

Young Professionals Tour of Greece Summer 2017



The Greek Jewish & Sephardic Young Professionals Network
in partnership with
The Association of Friends of Greek Jewry

Tour of Jewish Greece
July 17 – July 27, 2017

Includes Thessaloniki, Verroia, Athens, and Mykonos

**Rediscover your heritage and connect with other young Greek Jews
on this once-in-a-lifetime experience**

Fully Escorted Tour of Greece

July 17 – July 27, 2017

Itinerary

Day 1 – Monday July 17. Travel to Greece

Leave New York and fly to Thessaloniki (see below for suggested airlines out of JFK or Newark)

Day 2 – Tuesday July 18. Arrive in Thessaloniki

Our private bus will pick us up at the airport and take us to our hotel, the Davitel Hotel. Welcome to Salonika – “La Madre de Israel, the Jerusalem of the Balkans.” Our hotel is owned by a member of the Jewish Community and is located in a former Jewish-owned property that was once used as a Tobacco factory. The hotel has now been transformed into modern hotel in the center of the city. **Dinner tonight is included in the tour.** The rest of the evening is free to explore the nightlife of the city. **Overnight at the Davitel.**



Day 3 – Wednesday July 19. Thessaloniki

Tour of Jewish Salonika with **Hella Kounio Matalon** as our private guide. We will see the **two synagogues of Salonika**, visit the **Jewish cemetery**, walk through the old Jewish quarters, have a private tour of the **Jewish Museum**, see the villas wealthy Jews in the city once lived in and view the city from Ano Poli (the upper city where there still remains part of the ancient fortifications). Of course, we will get back in time for you to go out once again and explore the city and the nightlife. **Overnight at the Davitel.**



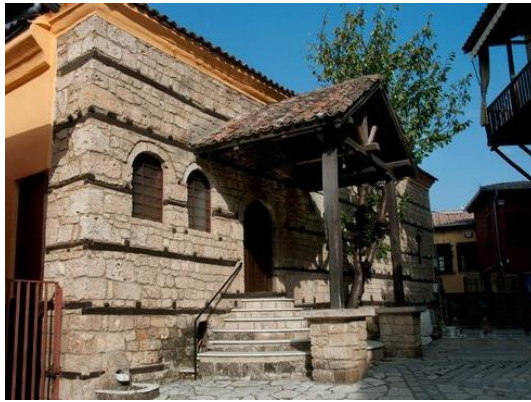
Day 4 – Thursday July 20. Thessaloniki

Today we will visit the Jewish Camp and meet young Greek Jews who work as counselors. This is a very special opportunity to connect with Greek Jews in their 20s and 30s, not only from Thessaloniki but also from Athens and elsewhere in Greece. Our dear friend Hella will be arranging everything and the fact that we have our own bus makes it all possible. Bring your bathing suits. We will be going swimming! **Overnight at the Davitel.**



Day 5 – Friday July 21. Thessaloniki to Athens

We will be going with our private bus to Athens, not only saving us the cost of airfare (the ride is gratis of the bus company since our tour leader is one of their best customers). Along the way we will stop at Verroia, the site of a once flourishing Jewish Community and see the Barbouta (the Jewish quarter) and the synagogue.



This will also enable us to stop at a beautiful beach along the way and swim in the Greek sea. We will arrive in Athens and be dropped off at our hotel, **Jason Inn**, located in Psirri, one of the best neighborhoods for nightlife. **Overnight at the Jason Inn.**

Day 6 – Saturday July 22. Athens

Join us for services on Saturday morning. **Rabbi Gabriel Negrin**, the spiritual leader of the Athens Jewish community, is also a Greek Jewish young professional and is only 28 years old. The synagogue is very close to our hotel. The rest of the day is free, either for a walking tour guided by our tour guide or exploring on your own. **Overnight at the Jason Inn.**



