



**On the Steps of Jesus in East Jordan  
Pilgrim Roundtrip 8 days 7 nights**

## Program Itinerary

meals

Accommodation

Day 1

Arrival Amman Airport – Meet & assist - Transfer to hotel – Check-in – Dinner

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Amman

Day 2

Amman – City Tour – Jerash – Amman

B/-/D

Amman

Day 3

Amman – Dead Sea – Bethanie Baptism site – Mount Nebo – Madaba – Amman

B/-/D

Amman

Day 4

Amman – Optional day trip to Jerusalem – Amman

B/-/D

Amman

Day 5

Amman – Kastrom Mefa'a (um Arassas) – via the Kingsway to Kerak – Petra

B/-/D

Petra

Day 6

Full-day tour of Petra – Hotel Petra

B/-/D

Petra

Day 7

Petra – Little Petra (Al Beidha) – Wadi Rum – Jeep Tour – Aqaba, afternoon is at leisure

B/-/D

Aqaba

Day 8

Aqaba - Transfer from hotel to Aqaba airport or beach stay (on request)

B/-/-

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<u>Day 01</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Drive Time</u>	<u>Overnight</u>	<u>meals</u>
	Arrival Amman Airport – Meet & assist by Hussam Tours more representative before the Passport control and completion of all entry formalities. Transfer to Hotel Amman. N.	45 km	30 minutes	Amman	/-/D

Arrival at Amman Airport, reception by Hussam Tours before passport control and completion of all entry formalities. Transfer to the hotel in Amman. Dinner/overnight in Amman.





<u>Day 02</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Arrival at the Hotel</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Drive Time</u>	<u>Overnight</u>	<u>meals</u>
	Amman – City Tour – Jerash – Amman	08:00	18:00	150 km	3 hours	Amman	B/-/D

In the early morning we visit the old and new Amman as part of a city tour and visit the citadel with the Archaeological Museum, the well-preserved Roman theater, and a visit through the souk in Downtown, which will give you many new covers. The citadel rises high above Amman and is one of the earliest fortifications. Numerous Roman, Byzantine and early Islamic objects have been secured there during various excavations, and the excavations have not yet been completed. Important buildings include the Temple of Hercules, the Omaiad palace complex and the Byzantine church. The Roman theatre was built around 151 AD and offered space for around 6000 spectators. It has been partially restored and is now used again for cultural events.





**Jerash** is one of the best-preserved ruins in the Roman world. In Roman times, Jerash was called Gerasa and was a member of the Decapolis, an economic league of ten different Greco-Roman cities. Even today you can walk through the triumphal arch, which the Gerasenians built in 129 AD in honor of Emperor Hadrian. The construction of that time was so far advanced that even today many parts of the city are original. However, other parts were carefully restored with great effort. You can walk the 600m long Silk Road, on which car tracks are still visible today.

