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# Ali Baba International Center

Arabic Language Institute

**PROFILE**



# LEARN ARABIC IN JORDAN

Experiencing the daily life of the Arabic people is essential for students who aim at learning the Arabic language vividly and intensely. It is indeed, important to live the Arabic language from within, starting from the heart of the people who speak it. With this philosophy in mind, invite you to come to Jordan to learn Arabic at Ali Baba International Center to mix and become acquainted with the people of Jordan, and to discover and enjoy at the long and amazing history of Jordan.

We strive to provide our students and professionals with the foundation, structure and resources necessary to meet their specific Arabic language goals. Therefore, our center capitalizes on this cultural reality and not only welcomes students from abroad but also offers classes to local Jordanians. Students from both international and local backgrounds benefit greatly from each other especially from after-class discussions, these relationships deepen the understanding of other cultures in ways that research and study do not. Friendships are often made in our cafeteria and study areas which last far longer than our student's stay in Amman.



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Ali Baba International Center is located in the heart of Amman; the beautiful capital of Jordan. The center offers immersion programs throughout the year. A typical program consists of a language course, a comfortable accommodation, and set of rich extracurricular activities. The language courses are supplemented by cultural and social activities and guided-tours to the major tourist attractions of Jordan. Participants in the programs will also be encouraged to meet and interact with local people in order to immerse them in the every fabric of the Jordanian society and give them insider's view of Jordanians lives. All courses are taught at Ali Baba International Center by experienced multilingual Jordanian teachers with solid teaching experience.

Learning Arabic in Jordan is by far the best way to propel your Arabic language skills forward. Our years of experience have proved that attainment, immersion and flexibility are the principles which make learning Arabic at Ali Baba International Center unlike any other program in Jordan.



# MODERN CAMPUS

Ali Baba International Center offers a comprehensive set of students' services under one roof. The students, once enrolled in, will find all their needs met in one place. Aside for the multifunction classrooms, the center has a large Study & Internet Area, a bookshop, and western and elegant café overlooking the beautiful campus of the University of Jordan.

## Multifunction Classrooms

Ali Baba International Center occupies a large area - approximately 1000 squared meters. This has allowed us to have more than fifteen multifunction classrooms of different sizes that can be used simultaneously. The classrooms have comfortable seats and are equipped with state-of-art teaching facilities to facilitate effective teaching.



## Study & Internet area

The study area is the school's largest and most spacious area designed to meet our students' needs. It is equipped with private and shared areas and a consolidated computer area with a high internet speed connectivity. Students do not only study, but also meet new friends from all over the world and extend their professional network with like-minded people.



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## Bookshop

In order to provide comprehensive services for the students enrolled at Ali Baba International Center, we have a modern bookshop, fully equipped with copy machines and high definition printers and plotters. The bookshop provides printing services, in addition to selling textbooks and stationaries to the enrolled students.

## Western Café

The western and elegant café at Ali Baba International Center offers a wide range of coffees, cold and warm refreshments, snacks, sandwiches with sides at affordable prices. Overlooking the University of Jordan's beautiful campus, the cafeteria area provides an excellent view to enjoy while taking a break.



# EFFECTIVE TEACHING

Ali Baba International Center prides itself on the quality of its teachers, its small class sizes, and a learning environment fit to accommodate all types of Arabic language learners. Whether you are a student hoping to immerse yourself in an Arabic speaking environment or a mid-career professional with specific language goals, our mission is to help you achieve the level of attainment that you desire. Students are sure to find the tools necessary to meet their particular needs.

## Qualified Instructors

One of the primary reasons that students continue to choose us is due to the high standards held by our instructors. The instructors are selected through a multi-level application process which evaluates their experience and education, while undergoing observation and in-house instruction. Our instructors currently hold higher degrees and have extensive teaching experience.



## Accredited Teaching Standards

Our center maintains a high standard of instruction, and adheres to the international guidelines on the teaching of foreign languages. These guidelines, enhanced by our many years of experience have shown us the most effective methods of teaching Arabic. Moreover, the center has full accreditation from the Ministry of Education in Jordan to teach Arabic language to non-native speakers.



## Small Classes

Our classes are intentionally kept to a small size to ensure that each student has an ample amount of individualized assistance with our instructors. If our students wish to pursue Arabic more intensively, we offer a diverse private teaching staff which can be paired to specifically meet our students' requests.

## Interactive Learning

Our philosophy at Ali Baba International Center is to provide our students with the best language learning experience. This is done through various ways such as engaging them into discussions, offering interactive learning through multimedia, documentaries and multi-functional language lab. All together creates an environment which provides our students with a place to focus on and practice their Arabic in a natural and relaxed atmosphere.



## INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Ali Baba International Center have fruitful collaboration with many organizations and universities in Europe, United States of America, and Japan. Indeed, we continuously have students enrolled at our programs from most countries in the world. Students enrolled at Ali Baba International Center include school students, translators, Fulbright scholars, school teachers, university professors, company representatives, diplomats, housewives, senior citizens, and students from major universities in the US Europe and Asia. These students come from many countries such as the.

## Staff of International Organizations

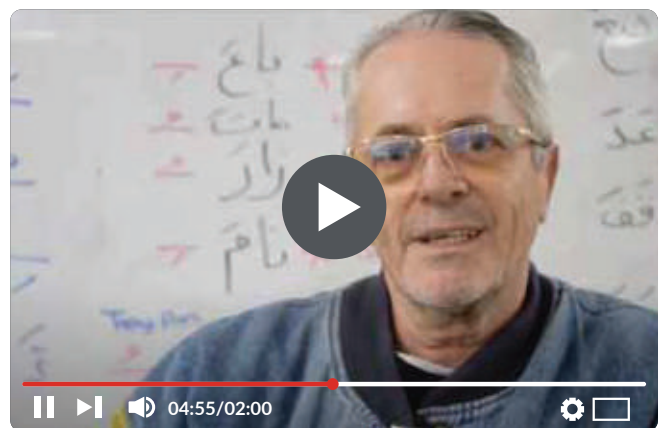
Ali Baba International Center has provided, and continues to provide, customized Arabic language courses for many diplomatic missions and NGOs operating in Jordan. This includes western Embassies operating in Jordan:



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# Students Form Major World Universities





# GLOBAL AFFILIATION & INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Arabic language courses offered at Ali Baba International Center are accredited by national and international organizations.



All Arabic language courses offered by the Ali Baba International Center are accredited, and regularly inspected, by the Ministry of Education in Jordan.



Ali Baba International Center is recognized by most German states to offer 5-days and 10-days Arabic language courses to German employees supported by the Bildungsurlaub paid study-leave initiative.



Ali Baba International Center is recognized by CSN: the Swedish National Board of Student Aid (Centrala studiestödsnämnden) as a provider of Arabic Language courses. CSN is a Swedish government agency under the Ministry of Education and Research that approves and sends out Swedish financial aid for studies in Sweden and abroad.



The International Association of Language Centres (IALC) is a network of high-quality, independent language schools teaching their native language to international students. IALC-accredited language schools provide effective language courses and cultural immersion for all ages, needs and interests.



Ali Baba International Center is a full-member affiliate of the prestigious International House Organization (IHWO) which is one of the largest and oldest groups of language schools in the world.



