

13 Day Jordan & Israel

Amman

Jerash

Petra

Wadi Rum

Dead Sea

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Nazareth

Haifa

Tel Aviv

13 Day Luxury Jordan & Israel

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Journey through the deserts tracking the foot steps of Lawrence of Arabia and be mesmerised by the rolling sand dunes, all the while surrounding yourself with contemporary comforts, outstanding cuisine, and mesmerising sights of both Jordan and Israel.

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DAY 1

Destination	Home ✈ Amman
Meals included	
Hotel	5 ★ Amman Marriott Hotel, or similar

Welcome to Jordan, cosmopolitan and contemporary, yet steeped in biblical history. On arrival at Amman's Queen Alia International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2

Destination	Amman 🚗 Jerash 🚗 Amman
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Amman Marriott Hotel, or similar

After breakfast enjoy a tour of this capital city. Cosmopolitan and contemporary, yet steeped in ancient biblical history, Amman is a bit of a chameleon. Most of the city's historical sites are located downtown. Here we'll visit the Citadel, with remains from the Roman to the early Islamic period; the Jordan Archaeological Museum, which houses the oldest Neolithic statues dating from 8000 to 5000 NC, as well as other valuable artifacts; the souq, where we'll get an idea of everyday life; as well as the beautifully restored 2nd-century Roman Theatre.

Next we'll take a short drive (approximately one-hour) north to Jerash. Once one of the grandest ancient Roman cities in the world, Jerash now boasts some of the best Greco-Roman ruins around. Admire this site's striking collection of crumbling archways, theatres, baths, public buildings and colonnaded streets. Grand columns encircle the city's centrepiece, the Oval Plaza, a wonderfully atmospheric place to linger after exploring this ruined city's lasting riches.

DAY 3

Destination	Amman 🚗 Petra
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Marriott Hotel Petra, or similar

Today marks the beginning of our journey towards the fabled site of Petra. En route we'll visit Madaba, an ancient market town that's home to a number of fine Byzantine mosaics, the most outstanding of which lies within Saint George's Greek Orthodox Church. Here, a map of the Holy Land once carpeted the whole floor, said to contain more than two million pieces. Crafted around 560 CE, a large swathe of this mosaic map can still be viewed, providing the oldest map of Palestine in existence.

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Next we'll continue to the ancient village at Dana, on the edge of the Dana Biosphere Reserve, where local artisans sell silver jewellery.

Later, we'll drive along the King's Highway, up to Shobak Castle, sometimes known as Montreal. Perched at the top of a hill in the desert, this ancient Crusader castle was originally built to protect the eastern flank of the Latin Kingdom and its trade routes to the sea before it fell to Muslim sultan Saladin in 1189. Stroll the site and discover a small chapel, original gatehouse, and find out where a long, dark secret passage leads.

DAY 4

Destination	Petra
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Marriott Hotel Petra, or similar

Great ready for Petra! A firm fixture on most bucket lists for good reason – the jewel of Jordan is an arresting sight. The so-called Rose City boasts an impressive series of tombs, caves and temples hidden behind ornate façades carved directly into the rock. No one knows the exact date of this desert kingdom's creation, but the lost city of the Nabateans is believed to date as far back as the 2nd century CE. The city has lain empty and unknown for centuries, only rediscovered in 1812 by a Swiss explorer.

You'll feel just like Indiana Jones, as you meander through the narrow canyon known as the Siq; at times the path measures only a few metres wide, with walls soaring up to 180 metres on either side of you. It's easy to imagine the armies and merchants who made their way here many years ago, and the sense of awe they too must have felt upon reaching this ancient rock-hewn kingdom, surrounded by such a stark landscape. The Siq is the main entranceway to The Treasury – perhaps Petra's most iconic sight, and one of its most elaborate temples.

Petra's greatest surprise, however, is its size. With our guide we'll explore the old Roman road, the amphitheatre and several tombs. We'll also climb up to the beautiful façade of the Monastery, from where you will have a magnificent view of the entire site.

Exploring this truly extraordinary destination is sure to be a highlight of your trip.

