

## **Jordan 5 days/4 nights**

**Day 1** Transfer to Jordan. Amman City tour; (Under Ptolemy II Philadelphos (285-247 B.C.), Amman was rebuilt and renamed Philadelphia. In 63 B.C., Philadelphia became part of the Decapolis set up by Pompey. It is likely that David's men concentrated their campaign against the city at this point, and perhaps it was here that Uriah was killed at David's order in 2 Sam 11:16-17). Overnight in Amman.

**Day 2** Start the day by visiting Ajloun; Qala'at ar-Rabad; the name 'Ajloun goes back to a Christian monk who lived on this mountain in the Byzantine period. The castle stands on the ruins of a monastery, traces of which were discovered during archaeological excavations. Continue to Jerash; Roman Gerasa. It formed part of the Roman province of Syria following General Pompey's conquest of the region in 64 BC. It later became one of the ten cities of the Decapolis league, flourishing and growing wealthier over two centuries of Roman rule. It is truly spectacular with Hadrian's Arch, hippodrome, forum, Temple of Zeus, theatre, and Temple of Artemis. Overnight in Amman.

**Day 3** Drive to Bethany beyond the Jordan; traditional site of Jesus' baptism. Continue to Mt. Nebo: where Moses saw the Promised Land, Madaba: one of the towns divided among the 12 tribes of Israel at the time of the Exodus. Then, visit St. George's Church and Mosaic Map depicting all the major biblical sites of the Middle East. Overnight in Petra.

**Day 4** Petra: with the Siq, Treasury, Theatre, Street of Facades, and Royal Tombs. You will have free time to explore more options, such as the Monastery, additional Tombs, and the High Place of Sacrifice. Overnight in Petra.

**Day 5** Depart Jordan.

The sites on this tour can be visited by starting in the southern portion of Jordan, coming from Egypt, starting with Petra and continuing north.

As written, it is presumed that you will enter Jordan via Allenby Bridge, and exit to Egypt, or return to Israel via Allenby Bridge near Jericho.