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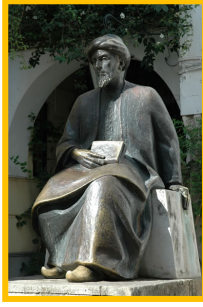
**A DELUXE JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR:  
Jewish Spain: Madrid, Andalusia & Gibraltar  
Architecture, Scenery and Jewish History**

<b>Tour Code</b>	EMAN1505
<b>Tour Start Date</b>	May 15, 2012
<b>Tour End Date</b>	May 24, 2012
<b>Price Land Only</b>	€3,824
<b>Price with flights From Tel Aviv</b>	€4,284
<b>Single Supplement</b>	€589
<b>Pre/Post Hotel Night</b>	€130 twin share €260 per single

Eddie's Kosher Travel invites you to a country with a checkered history. Spain is an example of a kingdom that managed to extricate itself from economic disaster and partial ostracism by the other countries of Europe and changed into a leading country of the European Union. Spain is considered the world's



leading country in foreign tourism (*about 60 million foreign tourists annually*) – blessed with people who come to visit its famous sites or relax on the golden beaches of the Costa Brava or the Costa del Sol. To us, Spain is important for other reasons: the rich Jewish history of Catalonia, Andalusia and the city of Toledo is firmly planted in our national psyche – mainly because of the Spanish Inquisition in the late 15<sup>th</sup> century. We will visit the main sites connected to the Jewish history of Spain, as well as some of the primary sites that attract tourists from all over the world.



**We recommend that passengers NOT traveling from Israel/Europe arrive to Madrid the day before the start of the tour. Special hotel rates are available for tour participants choosing to benefit from this extra night.**

### **Day 1, Tuesday: Madrid**

Today we'll start our visit to Spain with a tour of the capital city, Madrid. We'll drive along the wide boulevards and around the squares with their famous magnificent fountains. We'll visit the statue of Cervantes, Spain's Poet Laureate, which stands in España Plaza, and take a guided tour of the Prado Museum, which displays the works of Spain's leading artists.

Overnight at Melia Madrid Princesa Hotel or similar

[www.meliamadridprincesa.com](http://www.meliamadridprincesa.com)

### **Day 2, Wednesday: Madrid, Toledo**

We'll start the day with a visit to the Royal Palace – Palacio Real – the residence of the kings of Spain for the past 300 years. We'll see the magnificent state rooms with their beautiful furnishings. We'll also see the hall where Prime Minister Shamir signed the Madrid Agreement. Then we'll head south to the city of Toledo, a major Jewish center prior to the Inquisition. We'll stroll through the streets of the old city, see the city hall and the cathedral that stands opposite on the main square, and visit the El Transito – the museum of the Jews of Toledo. Afterwards we'll cross the Roman bridge and climb to an observation point from where we'll be able to view the entire city, once called the "Jerusalem of Spain." At the end of the visit we'll return to Madrid.

Overnight at Melia Madrid Princesa Hotel or similar

[www.meliamadridprincesa.com](http://www.meliamadridprincesa.com)

### **Day 3, Thursday: Madrid – Cordoba – Seville**

In the morning we'll head south to Cordoba, the city of Maimonides. We'll tour the old city, testament to the vibrant Jewish presence that once existed here. We'll visit the squares and the streets that still bear witness to the Land of Israel, places such as Tiberias Square and Yehuda Halevi Square. We'll see the statue of Maimonides, placed by the city elders as a memorial to "The Great Eagle." We'll visit the synagogue of Maimonides and stroll along the flower-decorated and picturesque alleys, until we arrive to the "Mezquita" – the former Great Mosque of Cordoba that now serves as the local cathedral. We'll continue to our hotel in Seville.

Overnight at Hotel Tryp Macarean or similar

[www.solmelia.com](http://www.solmelia.com)



#### **Day 4, Friday: Seville – Gibraltar**

We'll spend the day touring Seville, capital of Andalusia. We'll visit the fabulous España Square and see the exhibition halls erected in the 1920's as part of the world exposition, and dedicated to the Spanish speaking countries of South America. We'll continue on foot to the former Jewish quarter, the "Juderia," now known as the suburb of Santa Cruz. We'll visit the city's Alcazar Fortress and see the city's main Cathedral – one of the largest in the world. At the end of our tour we'll drive to Gibraltar, the British enclave known as "the Rock." Gibraltar is a shortened version of Gabel el Tarik – named for the berber warlord who conquered this area and thereby pushed into Spain at the beginning of the Muslim rule here. We'll visit the stalactite cave named for St. Michael and see the monkey colony alongside it. We'll stroll along the city's streets and soak up some "British" air. We'll continue to our hotel to prepare for Shabbat.

