
GEEO ITINERARY

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Day 1: Amman Arrive in Amman at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.

Arrive at any time. There are no planned activities until the Welcome Meeting in the evening. This tour begins and ends in Amman, and the nearest airport is **Queen Alia International Airport (AMM)**. Consider arriving 1-2 days early to explore the city, adjust to the time zone, and buffer against flight delays. We can request extra hotel nights for you before the program begins. **Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting** Hotel check-in is normally between 2-3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 6-7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group. After the meeting, you might choose to get dinner at a nearby restaurant with your traveling companions and your tour leader to further get to know one another. Getting Around: Amman is a very big city, and there is not one central area to stay—hotels are spread out across various neighborhoods within the city. For this reason, to move around the city during your free time, you will need to take taxis. Ask your tour leader or the hotel front desk for recommendations and assistance.

Joining Instructions

Taxi: (~20 JOD | 20min-1hr) Official airport taxis are available. Agree on the price with your driver before departing, as travel time varies significantly depending on traffic.

Pre-Booked Arrival Transfer: If you purchased a transfer with us, a G Adventures representative will meet you outside the arrival hall with a sign displaying your name. *Note: The driver will be outside the arrival hall, not in the immigration area where other drivers may be located.* If you're not met or cannot make contact, call the emergency number on your trip voucher or take a taxi to the hotel (keep your receipt).

Day 2: Amman/Jerash/Dead Sea/Amman Guided tour of the ancient Roman town of Jerash. Visit the Dead Sea. Return to Amman for the night.

This morning, we set off on a half-day trip to Jerash, a fascinating site and one of the largest and most well-preserved Roman ruins outside Italy. Wander amid its paved and colonnaded streets, soaring hilltop temples, handsome theaters, spacious public squares, and plazas, baths, fountains, and city walls pierced by towers and gates – all in exceptional condition. We then discover the legendary healing qualities of the Dead Sea, famous for its unique mineral makeup and salinity. Spot salt chunks drifting by like icebergs on the water's surface. Take a dip yourself and float like a buoy or cover yourself in the mud along the shore, believed to have medicinal and therapeutic benefits. There are showers nearby to wash off after. We return to Amman for the night. **Approximate travel time**: 5-7 hrs total by private vehicle with stops along the way **Meals included**: Breakfast

Day 3: Amman/Karak/Petra Guided visit to the Madaba mosaics. Take in the views from Mount Nebo. Visit the crusader castle at Karak. Continue to Wadi Musa for the evening.

We depart early for the first stop, Mount Nebo, a historic site believed by many to be the location of Moses' death and has thus been a center for pilgrimage since the earliest Christian times. Trek to the summit (817 m or 2,680 ft) and be rewarded with views of the stunning surrounding countryside and Israel in the distance. Learn the ancient history of this spot and check out the views. We continue on to Madaba to explore its long history on this guided tour, including its role as the center of early Christianity. We will see some of the finest Byzantine mosaics in the world, including the famous sixth-century mosaic map of the Middle East. Tour churches, the Archaeological Park, and the local museum

that's housed in several old Madaba residences. After, we take a walk through history on a guided tour of Karak Castle, the largest late-Islamic castle in Jordan. Explore its unique construction – initially built in the Crusader period, it was expanded and refortified during the Ayyubid and Mamluk eras. In the early evening, we arrive in Wadi Musa, the town just outside Petra. **Approximate travel time:** 3-4 hrs total by private vehicle with stops along the way **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 4: Petra Start your day early with a visit to iconic Petra. This evening, opt to unwind with a Turkish bath, or opt for the Petra by Night tour, available on select evenings.

We journey to Petra today to explore this UNESCO World Heritage site. Each tour will be different depending on the interests of the group, but everyone arrives through the dramatic Siq, rounding a corner and setting eyes on the famous treasury building. Climb to two sacred hilltops. Depending on the weather and the interests of the group, you may opt to hike an additional 2 km to see the magnificent views from the top of the treasury. This makes for a unique and unforgettable experience. We will get a brief history of the city, one of the greatest tourist attractions in the Middle East. The Nabateans carved this capital from the living rock of the surrounding mountains in Petra. Visit monuments that include the Pharaoh's Castle, the triumphal arch, the amphitheater, and the monastery. In the afternoon, you may return to Wādī Mūsá or continue exploring on your own. Please note that the "Petra by Night" tour is not available every night. It typically runs only on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, but is subject to change based on local conditions and seasonal variations. Check with your tour leader or the official Petra website for the most current information before planning your visit. **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 5: Petra/Wadi Rum Opt to visit Little Petra in the morning. Continue to Wadi Rum. Head out on a 4x4 excursion during the day before a traditional dinner and overnight at a Bedouin desert camp.

In the morning, you can take the opportunity to visit Little Petra (Siq al-Barid). We then drive to Wadi Rum, a vast, silent landscape of ancient riverbeds and the largest and most magnificent of Jordan's desert landscapes. Journey into the stunning, colorful desert on a 4x4 excursion. Make stops along the way to get out and explore, learn about the region or scramble up rocks or sand dunes. We arrive at the camp in time for a traditional meal and learn more about this ancient culture. Our dinner is prepared in traditional fashion, with the meat and vegetables cooked in an underground oven. Soft drinks and water are available for purchase. Spend the evening sitting under the stars, around a fire, listening to stories from the Bedouin hosts. If really lucky, they may bring the drums out for some music! Accommodation in the desert is in individual cabins that are all attached. Each room contains a bathroom. Basic linens are provided, but many travelers prefer to bring a sleep sheet for extra comfort. The rooms at the desert camp can be very hot during the summer, so many travelers opt to sleep outside. **Approximate travel time:** 2 hrs by private vehicle, 2 hrs by 4x4 **Meals included:** Breakfast | Dinner

Day 6: Wadi Rum/Aqaba Journey to the Red Sea, where you can opt to snorkel, relax at the beach, or enjoy a relaxing boat trip.

Today, we drive to the Red Sea resort city of Aqaba where you will have free time to relax at the beach, swim in the refreshing water, or check out the city. Make sure to try some fresh seafood for dinner. **Approximate travel time:** 1 hr by private vehicle **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 7: Aqaba/Amman Journey back to Amman. En route, stop at a G Adventures-supported community cafe for lunch.

Today, we journey back to Amman. En route, we visit Safi Crafts to learn about ancient textile traditions. You'll see firsthand how local artisans use indigenous plants to create natural dyes, a process that supports both environmental heritage and economic empowerment for local women. We'll follow the visit with a community-prepared, traditional Jordanian meal at Al Safi Kitchen. Al Safi Kitchen is a nonprofit organization working in the South Ghour region, south of the Dead Sea, to create a sustainable future for

the community. The mission of the company is to raise awareness about the importance of cultural heritage and natural resources of the area. Their tourism program is key to the expansion of their environmental and social mission. **Approximate travel time:** 4 hrs by private vehicle **Meals included:** Breakfast | Lunch

Day 8: Amman Depart Amman at any time.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart Amman at any time. If you wish to extend your stay in Amman, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us. Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk. **Meals included:** Breakfast

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Accommodations List

The hotels listed below reflect the properties *expected to be used* for this program. Final accommodations are subject to change based on group size, availability, or seasonality. **The confirmed start and end hotels are listed on your trip voucher:** [geeo_hotel_list] ***Itinerary Disclaimer:** *While it is our intention to adhere to the routes described on our website, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable, to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The information on our website is a general guide to the tour and region, and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.*