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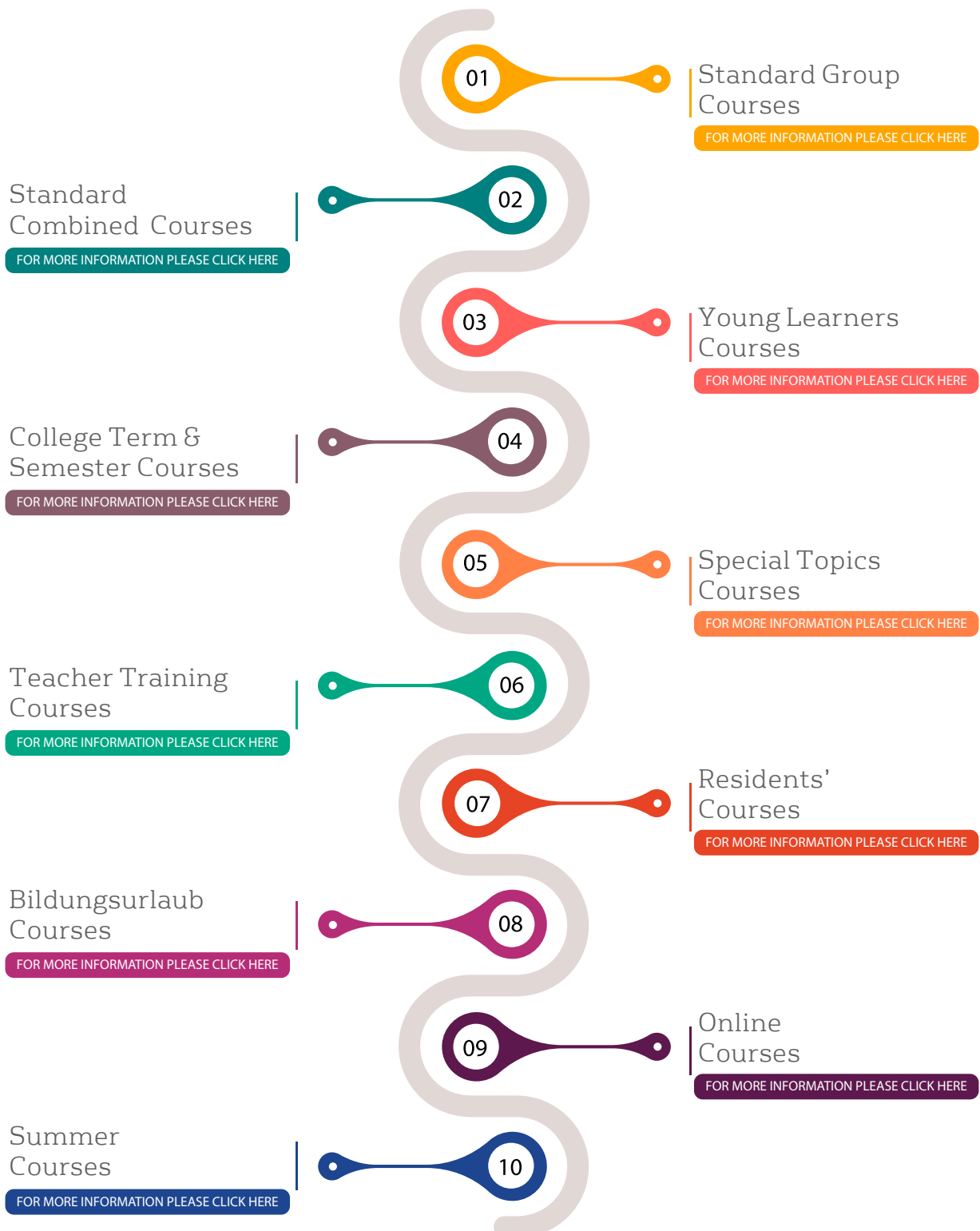
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# ABOUT COURSES

Ali Baba International Center offers different types of courses to different types of learners – students, diplomats, economists, businessmen, young learners, teachers, among others. These options include group courses, combined (group and private) courses, young learners courses, college term & semester courses, special topics courses, teacher training courses, residents' courses, Bildungsurlaub courses, online courses, summer courses.





## Modern Standard Arabic (MSA)

Ali Baba International Center teaches the Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) in all offered standard courses. It is the official language of 23 Arab countries extending from the Arabian Peninsula to the Atlantic Ocean. Modern Standard Arabic is the common medium for nearly all formal communication, both printed and spoken, in the Arab world countries. It is also the official language of all Arab countries, thus providing the most versatile tool for those interested in living or working in an Arab country. Our offered MSA courses will enable students to use the language across the Arab world for official correspondence, speeches, reading a newspaper, among many other usages.



## Colloquial Spoken Arabic

Whilst the written Arabic is standard in the entire Arab World, the spoken Arabic varies as each Arab country speaks its own dialect. Colloquial Arabic, or the Spoken Aamieh, is also taught at Ali Baba International Center, however, its only taught as a private course, i.e., in a one-to-one or a group-to-one setting. The different dialects spoken in the Arab World can be taught at Ali Baba Center. The "Levant" dialect is the most popular dialect that all Arabs understand and gives the learners consistent and practical speaking skills. Major topics covered in the course are greetings; courtesy expressions; geography; counting; telling time; food; clothing; shopping; banking; travel; weather; health; professions; and personal, family, and home life.

## Textbooks

Different international and local textbooks are used. The two mostly used textbooks are 'Al-Asas for Teaching Arabic for Non-Native Speakers: I, II, III' and 'Al-Kitaab Series' (Alif Baa, Al-Kitaab I, II, III). These textbooks are supplemented by selected materials and activities to cover different subjects and language skills.



## Levels

Three language levels are offered each month: beginners, intermediate, and advanced. The three levels may get subdivided into sub-levels depending on the number of enrolled students. Admitted students need to sit for a placement test, and if necessary a short interview, on the first day of the course to determine the group class they should join.

## Weekly & Daily Schedules

The working week in Jordan is from Sunday to Thursday. A total of 20 teaching hours is offered every week (5 days per week, 4 hours per day). Therefore, a total of 80 teaching hours of modern standard Arabic (MSA) is covered every month. This is equal to 4 credit hours in most credit-based universities. One teaching hour is 50 minutes in classroom. Teaching at Ali Baba International Center starts at 9 AM and ends at 3 PM. Students signed up for group course will have 4 hours of language instruction every day. The exact timing of the daily hours may vary from one group to another depending on the groups level and availability issues.

