

HOW TO GET HOME FROM ISRAEL VIA JORDAN

1. Check online to see if border is closed today. (10 mins)

The border should remain open, but do these few quick Google searches:

"jordan river border crossing closed" "sheikh hussein border crossing closed"

"Sheikh Hussein" is what Jordanians call this crossing. There's a "King Hussein," crossing too, that goes into the West Bank. Don't worry about that one or the distant one in Aqaba. If no recent news on this crossing closing, go to step two.

2. Purchase your plane tickets from the Queen Alia Airport (AMM) to either your final destination or a major connecting airport. (50 mins)

We recommend buying the ticket online before you go on this journey, to prevent delays and stress in Jordan. However, you may choose to buy tickets once you arrive at the Amman airport. There are risks to both. **Buy a ticket that departs as late into the night as possible, after at least 8pm.**

3. Take a taxi to the Jordan River Border Crossing. (1-3 hrs)

Haifa to crossing is ~1 hr, Tel Aviv is ~90 mins, Jerusalem ~2 hrs. There may be traffic. If at all possible, **get to the crossing before 2pm**. The cost of the taxi from Tel Aviv, for example, can be around 750 shekels. Make sure your taxi driver knows where the crossing is. They might know it as "Beit Shean" or "Maoz Haim." It's not well-labeled on Google Maps, so **type these coordinates into your Google Maps search bar** and show to driver: **32.4957233, 35.5722247**

4. Go through the border. (1-2 hrs)

- Step 1: Taxi drops you off at gate (pictured). Walk through sidewalk checkpoint.
Step 2: Go to the counter inside the building and pay exit tax (~110 shekels).
Step 3: Get your exit pass from the biometric machines (or the passport officer).
Step 4: Wait at the bus stand to be taken to Jordan. (Pay the driver 5 shekels.)
Step 5: Welcome to Jordan! Go to visa desk. Buy for ~\$56 (cards accepted).
Step 6: Go to passport counter, and get your entry stamp.
Step 7: Walk outside to the baggage scanner room. (Lift own bags or tip expected.)
Step 8: Take a taxi to Queen Alia Airport. Prices may be around \$100.

For help booking this ride to the airport, contact mail@aswar.us

5. Take a taxi to the Queen Alia International Airport. (2-2.5 hrs)

Jordan is a remarkably safe, stable country, and a close US ally. The airport is world-class. It should be easy to find your way to the check-in counters and get on your flight. Travel well!



Hi, I'm Aswar. I'm the founder of the American Service. I have taken this route myself to confirm it works, and made this document to the best of my ability.
I am available to answer any questions and support via email at mail@aswar.us

DISCLAIMER: This document is for informative purposes only, and should not be the sole source of information as you make decisions on how to get home safely.

[Updated Sat Oct 14 5a UTC — Please excuse any typos, this was made in a hurry]

