

# JORDAN

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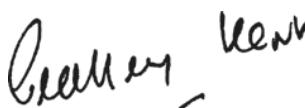
# There is travel and there is Abercrombie & Kent

Ever since I first visited Jordan, I have been completely charmed by its culture and the friendliness of its people – and amazed by its incredible sights. So I was thrilled when we were finally able to set up our own Abercrombie & Kent office in Amman 1998.

Since then, A&K has been pioneering fresh ways to show visitors the wonders of this fascinating kingdom, which for such a tiny country has an extraordinary wealth of history and landscape. From the Greco-Roman beauties of Jerash, to Crusader castles, and the unique Nabatean city of Petra carved into the rose-red rock itself, the echoes of past civilisations still tantalise today's traveler. Mix in a little romance with the stunning desert - scapes of Lawrence of Arabia's beloved Wadi Rum, plus an opportunity to experience the unique waters and luxurious spas of the Dead Sea - and you have one of the world's great destinations.

Having our own office in Jordan enables A&K to oversee every detail of a tailor-made programme, starting with an in-depth knowledge of the destination that means we can plan itineraries with exceptional care and sensitivity to the needs of each individual traveler. Then once our guests arrive, we ensure they see Jordan's wonders in comfort and style, with seamless ground operations and an unmatched level of personalized service. With A&K, you can be sure that a visit to Jordan will be a travel experience never to be forgotten.

With best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Kent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Geoffrey" on the left and "Kent" on the right, connected by a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Kent  
Founder, Chairman and CEO



# JORDAN

From the world-famous site of Petra to the ochre colors of Wadi Rum, the ruins of Jerash to the calming waters of the Dead Sea, Jordan is as diverse as it is fascinating.



Travel with one of our knowledgeable national guides to gain the most thorough insight into this fascinating country from true experts a unique opportunity not available to most visitors.

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# Abercrombie & Kent

Your professional travel guide to Jordan



Jordan is blessed with a Mediterranean climate for pleasurable year-round travel.



## Amman City

The Citadel which towers above the city from atop Jabal al-Qala'a is a good place to begin a tour of the city. The Citadel is the site of ancient Rabbath - Ammon, and excavations here have revealed numerous Roman, Byzantine and early Islamic remains. The most impressive building of the Citadel, known simply as al-Qasr "the Palace", dates back to the Islamic Umayyad period. Its exact function is unclear, but it includes a monumental gateway, an audience hall and four vaulted chambers. A colonnaded street also runs through the complex. To the north and northeast are the ruins of Umayyad palace grounds.



Meet the wine maker Omar Zumot himself and get an insight into his passion for fine wine. Learn how it all began for wine making in Jordan, then enjoy an evening of wine tasting of the Saint George wines accompanied either by a set menu dinner or a variety of cheeses, cold cuts and baguettes.



## Helicopter Ride

Private helicopter companies don't exist in Jordan, so we hire ours from the Royal Air Force. The helicopter pictured above is the same one which His Majesty King Abdullah II uses for his guests. The Super Puma is a four-bladed, twin-engine, medium-size utility helicopter marketed for both civil and military use.

## Hijaz Train

Take a journey back in time on an authentic steam locomotive that still runs along the historical Hijaz Railway, dating back to the beginning of the century. Guests travel to Al Jiza, one of the many old Ottoman stations along the Hijaz Railway.





## Royal Automobile Museum

The Royal Automobile Museum depicts the history of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, from the early 1920's until the present day.

The museum offers the visitor an insight into the history of the Kingdom through the exhibited cars from the era of King Abdullah I, the founder of the Kingdom, to the current era of His Majesty King Abdullah II. These exhibits recap the development of the Kingdom in pace with the automotive advancement in the country and its transformation since the Great Arab Revolt during World War I.

## Royal Stables



The Royal Stables is a passion for the Royal Family, championed by Her Royal Highness Princess Alia (sister of King Abdullah II). The stables date back to the 1970's when all the horses were owned by the Hashemite Royal Family members. The Saddles museum dates back to the time of the Islam & Arab Revolution.



## Jerash

Courtesy of the Roman Army and Chariot Experience (RACE), A&K Jordan is able to bring to life a display of Roman Army warfare techniques, including war machines in action, exclusively for our guests. Discover how the Romans lived many decades ago through this experience, set in a true ancient Roman city, Jerash.