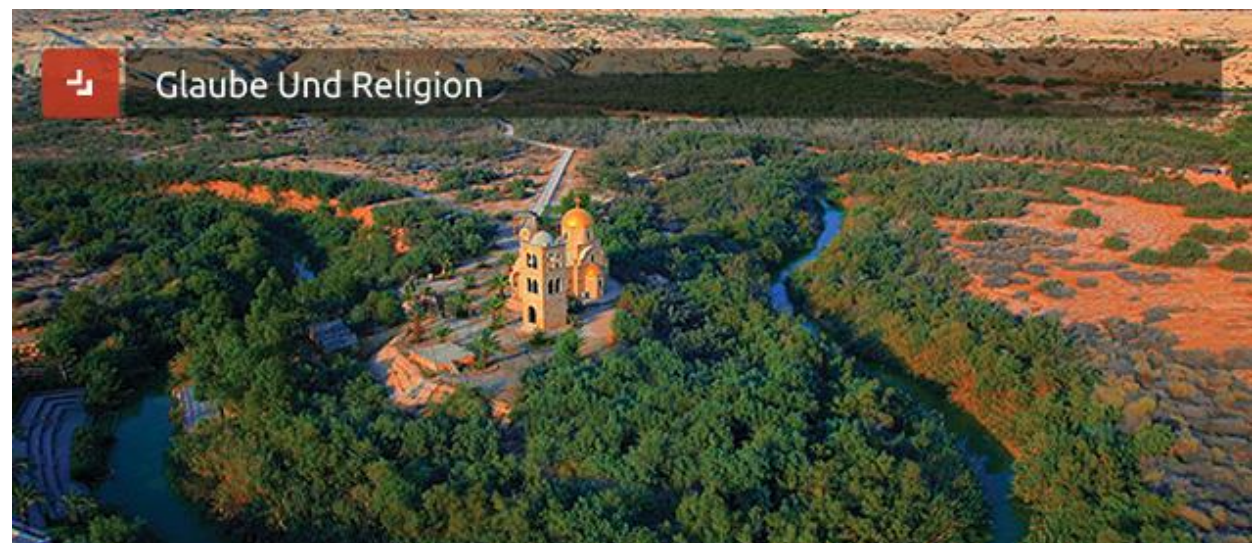


<u>Day 03</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Arrival at the Hotel</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Drive Time</u>	<u>Overnight</u>	<u>meals</u>
	Amman – Bethanie Baptism Site – Dead Sea – Mount Nebo – Madaba – Amman	08:00	18:00	150 km	3 hours	Amman	B/-/D

## FAITH AND RELIGION

For Christians, this region is a source of inspiration. This is the place where God first spoke to people. It is the Holy Land where God gave his Ten Commandments to Moses, Job suffered and was rewarded for his faith, Jesus was baptized by John, and Jacob wrestled with the angel of God. In the 1st book of Moses, God speaks of the Jordan Valley around the Dead Sea as the "Garden of the Lord", and it is often equated with the Garden of Eden. The infamous cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, as well as numerous other places, are found in the dramatic stories of the Old Testament. In one of these stories, Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt when she defied God's commandment. The Bible says that 1200 years after Moses' death, John the Baptist preached and baptized in a place called Bethany on the other side of the Jordan. It is now known that these are Tell al-Kharrar and the Elias Hill.

### Bethany beyond the Jordan





The Bible says that John preached and baptized in a place called Bethany on the other side of the Jordan. It is referred to in Byzantine and medieval texts, but also in modern archaeology as "Tell al-Kharrar" and "Elias Hill". Impressive archaeological finds since 1996 brought with ceramics, coins and ruins the evidence of a Byzantine monastery from the 5th century.



One also came across an earlier building from the third century, which is elaborately decorated with mosaic and is thought to be a Christian prayer hall. If true, it could be one of the first Christian places of worship in the world. In addition, the cave was discovered where John the Baptist lived, according to numerous texts of Byzantine pilgrims. The cave was converted into a church and a freshwater channel leading from the cave, which was supposedly used by John for baptism, can still be visited today.

## The Dead Sea



At 410 meters below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest place in the world. The Dead Sea coast, which belongs to Jordan, is one of the most spectacular and inspiring landscapes in the world. For visitors from all over the world, it is still just as much an attraction today as it was for the kings, traders, and prophets of antiquity. Extensive investments in the regions around the Dead Sea have made it possible to build roads that can easily reach the new, luxurious 5-star hotels Mövenpick Hotel and Resort, Jordan Valley Marriott and Kempinski Ishtar Hotel and also the 4-star Dead Sea Spa Hotel. The main attraction of the Dead Sea is of course the soothing, highly concentrated salt water itself. The salinity is 31.5%. The water carries so well that it is almost impossible to sink in it. In addition, the seawater contains 21 minerals in high concentrations, such as magnesium, sodium, potassium, and bromine. Twelve of them do not occur in any other body of water on earth.



<u>Day 04</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Arrival at the Hotel</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Drive Time</u>	<u>Overnight</u>	<u>meals</u>
	<b>Amman – Optional day trip to Jerusalem – Amman</b>	<b>06:00</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>150 km</b>	<b>3 hours</b>	<b>Amman</b>	<b>B/-/D</b>

**After breakfast departure** at 06:15 to the border crossing, border crossing to Israel and continue to Jerusalem. Start of the tour on the Mount of Olives with a breathtaking view over the old town and Temple Mount. If time possible, visit the Garden of Gethsemane, scene of the Judasverate. Entering the old town through the dung gate. After visiting the Wailing Wall, walk through the Muslim quarter along "Via Dolorosa", the Way of the Cross Jesus to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Lunch break with possibility of souvenir shopping. Continuation of the path through the Armenian and Jewish quarters. Drive to Mount Zion with a visit to the site of the "Last Supper". Return to Aqaba via Wadi Araba border crossing.

