Combine Jordan and Israel on one amazing trip. Discover the wonders of Petra, camp out in Wadi Rum and float like a cork in the Dead Sea before taking a biblical journey into Israel. Discover the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, the oldest church in the world in Bethlehem and the Sea of Galilee near Nazareth.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights
- Amman - Ancient hilltop citadel, fascinating Archaeological Museum and bustling souqs
- Jerash - Ruins of the ancient Roman city, which at over 2000 years old is still surprisingly well-preserved
- Umm Qais - Roman Decapolis city, once a cultural centre, home to poets and great philosophers
- Dead Sea - Dramatically beautiful landscape with warm buoyant mineral-rich waters
- Shobak or Karak Crusader castles - Reminders of the former glory of the Crusaders
- Petra - The fabled Nabataean city that was all but lost to the modern world until its rediscovery in 1812
- Wadi Rum - Vast red desert landscape with rolling dunes and dramatic rock formations
- Mt Nebo - Perhaps one of the most sacred sites in Jordan with views across the Promised Land
- Madaba - Christian market town, Church of St George, Jordan’s finest Byzantine mosaics
- Panoramic views of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives
- Jerusalem - The Armenian, Jewish and Christian Quarters of the Old City; the Wailing Wall; Cardo (Roman Road), Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Bethlehem - Shepherd’s Field, Rachel’s Tomb, Church of the Nativity & Manger Square
- Nazareth - The Church of the Annunciation and Church of St Joseph
- Miracle sites - Cana, Tiberias, Capernaum and Tabgha (site of the sermon on the Mount & the feeding of the 5000)
- The picturesque Sea of Galilee
- Umm ar-Rasas - An ancient city and important stop on the caravan route between east and west
- Wadi Mujib - trek the Siq Trail of Wadi Mujib Biosphere Reserve

What’s Included
- 10 breakfasts and 5 dinners
- 9 nights - 3 - 4 star hotels
- 1 night - Wadi Rum deluxe desert camp
- 4x4 desert safari through the sand dunes of Wadi Rum
- Dead Sea - Free time to swim and detox
- Touring of Amman, Jerash, Dead Sea, Petra, Wadi Rum, Umm ar-Rasas, Mt Nebo and Madaba
- Escorted by licenced Jordanian Tour Guide in Jordan
- Touring in Israel - Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Capernaum & Tabgha
- Airport arrival and departure transfer on day 1 and day 11
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private modern air-conditioned vehicles
- Entrance fees included for sightseeing in Israel

What’s Not Included
- Tipping Kitty: USD$60-80, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD$180-200, paid in local currency
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature
- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guides in Jordan and Israel. We recommend you allow $3 - 5 USD per day, per traveller. Tipping your tour guides is an entirely personal gesture

DETAILED ITINERARY
Day 1: Amman
Saturday. Welcome to Jordan and the start of your holiday! Arrive Amman, included transfer to hotel.
Overnight - Amman

Day 2: Ancient Cities, Roman Ruins
Amman - Jerash - Umm Qais - Amman. Your tour leader will usually be at your hotel at approximately 7.30am for your welcome meeting. Throughout the tour, you’ll be fully briefed by your tour leader as regards touring arrangements. Later today your entrance fees and a modest tip kitty of about will be collected from everyone. The kitty will cover all the tipping throughout the tour (to baggage handlers, porters, drivers and ancillaries), except tips for your Jordanian and Israeli tour guides.

Driving north, we visit the awesome Roman ruins of Jerash. Second only to Petra in touristic appeal, the 2,000 year-old Graeco-Roman ruins of Jerash are recognised as one of the best-preserved member cities of the Decapolis, a confederation of 10 Graeco-Roman cities. We’ll explore the site, taking in the colonnaded street, amphitheatre, nymphaeum, forum and more before continuing to town of Umm Qais, which is the site of the ancient Graeco-Roman town of Gadara, and provides panoramic views over the Sea of Galilee and the Golan Heights.

