

Mt. Hermon Group - Daily Schedule Itinerary

Subject to change by the Guides/Tour Escorts/Tour Leaders

Mount Hermon, Friday, October 2, 2026

- 10:25 AM Los Angeles Group meets at Turkish Airlines Counter.
Starts Check-in. (9 PAX check-in also with Danny)
- 1:25 PM Flight TK #180 departs LAX
- 3:45 PM San Francisco Group meets at Turkish Airlines Counter.
Starts Check-in. (72 PAX check-in also with Kerry)
- 6:45 PM Flight TK #80 departs SFO

Mount Hermon, Saturday, October 3, 2026

- 12:40 PM Los Angeles Group arrives in Istanbul
After the group pick up their suitcases and go to custom,
the 9 PAX (+ Rene & Laurie) exit the custom area together, and follow the
airport sign to Gate/Door 13. Meet ICJ representative with
"Mount Hermon" sign, outside Gate/Door 13
Sema Mobile Phone: +90-532-296-9396
Transfer to the hotel for a check-in
- 5:40 PM San Francisco Group arrives in Istanbul
After the group pick up their suitcases and go to custom,
the 72 PAX exit the custom area together and proceed to the
"Cups & Clouds" coffee shop in the Arrival Hall. Meet the 2 ICJ guides
with "Mount Hermon" signs in front of the Cups & Clouds coffee shop.
Transfer to the hotel in 2 buses for check-in
Red Bus Guide: Pinar Kizil. Mobile Phone: +90-532-613-0067
Blue Bus Guide: Sonat Fisek. Mobile Phone: +90-532-287-6838
- 7:30 PM **Welcome Dinner at the hotel**
5-10 Minutes, Welcome Group: Craig Thompson

Mount Hermon, Sunday, October 4, 2026

- 7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Buses depart the hotel
- 9:15-10:00 AM Visit the Hippodrome of Constantinople
- 10:15-11:15 AM Visit the Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmed Mosque)
- 11:30-1:00 PM Visit the Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque
- 1:00-2:00 PM Lunch at a local restaurant in Sultanahmet (not included)
- 2:15-4:00 PM Visit the Topkapi Palace & St. Irene Church
- 4:30-6:00 PM Visit the Chora Church open until 6:00 PM
- 6:30 PM Return to the hotel
- 7:30 PM Dinner at the hotel
For Mosque: Women must cover heads, knees & shoulders.
All visitors remove shoes

Mount Hermon, Monday, October 5, 2026

6:30 AM Luggage outside rooms ready for pick-up
6:30-7:30 AM Breakfast
7:30-8:30 AM Luggage identified and loaded onto the buses
8:30 AM Buses depart the hotel
9:00-10:15 AM Visit the Grand Bazaar
10:30 AM Buses depart the Bazaar for the Cruise Pier
11:00-1:00 PM **2 Hours Bosphorus Private Cruise**
1:15-2:15 PM Lunch on own at restaurants near the Pier (not included)
2:30 PM Buses depart for the Airport
3:30 PM **Istanbul drivers leave.**
94 PAX check-in for the flight to IZMIR
The 2 Guides fly from Istanbul to Izmir with the group
6:00 PM Flight TK # 2334 departs Istanbul
7:05 PM Arrive in Izmir
After the group pick up their suitcases,
follow the 2 guides to the buses. Transfer to the hotel
8:00 PM Check-in to the hotel
Luggages are delivered to rooms while the group is at dinner
8:30 PM Dinner at the hotel

Mount Hermon, Tuesday, October 6, 2026

6:30-7:30 AM Breakfast
8:00 AM Buses depart the hotel
8:00-10:00 AM Drive to Pergamon
10:00-12:30 PM Visit the Acropolis and Red Basilica
30 Minutes teaching at the Pergamon Theatre
If the theatre is too steep for people, then teaching will be in Asklepion
12:30-1:30 PM Lunch in Bergama at a Traditional Turkish restaurant (not included)
1:30-2:30 PM Visit Asklepion
2:30-3:30 PM Drive to Thyatira
3:30-4:30 PM Visit Thyatira **(Option for Teaching)**
4:30-6:30 PM Return to Izmir
7:30 PM Dinner at the hotel

Mount Hermon, Wednesday, October 7, 2026

6:30 AM Luggage outside the rooms ready for pick-up
7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast
8:00-9:00 AM Luggage identified and loaded onto the buses
9:00 AM Buses depart the hotel
9:00-10:30 AM Drive to Sardis
10:30-12:30 Visit Sardis
30 Minutes teaching at Temple of Artemis and/or Sardis Synagogue

12:30-1:30 PM Lunch (not included)
1:30-2:15 PM Drive to Philadelphia
2:15-3:15 PM Visit Philadelphia (Option for Teaching)
3:15-5:15 PM Drive to Pamukkale
5:30 PM Check-in to the hotel
7:30 PM Dinner at the hotel

