

JEWISH ROUTES - GRAND TOUR OF SPAIN

MAY 13-26, 2019

Madrid – Toledo – Granada – Córdoba – Seville – Gibraltar – Girona – Barcelona

An Exclusive Small Group Fully Escorted Tour



You are invited to join our exclusive small group tour to Spain in May 2019. This trip will be limited to 20 participants and will be a fully escorted tour led by a truly unique guide and scholar in residence, Jacob Shoshan – in addition to the use of local English-speaking guides throughout Spain. Please see the itinerary for many highlights and more information.

We will be meeting in Madrid on May 14 in the afternoon and the tour will end in Barcelona on May 26. We can accommodate pre/post tour arrangements in conjunction with this tour, such as a 3-night extension in Lisbon, Portugal.

Feel free to forward this information to anyone you feel might want to join our trip.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Accommodations:

12 nights in Spain at the following

4★ & 5★ hotels, or similar:

3 nights in Madrid: Hotel Villa Real or
Vincci Soho

1 night in Almagro: Parador de Almagro

1 night in Granada: Hotel Granada Center

2 nights in Seville: Hotel Sevilla Center

1 night in Gibraltar, Marbella or Málaga:
Eliott Hotel, Amare Marbella or Málaga
Palacio

4 nights in Barcelona: Hotel Condes de
Barcelona

Meals:

12 Full Buffet Breakfasts

6 Additional Meals (1 Lunch & 5 Dinners)

- Dedicated tour educator, Jacob Shoshan
- Professional local English speaking guides
- Deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Domestic flight from Málaga to Barcelona
- In-depth sightseeing program
- All entrance fees and activities
- Water on the bus
- Gratuities(*)





NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare to the tour departure point and from the tour ending point is not included. Airfare may be purchased through us for travel originating in the United States
- Personal Expenses
- Meals on your own
- Tips for tour educator (*)
- Pre/Post Tours:
We can accommodate pre/post tour arrangements in conjunction with this tour, as well as a 3-night extension in Lisbon, Portugal
- Travel Insurance – We strongly suggest purchasing comprehensive travel insurance to cover your trip and yourselves

THE FINE PRINT:

Tour rates are per person, based on double occupancy and a minimum of 15 participants.

Tour prices are per person in U.S. dollars. All hotel accommodations, motor coach transportation, special dinners, sightseeing, admissions, luggage handling and the services of local guides, drivers and the tour educator are included.

Hotels are subject to confirmation. If the hotels listed cannot be confirmed, we will use other similar hotels on the same level.

Hotel Accommodations: Our standard is to provide the best available hotels while considering value. Although the level of the accommodation may differ slightly from hotel to hotel, we are committed to your comfort.

Baggage: All tour packages / group tours allow one piece of luggage per person and one carry-on bag. The Travel Agent and/or Tour Operator shall not be held responsible for any damage to or loss of luggage/ personal items. All damage/ loss must be reported at time of the incident and documented in writing by local authorities for submission to the insurance company. With regard to airline baggage allowance, different carriers have different regulations for business and coach. Please check with your individual carrier regarding permitted number of pieces, weight and dimensions. The tour operator is not responsible for fees levied by any air carrier for the transport of personal belongings of any kind.

NOTE – PASSPORT & VISA:

No visa is required for this tour. Always make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the tour ends.

PRICE PER PERSON:

\$ 5999

\$ 1499 single room supplement

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO SIGN UP
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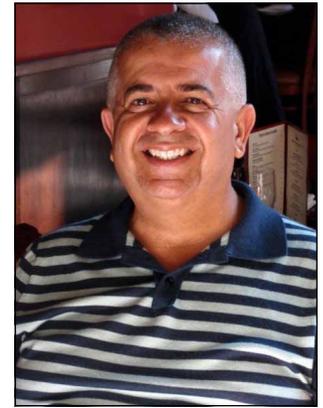


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A millennium ago, Spain was the center of the Jewish world, a land where Jews were at the pinnacle of commerce, finance, the arts and diplomacy. Our tour is flavored with memories of that Golden Age of Sephardic Jewry.

Experience the fantastic, enduring Jewish heritage that Spain offers including Madrid, Toledo, Girona, Besalú, Córdoba, Seville, Granada and Barcelona. Enjoy Spain in luxury and style on this private Jewish Heritage Tour as you travel from cities to countryside and experience the major sites. Explore the secrets of medieval villages such as Besalú; sip Cava in the tiny, windy streets of the Jewish Calle area of Girona; after a day of sightseeing, delight in the tapping heels, flirting skirts and guitars of typical gypsy flamenco in Granada. All this and more awaits you on this Jewish Routes – Grand Tour of Spain. You will stay in delightful hotels throughout your tour and transport will be privately chauffeured in luxury coaches. You will have as your guide – mentor and escort – **Jacob Shoshan**, one of our most celebrated Tour Managers.



