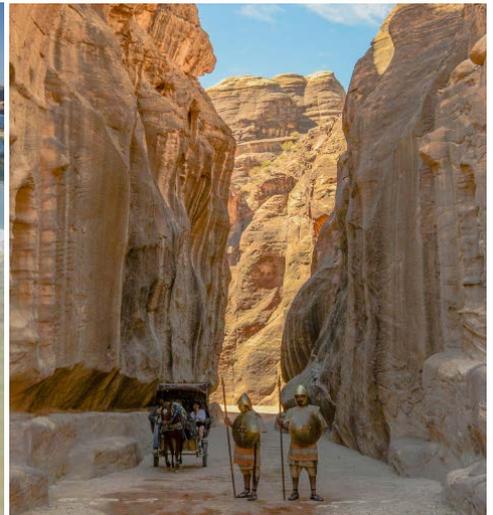
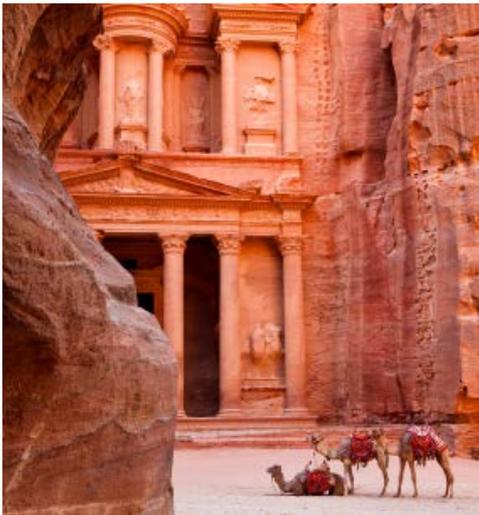


Classical Jordan



TRIP OVERVIEW

Admire the wealth of Jordan's culture and history as you travel from captivating Petra and historic Amman to the ancient settlement of Jerash and renowned mosaics of Madaba. Combining age-old structures with dramatic natural surroundings, your tour ends with a safari through the rolling desert dunes of Wadi Rum and a chance to float on the salty expanse of the Dead Sea.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

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 the aspects of our tour. It includes important information such as flight details, visa requirements and travel insurance.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 1: UK to Amman

Depart London on your scheduled direct flight to Amman where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2: Amman B/L/D

A morning tour of Amman's historic downtown area takes in the cultural artefacts of the Archaeological and Folklore Museums and the hilltop ruins of the Citadel which sits on the highest hill in Amman, about 850m above sea level. Occupied since the Bronze Age, it is surrounded by a vast 1700m metre long wall which has been re-built numerous times throughout the Bronze and Iron Ages, as well as the Roman, Byzantine and Umayyad periods. Two of the Citadel's most fascinating sights are the Umayyad Palace, renowned for its distinctive domed entrance known as the chamber, and the towering columns of the Temple of Hercules, believed to be the most significant structure in the historic Amman Citadel. Continue on to the ancient city of Jerash, one of the ten great Roman cities of the Decapolis League with a history of an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years. Hidden for centuries in sand, the city offers a wealth of wellpreserved Roman ruins. Witness its long-standing theatres, paved and colonnaded streets, soaring hilltop temples, and spacious public squares and plazas before returning to your hotel in Amman.

DAY 3: Amman to Petra B/L/D

This morning, set out for the city of Madaba, famous for its 6th century map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, as well as its spectacular Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics, some of which are vibrantly colourful. Travel onward to Mount Nebo, renowned as the biblical city where Moses having led his people from Sinai, stood on the edge of a ridge overlooking the dead sea, and was granted a view of the 'Promised Land' that he would never enter. It is also said that he died and was buried here. In the basilica that marks the spot, beautiful mosaics portray rustic scenes which are as varied with colour as the day they were laid. From here, journey south to explore Al Karak's imposing 12th century crusader's castle, built on a triangular plateau and an impressive example of the Crusaders' architectural military genius before continuing to Petra for your overnight stay.

