

Jordan (Syrian Refugee Camps)

June 17th (Saturday) – June 25th (Sunday) 2023 Syrian Refugees-Amman Jordan-Petra-Dead Sea

Optional Post Mission Travel to Israel/Palestine/Bethlehem/Jerusalem

Israel- -Jerusalem-Palestine-Bethlehem-Tel-Aviv-Sea of Galilee

June 25th (Sunday) – June 30th Friday)

Much of the world's attention has focused on the disaster going on inside of Syria. But there is also a humanitarian crisis in neighboring countries that host Syrian refugees. In the last eight years, Jordan has received more than two million refugees. The impoverished refugees live in camps with meager food, water and very little medical care. This medical/dental mission will be unlike any you have ever experienced. We will be working out of clinic sites North of Amman. We will be staying at the Marriott Hotel in Amman and traveling every day to the mission sites. Amman is a very modern friendly country. This is Flying Doctors of America's 8th mission to these refugee camps.

At the end of the medical/dental mission there is an option to travel to Israel. This experience includes historical sites and visits to medical facilities and historical medical sites. If you choose not to extend the mission into Israel you can leave for the USA from Amman Jordan on Day 8.

June 17th Saturday- Arrive in Amman Jordan. (Leave USA Friday)

June 18th Sunday – Free morning of rest. Afternoon team reception introductions, and mission updates, lunch and sorting of the medications.

Free afternoon to tour Amman.

June 19th Monday-- Medical/Dental Clinics

June 20th Tuesday-- Medical/Dental Clinics

June 21st Wednesday-- Medical/Dental Clinics



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June 22nd Thursday—Medical/Dental Clinics-

June 23rd Friday-- Petra Jordan. After breakfast visit Petra -----Deep within the deserts of Jordan lies the ancient city of Petra. Its structures are approximately 2,000 years old and are amazing condition. Through a narrow gorge Petra emerges into view, revealing awe-inspiring monuments cut into the surrounding cliffs. Its people, the Nabataeans, harnessed precious water, enabling the population to soar to perhaps 20,000. Eventually the city fell silent, forgotten by the outside world. Today archaeologists are discovering clues to Petra's past. The spectacular objects displayed here, many unearthed by recent excavations, shed new light on this extraordinary desert city. We will spend a night at a nice hotel near Petra with amazing views of the sunset in the desert and an amazing experience with a Bedouin tent meal.

June 24th **Saturday—Dead Sea.** After breakfast we will go to the Dead Sea. We will arrive at the shores of the Dead Sea and relax and enjoy an unsinkable swim in the buoyant, mineral-rich, salty waters of the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is a salt lake bordering Jordan to the east and Israel to the west. Its surface and shores are (1,388 ft) below sea level Earth's lowest elevation on land.



With 33.7% salinity, it is also one of the world's saltiest bodies of water. You can float on water due to the high salt content. The dead sea is known for its extraordinary health benefits throughout history. At an elevation 1388 feet below sea level the harmful UV rays are reduced to useful and beneficial rays. The air has 15% more density and with dry air and high concentrates of bromine and magnesium in the air it relaxes and relieves tensions and helps with breathing. It also eases joint pain with a swim in the dead sea and is great for your skin. Enjoy!!!!Then we will arrive back in Amman and have free time to explore Amman in the early evening. Dinner is on your own in the evening in the vibrant downtown area.

June 25th Sunday-Leave for USA

Optional Trip to Israel/Palestine-Bethlehem-Jerusalem

June 25th Sunday- Travel to Tiberius Israel on the Sea of Galilee. The Sea of Galilee lies on the ancient Via Maris, which linked Egypt with the northern empires. The first-century historian Flavius Josephus was so impressed by the area that he wrote, "One may call this place the ambition of Nature." Josephus also reported a thriving fishing industry at this time, with 230 boats regularly working in the lake. Archaeologists discovered one such boat, nicknamed the Jesus Boat, in 1986. Much of the ministry of Jesus occurred on the shores of Lake Galilee. In those days, there was a continuous ribbon development of settlements and villages around the lake and plenty of trade and ferrying by boat.

