

We Know

JORDAN

Jordan, officially the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, is an Arab Muslim country, located in the north of the Arabian Peninsula and in West Asia. Bordered by Syria to the north, Iraq to the east, Saudi Arabia to the south and south-east, and Palestine (the West Bank) to the west. Jordan is named for the Jordan River, which passes on its western border, and Amman is the capital. Jordan is home to more than 100,000 archaeological, religious and tourist sights.



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Useful Information



CLIMATE

Jordan's climate ranges between a more Mediterranean climate to a desert climate, but the land is generally very arid. Winter temperatures in the southern and northern highlands range between 48°F – 55°F, while the desert regions range from 66°F – 72°F.

CURRENCY & CREDIT CARDS

The Jordanian dinar (JOD) is the currency of Jordan. 10 Dirham, 100 qirsh, or 1000 fulus form one dinar of the Jordan currency. There are no restrictions on the import and export of foreign currencies. Jordan is a cash society, and payment in cash dinars is preferred. ATMs are available throughout Amman and in other major cities. Note: If carrying cash, it is recommended that you take only recently minted U.S. currency.

American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Diners Club are the most widely accepted credit cards in most hotels, restaurants and tourist shops. Check with your bank for any fees you may be charged.

SHOPPING HOURS

Stores open between 8:00AM and 9:00AM and remain open until 7:00PM. Some close for lunch from 1:30PM to 3:00 or 3:30PM. Muslim shop owners close on Friday and Christians on Sunday.

LANGUAGE

Arabic is the official language of Jordan. However, English is widely spoken especially in the cities. French, German, Italian and Spanish are also spoken, but to a lesser extent.

VOLTAGE

The usual voltage in Jordan is 230AC - 50 cycles. Wall plugs are the round, two pronged European type. It is important to bring adapter plugs and transformers.

ELECTRICAL PLUGS



230V 50Hz

PHOTOGRAPHY

Visitors should respect the outlook of the local people towards photography and only use cameras if they have permission from the person or people the picture is being taken. Never try to “steal” a photo against the will of the person concerned. Let your tour guide or escort help you negotiate terms before you start shooting! It is also against the law to take photographs of border posts, persons in uniform, and of course, military installations.