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For over a century, since 1920, the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland has served as a vital support system for the Jewish journey, nourishing Jewish life, enriching the community, and strengthening Jewish culture both locally and globally; we are your direct connection to impactful services, fostering connection, learning, and acts of good, while honoring tradition and ensuring the building and strengthening of the Jewish community in accordance with Jewish values.

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Experience unique adventures and make personal connections with Jewish communities around the world.

Discover how the Jewish Federation responds to the global Jewish challenges around the world.

See first-hand the impact of the work, we and our partners accomplish around the world.

Deepen your connection to our global Jewish family and witness our collective impact.

Be an active participant – engaging your mind, body, and soul while learning about Jewish Communities around the world.

Upon returning home – Share your experiences. Get more involved.
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UPCOMING TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

2026

- Argentina/Uruguay - November 4-12

2027

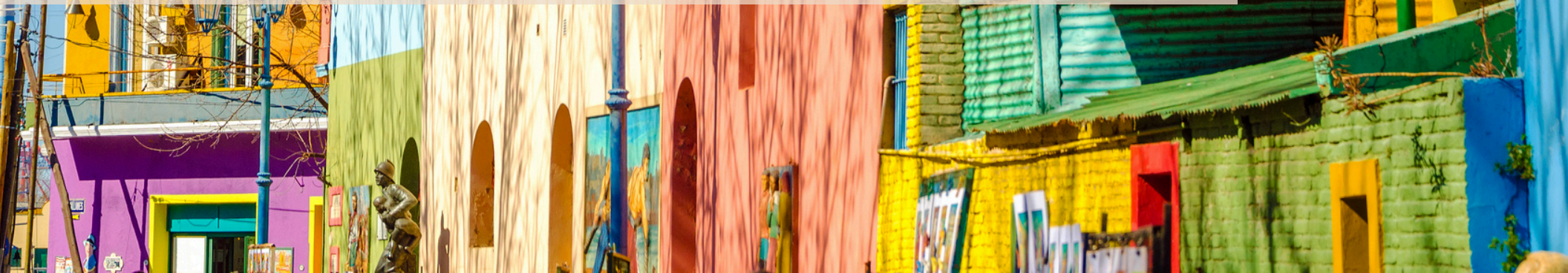
- Uzbekistan – May 31 - June 7
- Prague/Budapest – November 15-22

2028

- Berlin/Belgium – April 19-24
- Israel at 80 - August
- Morocco – November 6-14

Argentina & Uruguay

Argentina and Uruguay, cradled in the southern cone of South America, possess a captivating history marked by waves of immigration, including a significant Jewish presence. These nations became safe havens, particularly during the turbulent 20th century, fostering vibrant Jewish communities that have deeply enriched the cultural landscapes. In Argentina, the echoes of Jewish life resonate through institutions and neighborhoods, reflecting both the integration and the preservation of Jewish traditions. Notably, the "Once" neighborhood in Buenos Aires stands as a vibrant hub of Jewish life, home to numerous synagogues, schools, and cultural centers, with the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA) serving as a central pillar of the community. Uruguay, too, holds a history of welcoming Jewish immigrants, creating a community that has contributed significantly to the nation's social and cultural fabric. In Montevideo, the Holocaust Memorial stands as a poignant reminder of history, and the Hebraica-Maccabi Sports Centre serves as an important community hub. Both countries bear the marks of Jewish resilience, where synagogues stand as testaments to faith and community, and cultural centers serve as hubs for preserving heritage. These communities have navigated the complexities of assimilation and identity, creating unique expressions of Jewish life within the broader Argentine and Uruguayan societies.



ARGENTINA & URUGUAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience Buenos Aires' historical core, where iconic landmarks tell the city's story.
- Engage with the "Once" neighborhood and discover a vibrant center of Jewish life and culture.
- Connect with Jewish Agency program participants at the AMIA.
- Immerse yourself in the artistry of Tango, with lessons and a captivating performance.
- Discover Montevideo's rich Jewish heritage, from poignant memorials to thriving community hubs.
- Savor the charm of Colonia del Sacramento, a historical town with scenic beauty and fine wines.
- Participate in an Argentine cooking class in La Boca and San Telmo, amidst a lively cultural scene.
- Observe Shabbat at Templo Libertad, a site of historical and spiritual significance.
- Explore the elegance of Recoleta and the artistic treasures of the MALBA museum.
- Witness the awe-inspiring power and beauty of Iguazu Falls, a natural wonder.



Your Itinerary

MONDAY, DAY 1

Welcome to Buenos Aires!

Arrive in the morning after your overnight flight

Arrival transfer to the city

Visit the first avenue that the city of Buenos Aires had, Avenida de Mayo, the **Plaza De Mayo**, surrounded by the **Casa Rosada** (Government House), the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Cabildo (the first City Hall)

Walk to the Cathedral, where **Pope Francis** celebrated services when he was Cardinal of Buenos Aires

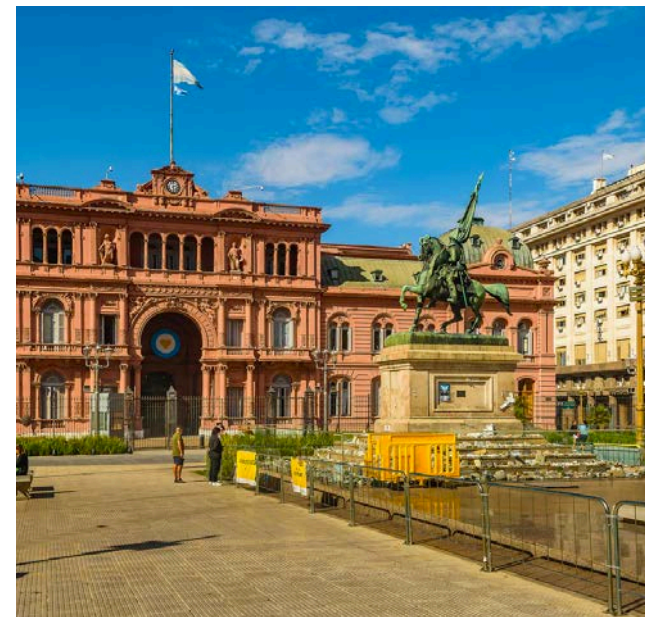
Lunch at a local restaurant

Proceed to the hotel.

Check in and refresh before your opening dinner.

Walk to your opening dinner at **Club Frances**

OVERNIGHT: Buenos Aires



Your Itinerary

TUESDAY, DAY 2

Depart Hotel.

Drive through the “**Once**” neighborhood.

You will find the largest Jewish population in the city and most of the Jewish institutions like Hebraica JCC, synagogues, schools, and the only kosher McDonald’s outside of Israel.

Tour **AMIA**, the main Jewish institution in Buenos Aires. AMIA’s goal is to strengthen educational environments to guarantee continuity and reflect the diversity of the Jewish-Argentine community. The institution works in many ways, all leading to dignified quality of life for Jewish individuals and families throughout the country, especially those at social risk. AMIA has deep ties with Israel and other Jewish worldwide communities; they also encourage the observance of Jewish traditions and cultural heritage. The tour includes a visit to the memorial devoted to the 89 victims of the bombing in 1994, built by world famous artist, Yaacov Agam.

Then meet your campaign partners of **The Jewish Agency** at **AMIA** and meet with program participants including BAMA, MASA and Birthright.

Lunch at **Al Galope** (kosher steakhouse)

Visit the **American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee’s (JDC) Le Dor v’Dor** facility for the elderly. This state-of-the art complex is home to approximately 350 Jewish seniors, and they offer a wide range of services.

Drive to the **Palermo neighborhood**, Buenos Aires’ largest barrio and one of its most walkable and trendy locations. Enjoy a bit of free time for exploring.

Return to the hotel to refresh before dinner.

Depart the hotel for an evening of **Tango**. Have a lesson, then dinner and a show. The tango experience teases the senses, combining the movement, color, sounds, and sensuality of one of the best tango shows in town.

OVERNIGHT: Buenos Aires



Your Itinerary

WEDNESDAY, DAY 3

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the **Port – Ferry to Montevideo** (passport is needed)

This excursion gives you an informative and fascinating overview of the history of the Jewish people as part of Montevideo's diverse community. The journey will first take visitors back in time to the **Old Town**, where Jewish immigrants first settled at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. Visitors will get to see various historic sites like **Constitution Square**, the **Cathedral** and **Colonial Town Hall**, the Solis Theatre, and Jewish sites such as the **Hebraica-Maccabi Sports Centre** and the **Golda Meir Square**.

The visit includes **Independence Square** at the center of which stands the monument dedicated to national hero, General José Artigas. Facing the square is the former **Government House** (Museum of the Presidents). The main commercial avenue "18 de Julio" lined with shops, cafés and office buildings starts here.

Drive by Batlle y Ordoñez Park, the Obelisk, "La Carreta" (Covered Wagon) monument and Centennial Stadium. On the way to our destination we will drive through the **Pocitos residential area** past some Jewish schools, allowing a glimpse of present-day Jewish life.

The journey will switch toward more recent times with a visit to the **Holocaust Memorial**, the only one of its kind in South America. Dr. Luis Alberto Lacalle, Uruguay's former President, inaugurated it on November 10th, 1994. Inspired by Jerusalem's Wailing Wall, the memorial is a wall with a noticeable defect: a deliberate and symbolic fracture, which represents the rupture the Holocaust caused in the existence of Europe's Jews. Yet despite the crack, the wall still stands, as does the Jewish community here and around the world.

OVERNIGHT: Montevideo



Your Itinerary

THURSDAY, DAY 4

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for **Colonia del Sacramento**

Free time in this must-visit historical town with charming centers, cute shops, beautiful marina and wonderful food and wine.

