



International Relief Friendship Fund
2009 Jordan Service Tour: Iraqi Refugee Community/Save the Children
(An example of a relief project – actual project to be determined)

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

Please arrive early for your international flight from xxx 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: Tuesday – Welcome to Jordan (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 by private motor coach to the Alazrak Rest House (a safe, youth hostel) in Amman. Have an early dinner and overnight at the hostel. 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.

Days 3 – 10: Working in the Iraqi Refugee Community, East Amman (B, L, D)

Introduction: The Middle East is facing a refugee crisis of epic proportions – fleeing Iraqis comprise the single largest regional displacement of persons in the last half-century. Two million Iraqis have flooded into neighboring countries, with Jordan and Syria bearing the brunt of this crisis. Totaled, now more than 4 million Iraqis are trapped in internal or external exile. The crisis continues as massive numbers continue to flee monthly – this crisis is not going away.

The Iraqi children refugees are perhaps the most vulnerable of all among this drastically war-affected population. The children and their families are escaping infamously brutal violence involving wholesale devastation of the Iraq social fabric. During our interviews, Iraqi families exiled in Jordan told stories of suicide bombs, home invasions accompanied by beatings, and kidnappings for ransom.



They described receipt of “night letters” deposited at doors threatening murder of entire families, forcing flight from ancestral homes within one or two days time. Given the difficulties, Iraqi children commonly exhibit signs of severe psychological damage as they sit in cramped apartments mostly

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unable to attend school. In short, a generation of psychologically scarred, under-educated, and disenfranchised Iraqi youth are growing up in exile.

They cannot yet go back and they cannot go forward. There is no end in sight to the violence suffered in Iraq, and no immediate prospect of return for this brutalized population: The international community of nations must provide dramatically increased assistance to bring badly-needed education, health care, expansion of resettlement opportunities ... The international community must stop ignoring this growing crisis. We must find tangible solutions for this abandoned and desperate population of Iraqi refugee children and their families. - David A. Robinson

For the next eight days, life will begin with an early breakfast at the hostel and then a transfer to East Amman for daily work with the youth and community rebuilding in the Iraqi Refugee community. Lunch will be served with the workers in the field.

At the end of each day, the young IRFF volunteers will travel back to the hostel for dinner there.

Day 11: July 16, 2009 Thursday – Cultural Immersion: Sightseeing (B, D)

After breakfast, transfer from the youth hostel in Amman to enjoy 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 seat Roman theatre at the foot of the Citadel. Return to your hotel in Amman for dinner and overnight.



Day 12: July 17, 2009 Sunday – – Departure (B)

Have breakfast at the rest house. Then, transfer from your hotel to the airport in a private motor coach for your journey back home, and....

Welcome Home!

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Program Cost

Will be Based on xx paying participants in double occupancy (Final tour cost will be determined based on the actual programme offered. To be decided.)

This program includes:

- Round-trip air arrangement from xxx - Amman, Jordan – xxx
- Deluxe air conditioned bus for two transfers
- Guide for one day and bus/Driver for Jerash, Amman experience
- xx nights accommodation at the Alazrak Rest House
(A superior youth hostel in a safe area near the work site)
- Meals as stated in the itinerary (breakfast and dinner daily; lunch on site, on their own)
- Entrance visa into Jordan

This program does NOT include:

- Personal expenses (drinks, laundry, etc.)
- Lunch daily
- Tips to guide/driver

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