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Duration: 12 days

Dates:

May 7 – May 18, 2023

May 21 – June 1, 2023

Total Distance: 625 miles

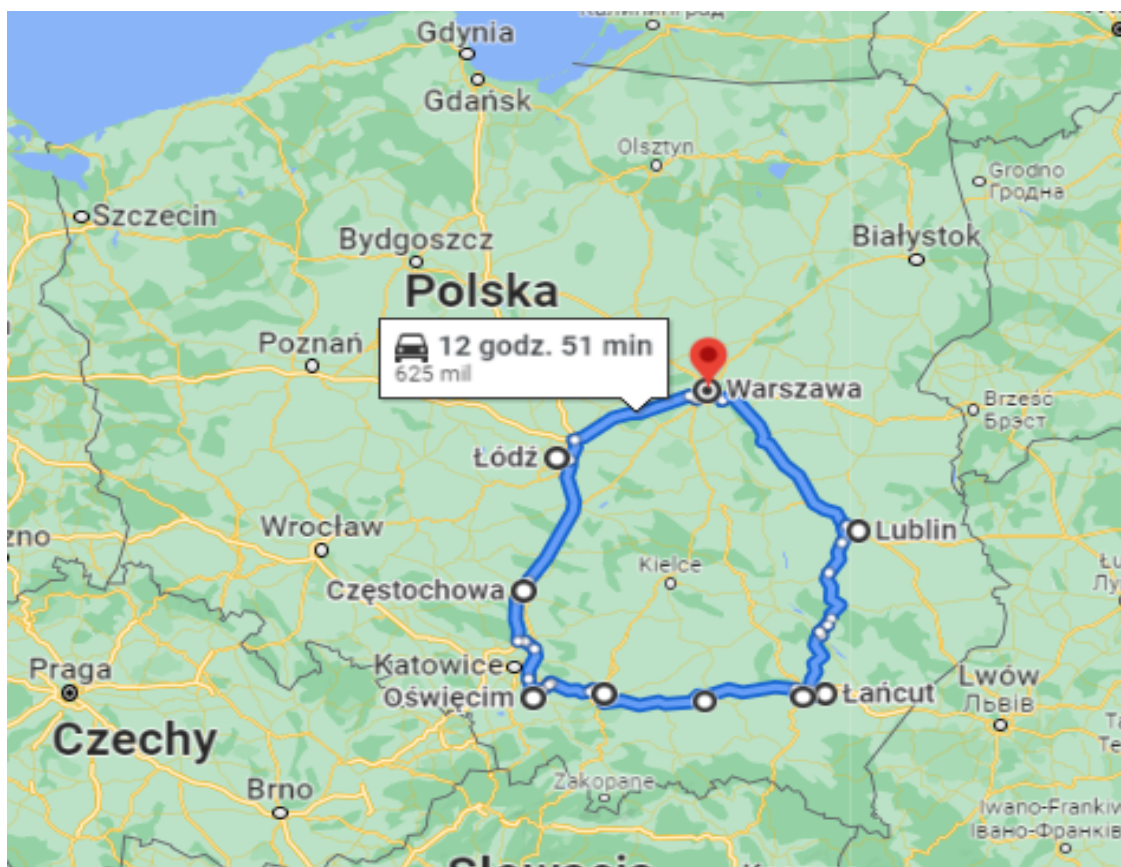
Arrival: Warsaw

Departure: Warsaw

Unique program based on our 15-year experience in organizing tours to ancestral homelands:

11 nights in the most beautiful cities in Poland:

- **Warsaw (3 nights), Lublin (2 nights), Łańcut (2 nights), Cracow (3 nights), Łódź (1 night)**



DAY 1

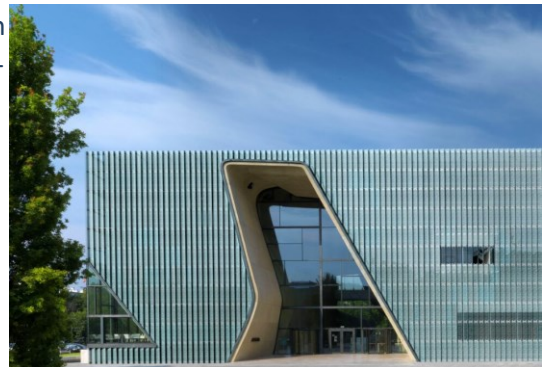
- Welcome to Warsaw, Poland!
After our meeting at the airport and checking into a hotel we invite you for a walk around the Old Town of Warsaw. The center of the city was destroyed in nearly 85% during WW2 but was carefully rebuilt and it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We walk along the elegant street of Krakowskie Przedmieście.
In the evening, we invite you for a welcome dinner with lots of traditional Polish food.



Overnight: Warsaw, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 2

- After breakfast, we start exploring Warsaw. We visit the Polin Museum (Museum of the History of Polish Jews) in Warsaw – a place that promotes tolerance, dialogue and is a center of education about a 1000-year-old history of Polish Jews. Awarded the best European museum, there is no better place to understand the life of Polish Jews. Later we take a walk and visit some significant places of the former Ghetto area. The day ends by the Nozyk synagogue the only surviving prewar Jewish house of prayer in Warsaw.



