

## Jewish Spain tour

### *Accommodation*

- 2 nights in Madrid
- 3 nights in Cordoba
- 1 night in Granada
- 2 nights in Alicante
- 1 night in Tarragona
- 2 nights in Barcelona



### *Detailed program*

#### **Day 1**

Arrival to Madrid. Meeting & assistance at the Airport. Transfer to hotel, where lunch will be served; check in to hotel after lunch for a rest. Evening Erev Tisha B'Av with the Reform community of Madrid. Dinner and accommodation at hotel.

#### **Day 2**

Breakfast at hotel. During the morning, we'll have a Panoramic Madrid Tour with a local guide and visit to the Prado Museum. We'll see the most important buildings, avenues and squares with an expert official guide who will explain about the monuments, from the old bourbons quarters, known the Alcalá Gate and the City Hall, Plaza de Cibeles, Gran Vía, Paseo de la Castellana, Paseo del Prado, continuing to the Madrid of the skyscrapers and the business area of the city.

After lunch we'll have a walk around in the Catholic historical Madrid: Catedral de la Almudena; Iglesia de las Calatravas; Iglesia de San Andrés; Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Atocha; Basílica de Jesús de Medinaceli; Real Basílica de San Francisco el Grande. Dinner and accommodation at hotel.



#### **Day 3**

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Cordoba by coach, making a stop in Toledo: the missing Jews of Spain part 1. Guided visit through the city: Santa Maria La Blanca, El Greco Museum, El Transito, Toledo cathedral, Plaza de Zocodover. Lunch in Toledo. We'll continue our trip to Cordoba. Dinner and accommodation at hotel.



#### Day 4

Breakfast at hotel. Cordoba: the missing Jews of Spain part 2: Bab al Yahud, Gate of the Jews, Jewish Quarter, Plaza Tiberias, Yehuda Halevi Square, Maimonides Synagogue and Statue of Maimonides, Casa de la Sefarad, where we'll meet with the people responsible for the creation of this venture to renew and preserve the history of Sephardic Judaism prior to the Inquisition and expulsion in 1492). Lunch in the historic center of Cordoba. Visit to the Mosque, with entrance. Evening at leisure. Accommodation at hotel.



#### Day 5

Breakfast at hotel. Full day to Seville. This city is the artistic, cultural, and financial capital of Southern Spain. Look around you and notice the many different influences, from the Romans who created the city to the Visigoths who brought Christianity to the Arabs under whom Seville became a wealthy, picturesque and vibrant society (Alcazar, Cathedral and the Giralda Tower, the Statue of Tolerance, the Plaza España, the Plaza Mayor, Barrio de Santa Cruz and the Garden of Maria Luisa.). We'll come back to Cordoba. Possibility to visit Casa de la Sefarad. Dinner at private room hotel/restaurant with • Music, song, poetry (and wine) led by Rabbi Farbman. Accommodation at hotel.



#### Day 6

Breakfast at hotel. Today we'll visit the famous Alhambra Palace and fortress complex located in Granada, Andalusia, Spain. Learn about the history of the ancient Jewish Community of

Granada, which was once an important center of Jewish learning and culture under the leadership of Shmuel Ha'Nagid, a Jewish refugee from Cordoba. Accommodation at hotel.



#### Day 7

Breakfast at hotel. Time out from our story for a wonderful, slow drive up the Costa Blanca, with time to enjoy the glorious beaches on the way to Barcelona. Dinner and accommodation in **Alicante**.



#### Day 8

Breakfast at hotel. Day at leisure. Dinner and accommodation in **Alicante**.

#### Day 9

Breakfast at hotel. We'll continue our trip to Tarragona. Dinner and accommodation.



#### Day 10

Breakfast at hotel. Today we'll heading to Barcelona, but first we'll have a wonderful stop in Montserrat with its spectacular Benedictine monastery, divine boys choir and a glorious albeit unusual walk. As soon we arrive to Barcelona we'll have a panoramic city tour with a local guide. Dinner and accommodation.



#### Day 11



Breakfast at hotel. Barcelona is known as the capital of Modernism and the place where the famous architect Antoni Gaudí worked and lived. Gaudí, one of the greatest innovators of his time, has left behind numerous treasures for the discerning tourist to discover in Barcelona. This morning we will visit the Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Basilica, Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece which is Barcelona's most famous landmark. The guide will take you on a walking tour of the exterior of the Sagrada Familia, to admire the richly and symbolically decorated facades. Next you will discover Gaudí's bizarre Park Güell which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Be careful, it's easy to get lost in the whimsical design of this bizarre but compelling public park with a perfect integration of the architectural elements in nature.

Our tour continues to Passeig de Gràcia to see Gaudí's famous apartment buildings like Casa Batlló, Casa Mila "La Pedrera" and others modernist buildings.

Lunch and we'll continue to Placa de Catalunya and visit the interesting Picasso Museum. Accommodation.



#### Day 12

Breakfast at hotel. Walking tour through La Rambla, the Gothic quarter, flower and bird market.. And evening at leisure. Kabbalat Shabbat with the Atid Reform Community. Final group dinner in an elegant restaurant.

#### Day 13

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer out. End of our services.

#### *Package inclusions*

- ❖ Comfortable air-conditioned bus for the whole itinerary and the excursions described. (Driver expenses included)
- ❖ Transfer in assistance.
- ❖ Accommodation in the described or similar hotels (subject to availability)
- ❖ 9 meals (dinner/lunch) in restaurants during the excursions or in the hotel.
- ❖ Official English-speaking local guides for Madrid walking city tour; Toledo & Avila - Segovia, subject to availability.
- ❖ Entrance tickets for Royal Palace in Madrid FD; Toledo HD; Córdoba FD; Seville HD; Alhambra visit; 2 Barcelona FD's (including Montserrat); and Barcelona walking tour HD.
- ❖ All Taxes & city taxes.
- ❖ One completely FOC pax every 10 paying sharing in a double room
- ❖ Completely FOC tour leader Mr. Julian Resnick in single room, with extra 2 overnights & transfer airport - hotel for his arrival

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