

## ISRAEL-JORDAN BORDER CROSSING

U.S. and other foreign diplomats may cross via POV at three different Israeli/Jordanian border crossing points, but this requires pre-trip preparation and paperwork. The Allenby/King Hussein Bridge Border Crossing is the most diplomat-friendly route to enter Jordan via POV and is the quickest land route between Jerusalem and Amman. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there are currently additional steps that all diplomats who wish to visit Jordan must take before traveling. In compliance with current Jordanian and US Embassy Jerusalem requirements, travelers visiting Jordan must follow these steps and acquire the following before entering Jordan:

- ❖ Current visa issued by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- ❖ Copy of an English translation of your Israeli car insurance/registration
- ❖ Purchase of Jordanian Auto Insurance (done at border)
- ❖ Diplomatic QR Code from Jordan (average approval time is 24h after declaration form is submitted)
- ❖ Submission of a Bridge Notification Request on Sharepoint to RSO

**COVID-19 Travel Updates** (*Updated August 2022*): Diplomats can apply for a permanent diplomatic QR code that allows for multiple visits to Jordan and does not expire. The Diplomatic QR Code can be obtained by submitting a Diplomatic Declaration Form through the Jordan Tourism Board website: [VisitJordan Diplomatic Declaration Form](#)

**⚠ ALL travelers returning to Israel must check the entry rules [here](#).**

### ***Applying for Jordanian Visa***

- **Print and fill out** Jordanian Visa Applications for each traveler (current can be accessed on Sharepoint).
  - Link: [Jordan Visa Application 2021](#).
- Drop off **completed Visa Application** with **Diplomatic Passport** and **passport photo (one photo per application)** at GSO Travel Office (**Tel Aviv EBO** – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 112). Passport photos can be taken across the street from the EBO (~35₪ for 6 photos). Process time for Jordanian visa is usually a **minimum of 3 days**.
  - Please note that the Jordanian Embassy is **closed Fridays and Saturdays**.

### ***English Translation of Car Insurance***

- Travelers must arrive at border crossings with an **English translation of valid car insurance**.
- Translation costs 16₪ and can be done at [Memsy Touring Tel Aviv](#), at 71 Ibn Gvirol Street, Gan Ha'ir Mall (tel: 03-564-1100/22) (Closed Saturdays) **Map Link: [Memsy in Tel Aviv](#)**

### ***Purchase of Jordanian Auto Insurance/Additional Border Crossing Charges***

- **Jordanian Auto Insurance** must be purchased and presented along with the English translation of your valid car insurance. **Insurance can be purchased at the border OR in advance at Memsî.**
- Estimated cost of Comprehensive Car Insurance (sold by MILGAM, covered by Harel Insurance)
  - Up to 4 days – 285₪
  - From the 5<sup>th</sup> day – additional 70₪/day
  - From the 10<sup>th</sup> day – additional 10₪/day
  - Maximum charge for 90 days is NIS 1320₪.
  - Covers up to 160,000₪ damage, including breaking into vehicle, theft, towing and passenger body damages in case of an accident.
  - Payment can be made with cash or credit card.
- At the border, you will be asked to pay an **additional required tax payment for crossing with a CD-plated vehicle.**
- **It is recommended to bring enough cash to cover these charges in either USD, NIS or Jordanian Dinars.**
- Please note that travelers **do not need an International Driver License** when crossing into Jordan, so it is not necessary to purchase one at Memsî. A valid Israeli or American driver's license will suffice.

#### **Bridge Notification Request (RSO)**

- Prior to travel date, travelers must submit a **Bridge Notification Request to US Embassy Jerusalem Regional Security Office** via Sharepoint with all relevant travel information (departure/return dates, departure/return times, POV information and passport information). Link: [Bridge Notification Request](#)

#### **Border Crossings**

- There are three border crossings between Israel and Jordan:
  - **Yitzhak Rabin/Wadi Araba Crossing** (southern Israel)
  - **Allenby/King Hussein Bridge Terminal** (central Israel)
  - **Jordan River/Sheikh Hussein Bridge Crossing** (northern Israel)
- Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, Jordan is limiting operating hours and amount of daily visitors allowed to enter Jordan at both the Wadi Araba and Sheikh Hussein Crossings. **It is recommended to use the Allenby/King Hussein Bridge Terminal for your travel into Jordan.**
- For the updated hours, please visit <https://www.iaa.gov.il/en> – Land Borders Tab