



Splendours of Jordan

8th March 2020

8 Days from £1995pp



Explore the ancient Kingdom of Jordan, visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Petra and much more.

Exclusively Regent Tour Itinerary

- ◇ Fully escorted by Wendy Birch (subject to minimum numbers)
- ◇ Return Economy flights from London Heathrow to Amman with Royal Jordanian Airlines
- ◇ 7 nights' accommodation in a variety of beautiful 5* hotels (details overleaf)
- ◇ Varied board basis as per itinerary
- ◇ Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Petra, an ancient carved-sandstone city
- ◇ Explore Jordan's incredible history, with Roman ruins and even pre-historic sites
- ◇ Entrance fees to all sights included, as per itinerary
- ◇ Optional excursions available (at additional expense, details to be advised nearer departure date)
- ◇ Return coach transfers to Heathrow Airport available, £85pp
- ◇ Commission-free currency & competitive rate travel insurance available in-store

Sunday 8th March 2020

Meet your fellow Regent travellers today as we fly from Heathrow Airport to Amman. The ancient capital of Jordan is one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world. Now a modern metropolis, the remnants of multiple past civilisations are still apparent with Roman ruins, ancient temples and myriad religious sites. Amman is known as one of the most liberal and modern Arab cities, and is a wonder to discover. Upon arrival we transfer to the 5* **Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana** hotel, our home for the next 2 nights.

Monday 9th March 2020

Built on seven main hills, the citadel atop one of the highest hills offers incredible panoramic views over the whole of Amman, which we will see as we embark on our city tour this morning. We will spend 2-3 hours with our local guide, exploring by coach and on foot. See the National Archaeological Museum and ancient ruins of the Temple of Hercules, one of the most significant Roman ruins in all of Amman, which dates back to 161AD. Heading downtown we see the restored Roman theatre, a remnant from the ancient city of Philadelphia. Built into the side of a hill, the theatre dates back to the second century and can hold up to 6000 people. We travel onwards to Jerash, built over 2000 years ago and known as the 'Pompeii of the East' because of how well-preserved the area is. See the Triumphal Arch, which was built to honour Emperor Hadrian in 129AD, and see the continuing excavation work. After our tour we return to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner. You may wish to join our **optional excursion** (At additional expense, details to be advised nearer departure date), this evening, a walking tour of Amman at night. This will showcase Amman's arts and shopping scene, where you can stroll along lively Rainbow Street, passing cafes, arts venues, galleries, sample street food and more. (B,L,D)

Tuesday 10th March 2020

We drive towards Petra this morning via the famous King's Highway. The first leg of our journey crosses Mount Nebo, believed to be the site of Moses' tomb and from where he first saw the Promised Land. Spectacular views await in good weather, where you can see right across the Valley of Jordan to the Dead Sea. On the top of the hill lie ruins of a beautiful 4th century church, where stunning mosaic floors can be seen. We drive onwards to Madaba, home of Byzantine mosaics dating back to the 6th century. At the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George you can see the earliest surviving original map of the Holy Lands, which dates back to 560AD. We pass through Jordan's 'mini Grand Canyon' of Wadi Mujib en route to Shobak, where we visit the Crusader fortress of Shobak Castle, perched in a wild and remote landscape which wins over even the most castle-weary visitor. Built in 1115 by Crusader King Baldwin I, it links to a chain of crusader strongholds across Jordan. Our journey continues to majestic Petra, a beautifully stone-carved city which has been inhabited since pre-historic times. Situated between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, it was once a vital crossroads between Arabia, Egypt and Syria-Phoenicia. Petra is half built and half carved into rock, surrounded by mountains and gorges - a truly fascinating and unique sight, and one of the world's most famous archaeological sites. Our home for the next 3 nights will be the beautiful 5* **Movenpick Resort Petra**, located just outside the entrance to the incredible UNESCO site. Dine as a group again this evening. (B,L,D)

Continued overleaf...