Gadara was renowned for its cosmopolitan atmosphere, attracting an array of writers, artists, philosophers and poets. It also served as a resort for Romans vacationing in the nearby al-Hemma hot springs. A considerable portion of the original Roman architecture has survived and we have the day to explore. Overnight - Amman (B, D)

Day 3: Mt Nebo & Umm ar Rasas
Amman - Madaba - Mount Nebo - Umm ar Rasas - Petra. Today we tour the citadel and Archaeological Museum of Amman before we take a walk through the bustling local souk to enjoy typical Jordanian street treats of falafel and hummus at the country’s most popular local street stand. As the pictures on the wall will prove, the unglamorous food stand was a great favourite of the late King Hussein.

Leaving Amman we’ll stop first at Mt. Nebo, the site from which Moses saw the Promised Land. Having led the Israelites for 40 years through the wilderness, Moses finally saw them from this awesome vantage point. This amazing panorama includes the Jordan River Valley, the Dead Sea, Jericho and the spires and domes of the Mt. of Olives and Bethlehem on the Judean hills just across the wide valley. Later we visit Madaba en route to Petra where we see the Church of St George, the Madaba Archaeological Park, Apostles Church and Madaba Museum.

Our next port of call is Um ar-Rasas, one of Jordan’s World Heritage sites and once an important stop on the busy caravan routes. The impressive mosaic floor of the St. Stephen Church features medallions commemorating all the early Christian pilgrimage sites of the region, and the extensive ruins also include one of the area’s earliest Stylite towers, where a Byzantine hermit lived atop the tower and preached to the pilgrimage visitors.

Our final stop of the day is Petra. Consider doing a Petra by Night excursion (payable locally) for a tantalizing candlelight stroll through Petra’s Siq – a romantic preview of things to come. Overnight - Petra (B)

Day 4: The Rose City
Wadi Musa (Petra). Chief among Jordan's many archaeological riches is the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Rose City of Petra. We access the hidden archaeological treasures of the Rose City on a walk through a narrow, deep siq, where the rocks finally give way to reveal the famous facade of the Kazneh - the Treasury of Petra. It's natural to have an Indiana Jones moment here as it was this building that served as the Holy Grail's resting place and the prize Indy so coveted.

As the Treasury is passed, the hidden valley widens to reveal the remains of the city proper. Continuing our walk, we’ll then go on to explore chunks of this fantastic once-lost city. Petra is an erosion – heven masterpiece. Sandstone shot with minerals burst into colour giving off blue, red, orange and green hues. Our exploration takes us past many tombs, temples, an impressive amphitheatre and a Roman colonnaded street. Concluding the guided aspect of the tour, you’re free to head off and further explore. Want to learn how to cook Middle Eastern food? Consider opting for our Petra Kitchen bolt-on tonight! See our website for details. Overnight - Petra (B)

Day 5: Wadi Rum
Wadi Musa (Petra) - Wadi Rum. A chance to revisit Petra before our afternoon drive south to Wadi Rum. A vast, silent landscape of ancient riverbeds, pastel coloured stretches of sandy desert and amazing rock formations known as jebels that rise from the desert floor, the desertscape of Wadi Rum represents some of the most stunning countryside on the planet. Wadi Rum possesses unspoiled natural beauty forged by millions of years of geological formation, erosion and evolution. The region is also home to the semi - nomadic Bedouin living in their great goat’s hair tents, tending their herds of sheep and goat and preserving an ancient lifestyle that has been practised in the Arabian desert for thousands of years.

Boarding 4 x 4s, we can get up close and personal to the surrounding scenery. Tonight, we enjoy a Jordanian dinner. Camp under the stars. Any costs shown are subject to change, though are an accurate reflection of costs at time of writing. Please also note that visa requirements are subject to change and are the responsibility of the traveller and not that of On The Go Tours.

