

Itinerary for Soils, Civilizations, and Societies (Soils 497U)  
Spring 2010 Embedded Student Study Tour to Jordan.

You can find many of these Jordan sites at the web site for Petra Moon ( <a href="http://petramoon.com/sites.html">http://petramoon.com/sites.html</a> ) (our trip planner)		
<b>May 16-17</b>	Day 1-2	<b>US to Jordan</b> (arrive early evening 05-17)
<b>May 17</b>	Day 2	Met at airport by Petra Moon Agency representative Dinner/ <b><i>Overnight Amman (Red Rose Hotel)</i></b>
<b>May 18</b>	Day 3	Morning free. 12:30 Lunch and meeting at RSCN Wild Jordan (Chris Johnson, director); discuss conservation projects and Jordan's natural resources. <a href="http://www.rscn.org.jo/orgsite/Home/tabid/143/Default.aspx">http://www.rscn.org.jo/orgsite/Home/tabid/143/Default.aspx</a> Also, check You Tube video narrated by Chris Johnson <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DKqivqiu_A">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DKqivqiu_A</a> Dinner/ <b><i>Overnight Amman</i></b>
<b>May 19</b>	Day 4	Morning meetings (9:30 a.m.) with General Secretary of Jordan's Ministry of Agriculture. Afternoon city tour of Amman; lunch at Tawaheen al Hawa; Visit the Citadel, Archaeological Museum, souks, theater, Old Amman, and other sites. Evening dinner at Fakher al Din. <b><i>Overnight Amman</i></b>
<b>May 20</b>	Day 5	Jeep drive to Zumot Vineyards ( <a href="http://www.zumot-wines.com/news.php">http://www.zumot-wines.com/news.php</a> ) for tour of certified organic vineyard. Picnic lunch prepared by jeep drivers at the vineyard. Afternoon to Qasr Hallabat ( <a href="http://www.atlastours.net/jordan/qasr_al_hallabat.html">http://www.atlastours.net/jordan/qasr_al_hallabat.html</a> ) and Um al Jimal ("Black gem of the desert"). Dinner and <b><i>Overnight Azraq Lodge</i></b>
<b>May 21</b>	Day 6	Jeep excursion to Jawa (5000 yr old ruins of city abandoned after only about 50 yrs inhabitation; Possibly site of first man-made dam). Return to Azraq for tour of Azraq Wetlands (Restored oasis in the Eastern Desert). <a href="http://www.rscn.org.jo/orgsite/RSCN/HelpingNature/ProtectedAreas/AzraqWetlandReserve/tabid/98/Default.aspx">http://www.rscn.org.jo/orgsite/RSCN/HelpingNature/ProtectedAreas/AzraqWetlandReserve/tabid/98/Default.aspx</a> Dinner and <b><i>Overnight Azraq Lodge</i></b>
<b>May 22</b>	Day 7	Morning to On to Omayyad "Desert Castles" (Qasr Amra, Kharanah; <a href="http://petramoon.com/desertcastles.html">http://petramoon.com/desertcastles.html</a> ) Picnic lunch prepared by jeep drivers; to Ajlun Wilderness Lodge for dinner; <b><i>Overnight Ajlun Wilderness Lodge</i></b>
<b>May 23</b>	Day 8	Full day hiking Ayoun Trail from Rasoun to Tel Mar Elias; stop in Orjan village; visit Soap House; lunch in local homes. Hike along string of small agricultural villages with local guides from point to point; visit with rural inhabitants along the route. <a href="http://www.rscn.org.jo/orgsite/Reserves/AJLOUNFORESTRESERVE/Inanutshell/tabid/232/Default.aspx">http://www.rscn.org.jo/orgsite/Reserves/AJLOUNFORESTRESERVE/Inanutshell/tabid/232/Default.aspx</a> Dinner and <b><i>Overnight Ajlun</i></b>

