



# CONGREGATION SUKKAT SHALOM JEWISH JOURNEY TO SPAIN

LED BY RABBI BRIAN IMMERMANN AND MISSY  
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Jun 9, 2025 - Jun 17, 2025



DESTINATION  
**SPAIN**



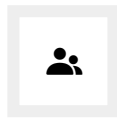
WHO'S GOING  
**OUR  
COMMUNITY**



TRIP TYPE  
**CONGREGATIONAL**



DURATION  
**9 DAYS**



GROUP SIZE  
**20+**



PRICE  
**FROM \$5,450**

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## REGISTRATION DATES

**OCT 1, 2024 - FEB 11, 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 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

# 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.

 Active    Art & Culture    Family Friendly    Heritage

 Street Food    UNESCO Heritage Sites    Cooking Workshop

 Food & Wine    Food Tasting Tour

# PROGRAM ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### ON OUR WAY

Mon. Jun 9, 2025

- Depart the US.

 Overnight: Flight

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## DAY 2

### WELCOME TO SPAIN

Tue. Jun 10, 2025

- Arrive at Granada Airport.
- Welcome to Granada, the final stronghold of Moorish rule in Spain. This city is steeped in history, where centuries of Islamic, Jewish, and Christian cultures intertwined, ultimately leading to the fall of the Nasrid dynasty and the Christian Reconquest in 1492.
- Orientation dialogue with your J<sup>2</sup> Expert Educator, including an overview of your journey.
- Stop at Mirador de San Nicolás, offering panoramic views of the Alhambra against the backdrop of the Sierra Nevada. As you take in the breathtaking scenery, reflect on Granada's rich cultural tapestry, where Jewish heritage remains an essential yet often forgotten thread.
- Check into the hotel.
- Welcome dinner.

 Overnight: Granada  Meals: Dinner

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### DAY 3

#### GRANADA OF THE JEWS THROUGH 1492

Wed. Jun 11, 2025

- 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 Albaicin, 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.
- Evening at leisure to explore Granada by night.

 Overnight: Granada  Meals: Breakfast

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### DAY 4

#### CORDOBA - MY HEART IS IN THE EAST AND WE ARE HERE

Thu. Jun 12, 2025

- Check out of the hotel.
- Drive to Córdoba, the capital of the Moorish Kingdom of al-Andalus.

- Visit Córdoba's famous Cathedral-Mosque with its 1,000 colored columns.
- Continue to the Jewish Quarter, including Plaza Tiberias and the Yehuda Halevi Square. Proceed 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.
- Check into the hotel.
- Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant (hosted by Congregation Sukkat Shalom).

 Overnight: Cordoba     Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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## DAY 5

### INTRODUCTION TO MADRID

Fri. Jun 13, 2025

- Check out.
- Travel by AVE (high-speed) train to Madrid.
- 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-da-fé' of the Spanish Inquisition.

- The San Miguel Market, famous for its sumptuous tapas dishes, with lunch on your own.
- Check into the hotel and freshen up for Shabbat.
- Shabbat service at the synagogue of the Comunidad Judia Reformista. After services we will join their communal Shabbat dinner and mingle.

🌙 Overnight: Madrid    🕍 Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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## DAY 6

### A CITY OF MANY LAYERS

Sat. Jun 14, 2025

- Enjoy a guided tour of the Prado, one of the world's most renowned art museums and the best collection of classical art in Madrid.
- Unleash your taste buds on an exhilarating food tasting tour of Madrid's finest tapas, where you'll savor a delightful array of flavors and discover the city's culinary treasures!
- Remainder of the afternoon at leisure. You could:
  - Visit the Reina Sofia museum, the go-to for modern and contemporary art aficionados.
  - Shop & stroll in Madrid's most bohemian and alternative neighborhood of Chueca-Malasaña.
  - Visit the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, which houses an impressive collection of Western art, spanning from the Renaissance to Pop Art.
  - Relax at the Central Park of Madrid: Take a walk or hop on a bike and pedal through a wonderland of fascinating monuments, serene lakes, and secret gardens at the Retiro Park of Madrid, a

UNESCO World Heritage Site. If you prefer to take to the water, the Retiro Park Lake also offers rowing boats for rental.

- Visit the Royal Palace.
- Ben Kodesh Lechol: Havdalah.

 Overnight: Madrid     Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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## DAY 7

### TOLEDO AND TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF CONQUEST AND CULTURE

Sun. Jun 15, 2025

- 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 Tránsito, 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.

 Overnight: Madrid     Meals: Breakfast

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## DAY 8

### HEART OF MADRID

Mon. Jun 16, 2025

- Visit the Sephardic-Israeli Center, situated in the historic Palacio Canete. Founded in 2006, the center aims to promote the rich legacy of

Sephardic history and to raise awareness of the political, economic, social, and cultural circumstances of Jewish communities worldwide, including those in Israel and Spain.

- Continue to the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium in Madrid, home to the famous Real Madrid football team.
- Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of flamenco with a workshop designed for all skill levels. Led by experienced dancers, this hands-on experience introduces you to the passion and intricacies of this traditional Spanish art form and promises an unforgettable journey into the heart of flamenco, celebrating its rhythm, emotion, and rich heritage.
- Farewell dinner.

 Overnight: Madrid     Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 9

### UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Tue. Jun 17, 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.



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# RATES & LODGING

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PARTICIPANTS	COST P/P IN DOUBLE ROOM	COST P/P IN SINGLE ROOM
<b>20+</b>	<b>\$5,450</b>	<b>\$6,370</b>

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## REGISTRATION CLOSED

**Early Bird Discount:** Participants who register and submit a \$1,000 deposit per person by Sunday, November 10, 2024, will receive a \$200 discount per person.

### GRANADA: MELIÁ GRANADA

🌙 Nights: 2

[🔗 Hotel Website](#)

### CORDOBA: LAS CASAS DE LA JUDERIA

🌙 Nights: 1

[🔗 Hotel Website](#)

### MADRID: HOTEL EMPERADOR

🌙 Nights: 4

[🔗 Hotel Website](#)

# WHAT TO EXPECT

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## ◆ Included

- 7 nights' accommodations.
- 7 days of touring with a J<sup>2</sup> Expert Educator and local guides, in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
- 1 AVE speed train ticket from Cordoba to Madrid.
- Daily breakfast, 1 Lunch & 4 Dinners.
- The J<sup>2</sup> 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.
- Individual airport transfers.
- 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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### 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 non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 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: [customercare@j2adventures.com](mailto:customercare@j2adventures.com).
- Payments | The balance of your payment is due 120 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.
- J<sup>2</sup> 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 120 or more days prior to departure incur the loss of the deposit. Cancellations made 119 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.
- Cancellation fees may also include: Hotel or supplier cancellation fees. J<sup>2</sup> Adventures reserves the right to adjust its terms of payment, including cancellation policies and initial deposits.

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## Terms

- Protect yourself from fraud by being cautious and vigilant when it comes to online theft. It is crucial to note that J<sup>2</sup> adventures will never send an email requesting you to transfer funds to a new account or to redirect a payment. We will never alter our account number or issue additional payment requests without first personally speaking to you and properly identifying ourselves. If you feel uncertain about any communication (scammers often impersonate legitimate companies via e-mail or by calling), halt and contact us directly through our toll-free number listed on our website to discuss any necessary payments. Refrain from responding to suspicious emails or clicking on links or attachments unless you are completely certain of their legitimacy. By following these guidelines and staying vigilant, you can significantly reduce your risk of becoming a victim of fraud.
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