***Journey Through Sepharad: A Jewish Roots Trip to Spain***

***Led by Kayla Ship***

*February 27-March 10, 2025*

September 24, 2024

**Land Package Price Per Person: $5249**

**Plus $175 tips per person**

* In double occupancy hotel accommodations; based on a minimum of 14 participants.
* If there will be fewer than 14 participants, the price per person will increase.

**Options**

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| **Option** | **What is it?** | **Add** |
| Single Occupancy | One person per hotel room *(limited availability)* | **Add** $1090 |

**Deposit & Payment Schedule**

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| November 1, 2024 | Deposit of $500\* per participant *(applied to total payment)* |
| December 1, 2024 | 50% payment due |
| January 3, 2025 | Payment due in full |

**Refund Schedule** For cancellation or non-participation for any reason

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| **Cancellation after** | **Refund** |
| November 1, 2024 | Full refund less $300 per person |
| December 1, 2024 | Full refund less $2,500 per person |
| January 3, 2025 | Full refund less $4,000 per person |
| January 27, 2025 | No Refund |

\*If the group will not reach the minimum registration required, the deposit will be refunded in full

**Registration/Payment Options**

* **Online-** [https://KeshetIsrael.formstack.com/forms/journey\_through\_sepharad\_february\_2025\_registration\_form\_with\_payment](https://keshetisrael.formstack.com/forms/journey_through_sepharad_february_2025_registration_form_with_payment)
* **Check –**Mail a check payable to **Educational Encounters International, Inc.** to:

**Educational Encounters International, Inc, 110 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 228, Montvale, NJ 07645**

*Keshet strives to offer fair pricing and therefore does not budget for contingencies resulting from weather or security issues. Itineraries may be altered as a result of these factors. Also, the prices listed reflect rates quoted by hotels and vendors as of September 2024. In the event of devaluation of the US dollar exchange rates, hotels and other vendors may add surcharges; Keshet reserves the right to pass such increases on to trip participants.*

**Accommodations**

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| **Hotel** | **Dates** | **Hotel** | **Dates** |
| Hotel Catalonia Las Cortes, Madrid | February 27-March 2 | Hotel Eurostars Palace, Cordoba | March 2-4 |
| Melia Hotel, Granada | March 4-6 | Catalonia Plaza Catalunya, Barcelona | March 6-10 |

**Arrival in/Departure from Spain**

International Flights are being arranged by each traveler. Keshet assumes no responsibility for flight arrangements, delays or cancellations. When booking flights, please note the following:

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| First night of included hotel accommodations | | **Thursday February 27:** Check-in at the **Hotel Catalonia Las Cortes, Madrid** from **3:00 PM** onward |
| Conclusion of included hotel accommodations | | **Monday March 10:** Check-out from the **Catalonia Plaza Catalunya, Barcelona** by **Noon** |
| Start of Program | The program will begin on **Thursday evening February 27 at Hotel Catalonia Las Cortes in Madrid**.  ***Please note:*** *Airport transfers are not included. There is a taxi stand located outside the arrivals hall of the airport. The Keshet staff will be happy to help you arrange and pre pay for airport taxi services if you so desire and to help you with any additional accommodations or touring services that you might need to arrange prior to or after the trip.* | |
| End of Program | The **Farewell Dinner** is Sunday night March 9 and marks the official end of the program. However, the package includes your hotel until the next morning.  ***Please note:*** *Airport transfers are not included. You can arrange for a taxi to the airport from the front desk or take the Aerobus which is conveniently located walking distance from the hotel. The Keshet staff will be happy to help you arrange and pre pay for airport taxi services if you so desire.* | |

**Land Package Price Includes**

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| * All group transportation in Spain on private chartered bus as per the itinerary * All hotel accommodations – double occupancy - as per the itinerary * All site admissions and programs as per the itinerary * Breakfast every morning plus **12** additional included meals * Keshet Tour Educator | * Full time English-speaking Spanish Escort * Local Guides per the itinerary * Customized Sourcebook * Domestic Flight from Granada to Barcelona * “Whispers” Audio Headsets * 1 Bottle of Water per person per day |

**Not Included in Package Price**

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| * International Airfare * Airport Transfers * Meals on your own * **$175 per person Standard Tips for Bus drivers, Local Guides, Tour Leader, Keshet Educator, and bell staff, should be brought with you in cash to be collected on the first day of the trip.** | * Personal charges at hotels and restaurants * Medical & Trip Insurance * Extra carry-on fees on Granada to Barcelona flight |  |

**Notice of cancellation must be submitted via e-mail to** [**kayla@keshetisrael.co.il**](mailto:kayla@keshetisrael.co.il)

