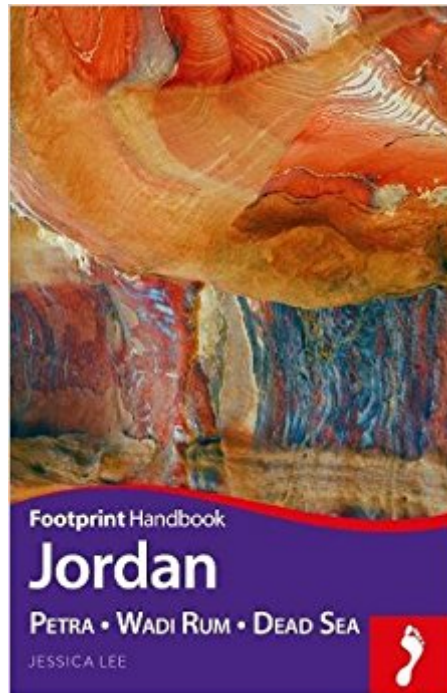




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Jordan is an enticing, curious mix of new and old. From the glass-and-steel high rises of Amman to the goat hair tents of the Bedouin in Wadi Rum, this tiny country also abounds in ancient ruins. Petra is undisputedly the jewel in Jordan's crown; a vast site of pink-tinged façades hewn into craggy rock faces. From floating in the Dead Sea to adventure activities in the desert, Footprint's Handbook will help you make the most of Jordan's highlights. Highlights map and inspirational colour section, so you know what not to miss. Detailed street maps for Amman, the main entry point for Jordan, as well as other key destinations. From the shimmering blue blaze of world's saltiest lake to the soft rose hues of Petra's mighty Treasury, this concise Footprint Handbook will show you the the best of Jordan without weighing you down.

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Customer Reviews

Expert author Jessica Lee knows Jordan inside out; she has travelled extensively throughout the region researching this new guide. Comprehensive coverage of the main attractions, plus dozens of activities and adventures that will help you get off the beaten track. In-depth information about history, culture and politics as well as detailed listings. Inspirational trip planning with itineraries and full-color maps. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Since deciding that growing up and getting a proper job was highly overrated at the tender age of 18, New Zealander Jessica Lee has travelled extensively in Asia, Africa and Latin America. A small obsession with humour and a large obsession with nomadic people led her to the Middle East in 2004 where she fell in love with the Arabic language and the incredible hospitality of the people. She has lived there full-time since 2007, working as a tour leader as well as a writer.

This is a great travel guide, but I can't give it five stars just because it has very few pictures - just a couple in the front and a couple in the back. I don't need fancy pictures, but I'm usually very grateful even if there are some small black and white pics throughout the book just to give you an idea what you're looking at. Pics also help you to browse and get excited about a book before a trip. Despite that, this book is still one of the better ones available. It manages to have that smaller publisher feel, where you believe that you're reading someone's memoirs rather than a templated travel guide. The author states her experience at- or subjective impression of- a place sometimes - and although your experience may differ - mine has been dead on with hers most of the time. And the writing managed to get me pretty psyched up when I finally started reading it anyway (although I did wait until I got on the plane). I also appreciate that it has a lot of smaller, more oddball type sites listed, which is great for someone like me who wants to stay off the tourist trail and who also has a lot of time to kill - all the better if I have some archaeological site or hiking trail to find on my day off. There are some small maps of some sites included that are pretty decent, and there is a few pages of map in the back that is not perfectly accurate as to placement of sites, but gives you a pretty good idea of where everything is, and it's nice to have. It's definitely not suitable for driving, though....Speaking of which, there is no single romanisation method for Arabic, so when you can't match her terms up with something in your nav system or something you see another place, it's not her fault. This can still be tricky, so keep it in mind. I also like the size, weight, and hard cover. As is often the case, I'm definitely glad I gave this guide a chance over the mega-producers of guides out there. I'll be spending a lot more time in Jordan, and I'm in no rush to get another guide, even as a supplement.

Just great for our purposes ...

This was a business trip to Jordan so much of my itinerary was already planned but I loved reading about Jordan before we departed. My first encounter with Footprint guides and I'll definitely seek them out for future international travel, thank you!

Although a slender volume, it is packed with useful information and great tips.

I was a little nervous that the book would be too heavy to take with me since I travel very light, but even though it's hard cover, it was small and light. It had very detailed and helpful information, telling about all the things that seem minor but can have a big effect on how much you enjoy each day. I didn't actually use it very much for planning since I had a driver, but it was a lot of fun to read to learn about the places we were seeing.

Excellent book about traveling to Jordan. Very detailed descriptions, clear maps and great layout of material. Very excited about our upcoming trip after reading this book.

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