

ADATH SHALOM



Presents a

SPANISH HERITAGE TOUR

April 3-13, 2022

Hosted by Rabbi Moshe Rudin

\$3925 per person double

Single supplement \$850

Sunday, APRIL 3, 2022 Depart Newark Liberty Airport via United Airlines #51 at 7:45pm

Monday, APRIL 4, 2022 Arrive Madrid non-stop at 9:00am

We will be met by TOUR-ESCORT and Bus

A first glimpse of Madrid provided by a scenic tour will allow us to appreciate the dimension and beauty of this city of three million inhabitants and its urban development over the last 150 years. We will see the vital points of the city, the Paseo de la Castellana, the Manzanares River, Alcalá Street and Gran Vía; the Salamanca district, urban expressions from the Arturo Soria garden-city to the more recent Plaza de Castilla district, the Colón, España and Atocha squares, and extensive green areas. Tonight we enjoy a *SPECIAL RESTAURANT WELCOME DINNER* in MADRID

Overnight in Madrid



Tuesday, APRIL 5, 2022 **MADRID**

Breakfast at Hotel

Our 3 hour tour starts at 9:30, where we will get to know the Madrid of the Habsburgs, that is, the city that became the capital in 1561. Originally an Arab fortress that later became the Alcázar of Carlos V, today it is the Royal Palace, a Bourbon design from the 18th century. Next to it is the Cathedral, a temple

begun towards the end of the 19th century when Madrid finally had a bishop. From there our steps will take us down Calle Mayor, the Plaza de la Villa square and the San Miguel market to the Plaza Mayor, a reference for many other Castilian squares from the 17th and subsequent centuries. After lunch on our own, we will have a tour of the world-famous Prado Museum. Recently expanded, the museum houses the former royal collections in an early 18th century building. The focus is on the great masters of Spanish art: El Greco, Velázquez and Goya, and displays the fine taste that the royal family had for Italian, primarily Tiziano and Tintoretto and Flemish art from El Bosco to Rubens.

Independent dinner

Overnight in Madrid

Wednesday, APRIL 6, 2022 MADRID TO SEVILLA VIA HIGH SPEED TRAIN

Breakfast at Hotel

This morning we will be transferred from the Hotel to the Ave Station in Madrid for our AVE TRAIN from MADRID to SEVILLA (Luggage will be transferred by bus from Madrid to SEVILLA and delivered to your room while we visit SEVILLA)

After an *Independent lunch we will enjoy a GUIDED TOUR* of SEVILLA, including viewing the Maria Luisa Park, Plaza España, Torre del Oro Tower (outside) and ending at the Triana Quarter

Independent dinner

Overnight in SEVILLA

Thursday, APRIL 7, 2022 SEVILLA

Breakfast at Hotel



We will tour Sevilla today. It was in Andalusia where the Hebrew and Muslim cultures came together on the Iberian Peninsula. The former Jewish Quarter of SEVILLA is known today as the Barrio de Santa Cruz. It is located close to the former Mosque, rebuilt as a Gothic Cathedral, the Giralda bell tower, the Courtyard of the Orange Trees, and the Royal Palaces built in the Mudéjar style.

Independent lunch

Free afternoon

Today we may have the opportunity to visit the Interpretation Center of the

Jewish Quarter of Sevilla (on client's own / entrance fee not included)

Enjoy a festive TAPAS DINNER with group

Friday, APRIL 8, 2022 SEVILLA - CARMONA - MEDINA AZAHARA - CÓRDOBA

Breakfast at Hotel

This morning we depart for our Shabbat in Cordoba.

Discover **CARMONA** including tour of Old Quarter with Necropolis, Amphitheatre and Alcázar.

Carmona, of Punic origin and with its city walls, cemetery, and amphitheater, reminds us that

Andalusia also had a very important Carthaginian and Roman past. The climb to the Arabic Alcázar

will take us by the 15th century Mudéjar Church of San Felipe (exterior), and the Baroque Convent of Descalzas (exterior).

Continue to Medina Azahara with independent lunch on the way.

This afternoon we have a GUIDED VISIT MEDINA AZAHARA: city-palace Medina-Azahara. Near Córdoba we find the city-palace of Medina-Azahara, that belonged to the Córdoba Caliph Abderrahman III, and which, despite centuries of abandonment and thanks to slow reconstruction work, still evokes an idea of its ancient beauty.

Continue to Córdoba, arriving before sundown.