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**Trip Insurance**

**Keshet strongly urges you to purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance and supplemental medical coverage** (which covers pre-existing conditions). We recommend the "Cancel For Any Reason" policies which offer the broadest coverage, including partial coverage for trip interruption or cancellation or withdrawal on your part due to health issues, pandemic and security related reasons. Most insurance policies require purchase within 10 days of your date of first payment for the trip.  Please note that we cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses which you or any member of your party may incur as a result of failure to secure adequate insurance coverage. While you are free to purchase insurance from any agent of your choice we can recommend the services of **Brandon Hughbanks -Agent Representative Toll Free:1-866-979-6753 Ext. 3636 Direct: 402-343-3636 bhughbanks@travelinsurancecenter.com** [**www.travelinsurancecenter.com**](http://www.travelinsurancecenter.com)

Please contact **Kayla Ship**, Keshet’s Program Director, with any questions about the trip: [kayla@keshetisrael.co.il](mailto:kayla@keshetisrael.co.il)

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

A general overview and brief explanation of terminology for most travel insurance plans

***Trip Insurance is more important now than ever before.***

***We cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses that you or any member of your party may incur as a result of failure to secure adequate insurance coverage.***

Please note that in general, **only “Cancel for Any Reason” (CFAR) policies cover cancelations due to COVID-19 (or any pandemic) or security situations,** reimbursing you up to 75% of prepaid, non-refundable costs. The CFAR policy must be purchased within 10 - 21 days *(varies by insurance company and policy type)* of your first deposit/payment made towards the trip. You can purchase the insurance policy up front in one payment to cover the full projected cost of the trip – or - you can pay for the policy in segments as you make trip payments to Keshet *(deposit, 50% and final payment).* Payment for each insurance policy segment must be made immediately after you make each tour payment in order to maintain your CFAR coverage. These options should be discussed with the insurance agent prior to purchase.

**Trip Cancellation** – This allows for reimbursement of prepaid, non-refundable trip costs in the event that you need to cancel your participation in the trip.

A standard trip cancellation policy provides coverage only if you cancel for one of a number of specific, covered reasons spelled out in the terms of the policy (illness, injury, a close relative in a life threatening situation, etc.) for which you can be reimbursed for up to 100% of the non-refundable trip costs.

Some policies offer the option of adding **Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR)** coverage. If you add CFAR coverage, you will be covered for cancellation for any reason. With CFAR coverage, if you cancel for reasons specified in the standard policy as “covered reasons” you are entitled to 100% reimbursement. If you cancel for reasons not specified in the policy you will be entitled to 75% reimbursement.

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**Trip Interruption** – This allows for reimbursement, most commonly in a situation when a person needs to leave their trip in the middle, or misses part of the trip, due to a “covered reason”.

This benefit pays up to 150% of the amount insured (taking into account the likely added costs of needing to leave early or possibly being forced to stay longer.) **Your trip interruption must be due to a “covered reason”.** Some plans offer an additional option of purchasing **“trip interruption for any reason”** coverage which will reimburse you 75% for trip interruption for any reason – including trip interruption for reasons not covered by the standard policy.

**Medical Protection** – This is normally “indemnity coverage”, meaning that you will need to pay the medical expenses directly and the insurance company will reimburse you later. In some emergency situations, the insurance will pay the medical provider directly. Standard coverage is between $50,000 and $150,000, depending on the plan. There is also supplemental coverage available if you feel more comfortable with higher medical cost limits.

**Emergency Medical Evacuation** – When deemed necessary for a person to have medical care provided at a facility in the United States. Standard coverage is between $500,000 and $1,000,000.

**Travel Delay** – If your flight is delayed (typically) 6 hours or more and due to the delay you incur costs - those costs are covered. The standard limit is $200 per day but it varies by plan.

**Missed Connection** – If your original flight is delayed (typically) by 3 hours or more and it results in your missing a connecting flight, you can be reimbursed for resulting additional costs. Standard coverage for this $500, but it varies by plan.

**Baggage & Personal Item Protection** – If your baggage and/or personal items are damaged or lost by a common carrier, you can be reimbursed for the value, up to the policy limits.

**Baggage Delay** – If your luggage is delayed (normally 12 hours or more) you can be reimbursed for costs incurred due to the delay, up to the policy limits.

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**Preexisting medical conditions can be covered under most policies by following certain guidelines when purchasing the insurance.**

The insurance information provided above is of a general nature only. Keshet urges you to purchase trip cancellation insurance and supplemental medical coverage (which covers preexisting conditions) which meet your particular needs. We recommend the **"Cancel For Any Reason"** policies which offer the broadest coverage.