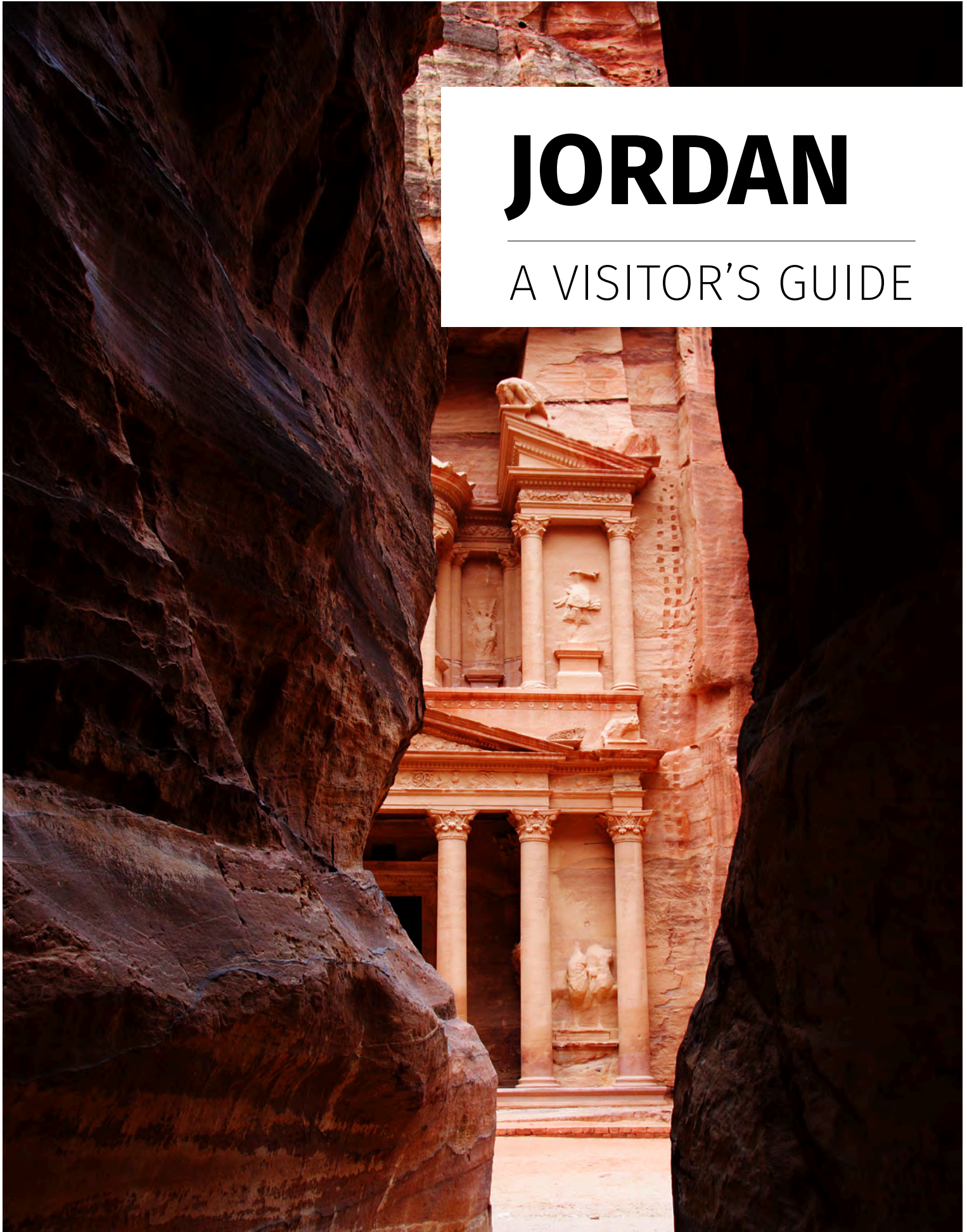


JORDAN

A VISITOR'S GUIDE



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Sights to see at least once in a lifetime, all in this ancient kingdom

JORDAN: THE LAND OF HISTORY AND CULTURE

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Once you step into this ancient land, your sense of reality ends as you enter a world full of Culture, Adventure, Nature and History that hosted different civilizations and considered a Holy Land that all prophets passed through.

