

WAHO CONFERENCE 2022 JORDAN TOURS BROCHURE



POST CONFERENCE TOURS

TOUR A:

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE OF JORDAN

5 Days / 4 Nights, 14th-18th October 2022

Price per person, based on 2 sharing a double or twin room: US\$ 1,100

Single room supplement: \$400

On this deluxe tour you will be exploring the many and varied contrasts that the south of Jordan has to offer, staying each night in comfortable, top class accommodation. You will be exploring the spectacular sites that comprise the Golden Triangle, starting with Petra - the "Rose Red City, half as old as time" - before moving on to the less well known Little Petra. We will then take you to the dramatic desert landscape of Wadi Rum. From there you will travel the short distance to the sandy beaches and colourful corals of Aqaba, with a final day of leisure spent at the unique location of the Dead Sea. You will have the chance to engage with Jordan's rich history, learn something of our Bedouin heritage and traditional activities, and experience some of the most breath-taking landscapes that Jordan has to offer.

14th October 2022

07.00: Breakfast at your Amman hotel and checkout.

08.00: Departure from Amman, for a 3 hour scenic drive to Petra.

11.00: Check in at the 4* Petra Moon Hotel.

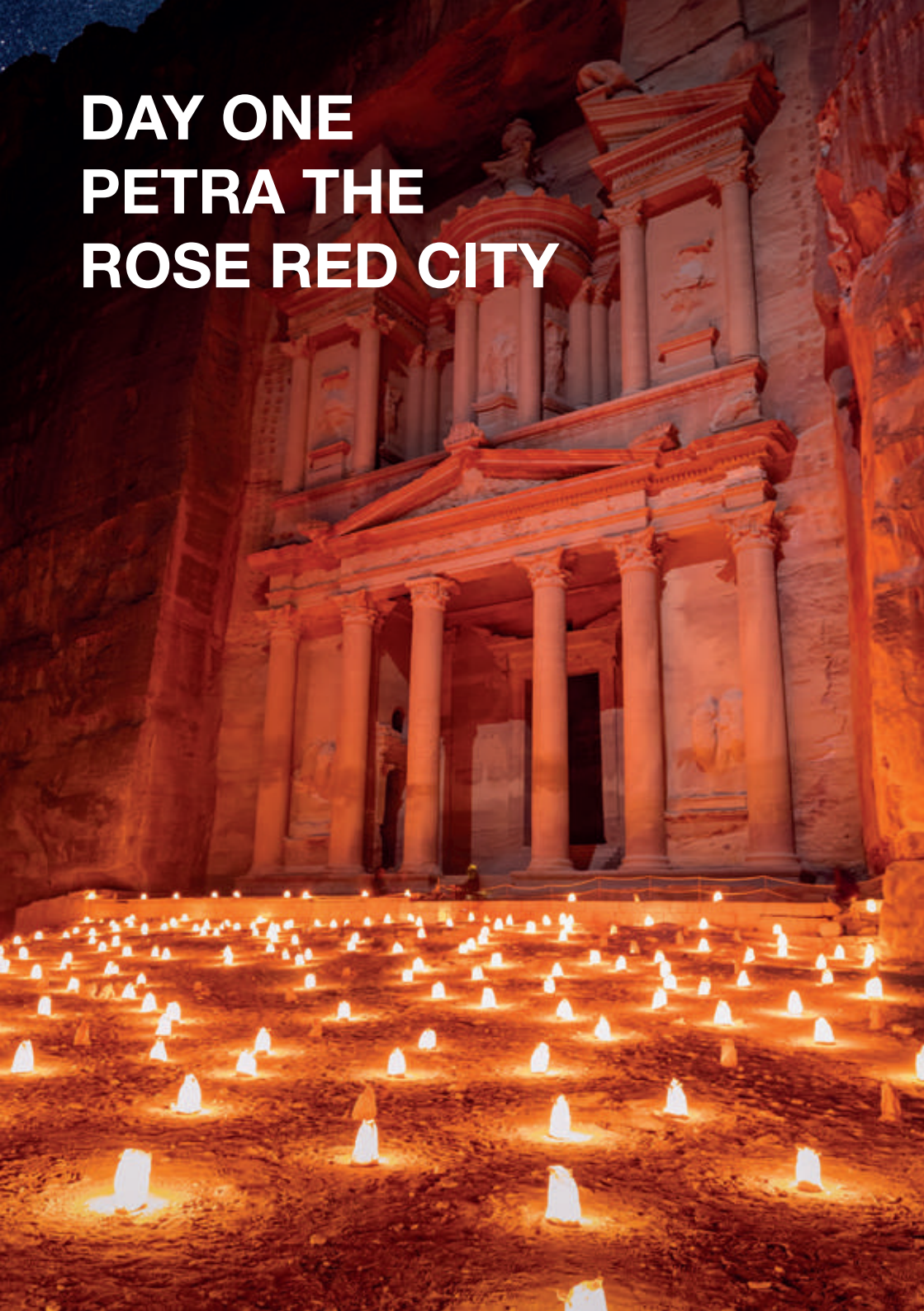
11.30: Start the guided tour of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage site. One of the new 7 Wonders of the World, set in a red sandstone landscape, it was the capital of the Nabatean Kingdom, dating back more than 2,000 year and once a major caravan centre for the trading of incense from Arabia, silks from China, and spices from India. An ingenious water management system allowed the city to flourish. Known only to the nomadic Bedouin tribes, Petra was lost to the western world for centuries, until its accidental discovery by the Swiss explorer Johann Ludvig Burckhardt in 1812.