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Day 6: Karak Castle & the Dead Sea

Wadi Rum - Karak - Wadi Mujib - Dead Sea. After breakfast at the campsite, we head north along the Desert Highway. Taking a drive through the busy market town of Karak under the towering shadows of the Karak Crusader Castle, descending some 1300 meters to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the earth’s surface. More than 500 meters below sea level, the mineral-rich Dead Sea is the world’s original health and beauty spa. Drift out and bob in the waters and slap on some of the famous black Dead Sea mud to give your skin an invigorating boost.

For departures between April and October we’ll head up the King’s Highway to Wadi Mujib. We’ll embark on a moderate – paced two hour trek along the Siq Trail. Measuring 500 metres in depth and spanning 4 kilometres across, the impressive Wadi Mujib is one of Jordan’s most remarkable natural features. This dramatic canyon features sheer rocky walls and sparkling waterways that range from puddle height to depths that are perfect for swimming (chest height or deeper) depending on the rainfall. The canyon is just one feature of the Mujib Biosphere Reserve, the lowest nature reserve in the world, home to a surprising diversity of wildlife and plant species. After our trek we make our way to the Dead Sea.

For those not interested in taking the hike, you are able to wait by the Visitor Centre till the group returns. After our trek we make our way to the Dead Sea.

Note: Lunch and dinner at the Dead Sea are not included in our stay. A buffet lunch is offered daily at a cost of 13 JD and a dinner buffet nightly at a cost of 19 JD per person. There is also an a la carte menu and other restaurant choice available onsite. Overnight - Dead Sea (B, D)

Day 7: Dead Sea Relaxation

The lowest point on the earth’s surface at 400m below sea level, the Dead sea is a natural phenomena and high on most travellers’ bucket lists. Lucky for us we have a whole day to spend here, whiling away the time bobbing in its mineral-rich buoyant waters and lathering up with a detoxifying mud bath. Later today there will be an optional visit to the Ma’in hot springs - a series of waterfalls and hot springs, and a sacred baptism site where Jesus Christ is thought to have been baptised (book locally). Overnight - Dead Sea (B)

Day 8: Jerusalem

Dead Sea – Jerusalem. This morning you’ll be picked up at 9:00am and transferred to the King Hussein (Jordanian Border) where after departure formalities you will transfer by public shuttle bus 1 kilometre at a cost of approx 7.5JD and 1JD per bag across to the Allenby bridge (Israeli Border point). At times (dependant upon the group size) a private transfer across the border is allowed with no associated costs.

After attending to immigration and passport control, you will be met by your Israeli driver, who will be standing next to the currency control, you will be met by your Israeli driver, who will be standing next to the currency exchange office from 11am onward. Your driver will then transfer you to your hotel in Jerusalem.

It is a good idea to arrange a packed lunch or pack snacks with you before setting off from Jordan as the border process can be as quick as 30 minutes and at other times several hours.

The afternoon and evening are free for you to explore. Today is the Sabbath and hotel check-in will not be until sundown. You are welcome to wait at the hotel until check-in or you can use the time to head out and wander around the World Heritage Listed city on foot whilst the city is devoid of traffic or opt to visit the Israel Museum. Overnight – Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 9: Bethlehem

Jerusalem. After breakfast you will be picked up and taken for a coach tour of this beautiful city and its surrounds. We stop at the holy Mount of Olives where you can get some amazing panoramic photos of the old city. Disembarking the coach we continue on foot to really absorb the wonders of the Old City a world heritage site since 1981 which is brimming with culture and history.

We walk through the Armenian and Jewish quarters with archaeological remains on display in a series of museums and outdoor parks that can be viewed by descending two or three stories beneath the level of the current city. We then continue to the old Roman road Cardo Maximus, (meaning ‘the main line’) which was once the main royal road in Jerusalem, and is estimated to have been built in the 6th Century AD, and this takes us to the Wailing Wall or ‘Kotel’, where we will witness people immersed in prayer or seeking spiritual guidance, as the Jewish people believe that the presence of God resides here.

