



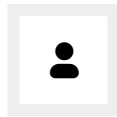
UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY JEWISH HERITAGE MISSION TO GREECE

LED BY DIANE SLOYER AND BEVERLY STEIN

Oct 27, 2025 - Nov 5, 2025



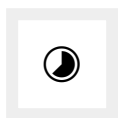
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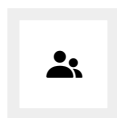
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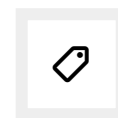
TRIP TYPE
MISSION



DURATION
10 DAYS



GROUP SIZE
15+



PRICE
FROM \$6,530

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REGISTRATION DATES

MAR 6, 2025 - JUN 27, 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.

◊ Archaeology ♥ Heritage ◊ Special Access

🏛️ UNESCO Heritage Sites

PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1

ON OUR WAY

Mon. Oct 27, 2025

- Depart the US.

 Overnight: Flight

DAY 2

WELCOME TO GREECE

Tue. Oct 28, 2025

- Arrive at Athens International Airport.
- Meet your J² Expert Educator who will accompany you on this journey of education and inspiration, along with your local guide.
- Group transfer to your Athens hotel.
- This Is Greece: Visit the Acropolis, an ancient citadel located above the city and the most well-known landmark of Greece. Whether you go to the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, or to any of the other world-famous structures that sit high above the city, this visit will seamlessly bridge what you thought about Greece and what you see with your own eyes.
- Welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

 Overnight: Athens, Greece  Meals: Dinner

DAY 3

JEWISH ATHENS

Wed. Oct 29, 2025

- The Jewish Community of Athens—Past, Present, & Future: Opening session with your Expert Educator.
- Integrated, foundational, vibrant, and inspiring—all describe the profound history of Greece's Jewish community. At the Jewish Museum, immerse yourself in this rich heritage and deepen your understanding of its legacy, guided by insights from the museum's director, Zanet Battinou.
- Visit Beit Shalom Synagogue and the Etz Haim Synagogue.
- Deep Roots Uprooted: The painful loss felt throughout Greece as a result of the attempted destruction of the Jewish community is still acute. Stop at the Holocaust monument and participate in a memorial service.
- Meet the community's leaders: Rabbi Gabriel Negrin, the young, Greek-born Chief Rabbi of Athens, and Taly Mair, the dedicated director of the Jewish community.
- Enjoy a free evening to explore Athens.

 Overnight: Athens, Greece  Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4

THE WONDERS OF MOUNT OLYMPUS

Thu. Oct 30, 2025

- Check out of the hotel.
- Visit Chalkida (or Chalkis), possibly the oldest Jewish settlement in Europe, dating back to the destruction of the 1st Temple in the 6th century B.C.E.

- Drive up to the breathtaking rock formations and get our first glimpse of the surreal landscape of Meteora, where towering sandstone cliffs rise dramatically from the valley below, crowned with monasteries perched high on the rocky peaks. Visit one of its most famous monasteries.
- Enter Thessaloniki and explore the area by bus before checking into the hotel.
- Enjoy a free evening in Thessaloniki.

 Overnight: Thessaloniki, Greece  Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5

IN THE CITY

Fri. Oct 31, 2025

- Painful Memories: Visit the old Thessaloniki railway station, a poignant site that serves as a haunting reminder of the thousands of Jews deported during the Holocaust, many of whom were taken to concentration camps, forever marking the station as a symbol of loss and tragedy in the city's history.
- Ladino: The Yiddish of the Sephardic Jews—Meet with a local specialist to explore the rich language and culture of Ladino.
- Introductions: Patron Saints, Dragon Slayers, and Victory Arches: All of these will come alive as you travel and gain perspective of the multi-layered and historically rooted city. These sites include the White Tower (the city's symbol), the long seafront promenade, the Agios Demetrios or Agia Sophia Byzantine churches, the Rotunda, which started out as a Roman temple of Zeus, and the Arch of Triumph of Galerius and the ruins of his palace.

