

## WEATHER, DRESS AND SOCIAL CUSTOMS

Jordan is at its best in early April. Amman temperatures can vary between daytime highs near 30 and night-time lows of near 10 degrees C. Rain falls only very occasionally. While temperatures may be relatively cool during the visit to Jerash, the sun will be strong.

When sightseeing outdoors in Jordan, Canadians generally find a layered approach to clothing works best as the temperature can vary considerably if cloud obscures the sun.

Temperatures in the Jordan Valley (the North Shuneh School area) are always 5-10 degrees higher than in Amman. You should be prepared for hot weather.

Jordanian men dress conservatively. Although casual clothes (open shirt) will be appropriate for sightseeing, the Jordanians in attendance will likely be wearing jackets and ties. Foreign Minister Masri's dinner will be dark suit.

Jordanian women also dress conservatively, though elegantly on occasion. Shoulders should be covered at all times. A wrap is advisable in the evening. At Minister Masri's dinner, either long or short dress is possible, although short is worn most frequently in Amman.

While conservative, Jordanian society is tolerant in most respects. Foreign newspapers are available, the local press is generally more free than in neighbouring Arab countries, and alcohol is sold commercially