

JORDAN “Techno–Spiritual” Tour

May 2 – 6, 2016

5 DAY TOUR - FEATURING VISITS TO AMMAN, PETRA & THE DEAD SEA

Day 1 Monday, May 2nd : Arrival Amman Airport & City tour of Amman: Citadel, Museum, Amphitheatre & Folklore Museum



We will begin our journey upon our arrival in **Amman**, with visits to the **Citadel, Museum, Amphitheatre & Folklore Museum**. The **Citadel** has had a long history of occupation by many great civilizations, with evidence of occupation *dating back to the Neolithic period*. Structures still visible at the site are from the Roman, Byzantine, and Umayyad periods and include the **Temple of Hercules**, a **Byzantine church**, and the **Umayyad Palace**. Afterwards we'll stop at the Museum of Archaeology also located on the site. We will enjoy testing the acoustics at the **Amphitheatre**, built into the hillside during the reign of Antonius Pius (138-161 CE) before our last stop at the **Folklore Museum**.



Afterwards we'll check into our rooms at the luxurious 5-star **Landmark Hotel** in Amman.

www.landmarkamman.com/



Day 2 Tuesday, May 3rd : Desert Way to Petra

After an early breakfast we will travel in an air conditioned motor coach along the scenic 'Desert Way' to the ancient and magnificent site of **Petra**, one of the *New Seven Wonders of the World*.

"Inhabited since prehistoric times, this Nabataean caravan-city, situated between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, was an important crossroads between Arabia, Egypt and Syria-Phoenicia. Petra is half-built, half-carved into the rock, and is surrounded by mountains riddled with passages and gorges. It is one of the world's most famous archaeological sites, where ancient Eastern traditions blend with Hellenistic architecture."



"The Outstanding Universal Value of Petra resides in the vast extent of elaborate tomb and temple architecture; religious high places; the remnant channels, tunnels and diversion dams that combined with a vast network of cisterns and reservoirs which controlled and conserved seasonal rains, and the extensive archaeological remains including of copper mining, temples, churches and other public buildings. The fusion of Hellenistic architectural facades with traditional Nabataean rock-cut temple/tombs including the **Khasneh**, the **Urn Tomb**, the **Palace Tomb**, the **Corinthian Tomb** and the **Deir** ("monastery") represents a unique artistic achievement and an outstanding architectural ensemble of the first centuries BC to AD. The varied archaeological remains and architectural monuments from prehistoric times to the medieval periods bear exceptional testimony to the now lost civilisations which succeeded each other at the site." UNESCO



In ancient times, **Petra** might have been reached from the south on a path leading across the plain of Petra, around **Jabal Haroun** or **Aaron's Mountain**, where the burial-place of **Aaron**, brother of **Moses**, is located. Another approach was possibly from the high plateau to the north. We will approach from the east most visitors do today, through an impressive entrance that leads steeply down through a dark, narrow gorge called the **Siq** (shaft), a natural geological feature formed from a deep split in the sandstone rocks and serving as a waterway flowing into **Wadi Musa**. At the end of the narrow gorge stands Petra's most elaborate ruin, **Al Khazneh** better known as **The Treasury**, hewn into the sandstone cliff.

We will have lunch and check into our rooms at the fabulous 5-star **Marriot Petra Hotel**.



<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mpqmc-petra-marriott-hotel/>

Overnight **Marriot Petra Hotel (B,L)**

Day 3 Wednesday, May 4th: Visit Petra & continue to the Dead Sea

After breakfast, we will return to **Petra** to explore the vast area further. After lunch together, we will embark on our journey to the **Dead Sea**. Also called the **Salt Sea**, it is a salt lake bordered by Jordan to the east and Israel and the West Bank to the west.

The deepest hypersaline lake in the world, the **Dead Sea** has attracted visitors from around the Mediterranean basin for thousands of years. It was one of the world's first health resorts (for Herod the Great), and it has been the supplier of a wide variety of products, from asphalt for Egyptian mummification to potash for fertilizers. People also use the salt and the minerals from the Dead Sea to create cosmetics and herbal sachets.



The **Dead Sea** is actually not a sea at all, but a lake that's made up of about 30 percent salt. It is the lowest place on earth at 417 feet below sea level. Known for its healing properties, these waters have been known to cure skin conditions and help with respiration, and its mud is used in spa treatments worldwide. You definitely want to plan to take a dunk (one does not 'swim' in this salt laden lake) and make use of the many amenities offered here.

As steeped in religious heritage as it is salty, the Dead Sea is reputed to be the place where **King David** sought refuge from **King Saul**, where **Abraham** fought a war, and where **Ezekiel** had prophecies.

