

JOURNEYS TO JORDAN



BESTWAY
TOURS & SAFARIS

Journées sans frontières since 1978

About Bestway

ABOUT OUR COMPANY

We have been operating small group cultural journeys since 1978. Our headquarters are in Vancouver, BC, Canada and we have operated tours to over 100 countries. We provide unparalleled travel experiences that traverse political borders hence journeys sans frontières.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Planning your journey is more than just coordinating the logistics. In each tour we plan, we fulfill our passion to create connections between the intrepid traveller and the welcoming hosts at all our destinations. We make travel to remote locations accessible and on our journeys travelers will come to see the world in a whole new way. We are committed to providing you with superior quality travel at real value-per-dollar prices.

ABOUT OUR TOURS

Majority of our tours operate on small group basis where the minimum tour size is two and the maximum is limited to between 7 and 16 persons. Once the minimum tour size is met, the tour will not be cancelled hence you are assured of a guaranteed operation. There are a small number of tours where the minimum and maximum tour size is different or tours which do not operate on small group basis. Each tour itinerary clearly identifies the tour size of that particular tour. All our tours include daily breakfast and many other meals as mentioned in the itinerary. Please always consult our website www.bestway.com for specific details of all the inclusions and exclusions.

CUSTOMIZED & SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

Perhaps you find one of our scheduled itineraries appealing, but the dates don't work for you, or we don't

offer a tour to a site you would like to see, perhaps you simply prefer to travel on your own customized itinerary or have a special interest tour activity that you would like to incorporate.

With over 30 years of experience in planning and operating tours worldwide we are well equipped to create tailor-made private tour itineraries that recognize your individuality and do not crowd your point of view. We also organise special interest tours and we can help you customize a special tour for you or your group. We have operated specialized World Heritage Tours, Natural Heritage Tours, Astronomical Tours, Faith-based Tours, Culinary Tours, Textiles, Arts & Craft Tours, special Railway Journeys and groups only for women.

JOURNEYS SANS FRONTIÈRES TO UNIQUE DESTINATIONS

Our journeys have no borders. We cover destinations that are difficult to get to and represent a challenge in terms of accessibility. We have pioneered tours to Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Saudi Arabia, North Korea, Sudan, South Sudan, East Timor, Socotra Island and even Bouvet Island, the most remote island in the world.

THE BESTWAY CLUB

Many of our friends, who have shared their journey experiences with us, have asked us to keep them informed about new programs we develop. In order to facilitate this, we started the Bestway Club. Membership is free and open to anyone. With your membership, not only will you receive regular notifications of our new programs, but you'll also be given access to special discounts on our many exciting journeys. You may cancel your membership at any time and your name will not be shared or sold to anybody.

Jordan

Where it all began



DAY 1 AMMAN Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 AMMAN • JERASH We visit the Roman Amphitheater, the Citadel, the Archeological Museum, King Abdullah Mosque, before our excursion to Jerash to explore the Greco-Roman ruins.

DAY 3 AMMAN • DESERT CASTLES • DEAD SEA • AMMAN This morning head out to visit the Desert Castles of Harraned, Quseir Amra* and Azraq, followed by an excursion to the Dead Sea, before our return to Amman.

DAY 4 AMMAN • AQABA Today we explore Umm Er Rasas*, St. George's Apostle Church in Madaba and Mount Nebo and the Crusader Castle in Wadi Mujib before our arrival in Aqaba.

DAY 5 AQABA • WADI RUM After our brief exploration of Aqaba, we take a short drive northwards to Wadi Rum*, the land of Lawrence of Arabia's inspiration. Evening BBQ dinner under the stars of the desert sky.

DAY 6 WADI RUM • PETRA • AMMAN We drive northwards to explore Petra*, one of the world's most famous archaeological sites, where ancient Eastern traditions blend with Hellenistic architecture. In the late afternoon we return to Amman.

