Jordan — February 2027

What to Expect · February 11–21, 2027

Trip at a glance

This team serves in Amman alongside a local church that cares for refugee families — running kids' and youth programs, visiting families in their homes, encouraging women and partner ministries, and seeing some of Jordan's most historic places.

Dates	February 11–21, 2027
Team leader	Jonathan Grooms
Home base	A partner church in Amman
Ministry focus	Refugee family visits, kids' club and youth nights, women's ministry, partner ministries, food distributions
Sightseeing	Mt. Nebo, Madaba, the Jordan River, Petra and a night in Wadi Rum
Cost	$1,500 + airfare

Covered: lodging, meals, in-country transportation and guides, sightseeing entries, ministry costs and travel insurance. **Not covered:** Jordan Pass (unless your leader says otherwise), personal snacks and souvenirs.

Airfare: GPPD books the team's flights and adds the airfare to your total trip cost.

Our approach

We come to listen, learn and encourage. Our partners serve refugee families every day; our job is to strengthen their work, honor the people we meet and follow their lead.

Before you go

Passport. Valid through at least **August 21, 2027**, with at least one blank page.

Jordan Pass. The Jordan Pass covers your tourist visa fee and entry to Petra and other sites. Your leader will tell you which pass to buy. Save it to your phone, print a copy and upload it to Go Method.

Health. See a doctor or travel clinic by mid-January. Be current on routine vaccines and ask about Hepatitis A and Typhoid.

Go Method. Application and deposit, passport copy, medical release, background check (adults), Jordan Pass and trip balance.

Insurance. GPPD purchases travel medical insurance for every participant.

Packing

February in Amman is cool and often rainy — highs in the 50s°F, with near-freezing nights in the desert. Pack layers and bring a universal plug adapter.

- **Must have:** passport and copy, Jordan Pass, warm layers and a waterproof jacket, a warm hat, good walking shoes, Bible and journal, prescriptions, water bottle, plug adapter
- **Good ideas:** medicine kit, headlamp, sunglasses and sunscreen, daypack, snacks, small gifts or family photos for host families, small bills

Dress code

Setting	Men	Women
Church services	Long pants, collared shirt	Long skirt or loose pants; shoulders and elbows covered
Home visits	Long pants, T-shirt or collared shirt	Loose pants or long skirt; long sleeves; nothing tight or low-cut
Sightseeing	Long pants; no tank tops	Loose pants or long skirt; a scarf is handy at religious sites

No shorts in public for men or women.

Travel, lodging & food

The team flies from Washington Dulles to Amman on an overnight flight of about 12 hours. Most nights we stay at our partner church, with one hotel night near Petra and one night in Bedouin tents in Wadi Rum — simple, cold and without Wi-Fi, and a highlight for most teams. Many meals are shared with host families and partners. Most visitors drink bottled water.

A typical week

Day	Plan
Day 1–2	Fly to Amman; settle in; briefing
Day 3	Mt. Nebo, Madaba and the Jordan River; kids' club; youth night
Day 4	Sunday worship; time with our partner pastors; evening service
Day 5–6	Refugee home visits in small groups; women's conference
Day 7	Visits with partner ministries; women's meeting
Day 8	Food distribution; drive to Petra
Day 9	Petra; Wadi Rum desert tour and Bedouin camp
Day 10–11	Return to Amman; farewell dinner; fly home

Culture & conduct

- Men should wait for a woman to offer her hand; a hand over the heart is a respectful greeting.
- Accept the tea or coffee offered, and use your right hand to eat, give and receive.
- Don't point the soles of your feet at anyone.
- Men minister with men and women with women where possible.
- Don't give money or promise future help on your own, and avoid political conversations.
- Never photograph refugee families without clear permission, and don't post their names, faces or locations.

Staying in touch & safety

Jordan is 7 hours ahead of Eastern time. There's Wi-Fi at our lodging most nights (not in Wadi Rum); install WhatsApp before you go. The currency is the Jordanian dinar. Stay with the team, keep valuables secure and follow your leader and guides. GPPD sends families an emergency contact sheet before departure.

Preparing your heart

Pray for the team, our partners and the families we'll visit. Recruit prayer partners, prepare a short testimony and a kids' activity, and learn a few Arabic words: *marhaba* (hello), *shukran* (thank you).

Questions? Contact Jonathan Grooms at jgrooms@gpartners.org.

Entry and health requirements can change. Leaders confirm current guidance before departure.