Lunch and wine tasting at **Las Liebres**

Depart for **Ferry** to Return to Buenos Aires (Passport is Required)

Arrival and drive to the hotel in Buenos Aires

OVERNIGHT: Buenos Aires

FRIDAY, DAY 5

Breakfast at the hotel

Drive to **La Boca**, a colorful area with the famous Caminito Street. The famous **Boca Stadium** is in this area (Boca Juniors is one of the most important soccer teams in South America and known around the world). Stop for a walking tour on Caminito Street, full of local painters offering their Tango pictures and tango dancers. Time for shopping or tour **Boca Juniors' Museum/stadium**.

Proceed to **San Telmo**, the best kept historic neighborhood and oldest district of Buenos Aires.

Enjoy a group **cooking class** where you will make typical Argentinean dishes followed by lunch

Visit **Templo Libertad**. The first synagogue built in Buenos Aires and a National Historical Monument; it also houses the city's **Jewish Museum**.

Return to the hotel and refresh before Kabbalat Shabbat.

Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Shabbat Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Buenos Aires



Your Itinerary

SATURDAY, DAY 6

Breakfast at the hotel

Explore **Recoleta**, the most affluent neighborhood in Buenos Aires. Tour **Recoleta Cemetery**, founded in 1822, the oldest in Buenos Aires, where you will find the grave of Eva Duarte de Perón (**Evita**). The cemetery's mausoleums and pantheons reflect the architectural diversity that emerged from the different cultures Argentina incorporated in its formation as a nation.

After lunch, a private tour of **MALBA** museum

Refresh back at the hotel followed by a reflection session before departing for your farewell dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Buenos Aires

SUNDAY, DAY 7

Breakfast, check out, and drive to the airport either for your departure back to the USA or participate in a post mission to Iguazu.

Flight to **Iguazu**

Arrival and transfer to Brazilian Falls.

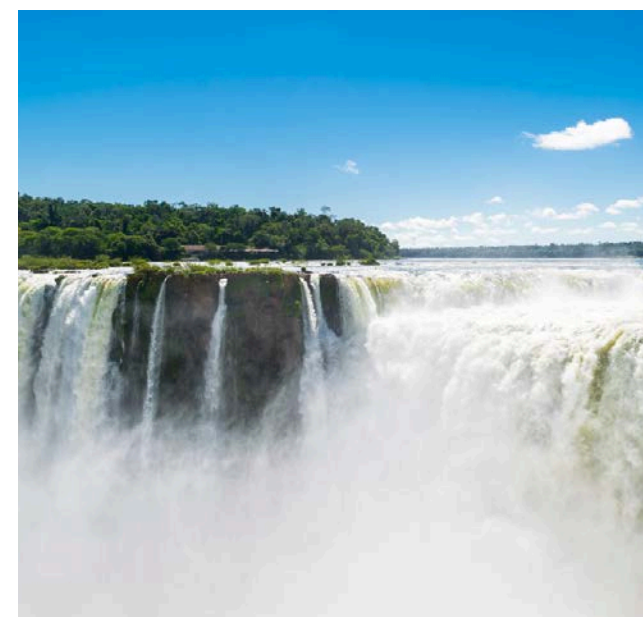
Once we cross the Tancredo Neves Bridge into Brazil, our journey takes us into the **Iguazu National Park in Brazil**. We'll pause at the start of the catwalks, offering an initial glimpse of the falls from the Argentinian side. The promenade unfolds, providing a comprehensive and breathtaking view of the falls in all their splendor. Words simply fall short in capturing the sheer magnificence and unparalleled beauty of this natural wonder.

Enjoy the best view of the **Devil's gorge** from Brazilian side

Return to the Argentinean side. Transfer to the Hotel and check in.

Dinner on own.

OVERNIGHT: Iguazu



Your Itinerary

MONDAY, DAY 8

After breakfast, depart the hotel.

We'll enjoy a scenic ride on the **Ecological Train**, to enter the National Park

Lower Circuit: It is a walking path that has a longitude of 1700 meters. During the walk you will be able to see very close several water falls. You will see the main falls, including Garganta del Diablo, the San Martin and the Bozzetti Falls.

This circuit is very interesting as it offers the visitor the possibility of an intense contact with the falls, walking along deep vegetation, therefore having a close experience with the landscape.

The **Great Adventure** is a unique experience, that combines jungle, rapids and cascades. In all terrain trucks the group will go through the jungle, following the Yacaratiá path to reach Puerto Macuco. After boarding speed semi-rigid boats, the group will navigate on the lower Iguazú river, crossing 2 miles of rapids. At the End, the boat gets into the Devil's Gorge Canyon approaching the water falls The tour ends at the bottom of the Lower Circuit and after touring the catwalks passengers will return to the hotel.

This experience makes one feel that the falls can be watched from the quiet paths or felt from the inside.

Lunch at local restaurant

Upper Circuit: along the paths of this circuit you will experience a fantastic panoramic view of the falls. This circuit has a full longitude of 1200 meters and 6 wide viewpoints.

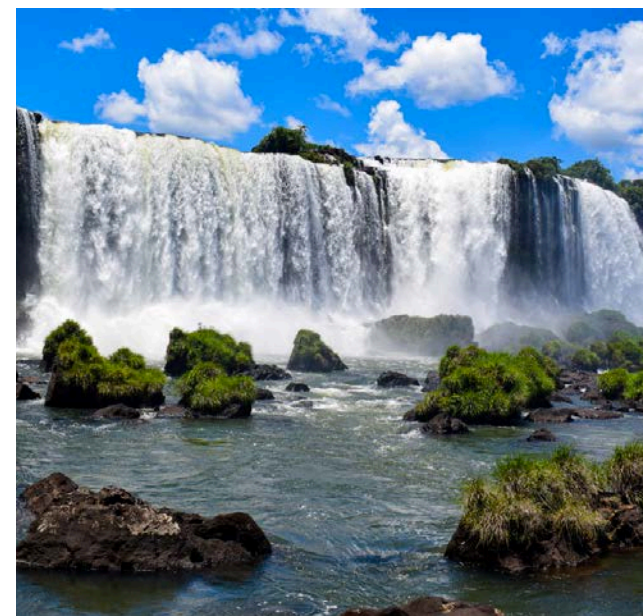
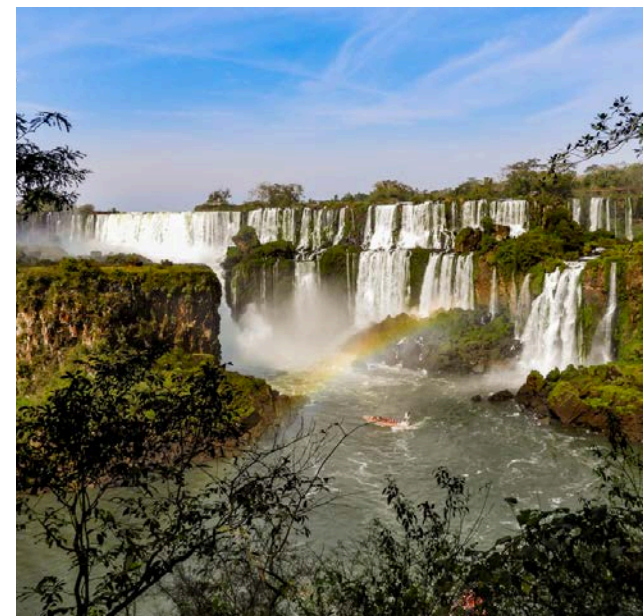
The circuit includes, among other Falls, the fall Dos Hermanas, Chico, Ramírez, Bossetti, Adán & Eve, Bernabé, Méndez and ends at the fall Mbiguá

Depart to the airport for your flight back to Buenos Aires

Final dinner at a local restaurant in BA.

OVERNIGHT: Buenos Aires

TUESDAY, DAY 9 - Enjoy a day at leisure in Buenos Aires before transferring to the airport for the flight back home



Argentina & Uruguay November 4-12, 2026

Estimated Land Cost per person - \$6,000

Single Supplement - \$1,200

Airfare is not included in this price.





Uzbekistan

Embark on an extraordinary journey to Uzbekistan, a land where the echoes of the Silk Road resonate through magnificent ancient cities. This mission offers a unique opportunity to explore a region of profound historical and cultural significance, witnessing architectural marvels like Registan Square, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and experiencing the vibrant tapestry of Uzbek cuisine. Beyond the visual splendor, discover the rich and enduring legacy of Uzbekistan's Jewish community, tracing its roots to the First Temple era and encountering the unique Bukharan Jewish culture.

Uzbekistan presents a compelling blend of historical exploration and cultural immersion. You will traverse ancient trade routes, delve into the intricacies of Islamic architecture, and engage with the resilient Jewish community, witnessing their traditions and contributions. The journey extends beyond conventional tourism, offering a profound opportunity to build bridges of understanding and support the preservation of a unique heritage. This is an invitation to experience Uzbekistan's captivating blend of ancient wonders and vibrant contemporary life, creating lasting memories and fostering meaningful connections.

UZBEKISTAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Uncover Tashkent's hidden gems: Explore ancient complexes and bustling bazaars.
- Ride the rails to legendary Bukhara: Step into a living history book.
- Witness the magic of Poi Kalon: A stunning architectural masterpiece.
- Explore Bukhara's mystical alleyways: Discover hidden courtyards.
- Connect with Bukhara's Jewish legacy: Learn about their history and traditions.
- Journey to Samarkand's heart: Prepare to be awestruck by its grandeur.
- Stand in awe of Registan Square: A breathtaking Silk Road spectacle.
- Wander through Shahi Zinda: A necropolis of mesmerizing tilework.
- Experience the vibrant Siab Bazaar: A sensory explosion of local life.
- Share Shabbat dinner in Samarkand: Connect with the community and traditions.



Your Itinerary

MONDAY, DAY 1

Your Uzbek adventure begins with your arrival at Tashkent's international airport. A comfortable transfer will take you to your hotel, providing a smooth introduction to the city and allowing you to settle in for the exciting journey ahead.

