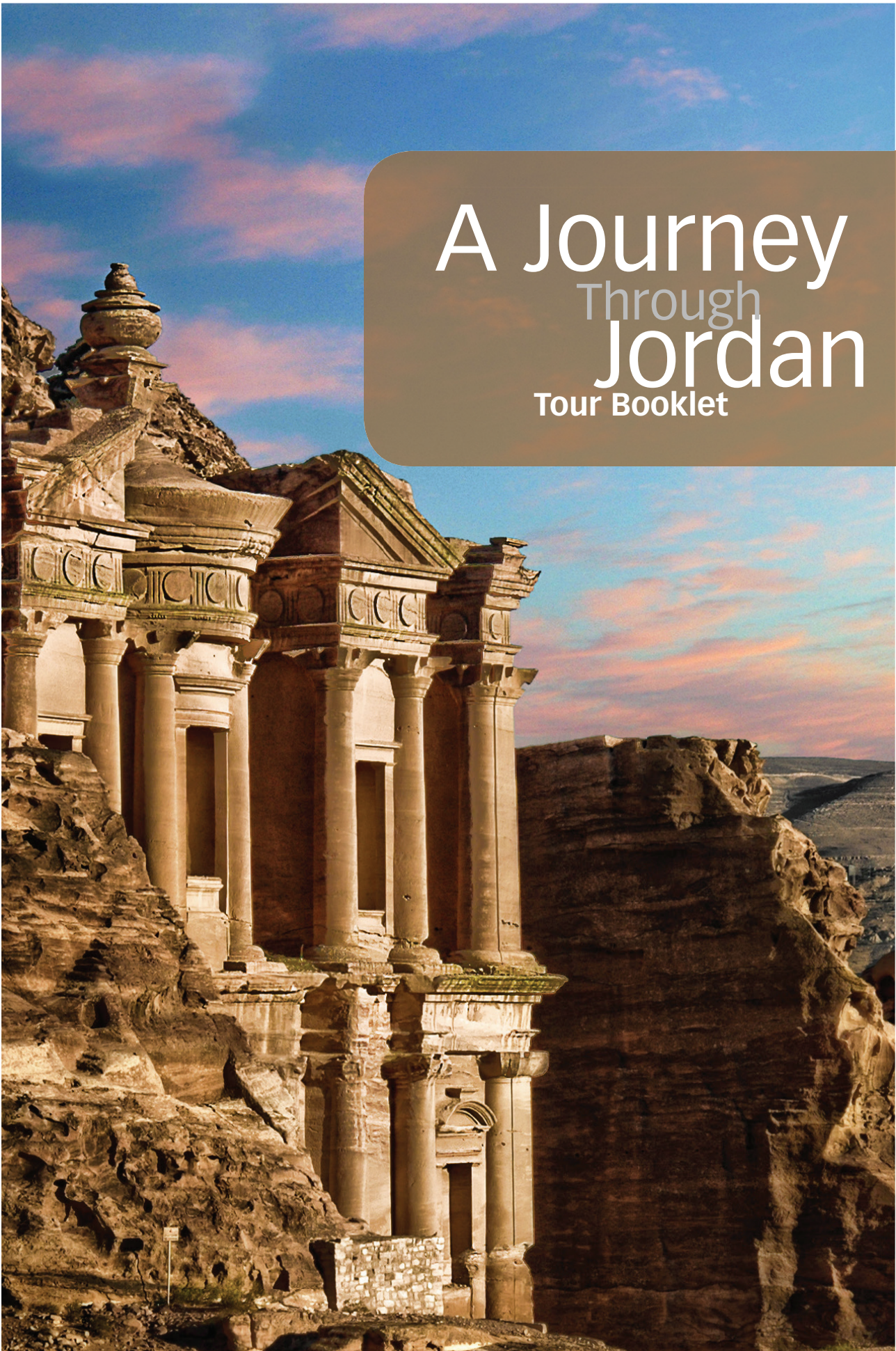




A Journey Through Jordan

Tour Booklet



Ahlan Wa Sahlan!

Welcome to Jordan.

As our origins are enrooted here, we created this booklet to show you the best of our blossoming Jordan – with each section portraying the natural, historic and abundant beauty of each corner of our land.

