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A Tale of Two Kingdoms

DEC 04 TO DEC 16, 2023

away to explore the Tale of Two Kingdoms
- Israel and Jordan done right!

Embark on a journey of a lifetime with Away Exotics as we unveil the enchanting tales of two ancient lands – Israel and Jordan.

Join our small and exclusive group to wander through history, where every step is a discovery and every moment an adventure.

In Israel, trace the footprints of kings and prophets in the timeless city of Jerusalem, immerse in the vibrant culture of Tel Aviv, and float in the serene waters of the Dead Sea. Then, cross borders into Jordan, where the hidden city of Petra will astonish you with its rose-hued façades carved into the rock. Explore the otherworldly landscapes of Wadi Rum and experience the warm hospitality of the Bedouins.



Your journey in brief

Monday, Dec 4:

- Arrive in Tel-Aviv.

Tuesday, Dec 5:

- Admire the famous Clock Tower, one of seven clock towers to be built during the Ottoman period.

Wednesday, Dec 6:

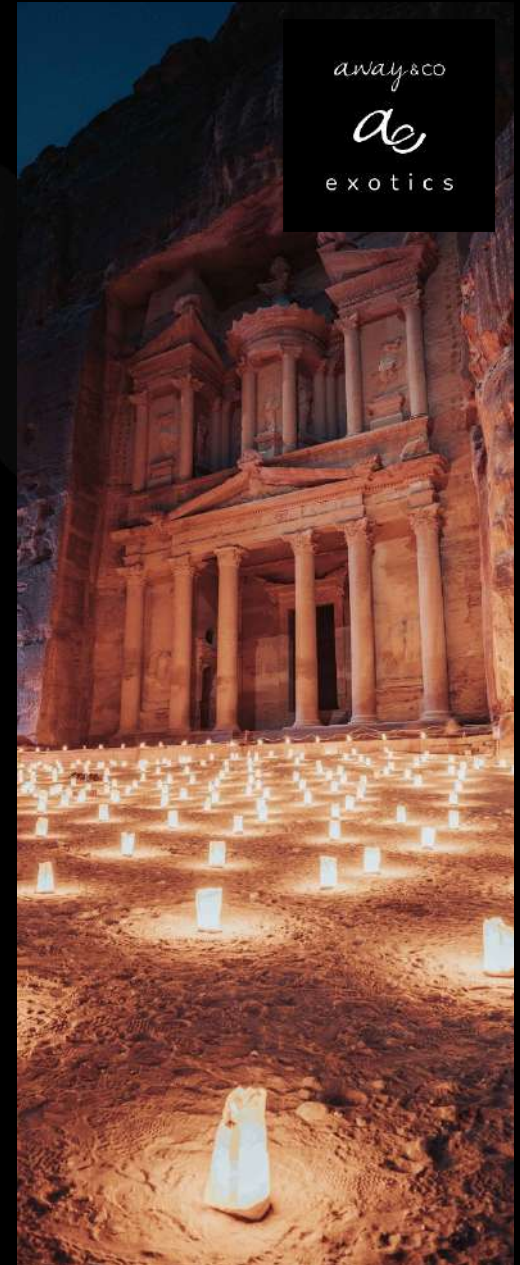
- Depart Tel Aviv and drive to Caesarea along the coastal road.
- Ascend to the mountaintop city of Haifa, for a view from Mount Carmel overlooking the magnificent bay of Haifa and its sumptuous Bahai Gardens, home to the “Eighth Wonder of the World.”
- Dinner in Tibis, an excellent local meat restaurant from the Golan in the charming town of Vered Hagalil.

Thursday, Dec 7:

- Depart Tiberias to Jerusalem.
- Head out to the Golan Heights for a magnificent view of the Sea of Galilee and the entire Galilee region.
- Discover the Golan Winery, one of the most beautiful wine cellars in the country.

Friday, Dec 8:

- Explore the New City of Jerusalem.
- Taste the “Felafel Pita” or Shwarma Pita on a street-food break in Machane Yehuda.
- Experience a traditional Shabbat dinner with an Orthodox family.



Saturday, Dec 9:

- Ascend the Mount of Olives to admire a beautiful view of Jerusalem.
- Pay your respects to one of the remaining fragments of the Second Temple dating back more than 2000 years.
- Drive to the Palestinian city of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus.

Sunday, Dec 10:

- Depart Jerusalem for Jordan.
- Overnight stay at Kempinski Ishtar by the Dead Sea.

Monday, Dec 11:

- Enjoy your day of leisure at the Dead Sea.

Tuesday, Dec 12:

- Awe at the rock paintings of Wadi Rum.
- Overnight at Wadi Rum Camp with a beautiful night sky for company in the clear desert



Wednesday, Dec 13:

- Explore the magnificent Petra.
- Attend Petra Kitchen cooking class followed by dinner.

Thursday, Dec 14:

- Madaba, home to the famous 6th-century Mosaic Map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, is your next stop.
- Mount Nebo is Moses's mountaintop memorial with captivating views of the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and The River Jordan.

