Plaza Tours – DMC



# 9 Days - 8 Nights Program

<u>Validity:</u> Dec 2022

# Day 1: Amman Tel Aviv Airport – Jerusalem Hotel

Meet and assist at Tel Aviv Airport, then we drive to our hotel in Jerusalem for Overnight.

# Day2: BETHLEHEM – Jerusalem Hotel



After Breakfast, we Drive to Bethlehem via the Nativity Circle towards the Church of the Nativity, one of the world's oldest churches. Over there, we will visit the main Basilica of the Nativity, as well as the Catholic Church of St. Catherine, adjoining the Basilica of the Nativity. Underneath the Church stands the Grotto of the Nativity, the cave in which Jesus was born, the exact spot of birth is marked by a 14-pointed star of silver set into the floor. We also visit the nearby Milk Grotto, where Mary nursed Jesus Christ while the family was taking refuge before their flight into Egypt. A Franciscan Chapel is built above the Milk

Grotto. We will also drop a visit to a beautiful overview of the Shepherds' Fields, and the special Church of the Shepherds' Fields. Overnight in Jerusalem

#### Day 3: JERUSALEM – Jerusalem Hotel



After Breakfast, we Drive to Jerusalem. This spiritual and scenic tour will take you through the roots of Christianity and Judaism to modern days Jerusalem. This tour begins with a breathtaking view of Old Jerusalem from Mount Olive, overlook Jerusalem new city and the Temple Mount Esplanade of the old city. Travel along the Kidron Valley to view the Garden of Gethsemane and the walls of the city. Via the Armenian Quarter enter The Western (Wailing) Wall square via the local Bazaar to the Christian Quarter, the Stations of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) and the church of the Holy Sepulcher - the site of the crucifixion.

Walk along the 1700-year-old Byzantine main street, the cardo and the renovated Jewish quarter. Ascend Mt. Zion -Hall of the last super, David's tomb-enter the 500-year-old city ramparts. Overnight in Jerusalem

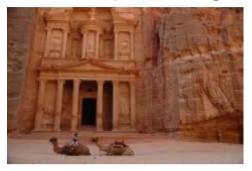
#### Day 4: Departure – Petra Hotel

After Breakfast, Transfer to the Allenby bridge for crossing to Jordan. Continue to Petra for overnight



# Day 5: Petra – Overnight Petra Hotel

The Red Rose City of Petra: The giant red mountains and vast mausoleums of a departed race have nothing in



common with modern civilization, and ask nothing of it except to be appreciated at their true value - as one of the greatest wonders ever wrought by Nature and Man. Although much has been written about Petra, nothing really prepares you for this amazing place. It has to be seen to be believed. Entrance to the city is through the Siq, a narrow gorge, over 1 kilometre in length, which is flanked on either side by soaring, 80 metres high cliffs. Just walking through the Siq is an experience in itself. The colours and formations of the rocks are dazzling. As you reach the end of the Siq you will catch your first glimpse of Al-Khazneh (Treasury). The Treasury is just the first of the many wonders that make up Petra. You will

need at least four or five days to really explore everything here. As you enter the Petra valley you will be overwhelmed by the natural beauty of this place and its outstanding architectural achievements. There are hundreds of elaborate rock-cut tombs with intricate carvings - unlike the houses, which were destroyed mostly by earthquakes, the tombs were carved to last throughout the afterlife and 500 have survived, empty but bewitching as you file past their dark openings. Here also is a massive Nabataean-built, Roman-style theatre, which could seat 3,000 people. There are obelisks, temples, sacrificial altars and colonnaded streets, and high above, overlooking the valley, is the impressive Ad-Deir Monastery – a flight of 800 rock cut steps takes you there.

#### Day 6: Petra – Overnight Wadi Rum Camp



Wadi Rum: This is a stupendous, timeless place, virtually untouched by humanity and its destructive forces. Here, it is the weather and winds that have carved the imposing, towering skyscrapers, so elegantly described by T.E. Lawrence as "vast, echoing and god-like".. A maze of monolithic rock-scapes rises up from the desert floor to heights of 1,750 metres creating a natural challenge for serious mountaineers. Hikers can enjoy the tranquility of the boundless empty spaces; explore the canyons and water holes to discover 4000 year old rock drawings and the many other

spectacular treasures this vast wilderness holds in store.



# Day 7: Wadi Rum – Madaba – Mt. Nebo – Amman Hotel



Mount Nebo, one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan and the place where Moses was buried. A small Byzantine church was built there by early Christians, which has been expanded into a vast complex. During his visit to Jordan in 2001, the Late Pope John Paul II held a sermon here that was attended by some 20,000 faithful.



Saint George Church: The Madaba Mosaic Map covers the floor of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, which is located northwest of the city centre. The church was built in 1896 AD, over the remains of a much earlier 6th century Byzantine church. The mosaic panel enclosing the Map was originally around 15.6 X 6m, 94 square meters, only about a quarter of which is preserved.

#### Day 8: Amman – Jerash – Amman Hotel



City tour of Amman: visit the Citadel, Archeological Museum, Roman Amphitheatre, and Folklore Museum. Due to the city's modern-day prosperity and temperate climate, almost half of Jordan's population is concentrated in the Amman area. The residential suburbs consist of mainly tree-lined street and avenues flanked by elegant, almost uniformly white houses, in accordance with a municipal law, which states that all buildings must be faced with local stone. The downtown area is much older and more traditional with smaller businesses producing and selling

everything from fabulous jewellery to everyday household items. The people of Amman are multi-cultural, multi-denominational, well-educated and extremely hospitable. They welcome visitors and take pride in showing them around their fascinating and vibrant city.



Jerash: a close second to Petra on the list of favorite destinations in Jordan, the ancient city of Jerash boasts an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years. Jerash lies on a plain surrounded by hilly wooded areas and fertile basins. Conquered by General Pompey in 63 BC, it came under Roman rule and was one of the ten great Roman cities, the Decapolis League. The city's golden age came under Roman rule, during which time it was known as Gerasa, and the site is now generally acknowledged to be one of the best preserved Roman provincial towns in

the world. Hidden for centuries in sand before being excavated and restored over the past 70 years, Jerash reveals a fine example of the grand, formal provincial Roman urbanism that is found throughout the Middle East, comprising paved and colonnaded streets, soaring hilltop temples, handsome theatres, spacious public squares and plazas, baths, fountains and city walls pierced by towers and gates.



# Day 9: Amman – Amman International Airport

#### Hotels to be used:

3 Nights at St. George Hotel Jerusalem - Standard Room on BB Basis.

- 2 Nights at Petra Panorama Hotel Standard Room on BB Basis.
- 1 Night at Mazayen Wadi Rum Camp Standard Tent on HB Basis.
- 2 Nights at Arena Space Amman Hotel Standard Room on BB Basis.

#### Cost:

Price per person sharing a double room on BB basis based on 2 guests traveling together: \$2,135.00 per person

#### **Rate Inclusions:**

- Meet and assist upon arrival.
- Entry Visa (We have to get Full Passport Details minimum 7 10 Days before date of arrival).
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned above.
- Transportation in modern AC private in touring days.
- Hotel accommodation as mentioned above or Similar.
- Local English speaking guide in Petra & Jerash

#### Exclusions:

- Entry or exit Taxes.
- PCR Tests.
- Any personal expenses.
- Portages at airport and hotels.
- Lunches & Dinners not mentioned.
- Drinks within meals.
- Carriages in Petra.
- All kind of tips.
- Any not mentioned expenses and services.

# Above is an offer, hotels are subject to availability and rates are subject to change at the time of confirmation