"Travel with Gina" . . .

is NOT a typical tour. You are a friend "Traveling with Me" the way I like to travel. We see the important sights & the real local culture - safely. Due to the ongoing impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19), protecting the safety and wellbeing of travelers, local guides, and suppliers remains my priority and I have adjusted my flexible cancellation and change policy to accommodate the changing times. These trips are good for people who are independent travelers wanting some free time when they travel with a "group of friends". Not every 5 minutes is planned. We have a lot of free time for individual interests. Many of the people who join this group trip become "lifelong friends" because you have so much in common. Not everyone in our life loves to travel so we need these "traveller friends". These trips are also for people who want longer, extended & cultural travel. Maybe you are retired already or preparing for retirement? Maybe you want a lifestyle & work-life that allows you to travel as much as you want at any age? Welcome to "Travel with Gina"!

"Travel with Gina & Intrepid Travel"

EXPLORE JORDAN MAJESTIC PETRA & WADI RUM BEDOUIN TOUR

April 15 - 22, 2023 (8 days)

Land Price: \$1450 (A Gina tour organized with Intrepid Travel. This is a good value as Intrepid charges \$1575 Land for this same tour!)

+ Int'l Air Starting at \$900

(PLEASE NOTE: Intrepid Travel requires travelers to have the Covid vaccine)





TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

• A two-day pass to majestic Petra, where you will not only have a guided tour of the complex but will spend time at your leisure to focus on the sections that interest you.

- Effortlessly float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea.
- Hop in a jeep and see the extraordinary desert scenery of Wadi Rum a rugged lunar-like landscape of huge sandstone mountains and ancient structures hidden in the sandy dunes.
- After your day of four-wheel-driving in Wadi Rum, spend a night under the stars with a special experience at a desert camp run by Bedouin locals – full of good food and warm hospitality.
- Marvel at the well-preserved ancient Roman city of Jerash on a guided tour, and discover the religious significance and Ottoman and Byzantine influence in Madaba.

Is this trip right for you?

- We walk a lot visiting Jordan's historic sites, especially in Petra and Wadi Rum. Our local guide will let us know the distance & you can choose to do what you like.
- Most of the time there is little shade so remember to bring a hat and/or black umbrella, sun protection and sturdy, comfortable walking shoes.
- The diversity of the seasons here makes for incredible scenery. Wear layers in case conditions change during the day. At night the temperature can drop, so bring warm clothes (a lite jacket & silk long underwear are perfect).
- The desert camp in Wadi Rum is basic. There are tents, shared western bathroom facilities & electricity. While the desert may be very hot during the day, it will still be cool at night and warm clothes are highly recommended. The warm Bedouin hospitality makes up for the camp's simplicity.

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Day 1: Amman

Ahlan wa sahlan! Welcome to Jordan's capital, Amman – cosmopolitan and contemporary, yet steeped in biblical history. The Jordan visa costs JOD 40 (approximately \$57) and is available upon arrival at the Amman airport. Our meeting point is the Amman hotel. Your adventure begins with an important welcome meeting at 6 pm this evening. It's worth arriving a day or two early to explore the sights. If you do have time, be sure to head to the citadel, taking in its amazing sweeping views of Amman. The Jordan Museum (home to the Dead Sea Scrolls) and the Roman Theatre are both well worth visiting.

After our 6pm meeting, we will have the option to go out to dinner together, perhaps pick up a coffee from one of the cafes and partner it with an ara'yes – a local-style toastie filled with spiced meat.

Accommodation: Hotel (1 night). Extra Amman hotel nights \$TBD

Optional Activities

- Amman King Abullah Mosque (entry fee) JOD2 (\$3)
- Amman Roman Theatre (entry fee) JOD2 (\$3)
- Amman Citadel (entry fee) JOD3 (\$4.25)
- Madaba Al-Maghtas Bethany Baptism site (entry fee) JOD12 (\$17)
- Amman Jordan Archaeological Museum (entry fee) JOD3 (\$4.25)

Meals Included: There are no meals included on this day, although the group will have the option to go out to dinner together after the 6pm group meeting.

Special Information

All optional activities mentioned are priced for entry only. Extra costs will apply for transport to and from the site, as well as if you'd wish to have a guide. If you do wish to visit The Baptism Site of Jesus Christ at Bethany today, or before the tour commences, please note that operating hours vary between seasons.