**Includes services:**

- Qualified German-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees / Israel border fees
- Transfer in modern air-conditioned coach according to program
- Lunch / oriental

**Not included services:**

- Tip 02, --EU per person for tour guide and 01, --EU for the driver



<u>Day 05</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Arrival at the Hotel</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Drive Time</u>	<u>Overnight</u>	<u>meals</u>
	Amman – Macharüs (um Arassas) – via the King's way to Kerak – Petra	08:00	18:00	260 km	4 hours	Petra	B/-/D



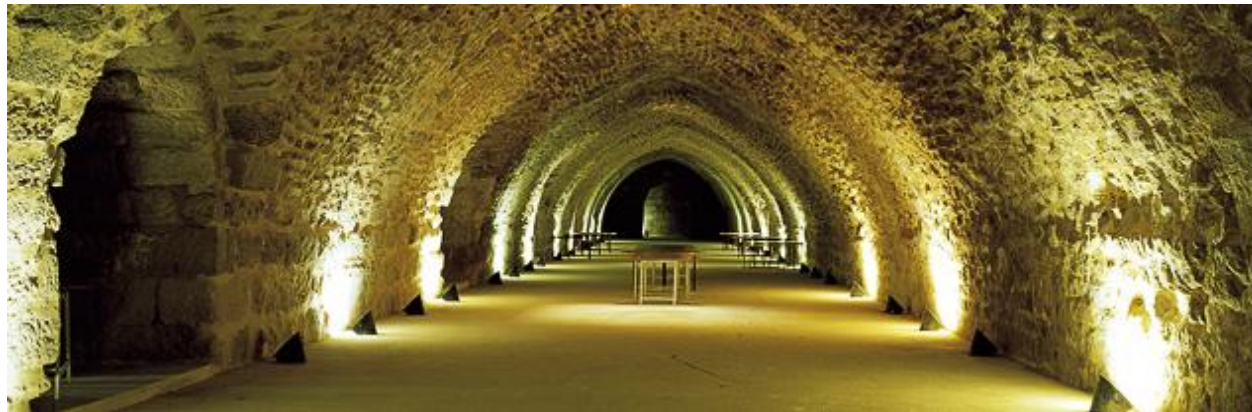
Excavations at um ar-Rasas have discovered some of the most exquisite Byzantine church mosaics, including a large mosaic carpet depicting Old and New Testament cities along the east and west banks of the Jordan River. Another attraction in the fortified settlement of um ar-Rasas is a fifteen-meter-high Byzantine tower, which served as a refuge for early Christian monks in search of seclusion.





Whether you approach **Karak** from the old Royal Road in the east or from the Dead Sea in the west, given the impressive silhouette of this fortified city and castle, you will immediately realize why the fates of kings and nations were sealed in this place. The ancient crusader fortress Karak is located 900 meters above sea level and is located within the walls of the old city. Today, the city has about 170,000 inhabitants and offers several restored Ottoman buildings from the 19th century, restaurants, accommodation, and the like. However, the main attraction is the fortress of Karak.

The city is built on a triangular plateau. The fortress is located on the narrow southern tip. It has a length of 220 m and a width of 125 m at the north end and 40 m at the southern end, where a narrow valley deepened by a ditch separates it from the adjacent and much higher hill, which was once Saladin's preferred place for his artillery. Throughout the castle, the chunky masonry of the Crusaders is easily distinguishable from the later works of the Arabs, the finely worked blocks of brighter and one of the many corridors in the fortress.





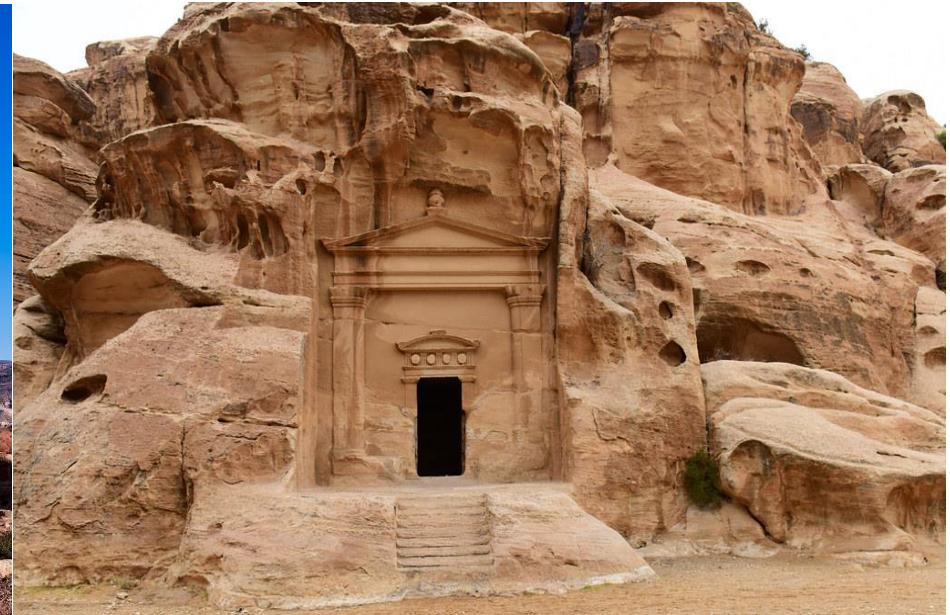
<u>Day 06</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Arrival at the Hotel</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Drive Time</u>	<u>Overnight</u>	<u>meals</u>
	Petra Full-Day Tour – Hotel Petra	08:00	18:00	5 – 6 KM hike		Petra	B/-/D

