



Preliminary Itinerary

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Jordan & Israel Performance Tour

Day 1: Departure for Amman, Jordan (D=dinner)

Please arrive early for your international flight from xxxxx for Amman, Jordan (please double check with Friendship Ambassadors for check-in times and requirements). Try to get some rest on board. To minimize the effects of jet lag, we advise to avoid sugar, caffeine, salt and alcohol. Drink a lot of water to keep hydrated!

Day 2: Welcome to Jordan (B=breakfast, L=Lunch, D)

Upon arrival at Queen Alia International Airport after your overnight flight, a representative from Friendship Ambassadors Foundation will meet you and assist with your entry formalities and escort you to your hotel in Amman. Have dinner and overnight at your hotel. Get plenty of rest for a busy day tomorrow!

Welcome to Jordan!



Situated in the heart of the Middle East region, Jordan is a country of rich cultural and geographical history. It is touched by the Gulf of Aqaba and the Dead Sea, along with the countries of Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Israel. Considered to be the part of the region known as "the cradle of civilization," it is not surprising that Jordan spans an area of great historical importance. From a visit to the ancient Nabatean civilization of Petra, to a viewing of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls in the capitol city of Amman, there is much to see and do in the beautiful Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Day 3: Day trip to Israel (B, D)

In the early morning, transfer to King Hussein Bridge and cross to Israel. Your full day visit of the old city of Jerusalem and holy sites starts with a drive to Mt. Scopus for a spectacular view of Jerusalem, then to the Garden of Gethsemane and Church of the Agony. Then, drive to Mt. Zion for a visit of the tomb of King David, the Room of the Last Supper and Dormition Abbey. Sightseeing in the new city will include the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book (with the famous Dead Sea scrolls), the new Supreme Court building, Mt. Herzl and Yad Vashem – the memorial to the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust. After, visit the model of the Heordian city of Jerusalem, dating back to the time of the Second Temple. Visit the synagogue with Marc Chagall stained glass windows at the Hadassah Medical Center. Then visit the neighbourhood of Ein Karem – the birth place of John the Baptist. Have dinner and spend the night at a hotel in Jerusalem.



Welcome to Israel!

There are so many reasons people are attracted to Israel- the sun-drenched climate, the rich variety of sites and sights- historical, archeological, religious, or just beautiful, the fascinating contrast between the ancient and the modern. So many of the names that appear on the road signs- Jerusalem, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth- will have been familiar since childhood. You will also experience a special thrill of walking in the footsteps of history as

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you retrace the steps of Abraham 4,000 years ago, King David 3,000 years ago, Jesus 2,000 years ago, and the Crusaders 1,000 years ago.



Day 4: Jerusalem Performance and Exchange (B, D)

After breakfast, walk through the Jaffa Gate to the City Center: the renewed Jewish Quarter, the Western Wall, and the Temple area, then on to colourful bazaars, via Dolorosa, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Continue to Bethlehem to visit Rachel's Tomb and the Church of the Nativity. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at your hotel. Possible evening **performance** in Israel tonight.

Day 5: Sightseeing in Israel (B, D)

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a full day visit to the Galilee Nazareth, Can, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Tabgha, and Capernaum! Return to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Return to Jordan; Sightseeing (B, D)

After breakfast, transfer from your hotel in Jerusalem to the King Hussein Bridge where you will be met and assisted for border crossing. From there, have a half day excursion to Jerash, a beautifully preserved and restored Greco-Roman provincial city. See three Amphitheatres, two Roman baths, a Hippodrome and several temples. Additionally, there are still remains of shops, which sold silks, jewels, wine, and spices. Afterwards, get to know the Jordanian capital of Amman with a half-day sightseeing tour. Visit the modern and ancient parts crowned by the citadel of Amman, a hill with the ruins of the temple of Hercules. You will also visit the 5000 seats roman theatre at the foot of the Citadel. In the evening, return to your hotel in Amman for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Jordan Performance and Exchange (B, D)

After breakfast, enjoy a half-day tour of Amman followed by a tour of the Desert Castles. A **performance and exchange opportunity** in Jordan will be arranged for this evening. Afterwards, have dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jordan.

Day 8: Dead Sea, Church of Madaba, Mount Nebo (B, D)

After breakfast, proceed to the Dead Sea – the lowest point on earth with extremely high content of salts and minerals, which makes it devoid of life. Spend a few hours swimming and relaxing at the Dead Sea before visiting the Church of Madaba where you will find the Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics for which it is most well known. At the Greek Orthodox Church, you will view the earliest surviving original map of the holy land (made in 560AD). Afterwards, proceed to the hills of Mount Nebo, which is believed to be the tomb of Moses and where a 4th and 6th century church are still covered with marvellous mosaics. Arrive in Petra for dinner and overnight at your hotel.



Day 9: Visit to Petra (B, D)

After breakfast at your hotel, begin your half day visit Petra. Enjoy a horse ride and a visit to this fabulous Nabataean city, which was lost to the

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world for five centuries. Known as Sela in the Bible, it was carved into rose-red desert sandstone over 2000 years ago and rediscovered in 1812. Petra can be reached only by passing between the steep, high sandstone walls of a narrow gorge. The dramatic view of its treasury was made famous in the movie "*Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*". In addition to the treasury, visit the high place, monastery and Roman-style palace tomb.

A **concert** will be arranged today in Petra. In the evening, have dinner and return to Amman and overnight at your hotel (or stay another night in Petra and overnight).

Day 10: Departure (B)

Have breakfast at the hotel. Then, escorted transfer from your hotel to the airport for your journey back home to Los Angeles, California.

Welcome Home!

This program includes:

- Round-trip air arrangement
- 9 nights accommodation at 3-star hotel (superior tourist class hotel)
- Meals as stated in the itinerary (2 meals daily B,D)
- English-speaking guides throughout visit
- Ground transportation by private air conditioned motor coaches throughout visit
- Sightseeing activities as indicated in the itinerary
- Horse ride to Petra entrance
- Arrangement of 3 concert opportunities
- Cultural exchange opportunity
- Entrance visa into Jordan

This program does NOT include:

- Personal expenses (drinks, laundry, etc.)
- Lunch daily
- Tips to guide/ driver
- Border taxes for entrance into Israel

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