

Jewish Treasures, Timeless Traditions, and Cultural Experiences in Morocco



NOVEMBER 4th – 14th, 2025

Discover Morocco's Jewish legacy on a journey that unearths the profound influence and enduring presence of Jewish culture in this vibrant land. Morocco has long been a crossroads of civilizations, and for centuries, Jewish communities have flourished here, contributing to a unique cultural tapestry that lives on with ancient synagogues, cemeteries, historical sites and bustling medinas. From Casablanca's urban energy to the timeless magical Sahara desert, experience Morocco's diversity firsthand. This tour offers you a rare opportunity to explore historical Jewish heritage sites and synagogues, meet local Jewish community members, and savour the unique blend of Moroccan Jewish and Berber customs.

With every stop, you'll gain insight into the longstanding Jewish influence in Moroccan art, cuisine, and daily life, while soaking in breathtaking landscapes and vibrant city scenes. Join us on this thoughtfully curated journey, where every moment honours Morocco's Jewish heritage, its deep traditions, and the inspiring resilience of its people.



Day 1

Tuesday, November 4th - Arrival and Jewish Heritage in Casablanca

Arrive in Casablanca, Morocco's cultural and commercial heart, where Morocco's largest Jewish community still resides. Start with a visit to the Museum of Moroccan Judaism—the only Jewish museum in the Arab world—which offers a compelling look into Moroccan Jewish history through artefacts, photos, and ceremonial items. Following this, marvel at the

Hassan II Mosque, set dramatically on the Atlantic shore, showcasing Morocco's extraordinary Islamic craftsmanship alongside its cultural diversity. Enjoy some free time to relax and take in Casablanca's modern-meets-traditional ambiance. Welcome Dinner in Casablanca.

Overnight in Casablanca.

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Day 2

Wednesday, November 5th- Full Day in Essaouira

Travel along the Atlantic coast to Essaouira, a city where Jewish, Berber, and Portuguese influences converge. This enchanting port town has a significant Jewish past; at its height, nearly half of Essaouira's population was once Jewish. Tour the UNESCO-listed Medina, with stops at the historical Jewish cemetery and the tomb of Rabbi Haim Pinto, a revered figure whose legacy remains influential. Visit his today still active synagogue and hear stories of the Jewish families who shaped Essaouira's history. In the evening, enjoy a fresh seafood dinner by the seaside, celebrating Essaouira's coastal culture.



Overnight in Essaouira.



Day 3

Thursday, November 6th - Essaouira to Marrakech

Depart for Marrakech, Morocco's "Red City," known for its rose-coloured walls and dynamic spirit. Begin with the Majorelle Gardens, a lush sanctuary created by artist Jacques Majorelle and later restored by designer Yves Saint Laurent. This iconic garden reflects Morocco's blend of French and local artistry. Next, tour the Yves Saint Laurent Museum, honouring the designer's deep connection to Moroccan art. The day is a celebration of Marrakech's enduring influence on art and fashion.

Overnight in Marrakech.

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Day 4

Friday, November 7th - Jewish Heritage and Cultural Highlights of Marrakech

Explore the Jewish legacy in Marrakech, starting in the Mellah (Jewish Quarter), once home to a vibrant Jewish population. Visit the historical Lazama Synagogue, a peaceful space with a beautifully adorned courtyard. Continue to the Jewish Cemetery, a solemn site that reflects centuries of history and tradition. See the Bahia Palace, a 19th-century masterpiece showcasing Moroccan artisanship, and the Saadian Tombs, resting place of the Saadian dynasty. Visit the Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, take in Marrakech's lively street life before gathering with a local Jewish family for a special Shabbat dinner, experiencing Moroccan Jewish hospitality.



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Day 5

Saturday, November 8th - Ourika Valley: Market Visit, Hiking, and Berber Family Experience

Venture to the Ourika Valley, where we begin with a bustling Berber market, a central feature of local life. Here, people gather to trade goods from fresh produce to hand-woven rugs and even animals. Later, enjoy a scenic hike to the Ourika Falls and visit a local Berber family, immersing ourselves in their customs and learning about their distinct connection to the land. This day will offer a deeper understanding of Berber hospitality and culture.