Day 2: Wadi Rum

Follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia with a journey to Wadi Rum (approximately 5 hours drive). A half-day jeep safari will take us through some of the most striking desert scenery on the planet. Wadi Rum is full of weird and wonderful lunar-like rock formations, and traces of ancient civilisations can be seen in the many carved inscriptions found throughout the area – from pictographs to Thamudic, Nabataean and Arabic texts. The most enduring monuments in Wadi Rum are those carved by nature – the natural rock bridges, towering rose-coloured sand dunes and scattered rocky peaks. Tonight, sleep in a simple Bedouin desert camp, with the choice of sleeping under a camel hair tent or out under the stars. Enjoy dinner cooked in an earthen oven by our Bedouin hosts. Meaning 'desert dwellers' in Arabic, the Bedouins are a semi-nomadic people, and in Jordan up to 40 per cent of the general population is thought to have Bedouin ancestry. Conditions are basic at the desert camp, but the hospitality of our hosts as well as the chance to sleep beneath the twinkling desert night sky will surely make up for it.

Accommodation: Desert camp (1 night)

Included Activities

Wadi Rum - 4WD jeep safari

• Wadi Rum - Bedouin desert camp

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Special Information

For tonight's camp, a mattress and blankets are provided. Please be aware that while the desert may be very hot during the day, it will still be cool at night. So, warm clothes are highly recommended when travelling outside of the summer months. Western-style toilet facilities are available, as well as solar panel showers & electricity.

Day 3: Wadi Rum Bedouin Camp

After waking up in the unique surrounds of the camp this morning, head out on a hike around the area (approximately 5-7 miles; 2-3 hours), with a stop for tea and a lunch break. You might scale one of the large sand dunes for sensational views of the valley – the perfect chance to snap some unbelievable pictures. Explore the distinctive rock formations and bask in its eerie silence. Wadi Rum is probably best known for its connection with the enigmatic British officer T E Lawrence, who was based here during the Great Arab Revolt of 1917–18. Tonight we again enjoy the traditional Bedouin hospitality and the clear night skies of the desert.

Accommodation: Desert camp (1 night)

Included Activities

Wadi Rum - Guided hike

Wadi Rum - Bedouin desert camp

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Special Information

The duration and length of today's hike can vary depending on the weather and the group's ability. Please make sure you have appropriate, sturdy, comfortable footwear for this trek. If you don't want to participate in the hike, you can always spend some more time around the Bedouin Camp.

Day 4: Petra

This morning we will leave our desert camp, taking 4WDs to the main entrance of Petra, which is opposite the Seven Pillars of Wisdom – the mountain named after Lawrence of Arabia's book. The visitor's centre here is also a great spot to buy some jewelry and handicrafts, mostly made by a women's co-operative aimed at supporting local industries. Continue our journey to the fabled city of Petra by private vehicle (approximately 2 hours). The site remained unknown to the wider world until 1812 when it was visited by Johann Ludwig Burckhardt – a Swiss explorer. In 1985, Petra was designated a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. Spend the afternoon on a guided tour of Petra. Squeeze through a mile-long narrow path, known as the Siq, through huge towers of rock and get our first glimpse of the iconic Treasury complex. It's amazing to think that this enormous, intricate building entrance was hand-carved out of the rock.

Accommodation: Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities

- Petra Guided tour of Petra
- Petra 2 day entrance pass

Meals Included: Breakfast

Special Information

A two-day entrance pass to Petra is included. Please note that when entering Petra as a group, a complimentary horse ride is included in the ticket price from the entrance point down to the Siq. This is up to you as Intrepid feels this horse ride is too fast & unpredictable. Please note a lot of walking is required to see all the sites and viewpoints of Petra.

Day 5: Petra

Enjoy a free day of self-discovery as you explore Petra on your own. The site is surprisingly big, and so it is up to you to choose your own route around the complex. You could explore the old Roman road, other smaller temples and several old tombs, as well as the rock-hewn amphitheatre. For those who are feeling a bit more active, there's the challenging but highly rewarding 1-hour walk up the steps to the secluded yet stunning Monastery.

Accommodation: Hotel (1 night)

Optional Activities

• Petra - Petra By Night - JOD17 (\$24) departing at 830pm (only M, W, TH) (Day 5 is W)

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 6: Kerak - Dead Sea - Mt Nebo - Madaba

Traverse the King's Highway to the historic crusader castle of Kerak, which stands on a cliff commandingly overlooking Wadi Karak and the Dead Sea in the distance (approximately 2.5 hours). We will have time to explore the ruins and discover the legends of centuries-old battles. Pack your swim gear as next you can wash off the dust in the Dead Sea – the lowest point on Earth (420 metres below sea level). This super-salty lake is a perfect place to spend some time relaxing and get some classic floating pictures. For those who are game, cover yourself from head to toe for a nutrient-rich natural mineral mud bath.