Independent dinner

Overnight in Córdoba

Saturday, APRIL9, 2022 CÓRDOBA

Breakfast at Hotel

Morning free to attend optional Shabbot services with Rabbi Rudin

After lunch on your own, we take a GUIDED TOUR OF CÓRDOBA **on foot** including Córdoba, Unesco World Heritage. Córdoba is the third of the Arab capitals of Al-Andalus, having been the capital city during the zenith of Arab ruling. The great mosque is from this period and has been well preserved despite, or perhaps because of, its conversion to a Christian church. Close by, the welcoming Jewish Quarter maintains the only Synagogue in Andalusia, which was saved in the 19th century when later additions were eliminated. Among other notable Jewish districts, Córdoba stands out for being the home of the Rabbi Maimónides

Independent dinner

Overnight in Córdoba

Sunday, APRIL10, 2022 CÓRDOBA - MONTALBÁN DE CÓRDOBA - GRANADA

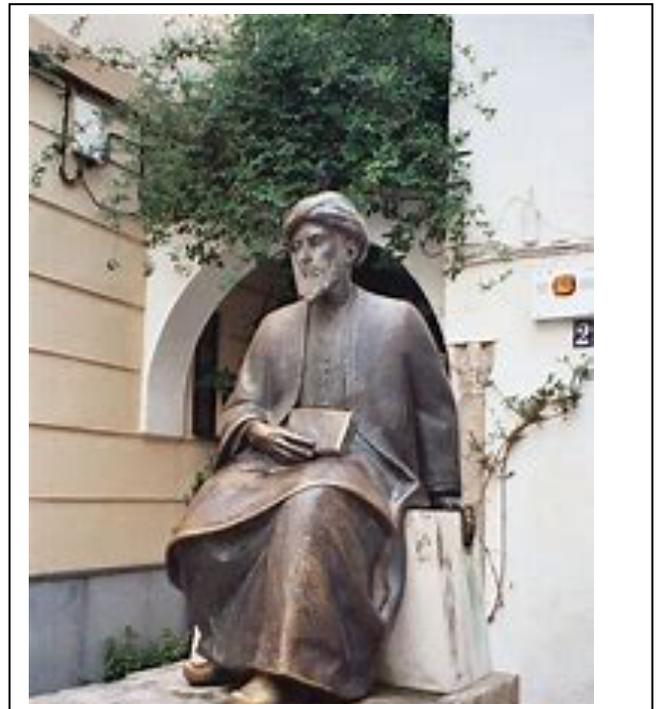
Breakfast at Hotel

We depart for Granada. On route we will visit a WINERY with WINE TASTING (if possible in Bodegas del Pino that produces Kosher wine www.bodegasdelpino.com)

After lunch on your own, we will visit the Alhambra, an exquisite complex and palace of the last Arab kings to inhabit the peninsula.

After *independent dinner*, group goes to a FLAMENCO SHOW including one drink.

Overnight in Granada



Monday, APRIL 11, 2022

GRANADA - CONSUEGRA - TOLEDO



Breakfast at Hotel

Today we will travel through Andalucía and La Mancha towards the unique city of Toledo, Unesco World Heritage with stop in Consuegra.

Discover CONSUEGRA **with your tour-escort**: Windmills and exterior of the Castle

VISIT a CHEESE PRODUCER with TASTING in Consuegra

Continue to Toledo with stop at the Mirador del Valle for the first view of the city *Independent dinner*

Overnight in Toledo

Tuesday, APRIL 12, 2022

TOLEDO

Breakfast at Hotel

We enjoy a VISIT TO TOLEDO including the Jewish Quarter and Cathedral, San Juan de los Reyes Monastery and the Santa Maria la Blanca and Tránsito Synagogues

Toledo is a stunning natural fortress surrounded by ramparts and the Tagus river. The city is known as the “City of Three Cultures” or “Jerusalem in Occident” or “Sepharad’s Capital”, and it was the birthplace of the “Translation School of Toledo” where the importance of Jewish scientific and cultural activity was especially remarkable during the period of King Alfonso X El Sabio, the Wise.

Toledo, universal model of ethnic and religious coexistence and tolerance during centuries, is nowadays a multicultural mosaic-city where you will find the Jewish, Moorish and Christian Heritage in the Cathedral Santa María de Toledo, the Monastery San Juan de los Reyes and the historical Synagogues Santa María la Blanca and El Tránsito with its Sefardí Museum

Free afternoon

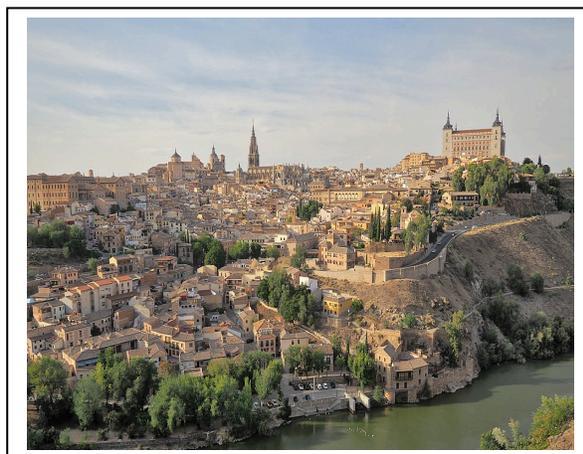
For our last night in Spain, we have SPECIAL FAREWELL RESTAURANT DINNER

