

The Sephardic Jewish
Brotherhood Foundation
La Ermandad Sefaradi

TOUR OF JEWISH GREECE & THE BALKANS

June 22 - July 3, 2025

INCLUDES SOFIA, PLOVDIV, SKOPJE, MONASTIR (BITOLA),
THESSALONIKI (SALONIKA), IOANNINA, CORFU, & ATHENS

REDISCOVER YOUR HERITAGE AND CONNECT WITH OTHER
SEPHARDIC JEWS ON THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

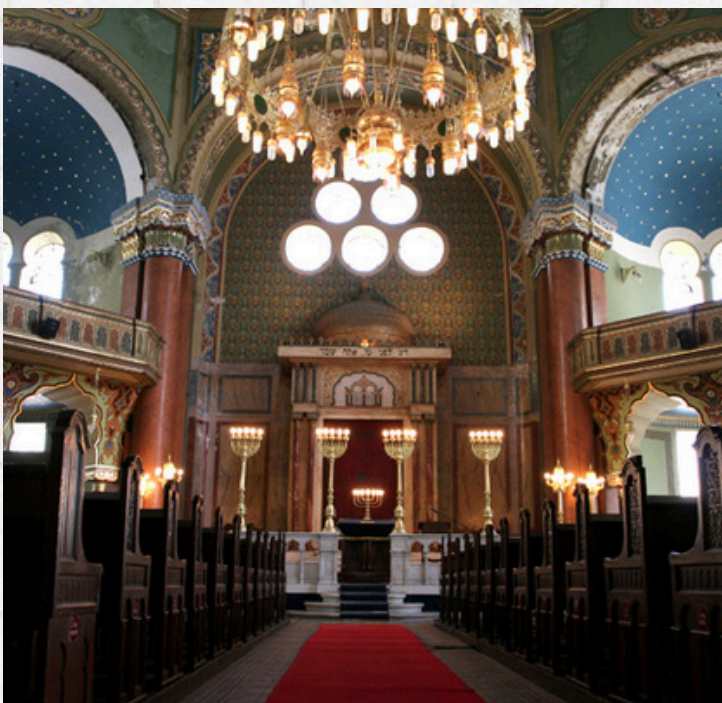
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Day 1 - Sunday June 22

International Flight from the United States to Sofia, Bulgaria. Arrive in the evening to Sofia. **Overnight in Sofia at the Grand Hotel Sofia.**



Day 2 - Monday June 23

Our first full day in Sofia, we'll explore the city center together including the major cultural sites. Sofia's center affords the unique opportunity to walk down a real "yellow brick road," paved in 1907 with Austro-Hungarian cobblestone. In addition to the Jewish neighborhood and Sofia Synagogue, we'll also visit the city's Jewish memorials and admire traditional Sephardic handiwork by the women of "Bendichas Manos" (Blessed Hands). Free time in the afternoon to continue exploring Sofia on your own. **Overnight in Sofia at the Grand Hotel Sofia.**



Day 3 - Tuesday June 24

Today we will take a day trip to Plovdiv, Bulgaria's second-largest city. As we walk the cobble streets of the Old Town, we'll see some of the most impressive examples of opulent 19th century architecture, a second-century Roman theater and stadium, and a 14th century mosque. We'll also learn about Plovdiv's vibrant Jewish community, walk through the historic Jewish neighborhood, and visit the city's synagogue. Late afternoon return to Sofia. **Overnight in Sofia at the Grand Hotel Sofia.**





Day 4 - Wednesday June 25

Today we say goodbye to Bulgaria. As we leave Sofia, we visit the town of Kyustendil, stopping at a special museum dedicated to Dimitar Peshev, who helped save the Jews of Bulgaria. We will then leave Bulgaria and cross into North Macedonia, arriving in the nation's capital, Skopje. We will visit the new Holocaust Memorial Center and the Bet Yaakov Synagogue, with time to explore the downtown. **Overnight in Skopje at the Skopje Marriott Hotel.**



Day 5 - Thursday June 26

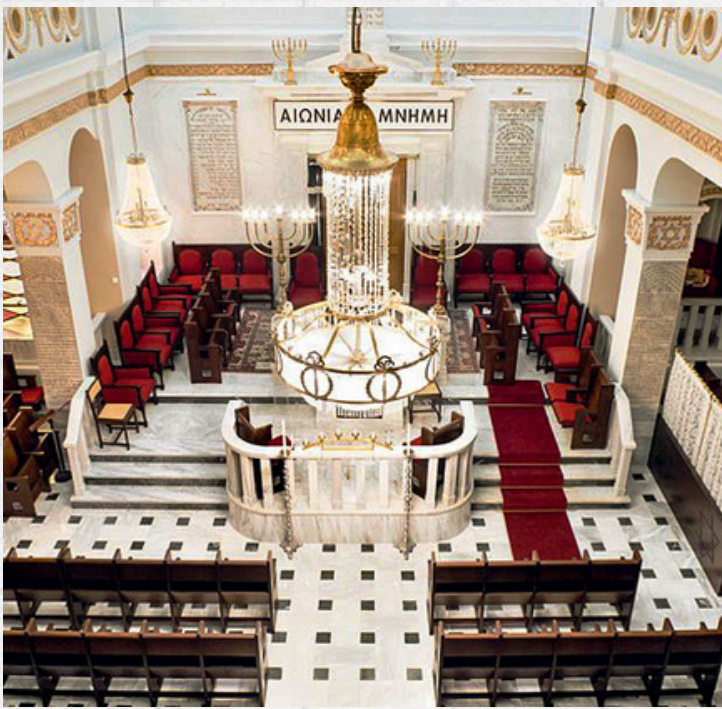
Today we head for Bitola (Monastir), site of Macedonia's oldest Jewish cemetery, dating back to 1497. We'll walk through the historic Jewish quarter and stroll down the city's lively promenade. After lunch, we continue our journey into Greece and visit Vergina (Aigai), one of the country's most spectacular archaeological sites. We'll explore the Royal Tombs, including the tomb of Philip II. From Vergina, we continue to beautiful Thessaloniki (Salonika). Greece's second largest city and port has a rich history. **Overnight in Thessaloniki at the Hotel Astoria.**



