

# WAHO CONFERENCE 2022 JORDAN AMMAN OCTOBER 8th-14th





**Dear WAHO members, friends and fellow lovers and caretakers of the Arabian horse,**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to Jordan for the WAHO 2022 Conference. After the unforeseen circumstances which forced so many of us to be so far apart, we open our arms to welcome you all and ensure that during your stay with us you enjoy our traditional Jordanian hospitality to the full.

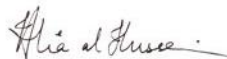
Arabian horses have been an integral part of Jordan's culture and history since time immemorial, and we are very proud that in this modern age we still have so many excellent representatives of the very qualities for which our local Arabian horses were famous. During the Conference week, we have arranged to showcase some of our horses in a special Parade and visits to Stud farms. We also invite you to visit our Al Ma'wa Reserve for Nature and Wildlife.

Apart from the planned business conference days, which will include talks from interesting guest speakers both locally and internationally, we have put together an itinerary that will take you on a cultural journey. Jordan has a lot to offer from the wonders of Petra, the magical sand of Wadi Rum, shores of the Red Sea, to the hills and trees of our beautiful south.

Our pre- and post-conference tours will have something for everyone covering everything from the natural environment to history and culture of Jordan.

I do hope that during your stay you will experience all that Jordan has to offer at first hand. I very much look forward to sharing our country, our culture, our history and our horses with you.

**Alia Al Hussein**



# JORDAN AT A GLANCE

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, a place which once captivated ancient travelers, continues to enthrall a new generation with its eclectic mix of modernity and tradition. Jordan is a land steeped in history. As the crossroads of the Middle East, our country has served as a strategic nexus; connecting Asia, Africa, and Europe. Since the dawn of civilization, Jordan's location and geography has given it an important role as a conduit for trade and communications; connecting the orient with the west.

From the enchanting red sands of Wadi Rum to the restless city centre of urban Amman, from the famous ruins of civilizations once forgotten to its less well-known natural environments, Jordan is a unique destination that attracts visitors young and old to experience its countless wonders. We invite you to come and share them with us at the WAHO Jordan 2022 Conference.

## LANGUAGE

The official language of Jordan is Arabic, but English is widely spoken especially in the cities. French, German, Italian and Spanish are also spoken, but to a lesser extent.

## OUR SPECIAL WAHO CONFERENCE TOURS

As a tourist destination, Jordan is famously both diverse and welcoming. We have arranged a variety of special, tailor-made tours to make your stay in Jordan as enjoyable as possible. We hope this wide range of options will enable you to see as much of our country as possible. Full details of the tours are shown in the enclosed Tours brochure. Please take your time to read through it and select your chosen tours. Assistance can be provided to those with mobility issues. If you have any queries before selection, please contact us.

# VALUES AND TRADITIONS

Jordanians are extremely warm, friendly and hospitable, and are very proud of their typically Arab country. Our cuisine takes its several influences from North African, Persian, Mediterranean, and Middle Eastern food, so we look forward to introducing you to many tasty treats.

Jordan is a primarily Muslim country, although the freedom of all religions is protected, so apart from a more relaxed dress code in the International hotels and on the beaches, very revealing clothing such as sleeveless low-necked tops and shorts worn in public places are not appropriate. It is advisable for both men and women to ensure that at least their shoulders and knees are covered when in the old downtown part of Amman, at religious sites and in the smaller towns, villages and countryside. This follows local customs, it shows that you care about Jordanian culture and local people will respect you for doing so. When out and about on the tours, the usual sun protection such as hats and sunscreen as well as insect repellents are recommended, along with suitable comfortable footwear for walking. Open-toed sandals are not recommended.

**To help with your packing, this is our suggested dress code for the WAHO Conference**

EVENT	DRESS CODE
Welcome Reception & Dinner	Smart Casual
General Assembly and Social Events	Smart Casual
13th October Stud visits and horse parades	Casual
Gala Dinner	Smart





## CURRENCY

The local currency is the Jordanian Dinar, symbol JD, also pronounced as “jaydee.” There are 1, 5, 10, 20 and 50 JD notes. It is pegged to the US dollar and exchange rates are set daily by the Jordanian Central Bank. The Dinar is divided into smaller denominations of 10 dirhams, 100 piastres or 1000 fils. The Fils is the most commonly used unit, so you may see prices written as 4,750 which means 4 JD and 750 fils.