- Kabbalat Shabbat services at Yad Lezicaron Synagogue followed by dinner with the community.

🌙 Overnight: Thessaloniki, Greece 🕍 Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6

SHABBAT IN THESSALONIKI

Sat. Nov 1, 2025

- Optional morning services at Yad Lezicaron Synagogue.
- Late morning choice from two optional walking tours:
A walking tour in the archeological museum
OR
A tour of the Upper City, Ano Poli.
- Shabbat Lunch.
- Mark the end of Shabbat with a communal Havdalah ceremony.
- Free time to enjoy dinner and experience live Greek music!

🌙 Overnight: Thessaloniki, Greece 🕍 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7

METEORA: A ROAD TO SPIRITUALITY

Sun. Nov 2, 2025

- Check out of the hotel.
- Understanding Modern Greece: Gain insight into contemporary Greece from a local journalist who will discuss the country's key issues and dynamics.
- Drive from Thessaloniki to Ioannina, with a scenic lunch stop (on own) in Litochoro or the surrounding area to enjoy traditional Greek cuisine

and stunning views of Mount Olympus.

- Continue to Ioannina, once the largest Romaniote Jewish community in Greece, and check into the hotel.
- Have a lakeside dinner in a local restaurant.

 Overnight: Ioannina, Greece  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8

THE MOSAIC OF IOANNINA

Mon. Nov 3, 2025

- Journey through the gates of Ioannina Castro, home to half of the city's Jewish population at the beginning of the 20th century.
- Explore the historic Jewish quarter of Ioannina and delve into the rich heritage of the Romaniote Jewish community, established 300-400 years after the destruction of the Second Temple. Here, you'll discover a unique cultural legacy, where residents spoke Greek and Hebrew (not Ladino) and were known as Romaniotes.
- Meet Illegra Matsa, the life force behind the dwindling Jewish community in Ioannina.
- Explore Ioannina during your free evening.

 Overnight: Ioannina, Greece  Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9

DISCOVERING DELPHI

Tue. Nov 4, 2025

- Check out of the hotel.

- Journey to Delphi, once revered by the ancient Greeks as the very center of the world, where you'll tour the remarkable site anchored by the Omphalos—a sacred stone monument symbolizing the navel of the earth.
- Drive through Greece's mainland, passing through the fertile plain of Boeotia and the historic towns of Thebes and Levadia.
- Return to Athens and enjoy a farewell dinner.
- Check into the hotel.

 Overnight: Athens, Greece  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10

HOME AGAIN

Wed. Nov 5, 2025

- Check out of the hotel and transfer to Athens International Airport.
- Depart Athens and return to the US.

 Overnight: Flight  Meals: Breakfast



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RATES & LODGING

PARTICIPANTS	COST P/P IN DOUBLE ROOM	COST P/P IN SINGLE ROOM
15+	\$6,530	\$7,690

REGISTRATION OPEN

Hotels are subject to change.

ATHENS: ROYAL OLYMPIC

🌙 Nights: 2

🛏 Room Category: Deluxe

THESSALONIKI: MONASTY, AUTOGEAPH COLLECTION

🌙 Nights: 3

🛏 Room Category: Classic

IOANNINA: GRAND SERAI

🌙 Nights: 2

🛏 Room Category: Standard

ATHENS: ROYAL OLYMPIC

🌙 Nights: 1

🛏 Room Category: Deluxe

WHAT TO EXPECT

◆ Included

- 8 nights' accommodations.
 - 7 days of touring with a J² Expert Educator and local guides, 7 days of touring in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
 - Daily breakfast, 1 lunch & 4 dinners.
 - The J² adventures App available on the App Store & on Google Play (active 30 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.
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⚙ Excluded

- Credit card fees.
- Flights to & from Greece.
- COVID related expenses, including tests.
- Late check out on the day of departure.
- Gratuities: Recommend guidelines for tipping are provided in the terms section.
- 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:
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