Overnight at Eliott Hotel or similar

[www.eliotthotel.com](http://www.eliotthotel.com)

#### **Day 5, Shabbat: Gibraltar**

The Jewish presence in Gibraltar is strong; it has five synagogues, three schools, a cemetery, stores and kosher restaurants, various *minyanim*, a *kollel* and a rabbi. We'll spend Shabbat with the community and after shabbat lunch we'll go out for a walking tour of the area.

Overnight at Eliott Hotel or similar

[www.eliotthotel.com](http://www.eliotthotel.com)

#### **Day 6, Sunday: Gibraltar – Costa del Sol – Granada**

This morning we'll bid farewell to Gibraltar and continue our journey along the Costa del Sol, Spain's golden southern coast line. We'll pass by numerous fishing villages such as Marbella that have turned into major tourist locations. We'll visit Puerto Banus, one of Spain's primary vacation sites. At the end of the day we'll arrive to our hotel in Granada.

Overnight at Abades Nevada Palace Hotel or similar

[www.abadesnevadapalace.com](http://www.abadesnevadapalace.com)

**Day 7, Monday: Granada – Malaga – Night Train to Barcelona**

After breakfast we'll tour the city, starting with one of the best known sites in all of Spain – the Alhambra Palace. We'll see the Ambassador's hall where the declaration banishing the Jews from Spain was signed by the Catholic Royal couple, Ferdinand and Isabella. It was from here that Columbus was sent to discover the "New World." We'll head south to the harbor town of Malaga, birthplace of Solomon ben Yehuda Ibn Gvirol as well as that of Spain's most famous painter, Pablo Picasso. In the evening we'll transfer to the station for the night train to Barcelona, where we will arrive tomorrow morning.

**Day 8, Tuesday: Barcelona**

Today we'll tour the city of the Architect Gaudi – who left such a great impression on the city. We'll drive along the wide boulevards and see the impressive buildings, built according to Gaudi's plans. We'll see the church of the Holy family, considered the pinnacle of his artistic achievements. We'll continue our tour through the Gothic quarter near the cathedral; this was the Jewish part of the city before the expulsion 513 years ago. We'll make our way to the top of Mountjuic – the Jews' mountain – from where we'll view the Olympic village and its stadiums. We'll walk along the Ramblas, the boardwalk that leads to Catalonia Square and the statue of Columbus. Afterwards we'll head to our hotel.

Overnight at Barcelo Sants Hotel or similar

[www.barcelo.com](http://www.barcelo.com)

**Day 9, Wednesday: Barcelona, Figueres, Girona**

We'll start the day with a drive to Figueres, birthplace of the controversial and creative artist Salvador Dali. We'll visit the Dali museum and see the rich collection of his works on display there. We'll continue to Girona, city of Nachmanides where we'll visit the Jewish museum. Then on to Besalu to visit the ancient Mikve, remnant of the vibrant Jewish community that once existed there. We'll then return to our hotel in Barcelona.

Overnight at Barcelo Sants Hotel or similar

[www.barcelo.com](http://www.barcelo.com)

**Day 10, Thursday: Barcelona – Home Gateway**

After breakfast, we'll gather our things and make our way to the airport for our flight back to our home gateway. Home sweet home.

**Price Includes:**

- ✓ 4 \* and 5\* Hotels
- ✓ Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- ✓ Comfortable air conditioned touring coach
- ✓ Kosher half board & lunch packs daily
- ✓ Two Professional experienced English-speaking Eddie's Travel guides
- ✓ Local English-speaking Guide as required

**Price does not include:**

- ❖ Travel & Health Insurance
- ❖ Personal expenses
- ❖ Tips for local service providers €95
- ❖ Shows and evening entertainment not included in the itinerary
- ❖ Tip for our Tour Guide (Recommended: €3 per person per day)
- ❖ Miscellaneous expenses such as departure fees, visas, security surcharges etc

**Important to Know:**

- ➔ There may be changes to the order of places visited. We will make every effort to visit every place mentioned in the itinerary.
- ➔ The tour organizers have no control over airline services such as seating, special meal requests, changes in departure times or delays. These remain the sole responsibility of the airline company.