The site is accessed via a narrow canyon called Al Siq, which opens out into a stunning view of the huge structure known as The Treasury, made famous in the movie "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom". Petra is a huge site which contains tombs, and temples carved into the cliffs. The walking path we will take is approximately 4km in total and takes in all the highlights of Petra, from Al Siq to the Amphitheatre, the Colonnaded Street and the Royal Tombs. It is a beautiful walk rich with history, where you can really feel you are walking in the footsteps of Petra's original inhabitants. For those who wish a little less walking, transportation in solar-powered electric buggies will also be available. There will also be the opportunity for short camel rides. We will stop for lunch at Al Basin restaurant inside the Petra site.

18.00: Return to the Petra Moon Hotel

19.00: Dinner and overnight at hotel

DAY ONE PETRA THE ROSE RED CITY



15 October 2022

08.00: Breakfast at a hotel. Check out.

09.00: Short drive to Little Petra, thought to be originally a small suburb to the city of Petra, perhaps where its more successful merchants lived and entertained their visiting counterparts as they travelled the Silk Route. Its name in Arabic is Siq al-Barid, literally “cold canyon”, which comes from its orientation and its high walls preventing the entry of most available sunlight. Our guided tour will take us through this rich archaeological site, featuring rock cut tombs, stone-built architecture, and complex hydrological engineering which led to extensive agriculture and viniculture in the area. Of particular interest is the Painted Room with its very rare ancient frescoes.

11.00: Depart for a 2 hour drive to Wadi Rum Desert, where rocky outcrops and mountains contrast with expanses of red sandy desert.

13.00: Arrival at Wadi Rum and check in at the 5* Sun City Camp. Light lunch.


14.30: For the afternoon, until sunset, we have arranged guided tours of Wadi Rum, offering magnificent views and photo opportunities. You can choose to travel by a 4x4 jeep or by horse or camel. If there is enough time, you can choose more than one option. You will also have the chance to unwind and relax and simply soak up the peace of the “Valley of the Moon”.

19.00: Traditional Bedouin Zarb Dinner. Zarb is an ancient Bedouin technique of roasting the food on metal racks over hot coals in underground ovens.

Star Gazing: The desert of a million stars, Wadi Rum is one of the rare places in the world where you can truly experience the magnificence of the universe. Due to low light pollution it is one of the world's best stargazing locations where you can observe the expansive sky with its stars, galaxies, nebulas, and planets.

Overnight at camp.

DAY TWO LITTLE PETRA



16 October 2022

05.00: Optional sunrise hot air balloon ride * over Wadi Rum Desert.

* Additional cost US\$ 180 per person.

08.00: Breakfast at Camp. Checkout.

09.00: Depart Wadi Rum for the 1 hour drive to Aqaba during which you will get a panoramic tour of the city by bus. You will also be given the option to stop off to visit the Aqaba Archaeological Museum and Aqaba Fort.

12.00: Check in at the 5* Movenpick Hotel

13.00: Lunch at local restaurant

14.00: Free afternoon to explore Aqaba, its beaches and amenities.

Optional activities included in tour price, arranged on request:

2-hour dive to see the Coral Reef * for experienced divers.

2 hour Glass-bottom boat Ride with snorkelling

18.00: Return to hotel

19.00: Dinner and overnight at Movenpick Hotel.

WADI RUM

A photograph of a desert landscape at dusk. In the foreground, a campfire is burning brightly, with a metal kettle placed on a small stand over the flames. The background shows dark, rocky mountains under a deep blue sky. The overall mood is serene and adventurous.

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08.00: Breakfast at Hotel and free time to explore Aqaba, its beaches and amenities

09.00: Optional activities included in tour price, arranged on request:

2 hour dive to see the Coral Reef * for experienced divers

2 hour Glass-bottom boat Ride with snorkelling

11.30: Return to hotel to check out

1300: Lunch at local restaurant

14.00: Depart for the 3-hour drive to the Dead Sea.

17.00: Visit the Dead Sea Panoramic Complex & Museum. Free time until sunset.

