



SOLANA BEACH & LA JOLLA PRESBYTERIAN

JORDAN EXTENSION

SEPTEMBER 05 - 08, 2024

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 05 – PETRA (B,D)

You will be picked up from your hotel in Jerusalem at 7:00am and transferred to the Allenby Bridge.

After border crossing procedures, you will be met by your **private** Jordanian guide and driver.

Visit **Bethany beyond the Jordan** where John the Baptist preached and baptized and quite possibly the baptism site of Jesus (recent excavations have uncovered baptismal pools). It is also the place from which Elijah ascended to heaven in a chariot of fire.

Then drive to **Mt. Nebo**, the traditional site of the tomb of Moses overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. The ancient church there houses some lovely 6th-century mosaics.

Continue to the mosaic-rich holy city of **Madaba** and St. George Cathedral, with a 6th-century mosaic floor containing the earliest surviving map of the Holy Land.

Drive to Petra for dinner and overnight.

Our hotel in Petra, **OLD VILLAGE RESORT** is a 4-star DRY hotel built in the style of a local 19th-century village. Guest rooms are comfortably rustic, combining the charm of the past with the modern comforts and facilities of today such as climate control, free Wi-Fi, satellite TV, direct-dial phone, mini-bar and hair dryer. Hotel amenities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, free Wi-Fi and a restaurant. <http://www.oldvillageresort.com/>

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 06 – PETRA

(B,D)

This morning we will tour the city of **Petra**. Travel on horseback to the siq (canyon), and then on foot to Petra. Known as "Sela Edom" or Red Rock City, Petra was the capital of the Nabateans from the 3rd century B.C.E. to the 2nd century C.E. Petra's most elegant monument, El Khazneh (the Treasury) comes dramatically into view as you emerge from the siq. Beyond the Treasury an entire city is carved into the canyon walls. Other outstanding structures include The Monastery and Urn Tomb. Wander through the field of tombs and obelisks to Al Madhbah (the Altar). From this point you can view the whole of the rock city. The most adventurous will be invited to hike up to the spiritual "High Place," site of the sacrificial alter and offering a spectacular view of the ancient city and surroundings. (As a great deal of walking is included in the visit, we suggest good walking shoes and a lightweight jacket).

Dinner – At 7:30pm, drive to Petra Kitchen where you will learn how to prepare an authentic Jordanian dinner and then dine on your own creations. Return to your hotel for overnight.

SATURDAY, SEPTMEBER 07 - AMMAN

(B,L,D)

Depart Petra and drive south to **Wadi Rum**. Take a short 4X4 vehicle ride into the oasis with its awesome moon-like landscape. The film Lawrence of Arabia was shot here. Enjoy a Bedouin lunch with the locals, in the tradition of the Patriarchs.

Then, continue to Amman airport hotel for dinner and overnight.

Our hotel, **CENTRO MADA AMMAN**, is a chic, modern property located in the Abdoun district near major embassies and ministries and close to Amman's major shopping malls and tourism attractions. The popular Abdali Boulevard lifestyle development and Amman's Downtown district are just 10 minutes from Centro Mada and Queen Alia International Airport is 32km away. All 196 guest rooms and suites are equipped with complimentary Wi-Fi, satellite TV, minibar, tea and coffee maker and hair dryer. Hotel facilities and services include a restaurant, a rooftop bar/lounge, a pool bar, 24-hour room service, a 24-hour gym and rooftop swimming pool.

www.rotana.com/centrohotels/jordan/amman/centromadaamman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 08 -

(B)

You will be transferred to the Queen Alia Airport for your departure with Turkish Airlines **nonstop** flight # 815 to Istanbul, leaving at 6:40am and arriving at 9:05am. Connect with Turkish Airlines **nonstop** flight # 9 to Los Angeles, leaving at 1:50pm and arriving at 4:45pm.

Price per person in a double room: \$1,395

Price per person in a single room: \$1,595

Price is based on a group of 10 passengers

Prices are GUARANTEED for September 2024

TOUR INCLUDES:

- * Return flight from Amman to Los Angeles.
- * 3 nights of accommodations with breakfast and dinners daily.
- * One way transfer from Jerusalem to the Allenby Bridge border with Jordan.
- * Transfer in Amman as per itinerary.
- * 3 days of **private** tours in Jordan in an air-conditioned **Minibus** with licensed English speaking guide.
- * Horseback ride in Petra.
- * Jeep ride and a Bedouin lunch at Wadi Rum.
- * All entrance fees as per itinerary.
- * Hotel fees and services taxes.
- * Jordan entry visa.
- * Border taxes between Israel and Jordan.
- * Tips to guide and driver.

TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- * Meals except as specified.
- * **Travel insurance,**
- * Tip to horseman in Petra \$7.