



Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
Presents

A Three Day Virtual Tour of PETRA and SPAIN

*Led by Tour Guide Gadi Ben-Dov
and Jewish Educator Selma Roffman*



Gadi Ben-Dov was born in the U.S., raised on a Kibbutz in the Galilee and now lives in the center of Israel. Gadi became a licensed tour guide after finishing his IDF service as an officer and traveling the world. His love of travel and his many experiences have given him insights that he shares with every participant.

**Sunday, January 23 to Tuesday, January 25, 2022
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM CST**

Enjoy this spectacular three day tour of Petra & Spain from the comfort of your own home. See the wonders of the Nabatean heritage site and the red sandstone temples, in addition to the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Spain, and more...

Don't miss this opportunity!

**Cost: \$54 for all three days per Household
OR consider being an Angel for \$100, \$180 or \$360**

To register, go to www.ehnt.org or fill out the form below and send it with your check or credit card to: EHNTJC, 4500 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076. For information call (847) 675-4141.

Can't make a session? Register anyway! You will have access to recordings on a private channel!

Virtual Tour of Petra & Spain - RSVP by January 17th

___ \$54 per Household OR Angel (includes the link) ___ \$100, ___ \$180, ___ \$360

I cannot attend the tour but wish to make a donation of \$ _____

Name: _____

Email (required for zoom link): _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

___ Enclosed is my check (made payable to EHNTJC)

___ Visa/MasterCard (2% tax-deductible convenience fee will be added)

Credit Card # _____ Exp: _____ CVV _____

Signature: _____

Three Day Itinerary for EHNTJC Virtual Tour of Petra & Spain, January 23 to 25, 2022 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM CST:

Day 1: Petra, Jordan - The Red Rock

The Nabatean people built the city of Petra. They controlled the trade route from the bottom southern parts of the Arabian Peninsula to the shores of the Mediterranean. Their capital city was Petra or the rock, a beautiful city carved out of the local red sandstone complete with temples and buildings. The Nabateans controlled almost exclusively the trade of myrrh and frankincense to the Roman empire and became extremely wealthy and successful. They built this incredibly beautiful capital city in the country of Jordan today. Petra is a world heritage site recognized by UNESCO and made famous by Indiana Jones movies.

Day 2: Spain: The North: Madrid, Toledo and Girona

Explore with me the modern capital of Spain today, the city of Madrid. Madrid is a relatively new city and the seat of the king and the government. Visit the Royal Palace and the beautiful gardens that are typical of this modern city. The city of Toledo was the original capital of Spain, for many centuries. It is less than a two-hour drive to the south. Situated on the banks of the Tagus River with breath taking views, Toledo is a beautiful ancient city surrounded by old walls. Hiding in them are ancient synagogues alleyways that tell the stories and connections to Jewish life that was once here.

Visit the northern city of Girona, another major Jewish city of the Spanish Golden age. We will visit the beautifully preserved Jewish Quarter and walk down the alleyways to the Jewish Museum housed in a building that used to be a synagogue. Girona is the hometown of the famous Rabbi Nachmanidies, Rabbi Moshe Ben Nachman (Ramban).

Day 3: Spain: The South: Granada, Seville and Malaga

The Muslims who controlled the Iberian Peninsula for a brief time were the most important developed and advanced empire during the 8-15 centuries CE. Even more than in Europe during the Middle Ages. After losing the northern part of the Peninsula to Charlemagne in the early 800s, they controlled the southern part for several centuries and allowed culture, science, medicine, philosophy and more to flourish. The Jewish population of this region produced great rabbis, writers, thinkers, doctors and lawyers who lived under the rule of the Muslims. We will visit the great cities of Spanish Jewish life during the Muslim control of the area and visit highlights such as the Alhambra Palace, the Generalife gardens, the Mesquite, the Seville cathedrals, the Synagogues and Jewish remains. We will follow the stories of famous rabbis such as Maimonides, the Rambam, Rabbi Yehudah Halevi and Solomon ibn Gabirol just to name a few.

No passports needed!

Leave the sunscreen at home!

Bring snacks and wine for a l'chaim at the end!

Looking forward to sharing this experience with you!

Ada Rabinowitz, Ways & Means Chair and Dolly Zavell, Program Chair

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