

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**



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This is Ian Allan Aviation Tours' first tour to Jordan (but not our tour organisers'), to visit the Royal Jordanian Air Force (RJAF). We have now received confirmation of visits to 3 of their main airbases, including As Shaheed Muwaffaq al Salti airbase with its resident squadrons of F-16s and Mirages.

We hope to have further tours in the years ahead.

Sightseeing in Jordan includes the famous Graeco-Roman city of Jerash, and the National War Memorial to see the RJAF Hawker Hunter.

We fly to Amman on the scheduled services of Royal Jordanian Airlines from London's Heathrow Airport; travel in-country by air-conditioned coach; stay each night in a comfortable hotel on a bed and breakfast basis; and are accompanied by a fully licensed, local English-speaking guide.

Tour price includes Jordanian visa and departure tax when travelling with the main group from London.

We have included a Land Only price for those enthusiasts who cannot fly from London, or wish to arrange their own flights.

Please note that places on this tour are limited to 25.

### **PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)**

#### **DAY 1: Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Between 13:00 – 15:00 please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts, at Royal Jordanian Airlines check-in area which is located in Departures on the ground floor of Terminal 3 at London's Heathrow Airport. You are required to check-in no later than 2-hours prior to departure: 15:05.

→ London Heathrow, Terminal 3	Flight: RJ 112	Departs: 17:05
→ Queen Alia International Airport, Amman		Arrives: 23:59

Meeting our local guide and driver we transfer the 18 miles (30 minutes) to the Jordanian capital, Amman, where we stay 4-nights at the Al Waleed Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis. This fine hotel has a restaurant and bar on-site and is located near to one of the major shopping areas in the Jordanian capital. Website: <http://www.alwaleedhotel.com/index.htm>

#### **DAY 2: Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April**

This morning we visit the King Abdullah airbase at Marka, home of 3 Sqn (C-130H and C295); 7 Sqn (AS332M-1); 8 Sqn (UH-1H); and 14 Sqn (EC635T1, AS350B3 and Swiezer SA2-37).

Later we see the famous, ancient Graeco-Roman city of Jerash – known as the “Pompeii of the East” due to its excellent state of preservation. Website: <http://www.visitjordan.com/Default.aspx?tabid=65>.

#### **DAY 3: Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Our visit today is to the King Hussein Air College in Mafrqa, to 4 Sqn (T67M260); 5 Sqn (H550D and AS350B3); and 11 Sqn (Casa C-101).

Arriving back in Amman, we have a short coach tour of the city including the National War Memorial which has a Hawker Hunter on display.

#### DAY 4: Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April

After breakfast we drive to Al Azraq, to the As Shaheed Muwaffaq al Salti airbase: 1 Sqn (Mirage F1BJ/F1CJ/F1EJ); 2 Sqn (F-16A/B ADF); and 6 Sqn: (F-16A/B ADF).

Military historians will recall that Al Azraq was the headquarters of Aircraftman Shaw, or T.E. Lawrence - better known as Lawrence of Arabia!



#### DAY 5: Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April

Departing the hotel at 08:30 we transfer by coach to Queen Alia International Airport and check in for our flight back to London; latest check-in time for our Royal Jordanian Airlines flight is 09:50.

→ Amman Flight: RJ 111 Departs: 11:50  
→ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3 Arrives: 15:25

After the usual arrival formalities we await our luggage in Baggage Reclaim and take the opportunity to bid farewell to each other – until the next time!

PRICE PER PERSON FROM	TOUR: 227015B
£ 998.00	Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis
£ 65.00	Single room supplement
£ 469.00	Land-only (NO flights) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING</i>

#### TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Return flights on the scheduled services of Royal Jordanian Airlines from London's Heathrow Airport
- UK & Jordanian airport taxes and UK Passenger Service Charge
- Jordanian visa if entering/leaving Jordan with the main group
- Jordanian departure tax if entering/leaving Jordan with the main group
- All coach transfers and transportation as currently stated
- 4 nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast each day
- Admission to the National War Museum
- Admission to all historical sites as stated
- Services of a local English-speaking guide throughout
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Meals, other than those stated above as being an included item
- Travel insurance – see General Information
- Visas – if travelling separate from the main group: see General Information
- Any Jordanian arrival or departure taxes, if travelling separate from the main group, only payable locally
- Personal expenditure, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Gratuity for coach drivers
- Tips and gratuities

### Payment for Ian Allan Aviation Tours

A deposit of £250.00 per person per tour should accompany your Booking Form, with the balance due 10 weeks prior to the tour's departure. Please see your Booking Confirmation/Invoice for the exact date. Please note that a reminder of the payment date will not be sent.