Relive Roman society in the well-preserved city of Jerash. Traverse the desert dunes by 4WD and cook up delicious Middle Eastern cuisine.



## Ajloun

Qal'at Ar-Rabad, as it is known in Arabic, is located on a high peak overlooking the city of Ajloun, some 24 kilometers west of Jerash. This castle was allegedly built between 1184 and 1185 AD by one of the Salah-Eddin nephews to oppose the Crusaders' castles of Kerak and Shobak.

The Mameluks extended the original building, the Mongols conquered it in 1260 and its first restoration took place in 1929.

A deep moat cut into the rock surrounds the castle and the drawbridge has now been replaced by an iron footbridge. Ajloun Castle is a complex fortification with several floors, from which people were able to defend against an attack or siege, even after the first two doors had been conquered.





## Umm Qais

Gadara (known today as Umm Qais), was the site of the miracle of the Gadarene swine.

According to Matthew's Gospel, Jesus chased demons inside pigs that threw themselves into Lake Tiberias, also called the Sea of Galilee. In its day, Umm Qais was renowned as a cultural center, home to several classical poets and philosophers.

Umm Qais is perched on a splendid hilltop overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Sea of Galilee, from this natural plateau one can enjoy a spectacular view on the Northern part of the Holy Land on a clear day. Still visible are the remains from three major periods: Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman.



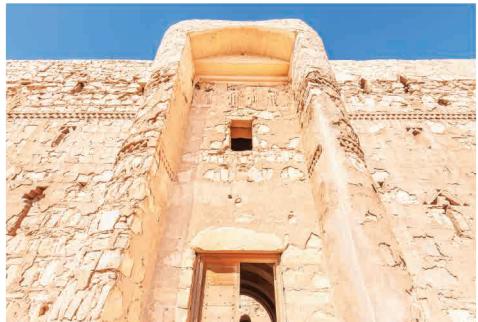


## Desert Castles

Jordan's Desert Castles are beautiful examples of both early Islamic art and architecture, and are a stand testament to a fascinating era in the country's rich history. Their fine mosaics, frescoes, stone and stucco carvings and illustrations, inspired by the best in Persian and Greco - Roman traditions, tell countless stories of the life as it was during the fifth to the eighth centuries.

## Kharaneh Castle

Qasr el-Kharaneh was probably rebuilt by the Umayyad in AD 711 over a Roman or Byzantine site. This mighty structure, with its imposing walls and narrow slits, looks like a military fortress; experts believe that it was probably used as a caravansary, being set on the path of several ancient trade routes.





## Amra Castle

Qasr Amra is the most charming of all the Umayyad buildings in Jordan. It was built as a bath-house (a place of leisure) by the Umayyad Caliph el-Walid I around (AD 711). The real outstanding attraction of Qasr Amra is the frescoes adorning its interior walls and ceilings.

## Azraq Castle

Qala'at al-Azraq is a large castle built out of black basalt, and in its present form dates to the beginning of the 13th century. The Umayyad maintained it as a military base. During WWI, Sheriff Hussein and TE Lawrence made it their desert headquarters in the winter of 1917, during the Arab Revolt against Turks.





## The Azraq Wetland Reserve

The Azraq Wetland Reserve was established in 1978. It is located in the eastern desert and covers 12 square kilometers. If you head east out of Amman you pass the other best known "Desert Castles" of Qasr Kharaneh and Qasr Amra on the road going through Muwaggar.



The area is home to water buffaloes, blue-necked ostriches, Nubian ibexes and countless varieties of dragonflies. Board walks and bird hides have been built to enable visitors to see and enjoy this green area in the heart of the desert.



## Biblical Jordan

### Madaba

Madaba is one of the most memorable places in the holy land; it is located south of Amman. Dubbed “the city of mosaics”, Madaba offers many sites to explore. Amongst them the chief attraction – in the contemporary Greek Orthodox church of St. George – is a wonderfully vivid 6th century Byzantine mosaic map showing Jerusalem and other holy sites. With two million pieces of colored stone and measuring 25x25 meters in its original state (most of which can still be seen today). The map depicts hills and valleys, villages and towns, as far away as the Nile Delta. This masterpiece is unrivalled in Jordan, but there are dozens of other mosaics from the 5th through the 7th centuries scattered throughout Madaba’s churches and homes.