18:30: Dinner at Panoramic Complex

20.00: Continue to the 5* Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Resort Hotel, check in.

20.30: Overnight at hotel

A vibrant underwater photograph of a coral reef. The scene is dominated by a large, branching, yellowish-white coral structure in the foreground. To its right, there are more diverse coral formations, including some with a pinkish hue. Several small, yellow and black striped fish are swimming around the coral. The water is a clear, deep blue, and the sunlight filters down from the surface, creating a bright, sunlit atmosphere.

AQABA

DAY FOUR THE DEAD SEA



18th October 2022

08.00: Breakfast at hotel.

Free time to enjoy the resort and the hotel's private beach.

Checkout time according to your requirements.

Lunch will be arranged if you are still at the Hotel at that time.

TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

Transfers to the airport, approximately 1 hour's drive, for your flights home will be provided throughout the day depending on your flight time.

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The Dead Sea is so named because, apart from some microorganisms and algae, this saltwater lake is totally devoid of life. The spectacular landscape is without a doubt one of the world's most amazing places, being the lowest point on earth, over 400m (1,312 ft.) below sea level. For some 2,000 years it has attracted travellers to what amounts to a natural, outdoor, free health spa. The leading attraction is of course the warm, soothing, water itself – ten times saltier than normal sea water, and rich in chloride salts such as magnesium, sodium, potassium, and bromine. The naturally buoyant water is a great way to relax without exerting any effort, although it is actually harder than it looks. In fact it can be good fun to try and copy the famous photo opportunity of reading a newspaper while calmly floating. And of course you can also cover yourself with the unique black mud which has reputed healthy properties for your skin, before washing it off in the Dead Sea. Please note the salty water can sting your eyes, so do have some bottled water handy to rinse them when you come out of the water. Also it will sting any small cuts or abrasions you may have on your skin at the time.

Hotels:

Petra 4*: Petra Moon

Wadi Rum 5*: Sun City Camp

Aqaba 5*: Movenpick

Dead Sea 5*: Crowne Plaza

Tour Price: The price per person sharing a double room is US\$ 1,100. There is a single supplement of \$400 if you wish to book a single room. Please contact us for prices for more than 2 people sharing a room.

The tour price is inclusive of every activity as mentioned in the details of this Tour, including all accommodation, transport, English speaking guides including other language options if required, entrance fees, and meals.

The price does not include: Gratuities. Alcoholic beverages. Laundry. Mini bar or Room Service at the hotels. It also does not include the Hot Air Balloon ride at Wadi Rum, which will cost US\$ 180 per person. This can be booked and paid for on your arrival at the Conference, or on arrival at Sun City Camp.

It is essential that all tour participants must have arranged their own fully comprehensive travel insurance.

What to Pack: Comfort and safety above all. Please make sure to have comfortable clothes, suitable walking shoes, swimsuits, caps/hats, sunscreen, insect repellents and any required medication. Also worth noting, Wadi Rum could get a little cold at night so sweaters, scarfs or light jackets would be required. * Consider packing short riding shoes/suitable safe footwear and hats for experience on horseback in Wadi Rum.

DAY FIVE THE DEAD SEA



TOUR B:

THE JEWELS OF JORDAN

4 Days / 3 Nights 14th - 17th October 2022

Price per person based on 2 sharing a double or twin room is \$830.
Single room supplement \$185

From the forest of Ajloun to the wetlands of Al Azraq, this tailor made tour will enable you to explore and experience Jordan's diverse natural landscapes and wildlife. We have designed the tour around Jordan's efforts in preserving and maintaining its valuable ecosystems. You will have the chance to walk through the Ajloun Forest, visit a local farm, go birdwatching at sunrise, take an Oryx safari trip, visit historic castles, appreciate the region's biblical history at the Baptism Site, and finally enjoy the wonder that is the Dead Sea. Please note that you do need to be quite fit for this tour. We recommend suitable clothing and footwear, also sunscreen and insect repellent.

14th October 2022

08:00: Breakfast and checkout of your Amman hotel

09:00: Depart for the 2 hour drive to Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature's Ajloun Forest.

11:00: Arrive at Ajloun Nature Reserve Cabins and check in.

7 km guided walk along the Rasoun trail which rises 1,000m above sea level to Eagle's viewpoint giving you extensive views over the evergreen forest and surrounding villages.

13:30: Short drive to Beit Khairat Souf Women's Association for traditional Lunch and Zaatar and Sumac making experience. This unique place aims to create a platform for local women to support themselves and their families, and combines elements of nature with some of the natural and tasty pleasures of Jordan.

15:30: On the way back to Ajloun Reserve we hope to fit in visits to the Soap House and the Calligraphy House.

18:00: Return to Ajloun Reserve. Free time to rest.

