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General Information Note

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Regional Conference on TOURISM IN MENA CITIES: Competitiveness for Sustainable Growth 13-14 November 2017 - Amman, Jordan

I. PLACE AND DATE

1. Under the auspices of the Jordanian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the Jordan Tourism Board (JTB) is organizing a **Regional Conference on *Tourism in MENA Cities: Competitiveness for Sustainable Growth in Amman, on 13 and 14 November 2017***, in collaboration with the Greater Amman Municipality (GAM) and Lawrence & Hussein Consult and with the technical support of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
2. The Conference will be held at:

**Grand Hyatt Amman Hotel
Hussein Bin Ali St,
Jabal Amman 3rd Circle
Amman - Jordan
Tel: +962 (06) 465 1234**

II. REPLIES TO INVITATIONS

3. Participants of the Conference are kindly requested to confirm their participation by registering online at the following link (<http://www.tmc-conference.com/registration-form/index.html>), as soon as possible, and no later than **29 October 2017**.

Delegate can book airport transfers upon arrival and on departure between the airport and the selected hotels.

Rates per way are:

Car Type	Rate in JD	Rate in US\$
Mazda 6 Model 2016-2017	30.00	43.00
Mitsubishi Pajero 4*4	45.00	64.00
Citroen Jumpy Mini Van	60.00	85.00
BMW 520 Luxury car	45.00	64.00

To book your airport transfer please contact:

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III. ENTRY FORMALITIES

4. A valid passport is necessary for visitors coming to Jordan. Participants who require an entry visa are requested to contact diplomatic or consular missions of Jordan in their countries in order to obtain their entry visa.

5. Non-restricted nationalities from the following countries do not require prior visa clearance and can obtain their visas upon arrival at the airport:

Europe: Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom & North Ireland, Vatican City, Serbia

Africa: Algeria, Cape Verde, Egypt, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Montenegro, São Tomé and Príncipe, Seychelles, South Africa, Rwanda, Tunisia, Zimbabwe

Asia: Bahrain, Bhutan, Brunei, Burma, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, North Korea, Oman, Palestine/PNA Passport Holders, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan

Ocean Asia: Australia, Federal States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Nauru

Pacific Ocean: Tuvalu, Vanuatu

North America: Canada, Mexico, United States of America, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Costa Rica, Dominica, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador, Trinidad and Tobago

Caribbean Sea: Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent

South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Surinam, Uruguay, Venezuela

6. For more information regarding entry visas please visit the following link:
http://www.mota.gov.jo/Contents/Visa_Information.aspx

7. Participants in whose countries Jordan has no diplomatic mission are requested to contact the JTB, (Ghena Abu Obeid, ghena@visitjordan.com) sufficiently in advance, **by 13 October 2017 at the latest**, submitting a scanned copy of their passport valid for at least 6 months, and indicating all the necessary information below, in order to enable the authorities of Jordan to take the necessary measures in this respect:

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| - Name and surname | - Place and date of birth |
| - Nationality | - Validity of passport (no less than 6 months) |
| - Number and type of passport | - Travel information (date, time and flight number) |

IV. DISCOUNTS ON AIR FARES TO AMMAN

8. Royal Jordanian offers a **30% discount** for participants of the Conference on all Royal Jordanian published fares, as per the following details:

- Discount applicable through Royal Jordanian's website and app for mobiles as well as sales offices
- Booking period: 24 Sep until 11 Nov
- Travel period: valid from 11 Nov until 16 Nov
- Valid on all RJ routes worldwide to Amman
- Valid on Economy and Business class
- Change and cancellations rules apply per terms and conditions of fare

For more information please contact:

Ms. Dina Khatib admin3@lawrenceconferences.com

V. ACCOMMODATION

9. The JTB has negotiated special rates with some hotels in Amman for participants of this Conference. Participants are invited to contact hotels directly for reservations, indicating that they will participate in the Regional Conference on *Tourism in MENA Cities: Competitiveness for Sustainable Growth*.

10. *A list of hotels with special rates for participants of this Conference is provided below:*

	Hotel name	Price in Jordanian Dinars inclusive of Breakfast & Taxes		Contact person
		Single	Double	
5 stars	Grand Hyatt Amman Hotel https://amman.grand.hyatt.com	146.74	159.50	For Reservation, please go to link: https://amman.grand.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html Special Rates / "Corporate or Group Code" / code: G-11NV ----- If you require any assistance or further inquiries, please contact: Ms. Dina Khatib Email: admin3@lawrenceconferences.com Tel: +962-6- 464 2501, 2, 3
4 stars	Century Park Hotel http://www.centurypark-hotel.com/	77.00	77.00	Mr. Majdi Twal Tel: 00-962-6-568 0090 m.twal@jhtec.edu.jo <u>Please mention name of the conference to get special price</u>
4 stars	Star Plaza Hotel www.starplazaamman.com	53.00	53.00	Ms. Mirna Jaghab reservation@starplazaamman.com 00-962-6-5607114 or 00-962-79-7531011 <u>Please mention name of the conference to get special price</u>

VI. REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

11. A registration desk will be open at the **Grand Hyatt Amman Hotel as per the following schedule:**

Sunday, 12 November, 2017

3:00pm – 6:00pm (For delegates that arrived already and for Jordanians)

Monday, 13 November 2017

8:00am – 9:15am (For late arrival international delegates)

Badges will be issued at the time of registration. Participants are requested to wear their identification badges in the area reserved for the conference, as well as at all social events

VII. WORKING LANGUAGES

12. The working languages of the Conference will be Arabic and English. A simultaneous interpretation service will be provided.

VIII. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

13. **Local currency and exchange rates:** The local currency is the Jordanian Dinar (JOD). The applicable exchange rate, **is 1 U.S. dollar = 0.71JOD**

14. **Weather:** Jordan boasts almost year-round sunshine with temperate, comfortable weather. Spring and autumn are fresh and crisp with rain being more common in the spring. This is when the wildflowers bloom and the fields are full. The long summer days are sunny with cool evenings – perfect for rooftop sunsets and outdoor activities. Wintertime can be cold in the desert, but is pleasantly moderate in most of the country. Any time of the year is a perfect time to visit Jordan.

The average maximum temperature in Amman in November is **19°C 66°F** and the average low is **9°C 48°F**.

15. **Attire:** Jordan is a primarily Muslim country, although the freedom of all religions is protected. Very revealing clothing is not appropriate for both men and women in the old part of Amman (downtown), and outside the cities.

16. **Official language:** the official language of Jordan is Arabic, but English is widely spoken, especially in urban areas.

17. **Official time:** Official time in Jordan is GMT+2. Winter time in Jordan will start at 01:00 on Friday 27 October, 2017. The Government of Jordan can change this by local decree.

18. **Business hours:** Friday is the weekly holiday. Banks, government offices and most businesses are closed on Saturdays as well. Many businesses, including airline offices, travel agencies and some shops also close on Thursday afternoon, although department stores and supermarkets remain open.

- Banks (08.30-15.00)
- Business Offices (08.30-13.00 / 15.30-18.30)
- Government Offices (08.00-15.00)
- Shops (Flexible but typically 09.30-13.30 & 15.30-18.00)

19. **Electricity:** 220 AC volts, 50 cycles, requiring rounded two-prong wall plugs.

20. For more information: <http://www.visitjordan.com/>