Friday, Dec 15:

- Ruins of the Greco-Roman city of Gerasa beckon you.
- Farewell dinner at Fakhreddin restaurant.

Saturday, Dec 16:

- Depart Amman to your home destination.

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DAY 01

Arrive at Tel-Aviv

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel-Aviv
Welcome by our partner. Private Transfers to your hotel.
Overnight in Tel-Aviv.



DAY 02

Tel-Aviv

Discover the dynamic heartbeat of Tel Aviv, a city where ancient history meets modern vibrancy. From bustling markets to stunning beaches, eclectic neighbourhoods to vibrant nightlife, every moment is an invitation to embrace Israel's energetic spirit.

Begin your day with a leisurely stroll through the heart of vibrant Tel Aviv, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned as "The White City." Admire the iconic Bauhaus architecture, majestic ficus trees, and charming old-style kiosks that define Tel Aviv's modern culture. Pause at Yitzchak Rabin Square, reflecting on the impact of his tragic assassination in 1991 on Israeli society.



DAY 02

Tel-Aviv

Experience Tel Aviv from a different perspective with a panoramic view from Jaffa's historic old city, once conquered by Napoleon in 1799, boasting a rich maritime history. Along the way, catch sight of the renowned Clock Tower, a striking Ottoman-era landmark among seven others in historic Palestine.

Marvel at the hilltop Franciscan church of St. Peter, which served as a beacon for pilgrims arriving in the Holy Land. Meander through the picturesque artists' quarter, where stone houses, quaint streets, and an authentic fishing port create an enchanting atmosphere.



DAY 02

Tel-Aviv

Explore Neve Tsedek, Tel Aviv's pioneering neighbourhood established outside Jaffa's ancient walls in 1887. This charming "bobo" district now hosts art galleries, chic cafes, and trendy boutiques, embodying modern Tel Aviv's creative essence.

Next, venture into Nachalat Binyamin, a captivating pedestrian mall renowned for its open-air craft market, where over 200 artists showcase their original creations on select days of the week.

Stay at:
The Bellavista Room at Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv, Israel



DAY 03

Tel-Aviv to Tiberias

Depart from Tel Aviv and follow the coastal road to the ancient city of Caesarea. Once the royal capital of Herod the Great, this Mediterranean port city boasts magnificent remnants of its storied past. Marvel at the well-preserved relics, including the grand theatre, the hippodrome, and the fortifications from the Roman and medieval eras.

Next, we ascend to the mountaintop city of Haifa, where Mount Carmel offers a breathtaking view over the splendid Haifa Bay. Behold the Bahai Gardens, a true marvel and sometimes called the "Eighth Wonder of the World," featuring the Al Bab Sanctuary.

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DAY 03

Our journey continues to St. Jean d'Acre, a city steeped in history and known by various names such as Ptolemais, Akko, and Acre. Uncover the underground halls of the Crusader knights, explore the Ottoman-era caravanserai, and discover the resilient port and fortifications that resisted Napoleon Bonaparte's siege.

Venturing further, we reach Rosh Hanikra, an awe-inspiring geological wonder at Israel's northern Mediterranean coastline. These grottoes and caves, shaped by the relentless power of the sea over millennia, stand just meters away from the Lebanese border, creating a truly remarkable sight.