From relics of the world's greatest civilizations to the generosity of the locals, we wish you a culturally rich, pleasant and unforgettable experience.

Now without further ado, let's set forth on a great journey through Jordan.



Amman

2-Night Stay

Amman, the capital of Jordan, is a fascinating city of contrasts – a unique blend of old and new – situated on a hilly area between the desert and the fertile Jordan Valley.

In the commercial heart of the city, enjoy ultramodern buildings, hotels, smart restaurants, art galleries and boutiques; complemented with traditional coffee shops and artisans' workshops.

The downtown area of Amman, lets you explore traditional, small businesses producing and selling everything from fabulous jewelry to everyday household items.

In the ancient city of Philadelphia; go back in history at the Roman Amphitheatre, Amman Citadel and many more monuments before you drive to the other side of the city to oversee the authentic, beautiful houses of Amman made of white stones.



Dead Sea



Baptism Site

1-2 Night Stay

The lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea, is 400 meters below sea level and is considered as one of the most impressive destinations and an ecological treasure of the world.

Relish in the rich blend of Dead Sea salts, minerals and mud while you enjoy the other-worldly beauty of mountains flanked to the east and west by the hills of Jerusalem. The calm, relaxing destination is believed to be the birthplace of five biblical cities; Sodom, Gomorrah, Adama, Seboim and Zoar.

Don't miss visiting the Baptism Site at the Jordan River, where the baptism of Jesus Christ took place by John the Baptist. The holy site is also close to Beit 'Abara, where Joshua, Elijah and Elisha crossed the river.



Ma'in Hot Springs

1-Night Stay

All visitors to the Dead Sea should take advantage of another nearby wonder, Ma'in Hot Springs.

One of the most beautiful desert oases in the world, Ma'in Hot Springs gathers locals and tourists to enjoy mineral-rich waters of hot spring waterfalls heated up to temperatures of 63 degrees Celsius by underground lava fissures.

Enjoy luxe pampering at the Ma'in Hot Springs Hotel with stunning views, man-made pools fed by thermal waterfalls and a wide variety of therapeutic services to let you unwind.



Petra

1-Night Stay

One of the 7 wonders of the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans and the treasure of Jordan.

Discover ancient beauty that dates more than 2000 years back, in a spectacular setting deep inside a narrow, desert gorge. Travel on foot from the main entrance through the famous 'Siq'; an immense crack in the sandstone that winds for one kilometer between overhanging cliffs.

In addition to the magnificent remains of the Nabataean city, human settlement and land use for over 10,000 years can be traced in Petra, where great natural, cultural, archaeological and geological features merge. Petra is also known as the rose-red city, a name it gets from the wonderful colour of the rock from which many of the city's structures were carved.



Aqaba

1-2 Night Stay

The microcosm of all beautiful things Jordan has to offer, Aqaba is a delightful destination for discerning holiday makers.

Aqaba's beach resorts are popular for windsurfing and other water sports, and the area is a top destination for scuba divers, with notable dive sites including the Yamanieh coral reef in the Aqaba Marine Park, south of the city.

With outstanding sites, splendid Red Sea resorts, superb touristic facilities and activities, and the welcoming, friendly people of Aqaba who enjoy nothing more than making sure their visitors have a good time, you will certainly relish in an unforgettable and lovely experience.



Wadi Rum

1-Night Stay

The moonscape of ancient Valleys, Wadi Rum features towering weathered sandstone mountains rising out of white and pink colored sand.

The journey of your life awaits with a 4X4 Jeep ride inside the protected area covering 720 square kilometers of dramatic desert wilderness, with huge mountains of sandstone and granite that emerge to reach heights of 1700 meters.

Enjoy narrow canyons and fissures that cut deep into the mountains, concealing ancient rock drawings etched by the peoples of the desert over millennia. Bedouin tribes that still live among the mountains of Wadi Rum and their culturally-rich goat-hair tents also add a very special feature to the scenery of the landscape. At night, enjoy a remarkable experience under the magnificent night star scenery of Wadi Rum, complemented with an authentic Bedouin dinner and entertainment.



Jerash

1-Day Tour

Boasting an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years, Jerash is one of the favorite tourist destinations in Jordan.