We continue to the Christian quarter, which is built around the beautiful church of the Holy Sepulchre – one of the holiest places for Christian religion, as it is at Golgota, the site of Jesus’ Crucifixion and burial. We reach the Holy Sepulchre by walking down the emotive Via Dolorosa, (Way of Suffering or Way of Grief) a pilgrimage route that bears the Stations of the Cross. Once inside the church we can we visit the opulent marble tomb of Jesus. Continuing our tour we jump back on the coach and drive towards Bethlehem, visiting the Shepherds’ field. Next stop is Bethlehem - birthplace of Jesus, the revered Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. (Please note that touring in Bethlehem may be in conjunction with other tourist groups, not solely On The Go). Spend the evening at leisure in Jerusalem. Overnight – Jerusalem (B, D)

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Day 10: Nazareth

This morning you will be picked up at 9:00am from your hotel to embark upon another full day of sightseeing. We head to Nazareth - the home of Joseph and Mary, visiting the famous Church of the Annunciation and St Joseph. Heading north via Cana - where Jesus turned water into wine, we reach the shores of the Sea of Galilee and visit the miracle sites of Capernum, Tiberias and Tabgha - site of the famous miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. We travel back to Jerusalem where you can spend your final evening relaxing or exploring. **Overnight - Jerusalem (B, D)**

Day 11: Jerusalem

Tuesday. Jerusalem - breakfast, free time and included departure transfer to Ben Gurion Airport, any time of day.(B)

Wadi Mujib Siq Trail

Between 1st April and 31st October you have the option to take an easy walk through the canyons of Wadi Mujib in Jordan. Starting at the visitor’s centre near the Mujib Bridge where we take the cantilevered walkway over the dam and follow the course of the river between towering sandstone cliffs to the base of a large waterfall. Depending on seasonal rainfall levels, the gorge may contain pools deep enough for swimming. It’s an ideal walk to take slowly and enjoy the cool water and shade, especially in the heat of the summer. Despite being relatively easy, it does have hidden risks. The river bed changes after each winter flood and this can create deep pools and strong currents. Always take care along the walk, avoid pools and rapids and respect any rope barriers.

What you need to bring:

Clothes: Should be light and comfortable. T-shirts and long shorts are advisable (to protect legs). You are advised to wear a bathing suit under their clothes and bear in mind that all their clothes will get totally wet so don’t wear anything that you don’t mind getting ruined. Shoes will also get totally wet. Therefore wear something that is not slippery and avoid flip flops or things. You may wear hiking sandals as well. Sunscreen is important along with caps. (The beginning of the hike is under the sun but later it is shaded with the mountains). You may want to bring clothes to change into after the walk.

Arriving to Israel

To complete your Israeli Immigration form you will need to give details of your accommodation is Israel. The hotel details are as follows:

- Prima Park Hotel
  - 2 Vilnay Street, 95435 Jerusalem
  - Phone: +972-3-552-2220

If you need assistance whilst in Israel, please contact our Operations Manager:

- Ms Sandra Orban - Mobile: 00972 546 208 750
- Ms Yettie Kalifa - Mobile: 00972 546 664 261
- Ms Tamara - Mobile: 00972 546 208 798

After completing immigration, please meet your driver at the ‘Help Counter’ which is located between the custom desk and the exit door. Do not head outside until you have met your guide.

If for any reason you have not made contact with your driver, please DO NOT leave the border, contact our Operations Manager, on the number detailed above.

After meeting, our driver will transfer you to the Prima Park Hotel. As today is the Sabbath hotel check in will not be till after sunset. The afternoon and evening offers free time. You are welcome to wait at the hotel till check or you can use the time to head out and explore the city - devoid of traffic.

Israeli Passport Stamps

Many Arabic and some Islamic countries still will not let you enter the country if you have an Israeli stamp in your passport. Avoid this issue by asking the immigration official to stamp your visa onto the entry card rather than your passport when you hand the passport over, just politely specify ‘NO STAMP PLEASE’.

