# Cultural Itineraries-BTCJS

#### **1- THE JORDAN CLASSIC**

#### Day 1 Arrival Amman

Upon arrival, a member of our staff will meet the clients at Queen Alia International Airport for assistance with customs and immigration procedures. Transfer to hotel in Amman. Dinner and overnight.

#### Day 2 Amman/ Um Qeis/ Ajlun/ Jerash/ Amman

Breakfast. Depart north to visit Um Qeis, a city, rich with basalt ruins and overlooking the Jordan Valley, Golan Heights and Lake Tiberius (the sea of Galilee). After lunch proceed to visit the village of Ajlun with its fortress and magnificent view into the Jordan Valley. Continue to visit Jerash; one of the most preserved Graeco-Roman cities in the Middle East and return to Amman. Dinner and overnight.

#### Suggested activities:

### 1- The Roman Army & Chariot Experience (instead of Ajlun)

Upon arrival to Jerash, walk to the newly restored hippodrome, "Circus Gerasa", with its original stone seating and carceres (starting gates). The setting provides an ideal arena for a thrilling spectacle such as the citizens of the Roman Empire would have been able to see some twenty centuries ago. Clients enjoy a one hour live performance of Roman army, gladiators and chariot racing.

#### 2- Local Breakfast

Breakfast at a local restaurant in downtown Amman as everyday Jordanians do.

#### 3- Wine Tasting

In Amman, you can visit 'The Winemaker', which is a boutique wine tasting shop where you can taste and purchase locally produced, international award winning wines. If you are lucky, you will meet Jordan's leading wine maker in person, who will tell you about the delicate considerations and challenges of producing wines in this region.

#### Day 3 Amman/ City Tour/ Dead Sea

Breakfast. Morning city tour of Amman to visit the ruins of the Amman amphitheatre, the citadel and the Ummayad Palace. Transfer to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the surface of earth. Lunch at the hotel and free time at leisure. Dinner and overnight.

#### *Suggested activities:* 1-Heritage Walk in Amman

A walk in one of the oldest middle class suburbs of Amman and a short coffee break at the Nature Centre where clients can enjoy a magnificent view of down town Amman. Continue for lunch at Fakhr el Din, a unique turn of the century house that was converted into one of Jordan's top restaurants. Departure to the Dead Sea.

#### 2- Spa Treatments at the Dead Sea

*Indulge in one of the many available therapies at the resorts luxurious spas.* 

#### Day 4 Dead Sea/ Madaba/ Mt. Nebo/ Wadi Mujib/ Kerak/ Petra

Breakfast. Morning departure south through the king's way, an ancient route that still has marks left from traders, armies and pilgrims who crossed it centuries ago. Visit the Christian Town of Madaba "The City of Mosaics" and take a detour to Mount Nebo, the site of the endearing monastery. Proceed to Kerak through Wadi Mujib, a deep valley featuring one of Jordan's most breathtaking views. After lunch visit the Kerak castle with its diverse history dated from the Byzantine to the Mamluk period. Depart to Petra for dinner and overnight.

#### Day 5 Full day visit of Petra

Breakfast. The visit of the ancient Nabatean Capital starts on horseback, followed by a walk through the Siq, a long narrow fissure between two overhanging cliffs. The tour then proceeds to gradually unfold the mysteries of the Red Rose City with its spectacular treasury, Royal Tombs, burial chambers and high places of sacrifice. Lunch inside Petra. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### Suggested activities:

#### 1- Petra by Night

In the evening clients follow a candle lit route through the Siq till the Treasury while being told the story of the ancient Nabateans.

#### 2- Petra Kitchen

Participate in the preparation of a traditional Jordanian meal with the help of local women and under the supervision of a professional chef and enjoy it for dinner afterwards.

#### 4- Candle Lit dinner at the Cave Bar

Special dinner at the Cave Bar, a 2000 year old tavern.(Dinner inside Petra can also be arranged for groups).

#### Day 6 Petra/ Beida/ Wadi Rum/ Aqaba

After breakfast proceed to Beida, also known as little Petra. Continue south to the enchanting desert of Wadi for a jeep tour inside the Wadi until sunset. Enjoy the view while drinking a cup of traditional Bedouin tea and proceed to the beautiful gulf city of Aqaba, Jordan's only outlet to the sea. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

#### Suggested Activities:

#### 1- Champagne at Sunset

Arrival to the sunset area in Wadi Rum after the jeep tour. Enjoy a glass of champagne while watching the most magnificent view inside the Wadi.

