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We are going to **Jordan** this summer! When we said this sentence, our relatives were generally astonished by this choice of travel.

Honestly we didn't have this destination in our list of countries to visit. We left to find my **sister**. She worked in Amman, the capital, for two years in a French company.

We loved our stay, we were pleasantly surprised by the **number of places to visit** and the **beauty of the different sites**.

We also appreciated the **contact with the local population** who always helped us when we needed it.

Below, we detail our **6 must-sees** and must-do's in **Jordan** (and it wasn't an easy selection!), as well as our 2-week **itinerary**.

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Is Jordan a dangerous country?

When we have a destination in mind, we systematically consult the **diplomatie.gouv** website. For Jordan, we didn't deviate from the rule, even though my sister, who had already been living there for 6 months, had assured us that the country was stable.

The government website gives **general recommendations** on the country and specifies the **areas to avoid (the borders with Syria and Iraq)** on a map.

These recommendations were helpful in planning our trip. The sites we wanted to visit were not in the discouraged areas! We **never felt unsafe** during our stay.

As the country suffers from an unattractive geographical location. You will cross few tourists on the various places.

For example, visitation to the **UNESCO** World Heritage Site of **Petra** has dropped considerably since the outbreak of war in Syria. We were almost alone in the world, it's **the first time it happens to us in such a famous place!**

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Hello it's us in Jordan

When to go to Jordan?

You are probably wondering, what is the best time to go to Jordan?

Jordan is a **sunny** country with **little rainfall** and **mild temperatures** all year round! Nevertheless, the period **from April to November** is the best in terms of temperature (minimum 15 and maximum 40 degrees).

If you are afraid of being too hot, avoid the months of **July and August** as temperatures can reach **40 degrees**. We were there in August and it was indeed a bit hot in the desert of wadi rum. However, the month of **August** is recommended by tourist guides because there are few tourists.

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One last piece of advice, find out the **date of Ramadan** before you leave because during this period many shops and restaurants will be closed at the time of the young.

What to do in Jordan : our 6 must-sees!

1. The incredible city of Petra - ♥♥♥

The city of [Petra](#) is **our favorite** of the trip. We loved our 3 days discovering all the corners of the city.

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The site is grandiose and magnificent, as mentioned above we were often **alone in the world**. Yet it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and considered one of the seven wonders of the world. It's time to visit this wonderful city!

You will walk a lot during your visit and you will be hot. If you are there like us in the middle of August, but you really won't regret it.

To arrive on the site, you will borrow daily a splendid canyon named the Siq. When you leave the latter, you will be amazed by the famous and well known **Khazneh** (the treasure). Then you can wander around the site according to the different places you want to see. Do not miss the Deir, the **royal tombs, the lower city, the Byzantine church, the Blue Chapel** and the **High place of the Sacrifice** which will offer you a magnificent point of view on all the site of Petra!

Tip Why not us: a guided tour of Petra with transfer from Amman

If you don't want to drive in Jordan, you can book an excursion from Amman. Your driver **will take you to Petra**, followed by a guided [guided tour](#) of Petra, to learn more about **the incredible history of the place**. You will need to add the entrance fee for Petra.

Where to sleep?

→ **Notre with swimming pool:** [The Petra Moon hotel](#) is an excellent option, located **5 minutes from the entrance** and featuring a swimming pool for relaxing after a long morning of sightseeing. The rooms are pleasant and clean.

→ Si is fully booked, we recommend the [Petra Corner Hotel](#), also located 5 minutes from the entrance to Petra, and the rooms are very comfortable.

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2. Floating in the dead sea: a unique experience - ♥♥♥

The Dead Sea is **a very salty lake**, shared between Israel, Jordan and Palestine. It's the **lowest place in the world** - 400 metres below sea level.

Bathing in the Dead Sea is a **unique experience**. **You** float there like a cork! Your swim will be short because the water will tingle after a few minutes.

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The dream of floating in the Dead Sea

When you get out of the pool, **rinse yourself off** and **apply mud** to your skin to keep it soft.

If you go swimming outside the hotels, remember to bring **a few liters of water** to rinse off afterwards. Be careful not to get water in your eyes.

You can drive along part of the Dead Sea to enjoy the **beautiful views**.

Tip Why not us: an excursion to the Dead Sea + Madaba with transfer from Amman

Once again, for those who prefer to let themselves be driven and admire the scenery, you can [book an excursion departing from Amman](#). Your driver **will take**

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you **to the pretty town of Madaba and then** on to a **Dead Sea beach** where you can swim and, above all, float!

Where to sleep?

Accommodation in the Dead Sea with pool and private beach: We stayed at the [Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea](#). We're not used to staying in chain hotels, let alone **5-star** ones. We were **pleasantly surprised!**

It's a perfect place to relax and enjoy the various facilities.

