

Tour of Jewish Greece Summer 2024



The Association of Friends of Greek Jewry

Tour of Jewish Greece June 17 – June 26, 2024

Includes Corfu, Ioannina, & Thessaloniki

Reconnect with your heritage and experience the beautiful sights and
Jewish communities of Greece

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Fully Escorted Tour of Greece

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Itinerary

Day 1 – Monday June 17. Arrive in Corfu, Greece

Today we arrive in Greece and start our tour in Corfu. The afternoon flights to Corfu leave at 1:00pm on Aegean Air and 2:30 pm on Sky Express. Flights are not included in the trip, but we can certainly help you with the bookings. Our hotel, Mon Repos, will be sure to become one of your favorites. Overlooking one of the most photographed sights on the island (Pontikonisi-Mouse Island), the hotel is only a few kilometers from Corfu town. Relax at the swimming pool, walk to Mouse Island, or just enjoy the ambience of the hotel. We will be going into town for dinner at an iconic restaurant known for traditional Corfiote food. **Dinner included. Overnight at Mon Repos.**



Day 2 – Tuesday June 18. Corfu

Today you have a number of choices: visiting a nearby beach for swimming in the Ionian Sea, shopping in Corfu town, or an optional tour to close-by Albania (not included in price of tour). **Overnight at Mon Repos.**



Day 3 – Wednesday June 19. Corfu

Tour of Corfu Island with a stop in Corfu town to visit the former Jewish quarter (**the Ovraka**) and the synagogue. Jews have lived on the island of Corfu since at least the 12th century. Never under the Ottoman Turkish Empire, they were under Venetian rule from 1386 to 1787. The Venetians applied their system of separating Jews from Christians (the Ghetto). Today you can walk through the former ghetto and view the Ovraka (former Jewish Quarter with its colorful shops). La Scuola Greca (the only remaining synagogue on the island) is a restored treasure. **Overnight at Mon Repos.**



Day 4 – Thursday June 20. Travel to Ioannina

Today we take a delightful boat ride to the mainland for a short drive to **Ioannina**. Ioannina is always special for our tour groups since it is the sister city in Greece to Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue and Museum. **Dinner included.** Overnight at the beautiful **DuLac Hotel**, our home away from home in Ioannina, situated on the shores of Lake Pamvotis, the lake of legend for so many of our Yanniote families.



Day 5 – Friday June 21. Ioannina

Today we will start our tour of Jewish Ioannina, visiting the Jewish cemetery and the synagogue. Our bus will then pick us up, taking us for a half day tour of Zagoria, and the quaint mountain villages with traditional stone bridges. Our private bus enables us to visit these sights that many American tourists never see. Overnight at the **Dulac Hotel**.



Day 6 – Saturday June 22. Ioannina

Today we will be treated to a walking tour of Jewish Ioannina, visiting Jewish homes both inside and outside the Kastro (the fortress where many of the Yannioties lived). We will travel to the island on the Lake for lunch. There will be plenty of time to shop for souvenirs. **Lunch included**. Overnight at the **Dulac Hotel**.



Day 7 – Sunday June 23. Travel to Thessaloniki (Salonika)

Today we will travel to Thessaloniki (Salonika). Salonika was the most populous city of Sephardic presence for over 400 years, known as La Madre de Israel and 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.** We will be staying at the beautiful **Electra Palace** in the heart of the city.



Day 8 – Monday June 24. Thessaloniki

Today we will enjoy a tour of Jewish Thessaloniki (Salonika) with our special guide, a member of the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki. We will visit the two synagogues (Monastirion and Yad Lezikaron), the Jewish Cemetery, and the Museum of the Jewish Presence. We will also visit the sites that tell the story of the deportation of the Jews of the city during the Holocaust, including the train station, the Holocaust memorial, and the memorial on the site of the former Jewish cemetery (now the campus of Aristotle University). After a break for lunch, we will view former Jewish villas and go to Ana Poli for a breathtaking view of Salonika. Overnight at **Electra Palace**.





Day 9 – Tuesday June 25. Thessaloniki

Today is a free day to shop and take in the museums and other attractions in the city. Overnight at **Electra Palace**.



Thessaloniki has direct flights to a number of cities in Greece, including Athens, Rhodes, Crete, Mykonos, and Santorini, as well as to Cyprus and Israel, making it an excellent jumping off point to extend your trip.

Tour Details and Cost

Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos, Museum Director of Kehila Kedosha Janina, will accompany this tour and will be with you 24/7. **Due to airline policies, this tour is priced without international or domestic air.** We will gladly book your international air for you.

Our 2024 Tour to Jewish Greece includes all breakfasts, 3 dinners, 1 lunch, and our own air-conditioned bus for the duration of the tour, allowing transfers in Corfu, Ioannina, and Thessaloniki.

Double (per person in double room): \$3,495

Single: \$1,250

Note: international and domestic air is not included in the prices above.

So we can finalize the reservations for the hotels and book domestic flights before they book up, please send in \$500 deposit (per person) as soon as possible. Deposits must be in by January 7, 2024 to assure a place on the tour. Space is limited. Make checks payable to "The Association of Friends of Greek Jewry" and mail to the same at 418 Duncan Elder Drive, Greenlawn, NY 11740.

Please submit the following information along with your \$500 deposit:

Name (exactly as it appears on your passport) _____

Address _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

Number in your party _____ **Ages** _____

Single rooms _____ **Double rooms** _____ **Triple rooms** _____

Date of Birth (of each person) _____

Passport Number (of each person) _____

*Note: it is best to fill out a separate form for each person

If you have any questions, contact Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos at
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