Born in Jerusalem, Jacob is a licensed tour guide in Israel. He is also a teacher and lecturer for the Israel Tour Guide College, Hebrew University (a joint program with the Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem), Tel-Aviv University and Everyman's University, Tel-Aviv. Jacob, in addition, is also a Senior Tour Director and Lecturer for the Geographical Society, Israel. Mr. Shoshan is one of the most celebrated Tour Managers in his field and a leader in his profession. He has visited 105 countries and led tours in 67 countries on all 6 continents. Fluent in 15 languages, he presents in-depth discussions on Jewish History, Philosophy and Culture as part of his escorting responsibilities. His background covers Holocaust Studies, Sephardi Jewish Heritage and Jewish Musicology. Besides his expertise in Judaic areas, Jacob is deeply educated in many world cultures including their history, religions, literature, archaeology, music and all other art forms. And, almost as important – Jacob's personality is warm, nurturing and caring – a truly amazing individual. We are most fortunate to have him escort us on our next adventure.

**For More Information
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Day One: Monday | 13 MAY 2019

DEPARTURE

- Depart the U.S.A. to Spain.

Overnight: In Flight

Day Two: Tuesday | 14 MAY 2019

ARRIVAL IN MADRID

- Arrive in Madrid, Spain's vibrant capital.
- Transfer to the hotel.
- Meet your tour educator and other group members in the hotel lobby.
- Welcome dinner and orientation dialogue with your tour educator at a restaurant.

Overnight: Madrid

Day Three: Wednesday | 15 MAY 2019

EXPLORING MADRID

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Begin with a tour of the city, stopping at various sites, including:
 - Plaza de España, which features a monument dedicated to Spanish novelist, poet and playwright Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra.
 - A visit to the Royal Palace.
 - Plaza Mayor to bear witness to the many auto-da-fés (the ritual of public penance of condemned heretics and apostates during the Spanish Inquisition that occurred here).
- Lunch on own.
- Visit the Prado, one of the world's most renowned art museums.
- Free time to explore the city on your own.
- Enjoy a typical Tapas dinner together.

Overnight: Madrid

Day Four: Thursday | 16 MAY 2019

MADRID

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Enjoy an introduction to Madrid's Jewish community and visit the Beth Yaacov Synagogue.
- Visit the Reina Sofia Museum – housing one of the finest collections of contemporary art in the world, including Picasso's iconic Guernica.
- View the Plaza Colon. This plaza and its fountain commemorate the explorer Christopher Columbus, whose name in Spanish was Cristóbal Colón.
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Madrid



Day Five: Friday | 17 MAY 2019

TOLEDO

- Depart for Toledo, which remains much as it was in the 16th century, and begin with a panoramic tour of the city.
- Guided visit to the Old City of Toledo. Visit the Church of Santo Tome to see

El Greco's masterpiece, The Burial of the Count of Orgaz.

- On to the Jewish Quarter; the Samuel Halevi Abulafia Synagogue, which was turned into a church, known as Nuestra Señora del Tránsito; the Sephardic Museum; and the Santa Maria La Blanca Church (formerly the Grand Synagogue).
- Visit the El Greco Museum, dedicated to the painter and the influence his work and personality had on early 17th-century Toledo.
- Drive across the Plains of La Mancha – Don Quixote's country. See the famous windmills and stop at the Venta del Quixote in Puerto Lapice.
- Lunch on your own.
- On to Almagro.
- Check in at the beautiful Parador, situated in a former 16th century monastery.
- Walk the lanes of the historical district to Plaza Mayor by way of the traditional aristocratic palaces and the open-air Corral de Comedias.
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Almagro

Day Six: Saturday | 18 MAY 2019

GRANADA

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Today's drive takes us south to the Andalusian city of Granada, once the "city of the Jews," site of Samuel Ha-Nagid's Talmudic Academy, which attracted students from the Mediterranean, Baghdad

and Jerusalem. Granada was the last stronghold of the Moors before it fell to Isabella and Ferdinand in 1492.

- Lunch on own, en route.
- Visit the intricately ornamented fortress and palace of Alhambra and its gorgeous Generalife Gardens. It was here in 1492 that Ferdinand and Isabella signed the decree expelling the Jews from Spain.
- View the Albaycín, the old Moorish neighborhood, with cozy narrow streets and charming, white houses full of local color (now a UNESCO world heritage site).
- Check into the hotel.
- After dinner, attend a Flamenco performance.

Overnight: Granada.

