

# PROGRAM ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

Sun. Nov 1, 2026

- Our adventure begins! Depart from the US and get ready to embark on an extraordinary journey through Morocco.

 Overnight: Flight

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## DAY 2

### DISCOVERING CASABLANCA AND A TASTE OF MOROCCO

Mon. Nov 2, 2026

- Arrive at Casablanca International Airport on your direct flight from Miami.
- Meet your J<sup>2</sup> Expert Educator and local Moroccan tour guide, who will accompany us on this unforgettable experience, and begin exploring the bustling streets of Casablanca, a city rich in history and diversity.
- Stroll along the Corniche, the city's picturesque seaside boardwalk. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many charming cafés overlooking the ocean.
- Visit key sites, including:
  - A local church, showcasing Morocco's commitment to religious coexistence.
  - The main square, where past and present merge seamlessly.
  - The site of the Casablanca Conference, where world leaders

gathered in 1943 to shape history.

- The legendary Rick's Café, bringing the magic of Hollywood's classic film Casablanca to life.
- Check into our hotel.
- Festive welcome dinner at a local restaurant, where we'll indulge in the exotic flavors of Moroccan cuisine, from aromatic tagines to delicate pastries.

 Overnight: Casablanca, Morocco  Meals: Dinner

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## DAY 3

### EXPLORING THE JEWISH LEGACY OF MOROCCO

Tue. Nov 3, 2026

- Check out of the hotel and begin our day with a visit to one of Morocco's architectural marvels: The Hassan II Mosque, an awe-inspiring structure built over the Atlantic Ocean. With its intricate tilework and towering minaret, it's one of the largest and most breathtaking mosques in the world.
- Visit the historic Beth-El Synagogue, Casablanca's active Jewish center, where we'll reflect on the resilience of Jewish life in Morocco.
- Hospitality lunch with a member of the local Jewish community – an intimate opportunity to hear her personal story and gain firsthand insight into Jewish life in Morocco today.
- Step into history at the Museum of the Jews of Morocco, the only Jewish museum in the Arab world. Here, we'll explore Morocco's deep Jewish roots through artifacts, stories, and exhibits.
- Continue to Fes, a city of immense cultural and historical significance, once Morocco's capital and a major center of Jewish scholarship.

- Check into the hotel, followed by dinner at a restaurant.

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

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## DAY 4

### A WALK THROUGH TIME IN FES

Wed. Nov 4, 2026

- Begin the day with breathtaking panoramic views of Fes and its ancient Medina from the historic Borj Sud fortress.
- Step back in time as we explore the city's rich Jewish heritage:
  - The Ibn Danan Synagogue, one of the oldest and most significant synagogues in North Africa, recently restored to its former glory.
  - The El Fassiyin Synagogue, which was once repurposed as a boxing ring and a carpet factory but has now been returned to its original purpose.
  - The Fes Jewish Cemetery, where we will hear the remarkable stories of the city's revered rabbis and scholars.
- Wander through the maze-like Medina of Fes, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the world's largest pedestrian-only urban area.
- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before continuing our explorations:
  - The University of Al-Karaouine, the world's oldest operating university, where Jewish and Muslim scholars once studied side by side.
  - The Chouara Tannery, where the ancient art of leather dyeing is still practiced today.
- Visit the Madrasa Bou Inania, a stunning Islamic college with breathtaking mosaics and woodwork.

- Stop by a local artisan's workshop and witness traditional craftsmanship that has been passed down for generations.
- Return to the hotel.
- Dinner on own.

 Overnight: Fes, Morocco     Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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## DAY 5

### RABAT: CITY OF LEGENDS AND HIDDEN STORIES

Thu. Nov 5, 2026

- Check out of the hotel and set out for Rabat, Morocco's elegant capital city.
- Visit the mausoleum of Mohammad V, the revered king who protected Morocco's Jews during World War II, refusing to allow them to be deported to Nazi concentration camps.
- Pay respects at the mausoleum of Hassan II, the former king known for modernizing Morocco.
- Stroll through Rabat's Medina, where we'll explore bustling markets, elegant jewelry shops, and grand diplomatic buildings.
- Climb up to the Kasbah des Udayas, a fortress offering stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean.
- Check into the hotel and enjoy a meaningful dialogue with a young leader from Association Mimouna, a Muslim organization dedicated to preserving Jewish heritage in Morocco and promoting Jewish-Muslim friendship.
- Evening at leisure to explore the capital.

