

Morocco Jewish Heritage Journey for the Connoisseur



A Journey Through Two Millennia of Jewish History

In the Footsteps of Morocco's Ancient Jewish Communities Itinerary

Day 1 – Aug 2 | Sunday: Welcome to Morocco – Casablanca

Upon arrival at Mohammed V International Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by your private English-speaking guide and driver, who will accompany you throughout your journey. Transfer to your hotel and enjoy time to relax after your international flight. Depending on your arrival time, you may wish to enjoy the hotel's amenities or take a leisurely stroll before your Moroccan adventure begins.

Overnight: Royal Hideaway Hotel – Casablanca

Day 2 – Aug 3 | Monday: Casablanca – Chefchaouen

Begin your journey exploring Casablanca, once home to one of Morocco's largest Jewish communities. Visit the Museum of Moroccan Judaism, the only Jewish museum in the Arab world, followed by the beautiful Beth-El Synagogue and the city's historic Jewish Cemetery. Before departing, stop at the magnificent Hassan II Mosque overlooking the Atlantic

Ocean. This afternoon, travel north through Morocco's fertile countryside into the Rif Mountains, arriving in the enchanting Blue City of Chefchaouen.

Overnight: Riad Nila – Chefchaouen

Day 3 – Aug 4 | Tuesday: Chefchaouen – Ouazzane – Fès

Awake in the enchanting Blue City of **Chefchaouen**, where, according to local tradition, many of the city's distinctive, blue-painted streets were inspired by Sephardic Jews who settled here following the Expulsion from Spain in 1492. Enjoy a guided walk through the picturesque medina before continuing to **Ouazzane**, home to the sacred shrine of **Rabbi Amram Ben Diwan**, one of Morocco's most revered Jewish sages and an important pilgrimage site for Jews from around the world. Continue through the rolling countryside to the Imperial City of **Fès**, Morocco's spiritual and cultural capital.

Overnight: Palais Houyam Hotel – Fès

Day 4 – Aug 5 | Wednesday: Imperial Fès

Today's exploration reveals why Fès has long been regarded as the spiritual heart of Morocco. Visit the historic Jewish Mellah, the beautifully restored Ibn Danan Synagogue, the historic Jewish Cemetery, and the magnificent gates of the Royal Palace. Continue into the UNESCO-listed medieval Medina, where centuries-old workshops, bustling souks, traditional tanneries, and remarkable Islamic architecture create one of the world's most authentic historic cities.

Overnight: Palais Houyam Hotel – Fès

Day 5 – Aug 6 | Thursday: Fès – Middle Atlas – Todra Gorge – Boumalne Dades

Travel south through the spectacular Middle Atlas Mountains, stopping in the alpine town of Ifrane and the nearby cedar forests, home to Morocco's famous Barbary macaques. Continue through Midelt and the fertile Tinghir Oasis before arriving at the dramatic Todra Gorge, where towering limestone cliffs rise hundreds of feet above the valley floor. By evening, arrive in the breathtaking Dades Valley, renowned for its unique rock formations and ancient kasbahs.

Overnight: Dades Palm Hotel – Boumalne Dades

Day 6 – Aug 7 | Friday: Boumalne Dades – Aït Ben Haddou – Marrakech

Journey along the famous Route of a Thousand Kasbahs, passing through the Valley of Roses, Skoura Oasis, and Ouarzazate before visiting the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Aït Ben Haddou**, one of Morocco's best-preserved fortified villages. Cross the spectacular High Atlas Mountains via the Tizi n'Tichka Pass before descending into Marrakech, where you'll settle into your traditional Moroccan riad in time to welcome Shabbat.

Overnight: Riad N.L. Collection – Marrakech

Day 7 – Aug 8 | Saturday: Marrakech – Shabbat

Spend Shabbat discovering the rich Jewish heritage of Marrakech. Explore the historic Mellah, visit the sixteenth-century Slat Al Azama Synagogue, and pay your respects at the historic Miaara Jewish Cemetery. Guests wishing to attend local synagogue services may do so, while the remainder of the day offers an opportunity to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of one of Morocco's most captivating Imperial Cities.

Overnight: Riad N.L. Collection – Marrakech

Day 8 – Aug 9 | Sunday: Marrakech – Essaouira

Travel west to the charming Atlantic port of Essaouira, historically known as Mogador. Once home to one of Morocco's most influential Jewish communities, the city prospered through the international trade networks of its Jewish merchants. Visit Bayt Dakira (House of Memory), explore the historic Jewish Mellah, stroll through the UNESCO-listed Medina, and enjoy the city's picturesque harbor, artisan workshops, and Atlantic coastline.

Overnight: Madada Mogador Hotel – Essaouira

Day 9 – Aug 10 | Monday: Essaouira – Casablanca – Departure

Following breakfast, depart Essaouira for Casablanca, traveling through Morocco's scenic Atlantic countryside. Upon arrival at Mohammed V International Airport, your guide will assist with your departure arrangements as your unforgettable journey through Morocco's remarkable Jewish heritage comes to a close.