

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new Caravan-Serai Tours Newsletter! We will be sending this out monthly with country information on our destinations, a recipe, and more. Please feel free to share this newsletter and let your friends and family know they can receive an email edition by signing up on our email list—just contact Brenda@caravan-serai.com and they will be added.



Pink sands of Wadi Rum, Jordan

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Visit Jordan

Jordan, formally the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, an ancient land that has been inhabited by humans since the Paleolithic era. Over time three major kingdoms arose: Moab, Edom, and Ammon. Later kingdoms include the Nabateans, followed by the Romans and later the Ottomans. The country is a constitutional monarchy, and the king holds executive and legislative powers.

After the Great Arab Revolt against the Ottomans in 1916 (remember Lawrence of Arabia?), the Ottoman Empire was partitioned by Britain and France. The Emirate of Transjordan was established in 1921 by the Hashemites and the emirate became a British protectorate. In 1946, Jordan became an independent state officially known as the Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan, but was renamed in 1949 to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan after the country captured the

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Did you know Caravan-Serai Tours is a full service travel agency? While we specialize in tours and travel to the Middle East and North Africa, we can book your vacations to other destinations as well —from a family Hawaii vacation to a culinary tour of Vietnam. We have all the tools and know how to book vacations to other destinations with our many travel suppliers.

The next time you are thinking of a cruise, or a vacation to Hawaii, or are looking for something unique like a small-ship cruise with a unique itinerary, call us, and we can go over all the options with you!

Moroccan Carrot Salad - prep time = 15 minutes

It's colorful, crunchy, tangy and savory with a bit of sweetness. It will look great on any dinner or buffet table, and it tastes great, too! One common ingredient used in Morocco is cinnamon - and it is used in all kinds of dishes, from savory meat dishes to nutty pastry and dessert dishes, cinnamon is a staple in every Moroccan kitchen.

1/2 cup Cilantro, chopped

1/4 cup Currants

3 Green onion, chopped

Zest of 1 Lemon

10 oz carrots, sliced into matchsticks or small pieces (you can buy a bag of the matchstick cut carrots at the grocery store to save yourself time!)

1 Shallot, small, cut into small pieces

1/4 cup Lemon juice, fresh

2 tsp Pomegranate molasses

1/4 tsp Cinnamon

Pepper, fresh ground to taste

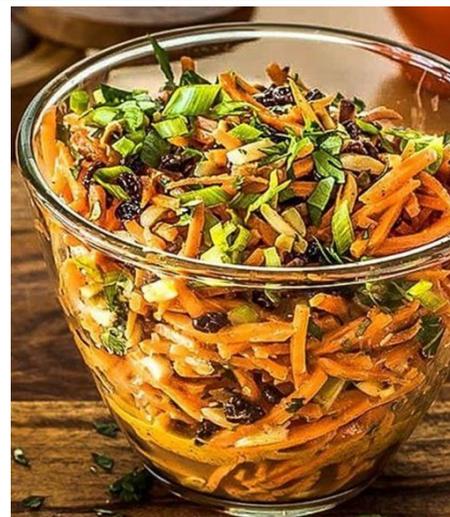
1/2 tsp Sea salt

1/4 cup Lemon infused olive oil

1/4 cup Almonds, toasted sliced

1/4 cup Feta cheese crumbled (you can always add more if you like more feta in your salad)

1 tsp Water, with a drop of orange blossom



Mix all together in a large bowl and serve. If you have a clear glass bowl that will really show off the colors, but any serving bowl is fine. Refrigerate any leftovers or if you make it in advance, refrigerate until your are ready to serve. Enjoy!

SCM Update

SCM is gearing up for another container load to go to Jordan. We are planning to load and ship at the end of September or early October. Items needed for the container are sewing machines, school supplies, backpacks, warm blankets, etc. We are also working on a campaign with LuminAID to get solar lanterns with USB charging ports to send in the container.



In September, a new Syrian refugee family will be arriving in the Seattle area. They are being resettled by IRC, who is covering the initial costs of housing, food and medical care. SCM is helping to get them the items they need to set up a home—they arrive with nothing but their suitcases! We hope to have the basics ready for them when they get here, so we have set up an Amazon Wish List (<http://a.co/34b5j5c>) and we are taking donations of new or gently used furniture such as table and chairs, living room chairs, a sofa, beds, student desks, etc. We have the kitchen basics, bathroom accessories, and towels already. Call the office if you have any of the larger furniture to donate: 206-545-7307.

