

### TEMPLE BETH EL JEWISH HERITAGE JOURNEY TO SPAIN

LED BY RABBI ASHER KNIGHT

Nov 3, 2024 - Nov 11, 2024



SPAIN SPAIN



WHO'S GOING

OUR COMMUNITY



TRIP TYPE

**CONGREGATIONAL** 



9 DAYS



GROUP SIZE **20+** 

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PRICE

FROM \$5,865



# REGISTRATION DATES JAN 16, 2024 - AUG 4, 2024

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### YOUR JOURNEY

J<sup>2</sup> crafts journeys of inspiration, education, and Jewish connections to Israel and worldwide. We are guided by a simple but powerful concept: No two trips are the same; each experience should be personal, meaningful, and backed by superb service. Travel is not just about the places you visit, but the connections you make along the way.

Once you have registered for the trip, you can also register for the extension. Click here for details.



### PROGRAM ITINERARY

#### DAY 1

#### ON OUR WAY

Sun. Nov 3, 2024

4:15 p.m. Depart the US on recommended American Airlines flight AA
 748 connecting in Madrid.

**Overnight:** Flight

#### DAY 2

#### FIRST STEPS THROUGH SEVILLE

Mon. Nov 4, 2024

- 8:40 a.m. Arrive at Seville International Airport on recommended American Airlines flight AA 8696 from Madrid.
- Check into the hotel.
- Orientation dialogue with your J<sup>2</sup> Expert Educator, including an overview of your journey.
- Welcome to Seville, a city shaped by both Renaissance and Arabic influences. Ancient texts place Jews in Seville at the time of the destruction of the first Temple (586 B.C.E.).
- Spend time at the Plaza de España, an impressive plaza built for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929.
- □ Tour the Alcazar Palace, the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe.
- Visit the Great Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus, and La Giralda, built in the 12th century, whose bell tower became the city's symbol.



Welcome dinner at a restaurant.

#### DAY 3

#### JEWISH SEVILLE

Tue. Nov 5, 2024

- Visit the Santa Cruz neighborhood, formerly Seville's Jewish Quarter, once known as La Juderia.
- Stop at the parking lot where ancient Jewish graves were discovered.
- Continue to the Centro de Interpretacion Juderia de Sevilla, a small private initiative created to preserve the memory and heritage of the Sephardic people of Seville.
- Snapping and Stepping: Participate in a flamenco workshop to learn the basics of this typical Andalusian art form.
- Evening at leisure in Seville.

#### DAY 4

#### GRANADA OF THE JEWS THROUGH 1492

Wed. Nov 6, 2024

- Check out of the hotel.
- Drive to Granada, the last stronghold of the Moors before it fell to Isabella and Ferdinand in 1492.
- The Kaleidoscope That is Spain: Tour the Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens. The palace exhibits Spain's most significant and well known Islamic architecture, together with 16th-century and later



- Christian building and garden interventions. The Alhambra is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Visit the Albaycn, an old Moorish neighborhood, with cozy narrow streets and charming white houses full of local color (now a UNESCO World Heritage site).
- Jewish History in the Shadows: Guided visit to the Realejo, the former Jewish Quarter and the site of the original town bearing the name Garnata al-Yahud. Explore the meandering streets and traditional neighborhood, which have no tangible remains of the Jewish community, but a wealth of stories.
- Check into the hotel.

#### DAY 5

CORDOBA - MY HEART IS IN THE EAST AND WE ARE HERE Thu. Nov 7, 2024

- Check out of the hotel.
- Drive to Cordoba, the capital of the Moorish Kingdom of al-Andalus.
- Visit Córdoba's famous Cathedral-Mosque with its 1,000 colored columns.
- Visit the Jewish Quarter, including Plaza Tiberias and the Yehuda Halevi Square. Continue to the Statue of Maimonides and the Maimonides Synagogue.
- Special program and ladino concert 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.



- Travel by AVE (high-speed) train to Madrid.
- Late arrival in Madrid followed by dinner at the hotel.
- Check into the hotel.