Overnight in Toledo

Wednesday, APRIL 13 2022 TOLEDO - MADRID / Departure

Breakfast at Hotel

This morning we travel from Toledo to Madrid Airport for our non-stop United Airlines #50, departing at 10:50am, arriving back at Newark Liberty Airport at 1:30pm



IMPORTANT INFORMATION COVID-19:

- Please take note that we will adapt our orientation offer and services according to the health regulations in force during the travel dates
- We strongly recommend that passengers make sure to contract travel & health insurance with Covid-19 coverage including coverage of a possible quarantine and flight changes - among others – in case their Covid test for the flight back home is positive.
- Passengers must comply with the health regulations in Spain as well as in each of its regions, which are in force at the time of travel
- Currently, passengers are obliged to present the "Health Control Form" at the airport or port of destination in each region.
- You can find updated information under the following links:

<https://travelsafe.spain.info/en/>

www.aena.es/en/airlines/airlines.html

IMPORTANT NOTES ALHAMBRA TICKETS

Due to the new booking conditions of La Alhambra, kindly take note of following important notes:

- as it is not possible to reserve the tickets and we must buy them, payment will not be refundable due to 100% cancellation fees
- each ticket will be personal, so it is necessary to indicate visitor's name and ID or Passport number
- tickets and schedule are subject to availability, so itinerary will need to be adjusted if the desired schedule is not available

OUR HOTELS

9 OVERNIGHTS with BREAKFAST in following hotels:

April 4 and 5, 2022 MADRID HOTEL 4* EMPERADOR www.emperadorhotel.com

April 6 and 7, 2022 SEVILLA HOTEL 4* BECQUER www.hotelbecquer.com

April 8 and 9, 2022 CÓRDOBA / HOTEL 4* NH AMISTAD DE CORDOBA www.nh-hoteles.es

April 10, 2022 GRANADA / HOTEL 4* VINCCY ALBAYCIN www.vinccihoteles.com

April 11 and 12, 2022 TOLEDO / HOTEL 4* SERCOTEL ALFONSO VI www.hotelalfonsovi.com

OUR JEWISH SCHOLAR

We have arranged for our tour guide throughout the trip who is a Jewish Scholar as well as a trained tour guide. He was born in SEVILLA of Moroccan and Algerian heritage, is a honorary lecturer on Holocaust-Shoa Studies and Antisemitism at the University "Pablo de Olavide" in SEVILLA, Spain. Raised in a very traditional sephardic family, he was an exchange student in California (where he actually discovered the different denominations of Judaism) during his senior year in High School. After his graduation, he returned to Spain and attended the University of SEVILLA, obtaining a law degree in 1995, and a Master in European Union Law (known in Spanish as "Derecho Comunitario y de las Instituciones Europeas").

However, and after several years working in many different fields (Telecom industry, legal consultancy, scrap metal industry....) in 2010 he decided to make a complete career change focusing on Jewish studies and the history of the Jews in Spain and the Sephardic diaspora.

In addition to his role at the University "Pablo de Olavide", he is also involved in informal Jewish education and lectures all over about these topics. He has also led several programs to Spain, Portugal and Morocco as Scholar in Residence.

Our Host Rabbi Moshe Rudin



- *INCLUDED IN PRICE:*
 - *Roundtrip non-stop flights from Newark to Madrid on United Airlines*
 - *All 4 Star Hotels, including taxes, service charges and baggage handling*
 - *Breakfast at hotels daily*
 - *Three Dinners*
 - *Touring via private air-conditioned motor coach*
 - *Admissions and Tours to sites as described*
 - *Full time Jewish Scholar as our escort*
 - *High speed train from Madrid to Sevilla*

- *NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:*
 - *Travel insurance (sold separately)*
 - *Meals not indicated (all lunches and six dinners)*
 - *Tips to housekeepers, tour guide and driver*
 - *Admissions to sites not on itinerary*
 - *Items of a personal nature*

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Deposit Requirements: \$750 plus trip cancellation insurance* per person at time of booking

December 15, 2021: Additional Payment \$1250 per person for airfare, museum admissions, and rail tickets

February 1, 2022: Final Payment of \$1925 per person double, or \$2775 for single accommodations

*\$279 pp for insurance covering pre-existing conditions

*\$439 pp for insurance that includes "cancel for any reason"

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