

EVASON MA'IN

HOT SPRINGS



LIFE EXPERIENCES

LIFE

Learning, Inspiring, Fun, Experiences

Harmonising with Jordan from the Evason Ma'In guarantees you will experience Jordan safely, in luxury and in a wholesome and sustainable way. We will offer constant opportunity to feel the true pulse of the Middle East from its traditional mystical roots to its present day uniqueness.

LIFE service is attentive and personalized with our hosts being especially knowledgeable and caring and our hosts carry on the tradition of the abundant classic Arabic hospitality.

Experiences are designed tastefully and represent the Six Senses tradition of intelligent luxury, gourmet offerings and local substance.



Jordan History

As part of the Fertile Crescent connecting Africa and Asia, the area now known as Jordan has long been a major transit zone and often an object of contention among rival powers.

It has developed a distinctive culture, blending Arab and Greco-Roman elements, and built its capital at Petra, a city whose structures hewn from red sandstone cliffs survive today. Neolithic remains from about 7000BC have been found in Jericho, the oldest known city in the world. City-states were well developed in the Bronze Age (c.3200–2100BC).

In the 16th century BC, the Egyptians first conquered Palestine, and in the 13th century BC, Semitic-speaking peoples established kingdoms on both banks of the Jordan. In the 10th century BC, the western part of the area of Jordan (on both banks of the Jordan River) formed part of the domain of the Hebrew kings David and Solomon, while subsequently the West Bank became part of the Kingdom of Judah. A succession of outside conquerors held sway in the area until, in the Fourth century BC, Palestine and Syria were conquered by Alexander the Great, beginning about 1,000 years of intermittent European rule.

After the death of Alexander, the whole area was disputed among the Seleucids of Syria, the Ptolemies of Egypt, and native dynasties, such as the Hasmoneans (Maccabees); in the 1st century BC, it came under the domination of Rome.

In Hellenistic and Roman times, a flourishing civilization developed on the East Bank; meanwhile, in southern Jordan, the Nabataean kingdom, a native Arab state in alliance. In the 2nd century AD, Palestine and areas east of the Jordan came under direct Roman rule. Christianity spread rapidly in Jordan and for 300 years was the dominant religion.

The Byzantine phase of Jordan's history, from the establishment of Constantinople as the capital of the empire to the Arab conquest, was one of gradual decline. When the Muslim appeared, little resistance was offered, and in 636, Arab rule was firmly established. Soon thereafter, the area became thoroughly Arabized and Islamized, remaining so to this day despite a century-long domination by the Crusaders (12th century).

Under the Ottoman Turks (1517–1917), the lands east of the Jordan were part of the Damascus district. (an administrative division of the empire), while the West Bank formed part of the sanjak (a further subdivision) of Jerusalem within the district of Beirut.

This Century

The Ottoman Empire took part in the Middle Eastern theatre of World War I, under the terms of the Ottoman-German Alliance. Many Arab nationalist figures in Damascus and Beirut were arrested, and then tortured.

Because of the repression by the Turks and their Central Powers allies, Grand Sharif Hussein, as the head of the Arab nationalists, entered into an alliance with the United Kingdom and France against the Ottomans around June 8, 1916 (the actual date is a bit uncertain).

In Jordan Hussein had about 50000 men under arms, but fewer than 10000 had rifles. The port of Jeddah was attacked by 3500 Arabs on 10 June 1916 with the assistance of bombardment by British warships and seaplanes. The Ottoman garrison surrendered on 16 June. By the end of September 1916 Arab armies had taken the coastal cities of Rabegh, Yenbo, Qunfida, and 6000 Ottoman prisoners with the assistance of the Royal Navy. Fifteen thousand well-armed Ottoman troops remained in the Hejaz.

The British government in Egypt sent a young officer to work with the Arabs in October 1916. This man was Captain T. E. Lawrence, known now as Lawrence of Arabia. Lawrence obtained assistance from the Royal Navy to turn back an Ottoman attack on Yenbo in December 1916. Lawrence's major contribution to the revolt was convincing the Arab leaders (Faisal and Abdullah) to co-ordinate their actions in support of British strategy.

In 1918, the Arab cavalry gained in strength and the Battle of Megiddo, was a stunning success. The Ottoman army was routed in less than 10 days of battle.

After the defeat of the Turks, Palestine and Transjordan were placed under British mandate; in 1921, Hussein's son 'Abdallah was installed by the British as emir of Transjordan.

