



Desert Rose-A Woman's Learning Immersion in Jordan

9 days / 8 nights



Your Curriculum

At A Glance

DAY 1: Welcome to Jordan!!

Welcome to Jordan!

Upon arrival, you will be met and assisted for a free visa. Upon completing the visa process, you will then take a 40-minute drive to Amman, the Capital City!

DAY 2: Full day in Amman

After breakfast at the Amman Hotel, an Amman City tour begins that includes a visit of Citadel / Roman Theatre.

DAY 3: Amman – Jerash – Ajlun – Umm Qais

This morning, after breakfast, you will be driven for one hour to a visit of Jerash the Roman City!

DAY 4: Full day activities in Umm Qais

This morning, try a local Breakfast! After enjoying the cuisine, engage in activities at the nearby Beit Al-Baraka.

DAY 5: Umm Qais – Dead Sea

Post-breakfast, visit a nearby Umm Qais site where you will proceed to the Dead Sea, the earth's lowest point on dry land.

DAY 6: Dead Sea - Mount Nebo – Madaba – Bani Hamida Petra

After breakfast and check out at the Dead Sea Hotel, pay a morning visit to Mount Nebo, and then continue on to Madaba the Mosaic City!

DAY 7: Petra Site visit – Wadi Rum

This morning, you will begin your full day dedicated to the visit of Petra! (including a buffet style meal at Basin Restaurant inside Petra site).

DAY 8: Wadi Rum – Amman

After breakfast, enjoy the morning Yoga Class in Wadi Rum before your 4-hour drive back to Amman for one last night at leisure.

DAY 9: See You Again!

Don't leave yet!!

Why Learning Journeys?

At Learning Journeys we believe in a new kind of vacation. Our unique journeys help you explore and develop your skills and interest, travel the world, give back to the community and ultimately re-connect with yourself.

The destinations are chosen specifically to make practicing that skill more accessible, and more fun. Typical skills offered are health and wellness, cooking, photography, art, birding and wildlife, language study, architecture, music, dance and more. Programs range from beginner to professional certification. You will even have the opportunity to attend off the beaten path festivals in your specific area of interest which will take your learning immersion to new heights!

Brand Pillars

Transformation

The quest for knowledge as we open our hearts and minds to new experiences can transform us. As we see the world through the eyes of others, the communities we visit and touch are also transformed. This cycle of positive change is at the heart of every Learning Journeys experience.

Exploration

Truly, the world is your classroom. Exploring the rich and varied cultures of the destinations you visit multiplies the value of your educational pursuits, and the exploration of yourself. The journey itself – to a new place and new you – is what truly matters.

Education

Learning Journeys is designed to nurture that ember of curiosity inside you into a flame of life-long discovery. Continued learning ensures continued growth, whether pursuing any number of interests that intrigue you or a passion you have honed over the years.

Self-reflection

Through reflection, we bring learning to life. Pausing from the chaos of our daily lives allows us to sort through experiences to create meaning, from which we learn more deeply about ourselves. Understanding what truly moves us leads to rich and profound actions that shape our lives.

Community service and sustainability is at the core of the Learning Journeys mission. In addition to hands-on interactive classes, we work in the local communities, helping to improve lives and our planet. Destinations are chosen for their exceptional beauty, abundant wildlife, accessibility to expert practitioners, and generally fun places to visit! The destinations are near and far-North America, Latin and South America, Europe, India, Asia, Australia and more.

Finally, just as you remember specific meals from a trip taken many years ago, your ability to recall information is enhanced when combined with a unique setting. “Learning Journeys” are an excellent value for money and an investment.

Small Group Departure



Take part in an empowerment journey of Jordan to discover a new culture and engage with local women from urban and rural backgrounds.

Learn about the rich cuisine of Jordan through local dishes and discussions with the local women and gain understanding about their lifestyle, traditions, and daily activities!

What You Will Learn/Do

Why We Love This Traveling Classroom

Women trips only that includes History / Local Culture / Yoga in addition to introduction to the Jordanian kitchen.

Understanding in depth the pros / cons about the local Women's living in Jordan.

How This Program Benefits The Local Community

Staying at Bait Al-Baraka or Visit places like Beit Sitti or the Soap house in Ajlun will help support the local women working on these projects financially.

Local Women engaging with other women of the world would expose them to new cultures and traditions.



Program

DAY 1: Welcome to Jordan!!

Check in will be at the Amman Hotel.

After having time to settle in, it's time for an Evening Cooking Class and Dinner at Beit Sitti, a restaurant owned and predominantly staffed by women.

Learning Experience: Cooking Class

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight in Amman

DAY 2: Full day in Amman

A walking tour of downtown Amman and a visit to a souq to enjoy local food! (Falafel from Famous Hashem restaurant then Knafeh “Arabic Sweets” from Habibah sweet shop).