## Placement Test & Orientation

The first day of all group courses is always a Sunday. Admitted students are expected to be at the center at 9 AM on that day. After taking a placement test, they sit for an orientation session in which they get information about the center's facilities, regulations, staff, etc. The students are then escorted in a small trip bus to Amman city center. The students visit the oldest and most traditional part of the city which hosts the Citadel, Blue Mosque, Roman Theater, and Jordan Museum. Students will have time for shopping in the Souqs, and have lunch in a traditional restaurant.

## Certificate of Completion

Upon the successful completion of the course, each participant receives a 'Certificate of Completion' indicating the name, level, and duration of the course attended. Students may request official transcripts indicating the content of the course studied so they can claim credit at their home universities. It's however the students' sole responsibility to negotiate with their home universities the appropriate number of credits to be awarded.



GRADUATION CEREMONIES at Ali Baba International Center  
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# Program Performance Evaluation

Continuous performance evaluation of students and teacher is regularly made in order to continuously improve the quality of our programs. Students are evaluated from day one of the course by having them sit for a placement test to determine their exact level. Once they join their assigned classes, their progress in the language is evaluated through homework assignments, class participation, quizzes, a midterm exam and a final exam. Instructors are evaluated by strict procedures to ensure high quality of the delivered language instruction. Daily administrative supervision and follow-ups on teacher performance by the director of studies and the head of the Arabic Language department are conducted. Moreover, the students are asked to fill up a teacher evaluation form midway through the course and at the end of the course. The feedback evaluations submitted by the students are discussed with the instructors individually in order to improve their performance.

## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

By the end of your course, and as our students prepare to leave the center, we definitely like to hear from them about their experience at the center. We urge the students to express their sincere opinion about their experience at Ali Baba regarding their course, accommodation, extra-curricular activities, staff, facilities, etc. The students feedback are important for us and will be definitely used to improve our services. Please refer to our Youtube channel for a complete set of authentic video testimonials.



Let's Learn ARABIC at Ali Baba International Center  
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What students say about us  
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# ACCOMMODATIONS

A great accommodation is fundamental to any overseas adventure so we make sure that we make that ours is comfortable and appropriate for all our students. We offer different types of accommodation options to suit all budgets and tastes. These options include private studio apartments, private standard apartments, shared standard apartments, homestay with local families, hotels and hotel suites. It is our aim at Ali Baba International Center to make our students feel safe, secure and at home! All types of our accommodations have been carefully selected and are regularly monitored by our staff. Moreover, most of our accommodations are located nearby the language center in a university neighborhood which has been developed over the years to accommodate the student lifestyle. Coffee shops, supermarkets and bookstores are all within a minute's walk of the center. The area is safe, clean, open, and is just a 15-minute drive away from downtown Amman.

## Private Studio Apartments

A private studio apartment is a single large area that accommodates a comfortable bedroom, bathroom, kitchenette, small refrigerator, small oven, AC, Satellite TV, wardrobe, desk and chair. Common laundry machines are available. Students may also use cheap local laundrette (dry clean shops) which are located one block away from the apartment. Bed sheets are provided, however, the students are expected to bring their own towels. A studio apartment is available for the exclusive use of one student.



## Private Standard Apartments

A private standard apartment has a: bedroom, small living area, bathroom, kitchenette, small refrigerator, small oven, AC, Satellite TV, wardrobe, desk and chair. Common laundry machines are available. Students may also use cheap local laundrette (dry clean shops) which are located one block away from the apartment. Bed sheets are provided; however, the students are expected to bring their own towels. A private standard apartment is available for exclusive use of one person, or two students coming together. It's also ideal for a married couple with one or no children.

## Shared Standard Apartments

A shared standard apartment has one or more bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen, and a living area. The apartment has an air condition (AC), Satellite TV, wardrobes, study desks, iron, refrigerator, and an oven. The bedrooms and facilities of the apartment are shared. Each bedroom may accommodate one or two persons. Common laundry machines are available. Students may also use cheap local launderette (dry clean shops) which are located one block away from the apartment. Bed sheets are provided, however, the students are expected to bring their own towels.



