



Historic Jewish Communities of Portugal and Catalonia: Endurance, Resilience and Identity



**Lisbon - Coimbra - Tomar - Sintra
Barcelona - Girona - Figueres - Besalú**

October 25 - November 4, 2018

Traveling Scholar: Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan, Senior Educator for Lehrhaus Judaica

Tour Leader: Ariel Goldstein, CEO at Tiyul - Jewish Journeys

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Day1 Wednesday 10/24: Flight to Lisbon

Depart San Francisco in the morning and connect in the east coast for a nonstop flight to Lisbon.

Day 2 Thursday 10/25: Lisbon (B, L)

Morning arrival to Lisbon the capital of Portugal, which sits astride the Tajo River estuary on the Atlantic Coast. Meet your tour guide and start an orientation tour of Lisbon: Marques de Pombal Square named after Marquês de Pombal who oversaw the area's rebuilding after the Great Earthquake of 1755, Liberdade Avenue and Rossio Square where in the Northern part we will see the Estaus Palace which the seat of the Inquisition was. Once the sentences were pronounced, those declared as heretics were burned at stake in public at the Rossio. We will continue to the Belem district and visit of the Belem Tower, the city's landmark built in the early 1500 and declared a World Heritage monument by UNESCO. At the end of the day visit the synagogue Shaarei Tikvah, the main synagogue in Portugal built in 1904. Overnight Sofitel Hotel Lisbon.

Day 3 Friday 10/26: Lisbon - Sintra (B, D)

During our morning tour of Lisbon will visit the Alfama Quarter, that includes the "Juderia Grande"- in one of the city's oldest area where a large Jewish Community flourished in the Middle ages. We will then drive to city of Sintra a World Heritage site known as "Lord Byron's Glorious Eden, once the summer residence of the Kings of Portugal. We will visit the Royal Palace whose origins date back to the 15th century. Evening services at Conservative synagogue Kehilat Israel followed by Shabbat dinner at the hotel. Overnight Sofitel Hotel Lisbon.



Belem Tower – Lisbon

Day 4 Saturday 10/27: Lisbon (B)

In the morning enjoy a walking tour in the city. Enjoy the rest of the day free. Overnight Sofitel Hotel Lisbon

Day 5 Sunday 10/28: Coimbra -Tomar (B)

Travel to Coimbra, famous for its University opened in the 14th century. We will visit the city including the Juderia dating back to 1139 and the University complex. On the way back to Lisbon will stop in Tomar including the 15th century synagogue (today the Jewish museum), Rua de Juderia, Convent of Christ (formerly the headquarter of the Portuguese Discoveries). In the evening you can enjoy a typical “Fado Show” (optional). Overnight Sofitel Hotel Lisbon

Day 6 Monday 10/29: Barcelona (B)

Fly to Barcelona in the morning. City tour visiting the Paseo Marítimo with the Columbus monument, Paseo de Gracia, Barcelona's main avenue and its Modernist Houses designed by Antonio Gaudí (Casa Batlló & Casa Milá). Visit the world-famous Antonio Gaudí's Park Güell. Dinner on your own. Overnight: Avenida Plaza Hotel Barcelona

DAY 7 Tuesday 10/30: Barcelona (B)

Jewish Barcelona tour guided by Dominique Tomasov, a member of the Jewish Community who is also an architect. Embark on a walking tour around the Barrio Gótico, Barcelona's most ancient and historic area with its colorful and lively labyrinth of entwining narrow streets including the Calle Marlet with old Hebrew inscriptions. Continue to Sinagoga Mayor, built in 14th century.



Sinagoga Mayor – Barcelona

Continue to the world-famous Las Ramblas, promenade, with all its wonders, stalls and artists. Conclude the day at the Boqueria Market and the Grand Teatro del Liceu among others. Enjoy the rest of the day free. Overnight: Avenida Plaza Hotel Barcelona

Day 8 Wednesday 10/31: Besalú - Girona (B)

Drive to the pretty medieval village of Besalú. Here exists a 12th century *mikvah* one of the only three from the same period that have been kept in Europe. It was discovered in 1964. This mikvah is a stone room with 36 steps where strategically placed openings allow the rising river to flood it to the correct water level each spring and fall. Near the Mikvah, where most Jews lived, there used to be the synagogue, which is called schola in written documents of the period. The synagogue was built in 1264 thanks to a privilege granted by Jaume I el Conquistador. Nowadays, there are no remains of the synagogue, although the city has kept its memory alive, by calling the spot where it used to stand, “Pla dels Jueus” or Place of the Jews.



