

Join the Ayelet tours Traveling University

on a Jewish Heritage Tour to

SPAIN

and optional Pre-Tour to Portugal

With 4 special guest lectures by Professor Stephen Berk

MARCH 14 - 25, 2012

\$4,999.00 LAND & AIR per person

Based on double occupancy



Flemenco dancer



Plaza Espana



Synagogue la Blanca

TOURING INCLUDES:

Roundtrip airfare

3 nights at the Le Meridien Hotel in Barcelona

1 night at the AC Palacio Santa Paula Hotel in Granada

2 nights at the Gran Melia Colon Hotel in Seville

4 nights at the Melia Princesa Hotel in Madrid

Breakfast daily * Welcome dinner

Shabbat dinner in Barcelona * Dinner and a Flamenco Show

Shabbat dinner in Madrid * Farewell dinner in Madrid

Airport transfers upon arrival and departure

All touring with a local licensed English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned motorcoach

Group transfers and airport assistance upon arrival and departure

Entrance fees per itinerary

Porterage

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

4 GUEST LECTURES BY PROF. BERK

March 15-18

The Columbus Statue, Guell Park, Las Ramblas, and the Jewish Quarter and Holocaust Memorial in Barcelona

Gerona's Old Jewish Quarter and Museum

Granada's Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens
The Cathedral Palace, the Barrio Santa Cruz and Royal Alcazar Palace in Seville

The Royal Palace, Retiro Park, Plaza Mayer, and The Museo del Prado and Thyssen Art Galley in Madrid

Toledo's Grand Cathedral and Santa Maria La Blanca
AND SO MUCH MORE!

PRE-TOUR TO LISBON AVAILABLE:

\$ 1,249.00 per person

2 nights at the Tivoli Lisboa Hotel in Lisbon


1 night at the Majestic Hotel in Barcelona

Welcome dinner

3 days touring with a local licensed English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned motorcoach

Flight from Lisbon to Barcelona

Transfers



Dr. Stephen M. Berk is a Professor of History at Union College in Schenectady, New York. He has been named the Henry and Sally Schaeffer Chair of Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College. Dr. Berk is considered a superb lecturer and teacher. He is the author of *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882* and is presently writing a book entitled, *Our People Are Your People: American Jewry and the Struggle for Civil Rights 1854-1965*. Dr. Berk is also the author of many articles on Eastern Europe, Russian Jewish History, anti-Semitism and American policy in the Middle East. He has lectured in numerous cities for UJA and Israel Bonds as well as at many colleges and universities throughout the United States. Dr. Berk has led numerous trips to Russia, Spain, Europe, Israel and Eastern Europe. It is a privilege to have him with us!

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PRE-TOUR TO LISBON

Day 1, Sunday, March 11, 2012: We depart New York on our overnight flight to Lisbon.

Day 2, Monday, March 12, 2012: Arrive in Lisbon. Transfer to our hotel for check-in. Begin our visit to Lisbon with a drive down Avenida da Liberdade to Rossio, the heart of the city. From here we will follow the tracks of the old Jewish neighborhoods - walking through the three Juderias (Jewish Quarter): Old Juderia; New Juderia, and Alfama Juderia, and stopping along the way to see the Lisbon Synagogue. Welcome dinner and overnight in Lisbon.

Day 3, Tuesday, March 13, 2012: Breakfast. Today we travel to Sintra, dubbed "Glorious Eden" by Byron. We explore the ancient castles, fairytale palaces, and gardens. These will include the Palacio Nacional de Sintra and the Palacio Nacional da Pena. After lunch we have time to browse in the many boutiques and handicraft shops. Overnight Lisbon.

Day 4, Wednesday, March 14, 2012: Breakfast. Morning at leisure to explore Lisbon on our own. We may wish to visit the Gulbenkian Museum, created by the Armenian oil millionaire who donated his amazing collections of art, or explore the Museu de Arte Antiga, filled with paintings by medieval and Renaissance artists. Afternoon flight to Barcelona and transfer to our hotel. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Barcelona.

Day 5, Thursday, March 15, 2012: Breakfast. This morning we join the Traveling University Spain Tour.

MAIN SPAIN TOUR

Day 1, Wednesday, March 14, 2012: We depart New York on our overnight flight to Barcelona.

Day 2, Thursday, March 15, 2012: Arrive in Barcelona and depart for the city center and Las Ramblas, the pedestrian mall. We see the harbor area, Columbus Statue, the Holy Family Church designed by Gaudi, and Guell Park. Check in at our hotel, and enjoy a Welcome dinner and introductory lecture by Professor Stephen Berk this evening. Overnight in Barcelona.