Overnight: Warsaw, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 3

- In the morning we check out and leave Warsaw. On the way to Lublin, we have a break in Kazimierz Dolny. This charming place located by the Vistula river has a lot of cultural heritage and was once regarded the most distinctly Jewish town in Poland. It used to be a significant trade place and an important Jewish center called an “ideal shtetl”. Later, we continue driving and spend the evening in the old town of Lublin having a relaxing time on a charming market square.



Overnight: Lublin, 4* hotel in the center of the town.

DAY 4

- Today we have a full day for sightseeing Lublin. It used to be called Polish Jerusalem because of a very high development of Jewish community. Here, in the 18th century unfolded an ultra-Orthodox Jewish religious movement, Hasidism. We are going to follow the historical footsteps of Jewish presence such as Chachmei Lublin Yeshiva – once, one of the largest yeshivas in the world! In the afternoon we pay a visit to Majdanek – a Nazi concentration and extermination camp built on the outskirts of the city.



Overnight: Lublin, 4* hotel in the center of the town.

DAY 5

- We leave Lublin and head for the south. During the day we stop in the old town in Zamość, a Renaissance gem, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Along the way we must also admire the building of 18th-century synagogue in Szczepieszyn (as you can imagine, the name of that town is also a famous tongue twister), and the reconstruction of the wooden synagogue in Biłgoraj (the only one in Poland!). Before the evening begins we enter the historic region of Galicia and get to our place for an overnight in Łańcut.



Overnight: Łańcut, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the town.

DAY 6

- Today, we visit The Łańcut Castle – one of the most beautiful aristocratic residences in Poland. Next to the castle, there is an outstanding Baroque style synagogue from 1761. Its interiors are adorned with decorative plasterwork. After lunch break, we have a short trip to Markowa to explore The Ulma Family Museum of Poles Saving Jews in World War II. On the way back we visit the town of Leżajsk and a famous Jewish cemetery where the famous tomb of Tzadik Elimelech's.



Overnight: Łańcut, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the town.

DAY 7

- Today we continue sightseeing of Jewish Galicia. First, we go to a nearby town of Rzeszów, where we stop by the old synagogue and take an opportunity to follow the underground route underneath the Market Square. After lunch we move further west to Tarnów. Jews began to settle there as early as in the 15th century. We explore the old town and see Jewish streets, remains of the synagogue with the original bimah, and the well maintained Jewish cemetery. In the afternoon we reach Kraków.



Overnight: Kraków, 3* or 4* hotel in the Jewish Quater.

DAY 8

- Have a substantial meal in the morning as we spend the whole day sightseeing the former capital of Poland, one of the most significant cultural centers in our country. It is an
- outstanding example of mediaeval architecture, situated at the foot of the Royal Wawel Castle. First, we explore the biggest market square in Europe, then move to the Jewish district called Kazimierz. It is a part of Krakow that owes its really unique character to over five hundred years of Jewish tradition. Later that day we visit Oskar Schindler's factory that is nowadays a modern museum.



Overnight: Kraków, 3* or 4* hotel in the Jewish Quater.

DAY 9

- Today, we visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- (Oświęcim). It is well known and important historical area, that allows us to recapture the horrors that occurred there during the WW2. It is an important memorial to the victims of the genocide. We have a 3,5-hour study tour to explore the museum properly. Before we get back to Krakow we stop in the only survived synagogue in Oświęcim where we have a chance to pray and learn more about the regular life of Jews in that town over the centuries.



Overnight: Kraków, 3* or 4* hotel in the Jewish Quater.

DAY 10

In the morning we leave Krakow. First, we stop in

- Częstochowa where we see the area of the former labor camp of the ammunition factory HASAG-Apparatebau (Pelcery) and an old Jewish cemetery established in 1799. Then we move to Piotrkow Trybunalski – the town that for many years was a center of Hebrew publishing in Poland. It is also where Nazis created the first Ghetto in the occupied Europe. The two synagogues survived the war and it is where we can admire the original painting . At the end of the day, we get to Łódź.



Overnight: Łódź, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 11

Today, we spend the whole day exploring Łódź, known also

- as Litzmannstadt. The Jews of Lodz formed the second largest Jewish community in prewar Poland, therefore there is a lot for us to see here. On our agenda there are: the Izrael Poznański Palace, the famous Piotrkowska Street (one of the longest commercial thoroughfares in Europe), the only synagogue that survived till present times, the Marek Edelman Dialogue Centre, the biggest Jewish Cemetery in Europe, and the Litzmannstadt Ghetto. In the late afternoon we arrive back to Warsaw.



Overnight: Warsaw, 3* or 4* hotel in the center of the city.

DAY 12

Final day in Warsaw. The last glance at the capital city of

- Poland, free time, shopping and relaxing before departure. Transfer to the airport. For those interested in visiting their ancestral hometowns a customized itinerary will be prepared and the tour will continue..



Price (land cost) for 1 person in a DBL room in US Dollars:

- **\$ 2.669 per person – DOUBLE or TWIN room accommodation**
- **\$ 760 per person – SINGLE Supplement**

Includes:

- Airport transfers in Warsaw on arrival and departure day
- Comfortable air-conditioned transportation in a mini-bus (max. 15 people)
- English speaking tour leader throughout the itinerary
- 11 nights accommodation in TWIN or DBL room at 3- or 4-star hotels with buffet breakfasts
- 1 welcome dinner and 11 large Polish lunches
- All of the entrances to tourist attractions, and local guides, as specified in the itinerary
- Genealogical support before and during the whole trip