

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

US and Canadian tourists must carry proof of citizenship. A valid signed passport with an expiration date at least **six months beyond the tour return date** and **two blank pages for visa stamp and entry stamp** is required. Proof of a return ticket is also required.

VISAS: A tourist visa is required for Canadians and Americans visiting Egypt or Jordan.

JORDAN REQUIREMENTS

You will obtain a tourist visa upon arrival at Queen Alia International Airport. This is included in your tour fare and your guide will obtain your visa on your behalf upon arrival.

If you are travelling to Jordan from Egypt, you'll need to show your Egyptian entry and exit stamps to border officials upon arrival.

EGYPT REQUIREMENTS

American citizens may obtain a single-entry tourist e-Visa online ahead of time. Visit the government of Egypt's [electronic visa portal](#) to apply and pay the \$25 USD fee.

Your application must be submitted **within 90 days of travel. Please make sure to read the online instructions carefully!**

Here are some notes to help you along the way:

- You may have to add "+1" in front of your phone number.
- There are particular requirements when it comes to the passport picture upload. It must not exceed 1MB, it must be either in .jpg format or .png format, and the file name cannot include any special characters.

- Under "Host information" select Tourism Company; Phone: +15198852522, Email: office@tourmagination.com; Address: 133 Weber Street North Waterloo Ontario. (no commas)
- Under "Who is paying travel and accommodation cost?" select the applicant himself/herself.

If you are struggling with any part of this process, we highly recommend seeking the help of a friend, family member, or coworker who can sit down with you in-person. More often than not, in-person assistance is the best option! If you still have questions, please feel free to contact our office at office@tourmagination.com.

Once you have obtained your e-visa, please send a copy to our office.

Canadian citizens are **NOT eligible** to obtain an e-Visa. Instructions for obtaining your visa will be provided in a separate document.

You must show proof of an entry stamp in your passport when you leave Egypt. If you cannot provide proof of entry, you cannot obtain an exit stamp and you will be denied exit..

CURRENCY, ATM MACHINES & CREDIT CARDS

CASH: The Jordanian dinar is the local currency in Jordan while the Egyptian pound is the currency in Egypt. US dollars may be accepted in large tourist locations in each country, however local currency is generally preferred. Smaller denominations are ideal for buying water and for making small purchases, as change is given in local currency.

If you want to check current rates at the time of travel a good website to use is <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>. You will be given opportunity upon arrival in each country to exchange USD for local currency or withdraw funds from an ATM. You may also exchange USD for local currency at your hotel's front desk.

ATMs: ATMs are available in larger cities and in airports. Check with your bank for more specific details about using ATMs such as the network your bank supports, PIN numbers, etc. To discourage thieves, it is best to not visit ATMs unaccompanied.

CREDIT CARDS: Visa, MasterCard and American Express are the most widely used credit cards. Use may be restricted in small businesses, such as open marketplaces and street vendors. Credit cards should be protected by **RFID-blocking sleeves** so they cannot be scanned, and your payment information stolen. You can find RFID-blocking sleeves at most luggage stores. Do not use your credit card in questionable shops and never let your card out of your sight. Non-essential cards can be left at home. It is recommended to bring your driver's license in case you are asked for additional photo ID, and your health card in case of an emergency.

Before leaving home, **we encourage you to consult with the bank that has issued the credit cards and debit cards you will be using as you travel.** Today banks have a variety of fraud detection systems so we advise you to be sure you will be able to use your cards. You should also have an out-of-country contact phone number available in case any cards are lost or stolen.

LANGUAGE

Arabic is the official language of both Jordan and Egypt. Many educated individuals are also fluent in English.

COMMUNICATION

Internet: There will be opportunity to access the internet while on tour. Most hotels and some buses will have Wifi available.

Phone: North American cell phones are not automatically equipped to make international calls. If you plan to use your cell phone on tour, please check with your wireless service provider for direction regarding international calling.

TIME ZONES

Jordan and Egypt are seven hours ahead of Eastern Time (ET). Therefore, when it is 9:00 AM (ET) in Ontario or Pennsylvania, it is 4:00 PM in Jordan or Egypt.

CLIMATE

October/November is autumn for Egypt and Jordan, featuring more moderate temperatures compared to the preceding summer months. Average highs range from 21°C to 27°C (70°F to 81°F). Average low temperatures during the night range from 13°C to 18°C (55°F to 64°F).

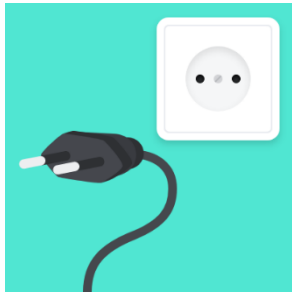
This time of year is still very dry and sunny: rarely will you experience rainfall.

ELECTRICAL CURRENT

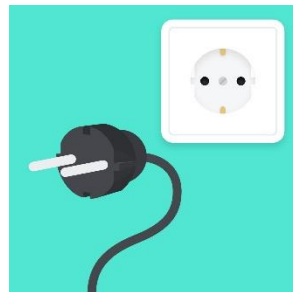
Standard voltage in Egypt (220V) and Jordan (230V) is higher than in North America (120V), and different adapters are used here as well. If you wish to bring appliances you already own and they are not designed to operate on either 120 or 220/230 volts by the flick of a switch, you may need a **voltage converter** as well as a **plug adapter**.

