

## Sarajevo Haggadah Journey

### Complete Itinerary

Departures: May 11. 2009 and October 12. 2009.

#### Day 1, Zagreb

##### Arrival

Hotel Dubrovnik can be your ideal host in Zagreb, having a rich tradition of hospitality since 1929. Hotels prime location at the Zagreb's main city square (Trg Ban J. Jelačić ) makes it your perfect choice if wishing to be in the very heart of the City. Just a short walk from the hotel you will find the most important cultural, government and business institutions, the main shopping area, open-air market, lively cafes and taverns, historical upper town, parks and promenades. All this makes our hotel ideal for business or tourist guest, or a place for holding various seminars, conferences, meetings and banquets. Choosing Hotel Dubrovnik you'll get more than just a room to stay in, we offer a warm and friendly environment with an old city charm, within no time you will feel like a native city dweller.

**Meals: D**

#### Day 2, Zagreb

##### Walking tour of Zagreb

After breakfast, guided tour of Zagreb, including the fortified Upper Town, the city's historical center, St. Mark's Church with its multicolored roof, St. Stephen's Cathedral...

In 13th and 14th centuries, the Jewish communities in Zagreb were able to rule themselves with a leader called "Magistratus Judaeorum." This ended in 1456 when Jews, along with most non-Catholic Croats, were forced out during the rule of the first Habsburg monarchs. After the Edict of Tolerance issued by Habsburg Emperor Joseph II in 1782, the Jews started settling in the Zagreb area and in 1806 some 70 of them founded the Jewish Community.

Visit Bet Israel Jewish Community Centre and the Zagreb Synagogue. Visit Bet Israel's Elementary Jewish School Lauder-Hugo Kon and Nursing home Lavoslav Schwarz.

Exclusive wine tasting at prestigious Bornstein wine cellar will mark the end of the program!

Return to Regent for your last night in Zagreb.

**Meals: B, L**



### Day 3, Zagreb to Split

#### Plitvice

Morning departure to the heart of Dalmatia!

First stop will be at Plitvice National Park – one of the most popular national parks in this part of Europe. Guided walking tour of this magical place and *a la carte* lunch at famous Lička Kuća restaurant.

Continue south to the gates of Roman Palace of Emperor Diocletian in Split!

Accommodation at hotel 4\* in Split center.

Meals: B, L



### Day 4, Zagreb to Split

#### Split

Morning sightseeing tour of Split, including the palace of Roman Emperor Diocletian. There are carvings of menorahs on the walls of the same room that houses the marble dining table in the Diocletian's Palace. These carvings do provide evidence of an early Jewish presence in Split. Visit to the restored Synagogue of Split, located along the narrow street called Židovski prolaz (Jewish Passage), the Jewish Ghetto and Morpurgo Library. Visit to the Jewish Community Centre in Split. Afternoon at leisure. The Sephardic synagogue of Split is the third oldest still existing! The Sarajevo Haggadah was likely to have been in Split at one point since this was one of the gates to the heart of Bosnia and Sarajevo from the Venice ruled Dalmatia.

Meals: B

### Day 5, Split

#### NP Krka and Šibenik

Morning departure to the famous Krka Waterfalls. Located in the lovely Krka National Park, the falls cascade over 17 natural barriers. This permanent play of the sun and water creates breathtaking scenery. There will be ample time here for exploring or taking photographs of the scenic countryside. Ride by coach to Šibenik for a visit to one of Dalmatia's most valuable architectural monuments - the UNESCO protected 15th century St. Jacob's Cathedral.

Special slow food dinner will be served at famous Pelegrini restaurant!

Meals: B, D



## **Day 6, Split to Dubrovnik**

### **Dubrovnik**

Breakfast followed by departure to Dubrovnik, driving along the Makarska Riviera with long pebble beaches and across picturesque Neretva River Delta. Enjoy the view of Dalmatian islands stretching southwards from Split to Dubrovnik: Brač, Hvar, Korčula, Mljet and Elaphite Islands. Afternoon arrival in Dubrovnik. The rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik.

Accommodation at 4\* hotel near the city center.