## Homestay Accommodation

A unique feature of Ali Baba's programs is our Jordanian homestay accommodation service. Indeed, staying with a local Jordanian family is the best accommodation option if you are looking to inject culture, and better understand Jordan and its people through a mutual



exchange of traditions, knowledge and culture in a safe and caring environment. We have a large variety of responsible and trustworthy families of all different kinds to ensure that we find you the perfect match. All of our homestay families have been selected because they have a genuine interest in international students, and will make you feel welcome from the very beginning. The majority of our host families live in upper-class residential areas; the northern and western parts of Amman. A host family may live in a large apartment or in an independent house. A typical house/apartment will have a living room/dining room, a kitchen, a bathroom, and three or four bedrooms. A few families live within a walking distance from the center, other families live in different parts of Amman. The average Taxi drive to the center from most host families naturally varies, but in general they are within a 15-minute cab ride away in reasonable traffic.

## Hotels & Hotel-Suites

A variety of stylish hotels and hotel-suites offer single occupancy and double occupancy rooms, fully air-conditioned, and equipped with modern facilities. Modern hotel-suites and hotels are located within a walking distance from Ali Baba International Center.


# EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Different sets of in-campus and off-campus extra-curricular activities are arranged every week. In-campus activities include, but not limited to, Arabic Calligraphy, Jordanian Cooking, Arabic Henna, Watching Arabic movies, and Sand Art bottles classes. Off-campus activities include a trip to downtown Amman upon arrival, a trip to a historical place, field trips to museums /Schools/Local Families Orphanage Centers among other places. Furthermore, we have a language-partner program; through which we introduce language students to local university students. Many other activities can be arranged depending on the number of enrolled students.

The center reserves the right to add, remove, change, or cancel any activity depending on factors such as the season of enrollment, weather conditions, number of enrolled students, among other factors.

## City Center Tour


The first day of all standard group courses is always a Sunday. Admitted students are expected to be at the center at 9 AM on that day. After taking a placement test, they sit for an orientation session in which they get information about the center's facilities, regulations, staff, etc. The students are then escorted in a bus tour to Amman city center (downtown Amman) during which they visit the oldest and most traditional part of the city which hosts the Citadel, the Blue Mosque, the Roman Theater, and Jordan Museum. After the tour, the students will have time for shopping from the many small shops in the downtown area. The students will also have a free traditional lunch at a famous restaurant located in the middle of the shopping area.



A tour in Ali Baba International Center  
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first day in JORDAN  
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## Arabic Calligraphy

Since the main steam at Ali Baba International Center is teaching Arabic Language, we found it rather necessary and useful to expose our enrolled students to the basic elements of Arabic and Islamic calligraphy. This is an artistic practice of handwriting and calligraphy, based upon the alphabet in the lands sharing a common Islamic cultural heritage. It includes Arabic, Ottoman, and Persian calligraphy.



ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY in Ali Baba International Center  
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## Arabic Cooking Class

Students enrolled at Ali Baba International Center have the chance of experiencing a cooking class with their instructors. Different Jordanian dishes are prepared by the students with the help of the center's staff. The Jordanian cuisine is part of Levantine cuisine and shares many traits and similarities with the cuisine of Palestine, Syria and Lebanon



## Arabic Henna Design

Henna is a dye prepared from the plant *Lawsonia inermis*, also known as hina, the henna tree, the mignonette tree. This particular 'Henna' activity is especially appealing for female students enrolled at Ali Baba International Center. When applied on the hands and feet, beautiful henna designs not only augment a woman's natural beauty, but add a touch of elegance as well. This tradition continues in the present day with ladies applying henna in weddings and various other



festive occasions. The Arabic style of applying henna is quite flowing in nature with designs comprising patterns of leaves, vines, and flowers.

## Colored Sand Bottles

The art of 'Colored Sand Bottles' is a unique art that Ali Baba students love and appreciate. In this art, small glass bottles are filled with multi-colored sand using geometrical decorations and mostly layers of different colors. The original inspiration of this art was born from Petra, Jordan's magical city, and its multi-colored sand mountains



## Ramadan Iftar

The holy month of Ramadan is a month of worship, a month of family gatherings, and a month of blessing and mercy. Overseas students enrolled at Ali Baba International Center during Ramadan are given the chance to experience the unique culture of Ramadan. The center holds one or two Iftar gatherings, where they meet with locals at sunset to break their fasting. Local foods and Ramadan desserts are served at the Iftar. Appropriate Ramadan activities are also introduced to the students after the Iftar.



## Touristic Trips

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# LIVING IN JORDAN

## Jordan Climate

Jordan is blessed with a Mediterranean climate for pleasurable year-round travel. Amman is sunny and cloudless from May to October, with average temperatures around 23 °c (73 °F). Springtime brings optimal weather, lush with greenery, and Autumn is equally mild and pleasant. July and August are moderately hot and dry. Because of the capital city's elevation, evenings are cool. Aqaba and the Jordan valley are ideal winter resorts, with temperatures averaging 22-16 °C (72-61 °F) Between November and April. There is very little rain in the Aqaba area and in the desert.