**Kashrut on Tours**

Kosher food is provided to our travelers on all our tours. We work with the local Rabbinat to provide Hashgacha for all local ingredients and fresh meat and poultry. In some cases, we fly in kosher food from Israel and other sources, depending on the destination of the tour. We do not guarantee Pat Israel and Chalav Israel for all destinations. In many destinations we have our own crockery and cutlery. Where we don't, we provide disposables at the meals. When we cook in Hotel kitchens, we ensure proper Kashering and we use our own kitchenware on kashered and covered surfaces. All this is done under the strict supervision of our trained staff/guides who function as our Mashgichim. Our travelers enjoy gourmet meals prepared by our team including fresh local fish, fruit, and vegetables. This is an integral part of Jewish travel. We make great efforts to assure that our travelers will experience local foods first-hand, while maintaining stringent observance of Kashrut laws on all occasions.

**Rabbi Yisrael Meir Levinger – Head of Kashrut on all Land Tours**

Graduate of Yeshivat Kfar Haroeh and Yeshivat Beer Yakov. He served as Chief Rabbi for 22 years in Basle, Switzerland and for 20 years was on the council of Vaad Hakashrut of Europe. He has authored books on Shechita, and many Kashrut topics and is now working on the Encyclopedia of Kashrut. Rav Levinger is the Company Rav and oversees and is responsible for all our operations and logistical methodology to ensure the highest standards of Kashrut on each tour and each

destination worldwide. Any questions about Kashrut please submit to [david@eddiestravel.com](mailto:david@eddiestravel.com) and Rav Levinger will respond directly.

**Deposit, Cancellation Fees & Policy:**

A \$500 USD Deposit per person must be received at the time of booking in order to confirm your reservation. Payment in full is due 90 days before departure. A minimum number of

participants are required to operate tour dates. If a minimum number has not been reached prior to tour departure and the tour is cancelled you will receive a FULL refund.

- 90 days before departure bookings are refundable less a \$100 administration fee
- 60-90 days prior to departure: \$500 + \$100 per passenger
- 30-60 days prior to departure: \$1,000 + \$100 per passenger
- Less than 30 working days prior to departure: 100% of total - no refund
- We strongly recommend purchasing Travel Insurance.

### **Flights**

If you are joining us for the Land Tour package only (from outside Israel) you can get an obligation free quote for your flights from [Shelley@eddiestravel.com](mailto:Shelley@eddiestravel.com)

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance encompassing both cancellation and medical insurance is very important and we cannot stress that enough. We strongly recommend that our clients are adequately insured when travelling. It is crucial to purchase the travel insurance within 14 days from the 1st payment that you make for this trip (flights/cruise/tour etc). Your payment is made directly to the insurance company. We highly recommend the 'cancel for any reason' upgrade option. Our preferred policies are Travel Safe (USA & Canadian residents), Travel Select (USA residents) and Global Trip Protection Elite (All other Nationalities).

For an obligation free quote and further details email Yonah [insurance@eddiestravel.com](mailto:insurance@eddiestravel.com)

**Bookings: Due to the limited number of spaces on this tour, we urge you to please complete the attached booking form and return it to us by fax as soon as possible.**

## **THIS TOUR IS JOINTLY OPERATED BY THESE WORLD RENOWNED KOSHER TOUR COMPANIES:**

### **EDDIE'S KOSHER TRAVEL**

Established in 1975, Eddie's Kosher Travel is one of the most respected travel agencies in the Jewish world. For many decades, our goal has been to provide the kosher traveler with a full range of exciting and inspiring travel options while ensuring the highest levels of Kashrut. We have been creating exciting Passover hotel programs for over two decades, and offer a full range of kosher Tours and Cruises for the discerning Jewish traveler in search of an enriching, unforgettable experience, world-class kosher cuisine and unparalleled personal service.

### **SHAI BAR ILAN GEOGRAPHICAL TOURS**

Ever since it opened its doors in 1980, Shai Bar-Ilan Geographical Tours has specialized in providing quality organized kosher l'mehadrin tours to exotic locations for the observant public. Tour destinations range from Patagonia to Indonesia; from Iceland to Antarctica and all points in between – our tour managers are all experts in the regions they guide, including the local cuisine. On our trips you will enjoy exposure to local Jewish traditions and a selection of authentic culinary dishes from each area in which you travel. Our guests are assured of the highest level of personal service at international standards and receive full value for their money.