## Mount Nebo

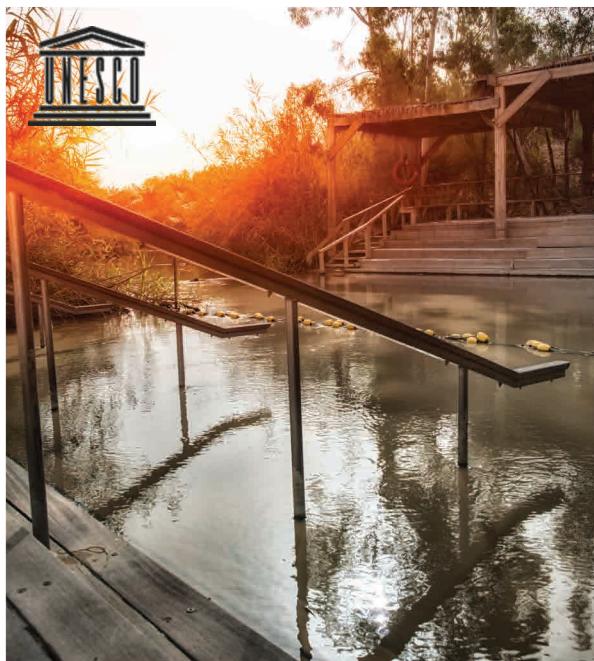


Mount Nebo is the mountain from where Moses was allowed to see the Holy Land... but not allowed to enter it. Nowadays the mountain is a memorial site. Here you can find the "Church of Moses", built by the first Christians and displaying a large number of beautiful mosaics. Ever since the first days of Christianity this mountain has been a holy place and a destination for pilgrimage. Like Moses, guests can have a great view over Jordan, the Dead Sea and Israel. When the weather is clear, you should even be able to see Jerusalem, which is about 60 kilometers away.





## The Baptism Site



mission in the land of modern Jordan, where Jesus was baptized and also ended his life. He was arrested by Herod Antipas, imprisoned in the fortress of Machareus (modern Mukawir, 65 km. south of Amman and overlooking the Dead Sea shores) and beheaded upon the request of Salome, Herod Antipas' step daughter (Mark, 6:17-29). Bethany was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2015.

The excavations conducted at Bethany in Jordan have uncovered a I Century AD settlement with plastered pools and water systems that were used almost certainly for mass baptisms, and a V-VI Century Byzantine settlement with churches, a monastery, and other structures most probably catering to religious pilgrims. A survey about the site documented an ancient sacred pilgrimage route that linked Jerusalem, the Jordan River, Bethany "beyond the Jordan" as mentioned in the Gospels. John the Baptist started his



## Dead Sea

At 400 meters below sea level, the Dead Sea is infinite in what it has to offer. With the highest content of minerals and salts in the world, the Dead Sea water possesses anti-inflammatory properties. The dark mud found on the shores has been used for over 2000 years for therapeutic purposes as well.

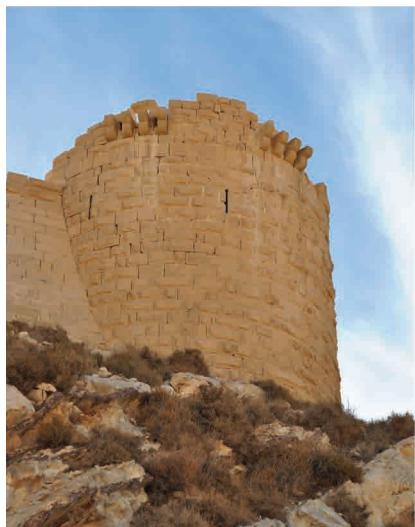
Since time began, travelers have been drawn to the Dead Sea to bathe in its relaxing and therapeutic waters. As rich in history as it is in minerals, this salty closed sea is the best place in the world to reinvigorate your skin and counter the effects of aging and the stress of everyday life.



| Special beach dinner | Cycling at The Dead Sea |



## The King's Highway



An ancient route that existed for thousands of years indexing many sites of prehistoric villages, biblical towns, Crusader castles, Christian mosaics, Nabatean temples, Roman fortresses, Islamic towns and many of the archaeological sites along Jordan.

The highway was also an important pilgrimage route for Christians for it was the path followed by Moses from Mount Sinai to Mount Nebo.

Muslims used it as the main Hajj route to Mecca from Syria until the Ottoman Turks built the Hijaz Railway.



