



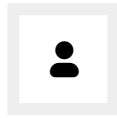
# SEPHARDIC STORIES: UNRAVELING PORTUGAL'S JEWISH LEGACY

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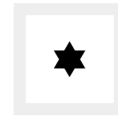
Oct 26, 2025 - Nov 2, 2025



DESTINATION  
**PORTUGAL**



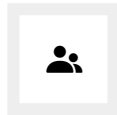
WHO'S GOING  
**ADULTS ONLY**



TRIP TYPE  
**SPECIAL  
JOURNEY**



DURATION  
**8 DAYS**



GROUP SIZE  
**40+**



PRICE  
**FROM \$2,995**

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## REGISTRATION DATES

**NOV 8, 2024 - JUN 28, 2025**



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Your dream trip is just around the corner! Enjoy a thoughtfully curated luxury journey, guided by our expert educators, at an accessible price. You can discover new destinations and enjoy fabulous experiences – all in cozy comfort and at incredible value.

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 Cooking Workshop     Expert Scholar     Current Affairs

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# PROGRAM ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### ON OUR WAY

Sun. Oct 26, 2025

- Depart the US.

 Overnight: Flight

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## DAY 2

### WELCOME TO PORTUGAL

Mon. Oct 27, 2025

- Arrive at Porto International Airport.
- Meet your J<sup>2</sup> Expert Educator and your local guide who will accompany you on this journey.
- Check into the hotel. (Rooms available from 3:00 p.m.)
- Start your exploration of Porto with a scenic stroll along the riverbanks, beginning at the vibrant Cais da Ribeira and crossing over to the picturesque Porto de Gaia riverbank. Enjoy a traditional rabelo boat tour, offering stunning views of the city's historic architecture and charming waterfront.
- Conclude your adventure with a ride on the teleferico and a walk across the iconic Dom Luís I Bridge, providing breathtaking panoramas of Porto's skyline.
- Welcome dinner at an iconic Porto wine cellar.

 Overnight: Porto, Portugal  Meals: Dinner

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## DAY 3

### PORTUGAL'S MEDIEVAL CAPITAL

Tue. Oct 28, 2025

- Romanesque to Romanticism: View the main sites of the city, including Avenida dos Aliados, Clérigos Tower, which is known as the symbol of the city, and the São Bento railway station, decorated with 20,000 tiles depicting the history of Portugal.
- Lunch on own, en route.
- Tour of the Porto Old Jewish Quarters: We'll learn about the Jewish heritage in Sepharad Portugal, the Jews of the Middle Ages and the terrible times of the Inquisition, the new Christians of the modern era, and the 20th-century Jewish Renaissance.
- Participate in a ceramic workshop, where you will learn with local artisans about this important Portuguese heritage and paint Porto tiles yourself using traditional techniques.
- End the day with a traditional Fado concert.
- Free evening to explore the local food scene on own.

 Overnight: Porto, Portugal  Meals: Breakfast

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## DAY 4

### JEWISH HISTORY IN BELMONTE

Wed. Oct 29, 2025

- Check out of the hotel and drive to Belmonte.

- Explore the Castle of Belmonte, where you can learn about the town's broader history, including its Jewish heritage. The castle offers panoramic views of the surrounding area.
- Packed lunch, en route.
- Walk through the historic Jewish Quarter. Observe the narrow streets and traditional houses, and see the sites where Jews lived and practiced their faith in secret.
- Spend time at the Jewish Museum, which showcases the history of the Belmonte Jewish community since the Middle Ages.
- Discover the synagogue in Belmonte, still active to this day.
- Check into the hotel, followed by dinner.

 Overnight: Belmonte, Portugal

 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## DAY 5

### JEWISH HISTORY IN TOMAR

Thu. Oct 30, 2025

- Check out of the hotel and depart Belmonte.
- Arrive at the historic city of Tomar.
- Discover the famous and ancient Jewish synagogue dating back to the 15th century and the Abraham Zacuto Luso-Hebrew Museum.
- Lunch on own, en route.
- Visit the Convent of the Order of Christ, originally a Templar stronghold built in the 12th century and one of Portugal's most important historical and artistic monuments. The Convent is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- Continue your drive to Lisbon.
- Explore the Belem district of Lisbon, located on the River Tagus, from where many of the great Portuguese explorers embarked on their momentous voyages.
- Stop at the Monument to the Discoveries to explore the Portuguese Age of Discovery in the 15th and 16th centuries.
- Pass by the impressive Jerónimos Monastery and learn about the story behind its impressive walls.
- Check into the hotel.

 Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal     Meals: Breakfast

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## DAY 6

### THE MAGIC OF SINTRA

Fri. Oct 31, 2025

- A Jewish Museum in Lisbon: A Conversation with Esther Mucznik, Chair of the forthcoming Tikvá Museu Judaico Lisboa. Esther, the visionary behind the museum's concept and programming, has collaborated with the Lisbon City Council and architect Daniel Libeskind to bring this project to life, set to open in 2027.
- Depart the hotel for a visit to the Pena Palace and its surrounding Pena Park.
- Excursion to the city of Sintra, the resort town of Portugal kings, perched high in the mountains. The town's picturesque romantic monuments and mountainous vistas serve as the backdrop for unparalleled architectural and natural beauty.
- Lunch on own and free time to explore the tiny winding streets of Sintra.

- Depart Sintra and stop at Cabo da Roca. Overlooking the deep blue of the Atlantic Ocean, stand at the western-most extent of mainland Portugal and continental Europe.
- Return to the hotel to freshen up for Shabbat.
- Shabbat service followed by dinner with the community at the Shaaré Tikva Synagogue. This was the first synagogue to be built in Portugal since the late fifteenth century.

 Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal     Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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## DAY 7

### EXPLORING LISBON

Sat. Nov 1, 2025

- Enjoy a tour of the center of Lisbon, including Rossio Square, Baixa (the downtown area), and Praça do Comércio.
- Take in the best of the Portuguese capital's graffiti through the narrow streets and staircases of Bairro Alto.
- Let your taste buds loose: free time for lunch on own at the Time Out Market.
- Explore the Alfama Quarter, including the site of the Lisbon massacre of 1506, with its steep winding alleys, hidden landmark churches, and breathtaking views of the Tagus River – all while hearing about the tension between tradition and modernity.
- Devote time to mark the end of Shabbat with a group Havdalah and reflection.

 Overnight: Lisbon, Portugal     Meals: Breakfast

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## DAY 8

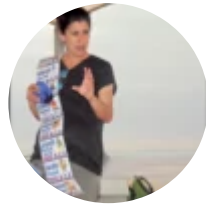
### UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Sun. Nov 2, 2025

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

 Meals: Breakfast

## THE EXPERT



### LIOR HOCHBERG

Lior was born in Holon, a suburb of Tel Aviv, to a family that loved outdoor activities. She started guiding as a teenager when she was part of a youth movement and continued to do so during her military service in the Education Corps. Lior is a licensed guide and obtained a degree in Israel Studies from Haifa University. Lior lives in Moshav Nir Hen, in the Negev. When not guiding in Israel and other places in the Jewish world, Lior enjoys quality time with her wife and two children, plays music with her family, camps out with friends, and attends concerts. She also volunteers at a local boarding school.



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# RATES & LODGING

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PARTICIPANTS	COST P/P IN DOUBLE ROOM	COST P/P IN SINGLE ROOM
<b>40+</b>	<b>\$2,995</b>	<b>\$3,510</b>

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## PORTO: VILA GALÉ RIBEIRA

🌙 Nights: 2

🔗 [Hotel Website](#)

## BELMONTE: BELMONTE SINAI HOTEL

🌙 Nights: 1

🔗 [Hotel Website](#)

## LISBON: HOTEL MARQUÊS DE POMBAL

🌙 Nights: 3

🔗 [Hotel Website](#)

# WHAT TO EXPECT

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## ✦ Included

- 6 nights' accommodations.
  - 6 days of touring with a J<sup>2</sup> Expert Educator (guide), 6 days of touring in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
  - Daily breakfast, 1 lunch & 3 dinners.
  - Group arrival transfer.
  - Group departure transfer.
  - 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 Portugal.
  - 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.
  - Gratuities: Recommend guidelines for tipping are provided in the terms section.
  - US and foreign airport taxes, Q fuel surcharge and border taxes when applicable.
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- 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 \$1000 is required in order to complete the registration process.
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- 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.
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- 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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