* £545pp Single Supplement

Please note: Visas are required for travel to Jordan

A deposit of £300pp is required to reserve your place on this tour

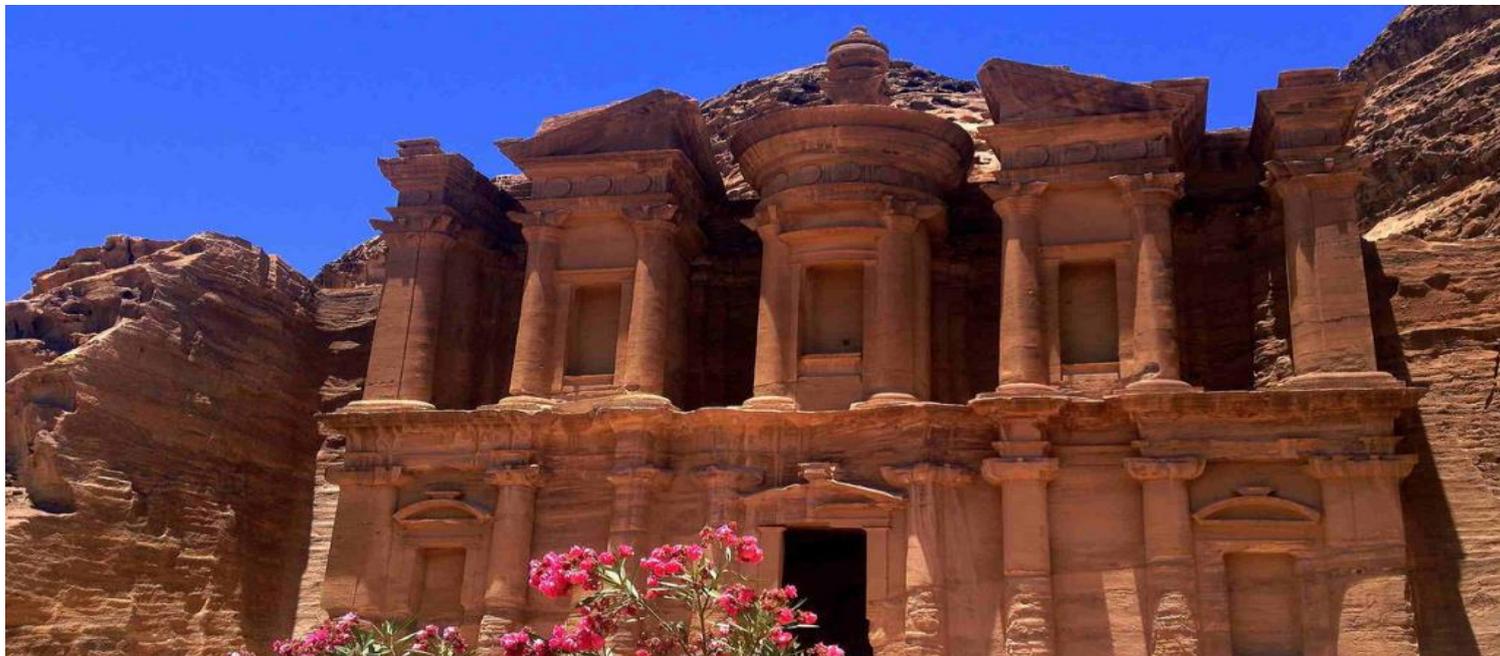
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Wednesday 11th March 2020

Enjoy a full day exploring Petra. The 'Rose City' gains its name from the pinky-red coloured sandstone from which it is carved. Built over 2000 years ago, this is an awe-inspiring fortress. Its strategic location made it an important trade route in the ancient world, with myriad goods for sale, but it was Frankincense which made the city rich as it was once more valuable than gold. Petra maintained a stronghold on the ancient world's Frankincense supply and became a wealthy trading hub with magnificent architecture. Lying lost for over a thousand years until 1958, you can walk through the Siq, a huge crack in the Nudian sandstone, and see more of the historic city beyond. You may wish to visit the Monastery of Ed Deir and the High Place of Sacrifice here, however this is a very steep climb and is not recommended for those with walking or mobility difficulties. Overnight once more at the 5* **Movenpick Resort Petra**. (B,D)

Thursday 12th March 2020

Return to Petra today for further exploration with our local guide. This evening we enjoy an **optional excursion** (at additional expense, details to be advised nearer departure date) to see beautiful Petra by Candlelight, a truly unique experience and a trip highlight. Lasting from 8pm until around 10pm, hundreds of candles light up the main entrance and along the Siq, culminating at The Treasury where the forecourt is strewn with candles and awash with beautiful light. (B,D)

Friday 13th March 2020

We head to the Dead Sea today, journeying on the Desert Highway. Our first stop is Al Beidha, also known as 'Little Petra', where we spend our morning amongst the sandstone carvings of this ancient site. Continuing to Wadi Rum, see the fascinating moonscape of valleys and rocks where weathered sandstone mountains rise out of the white and pink hued sands creating some of the world's most spectacular desert scenery. Home to T.E. Lawrence during the 1917-18 Arab Revolt, the area was used for many locations in the film 'Lawrence of Arabia'.