In 1923, the independence of Transjordan was proclaimed under British supervision. Transjordan attained full independence, and on 25 May, 'Abdallah was proclaimed king of the Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan. After the Arab-Israeli War of 1948, King 'Abdallah annexed a butterfly shaped area of Palestine bordering the Jordan, Abdallah was assassinated in Jerusalem by a Palestinian Arab, and his eldest son, Talal, was proclaimed king. Because of mental illness, however, King Talal was declared unfit to rule, and succession passed to his son Hussein I (Husayn ibn-Talal), who, after a brief period of regency until he reached 18 years of age, was formally enthroned on 2 May 1953.

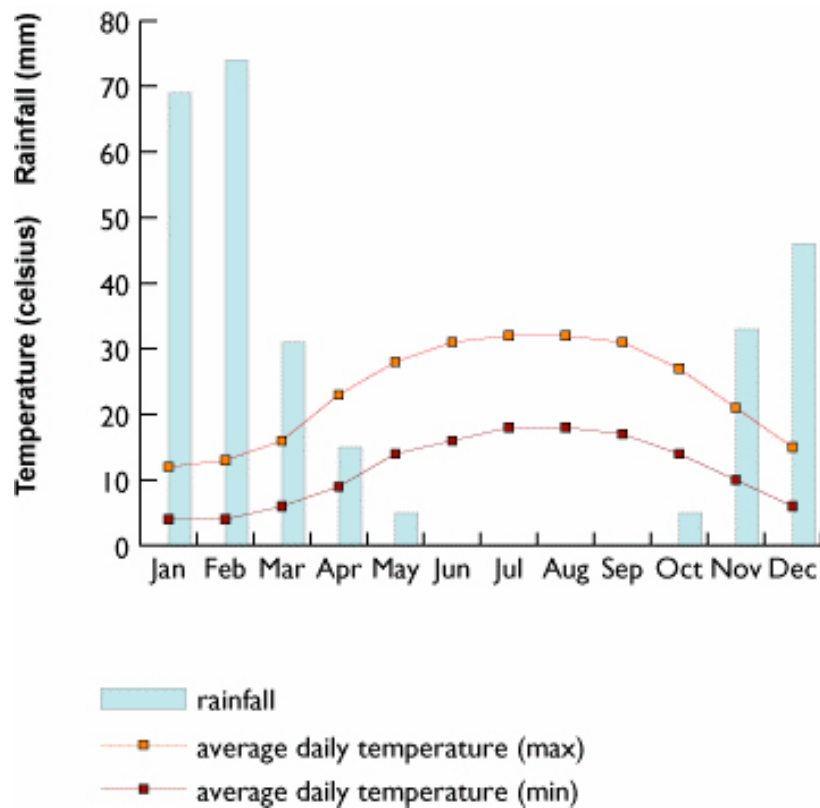
Internally in the 1980s, Hussein followed policies of gradual political liberalization, for the first time since 1956, Jordan held relatively free parliamentary elections. Hussein named his son Abdallah heir apparent. On 8 February 1999 King Hussein died, ending a 46-year reign; his funeral was attended by dignitaries from countries throughout the world.

King Abdallah II pledged his support for the Middle East peace process, a more open government, and economic reforms requested by the IMF. However, there was some uncertainty about how the 37-year-old heir would meet the challenges thrust upon him.

His first year in power reassured many observers, at home and abroad. Domestically, he pushed through a series of trade bills that helped pave the way of Jordan's admission to the WTO, arriving in 2000, and declared his intention of implementing many administrative and educational reforms.

LOCATION: (1949): 29°17' to 33°20' N; 34°53' to 39°12' E.





To make choosing easier for you, we have divided experiences into four unique areas to suit all guests' individual needs:

Adventure – Want to be alone, get away from it all and spend time with your loved one or loved ones. These exclusive adventures are your key to a magical holiday there are many to be had in Jordan.

Historic – Jordan has a wealth of history, from Romans to Nabateans all have left their mark on this country, in the form of huge monuments and even whole cities for you to explore and learn about.

Religious – You don't have to be religious to appreciate the holy sites of Jordan, many of the places have shaped the world we know today, as well as being.

Hafla Ma'In – In Arabic meaning "party" or "social gathering". Enjoy time in and around the resort with a loved one or family and friends. We offer unique dining locations at the waterfalls and up in the mountains, and personal LIFE experiences in the Ma'In valley, from exploring the hot springs to having a barbeque with family.

Experiences may also have a level of physical demand, please note the difficulty level of each item. Also note some activities involve water and may involve getting wet clothes or shoes.

Difficulty levels

- 1 – Easy. Little physical activity involved.
- 2 – Moderate. Trekking or cycling over mainly flat ground but, with a few small inclines.
- 3 – Difficult. Some steep or exposed sections. Good physical fitness required.
- 4 – Strenuous. Continued physical exertion required over several hours may require technical skills.
- 5 – Extreme. Full day adventures required technical skills and excellent physical conditioning.