19:00: Dinner and overnight at Ajloun Cabins

Ajloun Forest Reserve, covering 13 square km, is one of Jordan's most beautiful hideaways, located in the remote highlands north of Amman. The area has a long history of human settlement, due to the mild climate, dense forests and fertile soil. The Forest is dominated by open woodlands of Evergreen Oak, Pine, Carob, Wild Pistachio and Wild Strawberry, as well as olive groves. These have always been important to local people for providing wood, medicine and food. The Reserve itself supports a wide variety of plants, birds and animals and is a peaceful place to immerse yourself in nature. Among the more unusual animals found here are the Striped Hyena, Crested Porcupine and Stone Marten, alongside the more common wild boar, foxes, badgers, Asiatic jackals and wild cats. Roe Deer have been successfully reintroduced. Also located here is the Royal Academy for Nature Conservation and integrated eco-tourism complex.

Note: The accommodation is simple, but with wonderful views over the Reserve.

DAY ONE AJLOUN FOREST RESERVE AND BEIT KHAIRAT SOUF



15th October 2022

07.00: Breakfast at Ajloun Cabins, and check out.

08.00: Depart for the 2 hour drive to Shaumari Wildlife Reserve. We will start at the Visitor Centre.

10.00: 3 Hour Oryx Safari by Jeep, with a professional nature guide, bringing you close to majestic endangered animals in a natural environment, while learning interesting aspects of the conservation programme.

13.30: Lunch at a local home

14.30: Short walk to Al Azraq Castle. Guided tour.

16.30: Short drive to Al Azraq Ecolodge. Check in. Optional short walk to Azraq Wetland Reserve and the 1.5km Marsh Trail.

19.00: Dinner and overnight at Al Azraq Ecolodge. A converted 1940's British military field hospital, it has an authentic period atmosphere combined with a modern twist, providing comfortable and characterful accommodation. The rooms are air conditioned with private bathrooms and terraces.

Shaumari Wildlife Reserve The 22-square km reserve, located at the edge of Jordan's eastern desert, was established in 1975 by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature as a breeding centre for endangered or locally extinct wildlife. Today, following breeding programmes with some of the world's leading wildlife parks and zoos, the reserve is a thriving protected environment for some of the most rare species in the Middle East, including Oryx, Ostriches, Onagers, Gazelles and Houbara Bustards. The Arabian Oryx have been particularly successful since 11 were relocated here in 1978. Today, the number has increased to around 200, and Jordan can now provide Oryx to other countries which have their own reintroduction programmes.

Al-Azraq Castle, or Qasr Al-Azraq, is one of Jordan's historic castles. Built of black basalt, it is located in the centre of the Blue Oasis. Originally built as a fortress, it was rebuilt by the Mamluks in the 13th century. This imposing fort is where Lawrence of Arabia and Sharif Hussein bin Ali were based in the winter of 1917-1918 during the Arab Revolt.

AL-AZRAQ CASTLE



DAY TWO SHAUMARI WILDLIFE RESERVE



16th October 2022

05:00: Optional guided sunrise bird watching walk along the 3.5 km Water Buffalo trail.

07:30: Breakfast at Al Azraq Ecolodge and checkout. Depart at 08:30.

09:00: Arrive at Qasr Amr, best preserved of the decorated Umayyad palaces in the region. Guided tour.

11:00: Drive to the Baptism Site, approximately 2 hours.

13:00: Lunch at a local restaurant

14:30: Guided tour of the Baptism Site, including the visitors centre and churches.

16:30: Arrive at the Dead Sea Panoramic Complex & Museum.

17:30: Continue to the Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Resort Hotel, check in. Free time.

20:30: Dinner and overnight at hotel

Qasr Amra: UNESCO World Heritage site. Built in the early 8th century, this exceptionally well preserved desert castle was both a fortress and a residential palace of the Umayyad caliphs. The most outstanding features are the reception hall and the hammam (bath complex), both richly decorated with figurative murals that reflect the secular art of the time. The zodiac dome, human portraits and depictions of animals and birds in hunting scenes are found only in this early period of Islamic art.

Baptism Site. UNESCO World Heritage site. Home to several biblical cities including Sodom, Gomorrah and Zoar, the archaeological discoveries between the Jordan River and Tell al-Kharrar (Elijah's hill) have identified this area as the biblical "Bethany beyond the Jordan". It was here that John the Baptist was living when he baptised Jesus of Nazareth. This universal holy site represents the overall mission to promote peace, understanding and religious tolerance of all peoples. To visit here is to follow in the footsteps of ancient prophets, holy men and pilgrims. Also nearby is the cave where Lot and his daughters took refuge after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

AL-AZRAQ WETLAND RESERVE



17th October 2022

08.00: Breakfast at hotel.

Free time to enjoy the resort and the hotel's private beach.

Checkout time according to your requirements.

