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PRIVATE TOUR · DAY TRIP

Desert Castles & Azraq Oasis

Umayyad palaces in the eastern desert

DURATION	STARTS	GROUP	BEST SEASON
7–8 hours	Pick-up 8:30	Private	Spring and autumn

Highlights

- Frescoes of Qusayr Amra
- Qasr Kharana
- Qasr al-Azraq
- Azraq Wetland Reserve boardwalk






The programme, step by step

08:30	**Pick-up in Amman**
09:30	**Qasr Kharana**
10:30	**Qusayr Amra** Frescoes and the zodiac dome.
11:45	**Qasr al-Azraq** The stone door and Lawrence's room.
12:45	**Lunch in Azraq**
14:00	**Wetland reserve** Boardwalk and bird hide.
16:00	**Back in Amman**

Amman → Qasr Kharana	about 50 min	**Qasr al-Azraq**	about 45 min
Qasr Kharana	about 40 min	Lunch break	about 1 h
Qasr Kharana → Qusayr Amra	about 20 min	Azraq → the wetland reserve	about 10 min
Qusayr Amra	about 40 min	**Azraq Wetland Reserve**	about 1 h 15 min
Qusayr Amra → Azraq	about 25 min	The wetland reserve → Amman	about 1 h 15 min

Driving about 3 h · Visits about 3 h 30 min

ⓘ Times are approximate – on a private tour you can change the pace and the order.

Good to know before you go

Jordan Pass
Buy it online before you travel: it covers Petra, Wadi Rum, Jerash and more than 40 other sites, and, for eligible visitors, waives the tourist visa fee if you stay at least 2 consecutive nights (3 days).

What to bring
Passport or ID (needed at checkpoints and some sites), Comfortable walking shoes, Hat, sunglasses and sunscreen, A light jacket from November to March, Cash in Jordanian dinars for small purchases and tips.

Best season
Spring (March–May) and autumn (September–November) are the most comfortable. Summers are hot in Petra, Wadi Rum and the Dead Sea.

What to wear
Light, modest clothes; shoulders and knees covered at religious sites. Good walking shoes, and a warm layer for desert evenings.

Money
The Jordanian dinar (JOD). Cards are widely accepted in hotels and restaurants; keep some cash for small shops and tips.

Water
Drink bottled water, and carry 1.5–2 litres on long walking days.

Power & time
230 V, European (C/F) and British (G) sockets. Jordan is on UTC+3 all year.

Local customs
Friday is the weekly holiday. Ask before photographing people; drones need prior permission.

Emergencies
Dial 911 for police, ambulance or fire. Our team is on WhatsApp throughout your trip.

Your guide to the places you will visit



The desert castles
Umayyad desert palaces, most of them from the early 8th century. Qusayr Amra, a UNESCO site, keeps rare frescoes and a painted dome of the zodiac; Qasr Kharana looks like a fortress.

- The desert is hot and open – a hat and water are essential.
- Distances are long; the day is mostly on the road.



Azraq
A desert oasis. The black basalt fort of Qasr al-Azraq sheltered Lawrence of Arabia in the winter of 1917, and the wetland reserve has a boardwalk and bird hide.

- Spring and autumn bring migrating birds to the wetland.
- The stone door of the fort is a single slab of basalt – look for it.

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