



BUFFALO JEWISH FEDERATION JOURNEY TO MOROCCO

Apr 28, 2025 - May 7, 2025



DESTINATION
MOROCCO



WHO'S GOING
ADULTS ONLY



TRIP TYPE
ORGANIZATION



DURATION
10 DAYS



GROUP SIZE
30+



PRICE
FROM \$5,490

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REGISTRATION DATES







JUN 20, 2024 - JAN 28, 2025

 Program is tentative and subject to change. Connect with our Customer Care Team by calling: (888) 230-6008 Mon.-Thur. from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

YOUR JOURNEY

J² 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.

Please note: this is an active trip with rough terrain and considerable walking. Please consider this before registering.

-  Art & Culture
-  Archaeology
-  Food & Wine
-  Heritage
-  Local Specialists
-  Active
-  Expert Scholar
-  Special Access

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PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1

ON OUR WAY

Mon. Apr 28, 2025

- Depart the US.

 Overnight: Flight

DAY 2

THE START OF A SPECIAL JOURNEY

Tue. Apr 29, 2025

- Arrive at Casablanca International Airport.
- Transfer to the hotel for check-in.
- 11:00 Start of the program.
- Morocco is a fascinating country. With your J² Expert Educator & local Moroccan tour guide, get a better understanding of its rich culture and history while traveling through the streets of Casablanca. We will visit a local church, the main square of the city, the site of the Casablanca conference, and Rick's cafe. We will include time to roam the Corniche, the famous seaside boardwalk of the city, where you can enjoy lunch on own by the ocean.
- Visit the famous Mosque of Hassan II, one of the largest mosques in the world.
- Visit the Beth-El Synagogue, which is still very active and is considered Casablanca's "main" synagogue.
- Meet with members of Association Mimouna, an organization of Muslim students who honor the country's Jewish traditions and promote Jewish-Muslim friendship.
- Welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

 Overnight: Casablanca, Morocco  Meals: Dinner

DAY 3

THE ROAD TO MARRAKECH

Wed. Apr 30, 2025

- Check out of the hotel.
- Visit the Neve Shalom Jewish day school and meet with the school's Rabbi, Jacky Sebbag.
- Guided visit through the Museum of the Jews of Morocco.
- Lunch at a Jewish Club.
- Depart Casablanca and drive to Marrakech.
- Check into the hotel.
- Evening tour with your Expert Educator and local guide to see Djemaa El Fna Square come to life at night as locals and tourists alike gather to eat, exchange stories, play and listen to live music.
- Free time for dinner on own and to explore the Square.

🌙 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco 🍽️ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4

EXPLORING THE RED CITY

Thu. May 1, 2025

- **EXPECT CONSIDERABLE WALKING**
- We'll have a walking tour of the Medina (Walled City) of Marrakech, also known as the Red City for the red walls that surround it. Highlights of the tour include:
 - The Dar El Bacha Palace is considered one of the greatest palaces of its time. Its architecture, gardens, and design render it one of the finest achievements of Moroccan culture.
 - The Madrasa Ben Youssef is certainly a gem of Moroccan architecture in Marrakech. This 16th-century school of theology was considered the largest in the country at the time. This historic school and students' campus ceased to function in 1960, but it was restored and remains one of the best examples of Moroccan traditional architectural arts.
- Wander through the labyrinthine souks, where fragrant spices, colorful fabrics, and handmade ceramics beckon. Your guide will lead you to lesser-known corners, revealing unique stalls and workshops. Our tour will include stops at a skilled carpet weaver and at a Argan Oil cooperative owned by Berber women.