OVERNIGHT: Tashkent



TUESDAY, DAY 2

Today, you'll immerse yourself in the heart of Uzbekistan's capital. The day's exploration includes the spiritually significant Hazrati Imam Complex, a site that holds deep cultural and religious importance. You'll then experience the vibrant atmosphere of the Chorsu Bazaar, a bustling marketplace filled with local crafts, foods, and traditions. The day will conclude with a visit to the iconic Amir Temur Square, a symbol of national pride. A special aspect of this day will be learning about and connecting with the Jewish Community of Tashkent, through the work of The Jewish Agency.

OVERNIGHT: Tashkent



Your Itinerary

WEDNESDAY, DAY 3

A scenic train journey will transport you to the enchanting city of Bukhara. Upon arrival, your exploration begins with visits to the ancient Samanid Mausoleum, a masterpiece of early Islamic architecture, and the mystical Chashmai Ayyub Mausoleum, steeped in legend. The imposing Ark Fortress, a symbol of Bukhara's long and storied past, will also be featured. The day culminates with a visit to the architectural wonders of the Poi Kalon Complex, the Miri Arab Madrasa, and the Ulugbek Madrasa, showcasing Bukhara's rich heritage.

OVERNIGHT: Bukhara

THURSDAY, DAY 4

Today's exploration of Bukhara continues with visits to the serene Labi Hauz Complex, a tranquil oasis in the city, the unique Chor Minor, known for its four minarets, and the historically significant Magoki Attari Mosque, a testament to the city's diverse religious history. This day will also include a focused exploration of the Jewish Community of Bukhara. You will visit the Jewish Community Center (JCC) to learn about the work of the JDC (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) and conclude the day with a special dinner with members of the local Jewish community.

OVERNIGHT: Bukhara



Your Itinerary

FRIDAY, DAY 5

Enjoy a period of personal time in Bukhara before transferring to the train station for your journey to the majestic city of Samarkand. After checking into your hotel, you will participate in Shabbat services, followed by a traditional Shabbat dinner hosted by The Jewish Agency, providing a meaningful opportunity to connect with the local Jewish community.

OVERNIGHT: Samarkand



SATURDAY, DAY 6

Today is dedicated to the architectural splendor of Samarkand. You'll visit the iconic Registan Square, a breathtaking ensemble of madrasas, and the regal Gur-Emir Mausoleum, the final resting place of Timur. The afternoon will feature visits to the grand Bibi-Khanum Mosque, the stunning Shahi Zinda Necropolis, a necropolis of breathtaking tilework, and the vibrant Siab Bazaar, where you can experience the local culture and commerce. In the evening, you'll enjoy a farewell dinner at a lively venue with delicious Uzbek and international cuisine and live music, providing a perfect setting to celebrate your Uzbek adventure.

OVERNIGHT: Samarkand



Your Itinerary

SUNDAY, DAY 7

Your final day in Uzbekistan will focus on the Jewish heritage of Samarkand, providing a deeper understanding of the community's history. You'll also visit the ancient observatory of Ulugbek, a testament to the region's scientific achievements, and the Konigil ancient paper factory, where you'll witness the traditional art of paper making. In the afternoon, you'll board a train for your return journey to Tashkent, where you'll transfer to your hotel, concluding your memorable exploration of Uzbekistan.

OVERNIGHT: Tashkent

MONDAY, DAY 8

Checkout of hotel and transfer to airport for individual departures.



Uzbekistan

May 31 – June 7, 2027

Estimated Land Cost per person - \$5,200

Single Supplement - \$800

Airfare is not included in this price.



Prague & Budapest



The 'city of a hundred spires', this is a magical place. **Prague** has a rich history that is both fascinating and awe-inspiring. During your visit, you'll get the chance to explore colorful baroque style buildings and Medieval structures and get a peek into the richness of our shared Jewish history and culture through historical facts, stories, and legends.

Bordering the Northside of Old Town, the Jewish Quarter is one of the most historic places to visit in Prague embracing the history and traditions of the Jewish community. The story unfolds vividly as we explore the synagogues, cemetery, and the streets of the former Jewish Ghetto. Who was the famous "Golem"? And how, despite the terrible purges of the Nazi occupation, did the beautiful monuments in the Jewish Quarter survive? The Jewish Quarter forms an integral part of the city. It's a fascinating story and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Budapest, the capital of Hungary, is not only a place to feast your eyes with its illuminated bridges, medieval buildings, and scenic paths but also a living museum to dive deep into the cultural heritage of Hungary. Before World War II, approximately 200,000 Jews lived in Budapest, making it the center of Hungarian Jewish cultural life. Following the German occupation of Hungary in 1944- approximately 437,000 Jews were deported to Auschwitz - most of them killed upon arrival. The communist rule resulted in the closure of many Jewish institutions and many Jews were expelled from Budapest. With the fall of communism in 1989, came a Jewish renewal for the Hungarian Jewish community. Today, the Jewish population is estimated between 75,000 -100,00 most living in the capital, Budapest which hosts a plethora of Jewish institutions. Clustered in the beating heart of Budapest's famous nightlife, the synagogues of Budapest tell a remarkable story of revival following the devastation of the Holocaust and decades of oppression under communism. Budapest's spirited atmosphere has something for everyone.

PRAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the Jewish Quarter and the Old Town and hear about the Golem of Prague.
- Visit the historic synagogues: Maisel Synagogue, Spanish Synagogue, Pinkas Synagogue, Spanish Synagogue, and Klaus Synagogue,.
- Meet with students at the **Lauder Jewish School in Prague**
- Visit **Theresienstadt** - the former concentration camp where 33,000 Jews were killed.
- Stroll through the **Prague Castle Complex** and get a fascinating view into the lives of the Czech monarchy.
- Explore the medieval armory and house No. 22 where Franz Kafka used to live at **Golden Lane**.
- Tour the **Strahov Monastery and Brewery** where you will walk among the 320,000 ancient books and artifacts and sample of their brew on tap.
- View the private museum of the Princely Collection in the **Lobkowitz Palace** via a special audio guide recorded by Mr. William Lobkowitz himself.
- Walk to **Lesser Town** with its charming narrow streets, unique Bohemian glass shops, marionettes and join in a gingerbread or chocolate workshop.
- Before crossing the Charles Bridge, we will stop at the **John Lennon Wall** followed by a **private boat** cruise on the Vltava River.
- Take a day trip to the **Villa Tugendhat**, the place where the book, The Glass Room written by Sam Mawer took place.

BUDAPEST HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel through Budapest's historic **Jewish Quarter** and learn about the community that remains active there today.
- Visit **Balint House**, the only JCC in Hungary, where we will get a better understanding of how Jewish life in Hungary continues today.
- Stroll through the **Castle District** and visit the **medieval synagogue** inside the Buda Castle.
- Enjoy a dinner **on the Danube with Jewish Community Leaders**.
- Pay homage with a short memorial ceremony to our brethren at the **Shoe Memorial** on the Danube.
- Tour the **Parliament**, the seat of the National Assembly of Hungary.
- Get your taste buds ready for sensation overload at the **Great Market Hall of Budapest**.
- Walk to the **Memorial for Victims of the German Occupation** located in Liberty Square.
- Set out for a visit to **Heros' Square** and hear the stories of these seven historic leaders.
- Take a drive to **Szentendre** known for its baroque architecture, colourful houses and narrow, cobbled streets lined with art galleries, museums and shops.
- Delight in a meeting with a viner and enjoy a wine and cheese tasting experience in a unique atmosphere at **Etyek**.

Your Itinerary

MONDAY, DAY 1

Midday arrival from USA

Upon arriving in Budapest, there's no better way to start your journey than by immersing yourself in the **local culinary scene**. The city is a treasure trove of gastronomic delights, reflecting its rich cultural heritage and vibrant food traditions. Begin your adventure by dining at a local restaurant, where you can savor the authentic flavors of Hungarian cuisine.

Visit the **Heroes' Square** - one of the major squares in Budapest noted for its iconic Millennium Monument with statues featuring the chieftains of the Magyars. Hear the stories of these seven historic leaders.

Enter the **Castle District** where we will take in the magnificent view of Budapest from the **Fisherman's Bastion**, visit the **medieval synagogue** inside the Buda Castle and enjoy a bit of free time to stroll the quaint cobblestoned streets.

Check into the hotel.

Welcome Dinner

Invited Guest: Tamas Buchler, Jewish Communal Leader, Budapest

Overnight: Budapest



Your Itinerary

TUESDAY, DAY 2

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Depart for ICI.

Briefing by Israeli Ambassador.

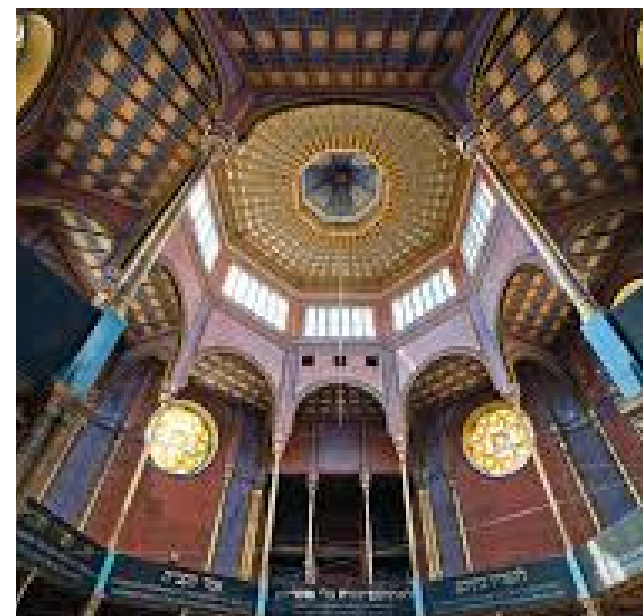
Gain a comprehensive understanding of Hungary's geopolitical landscape and its impact on Jewish heritage, setting the stage for your stay in Budapest.