DAY 7 AMMAN After a journey into antiquity we are transferred to the airport.

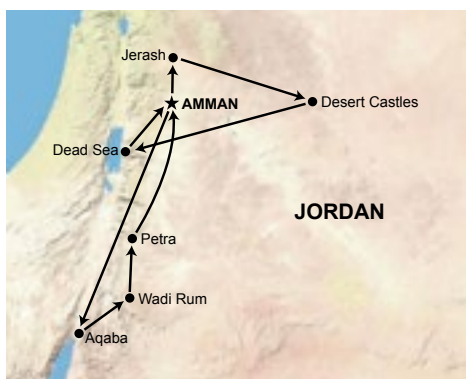
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Jordan: A World Heritage Tour

Discover the World Heritage Sites of Jordan



The Treasury as seen through the Siq Gorge, Petra



DAY 1 AMMAN Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 AMMAN • JERASH Today we explore Amman, visiting the Roman Amphitheater and the Citadel of the ancient city of Philadelphia, the Archaeological Museum, King Abdullah Mosque, the downtown market and city center, its traditional souks, coffee shops and restaurants selling local food and sweets. We head to Jerash to explore the Greco-Roman ruins to see the unique oval Forum, Hadrian's Arch, the Cardo, the temples dedicated to Zeus and Artemis, two theatres and more.

DAY 3 AMMAN • DESERT CASTLES • DEAD SEA • AMMAN This morning head out to visit the Desert Castles of Harraned, Quseir Amra*, built in the early 8th century, this exceptionally well-preserved desert castle was both a fortress with a garrison and a residence of the Umayyad caliphs. The most outstanding features of this small pleasure palace are the reception hall and

the hammam, both richly decorated with figurative murals that reflect the secular art of the time. We then take an excursion to the Azraq Wetland Reserve to spot some of its birdlife and the Dead Sea, before our return to Amman.

DAY 4 AMMAN • AQABA Today we explore Umm Er Rasas*, an archaeological site, which started as a Roman military camp and contains remains from the Roman, Byzantine and Early Muslim periods. The site also has 16 churches, some with well-preserved mosaic floors. Particularly noteworthy is the mosaic floor of the Church of Saint Stephen with its representation of towns in the region. We then continue to Madaba, to visit the city of mosaics; Mount Nebo for a panoramic view of the Holy Land from the burial place of Moses and the Crusader Castle in Wadi Mujib before our arrival in Aqaba.

DAY 5 AQABA • WADI RUM After our brief exploration of Aqaba, we take a short drive northwards to Wadi Rum*, the land of Lawrence of Arabia's inspiration. We explore the varied desert landscape with its range of narrow gorges, natural arches, towering cliffs, ramps, massive landslides and caverns before our BBQ dinner under the stars of the desert sky.

DAY 6 WADI RUM • PETRA We drive northwards for an in-depth exploration of Petra*, one of the world's most famous archaeological sites, where ancient Eastern traditions blend with Hellenistic architecture. Our visit will begin with a journey through the narrow sandstone

gorge of the Siq, emerging at the dramatic Treasury, carved into the rock face. Inhabited since prehistoric times, this Nabataean caravan-city, situated between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, was an important crossroads between Arabia, Egypt and Syria-Phoenicia. Petra is half-built, half-carved into the rock, and is surrounded by mountains riddled with passages and gorges.

DAY 7 PETRA • AMMAN We return to Amman. Afternoon free.

DAY 8 AMMAN After a journey into antiquity we are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



Visit all of Jordan's 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Discover the amazing landscapes of Wadi Rum & Petra.

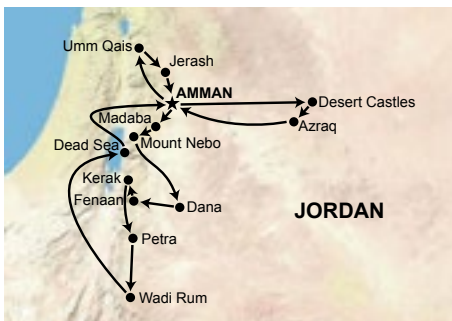
Enjoy the wonderful Dead Sea.

