



COME AND ATTEND THE ANNUAL EVENT ! "MUSICAL EVENT" - 2004 IN JORDAN

Sept. 4th: "Ahlan Wa Sahlan ... "Welcome to 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.

Sept. 5th: Amman - Desert Castles - Amman

Today we will explore the dynamic Capital City - "Amman". On its famous seven hills Amman still sits majestically.

After an interesting sightseeing tour of Amman we continue to visit 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.

Sept. 6th: Amman - Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Karak - Petra

Today we will travel along the famous Kings' Highway to Petra. 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. First stop will be Madaba which contains some of the finest Byzantine mosaics in the world. Madaba is the Moabite town, known as Medeba in the Bible. Of great historical importance is the large six century mosaic map of Palestine and Egypt, possibly representing the oldest map of the "Holy Land" in existence. Nearby is the historic Mount Nebo, with a remarkable view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. On a clear day the spires of Jerusalem are visible in the distance. Here we will visit one of the oldest churches on earth with beautiful Byzantine mosaics. Mount Nebo is the memorial of Moses, the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial place.

For lunch (optional) we will continue to the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is the lowest spot on earth. Enjoy your unforgettable "float" in the therapeutic, salty waters of the Dead Sea (lunch at Salt Land

Village Hotel: 13 \$).

Continuing, we pass by Karak and visit the Crusader fort. Today we will end our trip in Petra.

Sept. 7th: Petra, the Rose-Red City

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 you will walk or ride on horse back to the "Siq", an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone. You 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. You will find yourself 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 your exciting full day visit of Petra you will enjoy a "Sun Set Concert" with highlights of famous musical- and film melodies at the Roman Theatre. After the concert fascinating "Petra by Night" is awaiting you. In front of the candle-lit "Treasury" you will be received by a Bedouin playing the flute for you. Afterwards you will walk through the "Siq", beautifully illuminated by candles. Today a late dinner will be served at your hotel in Petra.

Sept. 8th: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman

Today we take you to Wadi Rum, the largest and most magnificent of Jordan's desert areas. Optional you can ride a camel or join a jeep safari and trek deep into the enchanting landscape of ancient valleys and towering weathered sandstone mountains rising out of the white and pink coloured sands. For overnight we will return to Amman.

Sept. 9th: Amman - Jerash - Ajloun - Amman

Today we will take you to Jerash where we will visit the fascinating Greco-Roman city of Gerasa known as the best preserved and most intact city of the Dekapolis. We will walk through and explore the old temples, the vast Roman forum, Hadrian's triumphal Arch, an impressive Roman theatre and a mile-long street of columns, all enclosed with the original city wall.

We will continue to Ajloun where we will visit a castle which was built for protecting the Arabs against the Crusaders.

In the late afternoon we will take you to your hotel in Amman where you can prepare for the great Gala Event at the Roman Theatre of Amman. The stars from the famous Prague Opera and the



Jordanian Armed Forces Band will present the nicest classical music and famous Oriental melodies. After the concert we will take you to the Citadel where an extraordinary open-air Gala Dinner is waiting for you. Enjoy a romantic meal with a fantastic overlook at Amman by night.

Sept. 10th: Today we have to say good-bye ... "Ma Salameh!"

Today we have to say "good-bye" and we will take you to the airport for departure.

Our Services Include:

- * 3 x halfboard & 1 x bed & breakfast at Safir Imperial Palace ****
- * 2 x halfboard at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Petra *****
- * candle-lit Gala Dinner on the Citadel
- * concert tickets of 2nd category for the concerts in Amman & Petra incl. Petra by Night
- * round trip (modern A.C. bus) incl. entrance fees and English speaking Jordanian guide
- * meet & assist upon arrival

Not included are flights (we can assist you with the flights), tips, optional visits, visa (10 JD = 15 \$), departure tax (Amman: 5 JD = 7,5 \$) and supplement for concert tickets of 1st category: + 75 \$

This trip also can be booked in Middle Class Hotels (499.- \$ incl. concert tickets of 3rd category) and Deluxe Hotels (799.- \$ incl. concert tickets of first category)

Rate per Person:

599.- \$

Single Supplement:

166.- \$

Rates for Tour Operators and Groups upon request!

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Ashtar Tours International Presents:

Ashtar Tours International wanted to celebrate a fitting farewell to the last Millennium that also commemorates King Hussein - a great king of the 20th Century who died in 1999!

This is why the first commemoration concert at Amman's Roman Theatre was celebrated on 9/9/99 - the ONLY date to contain five 9's .

"Nine" was the lucky number of His Late Majesty King Hussein, who passed away on February 7th, 1999. And "nine" played an important role in his political and private life.

An additional concert was held at the Roman theatre of Petra on Sept. 7th, 1999, exactly seven months to the date of his passing away.

The event was a great success, therefore Ashtar Tours International, the Ministry of Tourism and JTB decided to make these concerts a regular event under the patronage of H.R.H. Princess Muna Al Hussein, the Mother of King Abdullah II.

It takes place every year on September 9th, at the Roman Theatre of Amman featuring Oriental and Classical melodies.

An exclusive candle-lit, open air Gala Dinner amongst the ruins of Amman's Citadel follows this event.

Few days before the event in Amman, a sun set concert featuring famous musical and film melodies takes place at Petra's Roman Theatre enhanced by thousands of illuminated candles, which will light the beautiful historical surroundings.

We at Ashtar Tours International offer a guaranteed departure program specially designed to accompany this event.

This very unique program is prepared for individual travellers from all over the globe that will be collected in one group with English speaking Jordanian guide.