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Day 6

Sunday, November 9th - Marrakech to Ouarzazate via the Atlas Mountains

Drive through the breathtaking Atlas Mountains, stopping at the Tizi n'Tichka Pass, Morocco's highest mountain peaks. Arrive in Ouarzazate, known as the "Gateway to the Desert." Visit the historic Kasbah Taourirt, a UNESCO site with rooms decorated in intricate patterns—a reminder of Morocco's architectural prowess. The kasbah, once home to prominent Jewish families, reflects the coexistence of Jewish and Berber life in this region.

Overnight in Ouarzazate.



Day 7

Monday, November 10th - Journey to the Desert Camp in Merzouga

Journey through the lush Draa Valley, famous for its expansive palm groves and traditional kasbahs, as you head towards the Sahara. Arrive at your desert camp near Merzouga, where you'll enjoy a Berber dinner under the stars, surrounded by the serene beauty of the dunes. The evening is a celebration of desert life, with Berber music and stories adding to the experience.

Overnight in a desert camp in Merzouga.



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Day 8

Tuesday, November 11th - Sunrise Camel Ride, Rabbi Abuhatzeira's Tomb, and Errachidia

Greet the day with a camel ride over the dunes at sunrise, a moment of quiet reflection in the vast Sahara. Return to camp for breakfast, then travel to the tomb of Rabbi Yisrael Abuhatzeira (Baba Sali), a revered Jewish mystic whose resting place is a pilgrimage site. Continue to Errachidia, where the

evening is spent relaxing after a day of rich heritage exploration.

Overnight in Errachidia.

Day 9

Wednesday, November 12th - Early Flight to Casablanca, Continuing to Rabat, Meknes, and Fez

Fly to Casablanca and travel to Rabat to explore the Kasbah of the Udayas and the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, both rich in Moroccan history and artistry. Continue to Meknes, another imperial city, and visit Bab Mansour and El Hedim Square, with its blend of French and Moroccan influences. Arrive in Fez by evening.

Overnight in Fez.



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Day 10

Thursday, November 13th- Jewish Heritage in Fez and Gala Dinner in Casablanca

Begin with a tour of Fez's Jewish Mellah, visiting the historic Ibn Danan Synagogue and exploring the remnants of a once-thriving Jewish community. Walk through Fez Medina, a UNESCO site filled with artisan workshops, souks, and historical sites, including Al-Qarawiyyin University. Return to Casablanca in the evening for a special gala dinner, celebrating our journey.

Overnight in Casablanca.



Day 11

Friday, November 14th - Transfer to Casablanca Airport

Bid farewell to Morocco as we transfer to Casablanca Airport, taking with us the memories of this rich cultural journey.

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March 18th - 28th, 2025

Note: This tour is designed for travellers in good physical shape who are comfortable with extended bus rides and can manage moderate physical activity, including walking and light hiking. The journey promises adventure and breathtaking landscapes, but please ensure you're prepared for some longer travel days and physical exploration.

Price Per person:

Sharing base \$ 3150

Single Supplement \$ 690

Price Includes:

Accommodation:

5-star hotels in city centres.

Meals:

Daily breakfast, lunches, and dinners Full board.

Saturday, March 22 - Free Dinner in Marrakech

Transportation:

- Air Conditioner Tourist Bus
- Group transfers upon arrival and departure
- Domestic Flight Errachidia to Casablanca
- 11 days of sightseeing
- Water on the bus, driver meals, and accommodations

Guide: Local Professional guide who specializes in Jewish heritage

Additional Services:

- All entrance fees and attractions per itinerary
- Water, sparkling water, coffee, and tea at meals
- Wine included at the first dinner, Shabbat, and final gala dinner
- Meetings with local Jewish community members
- Porterage at hotels
- Tips to service providers

Exclusions:

International flights, border taxes, visas, additional meals, personal expenses, beverages, and insurance.