DAY 4: Petra B/D

Today's exploration of the awe-inspiring Nabatean Red Rose city of Petra starts with a dramatic entry through a long, narrow gorge flanked by

soaring cliffs. This unique city, one of the 7 New Wonders of the World and a UNESCO Heritage site, was carved into the sheer rock face by the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people, who turned it into an important junction for the silk, spice and other trade routes that linked China, India and southern Arabia with Syria, Greece, Egypt and Rome. Colossal red mountains and vast tombs of a departed race which are such a far reach from modern civilization, are often considered as one of the greatest wonders ever wrought by Man and Nature. Pass dazzling rock formations before the final turn opens up to a view of the iconic 2,000-year-old façade of the treasury. Believed to be a royal tomb, the impressive rock-hewn site may be recognised from the film 'Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade'. Continuing deeper into this fascinating ancient city, you'll have a full day to explore its elaborate, tombs, temples, sacrificial altars and Roman-style theatres.

DAY 5: Petra to Wadi Rum B/D

After breakfast, visit Al Beidha, known as 'Little Petra' for the similarity of its rock-cut tombs and structures. Witness centuries-old dining halls, washrooms, fountains and rooms skilfully hewn into stone. Next, travel further south to the undulating desert dunes of Wadi Rum where you'll embark on a scenic jeep safari. Described by T.E Lawrence as 'vast, echoing and godlike', the locals refer to the untamed sea of red sand as the 'Valley of the Moon'. In a land where the sun beams over imposing rock formations, breath-taking crimson mountains and carpets of untouched sand dunes, soak in awe-inspiring vistas in this otherworldly territory. In the midst of this ethereal kingdom, enjoy a unique overnight stay in an authentic desert camp.

DAY 6: Wadi Rum to the Dead Sea B/D

Transfer from Wadi Rum to the Dead Sea and spend the rest of your day at leisure, providing the perfect opportunity for relaxation. Alternatively, take a trip to the shores of the iconic Dead Sea in the Jordan Rift Valley. Submerged at a dramatic 400 metres below sea level, the lowest point on the face of the earth, this vast stretch of water is 304 metres deep and is renowned as the deepest hypersaline lake in the world; by the time the waters reach the Dead Sea, they are land-locked, resulting in evaporation which leaves behind a dense cocktail of salts and minerals. A fascinating phenomenon occurs here where you can float on the salty waters and also cover yourself in its rejuvenating black mud, making for a truly unique experience.

DAY 7: Dead Sea B/D

Take another day to relax on the Dead Sea, or explore this area of incredible colour and beauty, before this evening's farewell dinner.

DAY 8: Dead Sea to the UK B

After breakfast, transfer to back to Amman.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS & MAP

Accommodation

Your accommodation is selected for convenience, location, comfort or character, and can range from hotels to camps. Hotel accommodation is generally rated as local three to five-star standard, but please note there is no international classification system for hotels, and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the UK and Jordan. All group tours hotels have private bathroom facilities and air-conditioning, where needed. It is important to note that your hotels in Amman and Petra are dry hotels, meaning that they do not serve alcohol. Rest assured that all accommodation used by Mercury Holidays is regularly inspected by our staff and partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

Please note the hotels listed on our website and brochure are provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.