### Passports and Visas

Citizens of the UK are required to be in possession of a Full UK Passport, which must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of your return. You may also refer to the World Travel Guide website: [www.wtgonline.com](http://www.wtgonline.com) for general information on passports, visas and health requirements.

Holders of a UK passport require a visa to enter Jordan: it currently costs £11.00. However, if entering and departing Jordan with the main group the visa (and departure tax) is included in the tour price. If travelling separately from the main group you will require a Tourist Visa. Information and application form will be sent on request, or click on the following link [www.jordanembassy.org.uk](http://www.jordanembassy.org.uk) and go to the "Consulate Section". You will also pay a Departure Tax on leaving Jordan.

Non-UK passport holders should contact their nearest Jordanian Embassy or check their website.

### Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) Consular Advice

The FCO's consular service is a major operation. Every hour of every day consular staff around the world are advising and helping British nationals. For up-to-date passport, visa and security information on the destination you intend visiting, we suggest you visit [www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo](http://www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo)

In addition, the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) provide an Information Line, telephone: 0901 201 505 (calls currently charged at 50p per minute).

### Military Visits

All visits to the RJAF are confirmed. However, all visits are subject to unforeseen events in the Middle East and may be re-arranged and/or cancelled with limited or no warning. As such Ian Allan Travel Ltd. cannot be held responsible.

Smart, casual clothing must be worn on all military visits – see paragraph below on "Dress".

### Baggage Regulations – Royal Jordanian Airlines (RJA)

**Hold baggage** – Flying Economy Class, you are currently allowed 1 piece in the aircraft's hold, whose 3 dimensions do not exceed 62 inches (158cms); maximum weight is 64lbs (30kgs).

**Hand baggage** - Passengers can take only 1 standard-sized bag no bigger than 20" x 16" x 9" (51cm x 41cm x 23cm) including wheels, pockets and handles. Plus a coat, umbrella, walking stick, small camera or binoculars.

Restrictions remain in place for the carriage of liquids, gels, and creams in hand baggage for all passengers departing from and transferring through all EU airports. Some other airports around the world operate their own restrictions. Customers are advised to check before they travel.

Limited quantities of liquids (individual containers must not exceed 100ml or 3.5 fl oz), are allowed as hand baggage but must be carried separately through security in a clear plastic, zip-top or re-sealable bag that does not exceed 20cm x 20cm (8 inches x 8 inches), or quart size. Items must fit in the bag comfortably and the bag must be completely closed.

The bag can only contain liquids such as shampoo, suntan lotions, creams, toothpaste, hair gel and hair spray, perfumes, cosmetics such as mascara and lip gloss, water and other drinks, soups and syrups and other items of a similar consistency.

Cigarette lighters are NOT permitted in hold baggage or through the security search. These may be purchased airside. Hand baggage can also include electronic equipment such as mobile phones, digital cameras and MP3 players (such as i-Pods). Laptops must be removed from the bag for x-ray.

Prescription medicines in liquid form, e.g. diabetic kit can also be included.

At security all remaining items should be placed in the tray provided for screening, e.g. car keys and fobs, cash, solid food, books, newspapers, cigarettes and tobacco, belts and shoes. Pushchairs and walking aids are permitted but must be x-ray screened. All wheelchairs will be subject to search. Please note: you may be subject to a hand search by the security team and required to remove footwear to be x-ray screened.

### **Baggage Weight Restrictions – UK Airports**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004, any single piece of checked baggage weighing more than 70lbs (32kgs) has not been accepted at check-in by any airline operating from London's Heathrow Airport. The BAA may introduce this limit at their other airports in the UK (and so might non-BAA airports), in an attempt to reduce manual handling injuries amongst airport staff. Please bear this in mind when packing your suitcase.

