# LADIES ESCORTED TOUR THE BEST OF JORDAN 12 DAYS 16 - 28 OCTOBER, 2024









ESCORTED FROM ADELAIDE BY EXPERIENCED TOUR ESCORT TULLIE SENECA

FROM \$7499\*
PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1650

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience stunning Petra with tours during the day and night visiting the iconic Treasury
- Visits to ancient Roman, Greek and Christian historic sites around Amman and Jordan
- Float in the highly saline waters of the Dead Sea and enjoy the therapeutic benefits of the minerals in the mud, enjoy the "anti aging effects ladies"
- Enjoy the desert landscape of Wadi Rum on a 4x4 Bedouin Jeep tour and glamping in a dome tent
- Relax in Aqaba on the shores of the Red Sea. Enjoy the great snorkelling on the coral reef or perhaps a massage or cocktail by the pool





## **Luxury inclusions**

Escorted by experienced tour escort Tullie Seneca
Return economy class airfares with Qatar Airways from
Adelaide with option of a Doha stopover
Exclusive small group with up to 16 guests
10 nights in 4 star accommodation
Breakfast daily
Stay in a dome tent set in the
desert landscape of Wadi Rum including dinner
Tour the desert of Wadi Rum in a 4×4 vehicle
Petra by day and night tours
Our own private vehicle for touring with free WiFi
English speaking local guide





OPTIONAL 2 NIGHT DOHA STO<u>POVER</u>





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\*International flights are included in pricing, price subject to change and confirmed at time of booking. Flights available from other capital cities. Non refundable land deposit of \$500 per person due within 7 days of booking, full payment is due 17th of June 24. Tour will be escorted subject to minimum numbers being met. Travel insurance is compulsory for all escorted group tours. Itinerary subject to change. Tip kitty may be collected prior to tour.

#### **TOUR ITINERARY**

**16 October 2024** - Depart Australia for Amman

#### 17 October - Amman

On arrival at Amman Airport, we have a private Meet & Greet and assistance through immigration and customs. Amman is a bustling cosmopolitan city. Once at our hotel, we have free time to relax.

Overnight: Ambassador Hotel

#### 18 October - Amman / Ajlun / Jerash / Amman

This morning we visit the town of Ajlun with its fortress; one of the best-preserved examples of medieval Arab military architecture in the entire Middle East. We can enjoy the magnificent view into the Jordan Valley before we proceed to the Greco-Roman City of Jerash, also known as the City of the thousand columns. Jerash showcases the grandeur of Imperial Rome. It is considered one of the largest, and most well-preserved sites of Roman architecture in the world outside Italy. As the most pristine Decapolis City (meaning ten cities in Greek) in the modern world, Jerash's prosperity can be admired in the colonnaded main street and lovely Oval Piazza. Return to Amman for a free evening at leisure. Overnight: Ambassador Hotel (B)

#### 19 October - Amman

Depart to start the Special City Tour of Amman, starting with the visit to the King Abdullah mosque, known as the Blue Domed Mosque. This mosque was built by the late King Hussein as a memorial to his grandfather (King Abdullah the First) in the 1980s. Proceed to the downtown area to visit the ruins of the Amman Roman theatre, the Citadel and the Umayyad Palace. The tour includes visits to the Archaeological and Folklore Museums and a short walk through the souks and markets culminating in a visit to the Jordan Museum. Explore the city further and proceed to Rainbow Street, one of Amman's oldest suburbs with very interesting architecture from the 20th century. After lunch we enjoy a short walk in the street with an option to visit the local shops. Return to the hotel in Amman for a free evening at leisure

Overnight: Ambassador Hotel (B)

#### 20 October - Amman/ Madaba/ Mount Nebo/ Wadi Mujib/ Kerak/ Aqaba - 375 km

Today we explore the King's highway, which was once, part of the ancient Silk Road. Visit the Christian Town of Madaba "The City of Mosaics". You will be visiting the St. George church with it's mosaic map of the Holy Land from Byzantine times, and the Archaeological Park, which houses the remains of several Byzantine churches, including the amazing mosaics of the Church of the Virgin. Take a detour to visit Mount Nebo, the spot where the Hebrew Bible says that Moses stood and witnessed the "promised land". The view from the summit provides a panorama of the Holy Land and to the north, a more limited one of the valley of the River Jordan. Visit the Monastery and the Moses Memorial Church. Proceed via Wadi Al Mujib, a gorge proudly known as "The Grand Canyon" of Jordan, featuring some of Jordan's most breathtaking views. Continue the journey to the city of Kerak, where you will visit the Crusader's Castle, with its diverse history dated from the Byzantine to the Mamluk period, and get to know the architectural military brilliance of the Crusaders. Continue south to Agaba. Overnight: Grand Tala Resort and Spa Aqaba (B)

#### 21 October - Aqaba

Free day at leisure in Aqaba on the edge of the Gulf of Aqaba surrounded by high desert mountains. It's well known for it's beach resorts and luxury hotels, as well as water sports and one of the world's best-preserved coral reefs. Free day at leisure in Aqaba. You may wish to go snorkelling, have a massage or relax by the pool. Overnight: Grand Tala Resort and Spa Aqaba (B)

#### 22 October - Agaba/ Wadi Rum - 50 Km

Free morning at leisure before we transfer to the enchanting desert of Wadi Rum, Jordan's largest desert and one of the most spectacular desert landscapes in the world. Enjoy a 4x4 Bedouin Jeep Tour inside the Wadi, covering it's main highlights. Tonight we stay in our dome tents in the desert. Dinner and overnight at camp.

Overnight: Sun City Wadi Rum (B,D)

#### 23 October - Petra - 120 Km

Morning departure to Petra for a full day visit of the city. The ancient city was founded by the Nabateans 2000 years ago. It's massive architectural structure and it's multi-coloured stones are an incredible attraction. The visit of the ancient Nabatean capital starts on horseback (optional), followed by a walk through the Siq, a long narrow fissure between two overhanging cliffs. Towards the end of the Siq, you will be spellbound by Petra's most famous monument; the Treasury. The tour then proceeds to gradually unfold the mysteries of the city. Return to the hotel for evening at leisure.

Overnight: Petra Guesthouse Hotel (B)

#### 24 October - Petra

Today we return to visit Petra. After the tour ends, transfer back to your hotel in Petra. In the evening, enjoy the magic of Petra by night.

Overnight: Petra Guesthouse Hotel (B)

#### 25 October - Petra/Baptism Site/Dead Sea - 275 Km

Transfer to visit the Baptism Site "Bethany beyond the Jordan", the site where John the Baptist lived and baptized. It is believed that Jesus was baptized here and the area formed part of the early Christian pilgrimage route between Jerusalem, the Jordan River, and Mount Nebo. Many also believe that it was from this area that the prophet Elijah ascended to heaven in a chariot of fire. Transfer to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the surface of the earth, for a swim in its warm, salty water. Free time at leisure at the Dead Sea resort.

Overnight: Hilton (B)

#### 26 October - Dead Sea (Leisure)

Free day at leisure at the Dead Sea. Due to its high salinity, one can only float in its warm, oily waters. The mud along the shore contains many minerals and is believed to have medicinal and therapeutic benefits.

Overnight: Hilton (B)

#### 27 October - Amman - 65 Km

Breakfast and transfer to the airport for our flight to Doha. **28 October** - Enjoy 2 nights in Doha at leisure or arrive back in Australia.

\*Interested in Egypt pre or post tour? Ask us for options.