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Hotels:

Ajloun 3*: Ajloun Cabins

Azraq 4*: Azraq Ecolodge

Dead Sea 5*: Crowne Plaza

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What to Pack: This tour has a good amount of walking so comfortable, hiking appropriate shoes and clothes are a must. Also make sure to pack swimsuits, caps/hats, sunscreen, light jackets and/or sweaters, insect repellents and any required medication. On this tour we will visit local rural communities and so modest attire is recommended.

TOUR C

JERASH AND LAND OF THE BAPTISM 4 Days / 3 Nights 14th-17th October 2022

Price per person based on 2 sharing a double or twin room is \$900.
Single supplement \$240

Jordan is an elaborate mosaic of biblical history. Join us to travel the land east of the River Jordan, which in ancient times was a designated place of refuge and the only area in the Holy Land that links the lives of so many biblical figures, with reminders of their stories everywhere in Jordan. On the first day, you will step back in time to the famous archaeological site of Jerash, followed by a guided tour of Tell Mar Elias, thought to be the birthplace of the Prophet Elijah. Your second day is taken up with a visit to Madaba, home of the world's oldest map of the Holy Land, depicting the Middle East during the Byzantine era. We will also go to the summit of Mount Nebo, where Moses gazed upon the Promised Land he could not enter. After a relaxing night at a Hotel with its own hot springs, we spend the third day taking in the Baptism site, where John the Baptist was living when he baptised Jesus of Nazareth. The tour ends with a chance to relax in the unique setting of the Dead Sea.

14th October 2022

08:00: Breakfast at your hotel. Checkout. (*Note: the tour company will arrange for your luggage to be taken to the hotel booked for tonight).

09:00: 1 Hour drive to Jerash. 3 hour guided walking tour of the Roman Ruins including visiting the Archaeological Museum.

13:00: Lunch at a local restaurant

14:00: Drive to Mar Elias. Guided tour of the Tell (archaeological mound) and its ancient church ruins.

16:00: Return to Amman. Check in at the Compass Hotel.

19:00: Dinner at the hotel's Forca Restaurant, and overnight.

Jerash is justly famous as one of the largest and best preserved archaeological sites of Roman architecture in the world outside Italy. Once one of the ten biggest cities of the Roman empire, and hidden under the sands for centuries, it is also known as the city of 1,000 pillars, and is a close second to Petra as a 'must-see' site in Jordan. It has an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years. Our Tour includes the Colonnaded street, the Amphitheatre, the Hippodrome, Churches, Temples and the vast Roman Forum.

Mar Elias and the nearby village are associated with Tishbe, mentioned in the Bible as the residence and possibly even birthplace of Elijah, a prophet venerated by Jews, Christians, and Muslims. From the visitor centre, modern stairways ease the access to the archaeological remains of two churches and adjacent buildings on the top of the hill. To this day, Mar Elias is revered as a holy place by pilgrims from all over the world.

DAY ONE AMMAN



JERASH



TELL MAR ELIAS



15th October 2022

07:00: Breakfast at hotel. Check out, with luggage.

09:00: One hour Drive to Madaba.

10:00: During the morning we will have guided tours of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, of Mount Nebo and the 4th century Moses Memorial Church at the summit, and also visit the Madaba Archaeological Museum and Park.

13:30: Lunch at a local Restaurant

14:30: Two hour drive to Ma'in Hot Springs Hotel, passing by the historic 2,000 year old ruins of Herod's Citadel at the Mountain of Machareus.

16:30: Check in at hotel. Free time at hotel to enjoy the natural hot springs.

19:30: Dinner and overnight.

Madaba: This friendly market town, with a long tradition of religious tolerance, is deservedly renowned for its unique collection of early mosaics at various locations in the town.

Greek Orthodox Church of St George: This 19th-century Christian church, worth a visit in its own right for its many religious paintings, houses a treasure of early Christianity which was discovered during construction in 1884. Having survived destruction, fire and neglect, the floor that the builders were astonished to uncover turned out to be a mosaic of extraordinary significance. It represents the oldest map of Palestine in existence and provides many historical insights into the region. Some 1700 years old, the mosaic map has captions, in Greek, depicting all the major biblical sites of the Middle East, from Egypt to Palestine. It was originally around 15m to 25m long and 6m wide, and once contained more than two million pieces. Although much of the mosaic has been lost, enough remains to sense the complexity of the whole.

