



**INSIDE JEWISH MOROCCO
JDC Entwine Insider Trip**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day One: Transfer to Morocco

Afternoon Depart for Morocco

Day Two: Welcome to Morocco!

Morning Arrive in Casablanca, Morocco

Welcome to Morocco! Introduction by JDC Entwine Staff & Trip Chairs

Moroccan Jewry now number approximately 4,000. Centered in Casablanca, this small, but vibrant community takes pride in its values, traditions, and institutions.

Afternoon Moroccan Lunch at a Local Restaurant

Introduction to Jewish Life in Morocco & JDC's Role in Addressing Jewish Community Challenges with JDC Senior Professional

Excursion to the Bab el Mansour Gate and the Olives Markets

Visit to the Meknes Jewish Quarter Em Habanim & Tea at the Jewish Community Center with the President of the Jewish Community of Meknes

Evening Group Core Conversation #1: *Our Intentions*

Festive Moroccan Welcome Dinner

Optional Evening Out

Overnight in Fez

Day Three: Insight into Morocco's Rich History

Morning Breakfast at the Hotel

A Window into Morocco's Rich Jewish History: Tour of the Mellah (Jewish Quarter) & Ibn Danan Synagogue

Remembering our Past: Visit to the Jewish Cemetery for Memorial

In March 2008, during the Euromed Conference of Ministers of Tourism, The Tourism Ministries of Israel, Morocco and Spain agreed to work together on a joint project that will trace the footsteps of the Rambam and thus boost religious tourism in the cities of Córdoba, Fez and Tiberias

Afternoon Lunch in the Medina

Core Conversation #2: *Arevut and JDC*

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Evening Drinks & Conversation with the President of the Jewish Community of Fez at the Jewish Community Center

Dinner & Morocco Show

Overnight in Fez

Day Four: Excursion to Rabat

Morning Excursion to Rabat

Rabat is the capital of Morocco with a metropolitan population of over 1.2 million. Though only a handful of Jews left in Rabat, they remain committed to their Jewish connection and community.

Tour of Historic Sites Including the Mausoleum

Afternoon Lunch & Discussion Jewish Leader of Rabat Community & Community Members

Welcome to Casablanca! Tea & Visit to Villa Mirador, the Historic Residence of the US Consul General

With over three million residents, Casablanca is Morocco's finance capital and largest city. The city's name dates back to Portuguese rule (15th-18th Century) and means 'White House.' With 3,000 Jews, Casablanca is home to Morocco's largest Jewish community.

Evening Core Conversation #3: *Arevut and Me*

Home Hospitality Dinner & Party with Local Young Professionals

Overnight in Casablanca

Day Five: Transfer to Marrakesh

Morning Breakfast at the Hotel

Tour of Hassan II Mosque

The Hassan II Mosque is the largest mosque in Morocco and the third largest mosque in the world after the Masjid al-Haram (Grand Mosque) of Mecca and the Al-Masjid al-Nabawi (Prophet's Mosque) in Medina.

Afternoon Transfer to Marrakesh

Also known as the 'Pearl of the South,' the 'Jewel of the South,' and the 'Rose City,' Marrakesh was a trading and resting place on the crossroads of ancient caravan routes from Timbuktu. Part Berber, part Arab, part African, Marrakesh is the heartbeat of Morocco, where palaces and monuments of unrivaled refinement sit calmly alongside the snake charmers and Gnaouan drums pulsing constantly from Djemâa el Fna Square, the most exuberant marketplace in the world. Today, Marrakesh is home to a small Jewish community of 200.

Home Visits to the Elderly

Visit to Bahia Palace

The Bahia Palace is a palace and a set of gardens built in the late 19th century, intended to be the greatest palace of its time. The name means "brilliance". As in other buildings of the period in other countries, it was intended to capture the essence of the Islamic and Moroccan style.

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Evening Candle Lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Marrakesh's Jewish Community at Local Synagogue

Home Hospitality Shabbat Dinner with Members of the Marrakesh Jewish Community

Overnight in Marrakesh

Day Six: Shabbat in Marrakesh

Morning Breakfast at the Hotel

Optional Shabbat Morning Service or Free Time

Optional Excursion to the Atlas Mountains

Afternoon Group Lunch Poolside at the Hotel

Core Conversation #4: *Action*

Walking Tour of Marrakesh Neighborhoods & Djemâa el Fna Bazaar of Marrakesh

Taking it Home: Closing Group Reflection Session & Discussion

Evening Havdalah

Festive Closing Dinner & Dancing

Optional Evening out

Overnight in Marrakesh

Day Seven: Departure

Morning Depart Morocco