Mount Hermon, Thursday, October 8, 2026

6:00 AM Luggage outside the rooms ready for pick-up
6:00-7:00 AM Breakfast
7:00-8:00 AM Luggage are identified and loaded onto the buses
8:00 AM Buses depart the hotel
8:30-10:30 AM Visit Laodicea
10:00AM [30 Minutes teaching at Church of Laodicea](#)
[Reservation at the church is confirmed for 10:00 AM](#)
10:45 AM Drive to Hierapolis
11:00-1:30 PM Visit Hierapolis and Pamukkale Traveltine
[30 Minutes teaching at Hierapolis theatre](#)
1:30-2:30 PM Lunch (not included)
2:30-3:00 PM Drive to Colossae
3:00-4:00 PM Visit Colossae
4:00-6:30 PM Drive to Kusadasi
6:30 PM Check-in to the hotel
8:00 PM Dinner at the hotel
Luggage are delivered to the rooms while the group is at dinner

Mount Hermon, Friday, October 9, 2026

7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast
8:00 AM Buses depart the hotel
8:30-12:00 PM Visit Ephesus
[30 Minutes teaching at Odeon or Agora](#)
12:00-1:00 PM Lunch (not included)
1:00-2:30 PM Drive to Militus
2:30-4:30 PM Visit Militus
[30 Minutes teaching at Militus](#)
4:30-6:00 PM Drive to Kusadasi
7:30 PM Dinner at the hotel

Mount Hermon, Saturday, October 10, 2026

6:30 AM Luggage outside the rooms ready for pick-up
6:30-7:30 AM Breakfast
7:30-8:30 AM Luggage are identified and loaded onto the buses
8:30-10:00 AM Walking tour of Kusadasi, Old Town, local market
[Kusadasi Old Town and Cruise Pier are within walking distance from the hotel](#)

10:00 AM Transfer to the Port for embarkation

Turkish Guides and Drivers leave

Meet the 2 Greek Tour Escorts at embarkation

Tour Escort 1: Maria Papadopoulous. Mobile Phone: +30-69-88193794

Tour Escort 2: Giorgos Spyridakos. Mobile Phone: +30-69-36600711

1:00 PM Cruise sails

1:00-2:00 PM Lunch on board (included)

3:15 PM **30-45 Minutes Group meeting in a reserved private meeting room**

New Cruise Sustainable Tourism Fee will be collected by Celestyal cruise

4:30 PM Arrive in Patmos (Greece)

4:30-6:30 PM Shore Excursion in Patmos - St. John's Monastery & Grotto of Apocalypse

7:00-8:00 PM Dinner on board

9:30 PM Cruise departs Patmos

Mount Hermon, Sunday, October 11, 2026

7:00 AM Arrive at Heraklion (Crete)

7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast

8:00-11:00 AM Shore Excursion in Heraklion - Knossos Palace

12:00 PM Depart Heraklion

1:00-2:00 PM Lunch on Board (included)

4:30 PM Arrive in Santorini (Greece)

4:30-6:30 PM Shore Excursion - Walking tour in Santorini led by our tour escorts

7:00-8:00 PM Dinner on board

9:30 PM Cruise departs Santorini

Mount Hermon, Monday, October 12, 2026

6:00 AM Cruise arrives in Athens (Piraeus)

5:00-8:30 AM Breakfast on Board

Since the Group embarks in Kusadasi and due to the new EES system, per Celestyal Cruises, all passengers that embark in Kusadasi will undergo passport control onboard before disembarkation.

Breakfast will start at 5:00 AM and the process will start at 6:00 AM

8:30 AM Disembark with Luggage

Meet the 2 Greek Guides and drivers/buses

Guide 1: Fotini Mandilara. Mobile Phone: +30-6973-708329

Guide 2: Zina Drepanidou. Mobile Phone: +30-6944-654063

9:30-10:30 AM Drive to Ancient Corinth

10:30-12:30 PM Visit Ancient Corinth

30 Minutes teaching at Ancient Corinth (Paul's Bema)

12:45-1:15 PM See the Corinth Canal

1:15-2:15 PM Lunch (not included)

2:15-3:00 PM Visit Acrocorinth (Upper Corinth)

3:00-4:00 PM Visit Cenchreae

4:00-5:15 PM Drive to the hotel

5:15-6:00 PM Check-in to the hotel
7:30 PM Dinner at the hotel

Mount Hermon, Tuesday, October 13, 2026

7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast
8:00 AM Buses depart the hotel
9:00-11:30 AM Visit the Acropolis Hill. Parthenon, Mars Hill
[30 Minutes teaching at Mars Hill](#)
12:00-1:00 PM City Highlights Drive
Temple of Olympic Zeus, Panathenaic Stadium, Hellenic Parliament
1:00-2:00 PM Lunch (not included)
2:00-3:00 PM Guided tour of the Historic Plaka
3:00-5:00 PM Free time at the Plaka
5:30 PM Dinner at the Bairaktaris Restaurant at the Plaka
7:00 PM Options to Return to the hotel:
1. Use one scheduled Transfer with our buses
2. Stay at the Plaka and walk on your own to the hotel
The Plaka is within walking distance from our hotel
Greek Tour Escorts leave