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DAY 5

Destination	Petra 🚗 Wadi Rum
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Memories Aicha Luxury Camp, or similar

We continue to Wadi Rum and browse around the excellent and informative visitor's centre. We'll visit several of Wadi Rum's distinctive rock formations and soak in the vast silence, towering sandstone mountains and spectacular desert landscapes of this surreal 'Valley of the Moon', where, the wind-sculpted rock formations change in hue throughout the day.

We'll also meet with local Bedouins, who live in scattered camps throughout the area, and ride camels to our traditional Bedouin tent, situated deep within the valley. We'll enjoy an evening with them at one of their camps, savouring the hospitality of these nomadic peoples and the uninterrupted desert panoramas.

Wadi Rum is probably best known for its connection with the enigmatic British army officer TE Lawrence, who was based here during the Great Arab Revolt of 1917-18. Much of David Lean's movie on his exploits, *Lawrence of Arabia*, was actually filmed in this very region.

Please note - While we are sure that this experience will inspire you, please be aware that your stay will differ from that of a traditional hotel. There are no hotels in or near Wadi Rum; the only places to sleep are the numerous bedouin-run camps dotted around the desert. The camps that we use are quoted as being 'luxury' because their locations differ from other styles of camps and your tent will have its own ensuite. Even at the best and more 'luxurious' camps, bathroom facilities within the tents are somewhat rudimentary and the bedding can also be quite basic, however still offering you a comfortable nights' accommodation. While we may not make it sound glamorous, it will be a unique and memorable experience.

DAY 6

Destination	Wadi Rum 🚗 Dead Sea 🚗 Amman
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	5 ★ Amman Marriott Hotel, or similar

After waking up in the unique environment of the luxury camp this morning, we'll enjoy a walk around the area before scaling one of the large dunes to enjoy sensational views of the surrounding area; keen photographers will be delighted. We'll then ride camels back across the Wadi Rum desert.

Later, we'll drive for approximately an hour and a half to reach a radically different landscape – the Dead Sea. We'll spend

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the afternoon on the shores of this famous body of water, named for the dearth of life in its waters. The saline water has a high density that keeps bathers buoyant and makes getting underneath the surface very difficult. Floating on the surface without any sort of lilo makes for a once in a lifetime experience. Afterwards we'll return to Amman for the evening.

DAY 7

Destination	Amman 🚗 Masada 🚗 Jerusalem
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ The American Colony Hotel, or similar

Leaving the hotel early this morning, we make our way to the Allenby bridge, at the Israeli border. The bridge crosses the Jordan River near the city of Jericho and connects the West Bank with Jordan. En route to Jerusalem we visit the ancient fortress of Masada. Situated at the very top of an isolated rock plateau in southeastern Israel, Masada is the site of the Jews' last stand against the Romans after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 CE, and is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, we continue our drive to Jerusalem, where we'll enjoy a welcome dinner to celebrate our first night in Israel.

Tonight, we'll sleep at the American Colony Hotel, one of our **Inspiring Stays**, and one of the Leading Hotels of the World. Sitting at the seam of East and West Jerusalem, the American Colony Hotel is steeped in over a century of history. The building was originally constructed and owned by a nobleman of the Ottoman Empire.

DAY 8

Destination	Jerusalem 🚗 Bethlehem 🚗 Jerusalem
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ The American Colony Hotel, or similar

After breakfast we head out to explore two of the most iconic and important cities on the globe – Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Our first stop is the Mount of Olives. One of three hills on a long ridge to the east of Jerusalem, this very spot is the location of many biblical events. Rising more than 800 metres, the mount also offers an unrivalled view of the Old City of Jerusalem and its surrounds.

On our way down from the Mount of Olives we'll stop at the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus is said to have prayed and his disciples slept on the night before crucifixion. We continue to Bethlehem, the biblical birthplace of Jesus before returning to Jerusalem to explore the Old City and to walk the Via Dolorosa, or the 'Way of Sorrow'. The route is believed by many to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion and it remains a place of Christian pilgrimage.