Conquered by General Pompey in 63 B.C., Jerash was ruled by the Roman Empire and was considered one of the ten greatest Roman cities, the Decapolis League. Explore the city's golden age, during which time was known as Gerasa, including the 2nd century Hardian's Arch, the Corinthian columns of the Temple of Artemis and the huge Forum's oval colonnade.

Discover more of the best preserved Roman provincial towns in the world that was hidden for centuries at the Jerash Archaeological Museum which displays artifacts excavated from the site.



Castle of Ajloun



Ajloun Nature Reserve

1-Day Tour

Surrounded by mountains famous for their thick green forests, Ajloun is a hilly town in the north of Jordan that conserves a superb example of Arab and Islamic architecture; the Castle of Ajloun or "Qalaat Errabad".

Built on the orders of Izz al-Din Usama, a general in the army of Saladin Al Ayyoubi, the Castle of Ajloun was built as a base to develop and control the iron mines of Ajloun in 1184. Its structure, chambers and staircases will captivate you, and from its hilltop towers, enjoy panoramic views of the Jordan Valley to the Dead Sea.

Do not miss Ajloun's Nature Reserve, a protected area of outstanding beauty and diverse wildlife with two stunning nature trails and chalet-style accommodation to complement your day tour.



Qasr Amra



Qasr Al Kharanah

½-Day Tour

A blend of early Islamic art and architecture, Jordan's Desert Castles stand testament to a fascinating era in Jordan's rich history.

Experience the stories of life during the 8th century with fine mosaics, frescoes, stone and stucco carvings and illustrations that are inspired by the best in Persian and Graeco-Roman traditions.

Discover Qasr Amra, one of the best-preserved monuments and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with interiors paved with colorful mosaics and frescoes, Qasr Al Kharanah, arguably the most photogenic of all desert castles, Qasr Mushatta, Qasr Al Tuba and Qasr Al Hallabat, all of which have been restored and are in excellent condition.



Umm Al Jimal

½-Day Tour

After you discover Jordan's Desert Castles, sightsee Umm Al Jimal, one of the most unique monuments of ancient civilizations also known as the 'Black Gem of the Desert'.

Constructed with dark, volcanic basalt rock, Umm Al Jimal encompasses more than 150 buildings standing one to three stories above ground, including 128 houses and 15 churches, all of which provide a fascinating insight into rural life during the Roman, Byzantine and early Islamic periods.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Umm Al Jimal was established by the Nabateans as a post on the trade route between Damascus and the south, and then continued by the Romans. Later, Umm Al Jimal was revived by thriving Byzantine and Umayyad communities.



Madaba



Museum of Madaba

1-Day Tour

Visit Madaba and Mount Nebo and sightsee the city of Mosaics.

Explore the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George built in 1896 AD over the remains of a much earlier Byzantine Church and presently housing the Madaba Mosaic Map which depicts all the major biblical sites and historical insights of the region.

In a small alley a few blocks south of the church is the Museum of Madaba, housed in traditional Madaba residences built on mosaic floors and features historical collections that date back to Hellenistic times, Roman, Byzantine and Islamic periods. The museum preserves 6th century mosaics in its archaeological unit and the historical jewellery, traditional costumes and historical tools of Madaba's heritage in its folkloric unit.



Al Karak

1-Day Tour

A maze of stone-vaulted halls and endless passageways, Al Karak will mesmerize you with its silhouette of buildings, restaurants, places to stay and the like, all filled with history of civilizations including the Greek, Nabatean, Byzantine Crusaders and the Ottoman rule in the 19th century.

The city is home to one of the largest crusader castles in the Levant, the magnificent Al Karak Castle, soaring over the valleys, hills and buildings of the city of Al Karak, where the fates of kings and nations were decided for millennia. As the castle was the stronghold for crusades between the Crusaders and the Army of Saladin; the first sultan of Egypt and Syria, it lets you in on the architectural military genius of the Crusaders.

Al Karak is also home to a helmeted bronze statue of Saladin.



Umm Qais

1-Day Tour

In the northwestern corner of Jordan are the tremendous ruins of the Decapolis city of Gadara, Umm Qais; and it is a 'sight' not to be missed.

