



9 Day Itinerary

The Jewish Heritage Spain

Day 1	Transfer · Transfer from Madrid Airport Hotel Orfila Relais And Chateau (2 nights) Madrid Tour
Day 2	Toledo Jewish Day Trip
Day 3	Transfer · Transfer to Madrid Train Station Rail · Train from Madrid to Barcelona Transfer · Transfer from Barcelona Train Station Hotel Murmuri Preferred Lifestyle Collection (3 nights)
Day 4	Jewish Barcelona Tour
Day 5	Girona & Besalu Day Trip
Day 6	Transfer · Transfer to Barcelona Train Station Rail · Train from Barcelona to Seville

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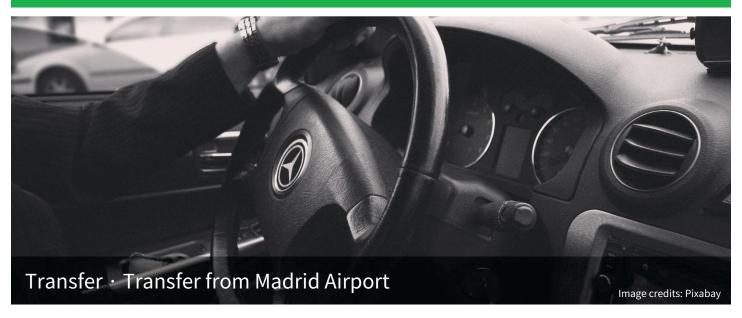
Sephardic Seville: Jewish quarter Tour Day 7 Day 8 Monumental Tour in Cordoba

Hotel Alfonso Xiii Seville (3 nights)

Day 9 Transfer · Transfer to Seville Airport

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Day 1

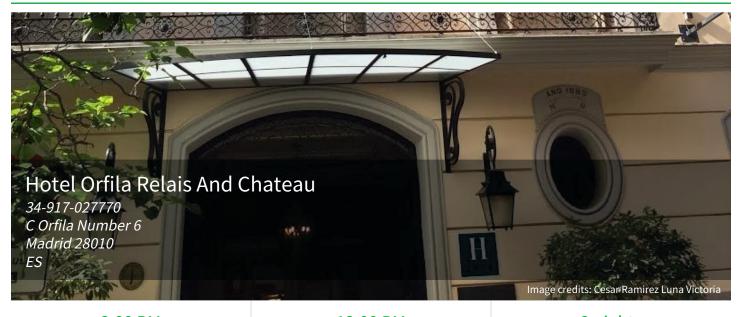


Departing Airport

Arriving Hotel **Vehicle**Mercedes E Class

Notes

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3:00 PM

Check-in

12:00 PM

Check-out

2 nights

Duration

The masterpiece- a rainbow of colors- is called the Garden of Earthly Delights. This triptych by Hieronymus Bosch enjoys an excellent position in the Museo del Prado- among the paintings of Velasquez- Goya- Greco- Raphael- Titian and Rubens Just five minutes from the museum- in the heart of cultural Madrid- another garden of delights awaits you. The Hotel Orfila- a small

palace built in 1886- immerses you in an art gallery with its period furniture and feature marble. In the 1920s- it was made famous by the plays staged within its walls. Today- its tearoom and cocktail bar are imbued with English chic and its flowered patio invites you to dine under the stars. The best place to set off and explore Madrid at its own rhythm- step by step. From an aerial perspective- the cliff top swimming pool reveals its heart shape- a symbol of the love at first sight you are sure to experience when staying at this tranquil hotel offering a complete change of scenery. Your eyes will drink in the extraordinary blue of the Mediterranean Sea in this sun-flooded corner of Spain. You will delight in the wide spectrum of activities available at the Montiboli- total relaxation- gourmet cuisine- sophisticated cocktails- a variety of sports to suit your tastes- spa and sea bathing just a few steps away in a word- living like a lord. The property is closed for business during the year over the following dates- 01AUG09- 27AUG09 CLUB 5C- Hotel welcomes Relais and Chateaux Club 5C members with a VIP Welcome and a Discovery Privilege. Please include the Club 5C membership number in the reservation and please show your Club 5C membership card on arrival.