ADVENTURE

WADI ZARQA MA'IN is the canyon created by our very own hot springs!

We will take you on a 6km hike in the Wadi Zarqa and spring exploring the river canyon and its many scenic waterfalls.

The hike includes a stop at the breath taking 3meter high water fall 2km hike from the resort. The hike then follows an age old Bedouin pathway that leads the shores of the dead sea, before a car returns you to the resort, perhaps for a relaxing visit to the Spa.

The trail is through a stream and can be difficult for inexperienced hikers and correct footwear is required.

Duration: 3 - 4 hours

Price – Eighty two per person
Minimum of Two people

Difficulty level: 3 - 4



WADI RUM is a protected area covering 720 square kilometers of dramatic desert wilderness in the south of Jordan. Huge mountains of sandstone and granite emerge, sheer-sided, from wide sandy valleys to reach heights of 1700 meters and more. Narrow canyons and fissures cut deep into the mountains and many conceal ancient rock drawings etched by the peoples of the desert over millennia.

Enjoy the breathtaking sunset and a one night full of desert experience in a rustic Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum with full tradition Zarb dinner, 4x4 tour and or a camel trek before coming back to Ma'In.

Or experience a night in a luxury camp with luxurious amenities in an otherwise isolated and remote desert camp location. A true Arabian nights experience!

Duration: One night two days

Price – Three hundred & six per person
Minimum of Two people

Difficulty level: 3 - 4



MUJIB NATURE RESERVE is one of nine Nature reserves in Jordan and one of the largest with altitudes ranging from 900m to – 400m at the Dead Sea edge a beautiful canyon with the Mujib river flowing through the centre.

Mujib is also is the main protected area for the endangered and shy Arabian Ibex, With 400 in this sanctuary. The Ibex trail is an easy Three hour dry trail that passes through the reserve and visits the ruins of an old Bedouin castle along the way, also if you are lucky you might see the rare beast itself.

The second trail is a wet trail and for the more daring of you, the trail passes through the Wadi Mujib Siq that takes around four hours, there is a 18m rappel down a water fall and a swim through the pools of Wadi Hidan.

The third trail goes through the Siq and a lot of Mujib canyon and includes rappelling from the waterfalls inside the Wadi.

Duration: Varies per trail

Minimum of Two people

Difficulty level: 2 - 3



HISTORIC

PETRA is 142km south of Ma'in or a three hour drive. An ancient Nabatean stone city dating from 9bc and one of the new 7 wonders of the world!

Entering Petra begins with a 1.2km journey through the Siq (stone canyon) After visitors will then move on into the Petra "city centre" with many tombs and houses carved into the stone and a large roman style theatre.

For the more energetic amongst you, there is an extra one hour walk on the old procession route that leads to the spectacular 5m high Monastery and high point of sacrifice.

Duration: 12 - 14 hours including transit time
Price – Two hundred and fifty seven per person
Minimum of Two people
Difficulty level: 3



CIRCUS MAXIMUS Jerash is one of the largest and best preserved Roman cities in the world, at over 2000 years old Jerash is an impressive discovery. The city also has one of the best preserved original Romans theatres still around today.

In the original Roman built Hippodrome experience a show of the past with the daily Roman legionnaire drills and gladiator duels, finishing with an exciting chariot race all taking place in the partially reconstructed 1800 year old building.

All this followed by an expert guided tour to learn all of the secrets of this ancient city so well preserved even the hundreds of giant pillars were left intact through earthquakes and landslides.

Duration: 5 - 6 hours, including transit time
Price – One hundred and fifty seven per person
Minimum of Two people
Difficulty level: 2



AMMAN Our walking trail visits many of the old houses in the capital, including the birthplace of the late King Hussein, the tour passes through rainbow street a popular shopping street great to pick up souvenirs and gifts.

Before heading to the Wild Jordan Café and dining with its spectacular panorama of the whole city.

Optional trips visiting the Roman Theatre and/or Citadel of Philadelphia (Amman's Roman name) are also possible.

Duration: 5 - 6 hours, including transit time
Price – One hundred and fifty two per person
Minimum of Two people
Difficulty level: 2



KARAK Originally called Kir Heres during bible times and completed by the Crusaders in 1161, Karak became the most important fief and home to the Lord of Transjordan.

Karak was besieged many times but never was taken by force instead in the end the Crusaders had to be starved out by Saladin, who in recognition of their bravery set them free.

During the drive to Karak we will stop for a great photo opportunity over the Mujib canyon and dam almost as good as the view from the castle itself.

Duration: 5 - 6 hours, including transit time
Price – Ninety nine per person
Minimum of Two people
Difficulty level: 2



RELIGIOUS

HOLY LAND CIRCUIT is an exploration of the many local historical and interesting sites, in and around the Ma'In area.

