



# Jordan

## BUILDING CONNECTIONS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S GLOBAL VILLAGE PROGRAM

### DID YOU KNOW?

“Welcome” is the most used word and best describes how one feels in Arabic.

Jordan is 408 meters below sea level.

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### HABITAT FACTS IN JORDAN

**Families Served to Date**  
814 families

**Construction Types**  
Houses are built using local materials that meet specific housing requirements. Houses have cement or tile floors and plastered walls with reinforced block. Cement roofing allows families the opportunity to build a second floor in the future.

**Number of Affiliates**  
Ghor Al Safi, Habaka, Al Himmeh, Al Adassieh and Greater Amman

**Host Months**  
Year Round, some exceptions during Ramadan and Eid

**Team Size**  
8-13 members

### Building Together For a Better Future

With just over five million inhabitants, Jordan has sheltered hundreds of thousands of refugees in recent decades with Palestinians now accounting for the majority of the population. Average Jordanians have incomes ranging from as little at US\$155 to US\$423. Extended families survive by combining the income of two or three family members in families that commonly have ten or more children. Poverty housing is particularly common in rural areas, where many families live in a variety of concrete and block constructions. Kitchen and toilet facilities may be outside and two bedrooms may house an extended family of 15 or more. Water is in short supply throughout the country.



### The Global Village Program

Join a Global Village team and you can make a difference in the lives of Jordanian families in need of simple, decent places to live. You might just find your own life changed as well.

#### Why join a Global Village team?

Global Village offers international volunteers the opportunity to take part in “hands-on” construction or renovation of homes in more than 14 countries in Africa and the Middle East. Participating in a Global Village team offers a unique travel experience and an unforgettable chance to be fully immersed in the local community. Team members experience personal growth through cultural and linguistic challenges, and return to their homes transformed.



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### What do the volunteers say?

“I had a wonderful, educational and inspiring travel experience with an awareness that Jordan still has a lot to work out as a young country of 64 years....I learned about a relatively untraveled part of the world by Americans through cultural experiences, conversations and interactions that broke cultural barriers for me, as I hope it did for the Jordanians I met.”

Kate Hudson, GV Volunteer, January 2010



## Logistics

### HOW TO GET THERE

Most project locations can be reached by international flights to Queen Alia International Airport in Amman, Jordan.

### TRANSPORTATION

Travel to and from the airport as well as project locations will be in air conditioned vans or touring coaches (depending on the team size) coordinated by a tour agent.

### LODGING

In Amman, teams will stay in double occupancy rooms with private baths at a three or four star hotel. Accommodations in other locations are local guesthouses with separate communal sleeping for males and females with shared Western toilets and showers.

### FOOD AND WATER

Teams will have the opportunity to try traditional Jordanian dishes during their stay. During build days, lunch (the main meal of the day) will be provided at the build site. Please notify the GV coordinator of any special dietary needs prior to arrival.

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Jordan

Day 2: Travel day and arrival in Amman

Day 3: Orientation at hotel; depart for build site; travel to affiliate; site orientation and training

Days 4 to 6: Travel to work site to build at 7:30am–4:30 pm; cultural or team activities in evening

Day 7: Work on site 7:30 am–12:30 pm; house dedication; travel to Amman for departure or dinner; overnight at hotel

Day 8: Free day of cultural activities or departure

Day 9: Depart for home

**Join us** in a journey of adventure — discovering joy, purpose, community, hope and life!

**Start making a difference now.**