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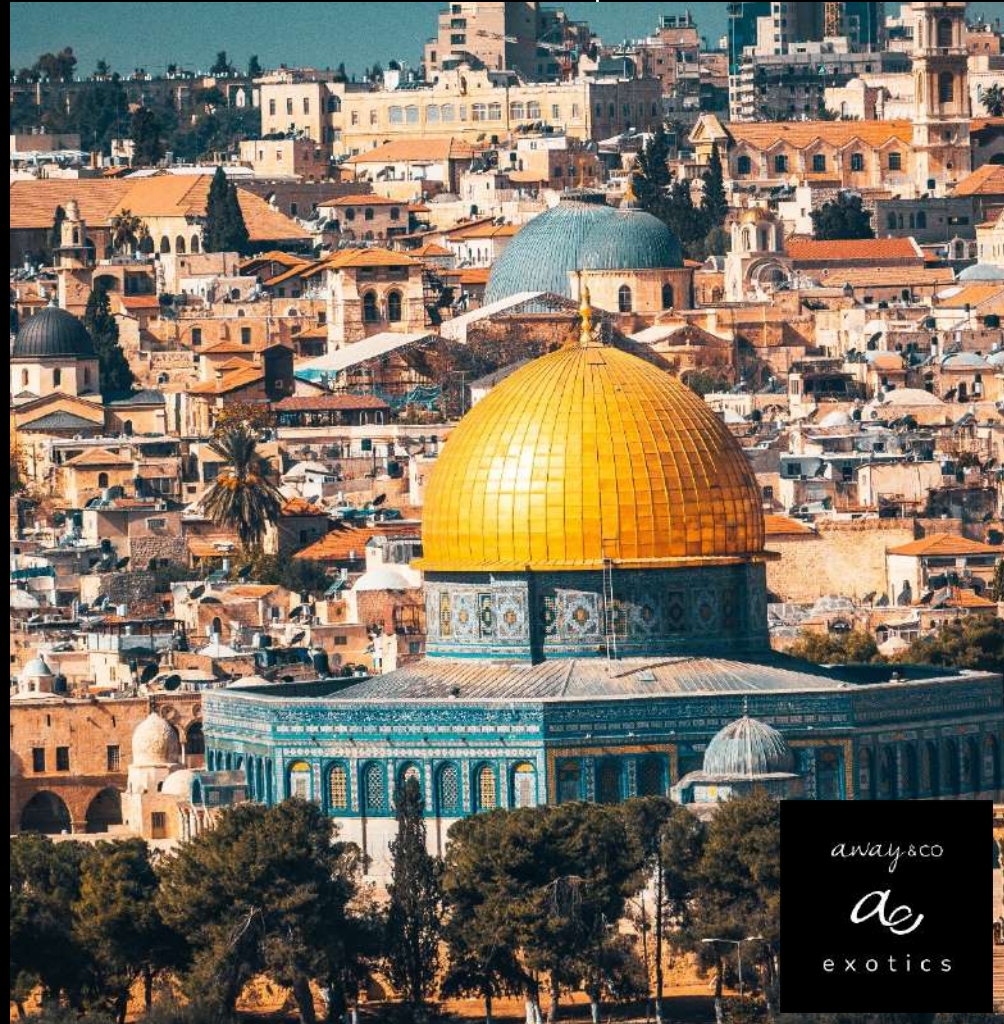
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As the day ends, indulge in a delectable dinner at Tibis, a local gem offering exceptional meat dishes from the Golan region. This culinary delight awaits you in the charming town of Vered Hagalil, often called the "Rose of Galilee."

Stay at:

Golan mountain view and Balcony room at Galei Kinneret, Tiberias/Sea of Galilee, Israel.



DAY 04

Tiberias to Jerusalem

Begin with a leisurely stroll along the tranquil shores of Tiberias Lake, soaking in the serene ambience. Your next stop is Capernaum, the city where Jesus once dwelled. Wander amidst the ancient ruins, including the revered house of Saint Peter and a historic synagogue.

Take a pause from the day's explorations for a serene boat trip on Lake Tiberias, also known as the Sea of Galilee. This freshwater expanse, intersected by the Jordan River, remains a vital water reservoir. As per Christian tradition, Jesus walked on these waters, rendering it a sacred pilgrimage site. Indulge in finger foods and wine as you relish this tranquil interlude.

Journey to the majestic Golan Heights for an awe-inspiring panoramic vista of the Sea of Galilee and the entire Galilee region. Elevate your adventure with a thrilling Golan Jeep Tour, immersing yourself in the captivating landscapes of the Golan Heights.



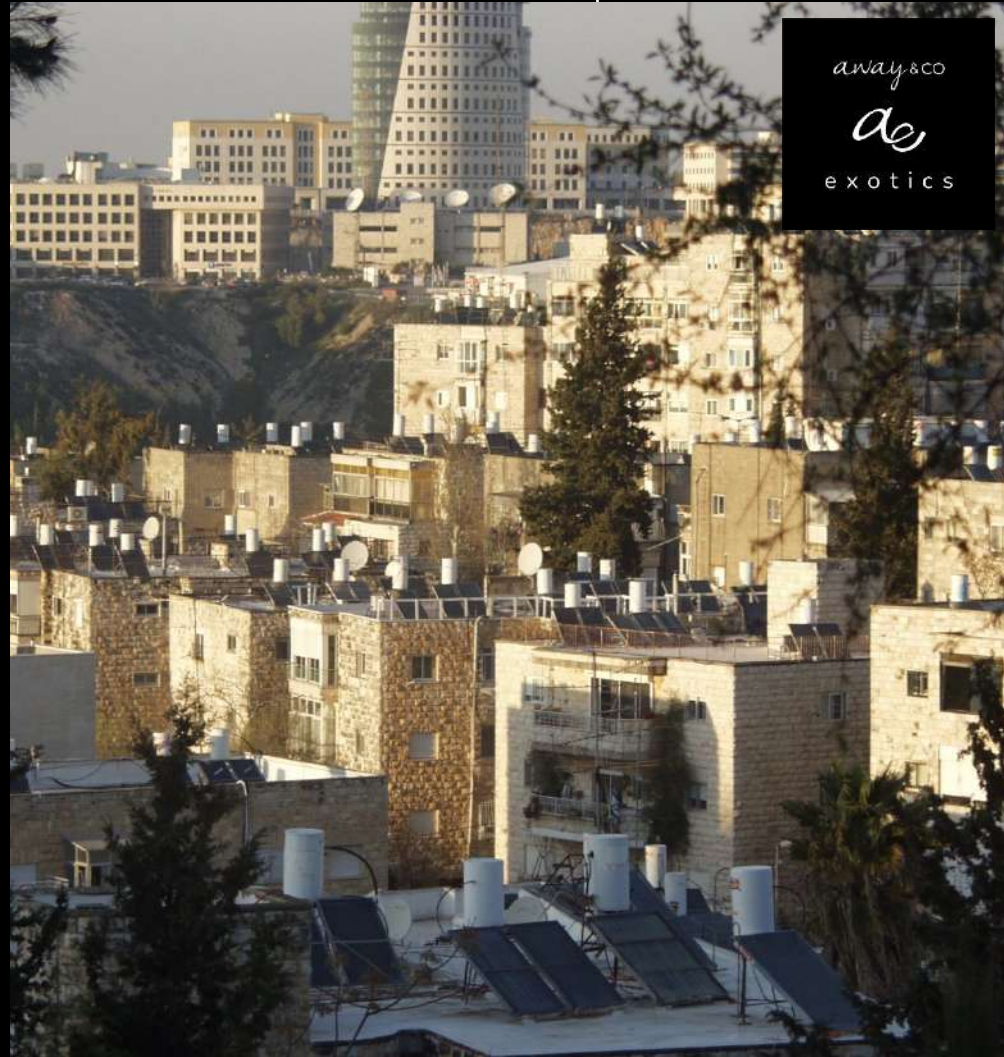
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A unique delight awaits at the Golan Winery in southern Golan Heights. Step into one of the country's most stunning wine cellars, where a captivating tour culminates in a delightful wine-tasting experience. Indulge your senses and appreciate the exquisite craftsmanship that goes into each vintage.

