



## **ST. CECILIA TOURS, LLC**

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### **Marvin Methodist - Holy Land Tour October 13 – 28, 2025 Daily Schedule**

#### **Monday, October 13**

11:30am - Check-in at Dallas DFW for flight to Amman, Jordan via Turkish Airlines.

2:30pm - Flight TA292 departs, with transfer via Istanbul IST (new airport.)

10:25am: Arrive Istanbul. Make your way to your connecting gate.

12:20pm: Flight TA820 departs, nonstop service to Amman.

#### **Tuesday, October 14**

3:05pm - We arrive Amman, and transport to the Crown Plaza Resort by the Dead Sea. Breakfast and dinner are included in the hotel restaurant.

#### **Wednesday, October 15**

7:30-8:45am: Enjoy breakfast!

8:50am: We meet our guide and Biblical scholar, Fadi Haddad. After a brief orientation meeting where we remind ourselves of the history of the Old Testament, we are transferred by coach to Mt. Nebo where Moses gazed into the Promised Land. From there, we can see Bethany beyond the Jordan River (where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist). We will visit Madaba, which houses an historic church with a significant 4<sup>th</sup> century mosaic of a detailed map of Jerusalem, and the Holy Land. Lunch is \$20 per person in a restaurant on Mt. Nebo, and payable in US dollars, today. We will conclude our day in time to enjoy the amenities of the resort in the late afternoon. Breakfast and Dinner are included.

#### **Thursday, October 16**

7:30-8:45am: Enjoy breakfast!

8:50am: We load our coach with luggage and transfer to Petra, via Mukawir, also known as Machareus, where Herod Antipas built one of his many palaces in the Holy Land. We read from scripture and are reminded of the accounts that took place in this important city. We drive along the highway to Petra, and are reminded of the Biblical accounts that took place between Israel and the Moabites, and the Edomites. After a comfort stop, we check into the Old Village Resort in Petra, which is a spa hotel. We meet our guide, Dr. Sami, who is former Member of Parliament for Tourism in Jordan. He is also professor of archology at the University of Petra. Sami will offer us a guided tour of the Petra Museum, showcasing the rich history and significance of Petra. Dinner is included and served in the hotel restaurant.

**Friday, October 17**

7:30-9:40am: Enjoy breakfast!

9:45am: We meet in the lobby to begin our day of touring in Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Led by Dr. Sami, uncover the secrets of this ancient city, including the iconic Treasury, the Monastery, and the city's extensive rock-carved architecture. Return to hotel. The rest of the day and evening is yours to enjoy the shops, the hotel spa, or relaxing at the oldest cave bar in the world! Lunch is \$20, today. Dinner is in the hotel restaurant, and is included in your tour package.

**Saturday, October 18**

6:00am: Early departure! We load luggage on the shuttle. We will enjoy breakfast boxes from the hotel to enjoy during our safari tour of the Wadi Rum desert.

7:00am: Embark on a Jeep Safari with Dr. Sami through the dramatic landscapes of Wadi Rum, famed for its stunning red dunes and rock formations. After the desert adventure, we proceed to the border crossing into Israel.

11:30pm: Arrive border crossing and transfer to airport.

2:30pm: Depart Eilat for Tel Aviv.

3:30pm: Upon arrival we will be greeted by our tour guide, Aviv Herzlich, one of the most celebrated and sought after Biblical scholars in Israel. Our coach takes us to the [Numa Hotel](#) in Jaffa (Old Testament Joppa) where we will enjoy a welcome beverage, light refreshments, and an orientation. Enjoy the quaint streets and restaurants. Dinner on your own tonight.

**Sunday, October 19**

7-8:25am: Enjoy breakfast!

8:30am: Load coach, followed by guided walking tour of historic Jaffa.

12:00pm: Lunch followed by transfer to Caesarea Maritima

3:45pm: Transfer to Mt. Carmel, where we enjoy a view of the Jezreel Valley.

6:00pm: Check into the Ein Gev Resort in Galilee. Enjoy a traditional Israeli dinner in the hotel restaurant. Breakfast and dinner are included every day of your stay.

