



## Jordanian Country Guide

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### Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Thu, 1st November 2018.

*Exercise a high degree of caution in Jordan due to the threat of terrorist attack. Pay attention to your personal security at all times. Reconsider your need to travel to areas near the borders with Syria and Iraq. Take official warnings seriously and follow the instructions of local authorities. See [Safety and security](#).*

*There's an increased possibility of protests in Jordan in response to domestic and regional developments, economic issues and on significant anniversaries, particularly after Friday noon prayers. Avoid demonstrations and large gatherings as they may turn violent. Monitor the media and other sources of information about planned and possible unrest. Pay close attention to your personal security at all times. See [Safety and security](#). Extremists have expressed a desire to conduct attacks targeting Western visitors to Jordan. Jordanian authorities have disrupted several terrorist plots targeting Westerners. See [Safety and security](#).*

*The ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Syria have the potential to cause instability in Jordan. Jordanian security forces have deployed additional forces to areas bordering Syria and Iraq and are monitoring the security environment closely. See [Safety and security](#). Since April 2014, there have been ongoing incidents of civil unrest in Ma'an. See [Safety and security](#).*

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Jordan at [www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au).

### Tourist Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders travelling to Jordan as a tourist are required to have a visa. A 30 day single entry visa may be issued when entering Jordan at most entry points (excluding the King Hussein/Allenby Bridge crossing (Jordan/West Bank) and the Wadi Araba crossing (Jordan/Israel)) for 40 Jordanian Dinars (this may be reduced depending on a traveller's itinerary). Those entering Jordan with a tour group may be exempt from visa requirements and should check with their tour operator.

To apply for a visa from the Jordanian Embassy in Canberra, please see the visa application form for further instructions. Travellers are required to enter and exit Jordan before the validity of their visa expires. Visas usually take at least three business days to issue. Passports are recommended to be valid for six months beyond the period of intended stay and have at least one blank page. An exit fee of 10 Jordanian Dinars applies to those departing Jordan by land or sea. Additional conditions may apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact a Jordanian mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to receive a visa on arrival in Jordan.

### Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a traveller's individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including for Tetanus and Diphtheria (with a booster within the last 10 years), Whooping Cough, Polio (with a booster in adult life), Measles, Mumps and Rubella (two combination vaccinations through life), Chicken Pox and a recent annual Influenza vaccination. Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Jordan. Vaccination against Typhoid should also be considered, particularly if travelling to areas with poor sanitation. Persons staying in Jordan for extended periods or frequent travellers should consider immunisation against Hepatitis B and Rabies (especially if working with animals).

Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Jordan should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit [www.smarttraveller.gov.au/tips](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/tips).

### Jordanian Representation in Australia

Jordanian Embassy, Canberra

17 Cobbadah Street  
O'MALLEY, ACT 2606  
Tel: (02) 6295 9951  
Fax: (02) 6286 2044  
Web: [www.jordanembassy.org.au](http://www.jordanembassy.org.au)



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### Time Differences between Jordan and Australia

Jordan is Greenwich Mean Time +2 hours (+3 during daylight saving). During daylight saving the time zone used is Eastern European Summer Time (EEST). Daylight saving is observed from the last Friday in March to the last Friday in October.

Jordan, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 6pm; Darwin 7:30pm; Brisbane 8pm; Adelaide 8:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.  
 Jordan, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 5pm; Darwin, Adelaide 6:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 7pm.

### Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Jordan: +962

To Dial Australia Call:  
 00 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:  
 Call the US on 00 1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:  
 Call the US on 00 1 303 967 1090

MasterCard:  
 Call the US on 00 1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:  
 18800 000, then 888 937 2639

Emergency Services: 191  
 Ambulance 193 or 199  
 Fire 199  
 Police 191 or 192  
 911 and 112 may also work in some areas. Although there may be English speaking operators available, to avoid delay it is best to seek the assistance of an Arabic speaker to call the emergency services.

### Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

#### Passports

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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#### Credit Cards

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

#### Travel Insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Australian Representation in Jordan

Australian Embassy, Jordan

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Tel: (+962) 6 580 7000  
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Web [www.jordan.embassy.gov.au](http://www.jordan.embassy.gov.au)

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Jordan are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian Embassy in Amman or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at [www.orao.dfat.gov.au](http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au).



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### Duty Free Allowances

Duty Free allowance when entering Jordan:

Alcohol: 1 litre of alcoholic beverages (up to 4 litres can be brought in for payment of a small fee per bottle).  
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 25 cigars or 200g of tobacco.  
 Perfume: One open bottle.  
 Gifts: Up to JOD200.

For further information on customs and duty free regulations when entering Jordan, please contact Jordanian Customs at [www.customs.gov.jo](http://www.customs.gov.jo). Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply to these and other goods, travellers should familiarise themselves with these restrictions before entry.

### Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Plug: European, British and Indian.  
 Voltage: 220-240 volts Modem Plug: USA  
 View the Korjo adapter guide at [www.korjo.com.au](http://www.korjo.com.au) for further info.



Duty Free allowance when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres.  
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.  
 Other Tax Free Goods: Up to \$900 (\$450 for minors).

For further details on Australian duty free allowances and other customs restrictions please go to [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au).