Archaeological Park: This open air museum houses a collection of ruins and some very fine mosaics from the area. Near the entrance is a 1st-century-BC mosaic from Machaerus, which is believed to be the oldest mosaic found in Jordan. The Roman street once ran east to west between the Roman city gates and was lined with columns. Continue past the faded but elegant mosaics of the ancient Church of the Prophet Elias pausing to enjoy the details such as the fine green bird, and then descend to the crypt, built more than 1,400 years ago. Here you will see some of the most impressive mosaics on the site, including those of Hippolytus Hall, an early 6th-century Byzantine villa. Look for the four seasons in each corner and notice the beautiful depictions of flowers and birds. The middle section shows figures from the classic Greek tragedy of Phaedra and Hippolytus. Also featured are Adonis, Aphrodite and Eros, as well as the Three Graces, daughters of Zeus representing joy, charm and beauty. The Church of the Virgin Mary is also included in the site. Built in the 6th century and unearthed beneath the floor of a private house in 1887, the central mosaic which is a masterpiece of geometric design is thought to be some 1200 years old.

Mount Nebo: This sacred mountain stands almost 1,000 metres high with spectacular views from the top. Of great religious significance, Mount Nebo is believed to be the place where Moses stood to view the sacred Promised Land, before his death. In the 4th century, a small church was built by Egyptian monks on the mountain peak in memory of Moses, and a century later was reconstructed into a basilica. Still standing to this day, this peaceful place houses some of the best preserved and most beautiful mosaics in Jordan, depicting wildlife and local customs from the Byzantine era. Please note, to enter the church all visitors must wear clothing that covers their shoulders and knees. Outside, take the chance to look out over the spectacular views of the valley of the River Jordan and the Dead Sea. Here you will also see the Brazen Serpent sculpture.

You will also have the chance to visit the nearby Al Hakaya cultural centre and ethnographic museum, as well as the Madaba Arts and Handicraft Centre and Mosaic Workshop.



DAY TWO MADABA



MOUNT NEBO



MA'IN

16th October 2022

08.00: Breakfast at the hotel. Checkout.

09.00: 1 hour drive to Baptism site

10.00: Guided tour of Bethany and the Baptism Site.

13.00: Half hour drive to the Dead Sea

13.30: Visit the Dead Sea Panoramic Complex & Museum. Lunch.

15.00: Short drive to the Crowne Plaza Resort Hotel. Check in.
Free time to enjoy the private beach and experience the Dead Sea at sunset.

19.30: Dinner and overnight.

Baptism Site/Bethany: UNESCO World Heritage site. Home to several biblical cities including Sodom, Gomorrah and Zoar, the archaeological discoveries between the Jordan River and Tell al-Kharrar (Elijah's Hill) have identified this area as the biblical "Bethany beyond the Jordan". It was here that John the Baptist was living when he baptised Jesus of Nazareth. This universal holy site represents the overall mission to promote peace, understanding and religious tolerance of all peoples. To visit here is to follow in the footsteps of ancient prophets, holy men and pilgrims. Also nearby is the cave where Lot and his daughters took refuge after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

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DAY THREE MA'IN



BETHANY BAPTISM SITE



17th October 2022

08.00: Breakfast at hotel.

Free time to enjoy the resort and the hotel's private beach.

Checkout time according to your requirements.

Lunch will be arranged if you are still at the Hotel at that time.

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Hotels:

Amman 3*: Compass Hotel

Ma'in 5*: Ma'in Hot Spring Hotel (6 Senses Spa)

Dead Sea 5*: Crowne Plaza Resort Hotel

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What to Pack: This tour is leisurely and to compliment that we recommend comfortable walking shoes and clothes at all times. Also, it is important to pack swimsuits, caps/hats, sunscreen, light jackets and/or sweaters, insect repellents and any required medication. We will be visiting holy biblical locations and venues and so modest attire is recommended.



DAY FOUR THE DEAD SEA



PRE CONFERENCE TOURS

Tour D1: True Treasures

Al Ma'wa for Nature & Wildlife and Jerash Full Day.
Free. Offered on 8th, 9th, 10th and 14th October 2022.

09:30: Departure from your hotels and drive to Al Ma'wa For Nature and Wildlife (1 hour drive). Visit Al Ma'wa For Nature and Wildlife. Guided tours of 2 hours each, for 20 people at a time.
12:30: Drive to Jerash archaeological site. Lunch at a local restaurant
13:30: Guided walking tour of approximately 3 hours, including the Archaeological Museum if required.
16:30: Depart for drive back to Amman
17:30: Arrival at your hotels.

Tour D2: True Treasures

Jerash and Al Ma'wa for Nature & Wildlife Full Day.
Free. Offered on 8th, 9th, 10th and 14th October 2022.

09:30: Departure from your hotels and drive to Jerash archaeological site (1 hour drive).
10:30: Guided walking tour of approximately 2 1/2 hours, including the Archaeological Museum if required.
13:00: Lunch at a local restaurant
14:00: Drive to Visit Al Ma'wa For Nature and Wildlife.
Guided tours of 2 hours each at Al Ma'wa For Nature and Wildlife, for 20 people at a time.
16:30: Depart for drive back to Amman
17:30: Arrival at your hotels.