The two swimming pools offer a pleasant view of the Dead Sea. There's a beach with access to the Dead Sea, and mud to coat your body after a swim. The buffet **breakfast** is **gargantuan**. We didn't need to eat lunch. We even took advantage of the **gym**, even though we never go there in France, so we really tested everything out for you ☐

Floriane recommends the mud bath

3. Venturing into the desert of wadi rum - ♥♥♥

We have excellent memories of our two nights and three days in **this enchanting place**. You will take the opportunity to disconnect completely, surrounded by breathtaking scenery.

On board our **pick-up** and with the help of our guide, we start by discovering **sand dunes with multiple colors** and **incredible rock formations**.

While moving away from civilization, we take the opportunity to explore on foot the **canyons**, climb the **arches**, surf on the dunes and discover the **carved caves**. As you can imagine, we did not meet many travelers during our stay.

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In the evening we enjoy **unforgettable sunsets** and **excellent meals** prepared by our guide, a desert Bedouin.

This magical place, was the place of **shooting of many films**, Lawrence of Arabia, Alone on Mars, Aladdin, Stars War

Our tips for choosing your tour

Organized tour : [Wadi rum bedouin friends](#) offers an itinerant tour without a fixed camp. That's why we've selected this tour. My sister also recommended it.

The price was **45 JOD** (57€) per day as we had taken 3 days. This includes all meals and desert excursions. We had a very good guide and an excellent cook!

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4. Explore the ancient cities of Jerash and Amman - ♥♥

Both cities are splendid, we loved to walk inside these old stones. The one in **Amman** will give you an incredible view of the new city.

We have a preference for **Jerash** located at 1 hour from Amman. The latter is extremely well preserved.

During your walk among the ruins, you will discover **three emblematic sites** in excellent condition: **the hippodrome**, the **theater** and the **forum**. Count on about **3 hours of visit** to take the time to explore all the corners.

-> **Practical information:** The cities of **Jerash** and **Amman** are included in the **Jordan Pass**.

Where to sleep in Amman?

Accommodation in Amman with parking: we can recommend a charming hotel, [La Locanda Boutique Hotel](#), where my family stayed.

They appreciated the cleanliness of the premises and the location, about 2km from the amphitheatre and the citadel. Private parking is available on site.

We stayed with my sister, as one of her roommates kindly lent us his room.

5. Canyoning in Wadi Mujib - ♥♥

The **Wadi** (river) **Mujib** is **the largest canyon in Jordan**, located next to the **Dead Sea**.

Equipped with your **life jacket** (lent on the spot) and your **old** sneakers (to take along), you will be able to start the course with your feet in the water, surrounded by huge walls.

Soon you will be up to your knees and then up to your neck in water. **Ropes** installed on the walls will facilitate **your progression against the current** .

Once you reach the end, you can rest for a few minutes in a small pool and admire a beautiful waterfall. The return journey will require less effort. You can sit on your

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back and admire the beautiful landscape.

We had a **great time** even if we came out of **this adventure exhausted!**

Our advice

Practical information: the price is **21 JOD** (€27), including a life jacket and free parking. You can leave your keys at reception. Ask about opening times, as the wadi is not open all year round.

To get there, enter **“Wadi Mujib Adventure Center”** in your GPS. The site faces the Dead Sea.

6. Snorkeling or diving in the coral gardens in Aqaba - ♥

We were pleasantly surprised to discover the beautiful seabed of the Red Sea.

We advise you to stay at **Tala Bay**, south of [Aqaba](#), you can snorkel from the beach of your hotel.

We booked a **half day** on a boat to relax and explore the **corals** and **fish** with our mask and snorkel. We observed beautiful multicolored fish in 3 different places.

Our advice

Tour : My sister advised us to go through [Omar Madain](#). For 4 hours of snorkeling and the lunchtime bbq we spent 35 JOD (44€). Diving costs JOD 70 (€88).

There was a group of ten of us, and we were the only ones snorkeling, so we were able to take it easy on the various spots.

The boat is large, with a floor to admire the sea and one of the mattresses in the bow for relaxing after the effort ☐

Excursion from Aqaba to Wadi Rum

Wadi Rum is just 1 hour from Aqaba. The city of Aqaba is a good option for exploring southern Jordan. You can [book your all-inclusive excursion](#) (transfer, transport and entrance) to Wadi Rum directly from Aqaba.

Where to sleep?

Accommodation in Aqaba with swimming pool and private beach: We once again repeated the Movenpick experience at the [Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay Aqaba](#), and once again we were not disappointed!

We took advantage of the huge swimming pool, which was open late, and went swimming at night. You can snorkel from the hotel beach or relax on the many

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sunbeds.

We were upgraded to a better room in the middle of August.

we're pretty good here

Itinerary: our 2 week tour

We stayed **15 days in Jordan**, we took our time because we wanted to spend time with my little sister.