Day 7 – Sunday July 23. Athens

Morning visit to Jewish Museum of Greece. Rest of the day free to visit the Acropolis, museums, or stroll through Plaka. Our tour guide will give you all the information you need. The only thing you need to know is to be back in time for dinner. Dinner is part of your tour and will be at **Gostijo**, a Sephardic restaurant a short distance from our hotel. **Overnight at the Jason Inn.**



Day 8 – Monday July 24. Athens to Mykonos

Today we travel to Mykonos by fast speed ship. Our bus will drop us off at the port and we will be picked up at the port to take us to our hotel in Mykonos. We will be staying at the **San Marco**. Due to the close relations our tour guide has with this beautiful hotel, we were able to get rooms at excellent prices, even though it is the high season. Our hotel is right near a beach and has a beautiful swimming pool. Tonight you will be treated to dinner at **Nikos**, one of the best restaurants in Mykonos, **(included in your tour)**. The rest of the evening you will be free to explore the nightlife of Mykonos. **Overnight at the San Marco.**



Day 9 – Tuesday July 25. Mykonos

Full day in Mykonos to do whatever your heart desires. Your tour guide will give you a heads up on the best beaches in Mykonos and which ones have beach bars where you can dance and drink without ever changing out of your bathing suit! **Overnight at the San Marco.**





Day 10 – Wednesday July 26. Mykonos

Another full day in Mykonos. Just in case you did not get enough of the beaches and the nightlife!
Overnight at the San Marco.



Day 11 – Thursday July 27. Return to USA

Be sure to time your flight from Mykonos to get you into Athens in time for your flight back to the USA. We can book this flight for you, but first we need to know the time of departure of your international flight.

See below for Tour Details and Pricing.

Tour Details and Cost

This specially priced tour for the Greek Jewish & Sephardic Young Professionals Network (9 full days in Greece) includes all hotels, all transfers, private bus, all breakfasts, 3 dinners, and all entrance fees to attractions included in tour. This tour is sponsored by the Association of Friends of Greek Jewry and is **subsidized** by the Association to keep the prices at a level our Young Professionals can afford, so that they can meet and network with young Greek Jews in Greece.

Double (per person in double room): **\$1990**

Triple (per person) **\$1911**

Note: international air is not included in the prices above and return flight from Mykonos to Athens is not included

Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos, Museum Director of Kehila Kedosha Janina, will accompany this tour and will be with you 24/7.

The prices for international flights as of December 5th are as follows (prices change daily and the closer we get to the date of departure, the more expensive the flights will be):

- Austrian Air out of Newark: \$1266 roundtrip, stopping in Vienna and arriving in Thessaloniki at about 3:40 pm on July 18th. Return flight departs Athens at 2:55 pm on July 27th and arrives in Newark the following day, Friday July 28th (there is quite a long layover in Vienna) at 10:00am in the morning. We cannot hold Austrian Air flights (policy of the airlines) and must be paid for immediately at the given price that day.
- On the other hand, the roundtrip price for Delta (as of December 5th) is \$1015 but we must then take a flight to Thessaloniki for another \$70+ dollars. The good thing is we can hold the price for a few weeks but if you cancel the flight, the penalty is \$50 (charged by the airline).

You can charge your flight on your credit card, but all other payments must be made by check (see info below).

Space is limited. This notice is only going out to young adults who are part of the Greek Jewish & Sephardic Young Professionals Network.

If you wish to reserve your place, send in **\$250 deposit (per person) by January 15th**. We must pay a deposit by then to hold the rooms. Make checks payable to "The Association of Friends of Greek Jewry" and mail to the same at One Hanson Place, Huntington, NY 11743.

Please submit the following information along with your \$250 deposit:

Name (exactly as it appears on your passport) _____

Address _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

Select one: ☐ Sharing Double room ☐ Sharing Triple room

Date of Birth (of each person) _____

Passport Number (of each person) _____

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

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If you wish to take out insurance, contact us at museum@kkjsm.org or 516-456-9336.

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