

# Jordan

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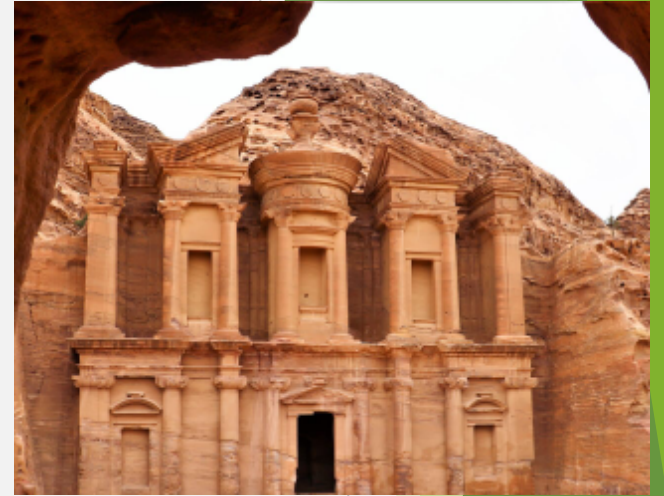
# Jordans physical geography

- ▶ Mostly desert are in the east and highland area in the west, great Rift Valley separates the east and West Bank of Jordans river.
- ▶ The Dead Sea in Jordan is called the Dead Sea because of its saltiness does not allow life to live. The Dead Sea is the lowest dry point on earth.
- ▶ It is the home to a range of beautiful and unique natural phenomena. Wadi Rum's vast dusty plains are haunting and beautiful, with fascinating rock formations.
- ▶ The coastal city of Aqaba is located on the Red Sea coastline. Which is only 26 miles long. Aqaba is a wonderful place for a relaxing beach.
- ▶ Jordan shares the border with serveral countries which are Svria Iraq Saudi Arabia and Palestine



# Jordans history

- ▶ Jordan's capital, Amman was once called Philadelphia. The name came from Egyptian Ptolemy Philadelphus. He rebuilt the city before Romans took over.
- ▶ The Jordans flag was established on April 18, 1928, it consists of three rectangles in black white and green, a red triangle is on the right hand side, with a white seven point side on the center. It represents the great Arab Revolt that occurred in 1916.
- ▶ Jordan is a home of the city of Petra, also known as the rose city. This is because of the rock in which the city is built is a rose red color. It was built by the Nabateans in 312 BC. It is one of the seven wonders of the world.
- ▶ In 1946 as an independent state called the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan.
- ▶ Jordan is a home of Jerash, a city in the north. It is one of the best preserved Greek Roman cities, which earned the nickname of Pompeii of the East.





## What are some interesting facts about its culture?

- ▶ In Jordan, people eat a lot of rice and it is put in many meals. Mansaf is the national dish made with rice in Jordan.
- ▶ The hummus made in Jordan is really good and made really well and includes parsley, spice and oil giving it an amazing taste.
- ▶ The main language in Jordan is Arabic, but some people speak other languages. Most people are either Muslim or Christian.
- ▶ In Jordan, people do not celebrate Christmas or any Christian holidays because they celebrate Eid. Eid is a holiday where people go together to pray and have fun. There are still Christians that celebrate Christmas.
- ▶ Every year during Ramadan people fast lots of hours a day for 30 days straight, the age that is required to fast is when you are 14, you must fast as much as possible.



- ▶ Jordans coastal city, Aqaba is the perfect place to get access to dive and snorkeling in the Red Sea.
- ▶ The rock bridges are arches of rocks throughout Wadi Rum is the best tourist site.
- ▶ The food in Jordan is really good, they fix meals that other countries don't. Such as mansaf, dawali (grape leaves stuffed with rice).
- ▶ Wadi Mujib is a great river canyon, the river enters the Dead Sea over 400 meters below sea level and Moses is believed to have walked on it.
- ▶ The Dead Sea is a really fun place to visit. It is the lowest point on earth, the water contains 35 minerals, and these together with the rich mud shoreline make it a spa treat for the skin.

# How does Fishers Junior High benefit from having families from this country as a part of our school and community?

- ▶ Fishers junior high really benefits from people in this country. A lot of people (including fishers junior high) don't value the Islamic culture mostly because they don't know it. I think if we have people from this country, fishers junior high would value it more and try to learn the culture and not ignore it. Another benefit is just socializing with Muslims from this country. You never know a person without knowing their story or beliefs. You should always talk to one and ask questions, be the curious one. I think people in fishers junior high will highly benefit from families in Jordan.

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