Amenities

Breakfast included

Room Selection

Category Superior

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Your expert guide will meet with you at the hotel to show you the city, walking you through the Madrid of the seventeenth century, Madrid of the Habsburgs.

First you will go to the **Royal Palace**, where you will have a complete guided visit inside the Palace. It is the official residence of the Spanish Royal Family at the city, but is only used for state ceremonies. They do not reside here.

You will also get to visit the **Plaza de Oriente** which is used by two of the most important buildings in the city, the Royal Palace and the Royal Theatre.

A few meters from the Palace is the Cathedral of the Almudena, a stunning neoclassical building.

Next, you will go to the Plaza de la Villa by walking through Mayor Street, one of the busiest streets of the city.

The Square of the Villa is one of the best-preserved monumental sites of Madrid. There are three buildings of great historical and artistic value, built in different centuries:

- Casa and Tower Lujanes (XV century), built in Gothic-Mudejar style

- Casa de Cisneros (XVI century), a Renaissance palace
- Casa de la Villa (XVII century) built in Baroque style

The Mercado de San Miguel is a historic and monumental place, full of literary reminiscences. In the heart of old Madrid is where you can find the greatest personality of the city and best commercial, cultural, and leisure activities.

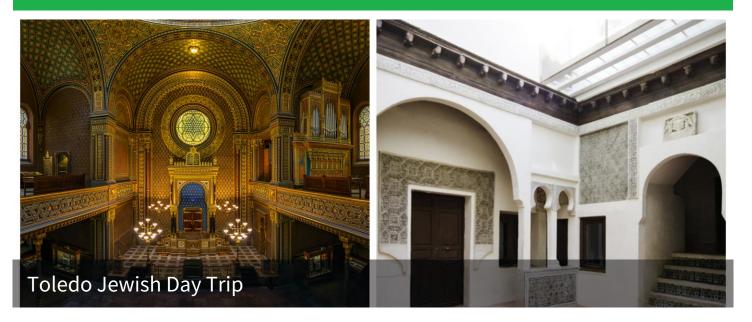
Plaza Mayor has a ring of old, traditional shops and cafes under its porticoes.

After leaving the Square, you will arrive in Puerta del Sol, the center of Spain. It marks kilometer 0 of every radial road in Spain.

What's included? Private tour with an expert local guide (4 hours), entrance fees to the Royal Palace, and transportation if needed

What's not included? Meals & drinks, souvenirs

Day 2



Your chauffeur will pick you up at your Hotel and head to Toledo. Once you arrive, you will meet with your local expert guide, he will explain everything about the mark that left the jewish culture in Toledo.

First you will have a panoramic view of the city from the Mirador del Valle and San Martin Bridge, a viewpoint across the Tajo River, from where you can see the whole Jewish Quarter sky line.

After the panoramic you will continue with a walking tour through the Jewish Quarter seeing the walls and gates remains.

The first step is the Sofer Synagogue archaeological site that was built between the XII-XIII centuries. Its mark is expressed as a quadrangular square. The wall of this Synagogue disappeared in the middle of the XIX century.

Then you will visit the Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue, it has been a worldwide model for the construction of synagogues during the 13th century in Toledo.

Then you will go to the Jewish House, at the heart of the Jewish Quarter of Toledo. Here you will see how Jewish life was in the XIV-XV centuries. Its courtyard has beautiful plasterwork. You will also see how the basement was ready for the Jewish liturgical or mikvah bath used for spiritual purification, and preparation before an important in a Jewish event.

Afterwards, you will go to the Transit Synagogue / Sephardic Museum, it displays historical information and religious customs of the Jewish past of Spain.

The only synagogue in the fourteenth century: it was forbidden to build them, but Pedro I made an exception in gratitude to the support of the Jews in Toledo.

You can't loose the opportunity to visit the Greco Museum, so your next stop is this museum.

And finally to finish the tour, you can also visit some of the Jewish archaeological remains in some shops undergrounds and our guide will suggest you a local restaurant for lunch.

