



# MEJDI TOURS

## MEJDI Tours - Scheduled Departures Israel & Palestine Dual Narrative™ Multi-Day Tour

### Jordan Optional Extension:

**Extension Cost:** \$860 Per Person // \$165 Single Supplement

### Trip Description:

Explore the wild beauty of the Arabian Peninsula, with MEJDI's add-on to Petra, Wadi Rum, and Jerash. The perfect combination of relaxation, education, and adventure, with only a few extra days you can:

- Experience traditional Arabian desert life in the valleys of Wadi Rum. Share coffee with bedouins, see camels in their natural habitat, and view rock inscriptions (ancient and modern) left by local tribes.
- In a MEJDI exclusive, have an opportunity to give back and help bring positive change to the Middle East, by meeting with Syrian refugees in Jerash. Learn first-hand about the conflict in Syria, ask questions, and hear how the war has taken a toll on countries like Lebanon and Jordan, and on everyday Syrian families.
- Check off your bucket-list the impressive and monumental ruins of Jerash, the best-preserved Roman city in the Arab Middle East following the destruction of Palmyra.
- Put on your cowboy hat (or fedora), and explore the ancient Nabatean city of Petra! Walk through wind-swept sandstone valleys with stunning rock striations, and discover the echoing chambers of ancient tombs. The more adventurous can ride a horse or a donkey through the valleys of this the famous "Indiana Jones" filming site.

### Itinerary:

#### Day 1: Eilat, Wadi Rum, and Petra

Fly from Tel Aviv to Eilat, Israel's southernmost city, situated on the sparkling Red Sea. A short drive through the Wadi Arabah takes us across the border into Jordan. This afternoon, explore the lunar-like landscape of **Wadi Rum**, where T.E. Lawrence (of

Arabia) stayed with Bedouin friends and allies during World War I. Discover epic sand dunes and rose-tinted mountains where Bedouin tribes still make camp. Continue to our hotel at **Petra**, located just a few steps from this UNESCO World Heritage site.

*Hotel: Petra (B,D)*

### **Day 2: Petra**

Spend a full day exploring **Petra**, the legendary city of the Nabataean people. Hidden in deep canyons south of the Dead Sea, this remarkable site was founded more than 2,400 years ago. Enter the ancient city through its primary entrance, known as the Siq, a narrow chasm between naturally sculpted cliffs. This passageway, which could have been easily defended against attack by an invading army, ends at the glorious sight of the world-famous Treasury. Go on a guided visit of the expansive site, where hundreds of monuments were rediscovered only in 1812. Then enjoy time on your own to explore the Royal Tombs or the Monastery.

*Hotel: Petra (B,D)*

### **Day 3: Jerash/Amman**

This morning travel north on the historic King's Highway and visit one of the best-preserved cities of the Roman Empire, **Jerash**, called the "Pompeii of the Middle East." Step back in time as you explore the colonnaded streets, visiting the South Theater, the Temple of Artemis, and the ornate Nymphaeum. Later, continue on to Jordan's capital, **Amman**, a modern and culturally diverse city steeped in an ancient past. Meet with a **Local Refugee**. Enjoy some time to explore this fascinating city before gathering for a **farewell dinner**.

*Hotel: Amman (B,D)*

### **Day 4: Departure**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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