Mount Hermon, Wednesday, October 14, 2026

6:30 AM Luggage outside the rooms ready for pick-up
6:30-7:30 AM Breakfast
7:30-8:30 AM Luggage are identified and loaded onto the buses
8:30 AM Buses depart the hotel
10:30 AM Stop for a coffee break
1:30-2:30 PM Lunch in Kalambaka (not included)
2:30-6:00 PM Visit Meteora Monastaries
6:30 PM Arrive in Larissa
6:30-7:30 PM Check-in to the hotel
8:00 PM Dinner at the hotel
Luggage are delivered to the rooms while the group is at dinner

Mount Hermon, Thursday, October 15, 2026

6:30 AM Luggage are outside the rooms ready for pick-up
7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast
8:00-9:00 AM Luggage are identified and loaded onto the buses
9:00 AM Buses depart Larissa
11:00 AM Arrive in Veria
11:00-12:00 Visit Veria
[30 Minutes teaching at Veria \(Paul's Bema\)](#)
12:30-1:30 PM Lunch in Veria (not included)
1:30-2:30 PM Drive to Thessaloniki
2:30-5:30 PM Thessaloniki City Tour

5:30-6:30 PM Check-in to the hotel
7:30 PM Dinner at the hotel

Mount Hermon, Friday, October 16, 2026

7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast
8:00 AM Buses depart the hotel
10:00 AM Arrive in Philippi
10:00-11:30 AM Visit Philippi
30 Minutes teaching at Philippi by the water stream
11:30 AM Visit Lydia's Baptistery
12:30 PM Travel to Kavala
12:30-1:30 PM Visit Kavala
1:45-3:00 PM Lunch at the Harbor (not included)
3:00 PM Buses depart Kavala
4:30 PM Arrive in Thessaloniki
4:30-6:00 PM Visit the Basilica of St. Demetrius
6:30 PM Arrive back at the hotel
7:30 PM Farewell Dinner at the hotel.
Part of the group departs the next mornings back to the US.
Farewell speeches

Mount Hermon, Saturday, October 17, 2026

3:30 AM Luggage are outside the rooms ready for pick-up
4:00-5:00 AM A light breakfast and coffee will be available for the group.
Please note: We will not have an official lunch break today.
4:30-5:30 AM Luggage are identified and loaded onto the buses (Separate ROME / SFO)
5:30 AM Buses depart the hotel
6:30 AM Check-in to our flights
Greek guides and drivers leave.
9:00 AM Flight GQ 381/820 to Rome via Athens departs (75 PAX)
9:35 AM Flight TK 1882/79 to San Francisco via Istanbul departs
12:00 PM Arrive in Rome.
After the group pick up their suitcases and go to custom,
proceed through the custom area to the Arrtival Hall and meet
the 2 Italian group escorts with "Mount Hermon" signs.
Tour Escort 1: Barbara Scaringella. Mobile Phone: +39 331-836-7529
Tour Escort 2: Orietta Barboni. Mobile Phone: +39 340-971-1617
2:00 - 2:30 PM Drive to Ostian Antica
2:30 PM Blue Bus: 19 PAX + 19 PAX (incl Tour Escort) meet 2 local guides
Red Bus: 19 PAX + 20 PAX (incl Tour Escort) meet 2 local guides
2:30 - 5:00 PM Visit Ostia Antica
5:00 PM Buses depart Ostia Antica
6:00 PM Check-in to the hotel
7:30 PM Dinner at the hotel

