

**IFDS Jordan**  
***Middle East Conflict and Cooperation***  
**June 8 – 15, 2008**

**Sunday, June 08, 2008**

Welcome to Jordan! Please take the day, or evening to rest and relax. Official programming will begin tomorrow morning. The Bristol has three restaurants, a pool and gym facilities. In addition, there are restaurants and shops within easy walking distance of the Hotel. "Whispers", to the left of the Bristol, is a popular dinner destination. You can also consult "Where2Go." There are also pharmacies and convenience stores within walking distance behind the hotel.

Reception can arrange a taxi for you, or you can easily hail a cab from the main street. Cabs are yellow and must use a meter. The meter begins at .150 Fils and most rides within the city limits should cost fewer than 2 Jordanian Dinars. You can cash advance money from the front desk for a fee of 5%. The closest ATMs are either at the HSBC and Arab Banks across Zahran Street or in the Arab Medical Center, behind the hotel. Please use the pedestrian bridge if crossing to the banks.

In your welcome bags you will find a local cell phone. This phone is charged with 5 Jordanian Dinars, which should be sufficient for a quick call home. You can recharge these phones with new scratch cards. Please check if the phone is Mobile Com or Zain. Cards can be purchased at any convenience store. These phones are pre-programmed with contact numbers for CIEE Resident Staff: Resident Director, Allison Hodgkins, Resident Coordinator Rana Masri and Program Assistant Ahmad Abu Shaikha. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call. The front desk can also assist you with questions on getting around the first day.

**Monday, June 9, 2008**

Breakfast available from 6:00

*Business Casual appropriate for today's meetings*

**8:30 depart from hotel lobby for the Regional Human Security Center**

**9 – 10:30am**

Seminar Introduction, Dr. Mohammad Momani, Director of the Regional Human Security Center

*Coffee break*

**11 am - 12 pm**

Lecture: *Water in the 1994 Peace Agreement with Israel*, Munther Haddadin, Former Minister of Water, Member of the 1994 Jordanian Delegation to the Peace Negotiations with Israel

**1 – 3pm**

Lunch at Wild Jordan (A center devoted to promoting Jordan's natural heritage with views of old Amman), Luncheon speaker, Mr. Philip A. Frayne of the Public Affairs Office at the US Embassy of Amman

**3 – 4pm**

Site Visit to ACOR (The American Center of Oriental Research), tour and presentation by ACOR Director Barbara Porter and Assistant Director Chris Tuttle

**5 – 6pm**

Lecture: *Challenges of Economic Normalization*, Yusuf Mansour, commentator and economist

**6:00-8:00 Free Time**

**8:15 Depart hotel lobby**

*Dress for dinner casual*

**8:30 Welcome Dinner, Tanoureen Restaurant (Lebanese Cuisine)**

## **Tuesday, June 10, 2008**

Breakfast available from 6:00

*Dress for today: casual with comfortable shoes for walking. This will be a long day, so bring extra water. The drive to the north will take approximately 1.5 hours.*

**10:15** depart hotel lobby

**10:30 – 11:30**

Briefing at the Jordan Investment Board  
Boxed lunches en-route

**1:00-2:00** Tour of Qualified Investment Zones, al-Hassan Industrial Estate, Irbid

**2:30 – 4:30pm**

Site visit to the Bee Research Unit part of the National Center for Agricultural Research and Technology Transfer, center dedicated to the improvement of agriculture in Jordan.

6pm- 8:30 free time

**8:45** depart hotel lobby

*Dress for dinner casual*

9:00 Dinner at the residence of His Excellency Yackov Rosen, Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

## **Wednesday, June 11, 2008**

Breakfast available from 6:00

*Business casual suitable for today's visits and meetings*

**8:15** Depart hotel Lobby

**9:00-10:00** Discussion with His Excellency Abdel Salam al-Majali, Regional Human Security Center

**10:30 – 12:30 pm:** Visit to Wihdat Camp, meeting with Ismael Saleh, Area Officer for UNWRA (United National Works and Relief Agency, tour of UNWRA health facilities and women's development program.

**1:00-2:30** Lunch downtown, al-Quds restaurant

**3:00 – 4:00pm**

Lecture: *The 1994 Peace Agreement with Israel*, Dr. Hassan Abu Nameh, Director of the Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies, Member of the 1994 Jordanian Delegation to the Peace Negotiations with Israel

Free Evening

## **Thursday, June 12**

Please check out by **7:30 AM**.

*You will be able to leave luggage at the Bristol. We recommend one small overnight bag for the excursion to Jerusalem. Dress for the day casual, comfortable for traveling. Bring extra water as it will be hot during the crossing. You will be able to change money on the bridge and at the Holy Land East Hotel. We will be staying in East Jerusalem where atm machines are less accessible. You can take a taxi to West Jerusalem easily. The hotel reception will assist you with local information.*

**8 am** depart hotel and transfer to Jerusalem via Allenby Bridge

**12:30** Lunch at Tantur Ecumenical Institute

**2 – 3:00pm**

Introduction – Israeli-Palestinian Cooperation at the Grass Roots Level, Gershon Baskin, Director of IPCRI, Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information, Tantur Ecumenical Institute

4 – 5:00pm

Jerusalem Panorama

5pm

Check in to hotel

Free Evening

*There are several restaurants available within walking distance of the hotel. Zahra Street has several small restaurants. Other options nearby include the Jerusalem Hotel, the American Colony and*

[Askadinya](#).

**Friday, June 13**

*Breakfast available from 6:30*

*Dress comfortable, casual good shoes for walking. Please make sure that dress is respectful for religious sites. Recommended that women carry a scarf.*

*Depart hotel lobby at 8:00.*

**8:30am – 12:30pm**

Walking tour of Conflict Management in the Old City, Daniel Rossing, Director of the Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations

**1 – 2:00pm**

Lunch in the Old City

**2 – 4:00pm**

Lecture: Interfaith Encounters in Jerusalem, Yehuda Stolov, Director of Interfaith Encounters

Free Evening

*Note: Jewish Sabbath comes in on Friday evening. There will be services at the Western Wall; however, you will need to walk from the Jaffa Gate. Most of West Jerusalem will be shut down.*

**Saturday, June 14**

*Breakfast available from 6:30. Remember, lunch is not provided today.*

*Check out by 8:00; Depart hotel by 8:30.*

**9:00 – 10:00am**

Lecture: The Future of Jerusalem, Mahdi Abdel Hadi, Director of PASSIA, Palestinian Society for the Study of International Affairs

*You will have a short break to buy snacks and water for the return trip. We do not expect to reach Amman prior to 2:00.*

**12:00pm**

Transfer to Amman via Allenby Bridge

**2:00pm**

Check into Hotel in Amman – free time

**4:30 – Depart Hotel Lobby**

**5 - 6:00pm**

Seminar Wrap up: Dr. Mohammed Momani, Regional Center for Human Security

**6:30-8:00 free time**

**8:15** Depart Hotel Lobby, *Dinner Dress Smart Casual*

8:30 Farewell Dinner Fakhredin Restaurant, Middle Eastern Cuisine

**Sunday, June 15**

Departures: Check with Allison for departure Schedule