

# Makom Los Angeles

## Jewish Tradition in Andalusia and Catalonia

May 15 – 27, 2019

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

### DEPARTURE

- Depart the United States.

**Overnight: Flight**

Thursday, May 16, 2019

### ARRIVAL IN SPAIN

- 4:45 pm** Group flight arrives at Madrid International Airport.
- Group transfer and individual transfers to the hotel.
  - A Makor Educational Journeys representative will be in the arrival lounge with a sign for IGT Makom LA from 5:00 pm
  - Chance to rest and get settled; meet in the hotel lobby at 7:00 pm.

**7:00 pm** Meet in the hotel lobby.

**8:00 pm** Festive **welcome dinner** and **trip orientation** at Los Galayos Restaurant.

**Overnight: Hotel Catalonia Atocha, Madrid**

Friday, May 17, 2019

### THE GLORY OF MADRID

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:15 am** Depart hotel.
- Visit the 17<sup>th</sup>-century **Plaza Mayor**, the center of historic Madrid and sight of festivals and bullfights, and also the place where Jewish history marks the great trauma of the many auto-da-fes (ritual of public penance, followed by burning at the stake).
  - Lunch on own at one of the many restaurants near the Plaza Mayor.
- 3:00 pm** Visit the **Prado** to explore the masterpieces of artists such as Velazquez, Goya, Bosch, Rubens, Titian, and other great European painters, and the **Green Wall**, right across from the Prado.
- Walk through Madrid, visiting:
    - **Plaza de España**, with an inspiring monument to Poet, Novelist, and Playwright Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra.
    - **Royal Palace**, a short walk from the Plaza and the official residence of the King of Spain.
  - Return to the hotel with time to prepare for Shabbat.
- 7:15 pm** Depart hotel for dinner.
- 8:00 pm** Shabbat dinner at a restaurant.

**Overnight: Hotel Catalonia Atocha, Madrid**



**Shabbat (Saturday), May 18, 2019**

**SHABBAT IN MADRID**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:45 am** Explore Madrid by foot.
- Stroll the main streets of **Madrid's oldest quarter**, the original site of Madrid, called "**Austrias**," with its small plazas and narrow streets.
  - Visit the **Plaza de la Villa**, home to City Hall and the 15<sup>th</sup>-century **Tower of Los Lujanes**, the site of the original **Arab shuk** of Madrid.
  - Group lunch.
  - Late Afternoon Discussion: *The Meaning of 1492 and the Relationship Between Christianity, Islam, and Judaism*, with Tour Educator.
  - Free time to rest, followed by Havdallah and a free evening, with dinner on own.

**Overnight: Hotel Catalonia Atocha, Madrid**

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

**TOLEDO**

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out of the hotel.
- 8:45 am** Luggage collection, to be left outside hotel room door. Be sure to keep essential and valuable items in your day pack.
- 9:30 am** Drive to **Toledo**.
- Guided visit of the **Old City of Toledo** and capture a sense of the glory that was built on a convergence of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism, taking in the **Jewish Quarter**, the **Shmuel Halevi statue** and **El Transito**, the Shmuel Halevi Abulafia synagogue, which was turned into a church, known as Nuestra Senora del Transito, the **Sephardic Museum**, and the **Santa Maria La Blanca Church**, formerly the **Grand Synagogue**.
- 1:00 pm** Group lunch at La Fabrica de Harinas.
- Visit the **El Greco Museum**, dedicated to the famous painter, who influenced 17<sup>th</sup>-century Toledo.
  - Visit the grand **Toledo Cathedral**.
  - Proceed to the hotel and check in.
- 8:30 pm** Group dinner together at the hotel, followed by a free evening.

**Overnight: Hotel Parador, Toledo**



**Monday, May 20, 2019**

**SEVILLE'S JEWISH PAST**

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out of the hotel.
- 8:00 am** Luggage collection, to be left outside hotel room door. Be sure to keep essential and valuable items in your day pack.
- 8:30 am** Drive to Seville, with lunch en route (pre-paid).
- Visit the **Santa Cruz neighborhood**, formerly **Seville's Jewish Quarter**, once known as La Juderia, with its winding alleyways and remnants of Jewish life found within the contemporary city, including a **Jewish Heritage walking tour**.
- 4:00 pm** Tour the beautiful **Alcázar Palace**, followed by visits to the **Seville Cathedral**, the burial place of **Christopher Columbus**, and **La Giralda**, a 12<sup>th</sup>-century **bell tower** that became a symbol of the city. Your Tour Educator will share some thoughts about the role of Jews in the development of navigation cartography and astronomy.
- Proceed to the hotel and check in.
  - Dinner on your own and free evening in Seville, with a possible opportunity to check out the views from **Las Setas** (*time permitting*).
  - Evening stroll on the **Triana Bridge**.

**Overnight: Melía Sevilla, Seville**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

**CORDOBA: RAMBAM'S HOME TOWN**

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out of the hotel.
- 8:15 am** Luggage collection, to be left outside hotel room door. Be sure to keep essential and valuable items in your day pack.
- 9:00 am** Drive to **Cordoba**, home town of Moses Maimonides (Rambam) and the capital of the Moorish Kingdom of **al-Andalus**.
- 12:45 pm** Group lunch at Bodegas Mezquita Ribera.
- Explore the **Jewish Quarter**, inhabited by Jews since the year 840, including the **Yehuda Halevi Square** and **Plaza Tiberiades**, where the statue of Maimonides sits, with a peak at the nearby Moorish-styled building known as the **Maimonides Synagogue**.
- 5:30 pm** Special program at **Casa de Sefarad**, dedicated to the history of the Sephardic Jews in Cordoba and Spain prior to the Inquisition and the Expulsion of 1492, and meet with the people responsible for the creation of this private historical project in the Jewish Quarter.
- 7:30 pm** Dinner at **Casa Mazal**, with traditional Andalusian Jewish food and music.