Meals

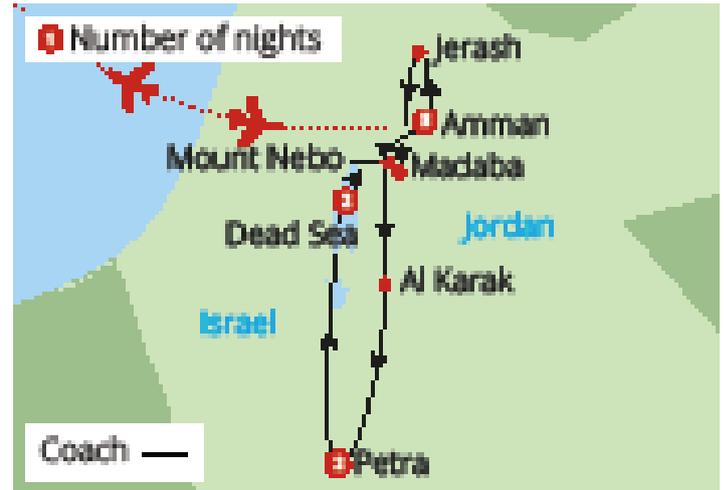
Breakfast is always western style and served in the hotel each morning. Dinner (when included) will be taken in local restaurants or at the hotel. A variety of restaurants are visited giving you the chance to experience a range of dishes and flavours.

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
Telephone: 00 962 6 5666866
E-mail: Shatha.barqawi@travco.com or to3.jordan@travco.com



WHAT TO PACK

- Sunglasses, Sunscreen and hat
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Camera and charger
- Antibacterial hand gel
- Binoculars
- Personal first aid kit containing travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters,

- stomach settlers, antiseptic creams, aspirin etc
- Small day pack for excursions
- Waterproof, lightweight jacket
- Long-sleeved tops & long trousers/skirts for visiting religious sites
- Lightweight clothing

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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

IMPORTANT: Please note that 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

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 your 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 or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras on 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

Visas

A visa is required for your trip to Jordan. For UK Nationals, the Jordanian Government has waived visa fees for travellers staying a minimum of two consecutive nights. Our representative in Jordan will apply for this visa on your behalf, therefore, please ensure that you have sent a copy of your passport page to our team at least 60 days prior to departure. Failure to receive this in the given time will mean that we are unable to apply for a visa on your behalf, and you will need to obtain your own visa. You can get a single-entry visa valid for 1 month on arrival at the airports or the Sheikh Hussein/North Border crossing at the Jordan/Israel border. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you check your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up to date guidelines regarding passport validity.

Previous travel to Israel

Evidence of a previous visit to Israel like an Israeli entry/exit stamp in your passport does not normally cause any difficulties when entering Jordan. It is, however, for the Jordanian authorities to determine the right of entry into the country. If you have any concerns, you should contact the

Consulate of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in London.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you and all members of your party are suitably insured as soon as you book your holiday. It is a condition of booking that you must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call 0800 781 4237 and quote 'WK830' for preferential rates. 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

It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general

information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Physical Accessibility

All our tours feature a "Tour Pace" to help find the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights, climb stairs and get on and off coaches and boats. Our tour paces are marked with dots out of 3, with the differences being as follows:

- 1 Dot the tour is Easy-Going
- 2 Dots the tour is Intermediate
- 3 Dots the tour is Advanced

Classical Jordan is rated as 2 Dots meaning that the tour pace is Intermediate. A good level of fitness is required as you may be on your feet for approximately four hours in a day, though this will be interspersed with regular breaks and will vary from day to day. You will be walking around the sights, and may be getting on and off coaches, trains and boats and climbing steps which may be irregular. You will stay in variety of hotels throughout the tour.

Our guides will always endeavor to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

Tour Guides

Your local English-speaking tour guide will be with the group from days 2-6. During your time at leisure the tour guide will not be with the group, and for transfers an English-speaking driver guide will assist the group.

Private Tour

If you have booked a private tour then you will be accompanied by a Driver Guide or a Driver and Local Guides. These will be available to you during all scheduled sightseeing. Private Tours can depart on any day of the week depending on flight and train schedules and the opening days of the attractions. They will follow the itinerary as described in the brochure unless you have been advised otherwise and you will still have all of the same meals, sightseeing and local excursions included.

Tipping

It is customary to tip both your driver and guide. We would recommend to tip approximately £1.50 for the driver and £3 for the guide per person per day, and £1.50 for the airport representative. This is a total of £21 per person to budget for tips on your trip. Tips for the driver and guide can be given at the end of your tour for convenience, or you can choose to tip as you go. Tips can be given in any currency you have.

