

# 14d11n Best Of Israel & Jordan

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**ISRAEL:** TIBERIAS / SEA OF GALILEE / GOLAN HEIGHTS / HAIFA / AKKO / CAESAREA / TEL AVIV / JAFFA / JERUSALEM / BETHLEHEM / MASADA / DEAD SEA

**JORDAN:** AMMAN / JERASH / MADABA / MT NEBO / PETRA / WADI RUM



34 PLANNED MEALS

11 BREAKFASTS

12 LUNCHESS

11 DINNERS



START/END



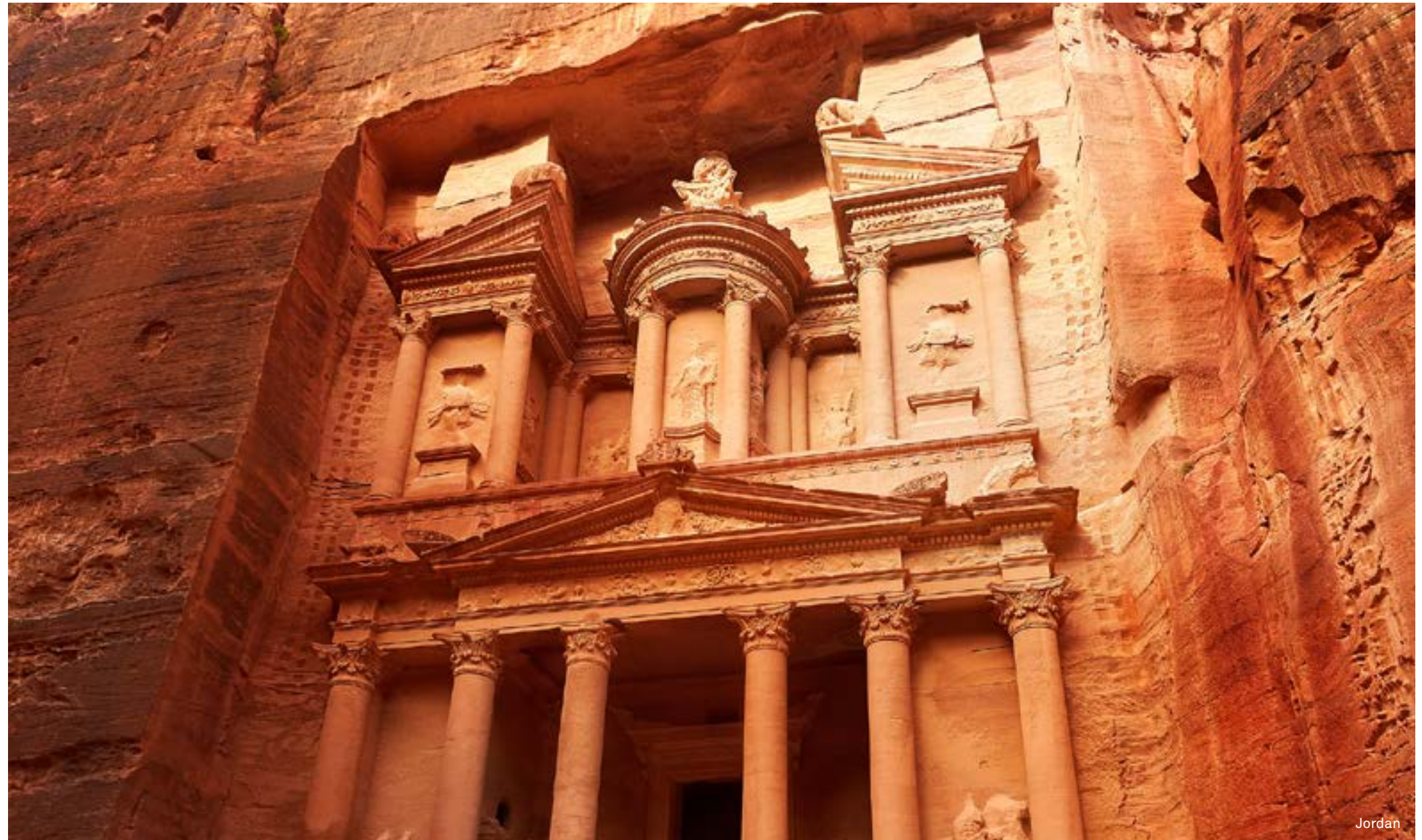
NIGHT STAY



BY FLIGHT



BY COACH



Jordan

## DAY 1 SINGAPORE ✈ AMMAN

Welcome to a unique experience!

- Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport.

- After lunch, transfer to **Sheikh Hussein Border** in the north and set our foot into Israel.
- Check in hotel in **Tiberias** for dinner and the night.

Lunch | Dinner

## DAY 2 AMMAN 🚌 SHEIKH HUSSEIN BORDER 🚌 TIBERIAS (ISRAEL)

- On arrival, meet your guide and proceed for an orientation tour of **Amman**.
- Visit the ancient **Citadel**, towering above Amman, the site of the earliest fortifications with traces of Roman, Byzantine and early Islamic remains. See the **Temple of Hercules, The Umayyad Palace Complex, Byzantine Church and Jordan Archaeological Museum**, an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan dating from prehistoric times to the 15<sup>th</sup> century.
- View the **Roman Theatre**; dating from 151AD, built to seat 6000 people.