### **Meals**

On this tour continental breakfast each morning is included in the tour price.

### **Health Requirements**

There are no known mandatory or recommended precautions for visiting Jordan; however, we strongly recommend you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

### **Climate and Dress**

The weather in April should be warm and sunny (high 70s°F), so we recommend summer attire but with a jumper or jacket for the cooler evenings.

Out of respect for our Jordanian hosts, everyone **MUST** wear smart, casual clothing. T-shirts, shorts, jeans or flip-flops are not acceptable. Open-neck, short-sleeved shirts and slacks are perfect.

Please note that anyone who is dressed inappropriately will not be allowed on the military visits.

### **Travel Insurance**

For citizens of the United Kingdom, Ian Allan Travel Ltd are able to offer competitive and comprehensive insurance cover. However, if you do not wish to take out our insurance, you must ensure that comparable or greater cover is taken. The number of your Insurance Policy should be written, if known, on your Booking Form at the time of making the reservation, but no later than the date when final payment is due. A copy of the policy must be forwarded to Ian Allan Travel Ltd.

Individual insurance policies are arranged through CoverMore Insurance Services Limited; the premiums for which will vary according to your circumstances. Full details are available on request.

These policies also include cover for non-scheduled flights, i.e. pleasure flights, where the aircraft is licensed and insured to undertake such flights, and where a payment is made.

### **Wheelchair Assistance at Airports.**

Anyone requiring wheelchair assistance at airports must have this service requested and confirmed in advance. Airlines and/or airports can no longer provide this service without prior confirmation, therefore, please annotate your booking form accordingly.

### **Flexible Itinerary**

We are very happy for enthusiasts to take time away from the printed itinerary to pursue their own interests during multi-day stays in the same place, so long as they inform the Tour Manager. It will be the individual's responsibility to ensure that they re-join the group in the hotel at the stated time on the day of departure.

### **Land Only Price**

For enthusiasts who would prefer to join the tour in Amman (instead of flying from the UK with the main group), we have included a 'Land Only' price. This price *does not* include international flights to/from Jordan.

You are strongly advised to contact us before making your own flight arrangements in the event that there has been a change to the published itinerary.

Please note that the 'Land only' price is based on you meeting the tour at the hotel in Amman and no airport transfers are included. However, should your flight arrival and departure times coincide with those of the main group a seat will be offered if available for an appropriate supplement.

### **Flight Timings & Connecting Travel Arrangements to Departure Airport**

All flight departure and arrival times are correct at the time of preparing each itinerary; however, airlines may change these times with little or no prior warning. In practice such changes are only a few minutes either way or the final itinerary will show the actual times. Clients making their own arrangements to get to the departure airport by air, rail, coach etc., should bare the above in mind if purchasing non-refundable or non-changeable tickets. Ian Allan Travel cannot be held responsible for any changes to flight times and any privately arranged travel tickets to the airport becoming invalid.

**Pre-departure**

For connecting flights from UK regional airports - please call Ian Allan Travel on 01932 255627 for the latest special offers available.

Airport Hotel and/or Car Parking - we can offer special rates for the above at most UK airports, please ask for details.

**'Meet & Greet' Car Parking:** drive from your home or overnight hotel, directly to the Pick Up/Drop Off Lane immediately outside Terminal 3 and your car will be collected by a driver and taken to an off-airport, secure, car park. On your return the driver and your car will be waiting for you in the Pick Up/Drop Off lane. Simple and very convenient. Recommended by our Tour Managers. Please call for details.

**Pleasure Flights – Disclaimer**

Should you decide to undertake any pleasure/sightseeing flights which have not been offered or sanctioned by us, Ian Allan Travel Ltd will not be held liable for any injuries or death resulting thereon.

**Tours Affected by World Events or Unforeseen/Unplanned Circumstances**

In an ever-changing world, events may occur immediately before or during a tour that result in cancellations or changes to the tour itinerary. For example, an increase in security may result in an approved visit being cancelled by the host, etc..

Ian Allan Travel Ltd cannot be held responsible for any tour being cancelled, or itineraries affected, due to world events or circumstances beyond our control.

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