

# OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet



## Country:

Jordan (JO)

### Sex & Dating

- JO is a constitutional monarchy with heavy religious influence
  - Traditional gender roles still very present
  - Religious conservative customs influence dating opportunities
  - Eye contact and handshakes between genders is not socially customary

### Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
  - Alcohol is prohibited in Islamic culture
  - Bars are primarily frequented by Westerners, public intoxication may carry fines
- Possession of most drugs is illegal and harshly prosecuted

### LGBTQIA+ Culture

- Same-sex relationships are legal but face significant social discrimination, similar to non-binary gender identities
- Like heterosexual counterparts, LGBTQ couples may be prosecuted for public affection under "disruption of public morality"
- Resources
  - Rainbow SIG
  - Diversity Abroad
  - OutRight Action International

### Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 11.15 million
- Currency: Dinars
- Official Language: Arabic
  - Greetings typically more formal
- Islam is big part of culture
  - "Assalamu-'alaikum" is a common greeting meaning "Peace be upon you"
- Insulting the King or members of the Royal Family may lead to imprisonment

## Resources

**911** General emergency number

**+962** Country code

- [DU's Travel Assistance](#)
  - Phone: +1 443-569-8601 / Website: [dutravelassistanceprovider](#)
  - Please use DU credentials to sign in
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](#)



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