

Naomi Boutique Kosher Tours

5* Andalusia, SPAIN, June 9-16, 2025

including GIBRALTAR

followed by optional 4 day tour to Portugal

staying in a luxurious villa complex by MARBELLA

fascinating content (Jewish and general)

fresh fine cuisine and Spanish kosher wines

For everyone, lots of fun!!!

For golfers... Paradise!!!



This is as close as Naomi Tours gets to a Jewish History tour

Overview – why visit Andalusia

Andalusia, the cradle of civilization in the Middle Ages, was home to Jewish, Moslem and Christian philosophers.

For a period of almost four centuries, when Medieval Spain was ruled by the Moors, the believers in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam lived together in peace and harmony. La Convivencia refers to this coexistence. For over 400 years, knowledge and mysticism thrived in the Spanish towns of Toledo, Cordoba, and Granada as students and teachers in all three disciplines helped one another to learn, translate, and understand ancient teachings.



The year 1492 marked the destruction of an unprecedented form of coexistence between the Jews, Muslims, and Christians in Al-Andalus, a state that had thrived since the eleventh century. Was the purported reality of "La Convivencia" a mere construct of mythology, created by Spanish historian Ramon Pidal and his student America Castro, or one exacerbated by populism?

The tour will seek to answer several questions:

How did the spirit of Convivencia come about?

What was the reality of La Convivencia?

Was La Convivencia a retrospective utopian fallacy or did there really exist such an unprecedented social fabric in medieval Spain?

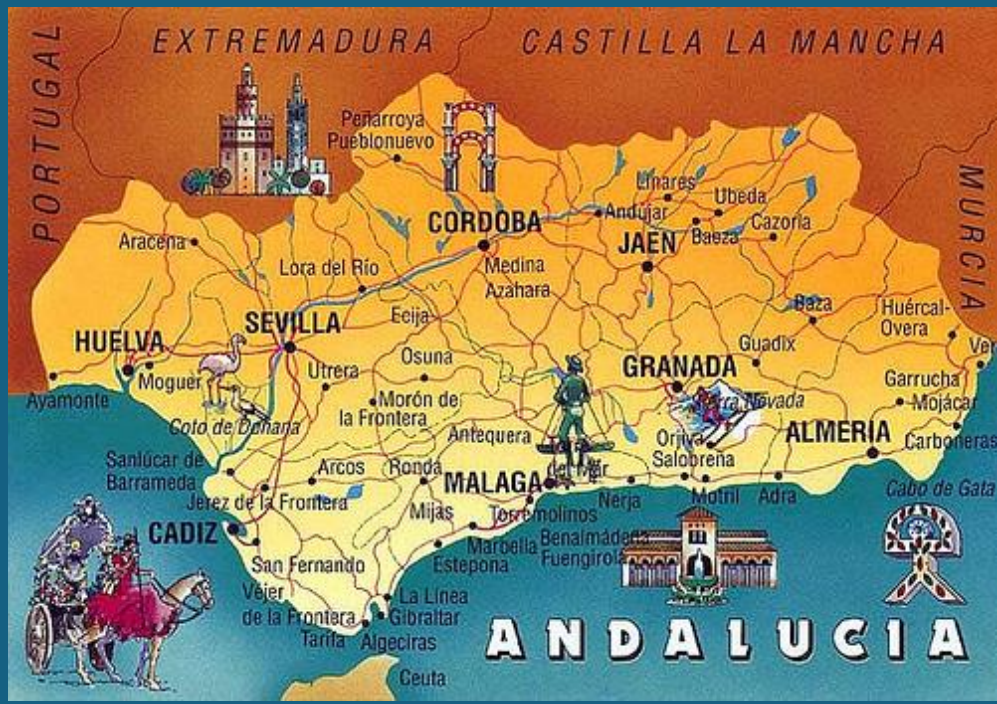
Can Islam live alongside democratic pluralism?

MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR OUR DAY, can aspects of La Convivencia inform the peace process in the Middle East.



Our base will be a complex of luxury villas just outside the world-famous town of Marbella.

Here we sleep and dine, and from here we visit some of the most beautiful and significant towns and villages



Arrival: GRANADA (GRX) airport midday Monday June 9 (for lunch at the airport) followed immediately by our first tour: to the Alhambra Palace in Granada where the Deed of Expulsion of the Jews was signed in 1492.



In order to minimize long road journeys to visit the principal must-sees, we start in Granada and end in Seville, departing Seville airport (SVQ). It's a fairly long drive to our "home" in Marbella so you'll relax on the way. Dinner in Spain is always late do don't be surprised by a 9pm feast. We'll compensate you with an easy day on Tuesday.

**We will visit over the coming days:
Gorgeous Marbella, centre of the region**



Mijas, typical of the Arabic era building style, stretches along the side of the mountain as if it were a balcony, with its white houses contrasting with the green of the pine trees, offering a picture postcard view of the coast.



Ronda, majestically perched above its gorge, full of history



Cordoba (a longer journey – unavoidable one long journey)



Cordoba plays a pivotal role in the history of Jewish life in the middle ages. In the tenth century it became *THE* seat of Jewish learning, eclipsing the Babylonian academies of Sura and Pumbeditha. Its preeminence was undoubtedly due to one man, Hasdai Ibn Shaprut (915-970) doctor, diplomat and scholar. His wealth enables him to surround himself with Jewish poets, philosophers and scholars. And the mosque that became a cathedral is a must-see. The Catholics converted everything they could, wherever possible!!



Malaga home to Ibn Gvirol and Picasso.....

Our touring in Malaga is more about Picasso, but Ibn Gvirol has a statue and there is a Jewish community with a shul, a "Makolet" and all the other necessities for a full Jewish life.

We'll also take the half-day wonderful Caminito del Rey 5 mile hike
After all the food an the history, we need some time in the fresh air



Gibraltar (Friday – watch the 100% observant community getting ready for Shabbat)



If you've never heard about Gibraltar, this tour will blow you away!! A continuous presence since 1704 on this promontory at the end of Europe, fiercely British, fiercely Sephardi and 99% shomer shabbat. As Morocco is NOT as attractive a destination for Jews as it was 18 months ago, this meld of cultures is unforgettable.

And then there is the rock, and there are the apes... and more!!



Shabbat will be so welcome!!

And, for our Spain finale.....Seville where we visit the iconic sights: the Alcazar, the Giralda, the Plaza de Espana and, on our last evening, enjoy a flamenco show and stay in a beautiful 5* hotel



Flights depart from Seville SVQ Monday June 16

Optional continuation tour to Portugal (please request details)

Spain June 9-16: Price from \$8750 pp sharing
(optional extras - DLX rooms, single occupancy)

Every day: 3 tefillot, full buffet breakfast, light lunch on the move (except Shabbat), elegant served dinner

Not included in the price of your trip

- 1) **Flights** – see recommendations below
- 2) **spending money for shopping:** plenty to choose from, although we limit the time allocated. However you can always go off on your own and meet us later!!
- 3) **upgrades:** deluxe rooms (DLX) and single occupancy are available at an additional price (see booking form).
- 4) **insurance:** all clients should be aware that while all efforts are made to avoid any problems before during or after your trip, Naomi carries no insurance for your health or luggage. While using the services only of registered suppliers, we highly recommend that you purchase **fully comprehensive travel insurance as Naomi cannot be held liable for any mishaps during your stay.**
- 5) **tips:** we recommend **\$350** per guest total for drivers, chefs, waiters and maids: we will collect and distribute for you.

Please ask for Recommended flights

Kashrut: Glatt meat, full time mashgiach, fresh chalav stam (approved) but chalav israel on request under the supervision of Rabbi Hassid, Chief Rabbi of Gibraltar or Rabbi Oren Duvdevani

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