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Tonight, you'll spend the night in one of our **Inspiring Stays** – the American Colony Hotel. Recognised as one of the Leading Hotels of the World, this storied building was originally built by an Ottoman nobleman in the 1800s. Sitting at the seam of East and West Jerusalem, the hotel has hosted many famous guests.

DAY 9

Destination	Jerusalem 🚗 Nablus 🚗 Nazareth
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Legacy Nazareth, or similar

Today, enjoy an early morning visit to the Dome of the Rock and the Western Wall. The most famous Islamic site in Jerusalem, the Dome of the Rock is also the oldest surviving Islamic monument on the globe, dating back to the late 7th century CE. The slab of stone concealed within this Islamic shrine, is, however, sacred to both the Muslim and Jewish faiths. With its shimmering gold-plated dome dominating the skyline of the Old City, the Dome of the Rock is perhaps the most iconic of all Jerusalem's sights.

Close by, we also visit the Western Wall, or 'Wailing Wall', which is one of the holiest sites in the world for the Jewish people. Each year, thousands of people journey here to recite prayers and to wedge small slips of paper – upon which prayers and petitions are written – into the cracks between the stones.

Later, we leave Jerusalem for Nazareth, visiting Nablus en route. Nablus has been settled since before the Roman era, and the land beneath this modern city is layered with millennia of history.

DAY 10

Destination	Nazareth 🚗 Tiberias 🚗 Nazareth
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	Legacy Nazareth, or similar

After breakfast we explore the sights of Nazareth, including the fabled Church of the Annunciation. Later, we travel to Tiberias to visit the churches that line the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus is said to have spent much of his life. This freshwater lake is home to numerous Christian holy sights, from Capernaum (sometimes referred to as the 'Town of Jesus') to Tabgha and the Mount of Beatitudes. Afterwards, enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee before an **Inspiring Taste** at the famous Saint Peter's Fish restaurant – try the signature dish of grilled or fried whole tilapia, eaten in this location since the time of Jesus.

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DAY 11

Destination	Nazareth 🚗 Haifa 🚗 Jaffa 🚗 Tel Aviv
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Shalom Hotel and Relax , or similar

We'll leave Nazareth this morning and drive to Akka to visit the Templars' Tunnel. Following the conquest of Jerusalem by Muslim sultan Saladin in 1187, the Knights Templar made their home in Akka and built a fortress to which this tunnel once led.

Continue to Caesarea, stopping briefly in Haifa to admire the Bahai Gardens. Caesarea is known for its national park, which harbours Roman ruins, from aqueducts and an amphitheatre to the remains of a hippodrome. The restored Caesarea amphitheatre hosts concerts during the summer months.

Continuing on we visit the ancient port city of Jaffa, out of which Tel Aviv has grown. We'll finish our day in this cosmopolitan city, full of bars, restaurants and shops.

DAY 12

Destination	Tel Aviv ✈ Home
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Unfortunately, today marks the end of your incredible tour through Jordan & Israel. At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight home.

DAY 13

Destination	✈ Home
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Arrive home today.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international airfares with a full-service airline
- Return airport transfers
- 11 nights 4-5 star accommodation throughout
- Experience an overnight stay in a private tent in the Wadi Rum desert, gazing at the stars
- Stay 2 nights at the iconic American Colony Jerusalem
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- The services of a professional English speaking escorted tour guide in Jordan and Israel
- The services of a professional fully escorted English speaking guide
- In depth sightseeing including all entry fees as per the itinerary
- All transportation as per the itinerary
- Small group tour - 16 people max
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Amman - City tour
- Jerash - Spectacular Roman ruins
- Petra - Ruins of Petra
- Wadi Rum - Desert wilderness
- Dead Sea - Swimming in the Dead Sea
- Masada - Ancient Fortress
- Jerusalem - Mount of Olives
- Jerusalem - Gethsemane
- Jerusalem - Way of the cross
- Jerusalem - Dome of the Rock
- Jerusalem - Western Wall
- Bethlehem - City tour
- Tiberias - Sea of Galilee
- Nazareth - Tunnels and Halls of the Knights Templar
- Haifa - Roman Aqueducts and Amphitheater

Fine Print

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$100 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$2999 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure

Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

Airfare Information

- Full-service airline used will be Etihad Airlines, Emirates Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Qatar Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Oman Airlines or similar.
- Flights are not direct and include a maximum of two connections.
- If you would like to travel with a preferred airline, please ensure you mention this in the special request field. Please note that appropriate fare and tax difference will be applicable in order to confirm your request.
- Adelaide customers will likely require two stops in either direction

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- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable; any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control

Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades

- Premium Economy - Not available.
- Business Class upgrade available from an additional \$6,500 per person (subject to availability).

