

## USING THE CAR HORN FOR BRAKES ...



CAMPUS TOUR ON OUR FIRST DAY  
WITH OUR TOUR GUIDE 😊

## Our experiences in the holy land

You want to study a semester abroad in Jordan? Actually, where is Jordan?

These were the first reactions from our parents as we told them about our plans to travel to a Muslim country on the paths of biblical history. However our decision was firm from the beginning and we did not regret it at all. It was a great time!

As we arrived in Amman late at night, we had no clue how to come home. At first Amman seems seamless, but after a few times of

getting lost you start to order districts and areas according to their proximity to the different circles of the city. Altogether eight great main circles structure Amman. Pretty soon you navigate confidently around town and arrive at your destination desired. All in all you can also divide Amman into three main areas: West Amman, Downtown and East Amman. A must see and visit is the roman theater and the citadel as historical symbol of the Roman Empire in the Levant region.

The use of taxis and busses is essential. At a very low price, in comparison to western public transportation fees, they take you wherever you want, after you found out about the "bus stops" and their "schedule". However the chaos is under exact control and after a few weeks it is easy to manage, as we did with the university busses which took us daily every 40 min during the semester to Madaba.



VIEW OF DOWNTOWN FROM  
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In Jordan and in Germany the German Jordanian University enjoys a good and well-spread reputation. Every year over 65 German language teachers enhance the students' language and cultural skills. A "German Year" is required. In addition high-qualified national and international professors and lecturers hold a variety of courses at the university. Arrived on our first day at the huge German Jordanian University (GJU) Campus near East Madaba we quickly enjoyed a mini tour around the area of six premises and 3 in construction surrounded by palm trees and watered flowers. Equipped with four cafeterias, book shops, IT facilities and a library the GJU offers a solid basis for student life. However we missed a more interactive student life on campus. After 5 pm the halls looked empty like a ghost house? The international office did a great job in introducing and supporting us throughout the semester. Moreover we as incoming students appreciated the study buddy program. This was the best idea ever! A shout-out to all participants!

We really enjoyed life in Jordan. Even if you should still have difficulties, people are very friendly and help you. In general Jordanian hospitality dictates social interaction. Whenever we could we spend time with our friends' families and could collect real-life experiences in an Arabic country. Especially when it comes to the awareness of time and space 😊. If you are in Jordan, never miss the chance of having served the homemade national delicacy Mansaaf! Besides Mansaaf Jordan offers an enormous variety in dishes and food inspired by neighboring countries and international cuisine. We were lucky to celebrate the World Cup together with our Jordanian friends in a very united spirit cheering for Germany 😊 of course with the collective support of the GJU. Engagement and commitment in political and international topics and events was a big must for us and enriched our stay in Amman. Hosting German weeks and ceremonies became a firm highlight in the GJU syllabus.

Not only Amman is worth a visit. On the paths of biblical, historical or simply geographical paths Jordan represents a melting pot of glorious impressions. From floating in the Dead Sea, over camel tours in Wadi Ram, traveling back in time in Ajloun, Jerash and Petra, to hiking in Wadi Mujib, and scuba dive in the colorful Red Sea – Jordan became home to us.

Looking forward to welcome our friends in Heilbronn. Yallah!



**AJLOUN &  
MAJID AS JORDANIAN**



**FATHER & SON IN PETRA,  
SUNSET IN WADI RUM**

**YUMMY FOOD &  
GREAT  
HOSPITALITY**