**Overnight: Hotel NH Amistad, Cordoba**



Wednesday, May 22, 2019

**CORDOBA THROUGH THE AGES**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:30 am** Depart hotel by foot.
- Visit Cordoba's famous **Mosque-Cathedral (Mezquita)**, dating from 785, with its 1,000 colored columns.
  - Lunch on your own at a local restaurant.
  - Stroll through the restored **heart of Cordoba**, one of the largest medieval quarters in Europe.
  - Free afternoon to rest or explore Cordoba on your own, especially Cordoba's famous **craft scene**—pottery, jewelry, leather goods, and embroidery works—or some of **Cordoba's patios/courtyards**, secret treasures tucked away that beckon the curious.
- 5:45 pm** Masterclass in Andalusian music.
- 8:00 pm** Group dinner at La Almudaina Restaurant.

**Overnight: Hotel NH Amistad, Cordoba**

Thursday, May 23, 2019

**LEGENDS AND DANCERS**

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out of the hotel.
- 7:50 am** Luggage collection, to be left outside hotel room door. Be sure to keep essential and valuable items in your day pack.
- 8:15 am** Depart Cordoba and drive to **Granada**, the last stronghold of the Moors before it fell to Isabella and Ferdinand in 1492.
- Stop for a brief visit to the "**Jewish Necropolis**" of Lucena, regarded as the largest in the Iberian Peninsula.
  - Lunch en route.
- 12:30 pm** Visit the **Alhambra Palace** and **Generalife Gardens**.
- Explore **Albaicín**, the old Moorish neighborhood which has no remains of the Jewish community but a host of legends, with its narrow streets and beautiful white houses, now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, for a guided visit of the **Barrio Realejo**, the former Jewish Quarter and the site of the original town bearing the name **Garnata al-Yahud**, continuing to the statue of **Samuel ben Judah ibn Tibbon**, translator of the *Kuzari* and the *Guide for the Perplexed*.
  - Check in to the hotel.
- 6:15 pm** Depart hotel.
- Attend a **Flamenco performance**, followed by a **Flamenco** workshop with the musicians and dancers, with dinner.

**Overnight: Hotel NH Collection Granada Victoria, Granada**



**Friday, May 24, 2019**

**BARCELONA**

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out of the hotel.
- 6:45 am** Luggage collection, to be left outside hotel room door. Be sure to keep essential and valuable items in your day pack.
- 7:30 am** Transfer to the airport for the flight to **Barcelona** (flight departs at 9:50 am).
- 11:20 am** Arrive in Barcelona and start with a panoramic bus tour of the city beginning at **Montjuic** (The Mountain of the Jews), including a view over the whole city.
- Lunch on own.
- 2:30 pm** Meander through the city's streets and avenues to **Sagrada Familia** for a guided visit of Gaudi's unfinished masterpiece, considered one of the world's awe-inspiring, unique places of worship.
- 5:00 pm** Visit **Park Güell**, located on Carmel Hill.
- Check in to the hotel.
- 7:00 pm** Depart hotel for dinner.
- Musical Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat dinner with **Rabbi Stephen Berkowitz**, of the Liberal community in Barcelona.

**Overnight: Hotel El Avenida Palace, Barcelona**

**Shabbat (Saturday), May 25, 2019**

**SHABBAT IN BARCELONA**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:45 am** Depart hotel by foot.
- Begin the day with a walk along **La Rambla**, Barcelona's historic promenade.
  - Just off La Rambla, encounter **La Boqueria**, the world-famous market of Barcelona.
- 11:30 am** *Picasso in Barcelona*, visit the **Picasso Museum**, followed by a visit to some of Picasso's favorite haunts.
- Continue with a guided walk through the **Gothic Quarter** and then the ancient **Jewish Quarter**, with a synagogue that may date to the third century.
  - Free time in Barcelona, with lunch on own.
  - In the late afternoon, optional visit to the **Barceloneta Beach**.
  - Havdallah together and dinner on own.

**Overnight: Hotel El Avenida Palace, Barcelona**



**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

**GIRONA AND BESALÚ**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:15 am** Drive for a full-day tour to **Girona** and **Besalú**.
- Walk through the restored **Call**, what was once Girona's old Jewish neighborhood, and continue to the **Bonastruc ca Porta**, a center of Jewish life and culture.
  - Free time for lunch on own.
- 2:00 pm** Drive to the medieval city of **Besalú** and visit the **Medieval Mikveh**, ritual bath, which has become one of Spain's most significant sites of Jewish heritage.
- 5:30 pm** Return to Barcelona.
- 7:30 pm** Depart hotel for dinner.
- 8:00 pm** **Processing discussion** and festive **farewell dinner** at La Tramoia Restaurant.

**Overnight: Hotel El Avenida Palace, Barcelona**

**Monday, May 27, 2019**

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out of the hotel.
- 8:15 am** Luggage collection, to be left outside hotel room door. Be sure to keep essential and valuable items in your day pack.
- 9:00 am** Transfer to Barcelona Airport for the return to the U.S.