Mount Hermon, Sunday, October 18, 2026

- 5:00-5:30 AM **Pick up Breakfast Box. Coffee is available for the group at the lobby**
- 5:30 AM Buses depart the hotel. Capitulum Bus Comp. +39 388-403-0585
- 6:30 AM Arrive at Roma Termini Train Station
- 7:05 AM Train FR 9321 departs Roma Termini
- 7:05-8:46 AM Train ride to Florence.
- 8:46 AM Train arrives to Florence
- 9:10 AM Meet the 4 Florence local Guides in front of Santa Maria Novella's Church
Red Bus: Group 1, Group 2. Blue Bus: Group 3, Group 4
- 9:10 - 12:15 PM Guided Tour of Florence City Center (70 + 2 Escorts)
- 12:15 PM Entrance to the Accademia Gallery
- 12:30 PM Group 1: 17 PAX Conf NR: 23288425
- 12:45 PM Group 2: 19 PAX Conf NR: 23288433
- 1:00 PM Group 3: 19 PAX incl 3 Children Conf NR: 23288441
- 1:15 PM Group 4: 17 PAX Conf NR: 23288444
- 12:15 - 2:15 PM Free time per above groups schedule per group for Lunch (Not included)
- 2:30 PM Entrance to the Church of Santa Croce (70 + 2 Escorts)
- Group 1: 17 PAX Conf NR: OSC151970
- Group 2: 19 PAX Conf NR: OSC151971
- Group 3: 19 PAX incl 3 Children Conf NR: OSC151973
- Group 4: 17 PAX Conf NR: OSC151974
- 3:15 - 4:30 PM Free time to visit Ponte Vechio and the local markets
- 4:30 PM Meet the tour escorts and walk to the train station
- 4:59 PM Train FR 9721 departs from Florence
- 6:35 PM Train arrives to Roma Termini.
- 7:00 PM Transfer to the hotel
- 8:30 PM Dinner at the hotel

Mount Hermon, Monday, October 19, 2026

- 6:00-7:00 AM Breakfast
- 7:15 AM Buses depart the hotel for a tour of Imperial Rome
- 8:15 AM Meet our 4 local guides at Arch of Constantine.
- 8:30 AM Entrance to the Colosseum
- 8:30 - 11:30 AM Visit the Colosseum, Forum, Circus Maximum.
- 8:30 AM Blue Bus Groups 3 and 4 Enter the Colloseum
19 PAX + 19 PAX with 2 local guides
- 8:45 AM Red Bus Groups 1 and 2 Enter the Colloseum
19 PAX + 20 PAX with 2 Local guides
- 11:30 AM Entrance to Mamertine Prison
- 11:30-1:30 PM The 4 groups visit the Mamertine Prison with 4 local guides
- 1:30-2:30 PM Lunch (not included)
- 2:30 PM Buses depart
- 3:15 PM Arrive downtown Rome and meet our 2 local Guides

3:15 - 6:15 PM Walking tour of Baroque Rome - historic center of Rome
Via Del Corso, Piazza de Spanga, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona
6:15 - 7:00 PM Walk to the Plebiscito Restaurant
7:00-9:00 PM Dinner at Plebiscito Restaurant (Included)
9:00 PM Return to the hotel

Mount Hermon, Tuesday, October 20, 2026

6:00-7:00 AM Breakfast
Red Bus
7:00 AM Red Bus departs the hotel for Christian Rome.
7:45 AM Red Bus meets the 2 Local Guides at the Vatican
8:00-12:00 PM Red Bus visit the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica, Sistine Chapel
8:00 AM Group 1: 20 PAX Enter the Vatican Museum: Conf. 2L2N073H7NMWIAYQV1
Group 2: 19 PAX Enter the Vatican Museum: Conf. 2L2MZZGR7NMWIAYPR1
11:00 AM Group 1 and Group 2: Enter the St. Peter's Basilica (39 + 1 Escort)
Blue Bus
8:00 AM Blue Bus departs the hotel for Christian Rome.
8:45 AM Blue Bus meets the 2 Local Guides at the Vatican
9:00-1:00PM Blue Bus visit the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica, Sistine Chapel
9:00 AM Group 3: 19 PAX Enter the Vatican Museum: Conf. 2L2N01S37NMWIAYPZ1
(Above Incl 3 Children)
Group 4: 19 PAX Enter the Vatican Museum: Conf. 2L2N02JV7NMWIAYPO1
12:00 PM Group 3 and Group 4: Enter the St. Peter's Basilica (38 + 1 Escort)
12:00 - 1:30 PM Free time per above schedule per group for Lunch (Not included)
1:30 - 2:30 PM Drive to the Catacomb of San Sebastiano
2:30 - 3:15 PM Meet our 2 local guides and visit the Catacombs of San Seabstiano
3:15 PM Depart San Sebastian
3:30 - 6:00 PM Meet our 2 local guides and visit the Church of St. John Lateran with the
Holly Stairs, the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls, Paul's tomb,
Abbey of the Three Fountains
6:15 PM Depart back for Rome
7:00 PM Arrive back at Rome for dinner.
7:00-9:00 PM Farewell dinner at Antica Osteria Croce Restaurant (Included)
Farewell speeches
9:00 PM Return to the hotel

Mount Hermon, Wednesday, October 21, 2026

2:00 AM Luggage are outside the rooms ready for pick-up
2:30-3:15 AM **Pick up Breakfast Box. Coffee is available for the group at the lobby**
Luggage are identified and loaded onto the buses
3:15 AM Buses depart the hotel
4:15 AM Check-in to our flights back to the US
Tour escorts leave
7:05 AM Flight TK 1362-79/9 to San Francisco and Los Angeles via Istanbul departs