We first visit the Baptism site. Bethany baptism site. Because this site marks the baptism of Jesus by John, and thus the beginning of Jesus' mission and indeed the beginning of Christianity it is considered to be one of the three holiest Christian sites in the world, together with Bethlehem where Jesus was born and Jerusalem where Jesus' mission ended.

This site has been recognized as the site where Jesus was baptized by all the major traditional Christian Churches and has been visited by many Christian leaders including the late great Pope John Paul II.

Many different churches are built here or in the process of being built. Many other world leaders, Christian and non-Christian have also visited the site. Baptisms at the site can be arranged with local ministers but are subject to availability.

Then we head to the holy site of Mt. Nebo and after this we go and explore the famous Mosaic town of Madaba.

After visiting the St. George church with its ancient mosaic map of Jerusalem and the holy land, learn about the local mosaic tradition and get the chance to make your own. Along the way there are many great photo opportunities to be had and we will also stop at a local famous Arabic restaurant for lunch.

Duration: 7 - 8 hours

Price – One hundred and fifty per person

Minimum of Two people

Difficulty level: 2



HAFLA – MA'IN

We will guide you around the Hammam at Ma'In valley to visit the points where the hot spring issues out from the rock itself, learn about composition of the water and the rock from which it comes.

Also learn about the uses of the spring water for medical benefits and other more fun uses!

After a trek around the valley enjoy your breakfast from the top of the Ma'In waterfall and take in the view of the whole of Zarqa MaIn.

Duration: 2 hours

Price – Twenty eight per person

Minimum of Two people

Difficulty level: 3



THE DEAD SEA is 420 meters below sea level and 330 m (1,083ft) deep the deepest hyper saline lake in the world. We offer a visit to the Six Senses Dead Sea "crystal rock" beach.

The Dead Sea is known to have many medical properties and aside from this, due to its natural buoyancy its great fun to float in!

Duration: 3 hours

Price – Eighty five per person

Minimum of Two people

Difficulty level: 1



OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES

AMMAN SHOPPING TRIP

- Shop in the new and modern City Mall in Amman.
- Shop in the Souk and market area great for souvenirs.
- Visit a classical Arabic coffee/tea house.
- Respite from shopping by visiting the old Roman theatre if you have time.

Price – One hundred and thirty per person
Extra ten JD three people
Extra twenty JD four people

CYCLING

- Use one of the resorts bikes to explore the Ma'In valley.
- Helmets must be worn at all times.
- Be sure to get a water bottle and keep hydrated.
- Be careful of high temperatures during the summer.
- A map is available.

May be limited to season and instructor availability – please consult the LIFE reception.

WALKING/JOGGING TRAILS

- Exercise on the roads and trails of the Ma'In valley.
- Be aware some trails may have high inclines.
- Be sure to get a water bottle and keep hydrated
- Be careful of high temperatures during the summer
- A map is available.

INTO MOVIES

Visit our outdoor cinema in its Oasis style setting with classic movies playing in weekends, from Casablanca to Jordan's very own Lawrence of Arabia.

Price – five per person inclusive of popcorn

HOT SPRING PICNIC

Enjoy a private picnic with your loved one or family on the top of the Ma'In water fall or in any other great location around the valley. More information in the F&B compendium.

BEDOUIN EXPERIENCE

Enjoy your time dining in a real Bedouin camp and experience the outdoor life under the stars with the sheep and camels and of course Six Senses luxury F&B. More information in the F&B compendium.

OLIVE GROVE COOKING CLASS

Cooking classes in our valleys beautiful olive grove setting. More information in the F&B compendium.

AT THE SPRINGS COOKING CLASS

Classes held in our all day dining restaurant. More information in the F&B compendium.

WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

MA'IN MOUNTAIN GYM

An outdoor workout in the fresh air and sunshine. Go for a mountain trail workout with a personal trainer and learn that wherever you are you can still exercise with nature.

75 minutes / Price – Forty per person

PERSONAL TRAINING SESSION

A private, hands-on exercise session customized to your needs and using a variety of exercise modes to motivate, educate, inspire confidence and help you realize your fitness goals.

Single PT Session 60 minutes / Price – Thirty five

Three PT Sessions 60 minutes / Price – Ninety

Five PT Sessions 60 minutes / Price – One hundred and twenty five

MEDITATION

Provides a chance to calm your mind and to take time to focus on your own self. Your instructor will guide you through a sitting and walking meditation technique, allowing your mind and body to relax. You will leave the meditation session feeling relaxed and at peace with yourself.

Sixty minutes / Price – Thirty-five

May be limited to season and instructor availability – please consult the LIFE reception.

All prices are in Jordanian Dinar and are inclusive of tax and service charge

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