Currency can be exchanged at major banks, official exchange booths and at most hotels. Street money changers should be avoided. ATMs are widely available. All major credit cards are accepted at hotels, restaurants and larger shops, including American Express, Visa, Diners Club, and MasterCard. Please note that many smaller shops still prefer cash payment in the Jordanian currency, and cash is essential for shopping in the local souks, where some great bargains can be found.

## ELECTRICAL CURRENT

220 AC volts, 50 cycles, requiring rounded two-prong wall plugs. Visitors from the US will need a transformer, which most hotels can provide.

## CLIMATE

OCTOBER is a warm autumn month, with average temperature ranging between max 27.1°C (80.8°F) and min 13.8°C (56.8°F) in Amman. Bring along something light and warm for the evenings. To check weather forecasts please check ArabiaWeather our local weather forecasting source.

## LOCAL TIME IN OCTOBER

Greenwich Mean Time plus 2 hours (G.M.T. + 2). Jordan is seven hours ahead of US Eastern Time.

## HOTELS

The Conference Venue is the Four Seasons Hotel. We have carefully selected three nearby alternative hotels for your consideration, depending on your budget and requirements. Free Wi-Fi is available in all these hotels. Further information can be found on their websites, or you may contact us with any queries and for information about premier rooms, suites, or for more than 2 people sharing.

HOTELS	WEBSITE
Four Seasons	<a href="http://www.fourseasons.com">www.fourseasons.com</a>
Crowne Plaza Amman	<a href="http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/amman">www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/amman</a>
Seas Hotel	<a href="http://www.booking.com/hotel/jo/seas-amman">www.booking.com/hotel/jo/seas-amman</a>
Compass Hotel	<a href="http://www.thecompasshotel.com">www.thecompasshotel.com</a>

## WATER

Water is a precious resource in Jordan and visitors are encouraged not to waste it. Hotels rated 3 stars and above usually have their own water filtering systems and their water is considered safe to drink. Elsewhere, bottled water is inexpensive and readily available.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please read the information about Visas on Page 5 of the enclosed Registration forms, this is very important. For those of you arriving by air, Queen Alia International Airport is just a 30-minute drive to our selected hotels. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel on arrival, and transfers will also be arranged to return you there at the end of your stay for your flight home.

We are very pleased to inform you that Royal Jordanian Airlines is the official carrier for the WAHO Jordan 2022 Conference. They are offering you a special 25% discount valid for bookings made between June 1st and August 1st, for travel dates between October 7th and October 20th, 2022. Please get in touch with us for more details, so we can provide you with the relevant promotional code.

Please ensure you have arranged comprehensive travel insurance prior to your departure. If there are any future changes to Jordan's protocols for Covid-19 entry requirements, all registered participants will be informed accordingly.

## CONTACT US

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



## Saturday 8th October 2022

8:00 - 19:00	Conference Registration Desk Open, Four Seasons Hotel
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Pre-Conference Day tours with lunch, see Conference Brochure

## Sunday 9th October, 2022

8:00 - 19:00	Conference Registration Desk Open
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9:00 - 18:00	WAHO Executive Committee Meeting with lunch break
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Pre-Conference Day tours with lunch, see Conference Brochure

## Monday 10th October, 2022

8:00 - 19:00	Conference Registration Desk Open
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9:00 - 17:30	WAHO Executive Committee Meeting with lunch break
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9:00 - 17:30	WAHO World Registrars Meeting with lunch break
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19:30 - 22:30	Welcome Reception and Dinner at Jordan Museum
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Pre-Conference Day tours with lunch, see Conference Brochure

## Tuesday 11th October, 2022

9:00 - 18:00	WAHO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, with Lunch
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19:30 - 22:30	Dinner with horse presentation, hosted by a private breeder
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## Wednesday 12th October, 2022

9:00 - 17:30	WAHO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, with Lunch
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19:00 - 22:30	Cultural Evening with Dinner at Sufra Restaurant, Amman
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## Thursday 13th October, 2022

10:00 - 16:00	Visit to Royal Stables for a special horse parade, with lunch
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20:00	Gala Dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel
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## Friday 14th October, 2022

Post Conference tours start

### Important Notes:

- This Daily Programme and in particular the social events are subject to change, all participants will be informed of any changes on arrival.
- The details of the Guest Speakers and when their talks are scheduled during the General Assembly sessions on 11th and 12th October will be provided to all participants on arrival.
- There will also be a detailed timetable provided to all participants on arrival, giving the departure times to the various events taking place away from the Conference venue.



