



## Pre-Departure Information Jordan Tourism Board North America

*“When I first told my friends I was traveling to Jordan, they thought I was crazy. When I then told them I was bringing them along, they tried everything they could to come up with an excuse not to go. I dragged them there, and then a funny thing happened. Five days later, they tried everything they could...to stay. They discovered what I already knew-- that Jordan is one of the safest, most hospitable places I know. I may live in America, but in Jordan, I am always welcomed home.”*

**Peter Greenberg, Travel Editor, Today Show, NBC News**

### **Airport Check-In & Flight Connection Tips**

**Please make sure that you allow yourself sufficient connecting time between flights at any gateway where you have to change planes. Please note that JTBNA is NOT responsible for flights missed due to delays.**

### **Visas**

Jordanian visas will be obtained by JTB representative at Queen Alia International Airport upon arrival in Amman.

### **Weather**

Weather will be cold, but not freezing in Amman (average Fahrenheit temperatures range from 50-60 during the day to 30-40 at night) and it will be warmer at the Dead Sea and the Jordan Valley (60-70 degrees during the day) as well as in Aqaba on the Red Sea. Overnight in Wadi Rum will be extremely cold (in the 30's), so you are advised to bring warm clothing (see below). Please check [weather.com](http://weather.com) for the 10-day forecast before your departure.

### **Clothing**

Please bring clothes that you can layer for comfort and warmth (especially at night). Please be sure to bring sweaters, warm jackets and comfortable, rubber-soled walking shoes, as a fair amount of walking is involved on the tour (you may want to bring some sunscreen with you).

Modest walking cargo pants and jeans are acceptable daytime wear. Bring your swimming attire for visits to the hotel pool especially at the Dead Sea and Aqaba. Business attire will be most suitable for the conference, all special dinners and any possible meetings with government officials.

### **Medication/Physical Limitations**

Please carry all prescription medications in your **hand luggage** along with your passport, ticket and other important belongings. Some recommended over-the-counter medications/aids are:

**Immodium**

**Aspirin/Tylenol/Ibuprofen**

**Cold/Allergy medications**

**We would appreciate information about any physical limitations and disabilities in advance.**

### **Telephones & Internet Service**

**Telephone, fax & internet charges are NOT covered by the Jordan Tourism Board N. A.**

Please check with your telephone service provider to see if you can make/receive cellular calls on your telephone from Jordan (roaming rates will vary). For some carriers, it is as simple as requesting activation of the international service feature. Telephone calling cards and local carrier SIM cards are also easily available for purchase. Please advise family and business associates to call you instead. Internet service is readily available at most hotels in case you wish to communicate by e-mail, the least expensive method.

### **Shopping/Credit Cards**

There will be many opportunities to shop during your trip. The local currency is the Jordanian Dinar, symbol JD, which is often called the “jaydee”. Currently, the exchange rate is 1.00JD = US\$1.40.

All major credit cards and US dollars are widely accepted although some, not all, stores may charge you a 3-5% service fee if paying for your shopping with a credit card. Most local kiosks and souvenir stalls will only accept local/US currency. ATM machines are available in Amman and surrounding areas, and in some hotels should you need to use them. Currency Exchange services are also available throughout the country.

### **Electrical System**

The electrical system in Jordan is based on 220 AC volts, 50 cycles and requires two-pronged wall plugs. Visitors from North America will need a converter and adapter.

### **Drinking Water**

When traveling to any foreign country, health officials advise that you be careful about drinking water from an unknown source, since this may be disruptive to ones digestive system. Bottled water is readily available and is highly recommended.

**Optional Services that are NOT covered by JTBNA:**

- **Gratuities**
- **Alcoholic beverages**
- **Personal Expenditures**
  - **Luggage Fees**
  - **Internet, telephone & fax use**
  - **Souvenirs**
  - **Spa treatments**
  - **Horse/Donkey/Carriage in Petra/Camel Rides**
  - **Laundry**
  - **Mini Bar/Room Service**
  - **Ballooning in Wadi Rum**
  - **Etc...**

**Tipping**

The tip chart below lists items for which tips are customary along with suggested amounts.

Tour Guide:	\$10 per day
Bus Driver:	\$4 per day
Baggage Tips:	\$1.00 or JD1 (one dinar) per bag per hotel (check-in and check-out) & airport (arrival and departure)
Meal Tips:	\$1.00 or JD1 per breakfast \$1.00 or JD1 per lunch \$2.00 or JD2 per dinner
Jeep driver in Wadi Rum	\$2.00 per person

**Estimated Total Tips (per participant) = \$160 (USD)**

**Important Contact Numbers**

The JTBNA team is available 24 hours during the trip. Provided below is a list of contact numbers in Jordan for you to leave with your family members or co-workers in the event of an emergency:

***Jordan***

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Tel: +962 6 5678444  
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E: [info@visitjordan.com](mailto:info@visitjordan.com)

***USA***

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