Home to several classic poets and philosophers, Umm Qais is perched on a splendid hilltop with a stunning vantage point over the Sea of Galilee, Golan Heights and the Jordan Valley with views so astonishing they let you unwind – as photographed above courtesy of Nicola Abuzeid.

After you take in the sights, enjoy the impressive colonnaded street, vaulted terrace and ruins of two theatres at Umm Qais, and then dine on the terrace of a fine restaurant, with yet more breathtaking views.



Wadi Al Mujib



Umm Ar-Rasas

1-Day Tour

The lowest-altitude nature reserve in the world, the Mujib Nature Reserve located within the deep Wadi Al Mujib gorge provides a spectacular array of scenery near the east coast of the Dead Sea.

The Reserve extends to Al Karak and Madaba mountains, reaching up to 900 meters above sea level in some areas. This 1,300-meter variation in elevation, combined with the valley's year-round water flow from seven tributaries, lets you enjoy a magnificent biodiversity in Wadi Al Mujib that is still being explored and documented today. Over 300 species of plants, 10 species of carnivores and numerous species of permanent and migratory birds have been recorded to date.

On your way to Wadi Al Mujib, don't miss a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Umm Ar-Rasas; home to magnificent remains from the Roman, Byzantine and Early Muslim periods including, 16 churches, two towers and astounding mosaics from the Byzantine era. Particularly noteworthy is the mosaic floor of the Church of St. Stephen, representing towns in the region with particular significance both artistically and as a geographical record.



Beit Aziz at Al Sult

1-Night Stay

Explore culture in every corner at the first Boutique Hotel in Al Sult downtown, Beit Aziz, offering remarkable facilities and mountain views over the splendid yellow sandstone buildings and domed roofs of the old city Ottoman Empire trading hub.

Bike your way through Al Sult and sightsee Roman tombs on the outskirts of town, the 13th century Ayyubid fortress, and the Abu Jaber mansion, reputed to be the finest example of a 19th century merchant house in the region built in between 1892 and 1906 with frescoed ceilings painted by Italian artists.

Visit Al Sult's Archaeological & Folklore Museum to enjoy the display of artifacts dating back from the Chalcolithic period to the Islamic era, including a presentation of Bedouin traditional costumes, displays on farming activities and mosaic fragments from churches around Al Sult.



Dana Biosphere Reserve



Wadi Finan Ecolodge

1-2 Night Stay

Dana is Jordan's largest nature reserve covering 320 square kilometers of spectacular mountains and wadis. The Dana Biosphere Reserve is home to a great variety of wildlife including 700 plant species, 190 bird species, 37 mammal species and 26 reptile species.

Leave your vehicles behind and explore the diverse environment of Dana and remoteness of the Reserve along one of the many canyons and hiking trails, and deep into the heart of the mountainous Reserve, don't miss the candle-lit ecolodge that rests in the magnificent Wadi Finan; the Finan Ecolodge.

Awarded as one of the best ecolodges in the world by National Geographic Traveler Magazine, Finan Ecolodge offers a unique eco-experience in Jordan. The ecolodge generates its energy needs from the sun by day and is only lit by candles and star lights by night; providing an experience deep-rooted in nature, history and culture.

From hiking and canyoneering, to mountain biking and stargazing, the spectacular Dana Biosphere Reserve and Wadi Finan will offer you authentic experiences engrained in extraordinary history.



Mediterranean Sea

Jordan River
Dead Sea

Gulf of Aqaba

Red Sea

Lake Tiberias

Umm Qais

Irbid

Ajloun Nature Reserve

Ajloun

Ajloun Castle

Jerash

Al Sult

Al Zarqa

Amman

Baptism Site

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Madaba

Ma'in

Umm Ar-Rasas

Wadi Al Mujib

Al Karak

Al Karak Castle

Al Tafilah

Dana Biosphere Reserve

Wadi Finan

Petra

Ma'an

Wadi Rum

Aqaba

Al Mafrq

Umm Al Jimal

Qasr Al Hallabat

Qasr Amra

Qasr Al Mushatta

Qasr Al Kharanah

- Capital City
- Governorate
- Touristic Site
- Desert Castle
- Nature Reserve
- Bodies of Water
- Primary Highway



