



Register through Emunah of America for the **Naomi** tour of  
**Southern Spain, Gibraltar, Tangier**

*A luxurious tour in the footsteps of Rambam, Ibn Gvirol and Yehuda Halevi; the inquisition; and see, hear and taste the Jewish, Moslem and Christian influences in architecture, music, food and lifestyle!*

## "Flavors of Andalucia"

Andalucia, Southern Spain, is an eternal wellspring of intense beauty, festive spirit and cultural richness. Nowhere else in the world, other than in our own Jerusalem, do you see the collision of three monumental cultures so clearly and to such dramatic effect. The Muslims, Jews and Christians all contributed to a vital, if ultimately tragic, history.

Andalucia is a land of pretty white villages, fabulous cities and undiscovered National Parks. This area was once the heart of the empire of the Moors, whose influence still pervades Andalucian life at every level, most spectacularly in the old cities of Granada, Cordoba and Seville, which are amongst the most magical in Europe.

You will visit the amazing Palace of the Alhambra in Granada, the awesome Mesquita and the Alcazar in Seville, and the famous Jewish quarter of Cordoba.

However there are other quieter, more rural sides to Andalucia, in the mountains near Ronda, and in the white mountain villages of Mijas and Vejer de la Frontera.

And of course there is the gastronomy. Once again we are delighted to offer an authentic local culinary experience which will include informal participation in preparing many of the dishes you will be able to enjoy. **And, once again, all this with the "comfort of Kashrut", and strict shabbat observance.**

**The tour includes trips of general and Jewish interest:-**

### *the old cities of Andalucia*

**Seville** – capital of Andalucia, immortalized in opera classics such as "The Barber of Seville," "Carmen" and "Don Giovanni." You will see the imposing Cathedral, one of the largest in the world, and the resting place of Spanish Kings and Queens, as well as that of Christopher Columbus. No one knows if his remains are there.

Then there is the Alcazar Palace, still used as a residence for the Spanish Royal Family, the grand Plaza Espana, site of the pavilion of the great 1929 exhibition. Last but not least, we'll visit the Barrio

de Santa Cruz - the former Jewish Quarter. Today, it is one of Seville's most charming areas.

**Cordoba** – the former home of many Jewish scholars and poets: Cordoba. Once the biggest city in all of Europe, Cordoba thrived and expanded with its unique blend of cultures. These are beautifully expressed with a visit to Mesquita, the most significant Muslim architectural achievement in the Western world. This 8th century structure was first a church, then a mosque, and today has a cathedral oddly placed in its center. Walk the street leading up to the Juderia, with its whitewashed houses and colorful courtyards and shops. Though not Jewish in its current expression, a few signs hint of the Golden Age of Jewish life. Note, for example, the tiny, gem-like Synagogue, as well as the statue of the great court doctor and Torah sage, Maimonides.

**Granada** - once "Granada of the Jews", the site of Shmuel HaNagid's Talmudic Academy; now famous for the incomparably beautiful Moorish Palace of Alhambra, one of the Wonders of the World. In 1492, the decree expelling the Jews from Spain was signed here.

Located on a hilltop with the Sierra Nevada as background, Alhambra's exquisite design and layout have few rivals. Be filled with a sense of mystique as you are guided past its graceful courtyards, splashing fountains and lavish rooms. You will also see its Generalife Gardens.

### **the coastal highlights**

**Gibraltar** – "the Rock", unique and quaintly British, with its tiny but vibrant Jewish community. Entering Gibraltar, you will feel as though you have landed in the British Empire, with quaint sights such as dapper "bobbies" and typically English red "post" boxes. Begin sightseeing this fascinating, independent little plot of land, and gain an in-depth introduction to Gibraltar as seen from a Jewish perspective. The tour will include the Jewish sights and a visit to the Upper Reserve, home of the famous Gibraltar apes.

**Marbella and Puerto Banus** - magnets for the jet-set, and a short exposure to the attractions that have made this coast one of the world's most popular vacation destinations

### **Andalucia's famous mountain white villages**

**Ronda** – built atop the gorge with the river below. Ronda is famed for its beauty, and for its bullfighting ring, said to be the oldest in Spain.

**Mijas** - a typical Andalucian white village, perched high up with spectacular views of the coast and surrounding heavily wooded mountains. It is a web of narrow cobbled streets and conserves its essentially Arabic mediaeval layout and so has a slightly exotic feel about it that visitors find hard to pin down. Mijas, formerly home to a thriving Jewish community, is today one of Spain's prettiest "white villages". It is famous also for its donkey taxis, which are to be found all round the central plaza, and throughout the town.

**Vejer de la Frontera** - Declared a Historic-Artistic Site in 1976, and winner of the First National Embellishment Award in 1978, Vejer de la Frontera's most stunning feature is the Arab-Andalusian popular architecture.

The town sits on a hill, a few kilometers away from the coast, and from it the visitor can have a magnificent panoramic view. The walled enclosure and the historic quarter, with its narrow, winding streets and whitewashed houses, are a gorgeous sight. There we must highlight the medieval castle, from the 11th century, the Jewish quarter, and the arch of Segur.

***a day in Morocco (weather permitting)***

***note: native born Israeli passport holders need a visa!***

**Tangier via Tarifa** – a glimpse of North Africa, whose influence spread so powerfully across the straits of Gibraltar into Andalucia.

After driving through the main boulevards and the "Place de France", you pass the fashionable residential districts of "Marché aux Boeufs" and "California"; thence along the new mountain road with its magnificent villas and lovely gardens.

The drive continues to the famous lighthouse of CAPE SPARTEL - The Lighthouse on the Northern most point of Africa - where a brief halt is made to admire the magnificent view of the Straits of Gibraltar from the farthest westerly point of the African continent.