 Overnight: Rabat, Morocco     Meals: Breakfast

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## DAY 6

### THE MAGIC OF MARRAKECH

Fri. Nov 6, 2026

- Check out and travel to Marrakech, the city of vibrant colors, exotic souks, and legendary history.
- Take a panoramic tour of this mesmerizing city, where tradition and modernity blend seamlessly.
- Discover the Majorelle Garden, an oasis of exotic plants and vibrant cobalt-blue buildings once owned by fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent.
- Explore the Berber Museum, which showcases the rich cultural heritage of Morocco's indigenous Berber people.
- Check into the hotel and prepare for a special Shabbat experience.
- Kabbalat Shabbat services at the Beth El Synagogue, where we will celebrate Shabbat with the local Jewish community.
- Enjoy a warm and welcoming Shabbat dinner at a local home, sharing stories, laughter, and delicious Moroccan dishes.
- Walk back to the hotel (approx. 1.2 miles).

 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco

 Meals: Breakfast, Shabbat Dinner

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## DAY 7

### SHABBAT IN MARRAKECH

Sat. Nov 7, 2026

- Optional morning services at a local synagogue.

- Day at leisure to explore Marrakech at your own pace or indulge in a relaxing experience at one of the city's renowned hammams.
- Come together for a communal havdalah ceremony, marking the end of Shabbat in a beautiful and reflective moment.

 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco     Meals: Breakfast

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## DAY 8

### THE JEWISH QUARTER AND A MOROCCAN COOKING EXPERIENCE

Sun. Nov 8, 2026

- Wander through the Mellah, the historic Jewish quarter of Marrakech, filled with old synagogues and Jewish heritage sites.
- Visit the Slat el Azama Synagogue, a still-active place of worship that holds deep historical significance for the local Jewish community.
- Explore the Jewish Cemetery, where many of Morocco's most prominent Jewish figures are laid to rest.
- Participate in an interactive Moroccan cooking class, where you will learn to prepare a traditional vegetarian tagine.
- Enjoy the fruits of your labor during lunch, savoring the flavors of your freshly cooked Moroccan meal.
- Spend time in Djemaa El Fna Square, experiencing the lively atmosphere of snake charmers, musicians, street vendors, and entertainers that make Marrakech so unique.
- Remainder of the day to explore Marrakech at your leisure, soaking in the sights, sounds, and culture of this magical city.

 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco     Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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## DAY 9

### JOURNEY INTO THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS AND BERBER HOSPITALITY

Mon. Nov 9, 2026

- Begin the day with a scenic drive through the lush Sidi Abdellah Ghiat and Oued Maleh valleys, heading toward the majestic Atlas Mountains.
- Stop at the grave of Rabbi Shlomo BelHench, a revered Jewish saint known as the “Son of the Snake,” and hear the legends surrounding his life and legacy.
- Continue to a traditional Berber village nestled in the mountains, where you will be welcomed by the village chief and local musicians, offering you a warm taste of Berber hospitality.
- Enjoy a home-cooked lunch in the village, with fresh, locally sourced ingredients, while learning about Berber culture and traditions from the chief.
- Visit a local school to interact with students and see the educational practices of the region.
- Participate in a bread-making workshop, gaining hands-on experience with traditional Berber baking techniques.
- Return to Marrakech, after a stunning day in the Atlas Mountains.

 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco     Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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## DAY 10

### FROM THE RED CITY TO THE DESERT

Tue. Nov 10, 2026

- Begin with a guided tour of the Medina of Marrakech, the vibrant heart of the city, filled with markets, historical sites, and narrow streets.
- Visit the Dar El Bacha Palace, an architectural marvel showcasing the splendor of Morocco's royal history.
- Explore the Madrasa Ben Youssef, one of Morocco's most beautiful historical sites, a former theological school known for its intricate tilework and stunning design.
- Stop by the hotel to refresh before continuing on our adventures.
- Depart by jeeps and drive to the Agafay Desert for your last evening in Morocco. This rocky desert offers a striking resemblance to the Sahara, with its vast dunes and breathtaking landscape. During your visit, you will experience:
  - A scenic camel ride through the stunning Atlas Mountains.
  - A private festive dinner in a traditional Berber tent.
  - A leisurely walk through the desert to fully absorb the serene beauty of the surroundings.
- Drive back to the hotel.

 Overnight: Marrakech, Morocco     Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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## DAY 11

### FAREWELL, MOROCCO: UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Wed. Nov 11, 2026

- Enjoy your final breakfast in Morocco, savoring the last of the country's rich flavors before checking out of the hotel.
- Group transfer to Casablanca Airport to board your flight back to Miami, filled with lasting memories of Morocco's rich Jewish heritage and



vibrant culture.

 Meals: Breakfast

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