

JOURNEY on the Road to Freedom

June 25-July 5, 2016

Program

SATURDAY 25-Jun-16 | CHECK IN BORDEAUX ★★★★★

Hôtel Mercure Centre Bordeaux, 5 rue Robert Lateulade, telephone +33 5 56 56 43 43

TIME	PROGRAM
5:30 pm	Tour begins with a welcome reception at the Hôtel Mercure Centre Bordeaux with light refreshments and an opportunity for each of us to introduce ourselves.
7:30 pm	Dinner in the hotel dining room.

SUNDAY 26-Jun-16 | BORDEAUX

TIME	PROGRAM
8:30 am	Breakfast at hotel.
9:30 am	Walk to nearby bust of Aristides de Sousa Mendes on the Esplanade Charles de Gaulle and lay a wreath of flowers. Explanations by Manuel Dias and Gerald Mendes. Testimonials of Gerald Mendes and Sebastian Mendes.
10:45 am	Board the bus for transportation to the synagogue.
11 am	Visit Grande Synagogue de Bordeaux, where thousands of refugees gathered in June 1940 and which was later used by the Nazis as an antechamber to deportation. Hosted by Erick Aouizerate , President of the Bordeaux Jewish community, and Rabbi Emmanuel Valency. Testimonial of Leah Sills. Remarks by Lisa Bernath and Edie Greenbaum.
12:30 pm	Catered lunch at the synagogue with representatives of the Bordeaux Jewish community.
2:15 pm	Board the bus for transportation to the Portuguese Consulate.
2:30 pm	Join Consul General of Portugal Ana Filomena Rocha for Portuguese desserts and coffee at the present-day Portuguese Consulate in Bordeaux. Testimonials of Georges Helft and Lissy Jarvik.
4 pm	Free time.
7 pm	Dinner in the dining room of the Hôtel Mercure Centre Bordeaux.

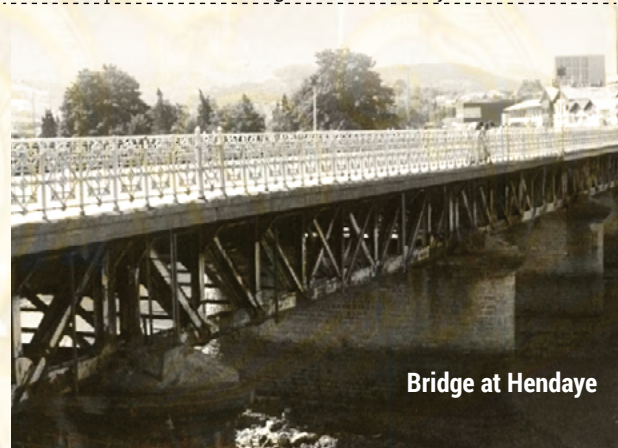
MONDAY 27-Jun-16 | CHECK OUT BORDEAUX

TIME	PROGRAM
8:30 am	Breakfast at hotel.
9:30 am	Visit Parc des Quinconces where thousands of refugees camped out in the open air. Explanations by Manuel Dias and Gerald Mendes.
10:30 am	Visit old Portuguese Consulate where Aristides de Sousa Mendes distributed visas in 1940. Presentation by Jesús Colina and Silvia Costantini of the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation of plaque designating the site as a "House of Life" during World War II. Explanations by Manuel Dias and Gerald Mendes. Testimonials of Deborah de Winter and Robert Blaukopf.
11:30 am	Walk to site of Cours du Médoc internment camp (now Swedish Consulate) where German and Austrian Jews were imprisoned. Explanations by Olivia Mattis. Testimonial of Bernard Josefsberg.
1 pm	Lunch at Conseil régional de Gironde and opportunity to view exhibition on Aristides de Sousa Mendes curated by Manuel Dias.
2:30 pm	Travel to Bayonne (2 ½ hours).

CHECK IN BAYONNE ★★★★★

Best Western Le Grand Hôtel de Bayonne, 21 rue Thiers, telephone +33 5 59 59 62 00

TIME	PROGRAM
5 pm	Free time.
7 pm	Dinner of Basque regional specialties at Brasserie de l'Aviron, Garage de la Nive, Bayonne.