**Monday, October 20**

7:00 - 8:30am: Enjoy breakfast.

8:30am: Meet in the lobby, and board coach for transfer to Tsippori, where we will start our day.

11am: Walking tour of Nazareth old town.

1:00pm: Lunch, on your own, with restaurant options by Mary's Well in Nazareth.

2:00pm: Visit to Nazareth Village, an informative outdoor museum that depicts the daily life and business of Nazareth during the time of Jesus.

4:30pm: Return to hotel for dinner.

**Tuesday, October 21**

7:30-9:00am: Enjoy breakfast.

9:00am: Meet in lobby for touring around the Sea of Galilee.

10:15am: We visit the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount', overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

11:30am: Visit Magdala, the newest, and perhaps most important first century archaeological site. It is also the site of a modern church built on the remains of a first-century Synagogue, where we celebrate communion.

1:30pm We will enjoy a catch of the day fish lunch (\$25 cash/pp).

3:15pm: Visit Capernaum, the site of Jesus' teachings and the remains of a second-century synagogue.

4:45pm We will enjoy a beautiful boat tour on the Sea of Galilee.

5:30pm: Return to hotel for dinner.

### **Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

7:30-9:00am: Enjoy breakfast.

9:00am: Load shuttle with luggage before visit to Megiddo and Beit-She'an.

12:00pm: Lunch before we visit Beit-She'an.

4:00pm: We ascend to Jerusalem, where we will check-in to the [Gloria Hotel](#), located in the Christian Quarter by the Jaffa Gate. Breakfast and dinner are included every morning and evening at our hotel inside the walls of the Holy City.

### **Thursday, October 23**

7:30-9:00am: Enjoy breakfast.

9:00am: Meet in the lobby to visit the Holocaust Museum.

12:00pm: Depart for Israeli Museum.

12:30pm: Lunch on your own at the Israeli Museum before touring.

3:30pm: Return to hotel for free time and dinner.

### **Friday, October 24**

7:30-9:00am: Enjoy a traditional breakfast at the hotel.

9:00am: Meet in the lobby to begin our day with a guided walking tour of Jerusalem.

12:00pm: Lunch on your own.

1:30pm: Visit the Hill of Calvary and the empty tomb, located in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

3:00pm: Return to hotel for free time.

### **Saturday, October 25**

7:30-9:00am: Enjoy breakfast.

9:00am: Meet in the lobby for drive to the Mount of Olives.

11:00am: Descend (walking or coach) to Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive grove.

12:30pm: We drive to Bethlehem where we have lunch by Shepherd's Field (\$20,) before we visit the Church of the Nativity. We take time to shop at the olive wood factory in Bethlehem, before returning to our hotel in Jerusalem.

### **Sunday, October 26**

7:30-9:00am: Enjoy breakfast.

9:00am: Meet in lobby to drive to the Dead Sea Basin where we will visit Masada and Qumran. En route, we also make a quick stop by Ein Gedi, and learn of its Biblical history.

1:00pm Lunch in the restaurant at Qumran. (\$20)

3:45pm: Return to hotel for dinner.

### **Monday, October 27**

**(This day will be revised due to transfer to Madaba, Jordan. Nothing below will be missed.)**

7:30-8:30am: Enjoy breakfast.

9:30am: Visit the Garden of the Empty Tomb, where we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

11:15am: Visit the church of St. Anne by the Pool of Bethesda.

12:45pm: Lunch on your own, suggestions will be offered.

2:00pm Continue to Mount Zion, King David's Tomb and The Upper Room.

### **Tuesday, October 28**

3:50am: Load coach for the Amman airport.

4:20am: Arrive airport to check-in for flight to Dallas via Istanbul IST.

6:00am: Turkish Airlines flight TA815, departs Amman.

9:30am: Flight arrives Istanbul, make your way to connecting gate.

2:30pm: Turkish Airlines flight TA191 departs for Dallas DFW.

7:50pm: Flight arrives Dallas DFW