

Discover Spain, Gibraltar and Portugal and With Ramah Israel

November 9th - 19th, 2026

Day 1: Monday, November 9th, 2026 – Madrid

- o **AM ARRIVAL** in Madrid – meet the Ramah guide and local guide at the airport
- o Kosher lunch at a local restaurant - Barganzo
- o Visit **Centro Sefarad-Israel**, an institution created in partnership between the EU, Spain, the Madrid City Council and the local Jewish community, to promote Sephardic heritage and Jewish culture
- o Tour the **Royal Palace**, the official residence of the Spanish royal family and the largest in Europe
- o Free time in Madrid - time permitting
- o Check into the hotel
- o Kosher dinner at the Jewish Community Center - **Comunidad Judia de Madrid**
- o **Ramah-led:** orientation and expectations for this experience

O/N: Gran Versailles Hotel, Madrid (or similar)

Day 2: Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 – Toledo

- o Check out of the hotel
- o Drive to **Toledo**, the City of Three Cultures, and enjoy scenic drive around the old city and **Tajo River**
- o Walk through the Juderia and visit the **Synagogue of Santa María la Blanca**, possibly the oldest standing synagogue in Europe, and the **Synagogue of El Transito** - the "Synagogue of Samuel Halevi"
- o Lunch on own in Toledo
- o Drive to **Cordoba**, the city of the Rambam and Yehuda Halevi
- o Check into the hotel
- o Vegetarian/Pescatarian dinner at the hotel

O/N: Eurostars Palace Hotel, Cordoba (or similar)

Day 3: Wednesday, November 11th, 2026 – Cordoba

- o Check out of the hotel
- o Enter the **Old City** at Puerta de Almodovar and walk through the **Jewish quarter**
- o Visit the **Rambam Synagogue** by the square named after him, complete with statue
- o Tour the **Mezquita**, once the **great mosque of Cordoba** that is now a cathedral
- o Lunch on own in Cordoba
- o Drive to **Granada**, the last Muslim-ruled state in the Iberian peninsula
- o Check into the hotel
- o Vegetarian/Pescatarian dinner at the hotel

O/N: Porcel Alixares Hotel, Granada (or similar)

Day 4: Thursday, November 12th, 2026 – Granada

- o Tour the famous **Alhambra Palace**, where the expulsion order of Spanish Jewry was signed
- o See the **Ambassadors' Hall**, **Lions' courtyard** and the **Hadasim courtyard**, and the **Nazarie Palace**
- o Walk in the beautiful **Generalife gardens**
- o Lunch on own in Granada
- o Watch a live **Flamenco dance show** at a local Flamenco theater
- o Vegetarian/Pescatarian dinner at the hotel

O/N: Porcel Alixares Hotel, Granada (or similar)

Day 5: Friday, November 13th, 2026 – Gibraltar

- o Check out of the hotel
- o Travel south along the **Costa del Sol** and cross the border into **Gibraltar**, the British territory known as “The Rock” that overlooks the eponymous strait which separates Europe and Africa
- o Lunch on own in Gibraltar
- o Driving tour around the city and up the rock to see some of the sites
- o Check into the hotel and **Prepare for Shabbat**
- o Kabbalat Shabbat and Kosher dinner with the **local Jewish community**

O/N: Elliott Hotel, Gibraltar (or similar)

Day 6: Saturday, November 14th, 2026 – Shabbat in Gibraltar

- o Shabbat services and Kosher lunch with the **local Jewish community**
- o Afternoon rest and relaxation at the hotel
- o Optional walking tour of local Jewish institutions past and present
- o **Ramah-led:** Using Shabbat to reflect – halfway through the experience
- o Kosher Seuda Shelishit with the **local Jewish community**
- o Havdalah together as a group

O/N: Elliott Hotel, Gibraltar (or similar)

Day 7: Sunday, November 15th, 2026 – Seville

- o Check out of the hotel
- o Cross the border back to Spain and drive to **Seville**, Spain’s former trans-Atlantic trade gateway
- o Tour the **Alcazar**, a former royal palace, and the **Cathedral of Seville**, one of the largest in the world
- o Walking tour of the **Jewish Quarter**, also known as the **Santa Cruz District**
- o Lunch on own in Seville
- o Drive to **Badajoz**, a city near the Portuguese border
- o Check into the hotel
- o Vegetarian/Pescatarian dinner at the hotel

O/N: Center Hotel, Badajoz (or similar)

Day 8: Monday, November 16th, 2026 – Elvas & Castelo de Vide

- o Cross the border into **Portugal**
- o Explore the Juderia of **Elvas** and its former synagogue, now a Jewish heritage museum
- o Visit the small town of **Castelo de Vide** and its **Jewish Quarter**, with the **oldest synagogue in Portugal**, and learn about the ancient community there
- o Lunch on own in Castelo de Vide
- o Drive to **Belmonte**, where a Jewish community has endured for centuries
- o Check into the hotel
- o Kosher dinner at the hotel

O/N: Sinai Hotel, Belmonte (or similar)

Day 9: Tuesday, November 17th, 2026 – Belmonte & Coimbra

- o Check out of the hotel
- o Tour the **Jewish Museum** and **Bet Eliahu** synagogue to learn about the local community of **Conversos** and their story
- o Travel to **Coimbra** to see the **University**, founded in 1290 and one of the oldest universities in continuous operation in the world
- o Lunch on own in Coimbra
- o Drive to **Lisbon**, the capital of Portugal
- o Check into the hotel
- o Kosher dinner at a local restaurant - Genesis

O/N: Eurostars Lisboa Parque, Lisbon (or similar)

Day 10: Wednesday, November 18th, 2026 – Lisbon

- o Explore the former **Juderia**, now called **Alfama district**, and walk past **Rossio Square** with its twin fountains to the grand tree-lined **Avenida da Liberdade**
- o Visit the **Shaarei Tikvah synagogue**, dating to 1904
- o Kosher lunch at a local restaurant - Genesis
- o Tour the magnificent late Gothic **Jeronimos Monastery** and visit the beautiful **Tower of Belem**
- o Kosher dinner at a local restaurant - Genesis
- o **Ramah-led:** Sikkum summary of the journey

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Day 11: Thursday, November 19th, 2026 – Farewell

- o Check out of the hotel
- o Free time in Lisbon - time permitting
- o Drive to the airport
- o **PM DEPARTURE** from Lisbon – Shalom U'lehitraot!