



Jewish Heritage of Spain & Portugal

June 24 – July 7, 2018

14 days/12 nights - \$3,700 land only



- No. of overnight stay

TOUR FEATURES

- 12 night accommodations at First Class hotels or similar
- Buffet Breakfast daily
- Dinner and Flamenco show in Seville
- Wine tasting in Porto
- Train ticket from Madrid to Cordoba
- Private deluxe motorcoach for all included services
- Sightseeing as outlined including guides and entrance fees
- Professional English speaking escort – trained in Jewish Heritage of Spain & Portugal
- Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person

Optional extension to Barcelona available \$650 per person in double occupancy

- 2 night hotel accommodations
- Buffet breakfast
- Train ticket to Barcelona
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Half day guided tour of Gothic Quarter
- Excursion to Girona to visit the Museum of Jewish History & Besalu

Jun 24 | Depart USA Depart on your overnight flight to Madrid.

Jun 25 | Madrid Arrive in Madrid and meet your English speaking escort. On your way to the hotel, enjoy a panoramic tour with a local guide. Continue to the hotel for overnight.

Jun 26 | Madrid | Toledo | Madrid After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour of Toledo including entrance fees to El Greco's House, Synagogue Santa Maria La Blanca and Synagogue El Transito. Return to Madrid. (B)

Jun 27 | Madrid | Cordoba | Granada This morning transfer to the train station and board the AVE fast train to Cordoba. Once you arrive in Cordoba, meet your local guide and board your bus for a guided tour including the Mosque & Synagogue. After a bit of free time, your journey continues to Granada for overnight. (B)

Jun 28 | Granada | Seville After breakfast, take a morning guided tour of Alhambra and Generalife. After some free time, continue on to Seville for overnight. (B)

Jun 29 | Seville This morning you will take a morning guided tour of Seville including entrance fees to La Giralda/Cathedral & Alcazar. Afternoon is free. This evening enjoy dinner and a Flamenco show. (B,D)

Jun 30 | Seville | Evora After breakfast, depart Seville for Evora. An ancient city, Evora is known as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as well as the home of one of the largest Jewish communities by the end of the 15th century. The community existed within a walled city, which included two synagogues, a hospital, baths and a leper colony. Our walking tour will take us through the former site of the Jewish quarter and visit to the Evora Museum, where one will find many reminders of the area's history. Balance of the day is free for you to explore on your own. (B)

Jul 1 | Evora | Lisbon This morning depart for Lisbon. Our guided tour will take us, first, to a Jewish ghetto to get some insight of the locals, past and present. Your next stop will be Alfama – the oldest district in Portugal's capital – and explore what was one of the largest Jewish ghettos to exist in Europe. You will also see a Jewish cemetery and gain insight into the integral role the Jewish. Overnight in Lisbon. (B)

Jul 2 | Lisbon | Porto This morning depart for Porto. Take a half day guided tour of Porto including a wine tasting of the local wine. During a panoramic tour of the historic center, you'll see top attractions such as Avenida dos Aliados, a bustling boulevard that sprawls from the City Hall down to Liberdade Square, and the famous Lello's bookshop. Admire Porto Se Cathedral, the city's oldest surviving structure, and pass Torres & Igreja dos Clerigos, considered the city's architectural symbol. Your tour will end with a taste of the local wine. (B)

Jul 3 | Porto | Tomar | Porto Today's tour will take you on a journey to learn about how Porto's Jewish history dates back to the 12th century, when its community coexisted harmoniously with local Christians. Explore the old Jewish quarters, secret synagogues, and all the places where the Jewish influence was strong. Hear captivating stories about key figures like Captain Arthur Carlos de Barros Basto (Abraham Israel Ben-Rosh), founder of Porto's Jewish community and the major booster to the construction of the Kadoorie Mekor Haim synagogue. Continue along Sant'ana Street, Comércio do Porto Street, and S. Bento da Vitória Church. Take in the beauty of Vitória view point, the Esnoga stairs, Virtudes garden, and Jewish Mountain before concluding your tour. (B)



Jul 4 | Porto | Belmonte This morning depart for Belmonte. Close to the border with Spain, Belmonte is a very special, albeit tiny, town and is known today for its Jewish or Crypto-Jewish community that has been in residence since the 13th century. Belmonte was home to the largest Jewish community in Portugal up until the late 15th century when a large percentage of the community exiled to avoid persecution. But it's those who stayed on that make Belmonte so unique today. You will visit the town's Jewish Museum. Overnight Belmonte. (B)

Jul 5 | Belmonte | Covilha | Belmonte Like all Beira towns, Covilhã had a Jewry at the center of the medieval town which, at the time Jews were forced to convert, was divided into three areas and had a synagogue. During the final years of the 15th century, there were over 400 Jews living at this important mountain town and they worked in craft trades, mercantile labors and medical professions. In the wool city, Jews and New Christians were closely connected with the development of the wool industry and some members of this community stood out during the Age of Discovery. Two of them were Master José Vizinho and Francisco Faleiro, renowned Covilhã cosmographers. (B)

Jul 6 | Belmonte | Madrid After breakfast, depart for Madrid. Enjoy some free time for last minute shopping or sightseeing. (B)

Jul 7 | Madrid to USA After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home or transfer to the train station for the optional Barcelona extension. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

Conditions: Price is per person (and only, based on double room occupancy).

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