🌙 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco 🍽️ Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5

THE MANY LAYERS OF MARRAKECH

Fri. May 2, 2025

- Meet with a guest speaker to discuss Moroccan society today.
- Explore the Mellah (Jewish quarter) of Marrakech, with a chance to visit:
 - The Slat el Azama Synagogue, which is still active and bears witness to the glories of the past.
 - The Jewish Cemetery of Marrakech.
- Enjoy a cooking workshop followed by a delicious lunch and mint tea.
- Free time to explore Marrakech on your own or enjoy one of its fantastic hammams.
- Optional Kabbalat Shabbat services at the Beth El Synagogue.
- Hospitality Shabbat dinner at a Moroccan family home.

🌙 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco 🍽️ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6

BERBER LIFE IN THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS

Sat. May 3, 2025

- **EXPECT CONSIDERABLE WALKING**
- Enjoy a spectacularly different view of Morocco in the lush and dramatic Atlas landscapes of the Ourika Valley for an unforgettable Berber experience and an eye-opening, hands-on adventure.

- Experience the world of the Berbers, an indigenous people of North Africa. Explore a remote village and visit a charity pre-school center where the local children are educated.
- Find out about the local economy and learn about changes and continuity in the Berber way of life as you walk through the farmed terraces to see the ancient irrigation system and the subsistence farming methods.
- Get your hands stuck into wet clay in a ceramics workshop and try weaving a colorful kilim with the local women.
- See the traditional method of baking bread and try your own hand at this ancient skill. Afterward, sit down for a Berber lunch including tajine dishes, the slow-cooked savory stews that for centuries has been the taste of North Africa.
- Return to Marrakech after a stunning day in the Atlas Mountains.

🌙 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco 🍴 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7

ONTO FES

Sun. May 4, 2025

- Check out of the hotel.
- We'll spend time in the French Quarter and visit the enchanting Majorelle Garden of the French painter and botanist Jacques Majorelle.
- The Berber Museum, also housed in the garden, is a tribute to the Berber tribes and people who have lived in North Africa for thousands of years. It includes beautifully curated exhibits of traditional Berber art, clothing, and jewelry.
- We'll continue to the Yves St. Laurent Museum, which showcases the haute couture culture and accessories of this legendary French fashion designer, who lived for many years in Marrakech.
- Lunch on own in the French Quarter.
- Transfer to Marrakech airport for your afternoon flight to Fes (pending schedule confirmation from the airline).
- Arrive in Fes, once the capital of Morocco, the most extensive medieval city in the Arab world, and the home of Jewish scholars and rabbis for hundreds of years.
- Enjoy glorious views of Fes and its Medina (Walled City) from the Borj Sud fortress.
- Check into the hotel.
- Dinner at a restaurant.

🌙 Overnight: Fes, Morocco 🍴 Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8

THE MYSTERIES OF FES

Mon. May 5, 2025

- **EXPECT CONSIDERABLE WALKING**
- Travel through time as we explore:
 - The recently restored Ibn Danan Synagogue, one of the oldest and most important synagogues in North Africa.

- The El Fassiyin Synagogue: This once-vital synagogue was used as a boxing ring and carpet factory until it was recently restored.
- The Fes Jewish Cemetery, where we'll hear stories of some of the city's legendary rabbis who are buried here.
- Lunch at a restaurant before continuing on our tour.
- Fes's Medina is a dense maze of alleyways and streets and the largest car-free pedestrian zone in the world. The visit includes:
 - A glimpse of local craftsmen at work in their shops.
 - A tour of the Madrasa Bou Inania, an ancient religious college and one of the few Islamic sites in Morocco that is accessible to non-Muslim visitors.
 - Stop at the University of Al-Karaouine, believed to be the oldest functioning university in the world. Non-Muslims can view it only from the outside.
 - Visit the Chouara Tannery.
 - Finish the day at a tile factory.
- Return to the hotel.
- Dinner at a restaurant.

