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December Opening For First of Jordan's Two New Upscale Kempinski Properties

The world's oldest-established luxury hotel group, Kempinski Hotels & Resorts, at the end of this month opens the first of two new hotels in Jordan.

The Kempinski Hotel Amman, in the heart of the Jordanian capital and close to its all-important business district, is a new-build property offering 259 rooms, 22 suites and two Royal suites.

All rooms will feature high-speed internet access and interactive TV systems offering a choice of 28 satellite channels, in addition to the more traditional upscale amenities.

The Kempinski Hotel Amman will have five restaurants and bars, a discotheque, a health centre including gym, two dance studios and a swimming pool, two cinemas, and a one-of-a-kind entertainment centre and games room.

Business facilities include a business centre; five fully equipped meeting rooms and a 450 square metre ballroom.

The Amman property, opening on December 1, will be followed in September 2005 by the Kempinski Ishtar Resort Hotel & Spa, on the shores of the Dead Sea.

The resort will offer 120 suites and two VIP Royal villas, divided into three distinct and exclusive "enclaves" and set amid landscaped gardens, tranquil lagoons, winding rivers, cascading waterfalls and private pools.

A designer wellness spa will offer Dead Sea water floating pools, mud treatments and whirlpools, while a fully-equipped sports centre will include tennis and squash courts.



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Intercontinental Aqaba Resort Sets New

Read Sea Standard

Jordan's new InterContinental Aqaba Resort, opening in Spring 2005, is scheduled to become a magnet for leisure travellers as well as a prime conference and incentive venue.

A new-build development on Jordan's Red Sea coast, the InterContinental Aqaba Resort will offer 265 rooms, including 42 Club InterContinental business rooms, two Royal suites, two Presidential suites, and a selection of Junior suites.

All rooms will have sea views and feature high-speed Internet access. Suites will feature sea-view balconies and Jacuzzis as standard.

Set in landscaped gardens, the hotel will boast the largest swimming pool in Aqaba, which will be spanned by bridges leading guests directly on to the Red Sea beaches. The property will have its own marina, four restaurants and a variety of bars.

Extensive business facilities include a Club Floor with its own lounge, and a conference suite with a 700-capacity ballroom complemented by smaller breakout rooms. All public areas will have wireless Internet connectivity.

Gunter Grigoleit, director of operations, Jordan and Palestine, says: "The new state-of-the-art facilities provided by the new InterContinental hotel will add significantly to the attractions of Aqaba, and we are fully committed to being a major player in the anticipated emergence of this Red Sea resort."

The InterContinental Aqaba Resort will be the InterContinental Hotels Group's fifth Jordanian property. Others include the InterContinental Jordan, where Grigoleit is general manager, the Holiday Inn Amman, and Crowne Plazas in Amman and Petra.

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The Petra Kitchen

Now open in Petra, THE PETRA KITCHEN is a delightful way to round out your Jordan travel experiences. Like any home kitchen, THE PETRA KITCHEN is a relaxed, informal atmosphere where you'll gather to prepare an evening meal, working alongside local women under the supervision of a chef.

Each evening meal includes soup, cold and hot mezza and salads, and a main course—all typical Jordanian dishes. You will have get an inside glimpse of the secrets behind the famous regional cuisine of the Levant.

The Petra Kitchen offers an evening of learning, fun and a very special dining experience, with each dish gaining the special flavor of a reward well-earned. Great care has been taken to make The Petra Kitchen a truly Jordanian experience—right down to the furnishings, all crafted in Jordan, the tableware, all produced by the Iraq al Amir Women's Co-operative, and the aprons and table linens, all hand-embroidered by the Jordan River Foundation.



The regular price of JD 30/person includes the cuisine course, meal and all non-alcoholic

beverages as well as take-home recipes for all dishes prepared that evening.

Special 5-night cuisine classes are also available, where in addition to the nightly sessions you will make shopping trips to the local markets with our chef. The 5-night classes include special arrangements for hotel accommodations, visits to Petra, and discounts on food products and other gift items available at The Petra Kitchen and the Made in Jordan gallery

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