Learn about Israel's relationship with Hungary with an emphasis on the changes after October 7th - ongoing cultural and economic partnerships, and initiatives to foster connections with the Jewish diaspora in Central Europe and the rise of anti-semitism in the region.

Discovering Budapest's Historic Jewish Quarter

Embark on a captivating walking tour through Budapest's historic Jewish Quarter. This vibrant neighborhood is not just a relic of the past but a living, breathing community. Wander through the intricate streets and feel the pulse of history at every corner. Marvel at the grandeur of the **Dohány Synagogue**, one of the largest in the world, and pause to reflect at the Raoul Wallenberg Holocaust Memorial Park. Wander through the **Jewish Museum** in the Hertzl family home led by young adults from The Jewish Agency-supported Israeli Cultural Institute (ICI).

Visit the **Mozaik Jewish Community Hub** in the newly renovated **Rumbach Synagogue** - The Mozaik Jewish Community Hub, an initiative by JDC, serves as an incubator for non-profit organizations and grassroots initiatives within the Jewish ecosystem, aimed at strengthening Jewish life in Hungary. Engage in discussions that explore the rich Jewish heritage woven through these streets and embodied by this program.



Your Itinerary

TUESDAY, DAY 2 - CONT

Lunch in the Old Town Area

Take a leisurely break for lunch on your own in Budapest's charming old town area. This is the perfect opportunity to savor Hungarian cuisine, whether it's a cozy café or a bustling market stall. Relish the flavors, soak in the atmosphere, and recharge for the afternoon ahead.

Exploring Controversial and Celebratory Monuments

The afternoon continues with a visit to the Memorial for Victims of the German Occupation in **Liberty Square**. This site, steeped in controversy, has sparked significant debate and evoked strong emotions within Jewish communities worldwide. Engage in thoughtful conversations about its impact and the perspectives it represents. Next, walk to the imposing statues of former U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. These larger-than-life figures symbolize the enduring alliance between Hungary and the United States. Your tour culminates at the **Raoul Wallenberg Memorial**, honoring the heroic efforts of this Swedish diplomat who saved countless lives during the Holocaust.

Time at leisure for shopping.

Return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner.

Depart for Dinner on the Danube as you cruise past some of Budapest's most beautiful attractions lit up at night.

OVERNIGHT: Budapest



Your Itinerary

WEDNESDAY - DAY 3

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Enjoy a private performance at the **Golem theater** by the founder Andras Borgula. It is performed by Andras about his life in a TedX-stand up style performance, with pictures and screenings from the Hungarian National TV, the IDF and from his family album. He integrates how he found out that he is Jewish, how he made Aliyah and became an officer in the IDF (and survived his service) and how and why he founded the one and only Jewish Theatre in Hungary

Pay homage to our brethren at the **Shoe Memorial on the Danube** in memory of the Jews who were massacred by Fascist Hungarian militia.

Hungarian Cooking Class with a Hungarian Chef.

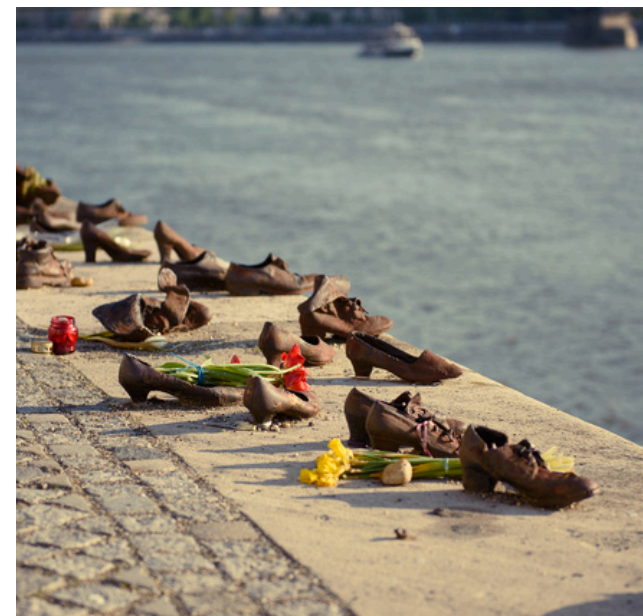
Under the guise of a Hungarian Chef you'll learn to prepare classic Hungarian dishes using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. As you chop, stir, and taste, you'll discover the secrets behind the perfect blend of spices and the artistry that makes Hungarian food so unique.

Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat. Shabbat begins at 4:09pm

Dohanny Synagogue Shabbat Services - The Dohány Street synagogue is the largest synagogue in Europe and the second largest in the world. The Synagogue is the temple of the Neolog Jewry. It was built in Budapest's former Jewish quarter - Dohány Street constituted the border to the ghetto during World War II.

Then join the community for **Shabbat dinner at the JCC Balint house** including young leaders, Moishe house residents and Sarvas counsellors hosted by Mircea Cernov, JDC Hungary Director at the JDC.

OVERNIGHT: Budapest



Your Itinerary

THURSDAY - DAY 4

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Optional Shabbat services: Participate in Shabbat services at one of the numerous synagogues in Budapest followed by lunch at Hannah Restaurant in the Jewish quarter.

Optional Tours for Saturday afternoon:

- **Szechenyi Baths** is one of the best and largest spa baths in Europe located in a historical building.
- After lunch uncover the vibrant and dynamic street art scene of Budapest on a **graffiti tour** revealing the stories behind the bold murals, intricate stencils, and striking tags that adorn the walls.
- **Szentendre** a Hungarian town on the Danube River, which is known for its baroque architecture, colorful houses and narrow, cobbled streets. The main square and the alleyways around it are lined with art galleries, museums and shops.
- **Etyek Wine Region**. Just 40 minutes outside Budapest, Etyek offers a unique wine and cheese tasting experience. Meet local vintners and savor the region's offering and enjoy a picnic snack.
- **Margaret Island** is a tranquil getaway within the city. Pedestrian promenades navigate around parkland, an art nouveau water tower, the ruins of a 13th-century Dominican convent, a musical fountain and a small zoo.

Havdalah and Dinner at Cyrano Restaurant

Optional: After dinner meet for a 'bar crawl' at the Ruin bars starting at Szimpla Kert - Kazinczy u. 14, 1075 Hungary

OVERNIGHT: Budapest



Your Itinerary

FRIDAY, DAY 5

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and checkout

Train to **Prague**

Lunch on own.

Depart for dinner and enjoy a show at the **Black Light Theater**.

OVERNIGHT: Prague

SATURDAY, DAY 6

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning Briefing: The Czech Jewish Community: Past, Present & Future at the Jewish City Hall

Invited Guest: President of the Jewish Community, Prague

Walking tour of the Jewish Museum complex, home of the “Precious Legacy”: **Maisel’s Synagogue**, **Pincus Synagogue**, **Klaus Synagogue**, the **Alt-New Synagogue**, and the famous **Jewish Cemetery**, dating back to the 15th century.

Box Lunch (on the bus to Terezin)

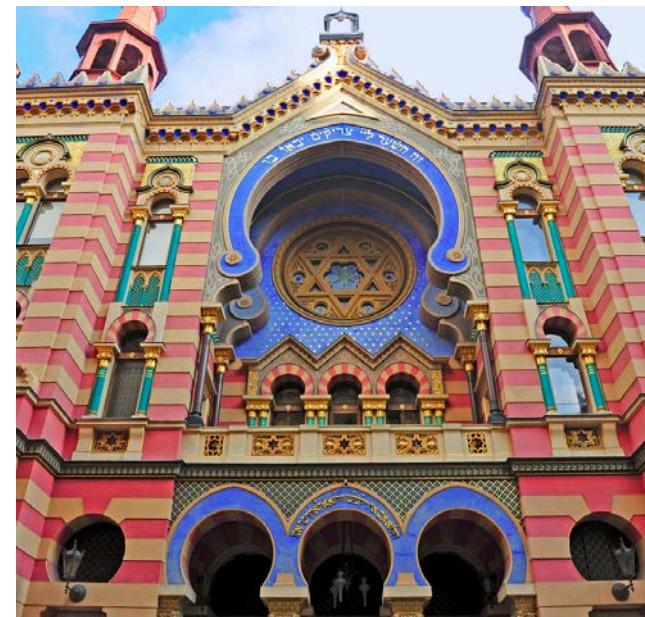
Depart for **Terezin**, the former “model” concentration camp and the museum of the Terezin Ghetto. Rabbi David Maxa to join group.

Visit the **Magdeburg Barracks**, the recently uncovered secret synagogue and the Crematorium. Conclude the visit with a Yizhkor Service.

Refresh back at hotel before dinner.

Dinner at La Finestra.

OVERNIGHT: Prague



Your Itinerary

SUNDAY - DAY 7

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast, we will take a tour of the city, starting with a **VIP visit to the Strahov Monastery**. Here, you will be invited into the two main halls of the library - Philosophical and Theological- where you will walk among the 320,000 ancient books and artifacts.

Stop for a beer at the **Strahov Brewery** before walking to the **Prague Castle Complex** designed with courtyards inside of courtyards - a fascinating view into the lives of the Czech monarchy.

We will stop at the real jewel of the Castle district **Golden Lane** where we will visit the medieval Armory and house No. 22 where Franz Kafka used to live and a stop at the John Lennon Wall where you will leave your mark.

Rest of the afternoon at leisure for lunch and shopping.
Return to hotel to freshen up for the evening.