## DAY 3 TIBERIAS (SEA OF GALILEE 🚌 CAPERNAUM 🚌 GOLAN HEIGHTS)

- Start the day with a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee** and be greeted by happy flocks of sea gulls.
- Drive to **Capernaum** on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee.
- Visit **St Peter's Church** and the 2<sup>nd</sup> century **Synagogue**.
- Drive on to **Tabgha** where the two old churches built on ancient ruins of Jewish villages commemorate the miracles of Jesus Christ who fed 5000 starving people with 2 fishes and 5 loaves, cured lepers and opened blind eyes
- Visit the **Church of Multiplication**.





Old city Jaffa



Israel

- Drive towards the Mediterranean Coast to **Akko (Acre)**, a city that has been shaped by the Romans, Ottomans, Crusaders, Mamelukes, Byzantines, and British, and fittingly is today home to a brilliantly coexistent mixed population of Jews, Christians and Muslims
- After lunch, visit **Acre Old City**, a UNESCO World Heritage and one of world's oldest port
- Visit the **Crusader Museum**
- Continue to **Haifa** for a panoramic view of the **Bahai Temple** and its **Garden**.
- Dinner and overnight in **Haifa**.

*Recommended Optional Tour:*

1. Speedboat "Tornado Boat" tour of the Old City walls of Acre from the sea (strictly subject to weather)

 *Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner*

#### DAY 5 HAIFA CAESAREA JAFFA TEL AVIV JERUSALEM

- Drive along the Mediterranean shore line, to Caesarea, the proud capital of the Romans, founded by Herod, the greatest builder of the "Old World" as a gesture to Augustus Caesar.
- Let the virtual presentation takes you through the history of Caesarea before visiting the historical port and ancient sites.
- Continue to **Jaffa** (Yafa), the ancient port city out of which Tel Aviv has now grown. The narrow passageways and ancient buildings in the **Old City of Jaffa** are worlds away from modern Tel Aviv.
- Enjoy walking tour of the **old port**. The small alleyways and streets which make up this city are lined with artists' galleries and studios, as well as boutique and craft shops.
- After lunch, proceed for **Carmel Market** (Shuk Hacarmel) tour. It is the largest market in **Tel Aviv**; a vibrant marketplace where traders sell everything from clothing to spices, and fruit to electronics.
- End the day in **Jerusalem**.

 *Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner*

#### DAY 6 JERUSALEM (MT OLIVES OLD CITY JEWISH QUARTER)

- Visit **Mt. of Olives** and walk down the **Palm Sunday Road** for a bird's eye-view of the city. (*Walking stick is recommended for elderly traveller*)
- Visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** which still grows the ancient olive trees believed to date back to the times of Jesus Christ.
- Visit **Church of All Nations** (Basilica of Agony) which enshrines a section of bedrock where Jesus is said to have prayed before his arrest
- Drive to the **Old City** and visit the **Western Wall** (Wailing Wall), the most sacred and religious site in the world for the Jewish people
- After lunch, we will have an afternoon walking tour of the **old city**, starting from **Via Dolorosa** (*believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion*), and ending at **Church of Holy Sepulchre**. This is also the religious 14 stations for pilgrims
- Visit the **Jewish Quarter** and see the site of the restored ancient **Roman Cardo**.
- After dinner, return to hotel for the night.

 *Breakfast | Lunch | Seafood Dinner*

#### DAY 7 JERUSALEM (NEW CITY BETHLEHEM)

- Start the day with an orientation tour of the **new city**, including the downtown, **The Knesset**, (Israel's Parliament) and a picture-stop at the impressive bronze **Knesset Menorah**, symbol of the Jewish State given to Israel as a gift from the British government.
- **Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum** – a memorial to the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust during WWII. It contains the world's largest repository of information on the Holocaust.
- Visit **Israel Museum** and see the **Shrine of Book**, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls founded in Qumran Cave.
- After lunch, drive over to **Bethlehem**.

- Meet your **Bethlehem** tour guide and visit the **Church of Nativity**, the biblical birthplace of Jesus. (*Visit may not include the Nativity Grotto, especially during pilgrimage peak season or when there is religious procession. 2 to 3 hours queue to enter the cave can be expected*)
- Meet at local souvenir shop before returning to **Jerusalem**. You will have a chance to pick up some local souvenirs for your friends and loved ones back home.