<b>May 24</b>	Day 9	Abila (Decapolis City; <a href="http://www.abila.org/">http://www.abila.org/</a> ), Um Qais (the Biblical Gadara; <a href="http://www.nebo.com.jo/jordan/um.htm">http://www.nebo.com.jo/jordan/um.htm</a> ). Lunch at UmQais Rest House. Trip through Jordan Valley to Kawar Date Farm (5 km N of al-Karama Village). Return to Ajlun for dinner. <b>Overnight Ajlun</b>
<b>May 25</b>	Day 10	Qalaat Errabadh (Hilltop Castle) in Ajlun; <a href="http://www.atlastours.net/jordan/ajloun.html">http://www.atlastours.net/jordan/ajloun.html</a> Jerash (Decapolis City; Attend RACE performance <a href="http://petramoon.com/jerash.htm">http://petramoon.com/jerash.htm</a> ); Lunch at Jerash rest House On to Madaba for dinner at Haret Jdoudna <b>Overnight Madaba(Madaba Inn)</b>
<b>May 26</b>	Day 11	Full day exploring Madaba area ( <a href="http://petramoon.com/madabanebo.htm">http://petramoon.com/madabanebo.htm</a> ). Visit sustainable family farm in Ma'in Dinner at Haret Jdoudna <b>Overnight Madaba</b>
<b>May 27</b>	Day 12	Visit Dead Sea Panorama and RSCN natural history museum of the Dead Sea Ecosystem; To Bethany Beyond the Jordan (Baptismal site; <a href="http://petramoon.com/bethany.html">http://petramoon.com/bethany.html</a> ). Lunch and free afternoon at Dead Sea Spa hotel (Dead Sea, lowest point on earth; <a href="http://www.extremescience.com/DeadSea.htm">http://www.extremescience.com/DeadSea.htm</a> ); <b>Overnight Dead Sea</b>
<b>May 28</b>	Day 13	To nature reserve in Wadi Mujib, the spectacular canyon emptying into the Dead Sea; hike including rope climbs and abseiling; <a href="http://www.rscn.org.jo/orgsite/Reserves/MUJIBNATURERESERVE/Inanutshell/tabid/217/Default.aspx">http://www.rscn.org.jo/orgsite/Reserves/MUJIBNATURERESERVE/Inanutshell/tabid/217/Default.aspx</a> . Along dead Sea Highway to Lot's Sanctuary; to Wadi Finan, site of ancient world's largest copper mine; Transfer by Bedouin pick-up from village of Gregra to Wadi Finan; Dinner and <b>Overnight at Wadi Finan EcoLodge</b>
<b>May 29</b>	Day 14	Hike through colorful Wadi Dhana to Dhana village (6 hour hike) along lower reaches of Dhana Nature Reserve; lunch in Dhana GuestHouse with visit to research center, biosphere museum and local handicraft projects; Dinner and <b>Overnight Dhana Guest House</b>

