

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO JORDAN

CLIMATE – Daytime summer temperatures are hot, but nights are cool. Winter often brings snow to the mountaintops. Rain falls from November to April, but the rest of the year there is sunshine every day. Fall and spring are long and pleasant, though occasionally a strong desert wind blows in spring. July and August are hot in much of the country. From December through February, Amman and the surrounding areas can be cold, but Aqaba, on the Gulf, is a warm and sunny winter resort.

COMMUNICATION – For international calls from Jordan to the USA or Canada, use the following dialing sequence. 00 + 1 + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a cell phone.

For international calls from the USA or Canada to Jordan, dial the following sequence. 011 + (27) + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a land line. + (27) + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a cell phone.

Cell phone coverage in all the major towns and cities is very good. Please contact your provider for information on roaming.

WATER – Tap water in the larger hotels is usually safe to drink but to be on the safe side, you might want to drink bottled water.

TIME – Two (2) hours ahead of GMT. Eastern time plus 8 hours from the beginning of November to mid-March. Eastern time plus 7 hours from mid-March to beginning of November.

VISAS – United States of America and Canadian passport holders require a tourist visa to visit Jordan. Entry visas may be obtained upon arrival.

ELECTRICITY – Power supply is 230v, 50 Hz. US-made appliances may need a transformer. Most properties have international plug points in the rooms, or adaptors (sometimes a limited number) available should you need them. Many also have USB points in the rooms too.



MONEY MATTERS

Currency – The unit of currency in Jordan is the dinar (JOD). There is no limit to the amount of foreign currency in the form of bank notes and travelers checks which may be imported.

Banks – Most banks are open Saturday to Thursday 9:30am – 1:30pm. During Ramadan the banks may open half an hour earlier at 9:00am

Credit and Debit Cards – Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted. American Express and Diners are less widely accepted. Please let your bank know if you plan on using your cards in Jordan and inquire about foreign transaction fees that may apply.

CUSTOMS – Friday is the Sabbath in Jordan, according to the tradition in most Muslim countries. Government offices and most all business offices and shops are closed. Always be respectful of the culture, especially during the holy month of Ramadan. Jordan is a conservative country, although slacks are readily accepted for women. However, shorts and sun dresses are not.

Visitors should respect the attitude of the local people towards photography and only take pictures if they have permission from the person or people the picture is being taken.

Your tour guide can assist you to negotiate terms before you start taking photos. As with many countries, it is also against the law to take photographs of border posts, persons in uniform, and military installations.

SHOPPING – Best buys include rugs from Madaba, Hebron glassware, mother-of-pearl boxes and pins from Amman, carvings and boxes in olive wood, delicate bronze and silverwork, Palestine pottery and intricate cross-stitch embroidery. The prices are fixed in the shops but, in the markets, you are expected to bargain. Stores open between 8:00AM and 9:00AM and remain open until 7:00PM. Some close for lunch from 1:30PM to 3:00 or 3:30PM. Muslim shop owners close on Friday and Christians on Sunday.

US AND CANADIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS – The import of meat or meat products (dried, canned etc.), plants, seeds, vegetables, fruits, livestock, endangered wildlife species and products thereof (clothing and accessories), including Ostrich eggs and animal skins, into the United States and Canada is prohibited.

FLIGHT CHECK-IN – Please refer to your air itinerary for suggested check-in times. Always have electronics fully charged as you may be asked to activate them for security checks.

FINAL NOTES – Leave jewellery at home and carry only small amounts of cash. Lock valuables and passports in your room safe.

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