

## **Jordan & the Cradle of Christianity**

### **Day 1 Amman, Jordan**

Welcome to Jordan! Transfer to your hotel. Day is at leisure. Enjoy the WELCOME DINNER with your traveling companions.

### **Day 2 Amman–Wadi Mujib–Petra**

Travel to Mount Nebo where Moses saw the Promised Land. At Madaba, visit ST. GEORGE’S CHURCH, which houses a 6<sup>th</sup>-century mosaic map of the Holy Land. Explore MADABA ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM. Visit Mukawir, where Salome danced and John the Baptist was imprisoned and beheaded. Afterwards, view Wadi Mujib, the “Jordanian Grand Canyon.” Visit Kerak and the CRUSADER CASTLE. This evening experience a candle-lit “Petra by Night” tour.

### **Day 3 Petra**

Day of exploration in the “rose-red city” of PETRA. Lost to the world for centuries, it is located in the biblical land of Moab. Walk down the Siq, the narrow gorge made famous in the movie *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. Stand in awe in front of the iconic and famed Treasury. In addition to seeing spectacular temples and tombs, sip tea in a Bedouin tent.

### **Day 4 Petra–Wadi Rum–Amman**

Depart Petra for a jeep tour in Wadi Rum, home to stunning desert beauty and the place where *Lawrence of Arabia* was filmed. Return to Amman for guided city sightseeing, including the Citadel, ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, downtown, and much more

### **Day 5 Amman–Jerash–Um Qais–Dead Sea**

Today travel north to OLD JERASH, the best-preserved Greco-Roman city in the Middle East. Also, visit Ajloun and its “Hilltop Castle.” While en route, stop at the Jabbok River where Jacob wrestled with the Angel, and Um Qais, sire of the Gadarene swine miracle. Afterwards, journey to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth.

### **Day 6 Dead Sea. Excursion to Bethany Beyond-the-Jordan**

Experience Bethany Beyond-the-Jordan, the wilderness home of John the Baptist, where Jesus was immersed in the baptismal springs and where Elijah ascended to heaven in a chariot of fire. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy your world-class resort and spa. Enjoy this evening’s FAREWELL DINNER.

### **Day 7 Dead Sea–Amman**

Transfer from the Dead Sea to the Amman airport.