♦ Overnight: Madrid 

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 6

#### INTRODUCTION TO MADRID

Fri. Nov 8, 2024

- Discover the beauty of Madrid with a panoramic tour of the city, including stops at:
  - Puerta Del Sol, the center of the city.
  - Plaza de España, which features a monument to Spanish novelist, poet and playwright Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra.
  - Plaza Mayor, site of multiple 'acts of faith'- the infamous 'auto-dafé' of the Spanish inquisition.
  - The San Miguel Market, famous for its sumptuous tapas dishes, with lunch on your own.
- Guided tour of The Prado, one of the world's most renowned art museums and the best collection of classical art in Madrid.
- Shabbat service at the synagogue of the Communidad Judia Reformista. After services we will join their communal Shabbat dinner and mingle.

DAY 7



#### SEGOVIA - ALCAZAR, AQUEDUCTS AND ANCIENT LEGEND

Sat. Nov 9, 2024

- Jews and Spain, One and the Same: Depart for Segovia, a microcosm of the story of Jews in Iberia, from Roman times until the Expulsion.
- Visit the Jewish cemetery on the slopes opposite Segovia.
- Visit El Escorial, a historical residence of the King of Spain. It is one of the Spanish royal sites and functions as a monastery, royal palace, museum, and school; the site has been recognized as a UNESCO world heritage site.
- Return to Madrid.
- Ben Kodesh Lechol: Havdalah.

#### DAY 8

## TOLEDO AND TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF CONQUEST AND CULTURE

Sun. Nov 10, 2024

- Depart for Toledo, which remains much as it was in the 16th century, and begin with a panoramic tour of the city.
- Tour through the Jewish Quarter, including the Samuel Halevi Abulafia Synagogue, which was turned into a church known as Nuestra Señora del Tránisito, the Sephardic Museum, and the Santa Maria La Blanca Church (formerly the Grand Synagogue).
- Visit the Church of Santo Tomé which was constructed on the site of an 11th-century mosque.
- Return to Madrid.
- Farewell dinner at a restaurant.



♦ Overnight: Madrid 

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 9

#### UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Mon. Nov 11, 2024

- Check out of the hotel and transfer to Madrid Airport for your return flight to the US.
- Or continue your journey onto Barcelona.

**≜** Meals: Breakfast





### **RATES & LODGING**

**PARTICIPANTS** 

20+

COST P/P IN DOUBLE ROOM COST P/P IN SINGLE

**ROOM** 

\$5,865

\$6,610

SEVILLA: LAS CASAS DE LA JUDERÍA

Room Category: Standard

GRANADA: MELIÁ GRANADA

Room Category: Standard

MADRID: HOTEL EMPERADOR

Room Category: Standard



### WHAT TO EXPECT

#### Included

- 7 nights' accommodations.
- □ 7 days of touring with a J² Expert Educator and local guide, in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
- □ 1 AVE speed train ticket from Cordoba to Madrid.
- Daily breakfast & 4 dinners.
- □ The J² adventures App available on the App Store & on Google Play (active 7 days before your departure and throughout your trip).
- Water on the bus.
- Porterage at the hotels.
- □ All site entrance fees & program fees as per your final program.

#### ♠ Excluded

- Credit card fees.
- □ Flights to & from Spain.
- □ Gratuities are excluded. For groups of 20 and more participants traveling to Spain: We recommend the following guidelines for tipping (amounts are in US dollars): J<sup>2</sup> Expert Educator: \$12 | Local Guides: \$10 | Drivers: \$5. Amounts are per day per person.
- COVID related expenses, including tests.
- Evening transportation when dinner is not included.
- Amendments to the program: In the event that any sites, programs or meals etc. are added to the program, an additional fee may be required.
- Personal extras: Items of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, beverages, coffee, tea, food other than the table d'hotel menu, passport and visa fees, insurance, and foreign port taxes, unless otherwise specified.



□ US and foreign airport taxes, Q fuel surcharge and border taxes when applicable.

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