<b>May 30</b>	Day 15	Hike to Rummana campsite inside Dhana Reserve; visit terraced gardens and organic farms along the way. Lunch at campsite. Afternoon hiking inside the Dhana Nature Reserve. <a href="http://www.rscn.org.jo/orgsite/Reserves/DANABIOSPHERERE/SERVE/INANUTSHELL/tabid/200/Default.aspx">http://www.rscn.org.jo/orgsite/Reserves/DANABIOSPHERERE/SERVE/INANUTSHELL/tabid/200/Default.aspx</a> ); Dinner and <b><i>Overnight camping in Dhana Reserve</i></b>
<b>May 31</b>	Day 16	Visit Shobak Castle; cross Heisha Mountain road to Siq al Barid (“Little Petra”). Tour agricultural projects created around Um al Alda waste water treatment plant. <a href="http://www.jordanbeauty.com/ShobakCastle.html">http://www.jordanbeauty.com/ShobakCastle.html</a> ); On to Petra for candlelit “Petra by Night” walk for magical introduction to Petra Dinner and <b><i>Overnight Petra Guest House</i></b>
<b>June 1</b>	Day 17	Full day in Petra (A “New Seven Wonders of the World”; <a href="http://petramoon.com/petra.htm">http://petramoon.com/petra.htm</a> ; <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Seven_Wonders_of_the_World#Winners">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Seven_Wonders_of_the_World#Winners</a> ); lunch at Basin; Evening cooking course and dinner at Petra Kitchen <b><i>Overnight Petra</i></b>
<b>June 2</b>	Day 18	Second visit to Petra by alternate “secret road” of al-Madras <b><i>Overnight Petra</i></b>
<b>June 3</b>	Day 19	To Disi area farms in Wadi Rum; <a href="http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=74679">http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=74679</a> ) Jeep tour of moonscape terrain of Wadi Rum desert described by T E Lawrence as “vast, echoing and Godlike” (Desert of Mountains; made famous in Lawrence Of Arabia; <a href="http://www.wadirum.jo/">http://www.wadirum.jo/</a> ); Traditional desert dinner prepared by Bedouin hosts <b><i>Overnight camping in the heart of Wadi Rum desert</i></b>
<b>June 4</b>	Day 20	Short camel safari to Rum Bedouin village; visit Khazali Mountain ( <a href="http://www.rumguides.com/archives/9-Jebel-Khazali.html">http://www.rumguides.com/archives/9-Jebel-Khazali.html</a> ) and Lawrence’s Spring; Bus transfer Amman with lunch stop en route. <b><i>Overnight Amman Toledo Hotel</i></b>
<b>June 5</b>	Day 21	Free day to explore Amman and relax from long journey. dinner at Vinaigrette <b><i>Overnight Amman</i></b>
<b>June 6</b>	Day 22	Transfer to airport by Petra Moon Agency Representative <b><i>Amman to US</i></b>

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<b>Accommodations</b>	<p><b>May 17-19 Red Rose Hotel, Amman</b> tel +962-6-551-2301 fax 552-2286</p> <p><b>May 20-21 Azraq RSCN Lodge, Azraq Oasis</b> tel/fax +962-5-383-5017</p> <p><b>May 22-24 Ajlun Wilderness Lodge, Ajlun</b> tel/fax +962-2-647-5673</p> <p><b>May 25-26 Madaba Inn, Madaba</b> tel +962-5-325-9003 fax 325-9008</p> <p><b>May 27 Dead Sea Spa Hotel, tel +962-5-356-1000 fax 356-1012</b></p> <p><b>May 28 Wadi Finan EcoLodge, tel (mobile number) +962-79-517-3678</b></p> <p><b>May 29 Dhana Guest House, tel +962-3-227-0497 fax 227-0499</b></p> <p><b>May 30 Dhana Rummana Camp</b> tel +962-3-227-0497 fax 227-0499</p> <p><b>May 31-June 2 Petra Guest House</b> tel +962-3-215-6266 fax 215-6977</p> <p><b>June 3 camping in Wadi Rum (no phone service. contact Petra Moon)</b></p> <p><b>June 4-5 Toledo Hotel, Amman</b> tel +962-6-465-7777 fax 465-6688</p>
<b>Flight Information for all participants</b>	<p><b>TO AMMAN</b> Royal Jordanian flight #262 Depart JFK New York 11:00 PM May 16, 2010 Arrive Amman, Queen Alia Intl Arpt 5:15 PM May 17, 2008</p> <p><b>RETURN TO US</b> Royal Jordanian flight #261 Depart Amman 10:45 AM June 6, 2010 Arrive JFK 4:15 PM June 6, 2010</p>
<b>Travel to and from airports</b>	<b>Students arrange transportation from their homes to JFK and back. Met at AMM (Amman) airport by Petra Moon representative on May 17 and delivered back to AMM airport by Petra Moon representative on June 6</b>
<b>Within Jordan</b>	<b>All transportation throughout Jordan arranged by Petra Moon</b>