We are delighted to offer this unique and very special Tour free of charge, courtesy of the Royal Jordanian Equestrian Federation. Maximum capacity for each tour is 40 people to allow for not disturbing the animals at the Al Ma'wa for Nature and Wildlife site. We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

Al Ma'wa for Nature and Wildlife. Through a partnership between the Princess Alia Foundation and Four Paws in 2011, Al Ma'wa for Nature and Wildlife was established to provide a regional solution for rescued wildlife and animals confiscated from the illegal trade in wild animals. In a space of 110 hectares, species-specific enclosures ensure the animals have enough space and appropriate conditions that best suit their natural needs. Here you will see our rescued tigers, lions, bears, hyenas, wolves and monkeys, and hear their stories of rescue and rehabilitation. Jerash is justly famous as one of the largest and best preserved archaeological sites of Roman architecture in the world outside Italy. Once one of the ten biggest cities of the Roman empire, and hidden under the sands for centuries, it is also known as the city of 1,000 pillars, and is a close second to Petra as a 'must-see' site in Jordan. It has an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years. Our Tour includes the Colonnaded street, the Amphitheater, the Hippodrome, Churches, Temples and the vast Roman Forum.

Note: If you only want to visit Al Ma'wa For Nature and Wildlife, and not Jerash, can you please let us know on arrival and we will do our best to arrange this for you. Also please note that on 8th October, you will need to process your Conference Registration as early as possible, in order to be on time for departure.



Tour E1: Ancient Amman & Jordan Museum

3/4 day with lunch Price per person: US\$ 75

Offered on 8th, 9th, and 14th October 2022

10:00: Departure from your hotels

The guided tour includes stopping points to see Amman Citadel; Umayyad Palace, Byzantine Church, Hercules Temple, the Archeological Museum and Roman Amphitheater

13:00: Lunch at a local restaurant

14:30: Arrive at The Jordan Museum. Free time to tour Museum.

17:00: Return to your hotels

Ancient Amman: The vast Roman Amphitheater, with its 3 tiers of seats able to accommodate 6,000 people, is approached along a column-lined walkway. Nearby is the Odeon, a smaller restored Roman theater. Overlooking both is the Citadel, dating as far back as the Bronze Age, built on top of one of Jebel Al Qala'a, Amman's seven hills. This will give us a wonderful view of Amman, as well as of the Citadel's ruins - both Roman and Islamic - which provide a link to the city's past. The Temple of Hercules, built by the Romans, is a prominent feature on Citadel Hill and its most famous site. Here we will see the remarkable giant hand, believed to be from a huge statue of Hercules. Not far away can be seen the low walls, columns and some mosaics of an early Byzantine church. We will follow the path among the ruins to reach the remaining and well preserved buildings that formed part of the Umayyad Palace. With so many significant landmarks located on one site, this is one of the best places to see in Amman. Also here is the Jordanian Archaeological Museum, well worth a visit to see the impressive exhibits, which we will take full advantage of.

The Jordan Museum. Designed to present the history and cultural heritage of Jordan, the Museum entices visitors to explore the Kingdom's past, present and future. The permanent galleries and exhibition space cover 1.5 million years of Jordanian history and archaeology, starting from the Paleolithic, linking to the present, and projecting into the future. It tells the story of Jordan both chronologically and thematically, covering themes such as the environment, food production and processing, visual art and architecture, cultural exchange and trade, politics and the military, communication and writing, industry, religion, and daily domestic life in Jordan throughout the ages. A visit to the Museum shop and café will round off our tour nicely.

Tour E2:

Ancient Amman, City Tour. 1/2 day (morning) with lunch Price per person: US\$ 65

Offered on 10th and 14th October 2022

10:00: Departure from your hotels

The guided tour includes the most famous ancient sites of Amman, including the Citadel, the Roman Amphitheater, Umayyad Palace, Byzantine Church, Temple of Hercules, and the Archeological Museum.

13:00: Lunch at a local restaurant

14:00: Return to your hotels

Free afternoon



Tour F: Mosaics of Madaba and Mount Nebo

Full day with lunch Price per person: US\$ 75
Offered on 8th, 9th, 10th and 14th October 2022

09:30: Departure from your hotels, drive to Madaba (approximately 1 hour)

Visit the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George

Visit the Madaba Archaeological Park

13:00: Lunch at local restaurant

14:00: Proceed to nearby Mount Nebo, to visit the 4th century Moses Memorial Church at the summit.

Visit the Madaba Arts and Handicraft Center and Mosaic Workshop

16:00: Depart for return to Amman

17:00: Arrival at your hotels

Please note that on 8th October, you will need to process your Conference Registration as early as possible, in order to be on time for departure.

Madaba: This friendly market town, with a long tradition of religious tolerance, is deservedly renowned for its unique collection of early mosaics at various locations.