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DAY 05

Jerusalem New City

Embark on a captivating exploration of the New City of Jerusalem, commencing with a visit to the renowned Menorah (candelabra) gracing the front of the Israeli parliament, the Knesset.

Your journey continues with a visit to the poignant Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, offering a profound rediscovery of one of the most sombre chapters in the modern history of the Jewish people.

Indulge in some leisurely moments as you wander through the vibrant Machane Yehuda shuk, an outdoor market resonating with local flavours and fragrances. For a delectable experience, you can savour a street-food break, tantalising your taste buds with the iconic "Felafel Pita" or Shwarma Pita.

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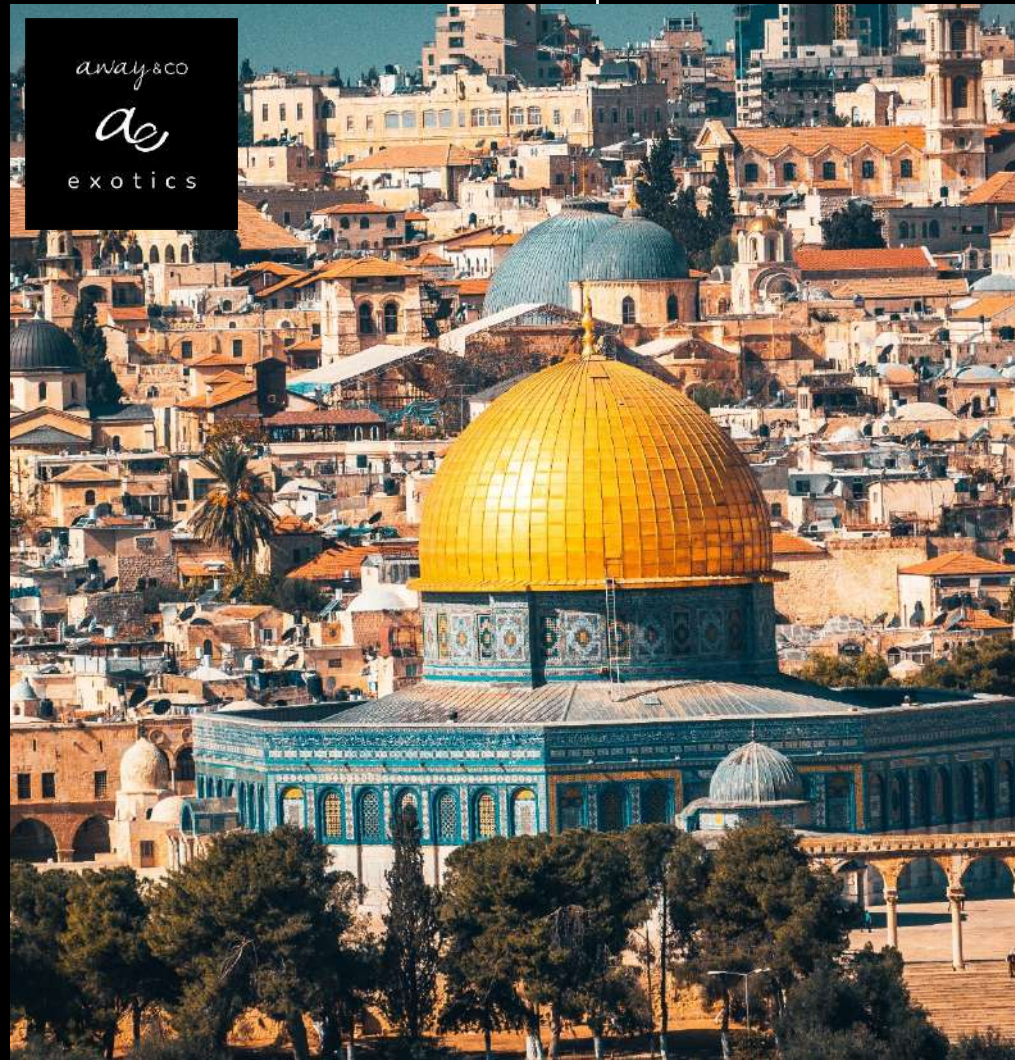
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DAY 05

