

Dear Friend,

We welcome you in the shared apartment and here you will find some aspects for your kind consideration.

We wish you a nice stay.

General

- The apartment is located in a middle-class Jordanian neighborhood and well served by supermarket, barber, hospital, pharmacy, restaurant, bakery and vegetable and fruit shops. Also, close to transportation and you close to the sport city where you can walk, swim and do different sports. It is also close to cultural center and the national public library.
- Location of the apartment: Amman, Urjan area (behind the Regency hotel), Haroon Al-Rahseed street (main street), 3rd floor, building number 15 of a smaller street. It is 2 KM away from the office (walking distance 15-20 minutes).
- Location of the office: it is in the heart of Amman, in above middle-class area called Shemsani, 93 Queen Noor street, in one of the oldest buildings in Amman, the office is in the ground floor and it is beside the Le Meridien hotel.
- This place accommodates between 5 in single rooms. Usually for long term EVS/intern it is going to be single room. *It also may accommodate up to 10 persons in 5 double rooms for short periods.*
- Shared areas will be the 2 bathrooms, kitchen, living room and balcony.
- Each one of you shall indicate/name tag there belonging in the kitchen in terms of food.
- Keep your personal stuff inside your room.
- Cost: 200 JD paid in advance of each month including bills.

Cleaning:

- Cleaning the apartment; your room and the shared areas is your responsibility.
- Taking outside the garbage (including kitchen and bathroom) on regular basis is your responsibility.
- After using the kitchen and the bathroom you are expected to clean after yourself.
- Please do not throw toilet paper into the toilet as this will clogged the bathroom.
- You will be responsible for your own cleaning products: washing powder, dish soap, toilet paper...etc

Water:

- While taking shower please be mindful as water is rationed to houses on weekly basis.
- Try to make one clothes washing per week and use quick mode (30 minutes). And on the day that have water pumped.

Winter:

- You will be provided with shared heating device that works on electricity.
- If the electricity bill is more than 20 JD per month then you will be responsible to pay the extra amount.

Water and electricity bill:

- It is included in your rental fees but with a limit; if the bill exceeds certain amount then it is your responsibility to cover the difference. The limit is 20 JD per month for electricity and another 25 JD for Water. The water bill is every 3 months.

Cultural aspects:

- The location of the apartment and our office, in addition to the nature of work we do at I-Dare and with having “community” of active Jordanian volunteers, this will guarantee to you that you will actually live our culture in Jordan and in Amman specifically and also you will have the chance through our national work to explore the rich culture of other cities in Jordan. It is a very rich cross-cultural and even inter-faith dialogue that you will experience during your time with us.
- Drinking alcohol, bring it inside home and throw the empty bottles discreetly.
- No loud music or noise.
- Boy friend – girl friend relationship is not accepted by the society and tradition.
- In Jordan, is not accepted to show affectionate gesture to public.
- **Parties and collective drinking are not allowed in the house.** Still, you may celebrate birthdays and social events with small number of people and without any noise.
- Visiting friends males and females and from any other nationality are not allowed to the house as the flat is shared by others and it is within a residential neighborhood.
- Males friends are not allowed into the house due to cultural considerations. But, if mixed group of friends is visiting it can be ok but shortly and infrequently.
- Arabs, local Jordanian males and females are not allowed to sleep over.
- Couchsurfing or any other similar thing is not allowed into the apartment.
- Sleep over by expatriate or any other people who are not part of I-Dare is not allowed into the apartment.
- I-Dare is the only one to decide who live in the apartment.
- Staying late outside home is not accepted. When it is needed, it can be based on prior notification.
- It is not accepted to be dropped by/picked up by different male drivers. Well know and trusted 1-2 male driver can be okay but not too often.
- **Preferably** maximum late time during summer is 10 PM and winter is 8 PM (or by the general rule, before it is dark).
- Running is not recommended in streets of Amman, we have specific places for that. Walking is okay. And close by you, you have the sport city you may run freely there.

- **Preferably Dress Code:** do not reveal too much of skin; shorts, mini skirts, dresses that shows cleavage are examples of not accepted dress code. Also, this depends on the area but the general rule is to be modest and not to show much of skin.

Other aspects:

- Family –direct family members- (visiting) can stay over up to 2 weeks based on prior notice. *This does not apply to hosting the girl/boy-friends as the culture does not accept that.*
- Visitors are not allowed to sleep over.
- Pets are not allowed into the house.
- We have 4 copies of the key, the key may be shared by other people staying in the apartment (who are part of I-Dare). You are responsible not to lose the key.
- If you break anything you need to pay for it and/or for the maintenance.
- We are not responsible for any stealing that might happen.

Visa:

Upon arrival to airport you will get a visa for 3 months and it costs 40 JD paid in cash. You also need to visit the nearest police station within 1 months to record your address and to give you the visa for 3 months.

After 3 months you can get renewal for another 3 months.

After 6 months, you need to leave the country and come back again to get another 6 months visa (*the first 3 steps mentioned here will be repeated*).

Generally these are the steps for obtaining the visa (and to be considered in the budget):

- Upon arrival at airport, pay 40 JD to get visa for 3 months.
- Within one month pay a visit to the police station to get 3 months
- Go to the office of disease control to do a test for aids and other diseases (cost 30 JD)
- Then take the test result to the immigration office
- Then visit the police station again.

Cancellation of EVS/volunteering/internship programme:

Kindly note that your EVS/volunteering/internship might be subject to termination if major issue happen such as loud and inappropriate partying at the house, bringing random people (including coach surf and other similar programmes), causing too much noise, recurrent-complains from neighbors and landlord, and complains by the police.

After all, we all should be responsible towards the volunteering programme and you actually came to another country to self-develop and to learn. It is not about partying and living in the expat-bubbles.