



JORDAN

Capital: Amman

Language: Arabic

Population: 6.4 million

Time Zone: EST plus 7 hours

Currency: Dinar (JD)

Electricity: 220V. 50Hz

Fun Facts



- The Ain Ghazal site, situated near Amman, is said to have been first inhabited over 9,000 years ago.
- The national dish of Jordan is Mansaf, a large tray of rice with chunks of stewed lamb and in a yogurt sauce.
- The Dead Sea, in the northwest of Jordan, forms the lowest point on earth.

Attracting millions of visitors every year, Jordan is a land teeming with mystery and fascinating beauty. It has been home to some of mankind's earliest settlements and possesses many of the world's greatest relics. Due to its geographic location in the Middle East, it plays a vital role as a conduit for trade and communications between Asia, Africa, and Europe, making it a diverse and lively destination. Jordan is almost entirely landlocked, save for a small opening on the Red Sea in the Gulf of Aqaba (Eliat), and is bordered by Israel, Syria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia. From the Dead Sea to the "Jordanian Grand Canyon" of Wadi Mujib and the Greco-Roman city of Jerash, Jordan will captivate travelers seeking a world outside their own.

Similar to Israel, Jordan has propelled itself forward in today's economy and is considered one of the most liberal and modern nations in the region, while still preserving its rich culture, history, and heritage. Since its independence from British administration in 1946, Jordan's pragmatic rulers have successfully established Jordan as a competitive power in the Middle East. Jordan acceded into the World Trade Organization and signed trade agreements with the U.S. in 2000 and with Europe in 2001, making it a viable and prosperous country.

Petra, one of Jordan's most alluring cities, is truly a sight to behold. It was made famous in the film *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, but it is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the New 7 Wonders of the World. Stand in awe as you take in the ancient history by day and bask in the warm glow of the city's lights by night.

Beyond the sights and sounds of Jordan, you will enjoy exquisite cuisine with Arab influence and distinction. This region is particularly known for its lamb and chicken, dairy products like yogurt and cream, unique herbs and spices, and bold hot beverages. Food and dining are a large part of the culture in Jordan, centered on hospitality and generosity, not to mention a wide array of flavors and experiences!

VISAS AND PASSPORTS



A visa for your visit to Jordan is **necessary** for U.S. citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, check with your local consulate about requirements for travel to Jordan.

In general going through a visa service is more expensive but offers convenience and peace of mind. If you choose to go this route, we recommend contacting Generations Visa Services (GenVisa), our preferred



partner for visa and passport services, at least 90 days prior to departure. GenVisa has a special Web site and toll-free number. Call (800) 845-8968, email info@genvisa.com, or visit their below web sites for additional information. Our travelers receive discounted prices and other special services:

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COUNTRY CODES

The country code for Jordan is 962. When calling to Jordan from overseas, dial your international access code (011 from the U.S./Canada) followed by the country code, area code, and phone number. Phone numbers in Jordan are eight digits in length. Dialing from the U.S./Canada: 011 962+## ####.



CURRENCY

The official currency of Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar.

1 JORDANIAN DINAR (JD) = 1000 Fils = 100 Piasters/Qirsh

- Banknote denominations: JD – 1, 5, 10, 20, 50
- Coin denominations: Qirsh - 1; Piasters – 2.50, 5, 10; JD – 0.5, 1

For the most current exchange rates, please go to our Web site at www.globusfamily.com/currency.

You may find that U.S. dollars or Euro are accepted alongside local currency (Jordanian Dinar), but it is best to ask if other currencies are accepted before making a purchase. Many shops and restaurants will advertise pricing in US dollars.

Many establishments have limited change, so it is important to keep 1 and 5 Dinar notes on hand. Bank machines give 20 and 50 Dinar notes for large transactions, so ask for change at the hotel.

Credit card acceptance throughout Jordan is inconsistent. Larger shops and restaurants may accept credit cards, but not all do. We recommend cash transactions in Jordan.



BUDGETING AND SHOPPING

The following budget guidelines are just approximate values or starting values for meals and are per person. Actual prices will vary widely by restaurant and city within a country but below are some averages as provided by our experienced personnel.