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, we will endeavour to reduce any disruption to your holiday and try to operate your tour with lower passenger numbers. If we are not able to operate your departure date, then you may be asked to change to a different date and a full refund will be made available to you should this alternative not be suitable.

Electricity Supply

Travel plug adapter - the electricity supply in Jordan is 230V. You will need a 2 or 3 round pin plug adapter, or UK plug. Should you plan to use your own hairdryer, travel iron, video camera, battery charger, electric shaver, etc, it is advisable to bring a multi-adaptor.

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 money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, any meals not included in the itinerary as well as drinks and any additional snacks. Approximately £250- £350 per person will be sufficient for the duration of the tour. It is a good idea to try and maintain a supply of small notes and change in the local currency for tipping or small purchases.

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

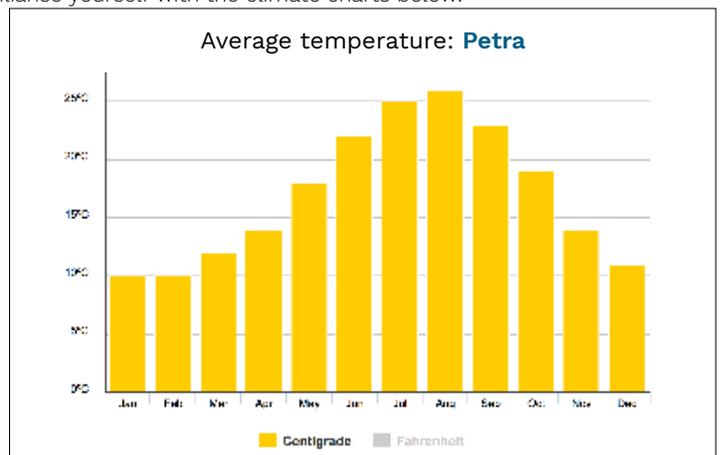
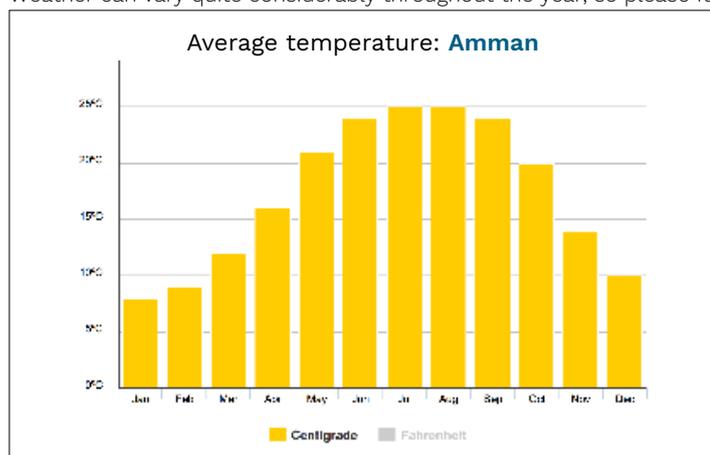
The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. The schedules of the domestic airlines in country are subject to frequent changes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your local guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Some road construction &/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.

Ramadan

Ramadan is estimated to begin on the 23rd of April 2020 to 23rd of May 2020 and 13th of April 2021 to 16th May 2021. Ramadan is the most important month in the Muslim Calendar, and it is a time for people to be with their loved ones, self-reflect and renew their faith. During this time Muslims fast from dawn until dusk and abstain from eating, drinking, smoking and chewing gum. If you are a tourist visiting Jordan, you will not be expected to fast. While eating, drinking and smoking is strictly prohibited in public places, hotels will offer meals and non-alcoholic drinks at many of their restaurants and bars. If you wish to consume alcohol during your trip, you may do so in your hotel room during the day, and some bars will be open as normal after sunset. Your guide during your tour will be on hand to give you any additional information that you require. When packing for your trip, it's important you include a couple of different outfit options, so you're prepared for all the activities you wish to take part in. When you're relaxing by the hotel pool or sunbathing on the resort beach it's fine to wear swim wear and beach clothes. However, when out in public during the day, it is advisable to be more covered up to show respect to the local customs. We would recommend that women cover their shoulders and knees and men should wear knee length shorts or trousers when out in public areas.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

