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DAY 1 MONDAY, APRIL 24 - Arrival Allenby Bridge/ Dead Sea (20 Km)

Pick up from the Jordanian side of the Allenby Bridge and transfer to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the surface of the earth, for a swim in its warm, salty waters. Free time at leisure at the Dead Sea resort. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 2 TUESDAY, APRIL 25 - Dead Sea/ Madaba/ Mount Nebo/ Wadi Mujib/ Kerak/ Petra (350 Km)

Breakfast. Departure through the King's Highway, an ancient route that still has marks left from traders, armies and pilgrims who crossed it centuries ago, which was once part of the ancient Silk Road. Visit the Christian Town of Madaba, which is known as 'The City of Mosaics'. You will be visiting the St. George Greek Orthodox Church, where you will see the masterpiece of Madaba (a Byzantine mosaic map of the Holy Land that goes back to the 6th century, showing Jerusalem and other cities). You will also visit the Archaeological Park, which houses the remains of several Byzantine churches, including the amazing mosaics of the Church of the Virgin. The park complex includes a school for the restoration and conservation of ancient mosaics.

Take a detour to Mt. Nebo, which is considered to be one of the most important holy sites in Jordan, as it is believed to be the place where Moses climbed from the Valley of Moab, and from where God showed him the Promised Land, as well as Moses' last resting place. It features ruins from the 4th to the 6th century with marvelous mosaics adorning the grounds of the church still visible.

Proceed via Wadi Al Mujib, a gorge proudly known as "The Grand Canyon" of Jordan, featuring some of Jordan's most breathtaking views, where you can stop for a few minutes to enjoy the beautiful panoramic view. Continue the journey to the city of Kerak, where you will visit the Crusader's Castle, with its diverse history dated from the Byzantine to the Mamluk period, and get to know the architectural military brilliance of the Crusaders. Continue to your hotel in Petra. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 - Petra (1 Km)

Breakfast. We will start our journey to explore Petra, aptly described as the "Rose-Red city, half as old as time". The ancient city was founded by the Nabateans 2000 years ago. Its massive architectural structure and its multicolored stones are an incredible attraction. The visit of the ancient Nabatean capital starts with a walk through the Siq, a long narrow fissure between two overhanging cliffs. Towards the end of the Siq, you will be spellbound by Petra's most famous monument; the Treasury. The tour then proceeds to gradually unfold the mysteries of the city. Return to your hotel in Petra. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

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DAY 4 THURSDAY, APRIL 27 - Petra/ Wadi Rum/ Amman (420 Km)

Breakfast. Transfer south to the enchanting desert of Wadi Rum, Jordan's largest desert and one of the most spectacular desert landscapes in the world. Enjoy a 4x4 Bedouin Jeep Tour inside the Wadi, covering its main highlights. Transfer to Amman for a free evening at leisure. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 5 FRIDAY, APRIL 28 - Amman City Tour/ Jerash/ Amman (115 Km)

Breakfast. Departure to start the City Tour of Amman, where you will visit Jebel al-Qala'a (the Citadel), with its remains of the Roman Temple of Hercules, Umayyad Palace and excellent views over downtown. The National Archaeological Museum, home to ancient findings from the whole country, is located on the Citadel grounds. Continue to the impressive Roman Theater, the largest in Jordan, with room for 6,000 spectators. The small Folklore Museum and Museum of Popular Traditions are adjacent to the Theater. Free time for walking/shopping in bustling markets of the downtown area, locally known as al-Balad. Proceed to visit the Greco-Roman City of Jerash, also known as the City of the thousand columns. Jerash showcases the grandeur of Imperial Rome (and is sometimes referred to as the Pompeii of the East). It is considered one of the largest, and most well-preserved sites of Roman architecture in the World outside Italy. As the most pristine Decapolis City (meaning ten cities in Greek) in the modern world, Jerash's prosperity can be admired in the colonnaded main street and lovely Oval Piazza. Transfer back to Amman. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 6 SATURDAY, APRIL 29 - Amman/ Departure (40 Km)

Breakfast. Transfer to Queen Alia International Airport for departure.

Each day, Dr. John Neufeld will present Bible teaching at various locations as we travel around Jordan!
The order of itinerary may change based on operational considerations during the tour.

HOTELS:

Dead Sea
Kempinski Ishtar Dead Sea
(5-star Deluxe)
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