 *Breakfast | Lunch | Chinese Dinner*

#### DAY 8 JERUSALEM MASADA DEAD SEA

- Visit **Temple Mount** where you will find **The Dome of the Rock** and **El Akza Mosques** – the Holiest place for both Jews and Muslims. (*Temple Mount area is not open to tourist on Friday and Saturday*)
- Depart Jerusalem and head south to **Masada** via Qumran.
- Ascend by cable car to visit the **Fortress of Masada**. At 500m above the Dead Sea, the fortress is set on a giant cliff, 600m length, 300m width and 2000 years old. It is the greatest castle in history build by King Herod. Visit the sites of ancient palaces, the warehouses, resident areas, the water complex, the impressive fortified system and the most fascinating views of the Judean Desert.
- After lunch, continue to **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth (*about 430.5 metres below sea level*).
- As you can never sink into the Dead Sea, try floating and enjoy a soak in the world's saltiest bodies of water (*9.6 times as salty as the ocean*).
- Check in to hotel for dinner and the night. You may also enjoy the Dead Sea water pool in your hotel.

 *Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner*



Temple of Hercules of the Amman Citadel (Jabal al-Qal'a)





Wadi Rum desert

#### DAY 10 WADI RUM 🚗 PETRA

- Rise early to catch the beautiful sunrise as the sun brightens the desert.
- After breakfast, join the local Bedouins in their jeep (or local vehicle) to explore the desert “moonscape” where the sand is red and the rocks look like gigantic multi-layered chocolate. Perhaps, you find some familiar sites from the movie “The Martians”.
- Return to camp for lunch before we head to the next highlight of the tour – the rose-red city of **Petra**.
- Check in hotel for dinner and the night.

Recommended Optional Tour:

1. Camel Ride
2. Hot Air balloon Flight
3. Desert Buggy

🍳 Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

#### DAY 11 PETRA

- **Petra** was the capital of the Nabatean Kingdom from the 4<sup>th</sup> century BC to the 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD. From the 12<sup>th</sup> century until its rediscovery in 1812, Petra was lost to the world - a closely guarded secret of the local tribes. Today, the ‘rose red city half as old as time’ is probably the most impressive archaeological site in the Middle East, rivalling the temples and pyramids of Egypt in grandeur.
- Prepare to explore (with excessive walking) through the hidden **valley of Petra**. Begin walking from visitor centre to the entrance and through the “**Siq**”, a narrow passage in the gorge between towering rocks. At the end of the Siq, be amazed by the icon of Petra, **The Treasury** (El Kazneh), a graceful structure carved from the living rock.
- Continue to explore the valley where the sandstone swirls and twists in shades of red, orange, yellow, pink and white
- Visit the **Roman Amphitheatre**, carved directly out of the mountain, with space for over 3,000 spectators.

#### DAY 9 DEAD SEA 🚗 ARAVA / WADI ARABA BORDER 🚗 WADI RUM (JORDAN)

- After breakfast, proceed for shopping in a local **Dead Sea Products** factory before we bid farewell to Israel and cross the border to **Wadi Rum Desert**, the largest and most magnificent of Jordan’s desert landscapes.
- Meet your Jordanian tour guide and proceed to **Wadi Rum Desert Camp**.
- After lunch, check in to your tent and enjoy a spiritual soothing experience of living in the desert and the serenity of the valley with its unmatched authentic charm and beauty. (The private tents have double or twin beds, private bathroom with 24 hours hot water, air-condition and 24/7/365 security)

🍳 Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- View the elaborate **Royal Tombs**, including the **Palace Tomb** and **Silk Tomb**.
- After lunch, the afternoon is free at leisure. You may wish to challenge a trek to the Monastery on your own, visit the Royals Tombs or take the same way back to the hotel.
- Dinner and overnight in Petra.

🍳 Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

#### DAY 12 PETRA – MADABA – MT. NEBO - AMMAN

- Head north to **Madaba**, the City of Mosaic.
- Visit **St. George’s Cathedral** where the 6<sup>th</sup> century mosaic map of the Holy Land is laid down.
- After lunch, continue to **Mount Nebo**, the alleged burial place of Moses.
- Enjoy the panoramic view of the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and River Jordan.
- Visit the **old church** on top of the mountain with well-preserved large pieces of Mosaic that dates back to the Byzantine era.
- Continue to **Amman**, the capital city of Jordan for dinner and the night.

🍳 Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

#### DAY 13 AMMAN – JERASH – AMMAN - SINGAPORE

- Drive to **Jerash**, the best example of a Roman provincial city in the whole Middle East. Visit the spectacular forum, Roman colonnaded street, the Nymphaeum and the Temple of Artemis of ancient Gerasa. (Show is not included in our tour. There are 2 shows per day from Saturday to Thursday at 11am and 2pm except Tuesday off. Friday 1 show at 10 is; additional charge applies)
- After tour, transfer to airport for your home-bound flight.

🍳 Breakfast | Lunch



The Mount Of Olives, Jerusalem

#### DAY 14 ARRIVE SINGAPORE

We hope that you have had an enjoyable vacation with Dynasty Travel and look forward to bring you to your next holiday destination.

Note:

The sequence of the itinerary is subject to change without prior notice. During major conferences, fairs, festivals and religious holidays, accommodation may be located outside the city or in an alternate city without prior notice. We respect local tradition and religious practises; as such we seek your understanding that services may sometime be slower on Shabbat Saturday which is a rest day for Jews.



Sandstone canyon pass in Petra