Egypt operates on a **220V supply voltage and 50Hz**, and there are two associated plug types: **types C and F**.

Jordan operates on a **230V supply voltage and 50Hz**. For Jordan there are five associated plug types: **C, D, F, G and J**.



Type C



Type F

The most common adapter for these destinations would be a **“round pin plug” (Type C)**, but this can change from hotel to hotel.

Converters and adapters should be available for you to purchase at major department stores, electronic shops or stores that specialize in selling luggage. But before you purchase a converter, be sure to check the label on your appliance. Some appliances never need a converter. **If the label states 'INPUT: 100-240V, 50/60 Hz' the appliance can be used in all countries in the world.** This is common for chargers of tablets/laptops, cameras, cell phones, and toothbrushes.

Read more about converters/adapters [here](#).

CLOTHING AND CUSTOMS

Plan to take a variety of casual clothing that is easy-care, comfortable and doesn't show the dirt. A good pair of walking shoes is highly recommended. **Sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are essential** to protect against the sun, and lightweight, light-coloured long sleeve

shirts are also recommended for the same purpose.

It is recommended to bring a **washcloth** along, as some hotels may not provide them. Also, lighten your suitcase by packing quick-dry clothing and a small container of **laundry detergent**. Clothing can be hand-washed and hung to dry quickly in the dry climate. It is useful to pack a ten-foot lightweight cord to improvise a wash line.

WATER PURITY

Tap water is not safe to consume. You may use tap water for brushing your teeth and showering, but bottled water should be your source of drinking water.

MEDICAL & VACCINATIONS

Although there are no required vaccinations for entry, please make sure you are **up to date on your routine vaccinations**.

It is highly recommended that each participant **seek the counsel of their personal physician and/or a travel clinic prior to their departure** for an individual health assessment to determine if there are other vaccinations or medications recommended for your travel destination. Show your doctor your tour itinerary so they can see where you will be travelling. If you get inoculations, have them recorded on an International Inoculation Certificate. Please take your doctor's advice!

We suggest you **plan ahead for getting your vaccinations**. Some may require more than one injection. Note that some vaccinations should not be given during pregnancy or to people with allergies. Discuss this with your doctor.

Information about immunizations and travel clinics is available from the following:

USA

Centers for Disease Control

1-800-311-3435, www.cdc.gov/travel

Travel Clinics in USA

www.cdc.gov/travel/travel_clinics.htm

Passport Health USA

1-800-499-7277, www.passporthealthusa.com

(list of all travel clinics in US and will do telephone consultation with travel health specialist)

CANADA

International Association for Medical Assistance for Travellers (IAMAT)

(416) 652-0137, www.iamat.org

Travel Doctors Group

www.tmvc.com.au

Health Canada's Travel Medicine Program

for list of travel medicine clinics, (613) 957-8739

Health Canada's web site

www.TravelHealth.gc.ca

It is advisable to take along enough prescription medicine for the whole tour and a **written prescription** from your doctor for each medicine. If any of your medicines contain habit-forming drugs or narcotics, take precaution to avoid misunderstanding by properly identifying all drugs. Do not remove the drugs from their original containers and carry only the necessary quantity. These safeguards could save you considerable trouble.

SAFETY

Government travel advisories are continually in place for Jordan and Egypt due to ongoing conflict in specific areas like Sinai in Egypt or the border with Syria in Jordan. These advisories may seem daunting to North American travellers, but be aware that this is nothing new, and our tours go nowhere near these hotspots.

We continue to monitor the situation concerning Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and surrounding areas. In the event that government advisories prohibit travel to your destination, we will cancel the tour. Currently, there is no such advisory, so the tour will proceed as planned.

You may consider **registering your travels with your government**. This will allow your government to notify you in case of an emergency abroad, a personal emergency at home, or a natural disaster or civil unrest. You can register for this free service online through your government website.

- [Canadians](#)
- [Americans](#)

Before you leave on your tour, remove any unnecessary cards from your wallet and leave them at home. Photocopy your passport ID page and any credit or debit cards (both sides) that you plan to take with you. Keep a copy (or more) separate from your wallet for quick reference should your cards be lost or stolen. Leave a photocopy with friends or family at home.

Pickpockets are more common here than in North America, especially in public spaces like airports and train stations. Carry billfolds in the front inside pocket of a jacket or front pants pocket as opposed to your back pocket. Consider a money belt (obtainable at AAA stores, for example) for excess cash. Beware of a common pickpocket ploy which is to announce that pickpockets have been observed in the area. People instinctively touch their pockets to check and the pickpockets then know where you keep your valuables.

OTHER ITEMS TO BRING

An extra memory card and a good supply of spare or rechargeable batteries for your

photographic or video equipment are recommended.

READ MORE

- [U.S. Department of State Jordan travel information](#)
- [U.S. Department of State Egypt travel information](#)
- [Government of Canada Jordan travel advice](#)
- [Government of Canada Egypt travel advice](#)
- [SHERPA travel requirements tool](#)