

Jordan Travel Tips

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Currency

The local currency is the Jordanian Dinar, or “JD”, which is divided into one hundred piasters or one thousand fils. The dinar is pegged to the dollar. The current exchange rate is JD 71 per 100 US\$. Although US\$ are widely accepted, it is prudent to carry Jordanian dinars while you travel through Jordan

Departure Tax

A departure tax of currently JD 5 per person (around US\$ 7.50) is paid at all land borders when departing Jordan. For passengers leaving by air, the departure tax is collected at the time the air ticket is issued. If you are leaving Jordan through a land border it is advisable to keep a JD 5 bill with you at the end of your tour to pay the departure tax.

Time

Jordan is two hours ahead of GMT during winter, and three hours ahead during summer. So do not forget to set your watch according to the local time while you travel to Jordan.

Electricity

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The electrical current is based on 220 AC volts, 50 cycles, and requires rounded two prong wall plugs. Visitors from the US will need a transformer while travelling to Jordan; most hotels will provide one.

Shopping

Traditional handicrafts and more contemporary creative endeavors are found in every corner of the country. Several non-profits include the Jordan River Foundation, Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature and Noor al-Hussein Foundation have established or helped local people erect handicraft workshops in rural areas to provide much-needed income and spread the benefits of tourism throughout the country. These crafts include weaving, ceramics, mosaics and the colorful hand embroidery.

Jewelry-making using silver, copper and the locally found semi-precious stones including malachite, garnets and fresh-water pearls is a lively tradition and you'll find both traditional styles and modern designs. Some of the favored products that are purchased include hand-made soap's, personal care products made from the unique minerals of the Dead Sea, cold -pressed olive oil, dried organically grown herbs and spices and a variety of noteworthy table wines.

If you are looking for contemporary and modern stores, Jordan offers a plethora of malls that one-stop family shopping destinations where one can purchase many foreign brands (City Mall, Mecca Mall, Abdoun Mall).

Tipping

You'll soon note that tipping is part of the culture when you travel in Jordan, though you should also take into consideration that it is not compulsory and should only be given if good service is received. Although all tourism workers do get paid decent fixed salaries, they use tips to supplement their income. In hotels and restaurants, 10% may be added to the bill, but a tip for the waiter is appropriate. For hotel bellboys and porters, 1 JD, or US\$ 1 is customary. In taxis, pay the nearest round figure to the price on the meter. Visitors should consider tipping their guide, driver on tours, hotel staff, and waiters in restaurants.

Ramadan

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