The Hidden Treasures of Jordan

Explore rarely visited landscapes



Towering sandstone mountains surround Wadi Rum



DAY 1 AMMAN Arrival. We are welcomed at the airport and transferred to our hotel.

DAY 2 AMMAN • UMM QAIS • JERASH We head out to visit Umm Qais, which offers beautiful views over the Northern Jordan valley, the Sea of Galilee, and the Golan Heights, followed by an excursion to the Greco-Roman ruins of Jerash, to see the unique oval Forum, Hadrian's Arch, the Cardo, the temples dedicated to Zeus and Artemis, two theatres and more. We then drive through pine forests and olive groves to the city of Ajloun, noted for its impressive ruins of the 12th century castle which known nowadays as Ajlun Castle.

DAY 3 AMMAN • DESERT CASTLES • AZRAQ Today we head out to visit the Desert Castles of Harraned, Quseir Amra* and the Azraq Wetland Reserve to spot some of its birdlife.

DAY 4 AMMAN • MADABA • MOUNT NEBO • DANA Today we explore Amman, visiting the Roman Amphitheater, the Citadel, the Archaeological Museum, King Abdullah Mosque, the downtown market

and city center with its traditional souks, coffee shops and restaurants selling local food and sweets, before we head to St. George's Apostle Church in Madaba, Mount Nebo and Dana.

DAY 5 DANA • FEYNAN We take a guided walk from the village of Dana through the mountainous Dana Biosphere Reserve to the Feynan Ecolodge, an idyllic lodge in the magnificent Wadi Feynan. After our hike we can relax sipping mint tea with the native Bedouin, or simply unwinding in the serene courtyards and terraces of the candle-lit complex.

DAY 6 FEYNAN • KERAK • PETRA After a morning at leisure in Feynan we explore the Kerak Castle, one of the finest examples of Crusader military architecture, followed by a drive to Petra.

DAY 7 PETRA We have an in-depth exploration of Petra*, one of the world's most famous archaeological sites, where ancient Eastern traditions blend with Hellenistic architecture. Our visit will begin with a journey through the narrow sandstone gorge of the Siq, emerging at the dramatic Treasury, carved into the rock face. Inhabited since prehistoric times, this Nabataean caravan-city, situated between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, was an important crossroads between Arabia, Egypt and Syria-Phoenicia. Petra is half-built, half-carved into the rock, and is surrounded by mountains riddled with passages and gorges.

DAY 8 PETRA • WADI RUM We continue our exploration of Petra, followed by a drive to Wadi Rum*, the land of Lawrence

of Arabia's inspiration where we take a one-hour camel ride to King Aretas camp. Evening BBQ dinner under the stars of the desert sky.

DAY 9 WADI RUM • DEAD SEA We explore the varied desert landscape with its range of narrow gorges, natural arches, towering cliffs, ramps, massive landslides and caverns in a jeep safari, enjoy a Bedouin lunch and drive to the Dead Sea.

DAY 10 DEAD SEA Today we unwind at our leisure. Relax by the pool in our resort or experience weightlessness with a dip in the mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea.

DAY 11 DEAD SEA • AMMAN After a journey marvelling at Jordan's treasures, we are transferred to the airport.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the Dana Biosphere Reserve and magnificent Wadi Feynan.

Discover the amazing landscapes of Wadi Rum & Petra.

Enjoy the wonderful Dead Sea.