Bridge at Hendaye

TUESDAY 28-Jun-16 | BAYONNE

TIME	PROGRAM
8:30 am	Breakfast at hotel.
9:30 am	Walk to the old Portuguese Consulate in Bayonne where Sousa Mendes ordered visas to be issued by Vice-Consul Manuel de Vieira Braga and where he personally also issued visas. Presentation by Jesús Colina and Silvia Costantini of the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation of plaque designating the site as a "House of Life" during World War II. See the fountain and cathedral plaza where thousands of refugees stood in line in the pouring rain clamoring for visas. Explanations by Manuel Dias and Gerald Mendes. Testimonials of Lissy Jarvik and Oded Gaon.
12:30 pm	Lunch at Brasserie de l'Aviron, Garage de la Nive, Bayonne.
2 pm	Option to explore Bayonne or take side trip to Anglet and Biarritz.
7 pm	Dinner at Les Garçons Bouchers, 19, rue Thiers, Bayonne.

WEDNESDAY 29-Jun-16 | CHECK OUT BAYONNE

TIME	PROGRAM
8 am	Breakfast at hotel.
9 am	Travel to the border town of Hendaye (½ hour).
9:30 am	Walk across "freedom bridge" linking France to Spain. Testimonials of Andrew Tetzeli, Gaia Starr, and Zachary Donnenfield.
11 am	Remarks by Manuel Dias at Hendaye City Hall on the history of the site and its significance, with translation by Gerald Mendes. Remarks by Arlene Sher and Rene Pozniak.
12:30 pm	Lunch at La Pinta, 121 Boulevard de la Mer, Hendaye, with Mayor Kotte Ecenarro.
2 pm	Travel across Spain (4 hours). 3 p.m. Educators meeting on the bus.

CHECK IN SALAMANCA ★★★★★

Abba Fonseca Hotel, Plaza de San Blas 2, telephone +34 923 01 10 10

TIME	PROGRAM
7 pm	Dinner in the dining room of the Abba Fonseca Hotel in Salamanca.
8 pm	For those who wish, explore the old city of Salamanca by night.



THURSDAY 30-Jun-16 | CHECK OUT SALAMANCA

TIME	PROGRAM
8:30 am	Breakfast at hotel.
9:30 am	Travel across the Portuguese border to Vilar Formoso, where the refugees were welcomed in 1940 (1 ½ hours).
11 am	Arrive in Vilar Formoso train station, and take group picture. Visit site of future "Frontier of Peace" Museum and unveil a cornerstone. Testimonials of Joan Halperin, Karen Denker, and Zachary Donnenfield. Remarks by Larry Grimes. Walk 10 minutes to municipal auditorium. Hear presentation on the future museum by architect Luisa Pacheco Marques and historian Margarida Ramalho.
1 pm	Lunch of Portuguese regional delicacies in Vilar Formoso as guests of Mayor António Baptista Ribeiro.
3 pm	Travel to Viseu (1 ½ hours).

CHECK IN VISEU ★★★★★

Pousada de Viseu Spa Hotel with outdoor and indoor pools, rua Hospital, telephone +351 21 040 7610

TIME	PROGRAM
4:30 pm	Arrive in Viseu. Optional wine tasting at Solar do Vinho Dão on rua Aristides de Sousa Mendes in Viseu. Free time and opportunity to take advantage of the hotel's pool and spa facilities.
7:30 pm	Dinner in the Cloister of the Pousada de Viseu Spa Hotel.
8:30 pm	Private concert by fado virtuosos Pedro Fernandes Martins and António Marramaque , coming specially from Porto.



FRIDAY 1-JUL-16 | VISEU

TIME	PROGRAM
8 am	Breakfast at hotel.
9:15 am	Travel to Cabanas de Viriato (¾ hour).
10 am	Arrive in Cabanas de Viriato, where we will be greeted by the Board members of the Fundação Aristides de Sousa Mendes (FASM), municipal officials and cultural heritage officials. Visit cemetery where Sousa Mendes and his wife Angelina are laid to rest. Testimonials of Gerald Mendes and Sebastian Mendes. View the Sousa Mendes family home Casa do Passal. Presentation by Jesús Colina and Silvia Costantini of the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation of plaque designating the site as a “House of Life” during World War II. Educational initiatives presented by Joan Halperin . Letter of agreement signing ceremony between the Sousa Mendes Foundation and FASM represented by Olivia Mattis and José Leitão , respectively. Group photo on the steps of the Casa do Passal.
12 noon	Board the bus to the City Hall of Carregal do Sal for a courtesy visit. Remarks by Mariana Abrantes.
12:50 pm	Board the bus to the restaurant.
1 pm	Lunch at Quinta de Cabriz restaurant and winery in Carregal do Sal with Mayor Rogério Mota Abrantes , the Board of FASM, and other special guests.
3 pm	Travel to Beijoz, home of Angelina de Sousa Mendes. Visit Angelina's childhood home and the church where she and Aristides were married. See panoramic vistas. Explanations by Mariana Abrantes.
5 pm	Return to Viseu. Free time and opportunity to take advantage of the hotel's pool and spa facilities.
7:30 pm	Dinner in the Restaurant Viriato of the Pousada de Viseu Spa Hotel.

