



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

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### **Marvin Methodist - Holy Land Tour October 29 – November 14, 2024 Daily Schedule**

#### **Tuesday, October 29**

10:30 AM - Check-in at Dallas DFW for AA606 and RJ262 to Amman, Jordan via TBA.

1:01 PM - Flight departs, with one transfer via JFK. Arrive JFK at 5:30 PM.

9:10 PM - Flight departs, with Royal Jordanian direct to Amman AMM

#### **Wednesday, October 30**

3:05 PM - Arrive to Amman International Airport. Make your way to baggage claim then to the arrivals hall. Eric and Laura will greet you in the arrivals hall, and our driver will transport us to the Crown Plaza Dead Sea Resort, where we will stay three nights with views of the Dead Sea. Breakfast and Dinner are included every day at this resort.

#### **Thursday, October 31**

Enjoy a full day of relaxation at our beautiful resort. Our resort offers a wonderful spa menu, and the best experience in terms of floating on the Dead Sea. We have a very busy Biblical seminar so please enjoy this day of leisure and relaxation. Breakfast and dinner are included in the hotel restaurant. Lunch is on your own in one of the many café's and restaurants at the resort.

#### **Friday, November 1**

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 will 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 3<sup>rd</sup> century mosaic of a detailed map of Jerusalem, and the Holy Land. Lunch is \$20 per person 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.

#### **Saturday, November 2**

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 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.

### **Sunday, November 3**

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.

### **Monday, November 4**

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.

### **Tuesday, November 5**

7-8:25am: Enjoy breakfast!

8:30am: Guided walking tour of historic Jaffa.

10:00am: Load shuttle with luggage and drive to Caesarea followed by Mt. Carmel. We will enjoy lunch along the way.

6:00pm: Check into the [Legacy Hotel](#) in Nazareth. Enjoy a traditional Israeli dinner in the hotel restaurant. Breakfast and dinner are included every day of your stay.

### **Wednesday, November 6**

7:30-9:15am: Enjoy breakfast.

9:30am: Meet in the lobby for a walking tour of the quaint old town of Nazareth. We'll enjoy lunch on our own at the end of the tour.

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

4:00pm: Return to hotel for dinner.

### **Thursday, November 7**

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.

**Friday, November 8**

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

9:00am: Load shuttle with luggage. Today we visit Megiddo and the Spring of Gideon. Lunch in Beit-She'an along the way.

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.

**Saturday, November 9**

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.

**Sunday, November 10**

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.

**Monday, November 11**

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.

**Tuesday, November 12**

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 Gethsemane with its ancient olive grove.

TBA: 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.

**Wednesday, November 13**

7:30-9:00am: 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.

**Thursday, November 14**

TBA: Load coach for the Tel Aviv airport.

TBA: Arrive Tel Aviv to check-in for flight home to Dallas DFW.