#### 2- Overnight at an Exclusive Bedouin Camp

After the jeep tour drop off at a Bedouin camp inside the desert for a private traditional Bedouin dinner party with live local music.

#### *3- Camel or Horse Ride Inside the Desert 4- Self-Drive Adventure Inside the Desert*

Clients follow a pilot jeep in Jordan's largest desert and one of the most spectacular desert landscapes in the world, Neil Armstrong reported that it is the only place on earth that resembles the moon. Desert driving is not easy; some of the sand is so fine that unless momentum is maintained the 4\*4s can slew to a virtual standstill.

#### Day 7 Aqaba/ Amman

Breakfast. Free day at leisure in Aqaba. Those interested in snorkelling can enjoy the sport at one of the world's best conserved coral reefs. Late afternoon transfer back to Amman. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

#### Suggested Activities:

1-Snorkelling in the Pristine Coral Reefs
2- Cruise in a Private Yacht with Lunch.
3- Water Sports such as Sailing,
Fishing...etc
4-Tankiak Dath in Annuan

#### 4- Turkish Bath in Amman

Relax at the Turkish bath in Amman where your limbs will be wrestled "with apparent violence, but with such skill that an untoward accident in this operation is never heard of" The pleasures of a Turkish massage, to quote EW Lane! Dinner at the bath house.

#### Day 8 Departure

Breakfast. Morning transfer to the airport. Assistance with formalities and departure to final destination.

#### 2- THE NABATEAN WONDER

#### Day 1 Arrival Amman

Upon arrival, meeting and assistance at Queen Alia International Airport by a member of our staff. Transfer to hotel in Amman, dinner and overnight.

#### Day 2 Amman/ Ajlun/ Jerash/ Dead Sea/Amman

Breakfast. A short trip north to the Mamluk fortress of Ajlun, followed by a visit to the Graeco-Roman city of Jerash. After lunch drive down to the lowest point on earth for a dip in the Dead Sea. Return to Amman. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

#### Suggested activities:

## 1- The Roman Army & Chariot Experience (instead of Ajlun)

Upon arrival to Jerash, walk to the newly restored hippodrome, "Circus Gerasa", with its original stone seating and carceres (starting gates). The setting provides an ideal arena for a thrilling spectacle such as the citizens of the Roman Empire would have been able to see some twenty centuries ago. Clients enjoy a one hour live performance of Roman army, gladiators and chariot racing.

#### 2-Dead Sea Spa Treatments

*Indulge in one of the many luxurious therapies at one of the resorts.* 

**3-Dinner with a Local Family in Amman** Interact with the locals and experience their everyday life.

#### Day 3 Amman/ Madaba/ Mt. Nebo/ Wadi Mujib/ Kerak/ Petra

Breakfast. A whole day to explore the King's highway, which was once part of the ancient Silk Road. Visit the mosaic town of Madaba, and stop over at Mount Nebo for a view over the Jordan Valley. Continue south to Wadi Mujib then proceed to the Crusader's Castle of Kerak. Visit of the castle followed by lunch. Proceed to Petra for dinner and overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 4 Petra

Breakfast. Full day visit to the Red Rose City of Petra. Lunch inside the city. Dinner and overnight at Petra hotel.

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#### Day 5 Petra

Breakfast. Second entry to explore the upper parts of the city. Lunch inside the city or lunchbox enroute. Dinner and overnight at Petra hotel.

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#### 2- Petra Kitchen

Participate in the preparation of a traditional Jordanian meal with the help of local women and under the supervision of a professional chef and enjoy it for dinner afterwards.

#### 3- Stay at Taybet Zaman Resort

Overnight at Taybet Zaman, an old farming village converted into a 5\* hotel. Enjoy a Turkish bath at the hotel where your limbs will then be wrestled "with apparent violence, but with such skill that an untoward accident in this operation is never heard of", The pleasures of a Turkish massage, to quote EW Lane.

#### 4- Candle Lit dinner at the Cave Bar

Special dinner at the Cave Bar, a 2000 year old tavern.(Dinner inside Petra can also be arranged for groups).

