

Summer 2017 Itinerary



Tour of Jewish Greece and Cyprus

June 29 – July 13 2017

Annual Tour to Jewish Greece
Includes Rhodes, Salonica, Ioannina, and Cyprus
With possible extension to Israel

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Day 1 – Thursday June 29

Fly out of New York and arrive in Athens on June 30th, with a connecting flight to the Island of Rhodes.



Day 2 – Friday June 30

Arrive in Athens with a connecting flight to the Island of Rhodes. Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat (Evening) Services at the historic Kahal Shalom Synagogue in Rhodes. **Dinner Included.**



Day 3 – Saturday July 1

Full Day of Rhodes



Day 4 – Sunday July 2

Tour of Jewish Rhodes



Day 5 – Monday July 3

Direct flight to Salonika: In Thessaloniki, our private bus will pick us up at the airport to take us to our hotel. Salonika was the most populous city of Sephardic presence for over 400 years, La Madre de Israel, the Jerusalem of the Balkans and the city where the family of our tour guide, Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos, once lived. When our group visits Salonika, it is always a very personal visit. **Dinner included.**



Day 6 – Tuesday July 4

Tour of Jewish Salonika: Our first day in Salonika continues with an early start, with a special tour to the two synagogues, Jewish Cemetery and the Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki, a treasure trove of artifacts and memorabilia. There will be a midday break for lunch before our bus picks us up at the hotel for a tour of the city, highlighting former Jewish owned villas and Ano Poli (the upper city) where we look down on Salonika from the ancient walls.



Day 7 – Wednesday July 5

Free day in Salonika to visit the Modiano Market, Archeological Museum, shop, or enjoy our lovely hotel.



Day 8 – Thursday July 6

We say goodbye to Salonika and travel by our own bus to Ioannina, stopping at Metsovo.



Day 9 – Friday July 7

Morning visit to the Jewish cemetery, followed by a guided **walking tour of Jewish Ioannina**. Visit to the Kastro and walk the cobblestoned streets where, for centuries, the Jewish community of Ioannina lived. We will return to our hotel to freshen up for Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat (Evening) Services. Our group will arrive at the synagogue before the onset of Shabbat to give us time to take photos. After services, we return to our hotel for our traditional Friday night meal with the Jewish community of Ioannina. We invite the whole Jewish community and it is always emotional as they connect with our group, some of whom may even be newly discovered relatives. **Overnight in Ioannina. Dinner included.**



Day 10 – Saturday July 8

Shabbat lunch on the island on the lake (included): Visit Ali Pasha’s house or shop for silver jewelry. The rest of the day is free. This is perfect day to explore Ioannina on your own, visit the Folklore Museum, shop for souvenirs or visit with newfound friends or relatives.



Day 11 – Sunday July 9

Morning flight to Athens with a connecting flight to Larnaca, **Cyprus**. **We will spend four nights in Cyprus**, learning about the Jewish presence on this beautiful island. This is a rare opportunity; the first time Cyprus has been included in our annual tour to Jewish Greece. We will be working with our dear Cypriot friend, Antonis Antoniou, to ensure a special tour.



Day 12 – Monday July 10

Full day in Cyprus



Day 13 – Tuesday July 11

Full Day in Cyprus



Day 14 – Wednesday June 12

Full Day in Cyprus



Day 15 – Thursday July 13

Optional 5 days in Israel (Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa) or Optional 2 or 3 days in Athens or flight to Athens for return flight to USA.

For more information or for questions regarding prices, please contact Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos at museum@kkjism.org