What's included today? Private tour with a local expert guide (4 hours), entrances fees to Synagogue de Santa Maria la Blanca, Transit Synagogue and Greco Museum (Sofer Synagogue archaeological site and Jewish House is free), transportation in a luxury vehicle

What's not included? Meals & Drinks, Souvenirs

Day 3



Departing Hotel Arriving Atocha Train Station **Vehicle**Mercedes E Class



Train Type AVE Class of Service
Business



Departing

Barcelona Sants Train Station Arriving Hotel **Vehicle**Mercedes E Class

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3:00 PM

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3 nights

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A new concept of Boutique Hotel will arrive in Barcelona during the first quarter of 2008. Murmuri Barcelona is getting ready to surprise you/ please you and serve you. A meeting point in the Rambla Catalunya where you can delight in the murmur of the constant throb of the city. Reinterpreted modernity for a hotel which is not just a hotel.

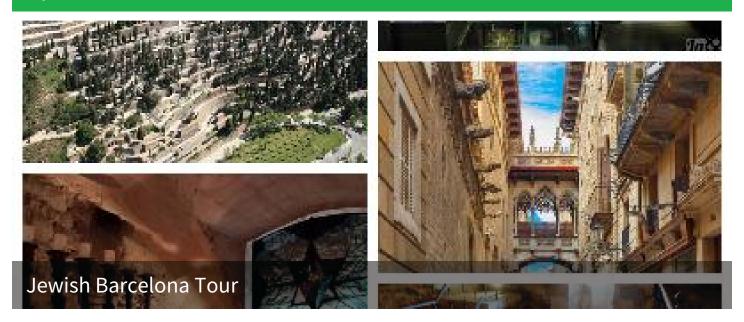
Amenities

Breakfast included.

Room Selection

Category Superior

Day 4



Our guide and chauffeur will meet with you at your Hotel and head to Call Major.

You'll start your day with the guide with a visit for the Jewish neighborhoods.

In medieval Barcelona he had two Jewish neighborhoods: Call Major and Call Menor, also called Sanahuja or Angela. Call Major, the oldest site of the Jewish quarter was bounded by the line of the Roman wall between Arc de Sant Ramon del Call and Banys Nous, Call Street, the buildings line the streets of Sant Honorat and Sant Bisbe and Sever. In this environment, the recovery of an old Hebrew building used to house the new Interpretation Centre Call of Barcelona, keeping as backbone Street Sant Domenech del Call, MUHBA Call, in this place you'll see an exhibition shows the historical trajectory of Barcelona's medieval Jewish quarter in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries and the cultural legacy of the Jews of Barcelona, among which three personalities: Abraham bar Hijja, Solomon ben Adret and Hasdai Cresques.

You'll continue going to the Call Menor that is the neighborhood is an urbanization that was planned in the thirteenth century, consisting of five blocks, with a synagogue and a square, and at the foot of Castell Nou for his outside, that is, outside the Roman walls. Call Menor had no direct communication with the Major. Its boundaries were the streets of the Boqueria, Rauric, the Lleona and Avinyó. It had two doors, one at the foot of the Castell Nou, on the outside, and the other in the Boqueria Street, next to the street Rauric, possibly a door is mentioned in the year 1255. The Street Boqueria was the street leading to the neighborhood. It came out several alleys to the square of Trinitat.

After you'll visit the Ancient Synagogue, it has been described as one of the oldest synagogues in Europe. After many centuries of use for other purposes, the building re-opened as a synagogue and museum in 2002. No congregation prays regularly at the Synagogue, but it is used for festive occasions.

Then you'll go to the old Mikveh that was the space where the purification baths prescribed Judaism performed. It is a tub where a person may get completely wet, but the water can not be stagnant, but must be tap water.

Opened in 1883, the cemetery of Montjuic is so called because they were at the foot of the mountain of Montjuic, it's a magical place of Barcelona that gives a special aura to such a sacred place like this.

The construction of the cemetery was carried out by the imperative of the city to have a large cemetery, motivated by the high population increase occurred during the mid-nineteenth century.

What's included? Half day private tour (5 hours), entrances fees to MUHBA Call and Ancient Synagogue, transportation in a MB E Class

What's not included? Meals & Drinks, Souvenirs.