Dinners in Jerusalem

Whilst staying in Jerusalem, dinner is included each evening in the hotel. You are best to re-confirm this information with the hotel reception upon check in. Meals (breakfast and dinners) in the hotel are Kosher. Meaning that you will never find dairy products served served with beef. Pork will not be served nor will various types of shellfish. The combinations may seem a little unusual though their is always plenty of choice to provide a satisfying meal.

Road to Jerusalem/Perseid’s Meteor Shower - 07 Aug 2016

The Perseids meteor shower is a spectacular celestial light show, that has mystified and amazed sky watchers for nearly 2000 years. The night sky is lit up by often over 60 meteors per hour, streaking across the darkness. As with all celestial events, the Perseids is best observed in completely clear night sky and where better than Jordan’s Wadi Rum desert, which is renowned for its beautiful blanket of stars.

You can witness the incredible Perseids Meteor shower from our desert camp in Wadi Rum, where you will spend two incredible nights stargazing, when the meteor shower is at its peak by joining one of our special Meteor Shower tours. Our special Road to Jerusalem meteor departure starting 07 Aug 2016, includes two spellbinding nights of stargazing in the wonderful setting of the Jordanian desert.

If departing on Road to Jerusalem tour - 07 Aug 2016, tour arrangements are as follows:

- **Days 1 - 4**: as per normal. Plus included visit (on day 3 prior to Petra) to Umm-ar-Rasas - a haunted deserted city on the ancient caravan routes with beautiful mosaic floors dating back to 785AD

- **Day 5**: Morning in Petra. Afternoon drive to Wadi Rum and take a jeep safari through the area before dinner and night of stargazing begins. The Perseids shower occurs once a year and has been observed for the last 2000 years. At its peak the meteors rain down at a rate of about 60 meteors per hour. The clear and night
sky of the Jordanian desert is the ideal place from which to view these celestial wonders. The Perseids were traditionally known as the “tears of St Lawrence” because they often appeared around the saint’s feast day. Breakfast, dinner & overnight - Wadi Rum

Day 6: Camel trek through the Wadi Rum and another night of amazing meteor showers and star gazing. Breakfast, lunch, dinner & overnight - Wadi Rum

Day 7: Visit to Karak Crusader Castle en-route to the Dead Sea. After a swim and maybe a mud bath we drive to nearby Madaba. Breakfast & overnight - Madaba.

Days 8 - 11: as per our normal itinerary

Xmas tour - 23 Dec 2016
If travelling on our Road to Jerusalem tour departing 22 Dec 2016, we include special Christmas dinner. After touring Petra on day 4, you are invited to take part in a cuisine course at the Petra Kitchen, where you’ll help prepare a memorable Jordanian Christmas feast. Taking part in the lesson is optional and you are very most welcome to just sit back and relax till our chefs serve the meal.

New Year’s tour - 27 Dec 2016
If travelling on our Road to Jerusalem tour departing 27 Dec 2016 we spend New Year’s Eve in Wadi Rum. Here, we ring in the New Year with a Bedouin party featuring folkloric dancing, Bedouin musicians, hands-on demonstrations of traditional Bedouin coffee and bread making, fireworks and more…along with a lavish buffet dinner and champagne toast at midnight.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Visas
Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Jordan.

If you are travelling with On The Go Tours (a registered tour company), this is now obtainable upon arrival and free of charge. If you are a UK, EU, AUS, NZ, SA, CAN and USA passport holders and travelling with us, (on a holiday including a stay of more than 2 consecutive nights in Jordan or if arriving via a land border staying more than 3 nights) we will arrange the visa for your stay/s and present it to you upon arrival.

If we are obtaining a free of charge visa on your behalf, our airport representative will meet you in the Arrivals Hall. (Representatives are not permitted to enter the immigration area to assist clients who have/will arrange their visa independently).

Should you NOT wish to take advantage of a free visa or you are not staying in Jordan for more than 2 consecutive nights, UK, EU, AUS, NZ, CAN and USA passport holders can obtain a visa upon arrival at a cost of 40JD/USD$60/EURO42 for single entry. South African passport holders can obtain a visa upon arrival at no cost.

