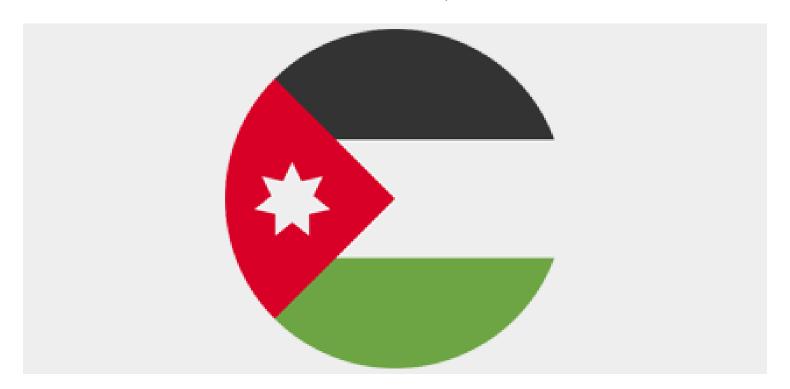
JORDAN

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Jordan, officially the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, is an Arab nation on the east bank of the Jordan River. It is home to the <u>archaeological site of Petra</u>, the national mausoleum dating to 300 B.C. <u>Amman</u>, Jordan's capital, is the country's most populous city as well as its economic, political, and cultural hub.

Islam is the dominant religion in Jordan with a minority of Christians. <u>Arabic</u> is the official language and the monetary unit is the <u>Jordanian Dinar (JOD)</u>.

<u>Abdullah, I bin Al-Hussein</u> was the founder and ruler of Jordan. Currently, Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein is the King of Jordan.

National Day is celebrated on the <u>25th of May</u> which marks Jordan's Independence Day from British Rule; when Jordan was declared a Kingdom. The national anthem was adopted in <u>1946</u>. It was written by Abdel Munim al-Rafi and music was composed by Abdul al-Qādir al-Tanīr.

Each color in the Jordanian flag represents a national symbol. The Red represents the Hashemite dynasty and bloody struggle for liberty, the green stands for the Fatimid Caliphates, the white stands for the Umayyad dynasty and peace, and black for the Abbasid.

Jordan has always embraced poetry and hymns. The national Jordanian poet is the renowned Mustafa Wahbi al-Tal. Their national dance "Dabkeh" is a famous Arab folk dance. The national costume in Jordan consists of a handmade, embroidered dress. Men's custom consists of a tunic shirt, trousers, and an over-garment "dishdasha" along with a belt. Men cover their heads with Arabian scarf-like turban "Kufiyah". The Coat of Arms of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is the national emblem of the country.

"Mansaf" is the national dish eaten throughout the kingdom. It is made of lamb meat cooked in fermented yogurt and served with rice or bulgur. As Jordan is the land of figs and olives, they are thus the national fruits of the country.

Although Jordan is 80% desert, yet forests are full of <u>oak trees</u> which is the national tree and Iris is the national flower. The Sinai Rosefinch, the national bird, inhabits dry areas and treeless mountains.

Football has a wide audience of all ages in Jordan and is thus considered the national sport in the country.

Bisher Al-Khasawneh is the current Prime minister of Jordan.

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