Your exploration then leads you to the Israel Museum, a treasure trove housing an astounding collection of over 50,000 artefacts. Immerse yourself in history as you visit the Shrine of the Book, where the renowned Dead Sea Scrolls, unearthed in 1947, come to life. Delve further into the past with a glimpse of the model depicting the Second Temple period in Jerusalem.

Prepare for a truly authentic experience as you join an Orthodox family for a traditional Shabbat dinner nestled within Jerusalem's enchanting Nachlaot neighbourhood



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DAY 06

Jerusalem Old City

Ascend the enchanting Mount of Olives to behold a panoramic vista of Jerusalem. This elevated vantage point, adorned with olive trees, cemeteries, and historic churches, commemorates significant moments from Jesus' life.

Step into the heart of the Old City of Jerusalem and find a moment of reflection at the revered Kotel – the Western (also known as the Wailing) Wall, a poignant remnant of the Second Temple dating back over two millennia.

Embark on a captivating journey through the Western Wall Tunnels, delving into the foundations of the promenade's retaining wall. Traverse the shuks, vibrant outdoor markets of the Christian quarter, where the aroma of sesame bread beckons. Pause for an authentic lunch accompanied by invigorating Turkish coffee infused with cardamom seeds.

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DAY 06

Continue to the Via Dolorosa, tracing the poignant Stations of the Cross with its 14 stations. Explore the revered Church of the Holy Sepulcher, housing the tomb of Jesus, and the Grotto, two sacred basilicas resonating with Byzantine and Crusader legacies.

A serene interlude awaits at the Austrian auspice, a tranquil haven amidst the bustling Old City. From this oasis, relish an exceptional view of the historic city's rooftops.

Journey along the Cardo in the Jewish quarter of the Old City, once a Roman thoroughfare and now a vibrant hub of restaurants, craft workshops, shops, and spice stalls.

Venture to Bethlehem, the Palestinian city where Jesus was born. Explore the hallowed grotto within the Basilica of the Nativity and the renowned Shepherds Fields Chapel, evoking the timeless story.

Indulge in a sumptuous dinner at Adom Restaurant, a culinary haven promising an exceptional gastronomic experience.

Stay at:

Studio room at Mamilla, Jerusalem, Israel.

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DAY 07

Jerusalem – Allenby Bridge – Dead Sea, Jordan

Upon arrival at the Israel side of the Allenby Border, our dedicated Jordanian representative will warmly welcome and assist you. After smoothly navigating the border crossing formalities, delight in a comfortable transfer to your Dead Sea hotel situated on the picturesque Jordanian side.

You'll find yourself at Earth's lowest point on land at an astounding 427 meters (1,401 ft) below Sea Level. Complete the check-in procedure at your chosen Dead Sea hotel, immersing yourself in its tranquil ambience.

Stay at:
Martian Dome Tent at Sun City Camp, Wadi Rum.



DAY 08

Dead Sea Free Day

Legendary salt-rich waters offer a unique buoyancy that makes swimming effortless, a surreal experience that draws visitors worldwide. Amidst the mesmerising landscape, indulge in the therapeutic benefits of its mineral-rich mud, renowned for its revitalising properties. As the sun sets over this extraordinary oasis, immerse yourself in its unparalleled beauty, where nature's artistry meets the promise of restorative tranquillity.



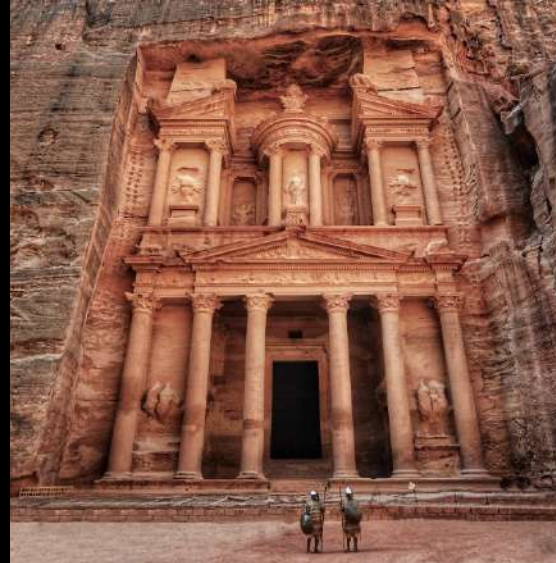
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Dead Sea – Wadi Rum