Then you'll finish the tour with a visit to the jewish cemetery of Montjuic.

Day 5



Your driver and guide will pick you up at your Hotel and head to Girona, to visit its wonderful medieval town and Old Jewish Area. The icing on the cake is a visit to the Museum of Jewish History.

The bright colors of the houses by the river will welcome you to Girona. This is a twice-millenarian city and to stroll around its streets will make you travel back in time. Girona has one of the best medieval centers in Catalonia.

This guided tour to discover Girona will take you on a stroll along the La Força Street, the former Roman Cardus. You'll see the Cathedral and its impressive nave, which is 22 meters wide, you'll walk around the city walls and you'll visit the Arab Baths. The third part of the tour is a visit to the Jewish Museum.

La Força Street, main artery of the Jewish quarter of Gerona, the old Roman road built on a much older road called by the Greeks: Hercules Way.

The Girona Cathedral dedicated to Santa Maria, is located at the highest point in the city and has the widest Gothic nave in the world.

The strategic location of Girona as a frontier town and the passage of defending armies and invaders to other lands, motivated the construction of the Wall of Girona, a Carolingian defensive stone building located in the city.

Arab Baths: Singular Romanesque building inspired by the Roman Baths and with a most impressive entrance, used as a locker room and restroom and covered with a dome ring set on slender columns with beautifully ornamented capitals.

Jewish Museum: This is an emblematic place in the center of the Girona. This museum is housed in what was the last synagogue in the city.

Then your driver will take you to Besalu to continue your tour.

The villa has medieval origin and grew around a fortress, Castle Besalu, former administration center and power in the territory. This castle is documented from the early tenth century.

There you'll visit to The Miqve or also calling Jewish baths is an underground room built in Romanesque style carved stone and was the first building of these characteristics found in Spain.

Leste highlight its window and a pool that is naturally filled with water from a now defunct fountain. The building is located where was the old square of the Jews and the site occupied by the synagogue.

The medieval bridge is situated on the river Fluvia. It is believed that was built in the eleventh century on a Roman bridge, but was rebuilt in the fourteenth century. After the destruction suffered in the civil war it was rebuilt again. It consists of two sections at an angle and in the center is the tower with a small bow. Two towers that attached to the wall protect access from the city. These fortifications were used to defend access to the city and as toll collection.

For finishing the day you'll have a stroll by a touristic train to see the city of a different way.

When you finalize you return you to Barcelona

What's included today? Private tour with a local expert guide (8 hours), entrances fees to Gerona Cathedral, Arabian Baths and Jewish Museum, Mikve, Jewish Baths and ride by train, transportation in a luxury vehicle

What's not included? Meals & Drinks, Souvenirs

Day 6



Departing Hotel Arriving Train Station **Vehicle** Mercedes E Class



Departing Barcelona

Arriving Seville

Train Type AVE Class of Service Business



Departing Train Station **Arriving** Hotel **Vehicle** Mercedes E Class

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3:00 PM 12:00 PM

Check-in Check-out Duration

3 nights

Historical Hotel Built In 1929. Seville Is Situated In The South Of Spain And Hotel Alfonso Xiii In The Heart Of Seville. A 1929 Landmark Renovated In 2012... It Symbolizes The City*S Moorish Influences And Provides Access To The Renowned Santa Cruz Quarter And Guadalquivir River. The Hotel*S Innovative Decor... From The Lobby To The Inner Courtyard... Continues To Reflect Sevillian Style. This Ambience Also Pervades Our Outdoor Swimming Pool And Gardens... Which Entice Guests To Relax And Refresh Under The Warm Andalusian Sun. Our 148 Renovated Guest Rooms Pay Homage To Different Eras Of Seville And Spain*S Layered Past... Including Andalusian... Castilian... And Moorish Styles. Modern Lines Frame Traditional Materials... Instilling Understated Comfort In An Opulent Atmosphere.

Amenities

Breakfast included

Room Selection

Category Deluxe



Let us discover together the former big Jewish quarter of Seville... today called Santa Cruz and San Bartolomé.

