

Morocco | 2027

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Join us in May 2027 for an organized trip to Morocco, one of the most beautiful and fascinating countries on earth. A largely Muslim country, Morocco has a rich two-thousand-year Jewish history, and welcomes visitors from all over the world, including over 50,000 Israeli Jews, each year. Beginning in the famed city of Casablanca, we will journey through Rabat, Fez, Mechnes, and the magical city of Marrakesh, with day trips to the Sahara Desert and Atlas Mountains.
We will experience the hospitality of the warm and welcoming Jewish community, and meet journalists, artists, musicians, and local Muslim students exploring the Jewish roots of their own country.



Djemaa El Fna Square, Marrakesh

Day 1
Thursday, May 13

Departure

AF 63 | Depart Boston 9:45 PM
Arrive Paris 10:35 AM (May 14)

AF 1596 | Depart Paris 12:35 PM
Arrive Casablanca 1:50 PM

Day 2
Friday, May 14

Welcome to Casablanca

From the airport, drive to the picturesque Casablanca promenade for a welcome breakfast at a beautiful seaside restaurant, with views of the Atlantic Ocean.

Meet our warm and knowledgeable local guide, who will accompany us throughout the program

Continue to the iconic Mohammed VI Mosque, an architectural masterpiece and one of the most celebrated landmarks in the Muslim world.

Transfer to our hotel for check-in and some time to refresh and unwind before Shabbat.

Overnight | Hyatt Regency Hotel Hotel, Casablanca

Day 3
Saturday, May 15

Shabbat in Casablanca

Shabbat morning services, followed by kiddush and lunch with the Casablanca Jewish community

Shabbat rest and time for walking in the area of our hotel

Meeting with journalist Mona Az Adin* | *Perspectives on Moroccan Society*
Meet with Jackie Kadosh, president of the local Jewish community*
Seuda Shlishit with Muslim youth from the Mimouna organization who are interested in their Jewish heritage

Havdala followed by tour of Casablanca by night and a musical program featuring Moroccan music and the tradition of piyutim

Overnight | Hyatt Regency Hotel, Casablanca

*Speakers and itinerary elements are subject to confirmation.

Day 4
Sunday, May 16

Casablanca and Rabat

Breakfast at hotel

Check out and depart hotel
Moroccan cooking class & spice market visit.

Visit the Museum of Moroccan Judaism following a meeting with the Museum Director.

Drive to Rabat

Visit El Mechouar Essaid Palace in Rabat

Continue to Fes on the main highway

Dinner in hotel

Overnight | Palais Medina & Spa, Fes, or equivalent



Day 5
Monday, May 17

Fes and Mechnes

Breakfast at hotel

Panoramic view from the Saadian Dynasty fortress, stroll around Fes, visit the Royal Palace and the Mellah—the famous Jewish quarter and cemetery—the Ibn Danan Synagogue, Maimonides house, and the 700-year-old Madrasa Bou Inania, one of the few Muslim shrines open to non-Muslims

Visit the famous Casbah in Mechnes

Magnificent twilight view of Fes from the Borj Sud fortress

Moroccan craft workshops (tile-making, leatherwork).

Processing Session

Dinner at the home of Jewish community leaders

Overnight | Palais Medina & Spa, Fes, or equivalent

Day 6
Tuesday, May 18

From Fes to the Sahara

Breakfast at hotel

Depart Fes to the famous alpine town of Ifrane in the Mid-Atlas region at an altitude of 5000 ft.

Visit Al Akhawayn University and meet leaders of the "Mamounah student group"

Continue along the spectacular gorges of the Ziz River to the Tafilalet Oasis, once the center of an independent kingdom that sent caravans throughout Africa

Visit a Berber museum and the tomb of Rabbi Shmuel Abuchazira, one of the most famous of Morocco's Jewish sages

Continue to Erfoud, the gateway to the Sahara

Overnight | Kasbah Hotel Chergui, Erfoud

Day 7
Wednesday, May 19

The Route of a Thousand Kasbahs

Sunrise jeep ride to the Merzouga Dunes in the heart of the Sahara Desert

Desert Storytelling & Drumming Circle- Learn traditional Berber tales around a campfire, accompanied by drumming and local instruments.

Return for a leisurely breakfast at our hotel and check out

Depart Erfoud via the incredible Todgha Canyon along the "Route of 1000 Kasbahs" to the desert city of Quarzazate, which has provided the scenery for innumerable Hollywood westerns

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Dinner at hotel

Overnight | Quarzazate, Berber Palace

Day 8
Thursday, May 20

The High Atlas Mountains

Check out and depart Quarzazate for Marrakesh, crossing the breathtaking vistas of the High Atlas mountain range. Stop along the way to visit the remnants of a Jewish Berber village, to visit synagogues and shrines left behind by the Jewish community before it departed for Israel

Meet with Yosef Ben Meir, president of the High Atlas organization, dedicated to preserving the heritage of the Jewish community in the Atlas Mountains*

Continue to Marrakesh for dinner at its kosher restaurant

Overnight | Es Saadi Palace Hotel, Marrakesh

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Morocco waterfront

Day 9
Friday, May 21

Welcome to Marrakesh

Visit the Berber Museum in the Majorelle Gardens, which took 40 years to create
Enjoy the scents and sounds of the Jemaa El Fna Square, where jugglers and street musicians compete for your attention with snake charmers and street vendors

Time to prepare for Shabbat

Candle lighting, 7:20 pm

Friday night services followed by dinner at the private home of the Ohaion family

Overnight | Es Saadi Palace Hotel, Marakesh

Day 10
Saturday, May 22

Shabbat in Marrakesh

Services in the main synagogue of Marrakesh, kiddush and lunch with the local Jewish community

Walking tour of the Al Bahia Palace in the Marrakesh “medina”

| *Behind the Veil*
Conversation with local university students

Catered Seudah Shlishit

Processing session

Havdalah, 8:20 pm

Dinner and traditional music & dance immersion learn rythms with Gnawa musicians, ending in a lively group jam session.

Overnight | Es Saadi Palace Hotel, Marakesh

Day 11
Sunday, May 23

Ourika Valley and conclusions

We will offer two options:

Option 1: A day trip to the beautiful Ourika Valley, located about an hour from Marrakesh, known for its lush scenery, Berber villages, and waterfalls.

Option 2: A coastal escape to Essaouira, a charming seaside town famous for its historic medina, vibrant arts scene, and Atlantic beaches.

Return to Marrakesh for dinner and final summary program

Overnight | Es Saadi Palace Hotel, Marakesh

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Day 12
Monday, May 24

Casablanca to Boston

Breakfast at hotel

Check-out and departure from Marrakesh to Casablanca for return flight

AF 1897 | Depart Casablanca 9:25 AM

Arrive Paris 2:30 PM

AF 62 | Depart Paris 5:40 PM

Arrive Boston 7:35 PM

During the trip we will travel on new, air-conditioned buses with an English-speaking guide and a special tour educator who will join us from Israel.

Lodging and meals | Accommodations will be in four- and five-star hotels.

Kosher full board for 2 Shabbatot,
1 dinner with members of the Jewish community in Fes, 1 kosher restaurant dinner in Marrakesh. All breakfasts at hotels included. Other meals on own.

Price |

Land-only with hotel breakfasts plus 6 additional kosher meals: $5,300 per person double occupancy for 25 participants

Group flight on Air France is $1,400 per person.

Single Supplement $2,000

Price includes porterage and gratuities for guide and driver.

Comprehensive trip insurance is available and highly recommended.

Registration

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