

English translation:

Man: The life in Jordan is an advanced one, and this advancement certainly stems or emerges from different aspects of life, of different sides such as artistic, technical, and other aspects, in addition to tourist aspects and agricultural aspects and also scientific features and different tourist aspects in general.

Jordan is a beautiful country; its weather is nice year round. The highest temperature in summer, of course, reaches about 100°F or less, and in winter, also, it doesn't get cold either. It's about 70°, or about 70°F. As for the temperature, we don't use Fahrenheit in Jordan for temperatures -- we use centigrade degrees. Temperatures reach 0 and about 35 [C.]. This is a temperature average and it lasts around the year. In different times, summer is a little bit hot. Temperatures become a little bit higher, or, if it is winter, temperatures go down a little bit. Here, we witness the four seasons completely, starting of course from autumn and winter and spring and summer. We clearly witness these seasons because the weather clearly changes here during the four seasons. Generally, of course, the weather is nice; you can enjoy it all year long because, of course, the country lies on so many hills and valleys. So there are warm places around the year, and there are also places that are cold for a long time. For example, in the Dead Sea, the Dead Sea area and el-Ghor area in Jordan are warm places all year long; that's why this area is an agricultural area in the first place.

As for al-Akaba area, it's a very warm area that's similar to California in the United States, the al-Akaba area. As for northern areas in Jordan, they are somewhat cold and similar to the Rocky Mountains in the United States. These are generally the different and many kinds of terrain, some of which are completely desert ... ah... similar to Nevada, and there is a completely green part, and there are mountainous parts, and there are very high mountainous places and there also are deep valleys. There is a big difference in terrain within the geography of Jordan.

Woman behind camera: Tell me more about people's lives.

Man: People's lives in general at work are diverse and variable. A big segment of the population works in agriculture, and another portion works in simple crafts, and a smaller part in agriculture. However, generally Jordan is a country that provides services. There are many different and advanced medical services. There are advanced educational services; and [the country] also has technical services including ITs in general, which are highly advanced in Jordan. There are different kinds of life according to a person's nature and his work type and life style. The society in Jordan normally is divided into three major groups: a group that, let's say, lives in desert areas -- and those are a small minority -- another group in agricultural and rural areas, and other groups in cities. The majority of the population in Jordan lives in cities. An average of two thirds of the population in Jordan lives in urban areas, or I can say half the population lives in cities. As for the overwhelming majority of the rest, they live in towns. The towns of Jordan are big towns not small towns, and all of them are considered attached to the cities.

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