Greek Orthodox church of St George: This 19th-century Christian church, worth a visit in its own right for its many religious paintings, houses a treasure of early Christianity. Discovered in 1884, this mosaic floor is of extraordinary significance as it represents the oldest map of Palestine in existence. Some 1700 years old, it depicts all the major biblical sites of the Middle East and provides many historical insights into the region. Although much of the mosaic has been lost, enough remains to sense the complexity of the whole.

Archaeological Park: This open air museum houses a collection of ruins and some very fine mosaics from the area, including one believed to be the oldest found in Jordan. Some of the most impressive mosaics include those of Hippolytus Hall, an early 6th-century Byzantine villa, depicting the four seasons with flowers and birds, while others show figures from classical Greek myths. The 6th century Church of the Virgin Mary, which was unearthed beneath the floor of a private house in 1887, features a central mosaic some 1200 years old, which is a masterpiece of geometric design.

Mount Nebo: This sacred mountain stands almost 1,000 metres high with spectacular views from the top. Of great religious significance, Mount Nebo is believed to be the place where Moses stood to view the sacred Promised Land. In the 4th century a small church was built here by Egyptian monks in his memory, and a century later was reconstructed into a basilica. This ancient, peaceful place houses some of the best preserved and most beautiful mosaics in Jordan, depicting wildlife and local customs from the Byzantine era. Outside, take the chance to look out over the spectacular views of the Valley of the River Jordan and the Dead Sea. Here you will also see the Brazen Serpent sculpture.

You will also have the chance to visit the nearby Al Hakaya cultural centre and ethnographic museum, as well as the Madaba Arts and Handicraft Centre and Mosaic Workshop.



Tour G: A Day at the Dead Sea

Full day with lunch Price per person: US\$ 70.00

Offered on 8th, 9th, and 14th October 2022

09:30: Departure from your hotels, drive to the Dead Sea (approximately 1 hour).

10:30: Visit the Dead Sea Panoramic Complex & Museum

11:30: Proceed to a private beach at a hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea. Facilities for changing and showering will be available.

13:00: Lunch

14:00: Continue with leisurely day at the private beach

17:00: Depart to Amman

18:00: Arrival at Hotel

The Dead Sea is so named because, apart from some microorganisms and algae, this saltwater lake is totally devoid of life. The spectacular landscape is without a doubt one of the world's most amazing places, being the lowest point on earth, over 400m (1,312 ft.) below sea level. For some 2,000 years it has attracted travellers to what amounts to a natural, outdoor, free health spa. The leading attraction is of course the warm, soothing, water itself – ten times saltier than normal sea water, and rich in chloride salts such as magnesium, sodium, potassium, and bromine. The naturally buoyant water is a great way to relax without exerting any effort, although it is actually harder than it looks. In fact it can be good fun to try and copy the famous photo opportunity of reading a newspaper while calmly floating. And of course you can also cover yourself with the unique black mud which has reputed healthy properties for your skin, before washing it off in the Dead Sea.

Please note the salty water can sting your eyes, so do have some bottled water handy to rinse them when you come out of the water. Also it will sting any small cuts or abrasions you may have on your skin at the time.

Please bring your swimsuits, sunscreen, and a hat!



Tour H: The Rose Red City, Petra

Full (Long) Day with Lunch Price Per Person: US\$ 90

Offered on 9th and 14th October 2022

07:00: Depart from your hotels in Amman, for the 3 hour scenic drive to Petra

10:00: Full day of an unhurried guided tour of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The walking path we will take is approximately 4km in total and takes in all the highlights of Petra, from Al Siq to the Treasury, the Amphitheatre, the Colonnaded Street and the Royal Tombs. It is a beautiful walk rich with history, where you will really feel you are walking in the footsteps of its original inhabitants. For those who would prefer a little less walking, transportation in solar-powered electric buggies will also be available. There will also be the opportunity for short camel rides. We will stop for a rest and buffet lunch at Al Basin restaurant inside the Petra site.

16:00: Depart Petra for drive back to Amman

19:00: Arrival at hotel in Amman

Petra: One of the new 7 Wonders of the World, set in a red sandstone landscape, Petra was the capital of the Nabatean Kingdom, dating back more than 2,000 years. It was once a major caravan centre for the passing camel trains of merchants trading incense from Arabia, silks from China, and spices from India. An ingenious water management system allowed the city to flourish. Petra was lost to the western world for centuries, known only to the nomadic Bedouin tribes who kept its secrets, until its accidental discovery by the Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt in 1812. The site is accessed via a narrow canyon called Al Siq, which opens out into a stunning view of the huge structure known as The Treasury, made famous in the movie "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom". Petra is a huge site which contains tombs, and temples carved into the cliffs.

Please pack comfortable walking shoes and clothing, insect repellent, and a hat.