Besalú Bridge - Catalonia

Guided walk around the Historical Quarter including: University Square, guided visit to the Jewish Quarter, including the Jewish History Museum and the alleyways and buildings that once houses (Centre Bonastruc), guild quarter and “Rambla” (walking area). Return to Barcelona. Overnight: Avenida Plaza Hotel Barcelona

Day 9 Thursday 11/1: Figures (B)

Admire paintings and other mind-bending creations by the 20th-century Spanish artist at the stunning Salvador Dalí Museum in his birthplace of Figueres. Then, tour his beloved Costa Brava to see some of his favorite places, such as the Salvador Dalí House in Port Lligat, and Pubol Castle, a later Salvador Dalí home. Return to Barcelona. Overnight: Avenida Plaza Hotel Barcelona



Salvador Dalí Museum - Figueres, Catalonia

DAY 10 Friday 11/2: Barcelona (B, D)

Visit the World Famous Sagrada Familia by Antonio Gaudí. Continue to Comunidad Israelita de Barcelona to visit the synagogue and for a meeting with local leaders. Continue to the Palau de la Musica Catalana, a *modernista* style building built in 1908. Kabalat Shabbat and dinner at ATID, Barcelona's Reform Synagogue founded in 1992. Overnight: Avenida Plaza Hotel Barcelona

DAY 11 Saturday 11/3: Barcelona (B, D)

Visit the Montjuic for a fantastic view of Barcelona. Drive by the stadium where the Olympic Games in 1992 took place and finish at the world know museum that celebrates the life and art of Joan Miró. Free afternoon. Celebrate the end of the tour with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight: Avenida Plaza Hotel Barcelona

DAY 12 Sunday 11/4: Check-out

After breakfast check out from the hotel.

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

You need to be able to keep up with the group always. This includes walking up to two to three miles per day; sometimes on uneven terrain and cobblestones.



Trip scholar: Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan,

Peretz Wolf-Prusan, who served for 20 years as rabbi and senior educator at Congregation Emanu-El in San Francisco, assumed his duties as *Rabbi and Senior Educator* for Lehrhaus Judaica in October 2010. In 1985 he went to Israel to learn at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion and became a rabbi in 1990. Peretz has led Lehrhaus Judaica trips to Cuba, Israel, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland and The American South. He has led the Lehrhaus Judaica trip to Spain in 2015.



Tour Leader: Ariel Goldstein

Ariel Goldstein, Tiyl-Jewish Journeys, CFO, was born in Uruguay, studied Latin American history in Montevideo and then studied tourism at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He has led tours throughout Israel, Europe, Persian Gulf, Latin America, China, India, Africa and US. Ariel has led the JCCSF/Lehrhaus Judaica trip to Spain in 2013 and 2015. Ariel speaks Spanish, English, Hebrew and Portuguese.



Barcelona Jewish tour: Dominique Tomasov

Dominique Tomasov, American-Argentinean architect specialized on Jewish Heritage since 1999 when she founded Urban Cultours project in Barcelona. She is one of the promoters of the land marking of the ancient Jewish cemetery in Barcelona and co-director of research that lead to defining its boundaries. Her programs on Jewish Barcelona past and present are a unique combination of history, current affairs, opinions and personal experience. Dominique led JCCSF/Lehrhaus Judaica trips in Barcelona in 2013 and 2015.



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SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



San Francisco (SFO) to New York/Newark (EWR - Liberty)

9:00 am - 5:30 pm

New York/Newark, NJ (EWR - Liberty) to Lisbon (LIS)

8:20 pm - 8:20 am

Barcelona (BCN) to New York/Newark (EWR - Liberty)

10:50 am - 1:45 pm

New York/Newark (EWR - Liberty) to San Francisco (SFO)

4:30 pm - 7:53 pm



San Francisco, CA to Philadelphia, PA

11:15 AM

7:45 PM

Philadelphia, PA to Lisbon, Portugal

9:15 PM

9:15 AM

Barcelona, Spain to Miami, FL

11:15 AM

03:15 PM

Miami, FL to San Francisco, CA

05:59 PM

09:04 PM