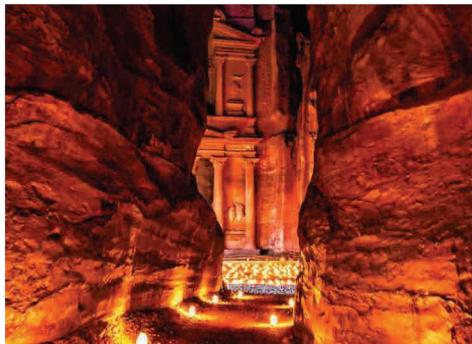
The major sites on this route are Kerak Crusaders' Castle and the Montreal Castle of Shoubak.



## Petra

A worldwide wonder, Petra is without doubt Jordan's most valuable treasure and the greatest tourist attraction. It is a vast, unique city, carved into the sheer rock face by the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab civilization who settled here more than 2000 years ago. They turned the site into an important junction for the silk, spice and other trade routes that linked China, India and southern Arabia with Egypt, Syria, Greece and Rome. Start the visit with a horse ride from the main gate of Petra to the entrance of the old city (around 800 meters ride).

## Petra By Night



Enjoy a magical, candlelit visit to the Rose-Red city of Petra. The special aura of the ancient Nabatean trading empire comes to life as you enjoy a stroll through the mysterious Siq of Petra. At Al-Khazneh (The Treasury), music and stories will help you experience Petra as the travel-weary traders of old must have known it.



## Wadi Rum

Otherwise known as Valley of the Moon, the largest and most magnificent of Jordan's desert landscapes, this is a stupendous, timeless place, virtually untouched by humans. A maze of monolithic rocks capes rises up from the desert floor to heights of 1750 meters creating a natural challenge for serious mountaineers. Hikers can enjoy the tranquility of the boundless empty spaces.

## Four-Wheel Drive

These cars are owned and operated by local Bedouins of the area through their coops to support the local community, so they are simple 4x4 vehicles.



| Hot Air Balloon | Camel ride | Cocktail Reception |



## Aqaba

Greatly prized as Jordan's window to the sea, Aqaba brings a refreshing release from the rose-colored desert to the north. Its sandy beaches and coral reefs are the most pristine on the Red Sea and Jordanians continuously work hard to preserve it as such. It was built over the remains of several very ancient sites.

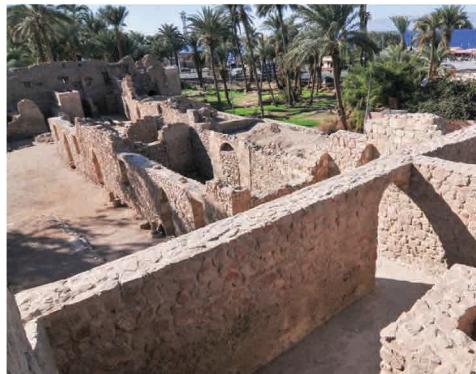
## Sindbad



Sindbad Marine Transportation Yachting & Water Sports celebrates over 10 years of service in the Gulf of Aqaba, providing all the water sports and yachting activities for over a decade.



## Aqaba Fort



Aqaba Fort is located on the city's waterfront. The Fort dates back to the 14th century and was built by one of the last Mameluke Sultans, Qansah al-Ghouri. An interesting Hashemite Coat of Arms hangs at its main entrance, which was placed there during WWI after the Turks were expelled from Aqaba by the combined British-Arab forces in 1917.



Abercrombie & Kent Jordan was founded in 1998 and offers the finest and most deluxe ground operations available in Jordan.



## Wild Jordan

The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) is a non-governmental organization of international standing devoted to the conservation of Jordan's natural environment. Created in 1966 under the patronage of His Royal Majesty late King Hussein, RSCN has been given responsibility by the Jordanian Government for protecting the country's wildlife and wild places.

## Mujib Reserve



The Mujib Reserve is the lowest nature reserve in the world, with a spectacular array of scenery near the east coast of the Dead Sea. The reserve is located within the deep Wadi Mujib gorge, which enters the Dead Sea at 410 meters below sea level.

This 1300 meters variation in elevation, combined with the Valley's year-round water, means that Wadi Mujib enjoys a magnificent bio-diversity that is still being explored and documented today.



## Dana Nature Reserve



Dana Nature Reserve covers 308 square kilometers and is a world of natural treasures. The reserve contains a remarkable diversity of landscapes, which range from wooded highlands to rocky slopes and from gravel plains to sand dunes.