SCM in Jordan conducted several distributions for Eid al Adha, bringing food, toys for children, Shoes that Grow, hygiene items, and more to several refugee communities and camps across Jordan. Our team in Jordan has been very busy lately organizing and distributing the items we send over from Seattle. They are getting ready to receive another container soon (the one sent in June) and the warehouse will be full again.

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West Bank during the 1948 Arab–Israeli War. The West Bank was annexed and held by Jordan until it was lost to Israel in 1967. Jordan renounced its claim to the territory in 1988 and signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994.

Today, Jordan is an excellent tourism destination with attractions for a wide array of interests. Jordan's location has put it smack-dab in the middle of some of the most important events in human history and there are plenty of historical and archeological sites to visit to learn more about the ancient kingdoms, the Roman empire, Nabateans, and developments in the three major monotheistic religions of the world. The infrastructure to support visitors from all over the world is extensive. Accommodations of all different service levels are readily available

including luxury spas, seaside resorts, budget accommodation near the major sites, etc.

Here are some of the must-see sites in Jordan: **Amman**, known as Rabbath-Ammon during the Iron Age and later as Philadelphia, the ancient city that was once part of the Decapolis league; **Jerash**, the ancient city of Jerash boasts an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back more than 6,500 years and is now generally acknowledged to be one of the best-preserved Roman provincial towns in the world; **Ajlun Castle** was built in 1184 by 'Izz ad-Din Usama bin Munqidh, a general of Saladin, who defeated the Crusaders in 1187; **Um Qais**, historically known as Gadara was renowned in its heyday as a cultural center; **Madaba**, best known for its spectacular Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics, is home to the famous 6th century mosaic map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, located on the floor of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George; **Kerak Fortress** is a Crusader castle and a dark maze of stone-vaulted halls and endless passageways; The ancient city of **Petra** is one of Jordan's national treasures and by far its best known tourist attraction; **Wadi Rum**, also known as 'The Valley of the Moon', this is the place where Prince Faisal Bin Hussein and T.E. Lawrence based their headquarters during the Arab Revolt against the Ottomans in World War I; **Bethany**, the baptismal site of Jesus and home to John the Baptist; **Mount Nebo**, the final resting place of Moses.

These are the most visited highlights of Jordan, but there is so much more to see and do. Join our next set-departure tour or call us for a private/custom tour. Jordan is also often combined with a visit to other countries in the region, such as Lebanon, Egypt, Oman, and others. At this time, a visa for Jordan costs 40 Jordanian Dinars (\$60USD) and can be obtained on arrival. Visit Jordan with Caravan-Serai Tours!

Tour Schedule

October 1-16, 2019: Susa: 16 Day Tour of Iran / \$5445 per person, double occupancy, minimum 6 people, maximum 12

November 9 – 18, 2019: Essential Algeria / \$2780 per person, double occupancy

March 26 – April 4, 2020: Jordan Tour / \$2200 per person, double occupancy, land only, Lebanon Add-on / April 4 – 8, 2020 \$1175 per person, double occupancy, land only

In the planning phase

Morocco Art and Culinary Tour 2020

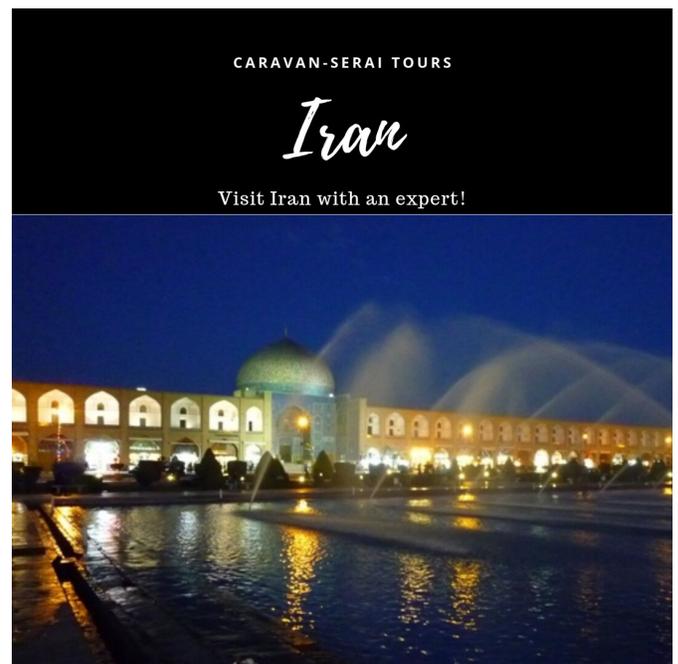
Iran 2020

Egypt 2020

Weekly Departures

Morocco Imperial Cities | Morocco Grand Tour

Morocco Desert and Dunes



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\$100 Off!