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# THE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

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**Between tradition and modernity, between wadis, desert and wonders of the world. "The Kingdom of Jordan" invites you to discover this treasure chest of the Arab world!**

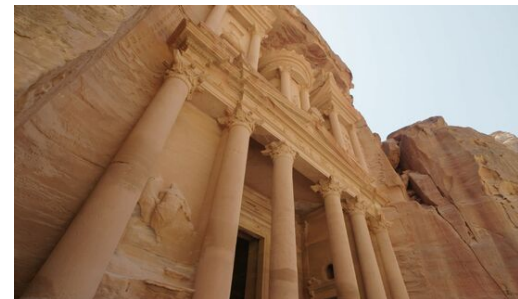
Jordan's breathtaking landscapes, its biblical-archaic sites, its impressive nature, and its people are the focus of this 2-part documentary. The small Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan rests like an oasis in the middle of the melting pot of the Middle East. "A quiet house in a noisy neighbourhood" is how the late King Hussein described his country. With its liberal attitude, Jordan is a place of refuge for many people from the region. And that is precisely what makes it so exciting! Christians and Muslims live peacefully together here. The kingdom is a land of exciting contrasts between the Red and Dead Seas in the west and the desert in the east. While young Jordanians open music clubs in the pulsating metropolis of Amman, Bedouins in the south of the country continue their traditional way of life.

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## 1. The North

In the north of Jordan with a Mediterranean landscape of hills and valleys you will find evidence of past eras, such as the ruins of Roman architecture in Gerasa. Not far away: Amman, the political and cultural centre of the country: Between ancient buildings and bazaars, mosques and Christian churches, female artists give house facades and old traditions a new coat of paint. And here, a young fashion designer seizes her chance. We continue to the saltiest lake in the world: the Dead Sea. Not far away is Mount Nebo, an important Christian pilgrimage site.

## 2. The South

Southern Jordan is full of wonders: between the Dead Sea and the Red Sea lies the rock city of Petra. With its stone burial chambers, it is one of the seven new wonders of the world. The unique sand desert of Wadi Rum is the location of numerous science fiction films. Several times a year, people race camels here. The sand is used for traditional treatments. But it is also about the future: scientists test sustainable agriculture in the desert. And in the rock city of Petra, a veterinary team has recently started treating the inhabitants' working animals.