Jordan Insider cheat sheet

Everything you need on one page: emergencies, money, getting around, the Jordan Pass, weather and dress. Print it or save it as a PDF on your phone.

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Emergency

Jordan's unified emergency number is 911 for police, ambulance and civil defence.

Money

The Jordanian dinar (JOD) is divided into 1,000 fils or 100 qirsh. ATMs are common in cities and exchange shops are everywhere; see the ATM and exchange sections of the guide.

Visa and Jordan Pass

Visa rules depend on your nationality, so check before you travel. The Jordan Pass covers entry to Petra and dozens of sites and waives the visa fee for many nationalities if you stay a minimum period. Details on the official site, jordanpass.jo.

Time

Jordan stays on UTC+3 all year.

Weekend

Friday and Saturday are the official weekend; many shops open late on Friday.

Electricity

230 V. Common sockets are European (C and F) and British (G), so bring a suitable adapter.

Taxis and ride-hailing

Uber, Careem and Jeeny work in Amman and the big cities, and you see the fare before you ride. In a yellow taxi, ask for the meter before you set off, or agree the fare first for long trips. JETT tourist buses link the main cities.

Exchange rate

The Jordanian dinar is pegged to the US dollar at a nearly fixed rate: one dinar is about 1.41 dollars. Licensed exchange shops usually give a better rate than hotels; keep the receipt.

Jordan Pass types

There are three types, differing by the number of Petra days (one, two or three), and all include dozens of other sites such as Jerash, Wadi Rum and Ajloun Castle. Buy it before arrival to get the visa-fee waiver if your nationality qualifies.

Seasonal alerts

In winter, flash floods can hit valleys such as Petra and Wadi Mujib and some trails may close, so follow local instructions. In summer, avoid long midday walks in the south and at the Dead Sea, and check the weather before desert trips.

Getting around

Driving is on the right. Yellow taxis run in the cities, ride-hailing apps work in Amman and major cities, and tourist buses link Amman, Petra and Aqaba.

Language

Arabic is the official language; English is widely understood in tourist areas and hotels.

Dress and respect

Dress modestly at mosques, churches and in rural areas, and ask before photographing people.

Heat and water

Summers are hot in Petra, Wadi Rum, the Dead Sea and Aqaba. Carry plenty of water, sunscreen and a hat. Many visitors prefer bottled water.

Useful apps

Uber, Careem and Jeeny to get around, Google Maps for directions, and this guide for what is nearby and emergencies.

Handy words

مرحبا	marhaba	hello
شكراً	shukran	thank you
من فضلك	min fadlak	please
كم؟	kam?	how much?
وين؟	wein?	where?
ماء	may	water
حساب	hisab	the bill

يمين / شمال	yameen / shmal	right / left

Source: the practical info page of the Jordan Guide. Check rules and prices with the official sources.