 Overnight: Fes, Morocco  Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9

CELEBRATING JEWISH LIFE

Tue. May 6, 2025

- Check out of the hotel and depart Fes.
- En route, visit the ruins of Volubilis, a city whose archeological remains bear testimony to the ten centuries of human existence here. First established in the 3rd century BCE as a Phoenician town, it was during the early Roman period that the city really began to make its mark. Walking through this southwestern ancient outpost of the Roman Empire, you can absorb the many cultural and historic layers that break through the surface.
- Continue your drive back to Casablanca.
- Check into the hotel.
- What We've Seen and Felt While Exploring Morocco: Closing conversation at the hotel.
- Festive farewell dinner at a Jewish home and open discussion with our host, Dorith Benmoha, who worked for over 40 years for JDC in Morocco.

 Overnight: Casablanca, Morocco  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Wed. May 7, 2025

- Check out of the hotel and transfer to Casablanca Airport for your return flight to the US.

 Meals: Breakfast



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RATES & LODGING

PARTICIPANTS	COST P/P IN DOUBLE ROOM	COST P/P IN SINGLE ROOM
30+	\$5,490	\$6,740

REGISTRATION OPEN

Rates will increase if minimum 30+ participants is not met. Additional cost of \$805/person sharing a room.

CASABLANCA: BARCELÓ ANFA CASABLANCA

🌙 Nights: 1 + 1

🛏 Room Category: Deluxe Room

MARRAKECH: HOTEL JADALI & SPA

🌙 Nights: 4

🛏 Room Category: Hivernage Room

FES: MARRIOTT HOTEL JNAN PALACE

🌙 Nights: 2

🛏 Room Category: Deluxe Room



WHAT TO EXPECT

🌟 Included

- 8 nights' accommodations.
- 8 days of touring with a J² Expert Educator and a local guide, in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
- A group flight ticket from Marrakech to Fes on May 4, pending schedule confirmation from the airline.
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure.
- Daily breakfast, 4 lunches & 5 dinners.
- Water on the bus.
- Porterage at the hotels.
- All site entrance fees & program fees as per your final program.

⚙️ Excluded

- Credit card transaction processing fees.
- Flights to & from Morocco.
- Gratuities are excluded. For groups of 20 and more participants traveling to Morocco: We recommend the following guidelines for tipping (amounts are in US dollars): Jewish Tour Educator: \$12 | Local Moroccan Guide: \$10 | Main Driver: \$5 | Driver's assistant \$2. 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.

📄 The small print

- Please review our terms & conditions (T&C's) or request that we send you our full T&C's. Until you do that, here is the small print, and other stuff you may want to know:
- Validity | All prices quoted are based on exchange rates as of the proposal date and are subject to change without notice. Rates are per person and are based on shared twin room occupancy.
- How to Make a Reservation | The quickest way to make a reservation is to register online or contact us by email. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and American Express credit cards. A \$1,000 per person non-refundable deposit is required in order to complete the registration process.
- For any assistance with this registration process or other trip-related queries, please email Customer Care: customer-care@j2adventures.com.
- Payments | The balance of your payment is due 90 days before your trip begins, or as specified in your invoice. You will receive an email reminder 2 weeks before this date. Various payment options are available as follows:
- Credit card | We accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express. Please check with your credit card provider regarding international processing fees. We are unable to process payments of over \$1,000 over the phone. Please submit payment online via a credit card or by wiring funds via your bank.
- Domestic bank wire transfer | Payment should be wired in the same currency that is listed on your invoice. Please add the name of your group or invoice number as a reference and forward a copy of the transfer receipt by email. The bank transfer should clearly state the beneficiary's name on the wire transfer.



- J² Adventures reserves the right to automatically cancel your reservation on that date and it may be subject to reconfirmation should the final payment not be received.
- Cancellation Policy | All cancellations need to be made in writing. The cancellation fee depends on the date when we receive written notification of your request to cancel your booking. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable.
- Cancellation fees | Cancellations made 90 or more days prior to departure incur the loss of the deposit. Cancellations made 89 to 46 days prior to departure incur the loss of 50% of the full trip cost. Cancellations made 45 days or less prior to the departure incur the loss of 100% of the full trip cost.
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