## Food and Drinks

The capital of Jordan is Amman. The unique mix of old and new is what makes Amman one of the most gorgeous cities in the world, where ancient ruins are surrounded by modern towering buildings in a fantastic harmony presenting the historical development Amman has witnessed. As the capital of Jordan, Amman, is located in the heart of the Middle East, it has adopted many cultures while maintaining its own historical traditions. This mixing has formed a society which is accustomed to welcoming guests from diverse cultural, religious and societal backgrounds.



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Jordanian Food and the Best Falafel I've Had!  
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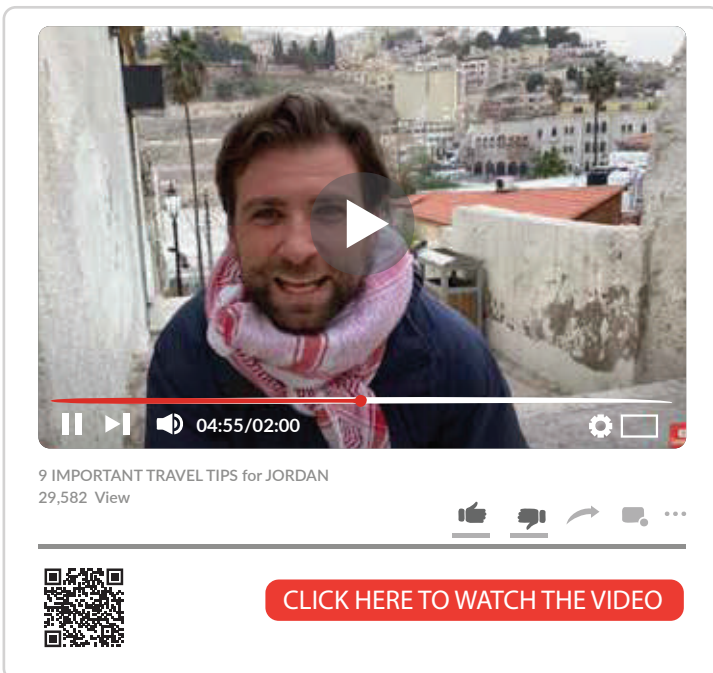
## Medical Care

Jordan's health services are considered to be among the best in the Middle East; citizens from across the Middle East and North Africa regularly come to Jordan for health care. The healthcare facilities and professionals in Jordan are fairly advanced. You will find most centers clean and hygienic, the staff friendly and proficient. Medical clinics and pharmacies are found on many streets. There are also emergency and 24 hour medical services available. Pharmacies in Jordan can provide medication for minor ailments. If you are taking medication regularly, or indeed if you take specific vitamins/supplements, please bring a sufficient supply. While many medications and vitamins are available here in Jordan, some are not. There are a number of all-night pharmacies in Amman listed daily in the Jordan Times. Generally, Pharmacies are in all main streets in Amman.



## Personal Safety

Many Middle Eastern countries are undergoing drastic changes, politically, economically, and socially. Despite recent headlines, it can be easily said that stability, moderation and openness allowed Jordan to remain peaceful during the Arab Spring when other Arab nations experienced tremendous fluctuations. That is to say, Jordan is a safe and friendly place to travel. People are always helpful whether in an emergency or otherwise. It is generally safe to walk around at any time of day or night. However, it is sensible to take obvious precautions: look after your belongings and keep valuables in the hotel safe. Lost belongings should be reported to the police. If you lose your passport, contact your embassy.



## Clothing & Dress Code

Dressing sensibly and conservatively is one form of paying respect to the culture. Muslim Women's clothing often covers their arms, legs and hair. Western women are not subject to these customs, but very revealing clothing is never appropriate, and conservative dress is advisable for both men and women in downtown Amman and outside the cities. Shorts are rarely worn by either sexes, and would be out of place in the downtown Amman area. Topless sunbathing is prohibited and one-piece swimsuits are preferred, although two-piece swimsuits are acceptable in hotel pools. Public displays of affection are rare; however, it is not considered unusual for friends to hold hands, regardless of their gender.

