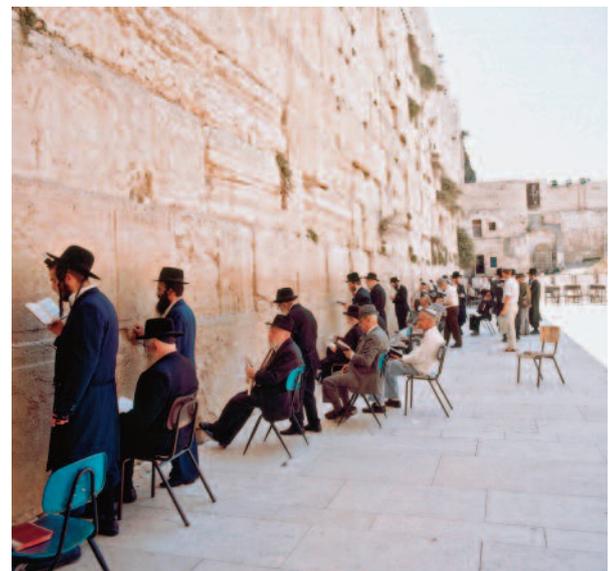
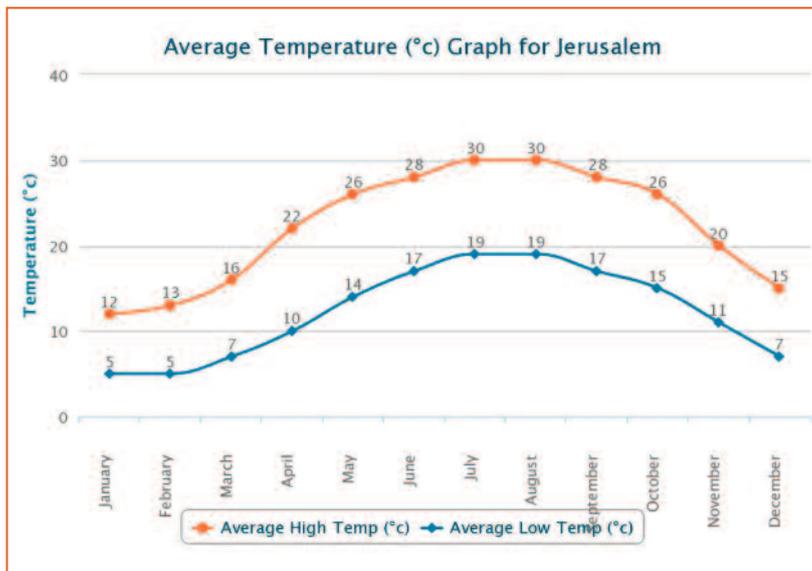
After breakfast, transfer to the Jordanian side of Allenby Bridge for departure to Israel. Your transfer to the border will take about 30 minutes. Cross over to the Israeli side of Allenby bridge and head to Jerusalem, this is a journey of approximately one hour.

### DAY 8: Jerusalem B

Enjoy a day free to explore this fascinating city.

### Weather and Climate

Weather can vary throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the chart below.



### DAY 9: Allenby Bridge & Amman B

Transfer to Allenby Bridge for your departure back to Jordan and your hotel in Amman. Have the rest of the day at leisure to relax or do some last minute shopping.

### DAY 10: Amman to the UK B

Following breakfast transfer to Amman International Airport for your flight to London.

### Personal Expenses & Currency

You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases, such as souvenirs, laundry, lunch and dinner. The currency in Jerusalem is the Israeli Shekel (ILS).

### Hotel Information

**Jerusalem (2 nights):** 3★ Jerusalem Gate Hotel - Yermiyahu St 43, Jerusalem, 94467, Contact number: 00972 2 500 8500

**Amman (1 night):** 3★ Al Liwan Hotel - Princess Taghreed Mohammed Street, 11185, Amman, Jordan. Contact number: 00962 6 585 8125

### Return flight Information

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number
Heathrow-Amman	16:05	23:05	5 hours	RJ112
Amman-Heathrow	11:05	14:45	5 hours 40 mins	RJ111

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For any further enquiries or for more information call us on 0843 224 0723