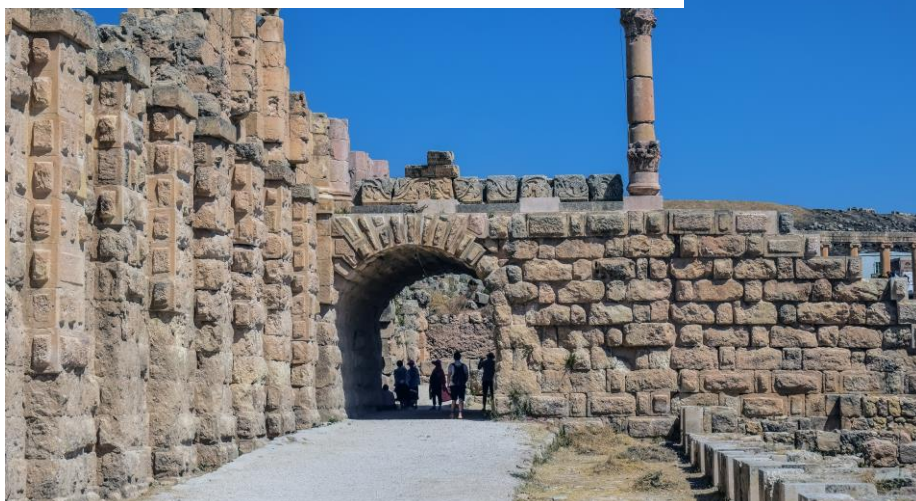


# JORDAN

## Cultural Extension



### Duration: 3 day trip extension

Extend your stay in Jordan to discover the incredible history of the region around Amman.

From Biblical sites to Roman ruins and Islamic castles dating back to the Crusades, this region is rich in evidence of its ancient civilisations. The highlight is undoubtedly Jerash, arguably the most well-preserved Roman city outside of Italy, and second only to Petra in the country's cultural riches.

We base ourselves at a 4\* hotel in Amman, and enjoy some souk shopping opportunities as well as a trip back in time!

## DETAILED ITINERARY

**Days 1 - 8: As per your Main Challenge Itinerary**

### Day 9: Dead Sea – Mount Nebo – Amman

(main group departs Amman)

After breakfast we drive to the ancient town of Madaba, and St George's Church, known for its Byzantine-era mosaic map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land – hills, valleys, village and towns all detailed with two million colourful tiles on the church floor. We then drive up Mount Nebo, a Biblical site where Moses is said to have been shown the Promised Land; according to legend he is buried here. At approx 710m high, the impressive views stretch to Israel and Palestine, with the Dead Sea and Jericho on the far bank of the River Jordan. On a very clear day it's possible to see Jerusalem. We then drive to Amman and check into the hotel which will be our base for the next two days.

*Breakfast and lunch provided. Dinner by own arrangement. Hotel accommodation.*

### Day 10: Amman – Jerash – Amman

Probably Jordan's most famous site after Petra, Jerash is known as the Pompeii of the East – mainly because it's considered to be the best-preserved Roman city outside Italy. Entering through the monumental South Gate, you'll discover highlights including the Oval Plaza, surrounded by colonnades, the amphitheatre and mosaic floors of the Byzantine temples, and the main street, the Cardo. The colonnades were built to be earthquake-proof, and many survive despite the earthquakes that hit the region in the 8<sup>th</sup> Century. It really does feel like you are wandering around a Roman city, brought to life by the inscriptions and carvings that adorn the ancient stonework. We drive back to Amman via Aljoun, an Islamic castle dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> Century and the Crusades; built on a hill-top with fantastic views, its well-preserved walls form a real contrast to the Roman ruins of Jerash. We head back to our hotel and relax.

*Breakfast and lunch provided. Dinner by own arrangement. Hotel accommodation.*

## DETAILED ITINERARY (cont.)

### Day 11: Amman

Jordan's capital dates back thousands of years, and we'll have time to see Roman ruins including the 2<sup>nd</sup>-century amphitheatre, and the Citadel, an ancient site dating back to the Bronze Age. From a wander around the ruins you can see many of the region's great civilisations have built over earlier structures. In the afternoon you are free to relax or explore the old city – try street-stall falafels and watch the world go by, or explore the city souks, where there are plenty of shopping opportunities.

*Breakfast and lunch provided. Dinner by own arrangement. Hotel accommodation.*

### Day 12: Amman; flight departs

We transfer to the airport for our flight back to London

*Breakfast provided.*

*Discover Adventure reserves the right to change the route or itinerary for safety reasons should local conditions dictate.*

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?	PRICING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accommodation in 3* hotel in Amman in shared twin/double room</li> <li>- Meals as indicated in itinerary; drinking water during day trips</li> <li>- Entrance fees and permits for sites detailed in itinerary</li> <li>- All transportation and airport transfer in private a/c vehicle</li> <li>- Local English-speaking guide</li> </ul>	<p><b>2021</b> (subject to change)            6 – 9 people: £449            Over 10 people: £399.00</p> <p>Extension requires a minimum of 6 people to operate.</p> <p>Single supplement: £100</p> <p>NB: If usual accommodation is unavailable, we will discuss alternative options with you</p>
<h3>WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dinners as indicated</li> <li>- Personal spending, tips for guides/drivers, extra food, drinks with meals or drinking water during free time</li> <li>- Any optional / extra sites or activities</li> </ul>	