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



Jerusalem's Historic Sites Extension

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0843 224 0723



TRIP OVERVIEW

Churches, mosques and synagogues lie side by side in Jerusalem, a site of spiritual significance for three of the world's major religions. Explore the city's most historic sites on this 3-night mini tour.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your Jerusalem extension.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 8: Amman to Jerusalem B

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Tel Aviv, Israel. On arrival, you will be transferred to Jerusalem where you will have the evening at leisure.

Day 9: Jerusalem B

Today you will embark on a city tour of Jerusalem's major historic sites. Your day begins at the Mount of Olives, which offers breath-taking views over the city, then continues onward to the Wailing Wall. Walk along the sacred street of Via Dolorosa which Jesus took as he carried his cross, stopping at several stations of the cross. Visit other ancient sites such as the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem, the Church of the Angels and Zion Gate, and pass the renowned Temple Mount and Garden of Gethsemane. Following the tour, the rest of your day is left free for you to explore Jerusalem further.

Day 10: Jerusalem to Tel Aviv B

Following breakfast, transfer back to Tel Aviv where you'll have the remainder of the day at leisure to wander through Israel's lively capital.

Day 11: Tel Aviv to the UK B

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK, via Amman.

Hotel Information

Your stay will take place at the following hotels:

Jerusalem (2 nights) 4★ Prima Royale Jerusalem:

Address: Mendele Mokher Sfarim St 3, Jerusalem, 9214705, Israel
 Phone: 00972 2-560-7111

Tel Aviv (1 night) 3★ Prima City Tel Aviv:

Address: Mapu St 9, Tel Aviv-Yafo, 63577, Israel
 Phone: 00972 3-524-6253

If the hotels listed are unavailable an alternative will be used of a similar standard.

Visas

A visa is not required to enter Israel as a tourist. On entry, visitors are granted leave to enter for a period of up to 3 months. As you are entering via Ben Gurion airport, you will be given an entry card instead of an entry stamp in your passport. While this practice is in place at other ports of

entry, there have been instances where passports have been stamped for entry purposes. You should keep your entry card with your passport until you leave. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you check your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up-to-date guidelines regarding passport validity.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, and any additional meals, snacks or drinks you may wish to have.

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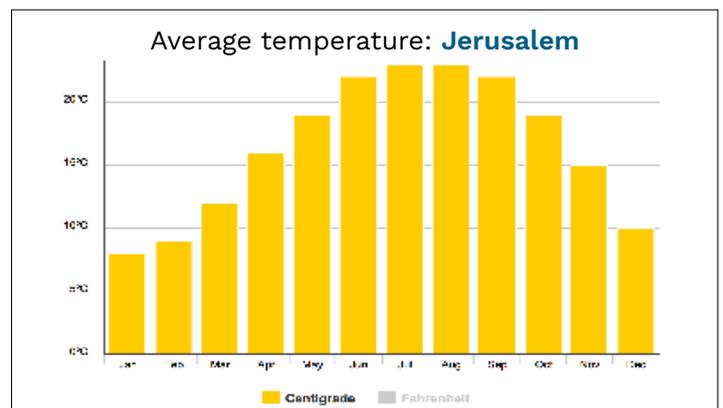
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Currency exchange

The currency in Israel is the Israel Shekel. Currencies such as Pound Sterling, US Dollars, Euro and other major currencies can be exchanged in Israel. ATMs and exchange facilities are available. We advise that you request bank notes in smaller denominations, as it can sometimes be hard to get change from large notes and smaller notes are handy for smaller purchases.

