



SECRETS OF
EGYPT
& THE NILE
November 25 ~
December 6, 2024

PRE-CRUISE TOUR OF JORDAN

November 19 ~ 25, 2024

NOV.19 ARRIVE AMMAN, JORDAN
You will be met on arrival and brought to the Four Seasons Hotel Amman.
The balance of the day will be at leisure.

Four Seasons Hotel Amman

NOV.20 AMMAN JORDAN
This morning after breakfast we travel north to the ancient Roman city of Jerash. You are greeted by the imposing triple-arched gateway built to honor Emperor Hadrian's arrival at Jerash in 129 A.D. Visit the Temples of Zeus, the mile long street of Columns. Cardo Maximus, the colonnaded streets, theaters, baths and over 17 ruins of 17 churches that were found in Jerash.



In the afternoon return to the Four Seasons Amman for a 90 minute break before continuing on an Amman City Tour including the old and new parts of the city as well as the citadel and the Roman Amphitheater. This evening Join John & Diana for a welcome dinner at a Traditional Arabic Restaurant.

Four Seasons Hotel Amman (Meals: B/D)

NOV.21 AMMAN / MADABA / MT NEBO / THE DEAD SEA
Today we visit the Christian Town of Madaba, known at the city of Mosaics. Here you visit the oldest map of the Holy Land on the floor of St. George's Church. Madaba or Medeba in antiquity, features many famous mosaics that exist in public and private buildings. Enjoy lunch at a popular local restaurant ~ Hikayet Sitti. After lunch we have a short drive to Mt. Nebo, the alleged site where Moses got to see the Promised Land but never got set foot in it. It overlooks the Jordan Valley and the dead sea. On a clear day you can see all the way east to Jerusalem and Jericho to the north. Here Franciscans have built a structure that protects a 4th and 6th Century Byzantine Churches. We finish at the Kempinski Ishtar Hotel.

Kempinski Ishtar Hotel (Meals: B/L)

NOV.22

DEAD SEA / BETHANY

This morning after breakfast we have a 3-hour excursion to nearby Bethany. Beit 'Abara became known as Bethany in the New Testament. The bible clearly records that Jesus was baptized in the village of Bethany on the other of the Jordan. The baptism site, known in Arabic as al-Maghtas, is located at the head of a lush valley, just east of the Jordan River.

You Will be back in time for lunch and have the afternoon free to enjoy this beautiful resort.

Kempinski Ishtar Hotel (Meals: B)

NOV.23

DEAD SEA / WADI RUM / PETRA

After breakfast we travel to Wadi Rum and enjoy lunch at Sun City Camp. Then we will explore the desert for 2 hours in 4x4 Vehicles with Bedouin Guides. Lawrence of Arabia spent time on this impressive moonscape of sand and wind-sculpted stone. In the afternoon we travel to Petra. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at the hotel and review our plans for following day's exploration of Petra.



Movenpick Petra Hotel (Meals: B/L/D)

NOV.24

PETRA



We have a full day to explore Petra. Once the ancient Nabatean Capital, this city gently reveals itself as you pass by its hand-carved facades. After passing tombs,

which are located outside the city, the visit moves through an immense, yet narrow crack in the sandstone. It is a winding, one-kilometer long fissure between overhanging cliffs that seem to meet more than 300 feet overhead. Near the end of the passage appears Petra's most impressive monument, el Khazneh - the Treasury. This is one of the most elegant remains of antiquity, carved out of the solid rock from the side of the mountain and is 140 feet high and 90 feet wide. Beyond el Khazneh you will be surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures, soaring temples, elaborate royal tombs, a carved Roman Theater, large and small houses. Burial chambers, and much more. Today we will have lunch at the Basin Restaurant in the valley. You can spend the afternoon exploring Petra and return to the hotel at your convenience.

Tonight, please plan on joining John & Diana for a special farewell to Jordan evening.

Movenpick Petra Hotel (Meals: B/L/D)

NOV.25

DEPART FOR AMMAN AIRPORT AND ON TO CAIRO

After an early breakfast we will depart Petra for Amman International Airport For our onward flight to Cairo to begin our tour of Egypt.

Movenpick Petra Hotel (Meals: B)

Royal Jordanian Airlines ~ RJ503 Departing Amman 12:25pm Arrives Cairo 1:05pm

Trip Cost:

\$3,195 per person double occupancy

\$4,445 per person single occupancy

Deposit required is \$500 per person and balance would be due July 20,

Royal Jordanian flight is additional.



Space is limited!

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