Your journey continues as you're transferred to Bethany, the sacred baptismal site of Jesus Christ. From there, set forth to the mesmerising Wadi Rum, aptly named "The Valley of the Moon." Carved into the sandstone and granite rock, this awe-inspiring landscape has witnessed the presence of diverse human cultures since ancient times, their legacies etched in the form of rock paintings, graffiti, and remarkable temples. Immerse yourself in the heart of this desert marvel with a thrilling 2-hour Jeep Tour, exploring the captivating terrains of Wadi Rum.

As the day draws to a close, prepare for a Rum Sky stargazing experience, an enchanting opportunity to marvel at the celestial wonders that grace the desert's night sky.

Stay at:
Superior Room at Kempinski Ishtar, Dead Sea, Jordan.



DAY 10

Wadi Rum – Petra

Transfer to the renowned Petra, an awe-inspiring historical and archaeological city celebrated for its captivating rock-cut architecture and intricate water conduit system. Often referred to as the Rose City due to the hue of its carved stone, Petra beckons with its timeless allure.

Begin your exploration of Petra along the main trail, a journey that will lead you to its most iconic sites. Traverse the mesmerising "Siq," a winding fissure nestled between towering cliffs, and encounter the breathtaking "Khazneh," famously known as the Treasury. Your path will also unveil the enchanting Street of Facades, the stately Court House, and the evocative Amphitheater.



DAY 10

As the day's adventures come to a close, return to your hotel for a brief respite. As you join the Petra Kitchen cooking class, prepare for a unique culinary experience. This is followed by a delightful dinner that promises to tantalise your taste buds with the region's flavours.

Stay at:
Superior Room at Movenpick, Petra, Jordan



DAY 11

Petra - Amman

Embark on a transfer to Madaba, a captivating destination renowned for its stunning Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics. At the heart of Madaba lies the renowned 6th-century Mosaic Map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, a testament to its historical significance.

Continue your journey to the heights of Mount Nebo, a poignant mountaintop memorial dedicated to Moses. From this elevated vantage point, be entranced by sweeping views encompassing the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, and the majestic River Jordan.

As your exploration unfolds, make your way to the vibrant city of Amman, the next chapter in your remarkable journey.



DAY 12

Jerash

Embark on a northern journey to Jerash, where you will explore the captivating ruins of the Greco-Roman city of Gerasa, historically known as Antioch, on the Golden River. Return to Amman, where your city exploration awaits.

Begin your Amman tour at the Citadel, an archaeological marvel overlooking the city, housing the Archaeological Museum. Delve into history at the Roman Theatre and the engaging Folklore Museum. Continue your urban adventure with a leisurely stroll through downtown Amman, a perfect opportunity to savour authentic Jordanian street foods like the delectable sweet Knafe and the renowned Falafel, served at the oldest eatery in Amman, Hashem restaurant. Explore the traditional Souq, an old-world market brimming with local treasures.



DAY 12

Jerash

As the day gives way to night, savour a memorable farewell dinner at Fakhreddin restaurant, a perfect culmination of your Jordanian journey.

Stay at:
Deluxe Room at The Ritz Carlton, Amman, Jordan.



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DAY 13

Depart

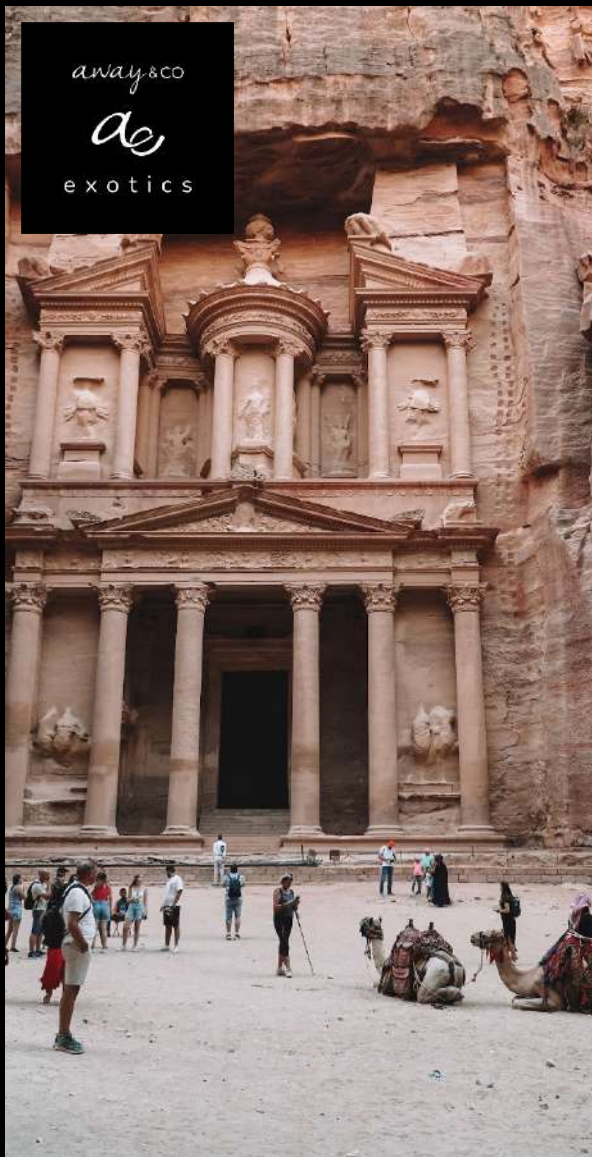
Depart to your home destination from Amman.

