



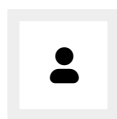
TEMPLE ISRAEL FACING EAST: A JEWISH JOURNEY THROUGH MOROCCO

LED BY RABBI ELAINE ZECHER

Apr 20, 2025 - Apr 29, 2025



DESTINATION
MOROCCO



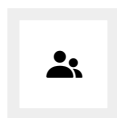
WHO'S GOING
**OUR
COMMUNITY**



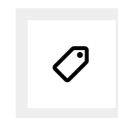
TRIP TYPE
CONGREGATIONAL



DURATION
10 DAYS



GROUP SIZE
20+



PRICE
FROM \$5,990

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REGISTRATION DATES

AUG 19, 2024 - FEB 3, 2025



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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.

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PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1

ON OUR WAY

Sun. Apr 20, 2025

- Depart the US.

 Overnight: Flight

DAY 2

THE START OF A SPECIAL JOURNEY

Mon. Apr 21, 2025

- Arrive at Casablanca International Airport.
- Check into the hotel.
- An Inside Look at Moroccan Culture: Orientation dialogue with your J² Expert Educator & local Moroccan tour guide, including an overview of your journey.
- Visit the Beth-El Synagogue, which is still very active and is considered Casablanca's "main" synagogue.
- Welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

 Overnight: Casablanca, Morocco  Meals: Dinner

DAY 3

GIANT MOSQUES AND JEWISH LIFE

Tue. Apr 22, 2025

- Check out of the hotel.
- Visit the famous Mosque of Hassan II, one of the largest mosques in the world.
- Proceed to the Neve Shalom Jewish day school and meet with the school's rabbi, Jacky Sebbag.
- Hospitality Lunch at a Jewish home and open discussion with our host, Dorith Benmoha.
- Guided visit through the Museum of the Jews of Morocco.
- Depart Casablanca for 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.
- Check into the hotel and enjoy dinner.

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

DAY 4

THE MYSTERIES OF FES

Wed. Apr 23, 2025

- Enjoy glorious views of Fes and its Medina (Walled City) from the Borj Sud fortress.
- 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.

- 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.
- Lunch at a restaurant before continuing on our tour:
 - 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.
- Return to the hotel.
- Dinner at a restaurant.

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

DAY 5

CITY OF KINGS

Thu. Apr 24, 2025

- Check out of the hotel.
- Depart for Rabat, Morocco's capital:
 - Walk around the walls of Rabat's Royal Palace, the primary residence of the current king Mohammad VI.
 - Visit the majestic mausoleum of Mohammad V, Morocco's king during World War II, and hear how he helped prevent the Nazis from deporting Morocco's Jews to the death camps of Europe.

- Continue to the mausoleum of his son, Hassan II, who ruled over Morocco during the so-called “Years of Lead.”
- Walk through the markets, jewelry stores, and grand old diplomatic complexes of Rabat’s Medina (Walled City) as we make our way up to the Kasbah des Udayas.
- Check into the hotel.
- Meet with members of Association Mimouna, an organization of Muslim students who honor the country’s Jewish traditions and promote Jewish-Muslim friendship.

 Overnight: Rabat, Morocco  Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6

THE ROAD TO MARRAKECH

Fri. Apr 25, 2025

- Check out of the hotel and drive to Marrakech.
- Begin your visit in Marrakech with a panoramic tour of the city.
- Visit the enchanting Majorelle Garden of the French painter and botanist Jacques Majorelle.
- Continue to the Berber Museum, also housed in the garden.
- Explore the Yves St. Laurent Museum.
- Check into the hotel with time to freshen up and prepare for Shabbat.
- Optional Kabbalat Shabbat services at the Beth El Synagogue.
- Enjoy Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco

 Meals: Breakfast, Shabbat Dinner

DAY 7

SHABBAT IN MARRAKECH

Sat. Apr 26, 2025

- Optional Shabbat services.
- We'll tour 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.
- Free time to explore Marrakech's enormous marketplace on your own.
- Discover Djemaa El Fna Square and enjoy the marketplace's snake-charmers, street vendors, musicians, storytellers, and acrobats.
- At nightfall, we will mark the end of a special Shabbat with a communal Havdalah ceremony.

 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco  Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8

THE MANY LAYERS OF MARRAKECH

Sun. Apr 27, 2025

- The Role of the Imam in Moroccan Society: What Is Islam in Morocco and What Makes It Different? Dialogue with a Professor of English who will facilitate a dialogue with a local Imam.
- Explore the Mellah (Jewish quarter) of Marrakech, with a chance to visit:
 - The Slat el Azama Synagogue, 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.

 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco  Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9

BERBER LIFE IN THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS

Mon. Apr 28, 2025

- The closest part of the High Atlas Mountains to Marrakesh is the Ourika Valley, a beautiful area of fertile orchards and traditional Berber villages surrounded by the towering peaks of the Toubkal National Park. You'll leave Marrakesh and drive into the mountains.
- Visit the grave of Jewish saint "Rabbi Shlomo BelHench" and learn about the many legends that surround the life of the rabbi known as the "Son of the Snake."
- Continue your drive through the Atlas and make your way to Ait Ouamden, a traditional Berber village nestled at the foot of the mountain.

- Visit a local learning center for women and meet local craftsmen.
- 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.
- Closing conversation over Festive Farewell dinner.

🌙 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco

🍴 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Tue. Apr 29, 2025

- Check out of the hotel.
- Return flight to the US.

🍴 Meals: Breakfast

THE EXPERT



MICKEY MEDZINI

Mickey is a native-born Israeli who grew up in a family of journalists, political analysts, and a spokesperson for three prime ministers. After a 20-year career in hi-tech, his love for his country, and geography in general, steered him in the direction of becoming a tour guide both in Israel and abroad. With expansive knowledge and a good sense of humor, he covers topics related to world history, religion, geology, politics, and culture, all the while showing sensitivity and respect for differences in faith and opinions, encouraging his travelers to probe beneath the surface of what they are seeing, and engage in two-way discussions. When not guiding, Mickey enjoys reading, working out, and spending time with his wife and two children.





RATES & LODGING

| PARTICIPANTS | COST P/P IN DOUBLE ROOM | COST P/P IN SINGLE ROOM |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 20+ | \$5,990 | \$7,400 |

CASABLANCA: BARCELÓ ANFA CASABLANCA

🌙 Nights: 1

🛏 Room Category: Deluxe

FES: MARRIOTT HOTEL JNAN PALACE

🌙 Nights: 2

🛏 Room Category: Garden

RABAT: TOUR HASSAN PALACE

🌙 Nights: 1

🛏 Room Category: Superior

MARRAKECH: SOFITEL

🌙 Nights: 4

🛏 Room Category: Run of House

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.
 - 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.
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⚙ Excluded

- Credit card fees.
- Flights to & from Morocco.
- Airport transfers.
- 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.
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- 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.
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