Day 3, Friday, March 16, 2012: Breakfast and lecture by Professor Stephen Berk. Depart for a full day tour of Gerona, formerly a major Jewish center and home to the famous Ramban - Nachmonides. See the Old Jewish Quarter, newly restored museum, and courtyard. Lunch on own at a sidewalk café. Return to Barcelona. Tonight we enjoy Shabbat dinner together. Overnight in Barcelona.

Day 4, Saturday, March 17, 2012: Breakfast. This morning we attend Shabbat Services at the modern day synagogue - "The Comunidad Israelita de Barcelona", a traditional Sephardic Jewish congregation in the city. This afternoon we will explore Barcelona's Jewish Heritage, from past to present. Our tour will include the El Call, or Jewish Quarter, and the oldest synagogue found and restored under the basement of a XVII century building, recently restored. Continue to the Holocaust Memorial dedicated by the Jews of Barcelona. Early evening lecture by Professor Stephen Berk. Overnight in Barcelona.

Day 5, Sunday, March 18, 2012: Breakfast and lecture with Professor Berk. Today we fly to Granada, formerly "Granada of the Jews." Upon arrival we begin our tour, which includes the Alhambra Palace, Generalife Gardens and Old Jewish Quarter. Overnight in Granada.

Day 6, Monday, March 19, 2012: Breakfast. Depart for Seville, the romantic capital of Andalucia. Visit the Cathedral Palace and Barrio de Santa Cruz, the former Jewish Quarter. Time permitting; we stop for a tour of the Royal Alcazar Palace. Enjoy dinner together and an exciting flamenco performance. Overnight in Seville.

Day 7, Tuesday, March 20, 2012: Breakfast. We drive to Cordoba, home of the great Ramban, Moses Maimonides. We see the synagogue with its bronze statue of Maimonides and the cathedral, once a mosque. We have time for lunch and explore the shops of Calle de Los Judios before returning to Seville.

Day 8, Wednesday, March 21, 2012: Breakfast. We depart for Madrid on the high speed AVE train. Upon arrival we enjoy a city tour of Madrid, including the Royal Palace, Retiro Park, Plaza Major, Centre de Arte' Reina Sophia to see the painting "Guernica." Overnight in Madrid.

Day 9, Thursday, March 22, 2012: Breakfast. We enjoy a full day tour of Toledo, once the Royal Capital of Spain and center of Jewish learning and literature. We visit the Grand Toledo Cathedral, Santa Maria La Blanca (formerly a synagogue), and the Transito Synagogue. We see the El Greco collection at Santo Thome Chapel and return to Madrid. Overnight in Madrid.

Day 10, Friday, March 23, 2012: Breakfast. We visit the Museo del Prado together to view the amazing masterpieces, and tour the Paseo del Prado between Estacion de Atocha and Plaza Colon, including a view of the fountains at Fuente de Neptuno and the Plaza de la Cibeles. This afternoon we have the option to remain at the Prado (on own) for the opportunity to visit the Thyssen Art Gallery, have tea at the Ritz in the outdoor gardens, or just take a stroll on the streets of Madrid. Tonight we enjoy Shabbat dinner together at our hotel. Overnight in Madrid.

Day 11, Saturday, March 24, 2012: Breakfast. Shabbat at leisure OR tour to the famous Escorial Monastery. Enjoy a farewell dinner together. Overnight Madrid.

Day 12, Sunday, March 25, 2012: Breakfast. This afternoon we transfer to the airport for our return flight back to New York.

The Memories last forever!! *ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

Tour does not include: Departure taxes and fuel surcharges, any border taxes or visas, tips (\$15.00 per person, per day collected in advance), \$15.00 shipping/handling charge per household, travel insurance (highly recommended) or any items of a personal nature. The single supplement is \$1,259.00 per person for the main tour and \$355 per person for the pre-tour. Land only price is \$4,499.00 per person based on double occupancy. **CANCELLATION PENALTIES:** \$100 per person charged if cancelled more than 60 days before departure. \$250 per person charged if cancelled 60-31 days before departure. 100% penalty will apply if cancelled 30 days or less before departure.

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Pre-tour to Lisbon

Land & Air

Land Only

(please check with Ayelet Tours for internal flight details)

Name as it appears on my passport: (including middle name) _____

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