From well-appointed hotel accommodations and thought-

provoking sightseeing tours that showcase Jordan's history splendor and intriguing culture to seaside resorts and desert activities, bargain shopping and luxurious fine dining experiences – all these have made the country among the hottest places to be in the world for both leisure and business travelers.

So, to ensure that guests experience the most pleasant stay in Jordan, we have compiled key information that will facilitate a better understanding of this wonderful place and its amazing people.

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Here’s your travel checklist.

WHAT TO PACK & PREPARE

(...and those you shouldn’t bring)

☐ Travel documents & confirmation vouchers

Passports, tickets, visas (if you need one)–make sure you have them all. Check for your bookings and confirmation vouchers. Desert Adventures organises these vouchers in one welcome kit, which will be handed to you upon your arrival.

Purchase of suitable travel insurance coverage is highly recommended, such as medical, repatriation, etc.

When it comes to medical records, there are no mandatory vaccination requirements unless you have recently transited from a cholera-infected area. Please check for vaccination requirements at the time of booking.

☐ Cash & credit cards

The monetary unit of Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar (JOD). Exchange rate is pegged to the **US\$1 = JOD 0.708**. Money changers and offsite branches of local banks can be found at the airport, shopping malls and commercial areas.

Credit cards are accepted at hotels, restaurants and larger shops, including American Express, Visa, Diners Club, and MasterCard. Please note that many smaller shops still prefer cash payment in the Jordanian currency, and it’s essential for shopping in the local souks.

☐ Decent clothing

Jordan is an Islamic country and clothing should be modest. Light cotton garments are ideal during summer months. In the winter months, temperatures drop to 4 degrees, heavy jackets are suitable. Beachwear is acceptable only at beach clubs, hotels and public beaches. During the day, the dress code is fairly casual. Exclusive restaurants and clubs may expect guests to dress more formally during the evening.

☐ Power plug adapters

Jordan takes a mix-and-match approach to electrical sockets. European round two- and three-pin plugs along with British square three-pin plugs are all used across the country, with frequency seemingly determined only by what the electrician had to hand during installation. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

Visitors from the US will need a transformer, which most hotels can provide.

☐ Sunny day essentials

Remember to bring your sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and any other gear that will protect you from the sun. Wadi Rum Desert, and beaches are just too hard to resist, so you better come prepared for all the fun under the sun.



JORDAN IS A LAND OF RELIGIOUS HARMONY

Observe proper decorum
at all times.

Jordan can be regarded as a typically Arab country for its people are very warm, friendly and hospitable. More than 92% of Jordanians are Sunni Muslims and approximately 6% are Christians. Customs, traditions and cultural sensibilities are highly valued. Respect, in all aspects, is key.

Here are a few Do’s and Don’ts to help visitors fit in with the locals!

DO’s

- Do tip waiters approximately 10% gratuity in addition to the bill (unless a service charge is included in the total bill).
- Do round your taxi fare up to the nearest tenth when paying your driver.
- Do haggle with merchants when shopping.
- Do dress conservatively when exploring public areas of Jordan.
- Do be aware that Arabs tend to stand a fraction of the distance closer when conversing than people do in the West.
- Do feel free to consume alcoholic beverages, but not in outside public areas.