- Day 1 - **Amman**: City of Amman, amphitheatre and souk - [overnight in Amman](#)
- Day 2 - **Jerash** - [overnight in Amman](#)

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- Day 3 - **Madaba** - [Dead Sea accommodation](#)
- Day 4 and 5 - **Dead Sea** - [Dead Sea accommodation](#)
- Day 6 - **Wadi Mujib** - Dana accommodation
- Day 7 - **Dana valley** - [Petra accommodation](#)
- Day 8, 9 and 10 - **Petra** - [Accommodation Petra](#)
- Day 11, 12 and 13 - **Wadi rum** - accommodation 2 nights desert and [1 night Aqaba](#)
- Day 14 - **Aqaba** - [overnight in Amman](#)
- Day 15 - **Amman** - return to France

If you have ten days, you can take out a day in **Madaba**, a day at the **dead sea**, a day in the **Dana** valley, a day in the **wadi rum** desert and a day in **Aqaba**.

If you have a week focus on **Petra**, the **dead sea**, **Jerash** and **wadi rum**.

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Do I need a visa for Jordan? (Jordan Pass)

This is the first time in our travels that the Ministry of Tourism has offered a financially attractive pass including entry visa and entry to the country's main sites.

You must purchase the [Jordan Pass online](#) before your departure. Simply print it out and present it on arrival and at the sites you visit.

We took the **Jordan Expert** for **80JOD** (100€), including our entry visa, **3 days in Petra**, entry to **Jerash**, **wadi rum** and **Amman** citadel.

Taking into account the visa on arrival at the airport and the entry tickets for each site, we would have had to pay 60 JOD + 60 JOD + 8 JOD + 5 JOD + 3 JOD = 133 JOD (170€). Great **savings with the Jordan Pass!**

□ To simplify the process and avoid mistakes, you can also arrange to be accompanied in obtaining your [visa for Jordan through VisaMundi](#). This agency specializes in e-visa applications, and offers rapid assistance to help you prepare for departure without stress and avoid unpleasant administrative surprises.

Do I need travel health insurance?

It is now essential to travel to Jordan with a **travel insurance with COVID fees included**. Some bank cards will be able to provide you with a **certificate**, make sure that the mention **COVID 19** appears on it. Don't panic if your bank card doesn't cover this, you can take out **travel health insurance** that does.

We still recommend that you take out **travel health insurance**, so that you can go on vacation or travel with a light mind, because the **insurance included with your bank card** offers very low cover, with lower ceilings than with traditional travel health insurance, and does not cover all activities abroad, such as **diving** (which you can do in Aqaba, for example).

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Practical information (flight, travel and accommodation)

How to get to Jordan?

From **Paris**, without a stopover, it takes about **3.5 hours** to fly to **Amman**, the capital. We travelled with the very good company **Royal Jordanian**.

We advise you to use a flight aggregator to compare the prices of different airlines and find your flight at the best price.

Flight prices **vary** enormously depending on the **number of stopovers** and the **day of departure** and **return**. From France, you can find flights from **350€**. If you live in the south of France, don't hesitate to compare prices from Barcelona in Spain.

As always we advise you to **compare prices between several days**. If necessary and if possible, you can slightly shift your vacations to get a really good price.

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On the roof of our jeep in the Wadi

How to get around Jordan?

The best way to get around Jordan is to rent a car. You will be free to move around and you can stop to take photo breaks whenever you want.

We had **no difficulty** driving in Jordan. As in many countries, this will just require you to be a little more **careful**.

Outside the capital, the **roads** are not very **busy**. We still advise you not to ride at night!

Our transport tips

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Cab: We recommend downloading the **Careem** app, the local Uber. You're geolocated and the fare is fixed in advance.

Car rental: To compare car rental prices, we recommend you use an aggregator to find the best rate. In August, we found a car for around **€33 a day** by booking a few weeks in advance.

Sixt offered the best rate. You can pick up and drop off your car at the airport. We had no problems with this rental company.

Where to sleep?

We were surprised by **the high price of accommodation** in Jordan, especially in

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tourist sites such as Petra, the Dead Sea and Aqaba. We advise you to book in advance to ensure maximum choice.

For the last two places, we recommend booking hotels with **private beaches**. At the Dead Sea, it's really comfortable to **rinse off after your swim**.

In Aqaba, on some **public beaches** you may not be comfortable swimming in a bathing **suit**.

◇ Our top hotel ◇

- 1. **Dead Sea hotel with pool and private beach:** [Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea](#),
- 2. **Hotel in Petra 2 steps from the entrance:** [The Petra Moon hotel](#)
- 3. **Hotel in Aqaba with swimming pool and private beach:** [Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay Aqaba](#)
- 4. **Charming accommodation in Amman:** [La Locanda Boutique Hotel](#)

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Mövenpick Resort & Spa Tala Bay Aqaba

As you can see from this article, we **loved our stay in Jordan**.

It is a **beautiful country** preserved from **mass tourism**, which is really nice!

We thank my sister again for making us discover this **beautiful country**.

Don't hesitate to leave us a **little note** or **5stars** below, to let us know if you're planning this trip, to ask any questions you may have, here or on [Instagram](#), we'll get back to you with great pleasure.

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