What is left from that Sefardi life? We'll look for the traces of ancient synagogues turned into churches, the remnants of the old streets. Here is where Sevillan Medieval Jewish community was self-governing. Where did the Sephardic past go? Did the Spanish Inquisition and Kings Ferdinand and Isabela erase everything in Seville? Not at all.

However the marks and stories are quite hidden and need to be discovered one by one behind the flowerpots, showcases, the walls of the streets and churches of the old Judería. Sometimes we'd need to descend underground and look for it. The tour focuses mainly on the old Jewry, then the San Francisco square area.

Your guide will meet you at your hotel lobby to head forward the Jewish quarter.

The first thing you will visit will be Santa Cruz quarter, following by San Bartolomé quarter, Santa Maria La Blanca and San Francisco square and surroundings to end.

Santa Cruz Quarter: The Christian church of Santa Cruz took advantage of a synagogue that was converted to Christianity in 1391. However, this Christian temple was demolished in 1811 during the French occupation and the square occupies the site of this church.

San Bartolomé Quarter: After the massacres in the Jewish quarter, in 1396, King Enrique III confiscated the property of the Jews and the three synagogues of the neighborhood to donated them to his steward, Don Juan Hurtado de Mendoza, and to his greater justice, Don Diego López de Zúñiga. However, these concessions could not be carried out because the Cabildo Secular seized and gave them to the Cathedral Chapter that determined the following: Santa Cruz and Santa María la Blanca would be dependent chapels of the Cathedral, but San Bartolomé would continue as a synagogue.

Santa María La Blanca: It was built in the 13th century as a synagogue and was transformed into a Christian temple in 1391, after the massacres committed in the Jewish quarter of Seville. Alfonso X donated this temple to the Jews of the area of San Bartolomé and Santa Cruz. When becoming a Christian church, the Cathedral Chapter imposed the name and advocation of Santa María de las Nieves.

What's included? 4 hour private walking tour with an expert local guide. Visit to Santa Cruz Quarter, San Bartolomé Quarter and Santa María La Blanca.

What isn't included? Meals & drinks, souvenirs, transportation if needed.







A city rich with Roman, Muslim, and Christian heritage.

Surrounded by the Guadalquivir and sheltered by the Sierra Morena, Córdoba was the perfect place to settle for various civilizations like Roman, Visigoth, Muslim, and Christian, who left their legacies filling the streets with art and culture. In 1984, as a result of its rich history, it was declared a World Heritage Site.

Mosque-Cathedral was the third largest mosque in the world after the Casablanca and the Mecca.

The Jewish neighborhood is popularly referred to as Barrio Blanco (white quarter) and was the center of the Jewish colony that lived in Cordoba during the Middle Ages.

The synagogue, a Hebrew temple, is located in the Jewish quarters of the city of Cordoba and is the only existing synagogue in Andalusia and one of only three that remain in Spain.

Alcazar of the Catholic Kings is one of the most important monuments from the civilizations that lived there dating back to the Roman period up until today.

What's included? 4 hour private guided tour, entrance fees to Mosque-Cathedral, Synagogue and Alcazar and transportation

What's not included? Meals & drinks, souvenirs.

Day 9



Departing Hotel

Arriving Airport **Vehicle**Mercedes E Class

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What's Included?

- Accommodation (8 nights at 4/5 star Hotels carefully selected for their quality. 2 nights in Madrid, 3 nights in Barcelona and 3 nights in Seville)
- All Breakfast (at the Hotels)
- 6 Private Guided Tours (Madrid, Toledo, Barcelona, Girona & Besalu, Seville and Cordoba)
- 4 High Speed Train Tickets, Seats in Business Class (Madrid to Barcelona and Barcelona to Seville)
- 6 Private Transfers in MB E Class

What Isn't Included?

- Airfare
- · Entrances fees not mentioned
- · Meals or drinks not mentioned

Terms and Conditions

Payment Terms: Deposit = 10% to book.

Balance due 45 days before.

Cancellation fees:

Up to 45 days before = \$100 per person cancellation fee.

From 44 to 31 days prior to arrival = 25% of full cost cancellation fee.

From 30 days to 15 days prior to arrival = 50% of full cost cancellation fee.

From 14 days or less 100% of full cost cancellation fee.