The approximate cost of a soft drink/mineral water/coffee is 0.50-3 JD or \$0.5-3.50 US.

An average lunch consisting of a salad or sandwich and a soda or water starts at approximately 7-10 JD or \$8-12 US.

A steak dinner at a mid-range restaurant with dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage starts at approximately 14-26 JD or \$17-30 US.



TIPPING

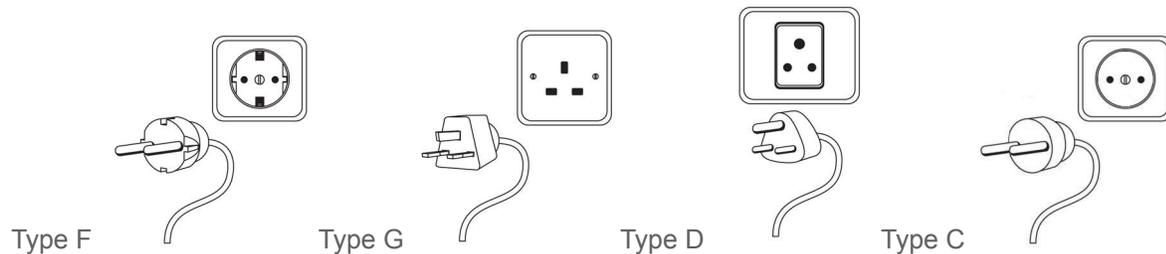
- For restaurants, a 10% service charge may be added to the bill, but it is still customary to leave a small tip (5-10%) for your waiter.
- For taxis, round up fares to the nearest figure on the meter.
- Tip hotel staff 1-2 JD for service.
- Restroom attendants expect a small gratuity. Therefore we recommend you carry small denomination coins with you.



ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Voltage for outlets is 220V. North American voltage is generally 110V. Therefore, a converter may be necessary for your travels. Adapters will be necessary to adapt your plug into the outlet but may not convert the voltage, so both devices are necessary.

Plugs in Jordan vary and can be types C, D, F, G, and J. Adapters similar to the ones below are recommended.



TEMPERATURES

To help you plan, below are average low and high temperatures for Amman.

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
39/53°F	39/55°F	44/62°F	51/73°F	59/85°F	64/87°F	68/89°F	68/91°F	64/87°F	59/80°F	50/68°F	42/59°F

To convert to Celsius, subtract 32, then multiply by 5 and then divide by 9.



FOOD SPECIALTIES

Mansaf (meat and rice served with yogurt), *Musakhan* (bread loaves with cooked minced onions and chicken), fresh vegetable platter, hummus, *Moutabbal*, *Tabbouleh*, vine leaves, Rocca salad, fried *Kubbeh*, spinach or cheese *Fatayer*, chicken wings, and mixed grill (a selection of cubed meat, chicken, and minced meatchar-grilled).



A FEW WORDS OF THE LOCAL LANGUAGE

Arabic (pronounced as):

Good morning: Sabah el khair, **Good evening:** Masaa el khair, **Thank you:** Shokrun, **Please:** Men Fadluck, **Do you speak English?:** Be'tekalem englizi?, **I don't understand:** Ana mosh fahem, **Please write it down:** Ekteb hali men fadlak, **How much is this?:** Bikam dah?, **1:** Wahed, **2:** Ethnein, **3:** Thalàtha, **4:** Arba'a, **5:** Hamsà, **6:** Seta, **7:** Seba'a, **8:** Thamània, **9:** Tesa'a, **10:** Ash'ra, **20:** Eshreen, **30:** Thalatheen,

40: Arbae'en, **50:** Hamseen, **60:** Seteen, **70:** Sabèen, **80:** Thamanen, **90:** Tesa'een, **100:** May'a, **150:** May'a u hamseen, **200:** Metein, **Where is...?:** Fain...?, **Telephone:** Telephone, **Bathroom:** Hammam, **Bottled water:** Maya maadaneya, **Tea:** Shaay, **Coffee:** Ahwa.

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