

Mt. Hermon Group - Daily Schedule Itinerary

A Tentative Daily Time Schedule

Mount Hermon, Friday, October 2, 2026

- 10:25 AM Los Angeles Group meets at Turkish Airlines Counter.
Starts Check-in
- 1:25 PM Flight TK #180 departs LAX
- 3:45 PM San Francisco Group meets at Turkish Airlines Counter.
Starts Check-in
- 6:45 PM Flight TK #80 departs SFO

Mount Hermon, Saturday, October 3, 2026

- 12:40 PM Los Angeles Group arrives in Istanbul
Meet ICJ representative/guide with "Mount Hermon" sign
Transfer to the hotel for check-in
- 5:40 PM San Francisco Group arrives in Istanbul
Meet ICJ representatives/guides with "Mount Hermon" signs
Transfer to the hotel for check-in
- Guide 1: Pinar Kizil. Mobile Phone: +90-532-613-0067**
- Guide 2: 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
- 9:00 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 **Bosphorus 2 hours 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 Check-in for the flight to IZMIR
 6:00 PM Flight TK # 2334 departs Istanbul
 7:05 PM Arrive in Izmir
 Meet our guides at the Airport with "Mount Hermon" signs. 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 Philadelphias
 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
 8:30 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)
 1:00-1:30 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
 Meet the 2 Greek Tour Managers at embarkation
 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](#)**
As of July 21, 2025 - New Cruise Sustainable Tourism Fee went into effect.
 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 managers
- 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 our 2 Greek Guides and 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
7:00 PM Options to Return to the hotel:
One Transfer with our buses or
Stay at the Plaka and walk on your own to the hotel
The Plaka is within walking distance from our hotel

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 Monasteries
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 leaves back to the US on the next mornings .
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 **The dining room will be open for our group. Light breakfast and Coffee will be available.**
We have a busy schedule today and will not have an official lunch break.
People will be able to grab what they want at breakfast and go.
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
9:00 AM Flight GQ 381/820 to Rome via Athens departs
9:35 AM Flight TK 1882/79 to San Francisco via Istanbul departs
12:00 PM Arrive in Rome. Meet our 2 Italian group managers with "Mount Hermon" signs.
Drive to downtown Rome
Tour Manager 1: Barbara Scaringella. Mobile Phone: +39 331-836-7529
Tour Manager 2: Orietta Barboni. Mobile Phone: +39 340-971-1617
2:00-5:00 PM Meet our Local 2 Guides: Walking Tour of Baroque Rome
Via Del Corso, Piazza de Spanga, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona
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
6:00 AM Buses depart the hotel
6:45 AM Arrive at Roma Termini Train Station
7:25 AM Train departs Roma Termini
7:25-9:00 AM Train ride to Florence.
9:00 AM Train arrives to Florence
9:15 AM Meet our 4 Florence local Guides
Red Bus: Group 1, Group 2. Blue Bus: Group 3, Group 4
9:15-1:15 PM Visit Florence - Accademia Gallery, Santa Croce
1:15-4:00 PM Lunch on own and free time to visit Ponte Vecchio and the local markets
4:00 PM Meet the tour managers and walk to the train station
4:59 PM Train departs from Florence
6:35 PM Train arrives to Roma Termini.
6:50 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. Entrance to the Colosseum
8:30 - 11:30 AM Visit the Colosseum, Forum, Circus Maximum.
Group 1, Group 2, Group 3, Group 4
Walk to Mamertine Prison
11:30-1:30 PM Visit Mamertine Prison with 4 local guides
1:30-2:30 PM Lunch (not included)
2:30 PM Depart for Ostia Antica
3:30-6:00 PM Visit Ostia Antica with 4 local guides
6:00 PM Buses depart Ostia Antica
7:00 PM Arrive back at Rome for dinner.
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
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
Group 4. 19 PAX Enter the Vatican Museum: Conf. 2L2N02JV7NMWIAYPO1
12:00 AM Group 3 and Group 4: Enter the St. Peter's Basilica

1:00-1:45 PM Lunch (not included)
1:45-4:30 PM Drive and visit the Church of St. John Lateran with Holy stairs, the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls, Paul's tomb, the Tre Fontane, Abbey of the Tree Fountains with 2 Local Guides
4:30-5:00 PM Drive to the Catacomb of San Sebastiano
5:00-6:00 PM Visit the Catacombs of San Seabstiano
6:00 PM Depart San Sebastiano
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

7:05 AM Flight TK 1362-79/9 to San Francisco or Los Angeles via Istanbul departs