If you are arranging your visa independently, our airport representative will meet you in the Arrivals Hall. (Representatives are not permitted to enter the immigration area to assist clients who have/will arrange their visa independently).

It is no longer possible to get a multiple entry visa for Jordan. If planning to leave Jordan and travel to Egypt or Israel and re-enter Jordan at a later date you will need to arrange a second visa. If you are travelling with us and staying in Jordan for more than 2 consecutive nights, we will obtain it for you. Alternatively, you can obtain a second visa at the border at the cost noted above.

On departure (via land or sea), a 10JD departure tax is applied to all visitors. If departing Jordan by air then the departure tax is included in the airfare.

Arrival Transfer
Upon arrival to Amman Queen Alia International airport, you will pass through immigration, baggage claim and customs. As you exit customs into the public arrivals hall, please be on the lookout for our representative, who will be holding an On The Go Tours logo signboard. Our representative will introduce you to our driver, who will transfer you to your hotel. At the hotel reception desk, please take note of the On The Go Tours information sign on the counter which will tell you what time our Amman representative will be in the hotel lobby to meet with you and discuss the details of your touring program, to give you our informative welcome letter and to answer any questions you may have.

If for any reason you have trouble locating our representative (after waiting 20 minutes at immigration) or your flight to Jordan is delayed, please call or send a text message to emergency contact number as stated on your tour voucher.

Entrance Fees
Entry fees to sites are not included, although reasonably priced. However entrance fees are subject to change at the discretion of the Ministry of Tourism. There is no reduction for ISIC student card holders at Jordanian sights. A two day pass for Petra is currently 55JD (approximately USD$77) and a one day ticket is 50JD (approximately USD$70), included in the above budget.

In Jordan, we collect entrance fees on Day 2 of the tour, the amount is noted under exclusions on page one of this document. On our Road to Jordan and Temples Tombs and Treasury tours where entrance fees will be collected on the day you arrive in Jordan, and on the Pyramids Petra and Promised Land tour where they are collected before you arrive at Petra. A breakdown of the entrance fee total is provided upon arrival.

All funds collected in Jordan for entrance fees and optional excursions that you may wish to undertake are payable in local currency - Jordanian Diner (JD).

Tipping Kitty
At the start of your tour we take a small tipping kitty (the amount is noted under exclusions) from all tour participants to cover tips throughout your holiday. This saves you the
hassle of knowing when and how much to tip bellhops, luggage luggers, bus drivers, antiquity guards, train conductors and other support staff throughout the tour. This amount does not include a tip for your tour guide. For a job well done, we would suggest USD$3 - 5 per day for your tour guide, however the decision to tip or how much is entirely up to you. Your tipping kitty in Jordan is collected in local currency - Jordanian Dinar (JD).

In Israel we recommend you allow USD4 - 6 per day, per traveller for your guide and USD2 - 3 for your driver. Tipping your guide and driver is an entirely personal gesture.

**Petra Park Services Charge**

The cost of the entrance ticket to Petra includes a compulsory 7JD fee to ride an Arabian horse. This Government-approved directive is in support of the local Bedouin who own the horses and also live in the surrounding town of Wadi Musa. It was considered right by the Jordanian Government that local people should benefit. As you have paid this obligatory charge, you are indeed entitled to ride a horse 800 metres down to the entrance gate at Petra. However, please be aware that you will need to tip the horse handler an extra 2JD. **IMPORTANT**- On The Go Tours only recommends that you do so if you are an experienced rider. The decision to ride a horse is a personal one.

**Shopping**

Jordan offers a range of quality souvenirs. Look out for high-quality artefacts including rugs, pottery, paintings, jewellery, embroidery and woven items produced by local Jordanian women under the auspices of the Noor- Al Hussein Foundation and the Queen Alia Fund. A popular form of ceramic ware is ‘Jerusalem Pottery’. Platters are highly decorated with biblically-inspired designs including fish, peacocks, grapes and goblets of wine. Known as Hebron glass, colourful handmade glassware in brilliant colours is a nice touch. Dead Sea products of all guises, olive oil and soaps, sweetmeats and olive wood objects are also uniquely Jordanian souvenirs.