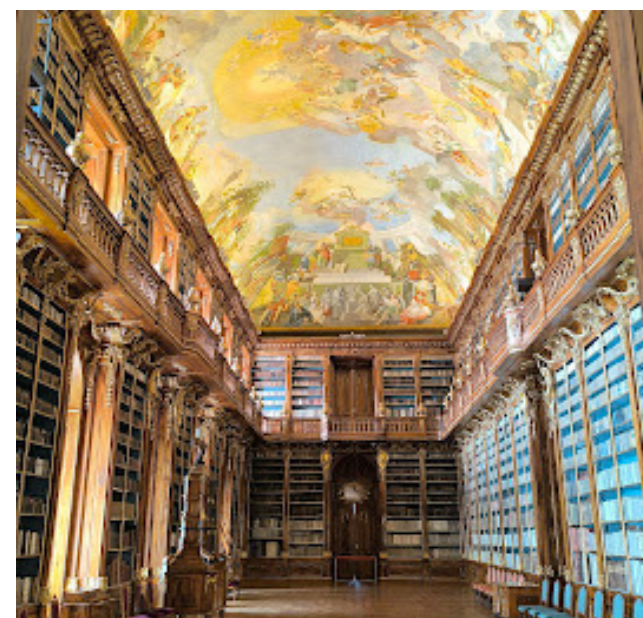
Meet in the lobby to head to your **river cruise**. Glide along the Vltava River through the heart of Prague admiring the beautiful scenery of the monuments and bridges from the water.

Farewell dinner at Obecni Dům.

OVERNIGHT: Prague

WEDNESDAY - DAY 8

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the USA.



Prague & Budapest November 15-22, 2027

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Berlin & Belgium

Berlin is the largest city in Germany and one of the largest cities in the European Union. Berlin is the capital of the world's fourth-largest economy. As the most eastern city of Western Europe and the most western city of Eastern Europe, it is packed with juxtapositions and contradictions.

For centuries, Berlin had a vibrant Jewish culture and was the birthplace of important Jewish movements such as the Jewish Enlightenment and the Reform and Modern Orthodox movements. The 1933 census counted 160,000 Jews living in Berlin, but in less than 15 years, the Jewish population of Berlin was reduced to 8,000. Hitler's 'Final Solution' had decimated the Jewish population of Berlin and many of Berlin's Jewish institutions, synagogues, schools, and cultural sites were destroyed during the war.

Join us in Berlin and see how Berlin's government is striving to make Berlin a city that once again welcomes Jews and our unique culture. Perhaps the sheer existence of the memorials you will see throughout the city to honor the six million Jews who were murdered by Hitler's Germany is a testament to the hopeful future for Jews in Berlin.

Nestled between the Netherlands to the north and France to the south - lies tiny, beautiful **Belgium**. Boasting one of the most beautiful canal cities in Europe, stunning architecture, a riveting history, and, of course, delicious Belgian food—most famously Belgian chocolate. Jews enjoyed full civil rights in Belgium, except under the Nazi occupation. During this dark chapter of our history, a great number of Belgian citizens actively countered the Nazi anti-Semitic policy by hiding numerous Jews. These actions allowed more than half of the Jewish population residing then in Belgium to survive. After World War II, the Belgian Jewish community flourished again. It now numbers about 40,000 people, most of whom reside in Antwerp or Brussels. Towns and cities stuffed with medieval buildings, soaring bell towers, Flemish artistry and meandering canals tell of its rich history. And the best beer, chocolate and waffles in the world are reasons enough to visit Belgium.



BERLIN

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Memorial for the Murdered Jews of Europe:** Experience the profound silence of this vast, poignant tribute to Holocaust victims.
- **Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp:** Confront the stark reality of Nazi atrocities at this historic site of oppression.
- Meet with Nina and Dekel Peretz at the **Fraenkelufer Synagogue** and see their work in Jewish renewal.
- **Track 17 Memorial Service:** Participate in a moving ceremony commemorating the deportation of thousands of Jews.
- **Jewish Museum Tour:** Delve into centuries of Jewish-German history within this architectural masterpiece.

BELGIUM

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Red Star Line Museum:** Trace the footsteps of immigrants who embarked on journeys to new worlds.
- **Antwerp's Jewish Quarter:** Walk through a vibrant, living "shtetl," experiencing its unique culture and traditions.
- **Canal Tour** with Belgian treats: Mix and match Belgian pralines with Flemish specialty beer while gliding on the canals.
- **Convoy #20 Railway Curve:** Stand where brave individuals halted a deportation train, enabling escapes.
- **Tachkemoni School:** Visit a school that has educated generations in Jewish values and love of Israel.

Your Itinerary

THURSDAY, DAY 1

Early morning arrival from USA

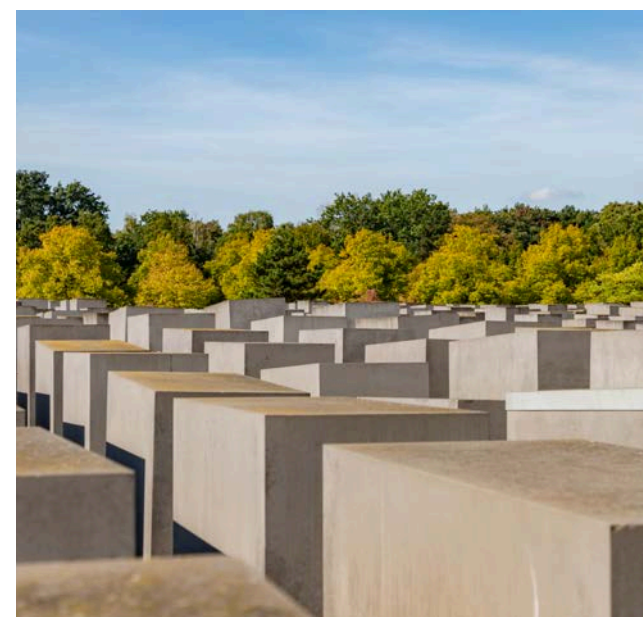
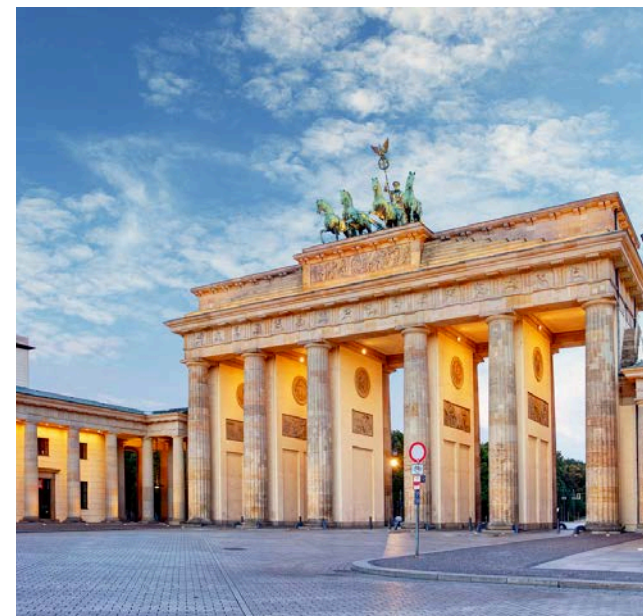
From airport arrival we will begin our mission with a boxed breakfast on the bus from the Hilton followed by a walking tour of the famous sites of Berlin.

We start our extraordinary journey with our guide Yael Peri through the heart of history, culture, and resilience starting at the iconic **Brandenburg Gate**, a symbol not only of Germany's tumultuous past but also of its triumphs, unity, and pursuit of peace.

Our expedition along **Unter de Linden**, the historic boulevard stretching from the grandeur of the City Palace to the Brandenburg Gate, promises to unfold the stories etched in every cobblestone beneath our feet. As we approach the Reichstag, home of the German Parliament, the echoes of political debates and decisions that shaped nations resonate through its halls.

The gravity of history compels us to pause at the **Memorial for the Murdered Jews of Europe**—a haunting tribute to the souls lost during the Holocaust. The 2,711 concrete slabs stand as silent witnesses to the resilience of the human spirit, urging us to reflect on the importance of unity and remembrance.

A short stroll takes us to the enigmatic site of Hitler's Bunker, a chilling reminder of a bygone era. Yet, our spirits remain unbroken as we rejuvenate with a **coffee and pastry stop** at a local café, savoring the flavors of Berlin's vibrant present.



Your Itinerary

THURSDAY, DAY 1 - CONT

Continuing our exploration, passing by the New Reich Chancellery, and unveiling tales of defiance and ambition, offering a glimpse into a complex history. The Berlin Wall, a living testament to the division and eventual reunification of a city, captivates our senses. This section, now a historical monument, immerses us in the echoes of a turbulent past.

As we stand at the iconic **Checkpoint Charlie**, the historic crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War, the air is charged with the spirit of perseverance and the pursuit of freedom. Our journey, like that of the brave souls who traversed this checkpoint, symbolizes the courage to break barriers and forge new paths.

Have **lunch with your campaign partners at Veranstaltungsraum Berliner Salon** with the Jewish Agency and the JDC. Explore the impactful work these organizations undertake in the region, fostering connections, understanding, and a commitment to building a better future together.

Book Burning Memorial.

Check-in to hotel

Briefing with Rabbi Josh Spinner in Presidential Suite – the Executive Vice President and CEO, the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation.

Meet in the lobby and walk to dinner in a private room at **Crackers**. After dinner we will walk back to the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Berlin



Your Itinerary

FRIDAY, DAY 2

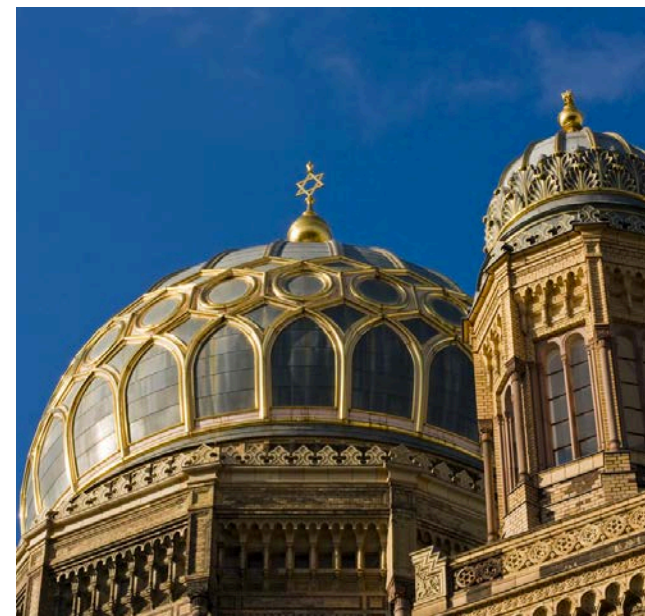
Breakfast is served in the hotel dining room.

