



MEJDI TOURS



Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom Morocco Tour 2023

Dates: February 20 - 28, 2023

Included:

- 7 nights' accommodation (double occupancy) at 3-star hotels
- 1 full time guide throughout the trip
- Pick up on arrival from Casablanca airport.
- Private Bus Transportation (except for Shabbat and old town)
- All Breakfasts.
- 10 Meals -Lunch, dinner - as listed in itinerary.
- Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers
- Dedicated Pre-trip customer service and on-ground support
- All tips throughout the tour for drivers, guides, hotels

Not Included:

- International airfare
- Departure transfers
- Travel insurance - highly recommended
- Single Supplement Costs - \$620
- Any required COVID testing costs
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Itinerary

Day 1- February 20, Monday - Casablanca

This evening meet your guide. Then hear from a historian to learn about Morocco's ancient and recent history.

Enjoy a group dinner together.

Overnight in Casablanca (Dinner is included)

Day 2 – February 21, Tuesday- Casablanca to Essaouira

With an early start to the day at 8:30 am, visit Hassan II mosque in Casablanca (1 hour), then continue to the Museum of Moroccan Judaism and the Jewish neighborhood in Casablanca (2 hours). Visit Bet El Synagogue and meet with Isaac Oyayon the cantor of the Synagogue.



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Day 2 - continued

Over lunch, learn about the Jewish community in Morocco and Casablanca with Isaac Oyayon and others in the community. Meet with journalists Wafa Daoui and Fouad Azmi who have been covering Muslim – Jewish relations in Morocco (2 hours). Drive to Essaouira (4 hours). Arrive for a late check in at your hotel.

Overnight in Essaouira (Breakfast, lunch & dinner is included)

Day 3 – February 22, Wednesday- Essaouira

At 9 am, Take a short tour with your guide to learn about Essaouira. Then meet with the Mayor of Essaouira or an official (1.5 hours).

Visit the Bayt Dakira, or the House of Memory, the former home of a wealthy trader, and now converted into a space dedicated to the historic coexistence of Morocco's Jewish and Muslim communities, and meet with the Museum's Director (2 hours).

Enjoy some time on your own to get lunch and to wander through the charming labyrinthine lanes lined with Portuguese, French, and Amazigh architecture.

In the afternoon, meet for a debrief and then enjoy dinner and an evening of live Gnawa music, Moroccan and sub-Saharan African Islamic religious songs and rhythms that combine poetry with traditional music and dancing. (2-3 hours).

This evening's events will end at 9 pm.

Overnight in Essaouira (Breakfast & dinner is included)

Day 4 – February 23, Thursday- Essaouira to Marrakech

At 8:30 am, drive to Marrakech (4 hours, food will be provided on the bus). After lunch and a debrief, visit the El Badi Palace, The Palace of Wonders and Brilliance, which was commissioned in the 16th century. Take this opportunity to learn about the history of Marrakech. In the evening, meet with an Iman, ending at 6 pm. A free evening to get dinner on your own.

Overnight in Marrakech (Breakfast & lunch is included)

Day 5 – February 24, Friday- Marrakech

At 8:30 am, visit Gueliz Synagogue and meet with Jackie Kadosh, a leader in the Jewish Community in Marrakech (1.5 hours). Visit Jemaa el-Fnaa, a square and market. Then visit Medrasa Ben Youssef, formerly the largest Islamic college in Marrakech. Explore the historic Saadian Tombs and learn about their dynasty ruling in the 16th century. Stop in at a traditional Amazigh pharmacy and visit the Kutubiyya Mosque. Enjoy free time for lunch and Friday prayer. Head to the hotel for a debrief session. In the evening join the Jewish community in Marrakech for Shabbat.

Overnight in Marrakech (Breakfast & dinner is included)

Day 6 – February 25, Saturday- Marrakech

Visit the Synagogue in the morning and enjoy an optional walking tour with your tour guide of the Mellah Jewish quarter and visit the secret garden in the old town. In the early evening,



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meet with a speaker on interfaith in Morocco at your hotel, followed by a group dinner together.

Overnight in Marrakech (Breakfast, lunch & dinner is included)

Day 7 – February 26, Sunday- Marrakech and a trip to the Villages of the High Atlas

At 9 am, meet and spend the day with the High Atlas Foundation, an organization that promotes sustainable development, women and youth empowerment, and interfaith relations. Visit some of the villages and women's co-ops whom they work with and hear first-hand stories of the life-changing work the organization is doing in the villages of the High Atlas. Enjoy lunch with locals in a nearby village. Upon returning to Marrakech, meet for a debrief, ending at 6 pm. Free evening for dinner and exploration on your own.

Overnight in Marrakech (Breakfast & lunch is included)

Day 8 – February 27, Monday- Marrakech to Casablanca

In the morning, visit the Maison De La Photographie Museum or Dar Si Said Museum. Afterwards, take part in a cooking class and feast on your creations. After lunch, visit Bahia Palace, a late 19th century palace built by Si Moussa, the powerful Grand Vizier of Sultan Hassan I, featuring dazzling displays of zellij tiles, painted ceilings, ornate wrought iron features, opulent salons of the harem era, and a massive grand marble courtyard. In the evening meet with an Imam for a conversation on Islam in Morocco. Drive to Casablanca, and end the day together at a farewell dinner.

Overnight in Casablanca (Breakfast, lunch & dinner is included)

Day 9, February 28, Tuesday, Departure

Depart on your own time.