Continue to Mt Nebo – the spot where the prophet Moses is said to have seen the 'promised land' and where he's supposedly buried. Explore this sanctuary and view the remarkable mosaics of the fourth-century church.

Afterwards, continue to Madaba, famous for its Ottoman-style houses and beautiful Byzantineera mosaics, including the acclaimed sixth-century mosaic map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land at St George's Church. Other mosaic masterpieces from the fifth to seventh centuries can be found throughout Madaba's churches, museums and homes.

Accommodation: Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities

- Kerak Castle visit
- Mt Nebo Site visit
- Dead Sea Swimming opportunity

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 7: Jerash - Madaba

Today we will leave Madaba for a short drive to Jerash – once one of the grandest ancient Roman cities in the world (approximately 1.5 hours). These are some of the best-preserved Greco-Roman ruins around. The ancient walled town that survives today is a remarkable evocation of life 2000 years ago. It has a striking collection of archways and theatres, baths, public buildings and colonnaded streets, and is a beautiful place to spend a day exploring. Discover Hadrian's arch, the partially restored hippodrome, ornate public fountains, the south amphitheatre, and see the collection of daily artefacts uncovered during excavations. Grand columns encircle the city's centrepiece, the Oval Plaza. After a full day of exploring (approximately 2 hours of walking with informational stops), we have the option to share a celebratory shisha dinner with our group.

Accommodation: Hotel (1 night)

Included Activities

• Jerash - Roman ruins

Madaba - St Georges Church

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 8: Madaba to USA or Cairo, Egypt

Transport to the Amman airport to either fly home or join the "Explore Egypt" tour (April 22-May 6; \$1695 Land + approximately \$250 flight Amman to Cairo; see Egypt trip brochure for more details).

Meals Included: Breakfast

TRIP EXTENSIONS:

Join Gina on her 15-day "Explore Egypt Tour" April 22-May 6, 2023 (Land \$1695; a good price as Intrepid charges \$1810 for this tour) and 8-day "Israel Holy Land Tour" May 8-16, 2023 (Land \$2695; a good value as Intrepid charges \$2870 for this tour). See www.GinaHenry.com for tour details.

JORDAN TO EGYPT FLIGHT April 22, 2023

If you are doing both the Jordan and Egypt tours, book this flight: Depart Amman, Jordan (AMM 10am (Egypt Air flight #) MS 720 Arrive Cairo, Egypt (CAI)1025am (there is a one hour time change; the flight is 1.5 hours) I used 8,800 United reward points +\$80.39 tax for my flight.

HOW TO EARN A FREE AIR TICKET TO JORDAN?

You will need approximately 62,000-94,000 points to fly internationally FREE roundtrip coach class. Please note reward point levels and credit card promotions change frequently. Please confirm with the web sites below. Gina recommends applying for one or more of these reward credit cards to earn a FREE ROUNDTRIP airline ticket for this trip:

- 1. When booking through "Chase Ultimate Rewards": Apply for "The **Chase Sapphire Preferred** credit card" offers a **60,000 sign-up bonus** when you spend \$4000 in the first 3 months of getting the card. This is a value of \$1000 toward travel when redeemed through Chase Ultimate Rewards. **Annual fee \$95**, even the first year. Put all your monthly bills on this card to earn the additional points. This credit card is available to you if you do not have any Sapphire cards and have not received a new cardmember bonus for any Sapphire card in the past 48 months. For more information, go to www.Chase.com/. Total 60,000 + 4000 (spend) = 64,000 points.
- 2. When booking through **United Airlines:** Apply for "**The United Airlines Explorer credit card**" which offers a **60,000 sign-up bonus** when you spend \$3,000 in the first 3 months. **No annual fee the first year** (\$95 year two). This credit card bonus is available to you if you do not have this card and have not received a new Cardmember bonus for this card in the past 24 months. Put all your monthly bills on this card to earn the additional points. Total 60,000 + 3,000 (spend) = 63,000 points.
- 3. Next: apply for "The United Gateway credit card" (30,000 sign-up bonus with a 1,000 spend in the first 3 months of getting the card = 21,000 more points. No annual fee.
- 4. If you have a business, apply for a "Chase United Business Mileage Plus credit card" (75,000 sign-up bonus with a \$5,000 spend in the first 3 months of getting the card = 80,000 points. No annual fee the first year (Annual fee \$99 year 2). Plus earn 2 miles per \$1 spent on

United purchases, dining (including eligible delivery services), gas, office supply stores, and on local transit and commuting. Plus first checked bag free. And more. For more information, go to www.United.com or www.Chase.com/.

