



Friendly Travel Tips- Jordan

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is highly recommended for all travelers. At a minimum your travel insurance must provide cover against personal accident, death, medical expenses, emergency repatriation and personal liability. We also strongly recommend it covers cancellation as all deposits paid are non-refundable, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Gospel Travel can help you purchase your Travel Insurance.

Visa Information

Visas will be processed for the group, except if we advise you otherwise. Most nationals obtain the Jordanian Visa at Amman Airport and the land borders upon arrival. **Your passport has to be valid minimum 6 months while traveling in Jordan.**

Currency Information

The official currency is the Jordanian Dinar (JD), which is divided into 100 piastres or 1,000 fils. Notes are in denominations of JD 50, 20, 10, 5 and 1. It is easy to change foreign currency at banks, moneychanger or better hotels, most accepted are USD, GBP and Euros. Banks are closed on Fridays and Saturdays. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are the most widely accepted credit cards. ATMs are available in larger towns, cities, and at the airport. The maximum daily withdrawal amount is around JD 500, depending on your particular card. Check with your bank for information on ATM international fees. We recommend that you carry some cash in case ATMs cannot be accessed, or are out of order.

Electricity

Electricity in Jordan is 220 Volts. Outlets accept mostly the European two-pin plug. Please bring a 110V adapter with you when you travel. Do not purchase in Jordan for it will be more expensive.

Weather

Jordan is characterized by a Mediterranean climate and the best travel time is spring and autumn, March until May, September until November. Summer is hot and sunny, especially in Aqaba and at the Dead Sea. These two areas are in turn ideal for a winter break due to the mild temperatures (16-22 °C) in this season. In the rest of the country winter weather can be cool, with rain and occasional snow. Jordan is a very sunny country with average daily sunshine hours ranging from six to seven in winter and twelve to thirteen in summer. Although summer temperatures are high, the nights are rather cool.

Vaccinations & Health

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio and Hepatitis A vaccinations are highly recommended. For more detailed medical information and necessary vaccinations before departure please consult your doctor. We recommend that you carry a first aid kit as well as any personal medical requirements; and you have to be in good physical health to tour Jordan. The health care system in Jordan is quite advanced, although services remain concentrated in Amman. General advice is to avoid tap water and use instead bottled water.

Safety

Jordan has the reputation to be a very safe and secure country by global and regional standards, and despite regional turmoil, Jordan remains one of the safest countries to visit in the Middle East. It is not only safe, it is also

welcoming. The level of crime is low and not a serious risk although in crowded places visitors could be the target of pickpockets or petty thieves. Like everywhere in the world keep important documents safe, credit cards and bags in sight at all times. For additional safety information you can check with your own government's travel advice before you go.

Check in Time / Check out Time Hotels

The general check in time in Jordan is 15:00, the check-out time is 12:00 noon. We can try for an earlier check in or later check out but this cannot be guaranteed. It is on sole discretion of the hotel, its policies and availability of rooms.

Meals

Our programs include usually breakfast and dinner every day. To give you the flexibility to decide when and where to eat and how much money you like to spend other meals like lunch and dinner are not included. Your tour leader will be able to suggest restaurants during your trip. If you have a stay at one of the Dead Sea Hotels, please note there are no local restaurants in this area.

What To Pack

What you need to bring will vary according to the trip style you have chosen and in which season you are travelling. Generally, you should pack as lightly as possible. You'll need a day pack/bag to carry water and a camera and good walking shoes especially for Petra and Jerash. **Winter (December to February) can be very cold.** Consider bringing warm clothes like jacket, pullovers, shawl and a hat. Light, covering clothes for sun protection you need in summer time, from June to August it can be very warm. When packing, be aware that dress standards are conservative and you should dress accordingly. To respect the local culture and for your own comfort, we strongly recommend modest clothing. As a guideline, shoulders and knees at the minimum should be covered.

Responsible Tourism

Gospel Travel is promoting actively Sustainable & Responsible Tourism. You as traveler can contribute with your decisions to positive impacts on the people, the economy and the environment:

- If you intend to buy a souvenir from Jordan look for products made in Jordan. The items are mostly handmade by Women's Cooperation, supporting with this work several families in them communities. The products are more expensive, but you support the Cooperation and it is a unique Jordan heritage/tradition you help to survive.
- Currently, **three UNESCO World Heritage Sites are existent in Jordan: the rock city Petra**, the Desert Castle Quseir Amra and the archaeological site Um Ar-Rasas. These destinations are World Heritage sites because of their exceptional natural or cultural splendor. Do your part to keep them that way by following designated trails, and do not climb or walk on archeological areas that are closed to public access. Respect caretakers of the sites, and do not remove archaeological or biological treasures as souvenir.
- Be sensitive when you take photos or videos of local people, please ask permission to do so.
- Always treat local people with respect and courtesy. Also take note of local dress code. Jordan is mainly an Islamic country, so especially women are required to cover shoulders and knees. As a general rule, dressing smartly, will garner more respect.