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Cost and Inclusions



COST

INR 5.5 lacs per person on twin sharing

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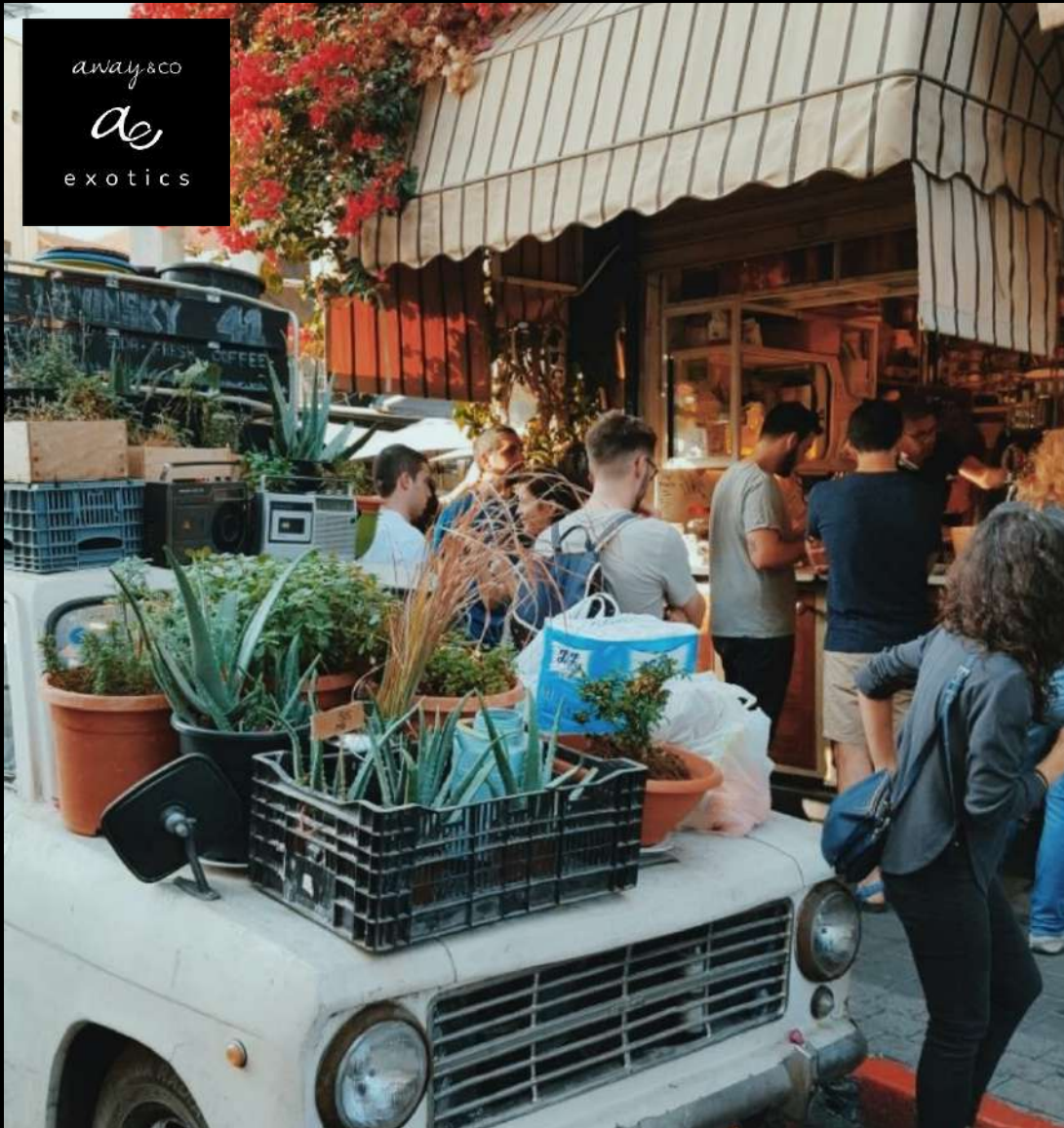
- Handpicked Accommodations as mentioned or similar
- Private Ground Transportation
- Local Dining
- Exclusive Experiences & more