We will check into our rooms at the spectacular 5-star **Jordan Valley Marriott Dead Sea Resort and Spa**



<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/qmdjv-jordan-valley-marriott-resort-and-spa/>

Overnight: Jordan Valley Marriott Dead Sea Resort and Spa (B,L)

Day 4 Thursday, May 5th : Lunch at Dead Sea and transfer to Amman

After breakfast, we will be free to enjoy the many amenities offered by our resort and Spa. After Lunch together, we will leave on our journey back to Amman in our air conditioned motor coach.

Overnight **Landmark Hotel, Amman (B.L)**

Day 5 Friday, May 6th : Amman Airport for departure

After breakfast, we will be transferred to the airport for our International flights home.

With a minimum of 5 guests the details are as follows:

Price per Person, double occupancy: \$2,000.00 USD (Including flight from Beirut)

Price per Person, double occupancy: \$1,850.00 USD (Land Only)

Required to confirm reservation: \$400.00 Deposit.

(Payment in full is required by April 1st, 2016 for all participants)

Optional Single Room Supplement: \$ 300.00

NOTE: This is the additional amount you will pay if you choose to have your own private room throughout the journey.

ROOMMATES: If you're not traveling with anyone you know, we would be happy to assist pairing you with a fellow traveller.

Per our Terms and Conditions, we will hold the registration open until 30 days before the tour begins (or later if possible) in order to try to match you with someone. If by that date we have not been able to do so, you will be responsible to pay for the single supplement. Please try to register early if you would like to be matched with a roommate

INCLUDES:

- Assistance upon arrival and departure
- All transportation by A/C private motor coaches
- Accommodation 2 nights in **Amman** at Landmark Hotel or similar
- Accommodation 1 night in **Petra** with Breakfast at Marriott Hotel or similar
- Accommodation 1 night in **Dead Sea** with Breakfast at Marriott Hotel or similar
- 3 lunches at very good local restaurants
- Professional English speaking guide
- All entrance fees + **Horseback ride in Petra**
- Water on-board the bus
- Tips for all restaurants and luggage at the hotels

Dose not include

- **Entry Visa** which is approximately \$56.00 USD for most travellers

Please check the requirements for your nationality at this link:

<http://international.visitjordan.com/generalinformation/entryintojordan.aspx>

- Tips for Guide , driver , horse man in Petra
- Personal Expenses
- Flight tickets to and from Amman (Flights to and from Cairo are currently priced at \$350.00) We will make these arrangements for all guests requiring a return flight to Cairo which will require an additional \$25.00 Visa in Egypt.)

-Travel & Health Insurance

- Personal items such as laundry, beverages during meals, internet service on the cruise ship and telephone calls or any item not listed on the itinerary.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

All travellers need a passport valid for at least six months after the date of entering the country.

Reservation and Cancellation Policies

Reservation and Payment

A non-refundable deposit of \$400.00 per person will be required at the time of booking. To insure your reservation, final payment will be due 45 days prior the departure dates from your Country. It is the responsibility of the traveller (or agent) to determine that final payment reaches us on time. Bookings made within 30 days of departure date, will require full and final payment immediately upon booking. No booking will be considered until final deposit is received by the Tour Operator. Payments are to be made via Bank Transfer. Any fees charged will be the responsibility of the sender. Please inquire about this before you make your bank transaction.

Cancellation and Refunds

Due to high preparation costs, cancellations must be received in writing within 45 days of travel date. Cancellations received more than 30 days prior to departure will have a penalty of \$500 per person; those received between 30 and 25 days will have a penalty of 50% per person; those received between 25 and 20 days will have a penalty of 75% per person. Cancellations received 20 days or less before departure will receive no refund. No refund will be made for transfers, city tours or any other services (including meals, accommodations or transportation) voluntarily not taken.

Changes

This itinerary is subject to changes in sequence in order to adapt to unforeseen circumstances. **The content will remain the same, barring any unanticipated complications.**

INSURANCE:

We recommend that all participants obtain Travel Insurance. Travel Insured International offers insurance for trip cost, trip cancellation & interruption, and pays for loss due to unforeseen circumstance, death, injury, or illness to you or a member of your family. It also includes coverage for missed connections due to weather, pays for lost deposits due to the financial default of the airline, the tour operator, or cruise line. It pays for baggage delays, travel delays, medical expenses, emergency assistance and

WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY: By signing up to the tour you agree to our terms, deposit conditions and waiver. KSAM, its agents and our Tour Facilitators have worked diligently to make all of the arrangements for our journey together in Egypt, however, KSAM, its agents and our Tour Facilitators will not be held liable for delays, theft, damage, injury, or any other irregularities that may occur during the course of the journey. We will not be held liable for any changes or delays in airline schedules or missed connections; injury, loss, or damage to persons or property; additional expenses resulting from changes in exchange rates, tariffs, or itinerary; any transportation issues or problems with vehicles utilized on the tour; additional expenses incurred due to illness, weather conditions, protests, war, terrorism, quarantine, or other causes; and losses due to cancellations not subject to our terms and conditions.