**Day Seven: Sunday | 19 MAY 2019
GRANADA – CORDOBA – SEVILLE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
 - Check out of the hotel and drive along the mountain road of the White Towns of Andalusia to Córdoba, the capital of the Moorish Kingdom of al-Andalus and the birthplace of Maimonides.
 - En route, discuss the “Great Jewish Figures of Cordoba” – Ibn Shaprut, Yehuda HaLevi and Maimonides with your tour educator.
 - Visit Córdoba’s famous Cathedral-Mosque with its 1,000 colored columns.
 - Visit the Jewish Quarter, including Plaza Tiberias and the Yehuda Halevi Square. View the Statue of Maimonides and visit the small Moorish-styled Synagogue.
 - Lunch on own, en route.
 - Special program at Casa de Sefarad, dedicated to the history of the Sephardic Jews in Córdoba and Spain prior to the Inquisition and the expulsion of 1492. Meet with the people responsible for the creation of this private historical venture in the Jewish Quarter.
 - Continue to Seville, a city shaped by both Renaissance and Arabic influences.
 - Dinner on own and evening at leisure.
- Overnight: Seville*

**Day Eight: Monday | 20 MAY 2019
SEVILLE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Santa Cruz neighborhood, formerly Seville’s Jewish Quarter, once known as La Juderia, with its winding alleyways and remnants of Jewish life found within the contemporary city.
- Tour the beautiful Alcazar Palace, followed by a visit to the Great Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus, and La Giralda, built in the 12th century, with its bell tower which became the

symbol of the city.

- Lunch on own.
- Explore Plaza España and Plaza de las Americas. Drive to the Cartuja Island and see Calatrava’s Alamillo Bridge.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Seville

**Day Nine: Tuesday | 21 MAY 2019
SEVILLE – GIBRALTAR**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- Drive to mountain-top community of Ronda and visit the Old Town.
- Enjoy a gorgeous drive through the rugged scenery to the Mediterranean coast to the British Crown Colony of Gibraltar.
- See the Rock of Gibraltar’s legendary Barbary Apes and visit St. Michael’s Cave. See the Old Moorish Castle and continue to the ancient Jewish cemetery. (Jews have lived in Gibraltar for at least 300 years.)
- Visit the 200 year-old Nefusot Yehuda “Flamenco” synagogue.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Gibraltar



**Day Ten: Wednesday | 22 MAY 2019
BARCELONA**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Puerto Banus and the Old Town of Marbella.
- Drive to Malaga and visit the Picasso Museum and the Historical District.
- Depart for the Malaga airport for the flight to Barcelona.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Barcelona

**Day Eleven: Thursday | 23 MAY 2019
BARCELONA**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Panoramic tour of the city, including:
- Plaza España and the mountain of Montjuic, site of the Olympic Ring, the main stadium of the 1992 Summer

Olympics.

- Passeig Maritim with its Columbus monument, the world-famous Las Ramblas, Passeig de Gracia, Barcelona’s main avenue and its Modernist houses designed by Antoni Gaudí.
 - Lunch on own at the Boqueria Market, and continue with:
 - A walk through the Gothic Quarter and the Call, The Jewish Quarter. For centuries, the Jews of Barcelona managed their own local affairs and lived relatively well in their own Quarter.
 - Conclude with a visit to Gaudí’s unfinished monumental Church of the Sagrada Familia.
 - Return to the hotel.
 - Dinner on own and evening at leisure.
- Overnight: Barcelona*

**Day Twelve: Friday | 24 MAY 2019
GIRONA & FIGUERAS**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
 - Depart the hotel; follow the Mediterranean “Costa Brava” highway north into the heart of Catalonia and the city of Gerona, a major Jewish center prior to 1492.
 - Visit the Call, the old Jewish Quarter, which dates back to the 12th century.
 - Tour medieval Girona which was famous for its Kabbalists. It was also the home of the great sage Nachmanides, who defended the Jewish faith in the 13th-century Disputation of Barcelona.
 - Visit Besalú – see the ancient Mikve and the site of the old synagogue.
 - Lunch in a country inn in Besalú.
 - Visit Figueras, the home town of Salvador Dali, and the Teatre Museu Dali, where some of the best and most complete collection of works by this renowned artist are presented.
 - Return to Barcelona.
 - Shabbat Dinner together.
- Overnight: Barcelona*

**Day Thirteen: Saturday | 25 MAY 2019
BARCELONA**

- Additional sightseeing in Barcelona: Visit Casa Mila (la Pedrera) and Parc Guell.
 - Afternoon at leisure to explore Barcelona on your own.
 - Farewell Dinner together @ Botafumeiro or similar.
- Overnight: Barcelona*

**Day Fourteen: Sunday | 26 MAY 2019
DEPARTURE or Extension**

Transfer to the airport for the flight back to the U.S. arriving later the same day, or continue to Lisbon for an optional extension.