



# MEJDI TOURS

## ISNA & NCS Tour to Spain and Morocco February 11 – 24 , 2024

### Itinerary

#### **Day 0: Sunday, February 11th, 2024 – Departure Flight to Madrid**

#### **Day 1: Monday, February 12th, 2024 – Arrival & Madrid**

Arrive at Madrid International Airport and make your way to the hotel on your own.  
(Advice and recommendations can be provided)

With most flights arriving from the US in the early morning, by the late morning or early afternoon, depart for an optional walking tour of the historical city center including: Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor, Royal Palace, Retiro Park, and the Prado Museum.

Later in the afternoon, **meet with the Jewish Community of Madrid.**

After a rest, gather for the reception and welcome dinner. (Including guests from the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities- TBD)

*Hotel: Hotel Hospes Puerta de Alcalá, Madrid [D]*

#### **Day 2: Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 – Toledo**

After breakfast and check out, set off to visit Toledo.  
(Optional - **A meeting with an interfaith organization/ or TBD per your request** in the morning before embarking on your journey to Toledo.)

Visit **Plaza de Zocodover, Puerta de Bisagra, and Santo Tomé Church** (home to the masterpiece, “The Burial of Count Yorga” by El Greco).

Visit the **Synagogue Santa Maria la Blanca** and the El Transito Synagogue and **Sephardic Museum, The Church of San Román, the Mosque Christo de al Luz, the Moorish Art Gallery, and the Toledo Cathedral.**

Spend some time in conversation and reflection before boarding the bus to Granada.

Free evening for dinner on your own. (A list of restaurants with halal and kosher options will be provided)

*Hotel: Hotel Hospes Palacio de los Patos, Granada [B]*

### **Day 3: Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 – Granada**

After breakfast, visit the **Alhambra**, the Moorish palace and fortress complex, including the **Nazaríes Palaces**, gardens, Generalife and **Carlos Palace**.

Visit the **Sacromonte** and **Albayzín** by foot.

Then **meet with the Muslim community** in Granada, and **visit the Foundation Mosque of Granada**, the first mosque that has been constructed in Granada after the expulsion of the Muslim community in 1492.

Take a free evening and dinner on your own. (A list of restaurants with halal and kosher options will be provided)

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### **Day 4: Thursday, February 15th, 2024 – Granada**

Take a walking tour of Granada's **Old Town** including: the **Real Chapel** (where the Catholic Kings are buried), **the Cathedral, Plaza Nueva, Valle Elvira, Las Teterías, La Carrera del Tarro, and the Paseo de los Tristes**.

Lunch together. This afternoon, so time is set aside for conversation and reflection. This afternoon, travel to **Córdoba**

Dinner together.

*Hotel: Hotel Hospes Palacio del Bailío, Córdoba [B, L, D]*

### **Day 5: Friday, February 16th, 2024– Córdoba**

After breakfast, head out for a walking tour of the beautiful city center of Córdoba. Tour **the Big Mosque, the Cathedral of Córdoba and the Old Synagogue**.

Continue on to see the Calleja de Flores, **the Old Jewish Quarters, Plaza de al Corredora, Plaza de Capuchinos, the Roman bridge and Alcazar of the Catholic Kings**.

This afternoon, **meet with The Diocese of Córdoba** of the Catholic Church comprises the province of Córdoba, in the autonomous community of Andalusia and is a suffragan of the Archdiocese of Seville.

Travel to **Seville**. As the bus arrives into Seville, take a quick driving tour for an introduction to the city.

Spend a little time together in reflection of the day, before Shabbat dinner together.

*Hotel: Hotel Barceló Anfa Casablanca, Sevilla [B, D]*

#### **Day 6: Saturday, February 17th, 2024 – Seville**

After breakfast, **meet with the Centro Arrupe & Bible Studies group of the Jesuits of Sevilla. Visit the Big Cathedral and the Real Alcazares of Sevilla.**

**Tour the old town of Seville and the Jewish quarter of Santa Cruz. Later meet with the Jewish Community Beit Rambam.**

**Tour the Big Mosque and Awqaf in Sevilla. Then take a river cruise on the Guadalquivir River.**

For dinner, eat together for a farewell dinner (Optional: Flamenco show)

*Hotel: Hotel Barceló Anfa Casablanca, Sevilla [B, D]*

#### **Day 7: Sunday, February 18th, 2024 – Spain Only Tour Ends / Flight & Rabat**

If opting for the Spain only option: Enjoy breakfast & check out from the hotel. Transfer to the airport for your departing flight home.

If opting to continue to Morocco: In the early morning, check out of the hotel and take a bus ride to Malaga to take a morning flight to Morocco. After landing in Casablanca, travel from the airport to **Rabat**. Spend the afternoon in Rabat for lunch together and meetings.

Before dinner, gather together to spend some time in reflection and conversation. Enjoy **dinner at a private house with Andalusian music.**

*Hotel: Palais Ommeyad Suites & Spa, Fes [B, L, D]*

#### **Day 8: Monday, February 19th, 2024 – Fes**

Today, explore Fes. Tour the **largest medina in North Africa**, with over 9,000 tiny streets and alleys, filled with ancient mosques, towering minarets, arched doorways, tranquil courtyards, and brilliantly colored intricate mosaic tiles, delicately engraved with quotes from the Koran, and the Mellah (Jewish Quarter) that, prior to the Spanish Inquisition, had a native Jewish population that could be traced back to the period following the destruction of the Second Temple during the Siege of Jerusalem in 70 C.E.

**Visit the dying vats** and learn about leather production at one of the largest and oldest tanneries in the city.

In the evening meet with the **Sufi community**.

*Hotel: Palais Ommeyad Suites & Spa, Fes [B, L]*

#### **Day 9: Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 – Fes & Rabat**

In the morning, sit down for a discussion with local students and members of **Mimouna Association**, an organization that works to educate Moroccan Muslims about Jews and Judaism, and to advance Jewish-Muslim relations. Later, after lunch, visit the **Jewish Mellah neighborhood** in Medina and visit a local Synagogue and Cemetery with the Rabbi of Fes (if available).

This afternoon, travel to Casablanca, by way of Rabat. Here meet with an official from the government. This evening, arrive in Casablanca in time for dinner.

*Hotel: Barceló Anfa Casablanca, Casablanca [B, L, D]*

#### **Day 10: Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 – Casablanca**

In the morning, meet with **the Jewish community** in Casablanca and visit the **Jewish Museum** and enjoy lunch at a kosher restaurant. In the afternoon, **meet an Imam** and visit **Hassan II mosque** (one of the largest and most impressive in the world).

In the evening, enjoy dinner together.

*Hotel: Barceló Anfa Casablanca, Casablanca [B, D]*

#### **Day 11: Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 – Casablanca**

Spend the day together in reflection and conversation.

*Hotel: Barceló Anfa Casablanca, Casablanca [B, L]*

#### **Day 12: Friday, February 23rd, 2023 – Departure [Transfer only]**

Check out of your hotel and take a private transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

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