## Money Services

The local currency is the Jordanian Dinar; symbol JD, which is often called "Jay Dee". Currency can be exchanged at major banks and exchange booths. Exchange rates are set daily by the Jordanian central bank. American Express, Visa, Diners Club and MasterCard are accepted in hotels, big supermarkets, shopping malls, and restaurants. Many Small shops still prefer cash payment in Jordanian currency. Automated teller machines (ATMs) are increasing in Jordan, credit cards can be used for cash advances

## Living Expenses

Students arriving in Jordan would obviously like to know what costs are going to be involved. In general, you can use the broad range of \$850 to \$1600 per month for all living expenses (housing, food, city transit). If you eat out for two meat-meals a day, you can expect to pay about \$250 to \$350 per month. If you cook, the monthly cost can drop significantly, to perhaps even less than \$200 per person.

## Transportation

Jordan has three types of public transportations: buses, shared Service Taxis, and Yellow Taxis (caps). In Amman, there are many buses which go all around the city, and their fees are considered to be really cheap; less than 1 JD. So, it's just a matter of finding the right bus. On the other hand, yellow taxis (caps) are inexpensive and often the most convenient form of public transportation in Jordan, even over substantial distances, such as the trip between Amman and Aqaba. Private taxis are painted yellow; they can be taken from ranks outside larger hotels or hailed in the street. Taxis have meters, but these are not always used at night, so it is advisable to agree with the driver the cost beforehand. Tipping is not required, but it is customary to add an extra amount to the price of the meter. The new forms of taxis such as UBER and CAREEM are becoming popular in Jordan. Younger people prefer UBER and CAREEM taxis for their flexibility and brand-new cars!

## Gyms & Sports

Ali Baba International Center is located in the heart of a university neighborhood, in which there is a number of gyms, swimming pools, martial art clubs, and tennis courts that accommodate male and female overseas students. As a matter of fact, the popular ladies' fitness club called 'CURVES' is located in the same premises of Ali Baba Center.

## Visa & Residency

Multiple-entry Visas are usually obtained from Jordanian consulates around the world and are valid for 4-3 months from the date of issue. However, many nationalities can always get a 1-month tourist visa upon arrival at Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA). This 1-month visa can be easily extended, with the help of the center, for two more months, followed by three more months, making the total stay six months. After the six-months period, students wishing to prolong their stay in Jordan must depart to any neighboring country, and re-enter the country. The same procedure described above is repeated for longer stays. If the visa has not been renewed properly by the time the student leaves Jordan, he or she will have to pay a fine at the border. Finally, please note that as a private institution, Ali Baba International Center is not able to provide its students with residency permits.

# EXPLORING JORDAN

In addition to the intensive-in-class study of the Arabic language, students enrolled at Ali Baba International Center will be given the opportunity to explore Jordan and its culture through guided tours. Guided tours are arranged every weekend to historical and cultural sites in Jordan including Amman, Jerash and Ajloun, the Dead sea and Nepo Mountain, Petra, Wadi Rum and Aqaba. By taking part in these weekly tours, the students will not only have the pleasure and benefit of learning the Arabic language, but also the chance to enjoy and explore Jordan's magnificent historical attractions.

## Petra

The ancient city of Petra is one of Jordan's national treasures and by far its best-known tourist attraction. Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans, an industrious Arab people who settled in southern Jordan more than 2,000 years ago. Admired then for its refined culture, massive architecture and ingenious complex of dams and water channels, Petra is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Much of Petra's appeal comes from its spectacular setting deep inside a narrow desert gorge. We will begin through The Siq continuing our tour by exploring chunks of this fantastic once-lost city which is full of tombs, temples, an impressive amphitheater and a Roman colonnaded street. The intrepid can ascend the hundreds of rock-cut steps to Ad-Deir. Better known as the Monastery, Ad-Deir has a similar facade to that of the Treasury, but is far bigger and the views from the nearby cliff-tops are awesome. Overnight in Petra.

## Wadi Rum

Wadi Rum is Jordan's largest desert and one of the most spectacular desert landscapes in the world. Stunning in its natural beauty, Wadi Rum epitomizes the romance of the desert. With its "moonscape" of ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains rising out of the sand, Wadi Rum is also home to several Bedouin tribes who live in scattered camps throughout the area. Climbers are especially attracted to Wadi Rum because of its sheer granite and sandstone cliffs, while hikers enjoy its vast empty spaces. Much of David Lean's Lawrence of Arabia was filmed in Wadi Rum. Camels are available which you can hire for short excursions. However, the vast silence and grandeur of the landscape is best experienced on foot !