Hotel gym & pool are open.

Embark on a profound encounter with members of the German Jewish community who will delve into the essence of the German Jewish community's giving culture, the art of community building, and the enduring principles of sustainability. Moreover, they will illuminate the impact of October 7th on the community, providing unique insights into the shared history and resilience of their community.

In a poignant tribute, honor the legacy of the Schwarz family at the **Stolpersteine (stumbling stones)** adorning Torstraße 102 in the heart of Berlin's Mitte district. These Stolpersteine form part of a solemn project dedicated to commemorating individuals persecuted by the Nazis from 1933 to 1945. Imbued with profound symbolism, these concrete blocks, measuring 10x10cm, are embedded into the pavement, marking the final, voluntarily chosen residences of the Nazi victims. The names and fates of these individuals are etched into brass plates atop each Stolperstein, serving as enduring reminders of the lives disrupted and the resilience that prevails in the face of historical adversity.

Depart for Sachsenhausen with Nadav (Kosher box lunch)



Your Itinerary

FRIDAY, DAY 2 - CONT

Visit **Sachsenhausen concentration camp with Nadav**, a historic landmark that stands as the first established after Reich Leader SS Heinrich Himmler assumed the role of Chief of the German Police in 1936. This chilling site was conceived as an ideal concentration camp, a stark architectural manifestation of the SS worldview, designed to subject internees to the absolute power of the SS, both symbolically and in grim reality. Join us as we explore the profound significance of this memorial, including visits to the Memorial Statue, Jewish Barracks Museum, Roll Call Area, Execution Trench, and Crematoria, unraveling the layers of history, and paying homage to those who endured unimaginable hardships during a tumultuous chapter in our collective past.

Return to hotel to refresh for Shabbat.

Depart for Shabbat services & Shabbat dinner at **Fraenkelufer Synagogue**. Immerse yourself in the heartwarming embrace of community spirit as we join for a memorable Shabbat experience at the Fraenkelufer Synagogue. A haven for shared traditions, joyful melodies, and a collective celebration of togetherness.

Welcome and introduction of the community by Nina Peretz.
Candle Lighting & Shabbat services with the community.

Community Shabbat vegan dinner (you will join between 60 -100 Jewish young people from Berlin for Shabbat dinner. Vodka included!)

Return to hotel either on own or with provided Ubers that we will arrange.

OVERNIGHT: Berlin



Your Itinerary

SATURDAY, DAY 3

Breakfast is served in the hotel dining room. Hotel gym & pool are open

Depart for captivating Cold War Tour as we explore the **Berlin Wall Memorial and East Side Gallery with expert guide Adi Kasalasi**. This guarded concrete barrier stood sentinel, encircling West Berlin from 1961 to 1989, creating a stark division between the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic. Delve into the history of this poignant structure that once separated East and West Berlin, and witness the powerful narratives etched onto the East Side Gallery, transforming remnants of conflict into a vibrant canvas of artistic expression.

Street Art & Graffiti tour with Yael

Unravel the vibrant tapestry of Berlin's underground art and culture scene. Graffiti and street art, integral expressions of creativity, shape the unique character of the German capital. Immerse yourself in the thought-provoking and political narratives woven into Berlin's urban art environment, discovering the city's dynamic and ever-evolving artistic landscape.

Lunch at Hummus & Friends in Hackescher Markt area in the central Mitte locality of Berlin.

Following a quick lunch, walk to Brewery tour and tasting at Brauerei Lemke Berlin.

Walk to James Simon Park and Museum Island for some free time or return to hotel.

Return to hotel to relax and freshen up for dinner.

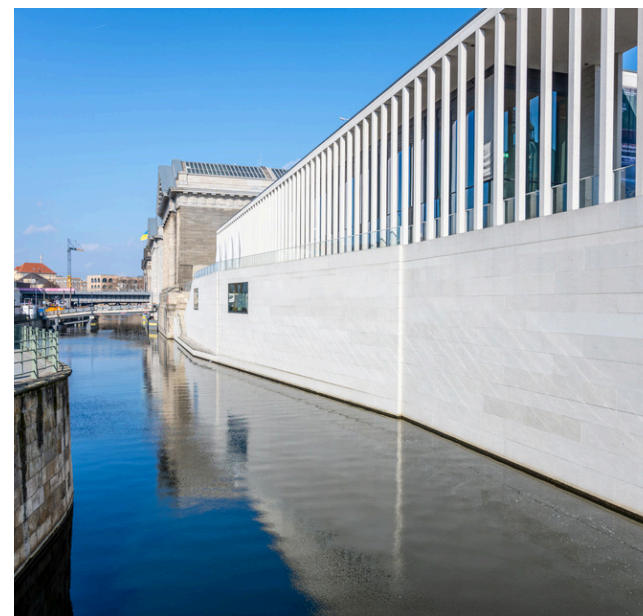
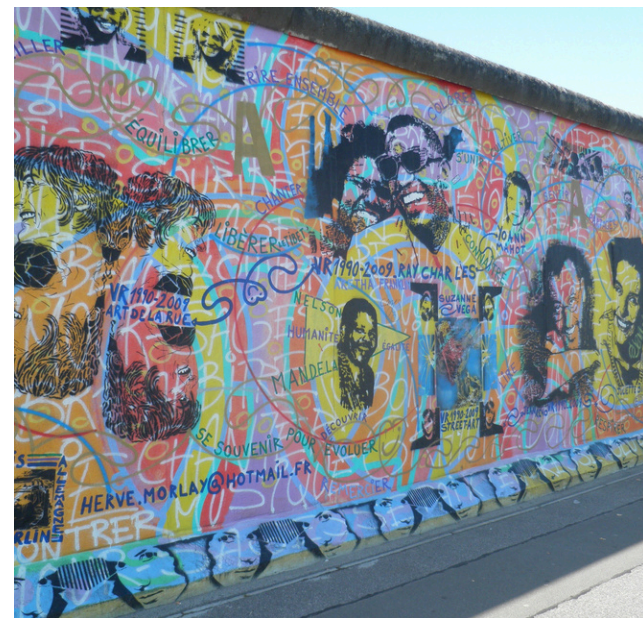
Group Havdalah experience and reflection session in the suite at the hotel.

Depart for the Berlin TV Tower for a unique dining experience.

Elevate your dining escapade to new heights by enjoying dinner atop the tower in a revolving restaurant, offering panoramic views of the city below. As the sun sets enjoy dinner as it unfolds against the backdrop of Berlin's glittering skyline, creating a mesmerizing atmosphere.

Return to hotel

OVERNIGHT: Berlin



Your Itinerary

SUNDAY, DAY 4

Breakfast is served in the hotel dining room.

Checkout of hotel.

Depart Berlin for Belgium.

Arrive in **Brussels** with **VIP service** taking you to your charming accommodation at the Amigo Hotel.

A Taste of Belgium: Savor a welcome dinner, a delightful introduction to Belgian cuisine.

OVERNIGHT: Brussels

MONDAY, DAY 5

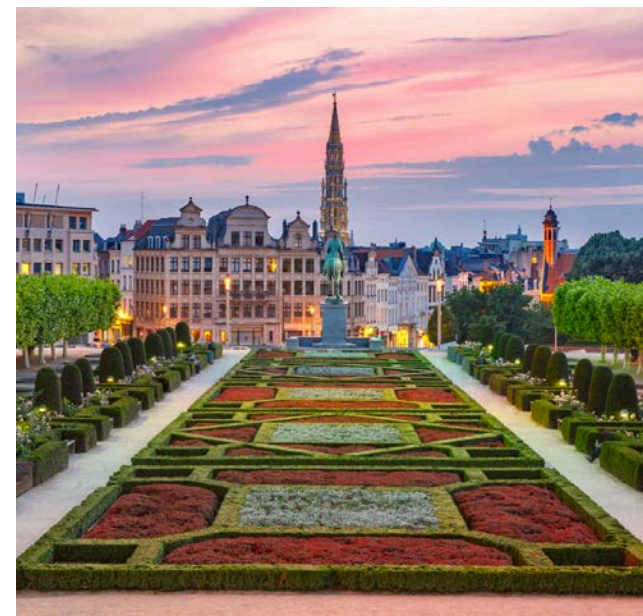
Breakfast at the hotel.

A Walk-Through Time: Embark on a captivating walking tour of Brussels. Delve into the architectural grandeur of the Grand Place, marveling at the Gothic City Hall and iconic landmarks. Enjoy a private demonstration and taste at the renowned Pierre Marcolini chocolatier.

Exploring Jewish Heritage: Visit the Secular Jewish Community Center for a kosher lunch. Following lunch, embark on a poignant Brussels Jewish heritage tour. Witness the majestic Great Synagogue of Europe and the stark contrast presented by the Brussels Cathedral with its stained-glass windows. Reflect on the history of the Jewish community as you see the "Stumbling Stones" embedded in the Old Town.

Return to the hotel to refresh before dinner. Invited Guest: American Ambassador

OVERNIGHT: Brussels



Your Itinerary

TUESDAY, DAY 6

Breakfast at the hotel.

A Haunting Memorial: Travel to Antwerp and visit Kazerne Dossin, a poignant memorial, museum, and research center dedicated to the Holocaust and Human Rights. Participate in a private guided tour and a short memorial ceremony.

Diamonds in the Rough: Meet Alain Zlayet, a second-generation diamond dealer, and gain exclusive access to Antwerpsche Diamantkring, the diamond bourse dedicated to rough diamonds. Witness the transformation of a rough diamond into a polished gem firsthand.

