



**1/6/04: "Ahlan Wa Sahlan" ... Welcome in Jordan**

You will arrive at Amman International Airport. Our friendly staff will meet and assist you upon arrival at the airport and will transfer you to your hotel in Amman.

**2/6/04: Enjoy an exciting Steam Train Ride**

Today we will explore the dynamic Capital City. Amman still sits majestically on its famous seven hills. We visit the Roman theatre which dates back to the second century AD, the Roman Ruins of the Citadel Hill and the archaeological museum. After an interesting sightseeing tour of Amman we will take you to the historical Hejaz Train Station where you are invited to enjoy a steam train ride on the old Hejaz train. During World War I it was attacked by "Lawrence of Arabia" more than once. We also have some surprises in store but more funny and less dangerous ... Enjoy with us a never forgotten adventure!



At Jiza Station our bus is awaiting you to continue visiting the Desert Castles, built by early Islamic Umayyad Caliphs in the seventh and eight Centuries AD We take you to Qasr Amra, Qasr Kharaneh and Qasr Azraq which are some of the best preserved examples of Umayyad Art and architecture, including castles, baths, mosques, water and agricultural systems, mosaic floors and painted wall frescoes. During World War I Qasr Azraq was the headquarters of T.E. Lawrence.

**3/6/04: Bet on a Camel and experience the Romance of the Desert**

Today we take you southward to Wadi Rum: We stop at the Byzantine Church of Mt. Nebo. Then we proceed to Madaba where you see the unique map of Palestine and then we will reach the Dead Sea - the lowest spot on earth - 1306 feet below sea level. Enjoy an optional lunch at Salt Land Village Hotel and the bizarre but delightful experience of "floating" on the surface of buoyant waters, four times saltier than regular sea water.

Before sun set you will reach Wadi Rum, which was known as "Lawrence of Arabia Land". Here the famous legend "Lawrence of Arabia" planned his attack on Aqaba!

You have time for an optional jeep safari or camel ride. Then you can bet on a camel and enjoy a

funny camel race in the fascinating desert landscape of Wadi Rum. We will rest at our desert camp, stunning in natural beauty and celebrate a traditional party with Bedouins and enjoy the "1000 stars" desert barbecue under the starry desert sky. This night we will sleep in a very traditional way alone in the desert in Bedouin tents.

**4/6/04: Stars from Prague invite you to join the "Lawrence Soirée" at Aqaba Castle**

Today we take you to Aqaba, Jordan's beach Resort at the Red Sea. Enjoy a day at your beautiful beach Hotel Radisson SAS.

In the evening we will take you to Aqaba castle where we enjoy the "Lawrence Soirée" including a concert where stars from the Prague Opera will perform music from the period of Lawrence's time followed by a romantic candle-lit Gala Dinner in the environment of Arabian Nights.

**5/6/04: Today we have to say good-bye - "Ma Salameh"**

After breakfast we will take you to the airport of Aqaba. We are at your service ensuring departure procedures are swift and easy.

Or you continue your Jordan experience with an extension program.

**Our Services Include:**

- \* 2 nights halfboard at Safir Imperial Palace Hotel in Amman \*\*\*\*
- \* 1 night halfboard at the desert camp (toilets and showers are available)
- \* 1 night bed & breakfast at Radisson SAS Beach Hotel in Aqaba \*\*\*\*
- \* Steam Train Ride with many surprises
- \* Camel Race & Bedouin Party at Wadi Rum
- \* Lawrence Soirée at Aqaba Castle including concert and gala dinner
- \* Round trip (modern A.C. coaches) incl. English speaking guide and entrance fees
- \* Meet & assist upon arrival and departure
- \* Airport transfers in Jordan

Not included are flights (let us know from which destination you want to depart and we can assist you with the flights), airport tax (Jordan: 5 JD = 1,5 \$), visa (10 JD = 15 \$), tips and optional visits.

**Rate per Person:**

Single Supplement at the Hotels:

**599.- \$**

89.- \$

## Extension Program:

### 5/6/04 "Petra" the spectacular Rose-Red City

Transfer to Petra. The most famous attraction is the Nabatean city of Petra which has been mentioned in the Bible under the name "Sela". To reach the city we will walk or ride on horse back to the "Siq", an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone. We will continue on foot through the winding, one-kilometre-long fissure between overhanging cliffs. At the last turn, out of the gloom appears Petra's most impressive monument - The Treasury. We will find ourselves surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures, soaring temples, elaborate Royal tombs, a carved Roman Theatre and many other impressive monuments. After our exciting full day visit we will stay the night at our hotel in Petra.

### 6/6/04: Following the ancient Kings' Road

Today we will travel along the famous Kings' Highway back to Amman. The 5,000-year-old Kings' Highway is one of the most memorable journeys in the Holy Land, passing through a string of ancient sights and beautiful landscape. We will stop in Karak where we will visit the Crusader fort.

### 7/6/04: Following the traces of the Romans

We take you to visit the North. You are driven through the Jordan Valley and pass by the Roman city of Pella. Then we take you to Umm Qeis, the Bible's "Gadara," where Jesus is known to have visited and preached. The city is renowned for its commanding view over the Northern Jordan Valley spanning across the "Sea of Galilee" (Lake Tiberias), the Golan Heights and Mount Hermon. The best preserved Roman city is Gerasa, which is called Jerash today.

It was known as the Pompeii of the East, and also known as the city of a 1.000 pillars. We also visit the triple arched gate, the huge hippodrome, the theatre, and the only Roman forum surrounded by 63 ionic columns.

### 8/6/04 Today we have to say good-bye - "Ma Salameh"

Transfer to the airport of Amman for departure.

#### Our Services Include:

- \* 2 nights halfboard at Safir Imperial Palace Hotel in Amman \*\*\*\*
- \* 1 night halfboard at Hotel Crowne Plaza in Petra \*\*\*\*\*
- \* Round trip (modern A.C. coaches) incl. English speaking guide and entrance fees
- \* Meet & assist upon departure
- \* Airport transfer in Amman

Not included are departure tax (5 JD = 7,5 \$) and tips.

#### Rate per Person:

**249.- \$**

Single Supplement:

79.- \$

**Rates for Tour Operators and Groups upon request!**

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## COME AND ATTEND THE ANNUAL EVENT! "LAWRENCE FESTIVAL" - 2004 IN JORDAN

In May 2002, it has been over 40 years since the famous Hollywood movie "Lawrence of Arabia" was filmed in Jordan. On the anniversary of his film, travellers from all over the world were following the footsteps of T.E. Lawrence. The first "Lawrence Festival" was such a great success that it has become an annual event **under the patronage of HRH Princess Muna Al Hussein, King Abdullah's Mother.**

There are specific catered programmes to accompany the "Lawrence Festival" including additional trips to other neighbouring countries, which have been specially prepared by **Ashtar Tours International.**

This 4 nights package follows the footsteps of the British Legend 'Lawrence of Arabia' and includes a **steam train ride** through the town, be a spectator at the **camel race** and experience the culture of the **Bedouin party** in Wadi Rum. During the night there would be a **concert** and **Gala dinner** at the famous Aqaba Castle.

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