

Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom "Building Bridges" in Spain & Andalusia

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Tour Dates: September 19 - September 26, 2024

Itinerary

Day 1: Thursday, September 19 - Arrival to Seville

Individual or small group airport transfers per various arrivals are available upon request at additional cost.

For those arriving earlier in the morning, there will be an optional tour activity in Seville including cafes, options to walk the town and enjoy the atmosphere. Lunch will be on own.

Brief introduction led by Lisa, Nausheena, Roberta and Tahija.

Begin your program with an afternoon **river cruise on the Guadalquivir River**, then gather for a group welcome dinner, orientation, and leader-led workshop.

Overnight: Hotel Hesperia Sevilla [Dinner included]

Day 2: Friday, September 20 - Jerez de la Frontera & Cadiz

Head to Jerez de la Frontera in the morning, stepping into a charming old town adorned with intricate Moorish architecture. Visit a local mosque for *Yom il Juma* observance.

Continue to Cadiz, where ancient Roman ruins blend in with a classic Andalusian landscape. Explore the bustling markets, lively plazas and scenic waterfront promenades.

Return to Seville in the evening, heading straight to *Kabbalat Shabbat* services and Shabbat





dinner with the Jewish community of Beit Rambam.

Short walks in the town centers.

Overnight: Hotel Hesperia Sevilla [Breakfast and Dinner included]

Day 3: Saturday, September 21 - Seville continued

Enjoy extra rest in the morning, followed by a walking tour including **The Real Alcazares of Sevilla**, built for King Peter of Castile. Continue through **Plaza de Ponce de Leon** and the old town of Seville including **the Plaza de España**, **Jewish quarter of Santa Cruz** and its **central mosques**.

Meet the **Three Cultures of the Mediterranean Foundation** in the afternoon, followed by a Sisterhood-led group building activity and reflection.

The day concludes with a traditional Flamenco show, before returning to dinner at your hotel.

Touring by foot without option for vehicular transit within the historic city center up to 2-3 hours.

Overnight: Hotel Hesperia Sevilla [Breakfast and Dinner included]

Day 4: Sunday, September 22 - Cordoba

Head towards Cordoba. Visit the remarkable **Medina Azzahra**, a fortified palace-city and archaeological site dating to the 10th century.

Upon arrival in Cordoba, walk the **Calleja de Flores**, pass **the Old Jewish Quarters**, and stop in the **Plaza de al Corredera**.

Site bus provided to reach Medina sites; walking on mostly flat and paved surfaces for about one hour in the afternoon.





Enjoy a private group dinner at **Casa Mazal** with time for reflection/facilitated group conversation.

Hotel: Hotel Exe Las Adelfas, Cordoba [Breakfast and Dinner included]

Day 5: Monday, September 23 - Cordoba

After breakfast, take a walking tour of the beautiful city center of Cordoba. Tour the Mezquita (Great Mosque of Cordoba), the Cathedral of Cordoba and the Old Synagogue.

After a group lunch in town, take a drive to Pedro Abad's **Basharat Mosque**. As its first stone was laid in 1980, it became the first mosque to be built in Spain after almost eight centuries.

Enjoy dinner and time to explore Cordoba on your own in the evening.

Touring by foot without option for vehicular transit within the historic city center up to 2-3 hours.

Hotel: Hotel Exe Las Adelfas, Cordoba [Breakfast and Lunch included]

Day 6: Tuesday, September 24 - Granada

Travel to Granada after breakfast, first **meeting 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 (Fundación Mezquita, Plaza de San Nicoás, Granada).

Continue to the **Alhambra**, the Moorish palace and fortress complex, including the **Nazaries Palaces**, gardens, Gereralife and **Carlos Palace**. Continue to **Sacromonte** and **Albayzi**.

Touring by foot through Alhambra and to nearby Sacromonte and Albayzin requires approximately 4 hours on foot, however there are many stairs or uphill walks to reach higher





places with views. Those who are less comfortable on stairs will have options for lower exhibits, seating areas on site, or to walk downhill back to the hotel.

Enjoy dinner on your own in the evening.

Hotel: Hotel Checkin Camino de Granada [Breakfast included]

Day 7: Wednesday, September 25 - Granada

Take a walking tour of Granada's **Old Town** including: **Plaza Nueva, Valle Elvira, Las Teterias, La Carrera del Tarro, and the Paseo de los Tristes**.

Take time to find lunch and explore on your own in the early afternoon. In the evening, gather as a group for final reflections and conversation, followed by a festive group dinner.

Touring by foot on a relatively flat cobblestone surface through the Old Town requires approximately 3 hours.

Hotel: Hotel Checkin Camino de Granada [Breakfast and Dinner included]

Day 8: Thursday, September 26 - Departure from Granada or Malaga [Transfers only]

Two group transfers - one to airport in Granada, one to airport in Malaga - provided at TBD times according to group travel plans.

Additional individual or smaller group transfers available upon request. Travelers continuing on an optional extension to Madrid and Toledo will take the train north from Granada (group transfer included in extension package).

Overnight: N/A [[Breakfast included]