Please specify this as a 'Special Request' when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.

Land Only discount

A reduction of \$1,500 per person applies if you wish to arrange your own airfares. To purchase a land-only fare, please select this option in the booking process under 'Departure City'.

Please note, if you are not arriving or departing as per the group itinerary, airport transfers are also no longer included. If you would like us to arrange this service for you, please refer to the 'Extra services' section for pricing.

Extending Your Stay

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour or including a stopover in another destination. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

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1. Once you have logged in to your account, click on 'Book Now' and complete the required fields until you reach the 'Special Requests' free text field.
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and/or preferred airline. Be sure to mention if you would like us to also quote additional nights' accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalising your purchase by processing your deposit payment, please proceed to submit your booking form with all traveller details. Your booking will then be assigned to your Dedicated Support Agent who will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

By choosing to extend your stay, please note that a supplement of \$150 per person, plus applicable fare and tax differences will apply. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.

EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, adding a stopover package en-route or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Airport chauffeur

Take the hassle out of getting to the airport with private chauffeur transfers to and from your home airport. Your personal chauffeur will meet and greet you, attend to your luggage and drive you to your destination in a luxury vehicle.

- Within 30km of airport: \$139 per vehicle (max 2 guests)
- Outside 30km of airport: You may add this option to your booking and the final price will be adjusted based on the transfer distance.

Additional surcharges may apply depending on pick-up time, tolls and government levies.

Airport Chauffeur can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.

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Pre and post tour accommodation (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$199 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer
- Post-tour accommodation: \$312 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer

Arrival and departure airport transfers:

- Arrival Transfer: \$33 per vehicle
- Departure Transfer: \$64 per vehicle

Your transfer may be shared with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

Airport lounges

Escape busy airport terminals and relax at a cosy and catered lounge instead. Departure lounge access in Sydney \$70 per person (up to 6 hours); Melbourne & Brisbane \$55 per person (up to 3 hours).

Airport lounge passes can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.



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EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portorage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3":

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. At the commencement of your tour (in each country) you will be asked to provide tipping to your guide towards a 'kitty', which is then used towards the guide tipping for the services of helpers, hotel staff, restaurants and airport portorage. We suggest USD\$5 per person per day (AUD\$7 approx) towards the kitty. Please note that this tipping is not for the guide, merely for the guide to tip the services of the driver and local workers during your tour. While not made compulsory, if you choose not to contribute to the kitty it means that the guide is tipping for these services out of their own pocket. Your cooperation in this instance is most appreciated.

Tipping for your guide will be collected at the conclusion of their services in each country. To remove the uncertainty and stress of not knowing how much is appropriate to tip we

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recommend USD\$6-8 (AUD\$8-12 approx) per person per day. The amount you wish to contribute is dependent on the services received and at the complete discretion of the guest. Thank you for your understanding.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is \$1,899 per person in addition to the twin share price.

Triple Share

Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with QBE Insurance to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover, earn Qantas Frequent Flyer points and save 25% on retail rates.

Simply click [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

Visa & Passport information

It is the travellers responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your intended date of return to Australia.

Please note visas for Jordan and Israel can be obtained upon entry into each country.

Please speak to your Dedicated Support Agent for more information.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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Group Size

2-16 people

Trip Style - Small Group Tour

These tours are our proudest creations. They have been crafted for Inspiring Vacations travellers exclusively, with personal and unique experiences in mind. You will travel with only a maximum of 20 other guests. Enjoy choice features such as hand-picked accommodation, a sampling of the region's best culinary delights and a range of optional activities to choose from to best suit your travel style.

Children

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent inflight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).

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