Jordan & Beyond

Tours to Jordan can be combined with other countries to enhance your journey



Colonnaded Street at sunrise, Palmyra, Syria

THE HOLY LAND

A journey through Antiquity in Egypt, Jordan & Israel

Travel through the lands of Antiquity and the Bible, as we explore Cairo and the Great Pyramids, before boarding our luxury Nile cruise ship to discover archaeological wonders as we travel from Aswan to Luxor. We then travel to Sharm el-Sheikh, the holy site of St. Catherine and Mount Sinai. We then travel to Jordan, visiting Aqaba by the beautiful Red Sea; the amazing landscapes of Wadi Rum; Petra, one of the world's most famous archaeological sites; the Dead Sea; Madaba and Mount Nebo; the Greco-Roman ruins of Jerash and Amman. In Israel we have an in-depth exploration the holy city of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. On this journey we will visit 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

THE BEST OF TURKEY & JORDAN

In the footsteps of Antiquity and the Ottoman Empire

In this uniquely designed program, we have attempted to cover the most well-known historical and cultural sites of both. We start in Turkey visiting the historic

areas of Istanbul; Ankara; exploring the surreal landscapes of Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia; visiting the Whirling Dervishes in Konya and marvelling at the Roman Theater of Aspendos, the Greco-Roman city of Perge, the ancient Roman city at Hierapolis



and exploring the unique landscape with petrified waterfalls in Pamukkale, before heading to Izmir for our flight to Jordan, visiting Amman; the Greco-Roman ruins of Jerash; the Dead Sea; Madaba and Mount Nebo; Petra, one of the world's most famous archaeological sites; the amazing landscapes of Wadi Rum and Aqaba by the beautiful Red Sea.

FROM PETRA TO BAALBEK

A cultural and archaeological tour though Jordan, Syria & Lebanon

Discover the most important historical and cultural sites of the Levant. We start in Jordan, visiting Amman; the Greco-Roman ruins of Jerash; the Dead Sea; Madaba and Mount Nebo; Petra, one of the world's most famous archaeological sites; the amazing landscapes of Wadi Rum and Aqaba by the beautiful Red Sea. We then head to Syria to explore the ancient Roman city of Bosra; the millenary city of Damascus; Maaloula, a village where the inhabitants still speak Aramaic; the archaeological site of Palmyra; the ancient crusader castle of Krak des Chevaliers; the ancient norias of Hama; historic Aleppo and the Byzantine monastery of St. Simeon. In Lebanon we visit the Roman ruins of Baalbek, the ruins of the Umayyad city of Anjar, the ancient city of Byblos and Beirut. On this journey we will visit 12 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Special Interest Tours

Create your own itinerary



CUSTOMIZED TOURS

You might find one of our scheduled itineraries appealing, but the dates don't work for you, or the tour doesn't include a site you want to see, or perhaps you simply prefer to create your own customized itinerary. With over 30 years of experience in planning and operating tours worldwide we are well equipped to create tailor-made private tour itineraries that recognize your individuality and do not crowd your point of view. We also organise special interest tours and we can help you customize a special tour for you or your group. Below are some of the special interest tours we have operated.

WORLD HERITAGE TOURS

UNESCO's World Heritage List includes over 900 properties that form part of the cultural and natural heritage of our world. This recognition by UNESCO is based on sites having outstanding universal value. Our specialized division, World Heritage Tours designs special journeys in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas that focus on these sites. These itineraries do not only cover World Heritage sites, but also present beautiful scenery and offer genuine interaction with the local people to appreciate the cultural diversity of the places we visit.

NATURAL HERITAGE TOURS

Explore some of the most remote & scenic regions of our planet with biologists,

naturalists or renowned wildlife photographers on our tours focused on Natural Heritage. Our bird-watching ours have been designed to satisfy the needs of all types of birders, from the novice bird watcher to the seasoned ornithologist.

ASTRONOMICAL TOURS

We have organized astronomy-based tours that follow solar & lunar eclipses, meteor showers all over the world, even on board of specially chartered scientific exploration ships. These tours are led by the renowned authorities on astronomy and the art of photographing eclipses.