Tour Guides

This is a partially escorted extension, meaning that you will be escorted by a local guide for your city tour on day 2, with the remainder of your stay at leisure.



Please note: Final hotel and flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

Aqaba Beach Stay Extension

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0843 224 0723



TRIP OVERVIEW

This Jordanian port city on the Red Sea's Gulf of Aqaba is renowned for its beautiful beaches and also boasts historic fortresses, mosques and archaeological museums. Add on 3 nights in the luxurious beachfront hotel of Kempinski Aqaba Red Sea and make the most of Jordan's year-round sunshine.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to Aqaba.

Hotel Information

Aqaba (3 nights)

Your stay in Aqaba will take place at the following hotel:

5★ Kempinski Hotel Aqaba Red Sea on Bed & Breakfast

Kempinski Hotel Aqaba is strategically located in the city center of Aqaba, only ten minutes away from Aqaba International Airport. Soak in the elegantly designed outdoor swimming pool which boasts climate control, unwind in the hotel spa or soak up the sunshine on the adjoining beachfront. Bright and spacious en suite rooms offer views of the Red Sea, a private balcony, tea/coffee making facilities, TV and free Wi-Fi.

Address: K. Hussein St., Aqaba, Jordan

Phone: 00962 3 209 0888

Any alternative hotels or board basis, plus duration will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

Final confirmation of your hotel will be sent in a document approximately 10 days before you travel.

Tour guides

Your stay in Aqaba is not escorted by a tour guide. All internal transfers are included.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, and any additional meals, snacks or drinks you may wish to have.

Please note

This extension stay in Aqaba will take place at the end of your main tour.



5★ Kempinski Aqaba Red Sea



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FLIGHT INFORMATION

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

Tel Aviv City Stay Extension

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Stretching along Israel's Mediterranean coastline, Tel Aviv's first-class eateries, pulsing nightlife and seaside neighbourhoods are waiting to be discovered on this 3-night extension. Whether you choose to tour the historic wonders of the city, sunbathe on one of its 16 glorious beaches or sample the city's fantastic shopping and dining options, an extended stay in this lively city is the ideal way to round off your tour.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to Tel Aviv.

Hotel Information

Tel Aviv (3 nights)

Your stay in Tel Aviv will take place at the following hotel:

3★ Prima City Tel Aviv on Bed & Breakfast

Address: Mapu St 9, Tel Aviv-Yafo, 63577, Israel

Contact number: 00972 3-524-6253

Any alternative hotels or board basis, plus duration will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

Final confirmation of your hotel will be sent in a document approximately 10 days before you travel.

Tour guides

Your stay in Tel Aviv is not escorted by a tour guide. All internal transfers are included.

Visas

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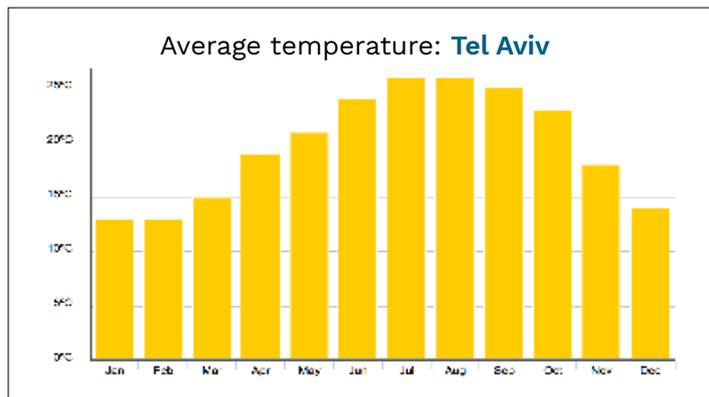
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Please note

This extension stay in Tel Aviv will take place at the end of your main tour.



3★ Prima City

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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