## Feynan Eco Lodge

Isolated from paved roads and electricity supplies, the Feynan Eco - lodge is a totally new concept in environmentally friendly accommodation.

This solar - powered lodge is exclusively candlelit all through the calm nights of Wadi Araba and provides 26 uniquely designed rooms for visitors who wish to explore this undiscovered and archeologically rich area of Jordan.



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A&K EVENTS





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# A&K Incentive Shows

## The Royal Welcome



Courtesy of the King's Royal Army; A&K will be glad to welcome your group with Royal Greeting by the Royal Army Band. This is the same band used by the government, the Royal Court and also the Royal Army to greet all official delegations to Jordan.

The A&K Event Team provides you with over 20 years of experience in Event Management to assist with events at any location supported with full marshal and logistic documentation.

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# A&K Incentive Shows

## The Mock Attack



Once out into the open desert beyond the outskirts of Amman, a mob of Bedouins on horseback will "attack" the train, forcing it into stop. They will then pretend to kidnap some of the passengers.

The rest of the group will be invited into a Bedouin tent where the old Sheikh of the village will negotiate with the eldest person in the group

or the head of the group to release the hostages. Our A&K guide will be translating the terms. Later, after the hostages return, the entire group will be invited to join the Bedouins for coffee or tea and Arabic sweets.

## Arabic Show



## Bedouin Show





# A&K Reception & Catering

## The Citadel Gala Dinner



We can arrange a private orchestra to perform exclusively for our guests or provide any kind of live music entertainment. We can arrange a cocktail reception or an unforgettable dinner catered by one of the five star hotels in Amman. High above the city, at the ancient Citadel in the middle of the Roman temple ruins overlooking the old city of Amman or inside the Umayyad Palace located at the Citadel, anything is possible.

## The Royal Automobile Museum

Enjoy an exclusive tour and a private dinner at the Royal Automobile Museum. You will be shown the amazing collection of cars which highlight the life of His Majesty the late King Hussein, who was a great car enthusiast, and the many aspects of his leadership.





# A&K Reception & Catering

## Little Petra Reception & Dinner



Dine under the stars at Beida, or "Little Petra" as it is known among local people. This is a 2,000 year-old site in a magical rocky setting. A sound and light show reveals the monument in all its glorious detail and showcases the sublime setting. Dinner is served, accompanied by oriental classical music that continues under the clear desert night sky.

## Jerash Gala Dinner

Visit the city of Jerash at night and enjoy a privately and exclusively orchestrated dinner planned to the last detail.

Dinner will be catered by a five star hotel and you will eat your meal to the sound of a live pianist playing on stage of one of the many amphitheatres in Jerash.

Fireworks will light up the sky to make your night at the Roman city truly unforgettable.





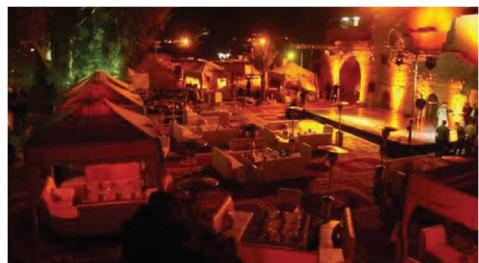
## Private Dinner at the Cave Bar



Upon arrival into Petra, A&K will be setting up the Nabatean Cave for a private dinner before your visit of Petra itself... the cave is located at the entrance of Petra.

## Aqaba Fort Gala Dinner

A celebration fit for kings at the Aqaba ancient Fortress. This celebration will include a catered dinner at the site with live music and entertainment... HAIL Folklore Band will perform several shows during dinner with their state of art costumes.



## Dead Sea Dinner



The Dead Sea is a holiday drive for visitors from around the world. Besides floating like a mermaid in this salt lake, A&K can arrange an oriental themed dinner right on the beach catered by one of the five star resorts there. This dinner includes sound & light, and a billy dancing show. Guests to wear local outfits during the event.



# A&K Reception & Catering

## Lunch at Kerak Castle



A&K will set up the prison of the castle to transform it into the banqueting venue to host your lunch in this room, dating back to the crusaders' time.

## Catering at Qatraneh

Our team will bring this Ancient Ottoman Palace back to life in order to host your guests for this special event. In the middle of the desert, a five-star catering service will be provided with lunch and a folklore show.



