WEATHER

It will be relatively cold with southeasterly moderate winds in Amman, with generally moderate winds and southerly moderate winds in Aqaba. In the Desert, it will be relatively cold with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

Min./Max. temp.:
- Amman: 05/14°C
- Aqaba: 12/23°C
- Desert: 04/16°C
- Jordan Valley: 08/24°C
- Hilly Areas: 03/16°C

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Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

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