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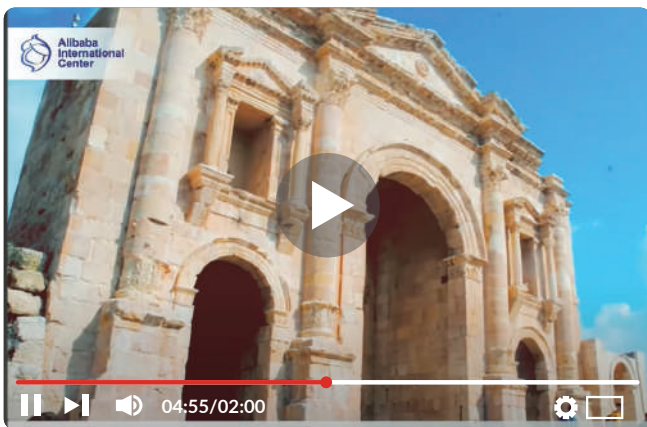


## Madaba

The town of Madaba, located 30 kilometers southwest of Amman, is most famous for its exquisite 6th-century mosaics. Madaba's most famous mosaic is located in the Church of St. George in the middle of town. The Mosaic Map of Palestine represents the Holy Land and its surrounding regions. The mosaic was made around 560 CE, originally composed of over 2.3 million pieces, and measured a staggering 25 by 5 meters.

## Amman

Amman has served as the modern and ancient capital of Jordan. It is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. There are many Biblical references to the city, which by about 1200 BCE had become the Ammonite capital of Rabbath-Ammon. Amman is built on seven hills, or jabals, each of which more or less defines a neighborhood. Most of Amman's noteworthy historical sites are clustered in the downtown area, which sits at the bottom of four of Amman's seven hills, or jabals. The ancient Citadel, which towers above the city from atop Jabal al-Qala'a, is a good place to begin a tour of the city. The Citadel is the site of ancient Rabbath-Ammon. The downtown area is much older and more traditional with smaller businesses producing and selling everything from fabulous jewelry to everyday household items. The people of Amman are multi-cultural, multi-denominational, well-educated and extremely hospitable. They welcome visitors and take pride in showing them around their fascinating and vibrant city.



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## Ajloun

The road to the town of Ajloun, located 25 kilometers west of Jerash and 73 kilometers from Amman, winds through fertile green hillsides lined with olive groves. The main attraction in Ajloun is the castle of Qala'at al-Rabadh, which was built between 85-1184 CE by the nephew of Salah Eddin al-Ayyubi, the great Muslim commander who waged a successful campaign to recover lands lost to the invading Crusaders. The castle is built upon the apex of the hill above Ajloun, and offers a breathtaking view of the surrounding countryside. On a clear day you can see the Dead Sea, the Jordan Valley, the West Bank, and Lake Tiberias.

## The Dead Sea

The Dead Sea is one of the world's most amazing places to be visited. The Dead Sea is 75 kilometers long and from 6 to 16 kilometers wide. As its name suggests, the Dead Sea is entirely devoid of plant and animal life. This is due to an extremely high content of salt and other minerals. The Dead Sea is also famous geographically as "the lowest point on earth," lying some 400 meters below sea level. The Dead Sea is also a rich source of minerals essential for the treatment of various medical conditions such as psoriasis. Visitors to the Dead Sea come away with an unforgettable swimming experience, as the high density of the water makes sinking virtually impossible. An often-photographed pose of the Dead Sea shows a visitor reclining in the water, leisurely reading a perfectly dry newspaper.



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## Jerash

Modern Jerash, located 48 kilometers north of Amman is considered one of the largest and most well-preserved sites of Roman architecture in the world outside Italy. To this day, its colonnaded streets, baths, theaters, plazas and arches remain in exceptional condition. Visitors to Jerash in late July or early August can enjoy the Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts an exciting celebration of both Jordanian and international culture. Theatrical troupes and others from all over the world come to celebrate the link between ancient and modern culture in Jordan.

## Mount Nebo

Mount Nebo, known as Pisgah in the Bible. It is where the Bible says Moses lived out his remaining days and viewed the Promised Land which he would never enter. Mt. Nebo offers a fantastic view westward, with a vista that includes the Dead Sea, the West Bank, the Jordan River, and, on a clear day, Bethlehem and Jerusalem.



MOUNT NEBO JORDAN: MOSES PROMISE LAND VIEW



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# LOCATION

The center is located in Amman, the capital and the largest city of Jordan. It is conveniently situated in the heart of a university neighborhood which has been developed over the years to accommodate the student lifestyle. Coffee shops, supermarkets and bookstores are all within a minute's walk of the center. The area is safe, clean, open, and is just a fifteen minute drive away from downtown Amman. For exact geographical location of the center please refer to Google map

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