## Wadi Rum Sunset Reception



Watch the beautiful sunset in the desert while enjoying a glass of champagne along with some small finger food (canapés).

A black and white photograph of a swimming pool area. In the foreground, there's a rocky edge of a pool with a depth marker of "115 cm". The pool water is calm. In the background, several palm trees stand near a building with a tiled roof. There are lounge chairs and umbrellas under the shade of the trees. The overall atmosphere is tropical and relaxing.

# & Accommodation



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# AMMAN HOTELS



## Four Seasons Hotel

- Hilltop location affords dramatic views.
- Enjoy Dead Sea treatments at the spa.
- Generously-sized rooms with spacious bathrooms.

## Kempinski Hotel

- Situated in the center of the business district of the capital Amman.
- The spa has a fitness center, a sauna and a steam room.
- The best wining and dining experience in Amman.



## Intercontinental Hotel

- Located atop one of Amman's seven hills.
- Within walking distance of the old city center.
- Palm-fringed outdoor pool and a palatial indoor pool.

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## AMMAN HOTELS



### Grand Hyatt Hotel

- Ideal for those wanting a resort feel to a city property.
- Each luxurious room offers magnificent views.
- Enjoy Dead Sea holistic treatments at Club Olympus Spa.

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## PETRA HOTELS

### Movenpick Resort

- Located just by the entrance to the magical site of Petra.
- Beautifully decorated in Bedouin style.
- The rooftop garden bar is the perfect place from which to view the glorious sunset.



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Our mission is to provide a comprehensive, high-quality range of professional and reliable travel services that will exceed the expectations of our clients.

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# DEAD SEA HOTELS



## Movenpick Resort & Spa

- On the shores of the Dead Sea in Sweimeh near Madaba.
- Zara Spa is one of the most advanced spa complexes in the Middle East featuring 6,000 Sqm.

## Kempinski Ishtar

- On the shores of the Dead Sea.
- All the bedrooms have sea-view balconies.
- Four award-winning restaurants and two atmospheric bars.



## Crowne Plaza Resort & Spa

- Five stars lifestyle resort & spa offering beautifully appointed guestrooms and suites.
- An appealing choice of restaurants, lounges and bars, boasting a variety of cuisines served in a charming atmospheres including International buffets and mouthwatering Lebanese Home cooking and much more.

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# AQABA HOTELS



## Kempinski Hotel

- The elegant rooms features balconies with Red Sea views.
- The hotel is a 6-minute walk from the Aqaba International Dive Center and 2 km from the Aqaba Archaeological Museum.
- Fish-in restaurant.

## Movenpick Tala Bay

- Located on the idyllic southern shores of the Red Sea.
- Dive center coupled with a wide choice of watersports.
- Dana children activity center for three to 12 year olds.



## Intercontinental Hotel

- This Red Sea beach resort has exceptional views of the Gulf of Aqaba.
- The hotel is within walking distance of the city centre, where a variety of historical ruins, the aquarium and a taste of Middle Eastern culture can always be found.

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Dining & Shopping





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# RESTAURANTS



## Fakhr El Din Restaurant

- Located in the second circle, which used to be the edge of town where modern houses were springing up.
- This restaurant reflects the style of those houses which at the time, was a break from tradition.
- One of the leading Lebanese restaurants in Amman and is one of the few remaining vestiges of its type.

## Wild Jordan Restaurant

- Magnificent location overlooking the old city of Amman, the Citadel and the huge Jordanian flag.
- Breakfast, Brunch, Middle Eastern, Sandwiches, Vegan and Vegetarian.



At A&K Jordan we welcome the individual traveler and dedicate our time to creating memorable experiences which will last forever. Our qualified staff will plan everything our client may need down to the last detail.

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# SOUVENIR SHOPS



## Nebo's Pearl Mosaic & Handicraft Center

- Located in Madaba, on the way to Mount Nebo.
- One of the largest Handicraft Centers in the Middle East.
- Provides a big variety of mosaic knowledge history and art, traditional Jordanian handicrafts, including ceramic, pottery, olive wood, silk carpets and jewelry.

## Jordan Jewel

- Established in 2008 to be a money - generating project in Madaba, Jordan. However, due to social and philanthropic developments, the project transformed to serve noble purposes, leaving profitability behind.
- Today, the project supports hundreds of families who have handicapped children.
- The project provides mosaics, antiques, carpets, local Jordanian handicrafts and handmade jewelry.