**Meals: B**



## **Day 7, Dubrovnik**

### **Dubrovnik**

Morning panoramic tour of Dubrovnik, including a visit to the old Jewish Cemetery “Bet Haim”. Sightseeing tour of the Old City includes the Jewish Fountain, Franciscan Monastery with the third oldest pharmacy in Europe, Rector’s Palace and the Cathedral. From 1352 Jews were tolerated as itinerant traders in Dubrovnik although the city initially denied them residence. In 1546, a Jewish ghetto was established in a small street called Ulica Žudioska (Jewish Street). They played a part in international commerce and were pioneers in marine insurance. Visit to the Jewish Ghetto and the Synagogue of Dubrovnik, the second oldest

Sephardic Synagogue in Europe, built in 1408. Situated within a 13th century Gothic house, the Synagogue is one of the most cherished sites of Sephardic culture in the world. Visit to the Jewish Community Centre. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

Meals: B, D

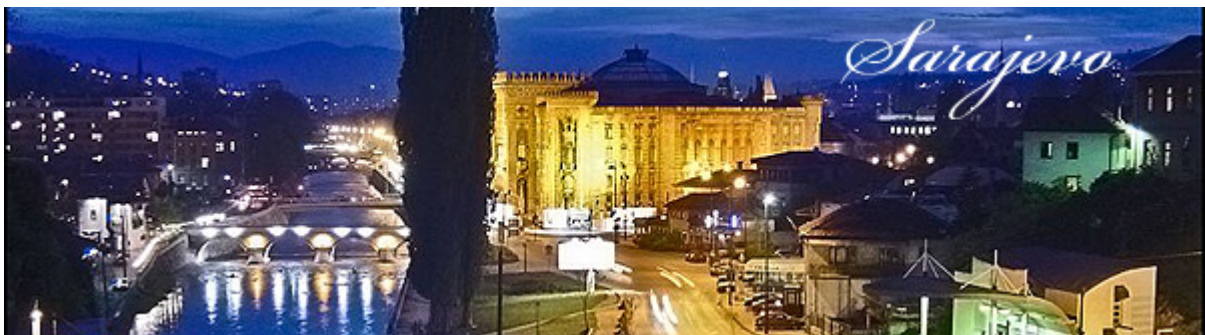


### Day 8, Dubrovnik to Sarajevo

#### Sarajevo

Early morning departure from Dubrovnik for Bosnia and Herzegovina. We stop enroute in Krajšina near Stolac to visit the grave of Moše Danon, highly respected rabbi of Sarajevo, also considered to be a holy man who suddenly died here on his way to Israel in 1889. Sightseeing tour of the Old Town of Mostar, recently included in the UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage. Under the Turkish rule the city was an important trade settlement that developed on the banks of the Neretva River. We tour its elegant Bridge, Old Bazaar, the Mosque and a typical Turkish house. We continue our drive to Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Dinner and overnight in Sarajevo.

Meals: B



### Day 9, Sarajevo

#### Sarajevo

Sightseeing tour of Sarajevo includes the old colorful Bazaar Baščaršija, Gazi Husref Bey's Mosque, Tunnel War Museum and, of course the National Museum that preserves the

oldest Sephardic Haggadah in the world, produced in Barcelona in 1350. As tens of thousands of Jews fled from the Spanish and Portugal inquisitions, Sultan Bayezid II of the Ottoman Empire welcomed those who were able to reach his territories. The first Sephardic Jews arrived in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1500 and settled mainly in Sarajevo, while the Ashkenazi arrived from Hungary in 1686. **Private tour of Haggadah room with the curator.** Visit to the impressive Ashkenazi Synagogue, decorated in neo-Moorish style, built on the left bank of the Miljacka River in 1902. Visit to the Museum of the Jews of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to the Jewish Cemetery where we can see Geniza, the graves of the used sacred books. Overnight in Sarajevo.

Meals: B

### Day 10, Sarajevo to Zagreb

#### Sarajevo

Breakfast followed by departure for Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. We drive north to Zenica for a visit to its Synagogue dating from 1903, later turned into the Gallery of Arts. We proceed to Zagreb, one of the most charming cities in Eastern Europe that developed at the crossroads of the trade routes leading from the East to the West. Late afternoon arrival in Zagreb. Farewell dinner and overnight. Accommodation at Hotel Zagreb. Farewell dinner and overnight.

Meals: B, D



### Day 11, Zagreb

#### Departure

Private transfers to the airport from your hotel.

Departure

**Program includes:**

11 days, 10 nights in 4\* star hotels  
Breakfasts daily  
Welcome dinner and farewell dinner  
Four unique gourmet lunches/dinners (with drinks)  
Experienced guide/driver  
Luxury coach/van  
Airport transfers  
Admission tickets to selected attractions  
Tours and sightseeing per itinerary  
Basic insurance and all taxes

**The program does not include:**

Airfare  
Meals not listed  
Gratuities  
Obligatory travel insurance