A Jewish Journey to Portugal
Led by Keshet Educator, Kayla Ship

September 6-14, 2027

Monday September 6 ***WELCOME TO PORTUGAL***

- Rendezvous at hotel in Lisbon in afternoon. (*Airport transfers are NOT included in the package price. There is a Taxi stand outside the arrivals hall of the airport.)*
- Introductions and Orientation with Keshet Tour Educator, Kayla Ship
- Walking tour of old Lisbon, including the memorial to the 1506 pogrom.
- *On-site learning: The Children of Sao Tome*
- Welcome Dinner at Genesis Kosher Restaurant. (*All included meals will either be fish or vegetarian if not Kosher*)

Overnight: *Inspira Liberdade, Lisbon or similar*

Tuesday September 7 ***SINTRA & CAISCAIS***

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the beautiful Medieval Village of Sintra and Sintra National Palace
- Group Lunch in Sintra
- Travel to Europe's western-most point, Cabo de Roca. See the light house and enjoy the magnificent view of the Atlantic.
- Visit the Chabad Jewish Community center of Cascais and meet with local members.
- Private sailing from Cascais to Lisbon
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

Overnight: *Inspira Liberdade, Lisbon or similar*

Wednesday September 8 ***THE AGE OF DISCOVERY***

- Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and depart
- Visit Belem.
  - *On site learning: The Jewish contribution to the Age of Discovery* at the Monument of the Discoveries.
  - Visit San Jeronimo convent
  - Tasting of the traditional *Pasteis* pastries of Belem
- Enjoy an Israeli lunch hosted by an Israeli couple in their home in the countryside.
- Continue to Tomar.
- Visit the 15th century Synagogue and Abraham Zacuto Museum, restored by Samuel Schwarz in the 1920s.
- *On site learning: Zacuto: Astronomer, Rabbi, Zionist*.
- Continue to Covilha.
- Check-in and dinner (on own) at the hotel restaurant.

Overnight: *Purala Hotel, Covilha*

Thursday September 9 ***BELMONTE, GUARDA, VILAR FORMOSO***

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Beit Eliyahu synagogue and the Jewish Museum to learn more about the town's Crypto-Jewish history. Meet with a representative of the local Jewish community.
- Travel to Vilar Formoso on the Spanish Border.
- Group Lunch
- Visit the Frontiera de Paz Museum to learn about the Portuguese effort to save Jews from Nazi Europe.
- *On-site learning: The Righteous Diplomat: Aristides Souza Mendes*
- Explore the old Jewish quarter of Guarda.
- *On-site learning: The Abravanel Family: Financiers, Scholars, Exiles*
- Dinner in Guarda or Belmonte.
- Return to hotel for overnight.

Overnight: *Purala Hotel, Covilha*

Friday September 10 ***PORTO***

- Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and depart.
- Travel to Porto.
- Walking tour of Jewish and historical Porto, including the Jewish museum.
- *On-site learning: Captain Barros Basto-The Portuguese Dreyfus*
- Visit the Livraria Lello bookshop, inspiration for J.K. Rowling's scenery in Harry Potter.
- Lunch break (on own)
- Enjoy an afternoon cruise of the six bridges on the Douro with Kosher Porto wine tasting.
- Check-in at hotel and prepare for Shabbat.
- 19:35 Candle lighting
- Kabbalat Shabbat with local community at the Kadoori Synagouge.
- Festive Kosher Shabbat dinner.

Overnight: *Porto Palace by Editory*

Shabbat September 11 ***SERRALVES MUSEUM & PARK***

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Mid- morning study session with Keshet Tour Educator: *"Dona Gracia-Pushing the Envelope: Businesswoman, Philanthropist, Jewish Heroine"*
- Lunch and afternoon at leisure to explore on your own or enjoy the hotel pool.
- In the late afternoon, we'll walk together to the beautiful Serralves Park. Guided visit through the Serralves Foundation Contemporary Art Museum.
- 20:32 Group Havdalah
- Dinner and Fado Show in Vila Nova de Gaia

Overnight: *Porto Palace by Editory*

Sunday September 12 ***COIMBRA***

- Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and depart
- Trael to Coimbra. Guided walk of the Coimbra 12th CE University and visit to the Joanina Library.
- Lunch break (on own) in Coimbra.

- Walking tour of Jewish Coimbra including a visit to the mikve, Square of the Inquisition and the Museum of Remembrance and Tolerance.
- *On-site learning: The Portuguese Inquisition-an engagement present with fateful results*.
- Continue to Lisbon for check-in.
- Farewell dinner

Overnight: *Inspira Liberdade, Lisbon or similar*

Monday September 13 ***LISBON***

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit Shaarei Tikva Synagogue and meet with representatives of the community or the local Rabbi.
- Lunch (on own)
- Afternoon at leisure to explore on your own
- We reconvene in the early evening for a summary discussion
- Farewell Dinner

Overnight: *Inspira Liberdade, Lisbon or similar*

Tuesday September 14 ***DEPARTURE***

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Farewell! Departure from Lisbon airport.
- *Airport transfers are NOT included in the package price. The front desk can arrange a taxi to the airport for you.*

- Listed activities and speakers and hotels are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator and local Spanish licensed guides.
- All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
- This itinerary is proprietary to Keshet and is intended for the promotion of and to inform those considering joining this Keshet trip. It is not to be transmitted to any other party without prior authorization from Keshet

Activity Level-Please note that we will be spending most days exploring on our feet, often through medieval alleyways and cobble stone streets. Stairs are often unavoidable.

All included meals will either be fish or vegetarian if not Kosher. This is ***not*** *a strictly Kosher program.*

Note for single travelers: This program offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere for those travelling with friends or on their own. The atmosphere you'll find is of learning and experiencing in the company of a small group of individual friends. There is a good chance that you will not be the only person without a travel partner. You may wish to have your own room, in which case the single supplement is noted on the pricing. However, if you prefer to save this fee we'll try to match you up with another solo traveler. Just let us know that you'd like a roommate when registering.

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