

Travel Instructions:

Following are some basic instructions which you should print and take with you when you travel to Jordan for the archaeological excavation at Tall Jalul. Because these instructions are written for a first-time traveler, some of the information may seem obvious. Just read through the information provided and glean whatever you didn't already know. Keep it with you so it can be easily accessed while you're traveling, in case you need the address of the hotel, or other information.

Checking for Schedule Changes:

Each individual traveler is responsible for contacting Jacki at MTS Travel [(269) 473-3300] and checking for any possible schedule changes. This should be done within a day or two of when you are scheduled to depart from Chicago.

Getting to Chicago O'Hare Airport:

Everyone will be responsible for getting themselves to the Chicago O'Hare Airport at the appropriate time for their flight. There will be no group transport arranged, since people are leaving on all different flights and dates. A bus is available from South Bend airport through Coach USA <http://www.coachusa.com/ss.airport.asp> (see attached flyer for schedule information). Just be aware the round trip price is going up from \$63.00 to \$65.00 as of May 1, 2009. You can either buy your ticket ahead of time, or get it right at the airport. If the ticket booth at South Bend is closed, they usually allow you to board the bus, and buy your ticket at the next stop. Because of the many stops, the bus ride takes longer than driving a car to Chicago...check schedule carefully to make sure you will get to the airport around three hours before your flight leaves. If you plan to ride the bus back to South Bend on the return trip, you should probably buy a round trip ticket rather than planning to buy the ticket at the airport on the way back.

Checking In:

For international flights, you should plan to arrive at the airport and check in three hours before your flight leaves. When you check in, please be sure that your luggage is checked straight through to Amman, and be sure to keep your luggage claim stickers with you. For information on luggage allowances for your ticket, please contact Jody Washburn at (269) 471-3273 or hormuseum@andrews.edu. If you are inquiring after May 13, please contact Jacki at MTS Travel (269) 473-3300.

Arrival in Jordan:

We'll be flying into the Queen Alia International Airport in Amman, Jordan.

Once you arrive in Amman, Jordan, you will come into the airport and go toward the customs booths. However, before you can go out to get your luggage, you need to purchase a visa. Once you enter the airport, there is an exchange booth (I believe it's on your left). You should change approximate \$20.00 because the visa costs JD10. The exchange rate is around 1 JD to every \$1.50, so if you exchange \$20.00 you will have a little more than enough to pay for your visa. You then get in line to purchase your visa. Have your passport out and ready and simply hand your passport and the JD10 to the officer. After you have your visa, you'll proceed through customs and go out to get your luggage. It is best not to accept any help with luggage unless you want to pay handsomely. Hopefully you don't have more than you can handle yourself.

Transport to the Hotel:

For those coming in the initial groups, transportation will be arranged for you to get from the airport to the hotel. You will simply gather out in the open area after you get through baggage claim and leave the "secured" section of the airport. For those coming in at different times or on different dates, please plan to take a taxi from the airport to the hotel. Once you leave the baggage claim area, you'll be ready to find a taxi. Don't go out on the curb, or accept any offers for transportation. Go to the one taxi booth that is inside the airport (after baggage claim) to ask for a taxi. Tell the official there where you need to go, and ask him the exact price (probably around JD20 or a bit more). He will call a taxi for you. Make sure he explains to the taxi driver where you are going. (We may also provide you a copy of directions to the hotel written in Arabic). Once you arrive at the hotel, get out all your luggage and then just hand the driver the pre-decided amount that you were told by the official at the airport. Don't bargain or ask what the price is. Just pay him, thank him and go into the hotel. Someone will be there to get you checked in, and tell you where your room is.

Check out the hotel website!

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