June 26th Monday- Continue Touring the Sea of Galilee- Jerusalem. Visit the Historic sites at the Sea of Galilee and the famous Jordan river baptism site while traveling to Jerusalem and enjoying an evening in the holy city.

June 27th Tuesday- Jerusalem



Begin the day with a short trip to Mount Olives for a panoramic view of the city from the east. View the gold domed Mosque of Omar, holy to Islam, situated on the Temple Mount. After, Visit the Davidson Center and the Southern Wall Excavations. We will visit the Christian quarter and you will visit the very historic sites and enter the areas of the old city that Jesus walked throughout the city of Jerusalem including the path of his crucifixion.

We continue with a tour of the old city by visiting the Jewish Quarter stop at the Kotel ha-Ma'aravi (Western Wall), the holiest site in Judaism as it symbolizes national aspirations.

June 28th Wednesday – Jerusalem Touring-, Masada, Medical first responders tour, Yad Vashem- Holocaust museum.

Continue touring Jerusalem with a visit to Yad Vashem one of the most moving Holocaust museum's in the world. We will also visiting United Hatzalah World renowned first medical responders. Then we visit Masada a unique part of History when the Romans tried to overtake this Jewish fortress in the desert.



June 29th Thursday – Bethlehem-Palestine-Tel-Aviv- Travel to Bethlehem



The **Church of the Nativity** is a basilica located in Bethlehem. The church was originally commissioned in 327 AD by Constantine and his mother Helena over the site that is still traditionally considered to be located over the cave that marks the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth.

Continue on to Tel-Aviv. Free time on the beach with the fresh salt air of the Mediterranean ocean.

Tel Aviv is an economic hub, home to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, corporate offices and research and development centers. It is the country's financial capital and a major performing arts and business center. Tel Aviv has the second-largest economy in the Middle East after Dubai, and is the 31st most expensive city in the world. With 2.5 million international visitors annually, Tel Aviv is the fifth-most-visited city in the Middle East and Africa.



June 30th Friday (most flights leave in the evening or early the next morning Saturday). You must arrive at the airport 3 hours in advance and 1 hour taxi ride (total 4 hours). Therefore, a flight that leaves on 1:00am in the morning you must leave for the airport the previous night at 9:00pm. Therefore, you would book a Saturday flight at 1:00am instead of a Friday flight at 1:00am. Return to USA via Ben Gurion Airport-Tel-Aviv

Donation for the Mission is \$2985 (Jordan only) Add: \$1950 for Israel Portion

Your **(tax deductible)** donation to FDoA includes the following: Hotel in Amman 7 Nights (double occupancy). Hotel in Petra 1 Night (double occupancy).

Tours to Petra.

Ground transportation to clinic sites

- *Ground transportation during the mission (the exception is your transportation to and from Airport)
- *Medical supplies and medications

Flying Doctor T-shirts

A portion of this donation goes to support Flying Doctors administrative cost.

All your meals except on free days.

Optional Israel extension:

Hotel in Tiberius 1 Night (double occupancy)
Hotel in Jerusalem 3 nights (double occupancy)
Hotel in Tel-Aviv 1 night (double occupancy)
All tours with private tour guide and tour bus.
Transportation and tour guide to Bethlehem.
All your meals except on free days.

*Not included in your donation: Your international airfare to Amman Jordan /Tel Aviv Ben Gurion, the taxi to and from the airport. If you are traveling to Israel you will fly into Amman, Jordan (AMM) and leave out of Tel-Aviv Ben Gurion Airport. Your Visa fee. Any baggage charges on your international flight your meals prior to the June 17th Saturday. Finally: any alcoholic beverages, travel insurance, laundry, phone calls or personal expenses. You need to leave the USA on Friday June 16th in order to arrive in Amman Jordan by Saturday June 17th. If you are also traveling to Israel make sure you book your return flight from Ben Gurion Airport Tel-Aviv (TLV).