**Essential Packing**

- **Wadi Rum Desert Camp**

  Most of our tours include a night in Wadi Rum where you can choose to camp under the stars or in tents at our remote Bedouin camp. Our camp is set amongst towering weathered sandstone rocks and rolling red sand dunes. It has permanent tents with twin beds (raised off the ground), proper toilets and a cold water showers. There is a large communal tent, roughly 10 x 6 metres with proper seating for dining and another area with low tables and cushions scattered about where we gather at night. Each evening traditional Bedouin food is served and there is often a little light entertainment around the campfire. Desert camping, although basic, is fun and the best way to experience Wadi Rum. Bedding is provided at our camp, though if visiting in winter (Nov - Mar) you may wish to bring your own winter-weight sleeping bag if you feel the cold, as temperatures will fall close to zero. To do so is of an entirely personal choice.

**Climate**

The maximum daily temperature in Amman ranges from 12°C in January to 32°C in August. The weather in the Jordan Valley (Petra) and south of the country is very hot during the summer months of April through to September. At this time of year daytime temperatures can exceed 38°C and increase to as high as 49°C. The sun can be fierce so it is advised to apply plenty of sunscreen, especially at the Dead Sea.

In winter (December to February) temperatures can range from 0°C to 12°C. If visiting during winter you will need to pack warm clothes for sightseeing, although the Dead Sea region will still be quite warm. If your holiday includes a stay in the Wadi Rum desert, winter wear items such as hat, scarf and gloves are also advised.

**Health Requirements**

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Jordan from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Tetanus, Diphtheria and Hepatitis A are strongly recommended. As tap water is not safe to drink in Jordan, only drink bottled mineral water which is readily available from hotels, shops and restaurants.

**Currency**

The currency of Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar. Pound Sterling, US Dollars, Euro and other major currencies can be exchanged in Jordan. Exchange facilities are available at various bureaux de changes and banks in major towns have ATMs. It’s advisable to request bank notes in smaller denominations, as it can sometimes be hard to get change from large notes and smaller notes are handy for smaller purchases and gratuities. Traveller’s Cheques are subject to change and are the responsibility of the traveller and not that of On The Go Tours.

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are not recommended as they’re often difficult to exchange and incur high fees.

Time & Voltage
Jordan is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Meantime (GMT). From the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October Jordan observes Daylight Saving and is 3 hours ahead of GMT. Standard voltage is 220 volts. Primary sockets require 3 pin UK and often European, 2 pronged variety. In Israel the preferred variety is European 2 prong. We recommend that you pack a universal travel adaptor. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adaptor in order to use U.S. appliances.

Mosques, Religion & Ramadan
93% of the population are Muslim. Others are Christians or followers of other faiths. All mosques are open to non-Muslims but cannot be visited during prayer times. If visiting a mosque you will need to dress conservatively. Ensure limbs are covered and shoes removed when entering any Mosque. Men must refrain from wearing shorts, as must women.

RAMADAN
Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world and adherents of the Muslim faith fast during daylight hours and break their fast with lavish meals and lively celebrations in the evening. Ramadan culminates a month later in a 3 day celebration called Eid al-Fitr. Many shops (excluding those which cater mainly to tourists) and attractions close earlier during Ramadan. As such we will start our tour earlier during this period to make the best use of time, leisure time will be offered in the late afternoon. Note: Traffic is exceptionally heavy during Ramadan, especially toward the time of breaking the fast. Forthcoming Ramadan dates are as follows, (approximate) - 27 May - 25 June 2017

Many shops (excluding those which cater mainly to tourists) and attractions close earlier during Ramadan, so our itinerary is slightly altered to ensure we visit all itinerary attractions. Non-Muslims are not expected to fast over Ramadan, but it is considered impolite to eat food or drink on the street.