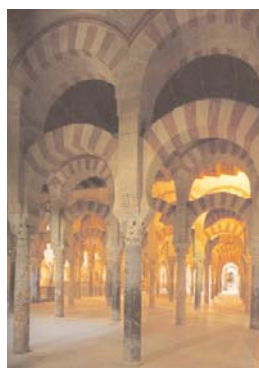
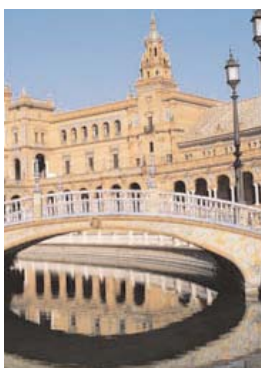


THE ROOTS OF SEFARAD

JULY 4 - 13, 2010

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Sunday, July 4

Depart JFK in the evening on Air Europa.

Monday, July 5

Arrive in Madrid

Panoramic tour of the city

Check in and dinner at hotel

Guest speaker

Accommodations: Gran Melia Fenix, Madrid

Tuesday, July 6

Half-day coach visit to Segovia, where the largest Jewish population of Castille resided and now a World Heritage Site.

Visit the former main synagogue, now the Corpus Christie Church;

the Learning Center of the Jewish Quarter

at the house of Abraham Senneor;

the San Andres gate which leads to the Jewish cemetery; and tour the restored Jewish quarter

Return to Madrid for leisure time and dinner.

Accommodations: Gran Melia Fenix, Madrid

Wednesday, July 7

Half-day coach visit to Toledo, accompanied by the Consul General of Spain in NY, the Honorable Fernando Villalonga. Visit the synagogues of Santa Maria La Blanca; El-Transito and the Sephardic Museum; and the Palace of Samuel Ha-Levi. Return to Madrid for guided visit to world-famous Prado museum

Accommodations: Gran Melia Fenix, Madrid

Thursday, July 8

Travel from Madrid to Barcelona via high speed train

Walk the streets where the once-vibrant Jewish community lived in the Middle Ages

Visit the old synagogue, recently restored as a private museum

Walk by the building where the Spanish Inquisition functioned in Barcelona until 1834

See the only *mezuzah* left in the city

Accommodations: Casa Fuster Hotel, Barcelona

Friday, July 9

Full day coach visit to Girona and Besalu

Also called "Mother of Israel," Girona is home to an important school of *Kabbalah* and has one of the most beautiful and important Jewish Quarters in Catalonia

Visit the Jewish History Museum of Girona,

located where the 15th century synagogue once stood, which traces the historical trajectory of the Catalan Jewish communities

Continue to the medieval village of Besalu,

visiting a 12th century *mikvah*,

in what is still called the "Pla dels Jueus," Place of the Jews

Return to Barcelona for *Shabbat* prayers and dinner

at the Israel Community Center of Barcelona.

Accommodations: Casa Fuster Hotel, Barcelona

Saturday, July 10

Shabbat services, *kiddush*, and lunch at the synagogue

Guest speakers and a walking tour are planned

Accommodations: Casa Fuster Hotel, Barcelona

Sunday, July 11

Travel from Barcelona to Cordoba via high speed train

The capital of Al-Andalus, it is the city where some of the greatest philosophers, architects, artists, and scientists from the Jewish, Muslim and Christian world came together.

Tour the Jewish Quarter,

one of the largest and best preserved in the world

Tour includes the Old Synagogue, the statue of Maimonides, the Calahorra gateway and the Great Mosque.

Visit Casa de Sefarad de Cordoba,

where they will host a private concert for us

Accommodations: Casa de la Juderia, Cordoba

Monday, July 12

Full-day coach visit to Granada,

where we will visit the famous Alhambra Palace.

Return to Cordoba for overnight stay

Accommodations: Casa de la Juderia, Cordoba

Tuesday, July 13

Travel via high-speed train from Cordoba to Madrid

for our afternoon flight to JFK

Arrive at JFK



SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS ACCOMMODATED

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