FAITH-BASED TOURS

These journeys follow in the path of the great religions with an emphasis in the vast cultural diversity of our world. Whether you are interested in the great Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity or Islam or wish to follow in the footsteps of Buddha or discover the myriad beliefs of the Indian Subcontinent, we combine the religious aspects of each trip with visits to traditional sites.

CULINARY TOURS

Our unique culinary tours take us from local bazaars and markets to carefully chosen restaurants and private homes. As we sample the local cuisine and interact with our hosts, we learn how climate and geography, traditions and religion have all had an influence in making a cuisine

unique. Although the main emphasis is on food, these itineraries do include comprehensive sightseeing and plenty of cultural activities. We carefully research destinations that have enticed, tantalized and intrigued the travelling gourmet.

TEXTILES, ARTS & CRAFT TOURS

We have arranged many tours that focus on the creation and use of textiles, pottery & other crafts in other cultures, including meeting the artisans. Over the years Bestway Tours & Safaris has organized these specialized tours for a number of universities, museums and other renowned institutions.

RAILWAY JOURNEYS

We offer journeys aboard luxurious private trains of the highest quality, including meals, sightseeing, entertainment and many special touches in India, China, Mongolia, Russia, Europe and Africa. Many of our tours include excursions on Heritage Railways all over the world.

WOMEN ONLY GROUPS

These tours have been designed exclusively for women, so they gain more insight by experiencing first hand cultural aspects that are only for females in many regions and cultures. We have also added special touches for a safe and gratifying tour: Tour escorts & managers that are women; boutique & luxury hotels that are well-located and special sightseeing that goes beyond, such as visits to private homes.



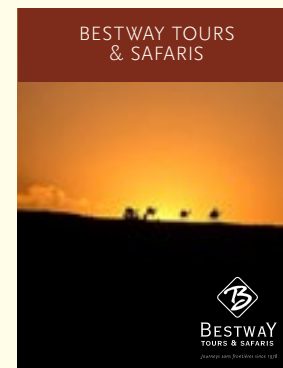
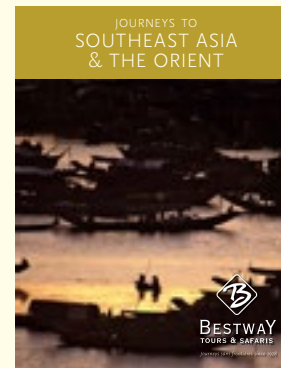
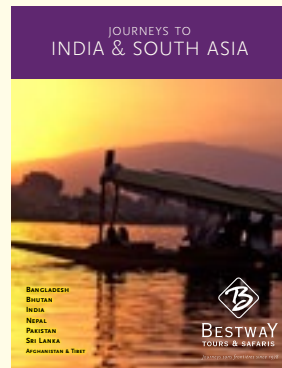
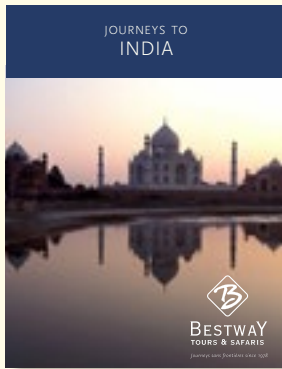
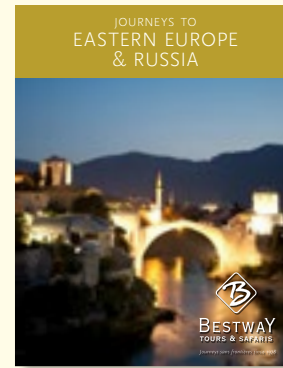
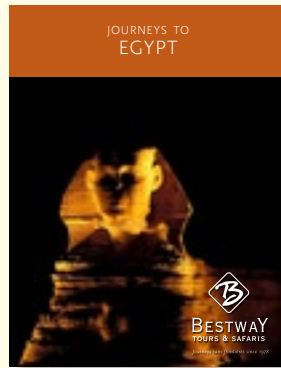
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