**Petra** – probably the most fascinating sight in Jordan. Petra is one of the seven new wonders of the world and inspires with its imposing architecture. The city was built by the Nabataean tribe more than 2000 years ago. Through the Siq, a 1.2km long gorge with up to 100m high rock walls, you can reach the interior of the mountains on foot or by horse-drawn carriage. First, you can see the breathtaking façade of the treasury, called Al Khazneh. It is believed that gold, precious stones and other treasures were kept in this treasure house. Crowned by the urn on the top. The façade of the schatzhau is about 45m high and 30m wide and was built in the 1st century BC. It is believed that it was originally a tomb for a Nabataean king and was later used as a temple. In addition to many other sights in Petra, which you can not explore everything even during a one-week visit, there is the monastery – Al Deir. Around 800 steps lead up to the imposing building, which consists of 45x50m large buildings. But there is so much more to discover, experience it for yourself!





<u>Day 07</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Arrival at the Hotel</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Drive Time</u>	<u>Overnight</u>	<u>meals</u>
	Petra - Little Petra (Al Beidha) - Wadi Rum - Jeep Tour - Aqaba, afternoon is at leisure	08:00	18:00	10 km Hiking	3 hours	Amman	B/-/D



After breakfast visit from Beida, also known as "little Petra". Little Petra was a important suburb of Petra and the entry and exit point as well as trading posts for the Caravans. Walk through the narrow gorge "Siq Al Barid". Then it goes in Jordan's largest desert, the Wadi Rum. Wadi Rum is one of the most scenic. most amazing phenomena of Jordan, framed by brown-red, jagged and torn mountain ranges were here at original locations the well-known film "Lawrence of Arabia".

**Wadi Rum**, the desert valley of the Bedouins, framed by brown-red, rugged, and torn mountain ranges, will impress you. The mountains around wadi rum, which reach their highest heights with 1254 m (Jabal Rum), are made of granite and sandstone. This typical stone structure explains the large number of springs, especially in the narrower range of rum; Rainwater from winter precipitation slowly penetrates the porous sandstone, finally encounters the impermeable granite, and flows off to the slope on this level; there springs rise, often dozens of meters above the valley floor. Therefore, it does not wound that already in the Neolithic age (from about 8000 BC) first peasant families cultivated the soil around the rock pieces.





Today Enjoy a free afternoon in Aqaba. You can take a glass boat tour, snorkel to one of the wide beaches or take a dive. In the evening, the city invites you to a tour to browse, always negotiate in the most diverse shops and discover one or the other gift or souvenir. In one of the numerous restaurants, you should try a freshly squeezed juice or lemon with mint, also a hookah



<u>Day 08</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Drive Time</u>	<u>Overnight</u>	<u>meals</u>
	Aqaba - Transfer from hotel to Aqaba airport Or Beach Stay (on request)	30 km	30 minutes		B /-/

Aqaba - Transfer from hotel to Aqaba airport return flight. This is where your HUSSAM TOURS service ends.

We wish you a good return flight.



**The above prices include:**

- Meet & assistance on arrival and departure by the Hussam Tours team with name sign and LOGO
- Group visa free of charge
- Highly qualified English-speaking tour guide from 5 persons, under 5 persons English-speaking driver
- Overnight stays in 4\* hotels based on HB in Amman / Petra / Aqaba
- Air-conditioned, modern private transfer according to the program
- All entrance fees according to the program
- short horse ride in Petra about 400 m.
- 2 hours jeep tour 4x4

**The above prices do not include:**

- All tips for tour guides, bus drivers and hotel staff
- All personal expenses such as phone calls, drinks, laundry
- health insurance
- Anything not mentioned above

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*Program & Services Price is on Request*

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"Welcome to Jordan"

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