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LOCAL DINING

- Welcome Tapas Evening at HaBasta, Tel-Aviv
- Shabbat Dinner experience with an Orthodox family in Jerusalem's Nachlaot neighbourhood.
- Cooking class with Dinner at Petra Kitchen.
- Farewell Dinner at Fakhreddin restaurant, Amman



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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES Tel-Aviv

- Stroll through “The White City”, the heart of Tel-Aviv and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Be enlightened about a pivotal historic event that has transformed the Israeli society at Yitzchak Rabin Square.
- One of the oldest ports in the world, Old City of Jaffa reveals a stunning view of Tel-Aviv.
- One of seven, this famous Ottoman period clock tower demands your admiration.
- Hilltop Franciscan church of St. Peter served as a beacon of having arrived at the holy land for pilgrims coming by boats.
- Iconoclastic Neve Tsedek expanded Tel-Aviv beyond its fortifications and continues to blur boundaries with its charming bohemian spirit of art.
- Walk through Nachalat Binyamin, the open-air craft market attracts 200-plus artists showcasing their originals.

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES Tiberias

- Caesarea, the royal capital of Herod the Great still holds sway with its magnificent ruins
- Haifa on the mountaintop affords breathtaking views of Bahai Gardens and the world's eighth wonder.
- An ancient city that has taken on and shed many names St. Jean d'Acre harbours a secret in its tunnels waiting for you to unravel.
- The grottoes and caves at Rosh Hanikra are the results of thousands of years of the power of the sea.
- Dinner in Tibis, an excellent local meat restaurant from the Golan in the charming town of Vered Hagalil.



EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES Jerusalem

- Enroute to Jerusalem immerse in the idyllic with a visit to the famous banana fields and stables at Kibbutz.
- Capernaum, the adopted city of Jesus, hosts the ruins of the house of Saint Peter and the synagogue.
- Enjoy a Golan Jeep Tour who takes you into the depths of the beautiful and fascinating landscape of the Golan Heights.
- Discover the Golan Winery, one of the most beautiful wine cellars in the country.

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

Jerusalem New City

- Explore Jerusalem's New City, starting with the iconic Menorah at the Knesset (Israeli parliament).
- Visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial to reflect on the tragic history of the Jewish people deeply.
- Leisurely stroll through the vibrant Machana Yehuda shuk, discovering local flavours and scents. (Optional street-food break)
- Explore the Israel Museum, home to 50,000 artifacts, including the famous Dead Sea Scrolls and a Second Temple period Jerusalem model.
- Immerse in a traditional Shabbat dinner with an Orthodox family in Jerusalem's Nachlaot neighbourhood.



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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES Jerusalem Old City

- Ascend the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view, adorned with olive trees, cemeteries, and churches.
- Contemplate at the Kotel, the Western Wall, a timeless remnant of the Second Temple, dating back over 2000 years.
- Explore the Western Wall Tunnels, uncovering the foundations of the promenade's retaining wall.
- Wander the shuks of the Christian quarter, tempted by sesame bread and local delicacies. Savour an authentic lunch with Turkish coffee.
- Continue along the Via Dolorosa, experiencing the Stations of the Cross, culminating at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.
- Pause at the Austrian auspice for a tranquil view over the bustling ancient city.
- Explore the Cardo in the Jewish quarter, where ancient Roman relics now coexist with bustling shops and craft workshops.
- Venture to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, visiting the Basilica of the Nativity's grotto and the Shepherds Fields Chapel.

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES **Dead Sea**

- Discover the astonishing Dead Sea, lying 427 meters (1,401 ft) below Sea Level.

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES **Wadi Rum**

- Wadi Rum's rich history spans prehistoric times, with various cultures leaving their marks through rock paintings, graffiti, and temples.
- Enjoy a mesmerising 2-hour Jeep Tour across Wadi Rum's captivating desert landscape.
- Experience the captivating Rum Sky star-gazing phenomenon.

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

Petra

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- Traverse the Street of Facades, visit the Court House, and be captivated by the Amphitheater.

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

Madaba and Mount Nebo Exploration

- Discover Madaba's renowned Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics, including the 6th century Mosaic Map of Jerusalem.
- Proceed to Mount Nebo, a poignant memorial of Moses.
- Enjoy captivating vistas of the Jordan Valley, Dead Sea, and River Jordan from this mountaintop perch.



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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

Gerasa - Greco-Roman Gem

- Begin with a visit to the Greco-Roman city of Gerasa, also called Antioch on the Golden River.

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

Amman

- Start with the Citadel and its Archaeological Museum. Experience the Roman Theatre and Folklore Museum.
- Embark on a downtown walking tour, savouring Jordanian street foods like Knafe and Falafel at Hashem restaurant—delight in the vibrant atmosphere of the traditional Souq.
- Conclude your journey with a memorable farewell dinner at Fakhreddin restaurant.

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- Overseas travel insurance
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