A Cultural Tapestry: Stroll through the bustling diamond district, enjoying a kosher lunch of traditional Yiddish cuisine at Hoffs. Embark on a private guided tour of the Red Star Line Museum, delving into the captivating narrative of European emigration.

Antwerp's Charm: Take a picturesque stroll through historic Antwerp, exploring the charming alleys of Vlaeykensgang, the Grand Markt, the Brabo Fountain, and the Renaissance City Hall. Enjoy a unique Belgian beer tasting experience as you wind your way through the city.

In the evening, enjoy a **kosher dinner** in Antwerp with a distinguished guest (Claude Marinower, Alderman, Antwerp) or opt to return to Brussels for dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Brussels



Your Itinerary

WEDNESDAY, DAY 7

Breakfast at the hotel.

Brugge's Beauty Unveiled: Depart for Bruges and embark on a walking tour, taking in the Market Square and its iconic belfry. Take in Bruges on a private canal cruise followed by lunch at the renowned De Florentijnen restaurant.

Exploring Bruges' Grandeur: In the afternoon, visit the prestigious Gothic Chamber of the Town Hall and hear the distinctive sounds of the 47-bell carillon.

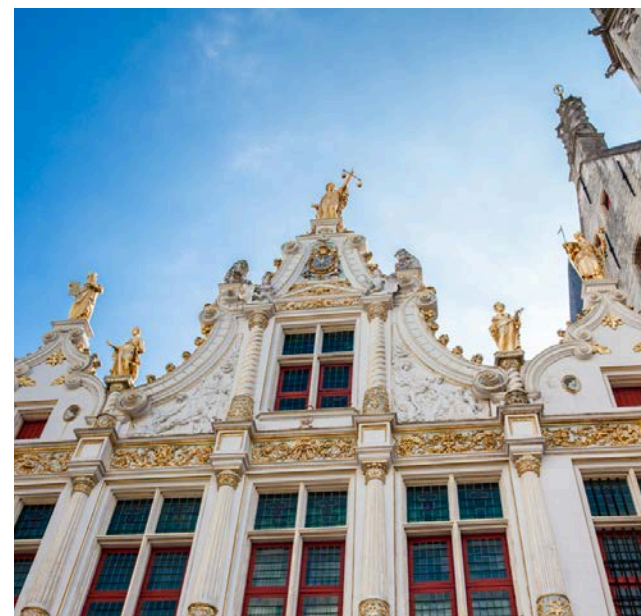
A Glimpse into European Politics: Continue your walk to Dijver and visit the **Groeninge Museum**: Explore an exceptional survey of Belgian art spanning the 15th century to the present day at the Groeninge Museum. Admire works by Flemish Primitives like Van Eyck and modern masters like Magritte.

Depart back to Brussels to refresh before your farewell dinner, held in the Louis XVI room at the historic **La Maison des Brasseurs** on the Grand'Place overlooking the Grand Market Place.

OVERNIGHT: Brussels

THURSDAY, DAY 8

Savor a final breakfast at the hotel before departing for your individual departures.



Berlin & Belgium

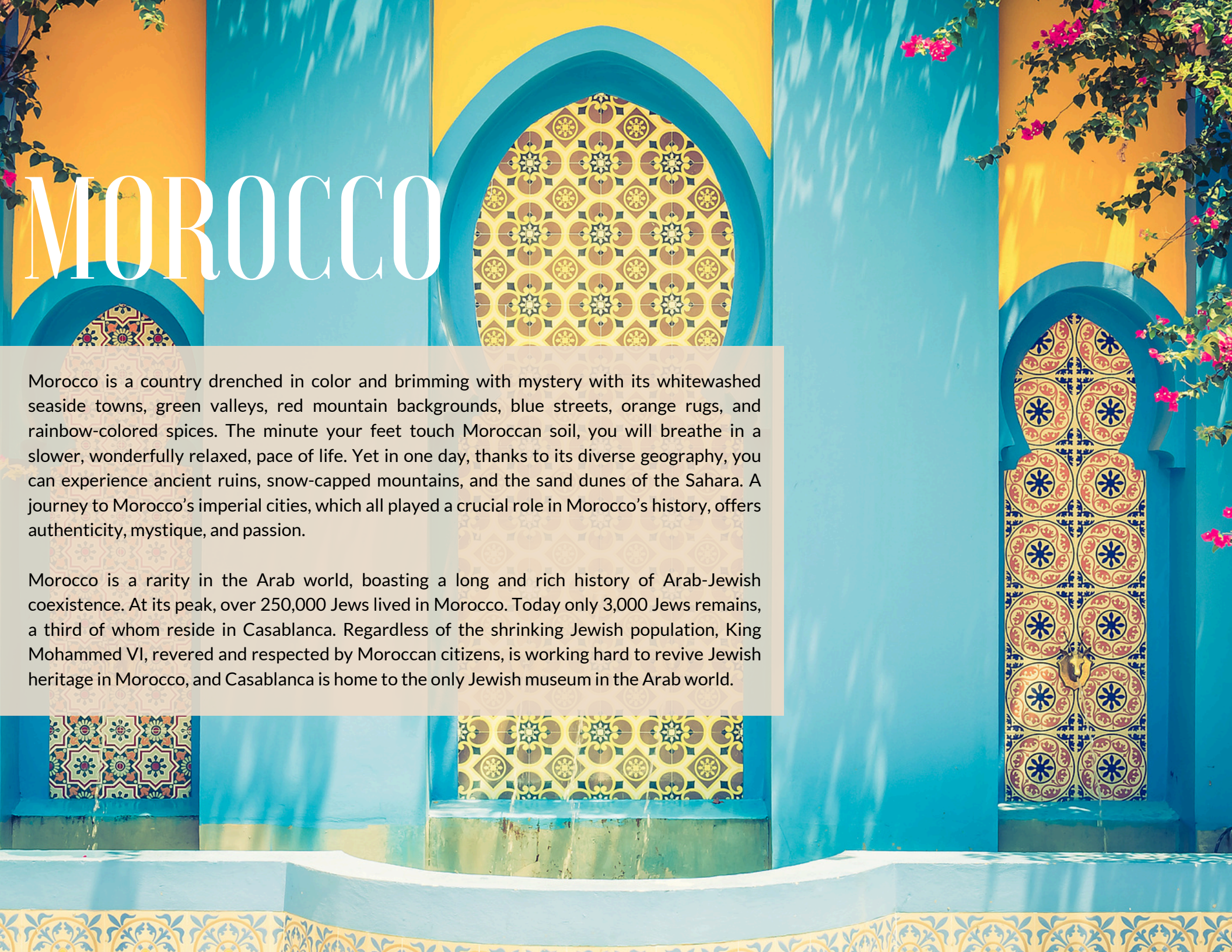
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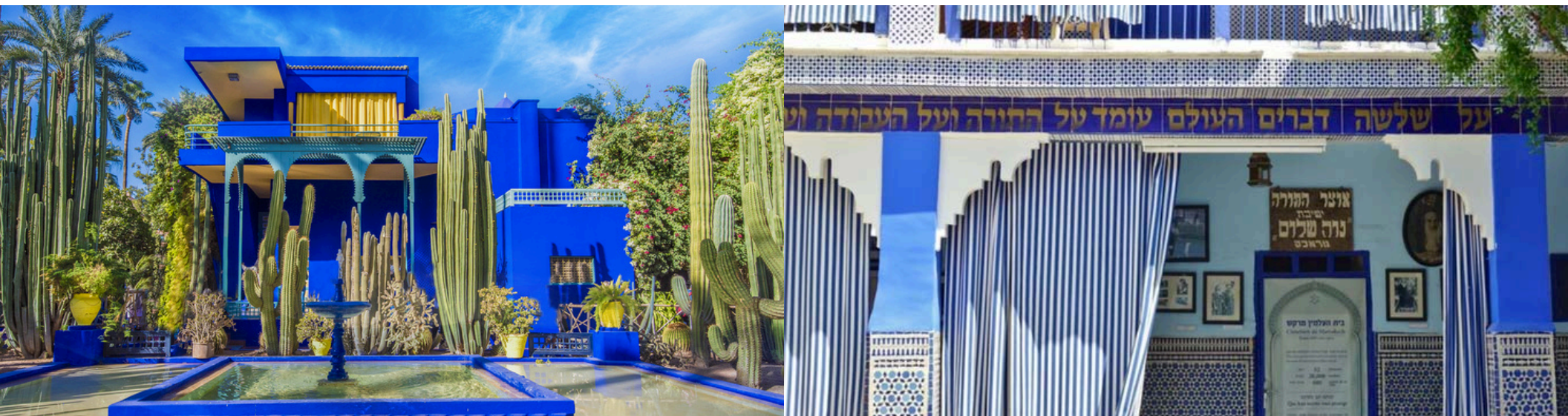
MOROCCO

Morocco is a country drenched in color and brimming with mystery with its whitewashed seaside towns, green valleys, red mountain backgrounds, blue streets, orange rugs, and rainbow-colored spices. The minute your feet touch Moroccan soil, you will breathe in a slower, wonderfully relaxed, pace of life. Yet in one day, thanks to its diverse geography, you can experience ancient ruins, snow-capped mountains, and the sand dunes of the Sahara. A journey to Morocco's imperial cities, which all played a crucial role in Morocco's history, offers authenticity, mystique, and passion.

Morocco is a rarity in the Arab world, boasting a long and rich history of Arab-Jewish coexistence. At its peak, over 250,000 Jews lived in Morocco. Today only 3,000 Jews remains, a third of whom reside in Casablanca. Regardless of the shrinking Jewish population, King Mohammed VI, revered and respected by Moroccan citizens, is working hard to revive Jewish heritage in Morocco, and Casablanca is home to the only Jewish museum in the Arab world.