DONT’s

- Don’t interrupt, or pass in front of, a Muslim who may be praying in a public place.
- Don’t dress provocatively when walking outdoors.
- Don’t panic if an acquaintance “pecks” you on the cheeks when greeting you, as Arabs have traditionally kissed each other on both cheeks as a warm gesture of welcome and affection.
- Don’t feel uncomfortable if your host insists on “over feeding” you during a meal, as Arabs traditionally view food as an important symbol of hospitality, generosity, and goodwill – the more the better!
- Don’t feel that you are required to tip your taxi driver, as tipping in such a scenario is not necessary, but is certainly appreciated.

THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN

With Islam being the official religion of the country, the month of Ramadan is deemed the holiest. This is a period when Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. Eating, drinking and smoking in public areas during daylight hours is strictly prohibited. Exceptions are granted only to small children and expecting mothers. Quite recently, fast food outlets located in several shopping malls have been allowed to operate and serve food within an enclosed food court area during the fasting hours is strictly prohibited.

The Holy Month of Ramadan commences as per the moon sighting by Islamic scholars. While the month and date of its observance may vary each year, its duration is for a maximum of 30 days.

DO NOT BRING

- Drones (specifically those that are outfitted with cameras)
- Professional Video Equipment’s (requires pre-approval)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



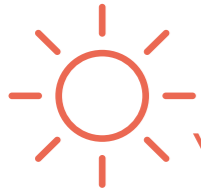
How do I say this ...

Arabic is the national and official language of Jordan. English is widely spoken and understood. Majority of the information signs are in both languages.

Here are some Arabic phrases you'll hear in the country and may be useful to you.

Shukran! (Thank you)
Marhaba (Hello)
As-Salaam-Alaikum
(Peace be upon you)

In response to 'As-Salaam-Alaikum', you may say, **Wa-Alaikum-Salaam**
(and unto you).



You've found your ray of sunshine.

Jordan boasts almost year-round sunshine with temperate, comfortable weather. Spring and autumn are fresh and crisp with rain being more common in the spring. This is when the wildflowers bloom

and the fields are full. The long summer days are sunny with cool evenings – perfect for rooftop sunsets and outdoor activities. Wintertime can be cold in the desert but is pleasantly moderate in most of the country.



Make every second count.

Local Time:

+2 GMT

Weekend:

Friday & Saturday

Fixed public holidays:

Christmas (25 December)
New Year's Day (1 January)
Labor Day (1 May)
Independence Day (25 May)

Several public holidays are not fixed. These include Easter and the following Islamic Holidays, which are based on the Lunar calendar:

Eid al-Fitr - A 3 or 4-day feast marking the end of Ramadan.
Eid al-Adha - A 4-day feast at the end of the Hajj, or month of pilgrimage to Mecca.
First of Muharam - Islamic New Year.



Stay connected.

Orange, Zain & Umniah are the country's telecommunication providers. Free internet through WiFi access is available in public places such as airports, shopping

malls, coffee shops and restaurants. Most hotels also provide guests with free WiFi connectivity. Data roaming is available (with charges).



Eat and be merry!

Most hotels offer local specialties, as well as an eclectic mix of international cuisine. Bottled water is also recommended for personal consumption. Well-known international fast food chains and food outlets can also be found in shopping malls and commercial centers.

ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Being a Muslim country, alcohol is served only at licensed hotel restaurants, bars and nightclubs. Restaurants outside hotels do not serve alcohol.



Keep calm and wander.

Public transport such as buses is available in Jordan. Taxis are inexpensive and often the most convenient form of transportation in Jordan. For holders of an international driver's license valid for more than six months

at the time of visit and are staying in the country only on a tourist or visit visa, reputable rent-a-car companies are also available. Desert Adventures can also provide transfers



Checking in.

It is normal practice for hotels in Jordan to take a photocopy of guests' passport or valid ID. Anyone under the age of 18 years and not accompanied by an adult is not permitted to stay in any hotel in Jordan.

Tipping.

While tipping is not expected and mandatory, it is common practice to do so. Gratuities may be given to hotel staff upon the discretion of guests. Taxi drivers do not expect to be tipped.



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