

# Madaba & the Dead Sea (2 nights)

minimal cost (less than 10\$)

Petra (1-2 nights) cost (about 70\$)

This package includes Umayyad and Christian sites around Madaba in addition to Petra.

## 1st Day

- 7:30 Departure from Amman or 8:00 from Madaba to Qasr Al-Mushatta.
- 8:30 Arrival at Qasr Al-Mushatta.
- 9:00 Departure from Qasr Al-Mushatta to Um al-Rassas.
- 9:45 Arrival at Um al-Rassas.
- 10:30 Departure to Madaba
- 11:30 Arrival to St George Church.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Departure to Mount Nebo and Dead Sea. Depart at 14:45
- 15:15 Arrival at the Dead Sea (Panorama)
- 16:15 Departure to the dead Sea Spa.
- 17:00 Arrival at the Dead Sea Hotel Spas, followed by night swimming if allowed.

## 2nd Day

- 8:00-13:00 Mud bath in the hotel's Spa, followed by swimming and sun bathing.
- 14:00 after lunch, visit Jesus Baptism Site for two hours.
- 16:00 continue to Petra
- Next day visit Petra and Beidha. Take Flights out of Queen Alia airport at night or next morning.



















### **Mount Nebo**

Mount Nebo was the final station in Moses' historic flight from Egypt to the Holy Land. Here, you can admire the panoramic view of the Holy Land, spanning the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea, just as Moses glimpsed it more than 3000 years ago. Because of its association with Moses, Mount Nebo became a place of pilgrimage for the early Christians. You can see the remains of a monastic foundation and a late 4th Century chapel built to commemorate the death of Moses, alongside a standing 6th Century church.

## Wadi Mujib and Hammamat Ma'in

Sports-minded visitors have a number of options for active touring and sports across the Moab highlands, Dead Sea and Wadi Mujib areas. The Mujib Nature Reserve in the south offers both easy and difficult trails for nature and adventure enthusiasts. Since ancient times, the nearby thermal mineral springs, called "Hammamat Ma'in," have drawn people seeking the benefits of this natural wellness spa.



## Umm al-Rasas

A UNESCO World Heritage listed site, Umm al-Rasas, the ancient Kastron Mefaa, is one of the many important Islamic sites in the governorate and was mentioned in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. The rectangular walled city was abandoned after a mighty earthquake hit the region in 749. Although mostly in ruins, you can still see several restored buildings, including four churches and some beautiful stone arches. You can also enjoy the very large and perfectly preserved mosaic floors of the Saint Stephen's Church complex, dating from the 8th Century which have only recently been carefully excavated.

#### The Dead Sea

The Dead Sea Panorama is a Museum about the saltiest lake on earth. The lake lies at the lowest location on earth (422 meters below sea level). The thickness of the atmosphere above this point is responsible for higher filtration of UV sun rays. This accounts for safer sunbathing. The combination of sun exposure, mud baths and swimming in the salty water offers a cure to many skin diseases. Due to the high density of the salty water, you can easily float on your back while reading a newspaper.



### Machaerus - Mukawir

Mukawir, ancient Machaerus, is about 30 minutes' drive southwest of Madaba on the Kings' Highway. Here, at his fortified hilltop palace, Herod Antipas imprisoned and beheaded John the Baptist, "after Salome's fateful dance". Mukawir was one of the designated Christian pilgrimage sites for the year 2000. From the top of this mound, you can enjoy a breathtaking view of the Dead Sea, especially at sunset.

### Al-Mushatta

Al-Mushatta Palace is one of the five major desert castles and lies 30 km south of Amman and just north of Queen Alia International Airport. Al-Mushatta is considered a showcase of the early Islamic combination of limestone and brick work with carved plaster of floral, animal, and geometric motifs. Most of the ornate carvings were sent to Berlin at the turn of the century - a gift from the Ottoman Sultan Abdul Hamid to Kaiser Wilhelm - and can be seen today in the Pergamon Museum in Berlin.