MOROCCO HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the **Hassan II Mosque** -a modern mosque perched dramatically over the ocean and can accommodate over 100,000 worshippers.
- Meet the students at the **École Normale Hébraïque** high school for a dialogue with the students followed by a visit to the **Jewish Museum** .
- Pay a visit to the Royal Palace of **Meknes** called the Versailles of Morocco.
- Explore the **Medina of Fes El Bali** the largest car-free urban area in the world.
- Wander through the **Mellah of Fez** the historic Jewish quarter including the various **synagogues**, the **Jewish cemetery** and the **Jewish Museum**.
- Pop in at the **University of Al – Qarawiyyin** – the oldest University in the world
- Drop in at the **Djemaa El Fna Square in Marrakech** and experience fortune-telling, preaching, and henna tattooing.
- Visit the **Bahia Palace** and the **Saadian tombs** - the only remains of the **Saadian dynasty** the founders of Marrakech.
- Take a Jeep into the High Atlas mountains and partake in an authentic **Berber tea ceremony**.
- Visit the **Majorelle gardens** and tour the **Yves Saint Laurent Museum**.



Your Itinerary

MONDAY, DAY 1

Individual arrivals with **VIP** assistance

Opening Dinner at **Rick's Cafe** from the movie Casablanca

OVERNIGHT: Casablanca

TUESDAY, DAY 2

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart hotel for tour with JDC of **Jewish Casablanca** including:

Briefing by JDC at **Bet El Synagogue**

Walk to **Kosher bakery**

Neve Shalom Synagogue & Jewish School

Jewish Museum

Lunch at **SOC**

Refresh back at the hotel

Depart for briefing at **American Consul General Residency**

Depart for home hospitality with **Jewish Agency emissary**.

OVERNIGHT: Casablanca



Your Itinerary

WEDNESDAY, DAY 3

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Private tour of Hassan Mosque II

Depart for **Rabat**:

Hassan Tower is the **minaret** of an incomplete mosque in Rabat that was intended to be the largest minaret in the world, and the mosque, if completed, would have been the largest in the western Muslim world. When al-Mansur died in 1199, construction on the mosque stopped. The minaret was left standing at a height of over 144 feet tall. The rest of the mosque was also left incomplete, with only the beginnings of several walls and 348 columns being constructed. The tower, along with the remains of the mosque and the **Mausoleum of Mohammed V**, located across from the Hassan Tower and contains the tombs of the Moroccan king Mohammed V and his two sons, late King Hassan II and Prince Abdallah, forms an important historical and tourist complex in Rabat.

Pass by Royal Palace gate: The residence of King Mohamed VI

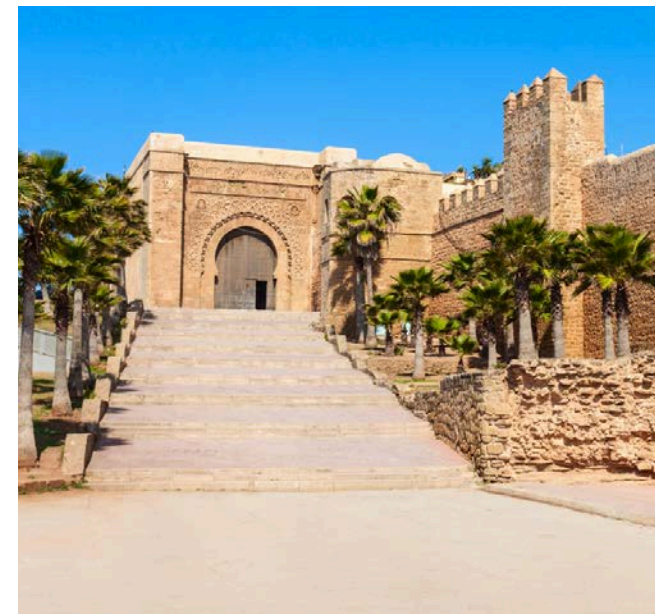
Lunch with guests at the home of David Toledano, President, Jewish Community, Rabat (TBD)

The **Kasbah of the Udayasis** located on a hill at the mouth of the Bou Regreg River, opposite Salé, and adjacent to the old medina of Rabat. It is listed, along with other sites in Rabat, as a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Arrival in Fez

Dinner at **Riad Lune el Soleil** with representatives of **Mimouna Association**

OVERNIGHT: Fez



Your Itinerary

THURSDAY, DAY 4

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel then depart for tour of **Fez**:

The **medina of Fes El Bali** the largest car-free urban area in the world. Inside its medieval walls is an intriguingly paradoxical place that's at once chaotic and calm. Half the population lives in this crowded warren of narrow passages, mosques, souks, artisan workshops and humble homes. The sounds of daily life, multiple languages—namely Arabic, Berber, and French—and muezzin (the call to prayer) echo through the corridors. We will explore the complexity of this centuries-old puzzle as we wander through the Medina including a VIP tour of the **Dar Batha Museum** - a former royal palace, a stop at the **House of Rambam** (Maimonides) - a well-trained physician revered for his saintly personality as well as his writings and to the **Chouara Tanneries**- the ancient craft of tanning and dyeing, in all its visceral authenticity and a stop at the **King's Palace** well known for its golden gates and its highly ornate exterior wall. **Weaver's foundouk** - an open-air market found through a literal hole-in-the-wall on the edge the Fez medina does not seem a likely source for those red-and-indigo blankets, the **Madrasa Boulnania** -the only madrasa in Morocco which also functioned as a congregational mosque. It is widely acknowledged as a high point of Marinid architecture and of historic Moroccan architecture generally and the University of Al -Qarawiyyin.

Lunch at **Nejjarine restaurant**

The **Mellah of Fez** is the historic Jewish quarteris located in the part of Fez which contains the Royal Palace (Dar al-Makhzen), and is believed to date from the mid-15th century. While the district is no longer home to any significant Jewish population, it still contains several monuments and landmarks from the Jewish community's historical heritage in the city including **Ibn Danan Synagogue**, the **El Fassiya Synagogue**, the **Jewish cemetery**, and the **Jewish Museum of the EmHabanim synagogue**.

Moroccan Tile Workshop

Dinner at The Dragon

OVERNIGHT: Fez



Your Itinerary

FRIDAY, DAY 5

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Depart to Marrakech by bus

City tour of Marrakesh, a former imperial city in western Morocco, is a major economic center and home to mosques, palaces, and gardens. The medina is a densely packed, walled medieval city dating to the Berber Empire, with mazelike alleys where thriving souks (marketplaces) sell traditional textiles, pottery and jewelry. A symbol of the city, and visible for miles, is the Moorish minaret of 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque,

Check in and refresh before Shabbat.

Bus departs from the hotel to the synagogue followed by Shabbat Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Marrakech



SATURDAY, DAY 6

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

We will travel together to **Terre d'Amanar**. Located on the first steps of the High Atlas just 30 minutes from Marrakech in the Tahanaout region, the Terres d'Amanar are part of the **Toubkal National Park**. The place is ideal for discovering the villages, valleys, and peaks of the Atlas. All activities are supervised by qualified professionals and are suitable for adults. Once there the group will choose between several different activities throughout the morning overlooking the Atlas Mountains. The group will then travel back to Marrakesh with an anticipated arrival of 3:00/3:30pm to start your evening at leisure.

Free for dinner

OVERNIGHT: Marrakech



Your Itinerary

SUNDAY, DAY 7

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Full day tour of **Marrakech** to include:

Koutoubia Mosque: One of the best examples of the Hispano-Moresque art, which combines apparent simplicity with superb craftsmanship and restrained luxury. With its minaret rising 252 feet into the sky, it is certainly one of the most impressive sights in Marrakech.

Jewish Quarter: Start with a visit to the Mellah. Visit the 500-year old **Slat Al Azama synagogue**. This is the oldest and most picturesque synagogue in Marrakech. It is also known as the synagogue of the Dissidents. It was built in 1492 by Sephardi Jews fleeing Spain. Stop by at the **Jewish Cemetery**. Visit the **Bahia Palace** with its extraordinary tiles, opulent courtyards and fountains built by Sultans amidst a two-acre garden. Stop at **Souq Place D'epice**.

Moroccan Cooking class for lunch

Visit to the **Herbalist**

Souks: It is a riot of color, noise and activity, a wealthy storehouse of all the treasures of this vast and varied country. You will find all the silver merchants in one corner, all the gold merchants in another, and rows of stalls selling exclusively leatherwork or copper goods or jewelry. The real fascination is to watch the craftsmen at work, gilding on leather, or inlaying with enamel the sheaths of ornate silver daggers, hammering out copper, embroidering silks or smoothing out the surface of cedar wood table.

Dinner on own

OVERNIGHT: Marrakech



Your Itinerary

MONDAY, DAY 8

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Yves Saint Laurent Museum: A museum entirely devoted to the work of the legendary fashion designer, Yves Saint Laurent. The new building, situated on Rue Yves Saint Laurent and adjacent to the renowned Jardin Majorelle, spans over 4,000 m² and is more than just a museum. It features a 400 m² permanent exhibition space where the work of Yves Saint Laurent will be presented in a scenography by Christophe Martin: a 150 m² space for temporary exhibitions, a 130-seat auditorium, a boutique and bookshop, a café-restaurant, as well as a research library.

Majorelle gardens: it is one of the most delightful places in Marrakech – a small, meticulously planned botanical garden created from the 1920s by the French painter Jacques Majorelle. Now superbly mature, it is owned and splendidly maintained by Yves Saint Laurent. In the artist's former studio, a museum of Islamic arts exhibits Saint Laurent fine personal collection of north African carpets, pottery and furniture.

Leisure time (lunch on own)

Depart for Casablanca

Arrival to Casablanca – check in to hotel

Depart for Farewell dinner at **Dar Dada**.

OVERNIGHT: Casablanca

TUESDAY, DAY 9

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and depart for Casablanca airport for your flight back home.



Morocco

November 6-14, 2028

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