



11 days / 10 nights

# The Jewish Heritage of Portugal



## Day 1 – Lisbon

Reception at the airport. Transfer to the hotel and check in.  
Rest of the day at leisure.

## Day 2 – Lisbon

Breakfast at the hotel.  
Full day tour to visit downtown Lisbon, including the old Jewish quarter of Alfama and, surrounding areas which also include Jewish neighborhoods preceded by a visit of the interesting Lisbon Synagogue, the Shaare Tikvah Synagogue.

Followed by a tour of Belém, a mandatory stop in Lisbon due to its rich heritage. Visit to the ex-libris Mosteiro dos Jerónimos (Jerónimos Monastery), a UNESCO World Heritage site, Torre de Belém (Belém Tower).  
In the evening, dinner at the hotel and transport to a Fado show.  
Return to the hotel and overnight.



## Day 3 – Lisbon / Sintra / Cascais / Estoril / Lisbon

Breakfast at the hotel.  
Sintra is a magical town close to Lisbon worth visiting at least once in a lifetime. First visit of Palácio Nacional da Pena (Pena National Palace), the most iconic monument of Sintra, built in one of the highest points in the region and surrounded by a natural park of untold beauty.

In downtown Sintra, there will be a visit

of the old Jewish quarter the first records of which date back to the 12th century. Free time for lunch.  
After lunch, trip to the gorgeous town of Cascais with visit of Espaço Memória dos Exílios of Fundação D. Luís I (Memories of the Exiles/Foundation King Luís I), where in its permanent exhibition part of the history of the WWII's refugees brought to the region by the European conflict in the 40s of the 20th century may be learned.  
Return to Lisbon, to the hotel and overnight.

## Day 4 – Lisbon / Tomar / Lisbon

Breakfast at the hotel.  
Trip to Tomar to visit the oldest synagogue in Portugal, the building of which was ordered by the King's brother, Infante D. Henrique, as he knew how important the Jewish community was for the future of new worlds and commercial expansion.  
Visit of Christ's Convent once headquarters of the Knights of the Templar.  
Return to Lisbon and rest of the day at leisure.



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## Day 5 – Lisbon / Coimbra / Porto

Breakfast in the hotel and check out.

Trip to Coimbra, the home of Portugal's first university, one of the oldest in Europe and also a UNESCO World Heritage site. This ancient city, which dates back to the Roman era, is full of history and life.

Visit to the historical center where you can find many references to Jewish presence and the university which boasts a beautiful library not to be missed.

In the afternoon, transfer to Porto and check in at the hotel.

## Day 6 – Porto / Belmonte

Breakfast in the hotel and check out.

Tour of the historic centre with visit to Clérigos Tower, the 18th century cathedral, São Bento's Station, and the Ribeira district by the river, which was also a Jewish neighborhood full of typical commerce of the Jewish community in Portugal. Visit to the Kadoorie Mekor Haim Synagogue, the largest synagogue in the Iberian Peninsula and the Jewish Museum of Porto, one of the few run by the Jewish community.

In the afternoon, visit to one of the Port wine cellars with wine tasting and a

short cruise on the river Douro.

Trip to Belmonte and rest of the day at leisure.

Return to the hotel and overnight.

## Day 7 – Belmonte / Trancoso / Guarda / Belmonte

Breakfast at the hotel.

Trip to Trancoso, where a local guide awaits you for a tour to the town where there once lived one of the biggest Jewish communities in Portugal and to the Centro de Interpretação Judaica Isaac Cardoso (Jewish Interpretation Centre Isaac Cardoso) which includes a Sephardi Synagogue (Sinagoga Beit Mayim Hayim).

After lunch trip to Belmonte. Tour in Belmonte, a small town where a Jewish community still lives. There a local guide will take us to visit the Jewish Museum, the Synagogue and learn a little further about this town's rich Jewish heritage as well as the town's link to the first European to set foot in Brazil, Pedro Álvares Cabral.

Return to the hotel and overnight.



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## Day 8 – Belmonte / Vilar Formoso / Almeida / Belmonte

Breakfast at the hotel.

Trip to Vilar Formoso to visit the museum. This museum was set up mainly to show the thousands of refugees that were able to escape the horrors of the Holocaust and also in memory of Aristides Sousa Mendes, a Portuguese consul in France who provided visas to refugees thus enabling them to enter Portugal.

Trip to Almeida, a municipality close to the border to which Vilar Formoso belongs, to enjoy the beauty and look for signs of the Jewish heritage.

Return to Belmonte, to the hotel and overnight.



## Day 9 – Belmonte / Castelo de Vide / Marvão / Lisboa

Breakfast at the hotel, check out and trip to Castelo de Vide.

Brief tour of Marvão, a lovely town close to Castelo de Vide and a visit to the Castle where you can enjoy an amazing view.

Followed by a trip to Lisbon. Arrival and rest of the afternoon at leisure.



## Day 10 – Lisboa / Évora / Lisboa

Breakfast at the hotel.

Évora, the jewel in our “crown” with its beautiful narrow streets and main square. Visit to the historical center, the Bones Chapel and the cathedral.

As with all towns and cities in Portugal, Évora had a fairly large Jewish community in the 16th century. Walking around the city it is possible to see traces of the Jewish presence.

Free time for lunch and enjoy this lovely town. At the end of the afternoon return to Lisbon.

## Day 11 – Lisboa

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Transfer to Lisbon airport.

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## Incluido

- Accommodation in 4\* hotels with bed and breakfast;
- Private transfer from and to the airport;
- Private vehicle with driver for the entire route;
- Local guides in Lisbon, Tomar, Coimbra, Porto, Trancoso, Belmonte and Évora;
- Admittance to all monuments and museums mentioned;
- Visit to a Port Wine Cellar with wine tasting;
- Dinner with Fado show.

Throughout the program, participants will be accompanied by a tour guide, who is the host and will help them to explore and enjoy this extraordinary trip, always with complete freedom to make the most of the trip.

## Program with the possibility of Half Board Supplement:

### Kosher Certified Half Board Supplement:

- Lisboa - [Lux Lisboa Park Hotel 4\\*](#) (kosher restaurant)
- Porto - [Hotel da Música 4\\*](#) (kosher restaurant)
- [Belmonte Sinai Hotel 4\\*](#) (kosher restaurant)

For groups, the Kosher Supplement is valid for the entire group; for FIT's, is on request.

### Normal Meals Half Board Supplement

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