

Sí Spain: Spain of the Jews



Modern and medieval Spain meet on the intimate cobbled streets of the restored Jewish quarters along the Route of the Sefarad (Hebrew for Spain). Sephardim refers to Jews of Spanish and Portuguese origin whose ancestors were expelled from Spain in 1492. The “Red de (network of) Juderías” is a non-profit association formed with the dual goals of preserving the extensive legacy of Jewish Spain and promoting cultural tourism in major centers on the peninsula where Jews lived.

Sí Spain: Spain of the Jews will visit four major heritage sites: Toledo, Segovia, Barcelona and Gerona to learn about significant people, events and places in the history of Spanish Jews. Your tour host is Dr. Linda L. Elman, an Emerita professor of Spanish from DePauw University, who has led student groups to Spain, Ecuador and Costa Rica, and recently hosted an adult group on a gourmet/wine tour. Dr. Elman has lived in Spain 18 times to pursue her research interests on medieval history, Baroque drama, and contemporary novel and film. She has taught seminars, published, and given professional conference presentations on each topic. Dr. Elman received a faculty fellowship from DePauw to study Old Testament Hebrew heroines who figure prominently in Spanish classical plays. As part of that project, she visited Jewish heritage sites along the Route of the Sefarad. Currently, she is a contributing editor to Highlights children’s magazine, and writes bilingual children’s stories and poems.

Program Details:

Program cost and minimum number group size: **\$5,355** based on a group size of 16-20; \$5,010 based on a group size of 21-25; \$4715 based on a maximum group size of 26. Program cost will increase if group size is smaller. Program cost based on exchange rates and tariffs in effect as of June 8, 2016 subject to change in the event that there is a fluctuation of more than 4%.

Included in the package price:

- Transatlantic airfare and ground transportation by deluxe motorcoach and train; one-day pass on the Barcelona tourist bus
- Group travel insurance
- Breakfast daily plus 6 group dinners and 4 lunches (allowances for kosher or vegetarian meals wherever possible)
- Admission to museums
- Gratuities for handling of one suitcase, hotel and restaurant staff, local guides and drivers
- Full-time tour manager

Program Highlights:

In collaboration with travel experts at Seminars International (Chicago), Dr. Elman created a customized itinerary with some of the following features and inclusions:

- An introduction to the history of Jewish Spain at the National Archeology Museum in Madrid with an informal lecture by the tour host
- A private tour of the Prado art museum in Madrid to discover crypto-Jewish symbolism and a visit to the Picasso Museum in Barcelona
- A guided tour of the Tránsito synagogue museum in Toledo
- A walk through the Jewish Quarter of Segovia guided by Segovia native, Marián Rubio Herrero, Site Director for the University of Oregon’s Global Education Program
- A Sephardic cooking class in Gerona
- A performance at Barcelona’s Palau de la Música (pending)

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