Afterwards, proceed to Iraq El-Amir Women Cooperative Society and work with local Women in one or more of the following projects:

- Ceramics making “Make your own ceramic piece like using traditional tools, paint it and take the finished product with you” – 1hr
- Organic paper making “Learn how to make paper using natural leaves of banana, okra and halva” – 1hr
- Weaving “Learn how to weave using traditional and eco-friendly tools” – 1 to 2 hours
- Labaneh preparation “Prepare your own jar of Labaneh balls using your hands” – 30 minutes
- Traditional food sampling “Mazze” “Sample different types of locally prepared dishes with bread and tea” – 30 minutes.

Enjoy your lunch meal at the Women Cooperative, which will be prepared by local women.

Learning Experience: Ceramics making / Organic paper making / Weaving / Labaneh preparation Traditional food sampling

Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch
Overnight in Amman

DAY 3: Amman – Jerash – Ajlun – Umm Qais

A local site guide to escort clients for (2 hours) through Jerash – proceed to Ajlun (a 30-minute drive from Jerash) to visit the famous Islamic Forte, and then on to The Soap House at the Ajlun Reserve.

Check women’s products of soap made by the ingredients local to the area and have lunch at the Reserve. Afterwards, proceed for 1-1/2 hours to Umm Qais and check in at Beit Al-Baraka local house where you will enjoy local food for dinner!

Learning Experience: Soap Making Session

Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / dinner
Overnight in Umm Qais

DAY 4: Full day activities in Umm Qais

In Beit Al-Baraka:

- Basket weaving / Weaving with banana leaves, palm, and straw is a tradition with deep roots in Jordan & the Yarmouk Valleys. Fortunately for us, the tradition of weaving is today still very much alive in this region. Meet local artists who are reviving this tradition and uncovering the intricate skills needed to weave a simple product. – 1-1/2 hours
- Cycling from 1 – 2 hours up to 5-6 hours. Enjoy a trip through the flat farmlands of Umm Qais
- Hiking for 1-2 hours up to full day. Participate in this great introduction of the history, environment, and culture of Umm Qais. Cooking Class with local women of Umm Qais - overnight

Learning Experience: Basket weaving / Cycling / Hiking

Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch or Lunch box / dinner
Overnight in Umm Qais

DAY 5: Umm Qais – Dead Sea

Upon arrival, you will check in at Dead Sea Hotel and enjoy an afternoon at leisure exploring this unique place. (Yoga Session included in the afternoon at the Spa)

Learning Experience: Dead Sea / Yoga session

Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight in Dead Sea

DAY 6: Dead Sea - Mount Nebo – Madaba – Bani Hamida Petra

Here, you will stop at the Bani Hamida showroom near Mukawir and enjoy a tour in the show room, as well as a lunch meal prepared by the women of the area.

Afterward, proceed to Petra (3-1/2 hours) to have dinner with a local family in Wadi Musa Town.

Learning Experience: Visit workshop of local women at Bani Hamida to learn how local women work on their crafts to enhance their living

Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch/ Local dinner
Overnight in Petra

DAY 7: Petra Site visit – Wadi Rum

In the late afternoon enjoy a sunset Jeep tour with a Bedouin driver to Wadi Rum. Check in at Wadi Rum Eco camp (Shared facilities), and enjoy a Zarb Dinner – an authentic Bedouin meal cooked under the sand.

Learning Experience: Lecture on Petra Excavations for about 30 minutes during the Petra site visit, Zarb Dinner

Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch/ Dinner
Overnight in Wadi Rum Camp

DAY 8: Wadi Rum – Amman

Learning Experience: Yoga Class

Meals included: Breakfast
Overnight in Amman

DAY 9: See You Again!

Extend your journey on one of our numerous learning programs. We look forward to welcoming you back on another Learning Journeys immersion.

Extend your stay to Egypt or head to Turkey to learn the art of belly dancing. Perhaps you're interested in visiting India to experience the diverse spiritual essence of the land? Visit Bhutan to learn about their Gross National Happiness. Enjoy a cultural immersion in Sri Lanka.

Whatever your interest, Learning Journeys can assist you with finding the perfect program to fulfil your dreams.

Program Registration Fees

All itinerary prices are listed in USD
Per person for Single Standard \$850.00
Per person for Standard \$3,850.00

Program Departure Dates: 2021/ 2022

October 08, 2021
April 22, 2022
June 17, 2022

February 11, 2022
May 13, 2022
September 11, 2022

Services Included

- Meet & Assist at Amman Airport on arrival and departure by a Learning Journeys representative
 - Jordan Visa fee
 - Luggage handling at airport or hotels
- All learning as stated in the program
- 8 nights of Accommodation: 3 nights in Amman at The House boutique Suites Hotel / 2 nights at Beit Al-Baraka in Umm Qais / 1 night at Kempinski Ishtar Dead Sea Hotel / 1 night in Petra at Petra Guesthouse 4-star or similar / 1 night at Sun City Camp in deluxe tent with private facilities in Wadi Rum
 - Included Meals as mentioned in the program for each day
 - Entrance fees to all sites in the program
 - Sunset Jeep tour in Wadi Rum
 - All Local activities as stated in the program
 - Bottles of mineral water on board the vehicle on daily basis.