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It was not easy to choose which place we wanted to visit next, but we finally picked the Middle East. However, ...



unfortunately all tickets to Iraq were sold out, but two seats on a flight to Jordan were still available. So we packed our backpacks ...



... and this was our plan:
once counterclockwise around the country in 11 days ...



... starting with Madaba, the mosaic city ...



... where we also had our first Falafel, which was so good that we ate it every single day of our journey (and it was a feast every single time) ...



... next was Mount Nebo, where according to the Bible, Moses is believed to have died and from where you have a great view over the West Bank ...



... a nice swim in the Dead Sea ...



... gorgeous views over empty, rocky land and the Dead Sea ...



... although much less spectacular, this hot spring waterfall was much more relaxing than the dip in the oily and really extremely salty water of the Dead Sea ...



... Wadi Mujib, on our way south along the Kings Highway ...







... the crusader castle of Karak ...



... Wadi Hasa, south of Karak ...



... meet the locals ...



... Dana village and Dana Nature Reserve, where we went for a hike ...







... is was a long stony walk on a hot day,
from where we look now all the way down ...





... and we did see, what you can't see ...
(or do you spot the ibex?)





... the first guesthouse along the way ...



... and of course we got a cup of Bedouin tea ...





... entering Petra trough the Siq ...



... the famous treasury ...
(remember the Indiana Jones movie?)













... we assumed it was that empty bottle of vodka which made him talk a little weird, but he definitely knew how to play his instrument and how to sing ...



Petra by night





... Benjamin the brave (or stupid?) ...



... Wadi Rum desert ...



... everybody has to climb something ...



... our hosts ...







... the best of the best falafel in a backstreet of Amman ...



... and five minutes later ...



... shopping in Downtown Amman, looking for a new TV for our new flat ...



... we found one, was a real bargain ...
("special price, my friend")



... Jerash, best preserved Roman ruins ...



... we can tell, because the Roman legions were still there ...



... and they knew how to fight ...



“Panem et circenses” (Bread and circuses)





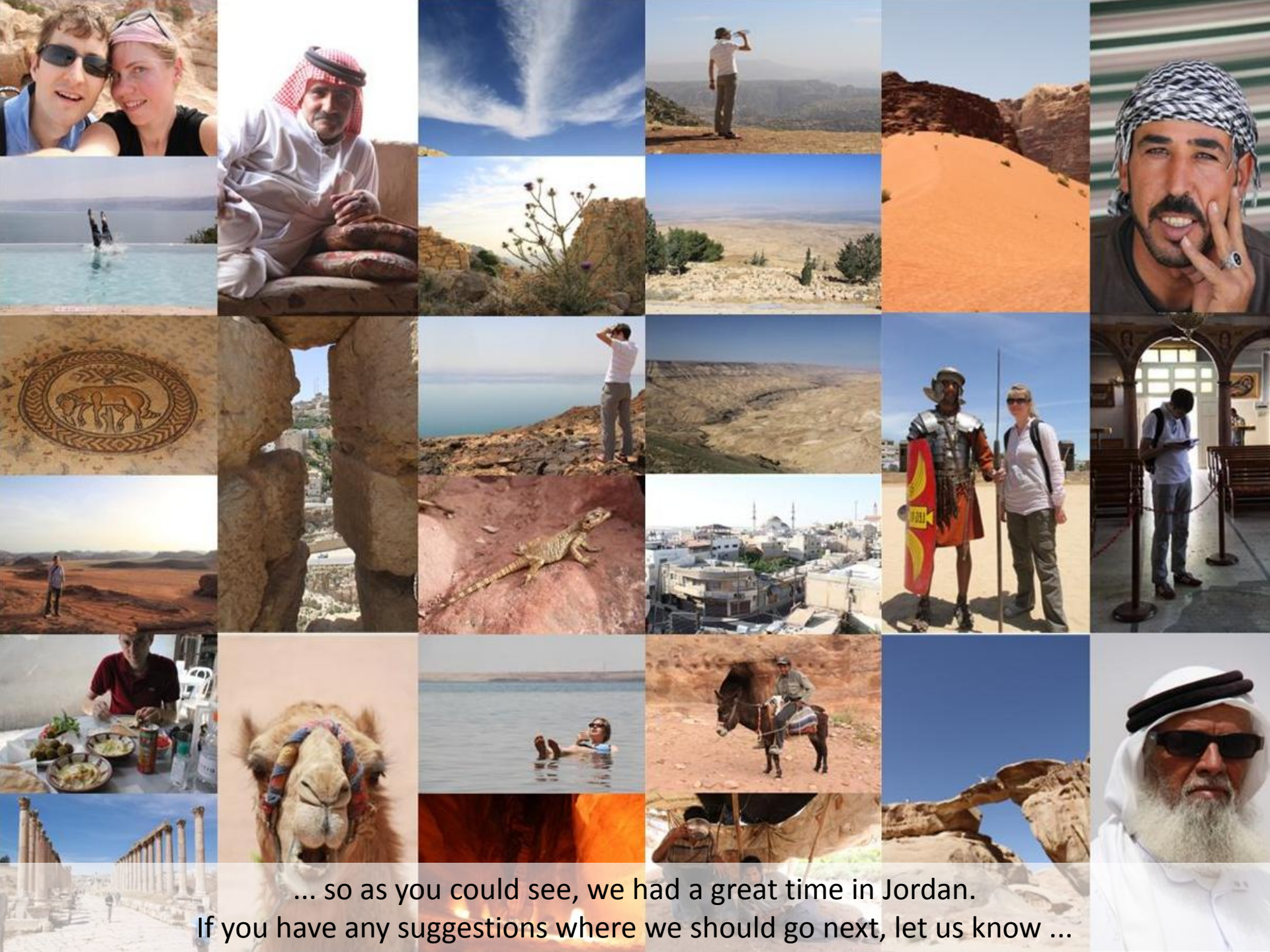




... and after so much work,
some relaxation at the Mövenpick Dead Sea Spa ...



... 11 sunny days, 8 seconds of rain, 22 falafels, 63 new friends, 103 "Welcome to Jordan",
697 pictures, 810 km dusty roads covered ...



... so as you could see, we had a great time in Jordan.
If you have any suggestions where we should go next, let us know ...