Day 6 - Friday June 27

We have a busy day to explore Thessaloniki. We'll visit Salonika's two synagogues: Monastirioton and Yad Lazikaron, the Jewish community center, and the Jewish Museum. We'll also explore the Upper City and its lavish villas, the new monument commemorating the Jewish cemetery, and we will end our tour at the Byzantine Walls, where you can enjoy fabulous views of the bay. Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Shabbat Dinner together. **Overnight in Thessaloniki at the Hotel Astoria.**





Day 7 - Saturday June 28

You have a leisurely day to attend Shabbat services if you'd like and explore Salonika on your own. You can take a walk along the seafront and visit the White Tower, stroll along the newly reconstructed port, or enjoy local life at the city's famous flower and food markets – Modiano and Kapani. The Ladadika and Valaoritou districts house some of the city's best taverns, restaurants, and cafes. You can visit some of Salonika's museums, the Roman Forum, or the 8th century Hagia Sophia. **Overnight in Thessaloniki at the Hotel Astoria.**



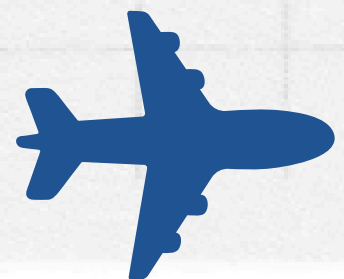
Day 8 - Sunday June 29

We say goodbye to Thessaloniki and take a special trip to the city of Ioannina, the historic home to the Romaniote Jewish community. We visit the historic Jewish cemetery, synagogue, and the Holocaust Memorial, walk the streets of the fortified old town and the Jewish neighborhood, and enjoy the lovely scenery of the Pamvotis lake. Early evening arrival to the bucolic island of Corfu. **Overnight in Corfu at the Mon Repos Palace.**



Day 9 - Monday June 30

Welcome to Corfu town, where you will recognize the Venetian influence in the local architecture. Jewish presence on this Ionian island dates back to the 12th century. Your walking tour of Corfu includes the lively promenade, the Old Fortress, the Campiello quarter, the Jewish ghetto, and the La Scuola Greca Synagogue. Free time in the afternoon to enjoy the bazaar alleyways, offering a wealth of olive oils, carved olive wood items, and much more. **Overnight in Corfu at Mon Repos Palace.**





Day 10 - Tuesday July 1

After some more free time in beautiful island of Corfu, including exploring the local beaches, we depart for Corfu Airport and take a short flight to Athens. Settle into your hotel in Athens and free time for you to explore the city on your own. **Overnight in Athens at the Hotel Brown Acropol.**



Day 11 - Wednesday July 2

Start your morning with a visit to the Athens Jewish Museum. Your Jewish city tour of Athens continues with the Beth Shalom Sephardic Synagogue and the Romaniote Etz Hayim Synagogue. As you explore downtown Athens, enjoy the picturesque historic Plaka neighborhood with its charming narrow streets. You will end your half-day city tour at the Acropolis and the Parthenon. Free time in the afternoon for shopping and exploring more of Athens on your own. We'll end the day with a festive farewell dinner. **Overnight in Athens at Hotel Brown Acropol.**



Day 12 - Thursday July 3

Free time and departure for your international airport transfer.



Tour Details & Cost

This specially priced Tour of Jewish Greece & the Balkans includes all hotels, all transfers, all taxes, all breakfasts, 6 dinners, 1 lunch, and all entrance fees to attractions included in the tour, 1 domestic ferry from mainland Greece to Corfu, shuttle buses, and 1 domestic flight from Corfu to Athens. This trip is organized by Sephardic Balkans - Jewish Heritage Trips and the Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood Foundation.

Double (per person in double room): \$3,995.

Single (single person in a single room): \$4,940.

Note: International Airfare is not included in the prices above.

All included lunches and dinners provided during the tour are under kosher supervision, and additional Kashrut accommodation is available. We will try to make your travel as stress-free as possible.

Space is limited. This notice is only going out to Sephardic Communities across the United States to participate. If you wish to reserve your place, please contact Ethan Marcus at Ethan@SephardicBrotherhood.com, or register online at sephardicbrotherhood.com/tour.

Registration and deposit deadline January 20th, 2025. Upon confirmation, you are required to submit an initial deposit of \$1,000