Friday 13th March 2020 continued...

See the several Bedouin camps and the desert fort where police are dressed in traditional robes and mounted on camels - a fascinating sight. We journey on the Desert Highway towards the Dead Sea. One of the most unique places on Earth, the incredible Dead Sea has such a high concentration of salt that plant and animal life is impossible to achieve here. Such high salt levels are due to the water's high evaporation rates, which over the years have led to a mineral build-up. Our home for the next 2 nights is the 5* **Movenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**. (B)

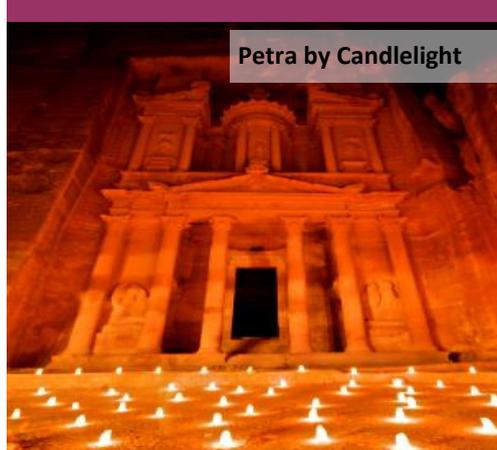
Saturday 14th March 2020

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Perhaps join Wendy on our **optional excursion** to Bethany, a place brimming with Christian pilgrimage sites (at additional expense, details to be advised nearer departure date). The site of John the Baptist's settlement at Bethany beyond the River Jordan, where Jesus was baptised, has long been documented in the Bible and several medieval texts and the site has Christian, Byzantine, Islamic and Ottoman history. (B)

Sunday 15th March 2020

Say goodbye to Jordan this morning as we take a short drive from the Dead Sea to Amman airport. Arrive back in England with fantastic memories of a unique tour. (B)

PLEASE NOTE: UK Nationals require a visa to enter Jordan (at additional own expense of approx. £50pp, details given nearer departure date).



Petra by Candlelight

Your Hotels

5* Boulevard Arjaan by Rotana Hotel

Conveniently located in downtown Amman near the Temple of Hercules and several Roman Corinthian columns. 2 rooftop pools, fitness centre, 2 on-site restaurants including an Italian with outdoor terrace and Wi-Fi.

Bedrooms: Rooms have safe, hairdryer, TV, bathrobes and tea/coffee making facilities.

5* Movenpick Resort Petra

Located just outside the UNESCO site of Petra, the resort is nestled amongst rocky outcrops and amber-hued sands which are reflected in its décor, with natural stone and Middle-Eastern inspired motifs throughout. Several eateries on site including a tea room, roof garden, ice-cream counter and fantastic Mediterranean cuisine. Wellness centre *, gym, steam bath & outdoor pool.

Bedrooms: Rooms have safe, hairdryer, TV, minibar, Wi-Fi and tea/coffee making facilities.

5* Movenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea

This resort is nestled at the lowest point on earth, around 400 metres below sea level. Situated in a traditional village on the northern shores of the Dead Sea, enjoy lush tropical gardens and a relaxed atmosphere. Choice of 9 bars and restaurants, fitness centre, award-winning spa* and 3 swimming pools.

Bedrooms: Rooms have safe, hairdryer, TV, minibar and tea/coffee making facilities.

*At own Expense

Mobility Information

Regrettably, this tour is not suitable for wheelchair users or those with mobility issues. Mobility access cannot be guaranteed at ancient sites and the itinerary advertised is very busy and includes a variety of transport, including 4x4 Jeeps to reach the excursion in Wadi Rum. Some driving distances will be from 4 to 9 hours throughout the day. A level of walking is required to reach the entrance to Petra. Regent must be notified of all special requests, including room, health, mobility and flight requests, at time of booking. Please discuss any queries or concerns with Regent. Regent must be informed if personal ability or health declines over the booking period.

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