#### Day 6 Petra/ Beida/ Wadi Rum

After breakfast proceed to Beida, also known as Little Petra, and the place where the Nabateans used to entertain their guests. Continue south to the enchanting desert of Wadi Rum, where lunch is served followed by a jeep tour inside the Wadi. Watch the most beautiful sunset over a cup of Bedouin tea and proceed to the Bedouin camp area deep inside the desert where a large Bedouin tent will be set to serve as the sitting room and smaller sleeping tents will be prepared with comfortable mattresses, sheets and blankets. Traditional Bedouin dinner and overnight at camp.

#### Suggested Activities:

#### 1- Champagne at sunset

Arrival to the sunset area in Wadi Rum after the jeep tour. Enjoy a glass of champagne while watching the most magnificent view.

#### 2- Overnight at an Authentic Bedouin camp

Spend the night with the Bedouins at a real camp, instead of a tourist camp and get to know the Bedouin way of life.

### 3- Camel or Horse ride inside the desert

4- Self Drive adventure inside the desert

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#### Day 7 Wadi Rum/ Dana/ Amman

Breakfast. Morning departure to the Dana Nature Reserve. Apart from its wildlife the reserve is rich with archaeological sites and culture. Guided hiking tour at the reserve and lunch at the Guest House. Departure north back to Amman for dinner and overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 8 Departure

Breakfast. Morning transfer to the airport. Assistance with formalities and departure.

#### **3- THE JORDAN EXPLORER**

#### **Day 1 Arrival Amman**

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#### Day 2 Amman city tour/ Wadi Rum/ Petra

Breakfast. Morning city tour of Amman to visit the ruins of the Amman amphitheatre, the citadel and the Ummayad Palace. Departure south to Wadi Rum Desert. Lunch at the rest house followed by a jeep tour inside the Wadi. Watch the sunset over a cup of traditional Bedouin tea and departure to Petra. overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 3 Petra

Breakfast. Full day visit of the city with lunch inside Petra at the Petra basin restaurant. Return to hotel overnight.

#### Day 4 Petra/ Madaba/ Mount Nebo/ Dead Sea

Breakfast. Departure to visit Madaba and Mount Nebo. Continue to Jerash. Lunch at the Green valley restaurant and visit. Transfer to the Dead Sea. Overnight

#### Day 5, Dead Sea/Departure Amman

Breakfast. Transfer to airport. Assistance with formalities. And departure to final destination.

#### **4- THE SINAI CONNETION**

#### Day 1 Arrival Aqaba port/ Wadi Rum/ Petra

Afternoon arrival to the port in Aqaba (or the Royal Yacht Club if using the yacht service from Taba). Assistance with formalities by one of Jordan Select Tours representatives and transfer to Wadi Rum, Jordan's largest desert and one of the most spectacular desert landscapes in the world. Transfer to the camp area deep inside the desert for a traditional Bedouin dinner party with live local music. Transfer to Petra. Overnight.

#### Day 2 Petra

Breakfast. Full day visit of Petra. The visit of the ancient Nabatean Capital starts on horseback, followed by a walk through the Siq, a long narrow fissure between two overhanging cliffs. The tour then proceeds to gradually unfold the mysteries of the Rose Red City with its spectacular treasury, Royal Tombs, burial chambers and high places of sacrifice. Lunch inside Petra at the Petra Basin restaurant. Overnight.

#### Day 3 Petra/ Kerak/ Madaba/ Mt. Nebo/ Amman

Breakfast. Transfer to visit the Kerak castle with its diverse history dated from the Byzantine to the Mamluk period. Proceed to visit the Mosaic Town of Madaba and continue to Mt. Nebo, the site of the endearing Monastery. Lunch at a local restaurant and depart to Amman. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 4 Amman/ Um Qeis/ Jerash/ Amman

Breakfast. Depart north to Um Qeis, a city rich with basalt ruins and overlooking the Jordan Valley, Golan Heights and Lake Tiberius (the sea of Galilee). Proceed to Jerash; one of the best preserved Graeco-Roman cities in the world. Lunch at a local restaurant followed by visit of the city. Return to Amman. Overnight.

## Day 5 Amman city tour/ Baptism site/ Dead Sea

Breakfast. Morning city tour of Amman with time for a walk in the old down town part of the city. Continue to visit the Baptism site "Bethany beyond the Jordan" and proceed to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the surface of earth, for a swim in its warm salty waters. Swimming in the Dead Sea is not very practical so you have little choice but to relax. Free time at leisure with lunch at the hotel. Overnight

#### Day 6 Dead Sea/ Amman departure

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Assistance with formalities and departure.