3. When booking through **American Airlines:** Apply for "The American Airlines Advantage **Platinum Select World Elite Mastercard**" offers a **50,000 sign-up bonus** when you spend \$2,500 in the first 3 months of getting the card. **No annual fee first year** (Year two \$99). Total 50,000 + 2,500 (spend) = 52,500 points.

<u>Next</u>: If you have a business, apply for a "Citi Advantage Business credit card" (65,000 signup bonus with a \$4,000 spend in the first 4 months of getting the card) = 65,000 + 4,000 (spend) = 69,000 points. **No annual fee year one** (Annual fee \$99 year 2). For more information, go to www.aa.com or www.Citi.com/.

TRIP INSURANCE

TRIP INSURANCE is highly recommended due to COVID:

- 1. Gina recommends "TravelGuard Preferred" trip insurance as it is based on the trip destination and trip cost. It offers \$50,000 medical insurance along with other coverage (lost baggage, trip delay, etc). Gina recommends purchasing the "additional medical coverage" for a small amount which offers \$100,000 in medical insurance as well as evacuation insurance. Some countries are now requiring you to have \$100,000 in medical coverage to enter. TravelGuard also offers a "cancel for any reason" add-on for just a few more dollars which is a good idea during this time of COVID. Go to GinaHenry.com, click on "Gina Recommends" for the TravelGuard links. Use Gina Henry/Go Global Inc. code #62401. Air refunds are based on airline policy.
- 2. TravelGuard also offers an "Annual Plan" for \$259 per year this is what I purchase because I travel so much. You only have to be 100+ miles away from home for coverage. It offers two trip evacuations per year, \$50,000 of medical coverage per incident, lost baggage, trip delay, etc. However, it does not offer the "cancel for any reason" add-on. Go to GinaHenry.com, click on "Gina Recommends" for the TravelGuard links. Use Gina Henry/Go Global Inc. code #62401.

For more information on TravelGuard, please go to my web site at www.GinaHenry.com and click under "Gina Recommends" at the top of the web site.

PLUS: Receive a FREE TRIP for yourself (land portion) when you bring 8 paying friends on a trip!

And if you follow the tips in this publication, you will also have a FREE AIRLINE TICKET for this trip!

Your \$400pp TRIP DEPOSIT payable to Gina Henry

holds your spot and is 100% refundable up to 150 days of trip departure & 100% transferable up to 90 days of trip departure.

For more information, call or email Gina at 512-751-5096 or GinaHenryTravelinfo@gmail.com

INTREPID CANCELATION POLICY:

- The \$400 trip deposit is payable directly to Gina Henry/Go Global, NOT to Intrepid Travel. This allows Gina to offer you a full trip deposit refund if we have not met the group minimum of 8 people. If you pay your \$400 trip deposit directly to Intrepid Travel and cancel, your \$400 trip deposit becomes an Intrepid Travel credit (not refunded).
- Once we have the 8 person minimum for the Intrepid trip and we know the trip is definitely going to happen, Gina will pay the \$400 trip deposit per person to Intrepid Travel. After this deposit has been paid to Intrepid, it becomes an Intrepid trip credit if you cancel.
- Trip balance is payable **90 days** before the trip departure.
- If you cancel your trip **61-89 days** before trip departure, no refund is available. However, if the group minimum has been met and your cancellation does not affect the trip from happening, your \$400 trip deposit will be applied to a future Intrepid trip and the trip balance will be **100% refundable.** The goal is your cancelling the trip will not affect the others from being able to go as a group minimum of 8 people is necessary for each trip.
- If you cancel between **31-60 days** prior to departure, no refund is available. However, if the group minimum has been met and your cancellation does not affect the trip from happening, your \$400 trip deposit will be applied to a future Intrepid trip and the trip balance will be **70% refundable**.
- If you cancel between **15-30 days** prior to departure, no refund is available. However, if the group minimum has been met and your cancellation does not affect the trip from happening, your \$400 trip deposit will be applied to a future Intrepid trip and the trip balance will be **40% refundable**.
- If you cancel **14 days or fewer** prior to departure, Intrepid charges a cancellation fee of 100% of the booking cost.
- If the trip is canceled by Gina Henry/Go Global or Intrepid Travel, all trip monies are **100% refundable**.

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