SATURDAY 2-JUL-16 | CHECK OUT VISEU

TIME	PROGRAM
8:00 am	Breakfast at hotel.
9:00 am	Travel to Curia (1 ¼ hour).
10:15 am	Visit Curia, home to many of the refugees of 1940. Explanations by Mariana Abrantes. Testimonial of Ronald Linton.
11 am	Travel to Coimbra (½ hour).
11:30 pm	Visit Coimbra, home to many of the refugees of 1940. Explanations by Mariana Abrantes. Testimonials of Monique Krohn and Olivia Mattis.
12:30 pm	Lunch at Restaurante Nacional, Rua Mário Pais 12, in the historic center of Coimbra.
2 pm	Guided tour of the University of Coimbra, where Aristides de Sousa Mendes and his twin brother César studied law and where even today students wear black robes to class. Visit the historic Biblioteca Joanina, whose ancient books are kept insect-free by a colony of bats. See the doctoral examination room dating to the time of The Inquisition. Group photo on the university steps.
3:30 pm	Travel to Caldas da Rainha (1 ½ hours).

CHECK IN CALDAS DA RAINHA ★★★★★ SANA Silver Coast Hotel, av. D. Manuel Figueira Freire da Câmara, telephone +351 262 000 600

TIME	PROGRAM
5 pm	Arrive in Caldas da Rainha, home to many of the refugees of 1940.
6 pm	Guided walking tour of Caldas da Rainha by Maria Julia Carvalho. Testimonials of Rebel Good and Joan Halperin.
8 pm	Dinner in the elegant Lisbonense Restaurant of the SANA Silver Coast Hotel in Caldas da Rainha.



LISBON



Aristides de Sousa Mendes do Amaral e Abranches

SUNDAY 3-JUL-16 | CHECK OUT CALDAS DA RAINHA

TIME	PROGRAM
8:30 am	Breakfast at hotel.
9:30 am	Travel to Lisbon (1 ½ hours).
11 am	Guided tour with historian Margarida Ramalho of “refugee Lisbon” including the cafés, hotels, aid organizations, consulates, shipping companies, soup kitchen, and harbor. In addition, we will see the Franciscan hospital where Aristides de Sousa Mendes died in 1954.
1 pm	Lunch at Pasteleria Suiça, Praça D. Pedro IV, 96-104, Lisbon, one of the gathering places of the refugees of 1940.
2:30 pm	Bus to Museu do Aljube (Museum of the Resistance) for private screening of documentary film “The Disobedient Consul” introduced by the filmmaker Diana Andringa and featuring Lissy Jarvik . Following the screening, short walking tour of the medieval Alfama quarter.

CHECK IN LISBON ★★★★★ Altis Grand Hotel with indoor pool, rua Castilho 11, telephone +351 21 310 600

TIME	PROGRAM
5:30 pm	Bus to hotel. Free time and opportunity to take advantage of the hotel's pool and spa facilities.
7:30 pm	Dinner in the panoramic and gastronomic Grill D. Fernando Restaurant of the Altis Grand Hotel.

MONDAY 4-JUL-16 | LISBON

TIME	PROGRAM
8 am	Breakfast at hotel.
9:15 am	Walk to synagogue.
9:30 am	Visit Shaare Tikvah Synagogue, where refugees gathered in 1940, hosted by Ana Araújo and with a welcome from Rabbi Eli Rosenfeld. Testimonial of Stephen Rozenfeld.
10:45 am	Bus to Portuguese Foreign Ministry.
11 am	Visit to the Portuguese Foreign Ministry archives to see the names of our families in the original 1940 visa registry book of the Portuguese Consulate in Bordeaux. Visit hosted by Archive Director Margarida Lages. Explanations by Olivia Mattis.
1 pm	Lunch at Restaurante di Casa, Av. Infante Santo, 13, Lisbon.
3 pm	Return to hotel. Free time and opportunity to take advantage of the hotel's pool and spa facilities. Change into dinner attire.
5 pm	Private group session to discuss what we have seen, learned, and experienced.
6 pm	Board the bus for Tower of Belem for group photo.
7:30 pm	4th of July freedom cruise on the Tagus River aboard the Navio Opera with members of the Sousa Mendes family, representatives of the American Club of Lisbon, and other special guests.

TUESDAY 5-JUL-16 | CHECK OUT LISBON

TIME	PROGRAM
8 am	Breakfast at hotel. End of trip.

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