### Public Holidays in Jordan 2018

National Public Holidays

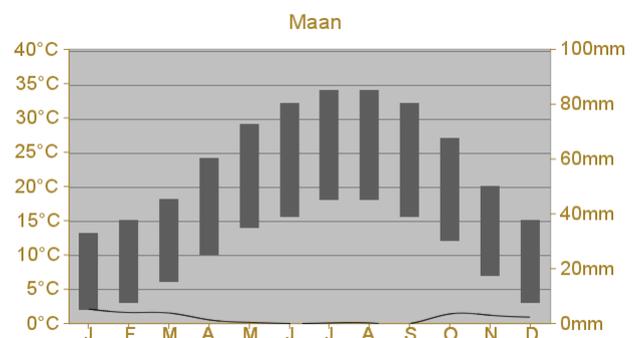
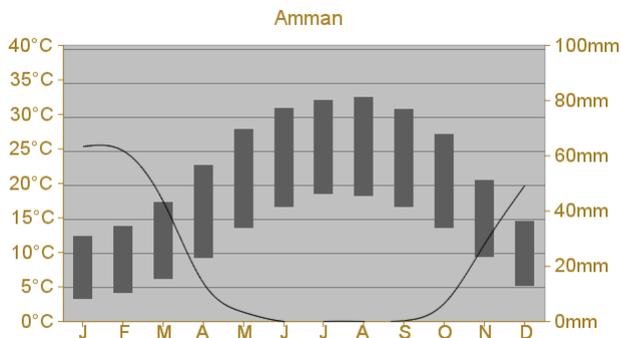
01 Jan:	New Years Day	20 - 24 Aug:	Feast of Sacrifice
01 May:	Labour Day	11 Sep:	Islamic New Year
25 May:	Independence Day	21 Nov:	Birth of Muhammad
15 - 16 Jun:	End of Ramadan	25 Dec:	Christmas Day

Other Days of Note

30 Mar:	Good Friday	08 Apr:	Orthodox Easter
01 Apr:	Easter	13 Apr:	Night of Ascension
02 Apr:	Easter Monday	15 May:	Ramadan Begins

Islamic holidays are determined by sightings of the moon and thus may vary. Adherence to holidays may also vary by region and community throughout Jordan.

### Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Jordan



For 5 day local forecasts please go to [www.bbc.co.uk/weather](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather).

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#### Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.50 Jordanian Dinar  
 1 Jordanian Dinar (JOD) = 1.98 Australian Dollars

#### With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 0.48 Jordanian Dinar  
 1 Jordanian Dinar (JOD) will cost 2.06 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

### Currency Cheat Sheet

0.50 JOD = \$1.03 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.		100 JOD = \$206.42 AUD	
1 JOD = \$2.06 AUD	10 JOD = \$20.64 AUD	100 JOD = \$206.42 AUD	2 JOD = \$4.13 AUD	20 JOD = \$41.28 AUD	200 JOD = \$412.85 AUD
3 JOD = \$6.19 AUD	30 JOD = \$61.93 AUD	300 JOD = \$619.27 AUD	4 JOD = \$8.26 AUD	40 JOD = \$82.57 AUD	400 JOD = \$825.69 AUD
5 JOD = \$10.32 AUD	50 JOD = \$103.21 AUD	500 JOD = \$1,032.12 AUD	6 JOD = \$12.39 AUD	60 JOD = \$123.85 AUD	600 JOD = \$1,238.54 AUD
7 JOD = \$14.45 AUD	70 JOD = \$144.50 AUD	700 JOD = \$1,444.96 AUD	8 JOD = \$16.51 AUD	80 JOD = \$165.14 AUD	800 JOD = \$1,651.39 AUD
9 JOD = \$18.58 AUD	90 JOD = \$185.78 AUD	900 JOD = \$1,857.81 AUD			
					1,000 JOD = \$2,064.23 AUD

### Notes and Coins of Jordan

The currency of Jordan is the Dinar, which is abbreviated using the symbol "JD". The dinar has three subunits, the Dirham (1/10 of a dinar), the Piastre or Qirsh (1/100 of a dinar) and the Fils (1/1000 of a dinar). 1 dinar = 10 dirham = 100 piastre = 1000 fils. Fils is the most commonly used subunit. The following units of currency are the most common however other units are also in circulation. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images when travelling.





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## About Jordan

Full Name: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan  
 (Al Mamlakah al Urduniyah al Hashimiyah).

Independence: 1946  
 (from British administered Transjordan).

Population: 6.5 million (similar to NSW).

Size: 89,342 km<sup>2</sup> (30% larger than TAS).

Ethnicity: Arab 98%, Circassian 1%,  
 Armenian 1%.

Language: Arabic (official), English is also  
 widely understood in many areas.

Religion: Sunni Muslim 92% (official),  
 Christian 6% (majority Greek Orthodox).

### Significant Dates:

- 66 BC - Rome conquers the region.
- 636 AD - Khalid ibn al-Walid brings the region under Muslim rule.
- 1500's - Ottoman Turkish rule.
- 1916-18 - Arab revolt against Ottomans.
- 1921-46 - British protectorate of Transjordan.
- 1946 - Transjordan independence Abdullah I becomes King.
- 1948 - Arab-Israeli war, Jordan annexes West Bank.
- 1953-99 - Reign of King Hussein.
- 1967 - Six Day Arab-Israeli War, West Bank lost to Israel.
- 1970-71 - Black September, government and Palestinian forces battle.
- 1994 - Israeli Jordanian peace treaty.
- 1999 - Abdullah II becomes King.

### Largest States:

Amman	pop - 2.3 million
Irbid	pop - 930,000
Az Zarqa	pop - 800,000
Balqa	pop - 340,000
Mafraq	pop - 240,515