A stop for an included Camel Ride - if you are up for it! - and onto the CAVES of HERCULES where for centuries the tribe that owns the caves has been scooping out millstones to grind wheat and olives.

Afterwards, you drive to the Kasbah for lunch.

Lunch will be followed by a visit to the Kasbah with its Sultan's Palace, a magnificent example of Moorish architecture, the Old Treasury and the Museum which contains fine specimens of Moroccan art. Then follows an interesting stroll through the picturesque winding streets and souks of the Medina, to visit the MENDOUBIA GARDENS, the GRAND SOCCO, the PETIT SOCCO, the Jewish Quarter, and the Berber handicraft and spice markets...

**You will enjoy:-**

- an opportunity to meet some of the local Jewish people and visit some of Europe's most ancient and beautiful Synagogues
- authentic Andalucian dishes prepared by renowned local chefs
- unlimited wine, paellas and Flamenco dancing
- magnificent food markets, where we will eat kosher "churros" and drink coffee with the market sellers
- cooking with maestro chefs, where you will learn old Spanish Jewish dishes from the days of the Inquisition
- accommodation in a 4 star boutique hotel 15 minutes inland from Sotogrande

## **Kashrut**

a mashgiach tmidi will represent Chief Rabbi Hassid of Gibraltar

### **Typical itinerary** *(always subject to change)*

#### **Thursday:**

14.00 Meet at Malaga Airport (AGP);  
recommended flights  
from USA: direct Delta flight dep Weds 22.40 JFK, arr 12.20  
from Israel: EL AL with Iberia/Spainair  
from UK: multiple options

15.00 picnic nr Marbella  
16.00 arr **Ronda**: tour of Ronda - in horse and carriage / walking tour of Ronda - Ronda's bull ring and the Museum of Bullfighting / free time to explore the narrow streets, see the gorge and visit the galleries  
19.00 dep Ronda for Hotel  
20.45 cocktail reception  
21.00 dinner

#### **Friday:**

08.15 breakfast  
09.00 dep bus  
10.00 **Gibraltar** - Gibraltar is one of the few British Colonies left in the world, with a very rich Jewish Heritage and community; we'll climb the rock, meet the Apes, visit the Oldest Jewish cemetery in The Iberian Peninsular with Tombs of 4 Tsadikim, walk down Main Street for some shopping, visit Nefusot Yehudah Synagogue where a speaker from the community will talk to us about the synagogue and community; we'll picnic in the Jewish quarter, taste some local and Portuguese delicacies.  
16.00 dep Gibraltar  
18.00 candle lighting  
19.30 dinner

#### **Shabbat:**

09.00 coffee and cake  
09.30 davening  
walk in grounds  
13.00 lunch  
rest  
17.30 mincha  
18.00 seuda III  
19.00 maariv and havdala  
20.00 Bus to Puerto Banus - for some high level local night life

#### **Sunday**

day trip to Moroccan city of **Tangier**, by ferry from Tarifa

#### **Monday:**

08.00 breakfast  
08.45 dep hotel  
10.15 arr. **Vejer**  
13.00 lunch  
15.00 **Tarifa**  
18.00 cooking with the chefs

20.30 dinner  
OR visit to a great food and general market in morning and Vejer afternoon

**Tuesday:**

07.00 breakfast  
07.45 dep hotel  
10.15 arr **Seville**  
13.30 picnic lunch  
14.15 dep Seville  
16.30 arr **Cordoba**  
20.00 dinner in Cordoba  
entertainment in Cordoba  
sleep between Cordoba and Granada

**Wednesday:**

08.00 breakfast  
08.45 bus to **Granada**  
10.30 arr Granada  
17.00 dep Granada  
19.00 stop en route  
21.00 dinner in hotel - flamenco

**Thursday:**

07.15 dep Hotel  
08.45 arr **Mijas** for breakfast  
10.45 dep Mijas  
11.30 arr Malaga airport

**Andalucia: tour dates 2009**

**February 19 - 26**

(can be combined with a Taste of Tuscany, Feb 13-19)

**March 19 - 26**

(can be combined with a Taste of Tuscany, March 13-19)

**May 19-26**

(can be combined with Amalfi tour, May 13-19)

**November 5 - 12**

(can be combined with a Taste of Tuscany, Oct 29 – Nov 4)

**price: for 7 nights and 7 days**  
**from 2500 euros pp sharing**  
(optional extras - DLX rooms, single occupancy)

**Naomi's promise:**

**"From the minute you land, until the minute you take off, you will not need to spend one cent".**

## *not included in the price of your trip*

- **flights:** from USA: direct Delta flight dep Weds 22.40 JFK, arr 12.20  
from Israel: El Al with Iberia / Spanair  
from UK: multiple options
- **upgrades:** deluxe rooms (DLX), and single occupancy (SGL) are available at an additional price.
- **extensions:** if you wish to arrive before the trip commences or (more commonly) stay for a few days after, on a kosher full board basis, this is usually possible.
- **tips:** at your discretion

### **Important suggestions!**

Whether or not you intended to spend time in Spain before your tour, we **strongly** recommend you stay the night before the tour starts in a hotel in Andalucia, in case your incoming flight is delayed.

We cannot wait for late arrivals as it is unfair to other guests. The cost of "catching up" by taxi is MUCH greater than the cost of a night at a hotel!!

- **insurance:** all clients should be aware that while all efforts are made to avoid any problems before, during and after your trip, Naomi carries no insurance for your health or luggage. While using the services only of registered suppliers, we recommend that you purchase **fully comprehensive travel insurance as Naomi cannot be held liable for any mishaps during your stay**. This must **include cancellation insurance** to cover cancellation for any reason by either party.

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