



Country Profile: Jordan

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a constitutional monarchy with a developing economy and a modern infrastructure. Western culture features prominently in the lives of many Jordanians. At the same time, traditional Islamic ideals and beliefs provide the conservative foundation for the country's customs, laws, and practices. Businesses and facilities catering to tourists are widely available, although quality may vary depending on price and location. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Jordan for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Jordan
Continent:	Asia (Middle East)
Capital City:	Amman
Boundary Countries:	Iraq, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Syria, West Bank
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Amman: Al Khalidi Medical Center, Jordan Hospital, Specialty Hospital Amman: Al Bashir Hospital, Al Essra Hospital, Amman Surgical Hospital, Arab Medical Centre Hospital, Dr. Ahmad Al-Hamaideh Hospital, Islamic Hospital, King Hussein Cancer Center, Malhas Hospital, The Farah Hospital, University of Jordan Hospital
Main Cities:	Amman, Al Karak, Irbid, Ma'an, Al Zarqa', Al Aqabah
Country Size:	92,300 sq km
Population:	5,906,760

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Arabic (official), English widely understood among upper and middle classes
Currency:	Jordanian Dinar (JOD)
Predominant Religions:	Sunni Muslim 92%, Christian 6% (majority Greek Orthodox, but some Greek and Roman Catholics, Syrian Orthodox, Coptic Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, and Protestant denominations), other 2% (several small Shi'a Muslim and Druze populations)
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 25 May (1946)
Economic Status:	The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a constitutional monarchy with a developing economy and a modern infrastructure.
Security:	Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF): Royal Jordanian Land Force, Royal Jordanian Navy, Royal Jordanian Air Force (Al-Quwwat al-Jawwiya al-Malakiya al-Urduniya), Special Operations Command (Socom); Public Security Directorate (normally falls under Ministry of Interior, but comes under JAF in wartime or crisis situations)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Amman Abdoun, Al-Umawyeen St. Amman – Jordan Phone: 962-6-590-6000

Major Airports:	Airports: 17, Airports w/paved runways: 15 Amman – Queen Alia International Airport (AMM/OJAI) Amman, Queen Alia Int'l, Jordan, PO Box 39225, Amman, JORDAN Tel: +962 (0)6 445 1132, +962 (0)6 445 1134 Fax: +962 (0)6 445 1136 Website: www.rjd.com.jo Customs, hours: 24 hours Tel: +962 (0)8 52319 Fax: +962 (0)8 51306
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