

JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR OF POLAND - 2024



Duration: 12 days

Dates: Spring Edition: June 4th - June 15th, 2024
Autumn Edition: October 15th -October 26th, 2024

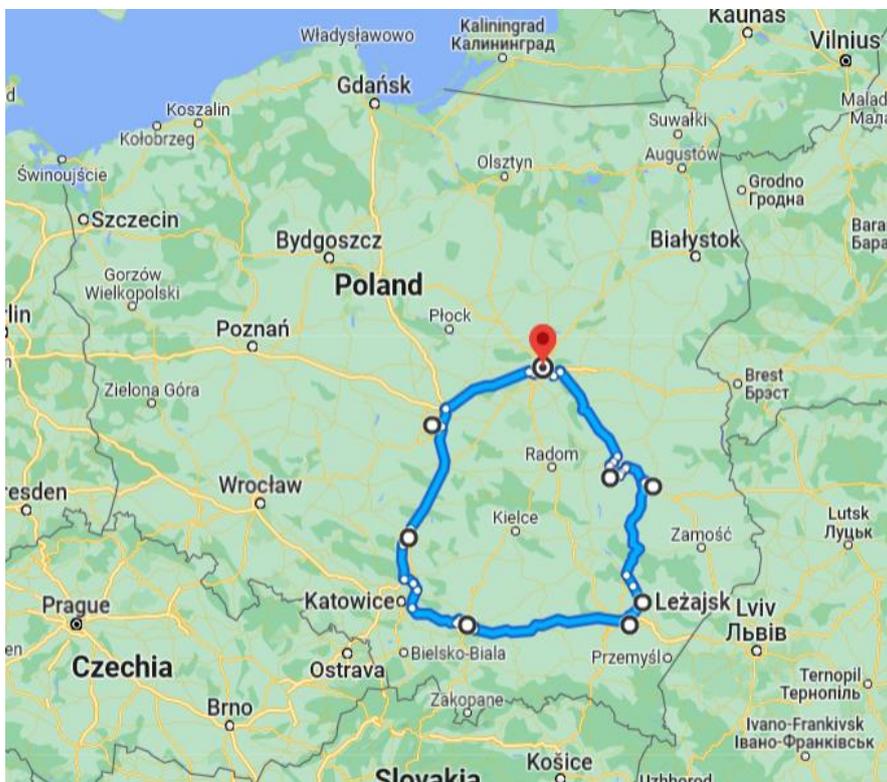
Total Distance: 614 miles

Arrival: Warsaw

Departure: Warsaw

Based on our experience in organizing heritage tours for over 15 years, we offer you an unforgettable tour focusing on the Jewish heritage of Poland, that includes:

- **10 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

June 4th, 2024

October 15th, 2024

- We meet you at the airport in **Warsaw**. After checking into a hotel we invite you for an introductory walk around the **Old Town of Warsaw**. The center of the city was destroyed in nearly 85% during WW2 but was carefully and beautifully rebuilt and it is now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. We walk along the elegant street of **Krakowskie Przedmieście** admiring the **Presidential Palace**, see the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** and Saski Park.



Overnight: Warsaw, 4* Hotel in a central location

DAY 2

June 5th, 2024

October 16th, 2024

- After breakfast we start exploring Jewish heritage of 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. Later we move to the **former Ghetto area** where we can find out more about this place. The day ends by the **Nozyk Synagogue** the only surviving prewar Jewish house of prayer in Warsaw.



Overnight: Warsaw, 4* Hotel in a central location

DAY 3

June 6th, 2024

October 17th, 2024

- In the morning we check out and leave Warsaw. On the way to Lublin we have a lunch break in **Kazimierz Dolny**. This charming place located by the Vistula River has a lot of cultural heritage and the legacy of painting, writing and artistic Bohemia. In the past it used to be a significant trade place and an **important Jewish center**. We spend the afternoon in the **old town of Lublin** having a relaxing time on a charming market square.



Overnight: Lublin, 4* Hotel in a central location

DAY 4

June 7th, 2024

October 18th, 2024

- 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. During the late 18th century Lublin became a **center for Hasidism**. We 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 visit **Majdanek** – a German concentration and extermination camp built on the outskirts of the city.



Overnight: Lublin, 4* Hotel in a central location

DAY 5

June 8th, 2024

October 19th, 2024

- We leave Lublin and head south. During the day we stop in the Old Town of **Zamość**, a Renaissance gem, another **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Along the way we must also admire the building of 18th-century synagogue in **Szczebrzeszyn** and the reconstruction of a wooden synagogue (the only one in Poland!) in **Biłgoraj**. Before the evening begins we enter the historic region of Galicia and get to our place for an overnight in **Łańcut**.



Overnight: Łańcut, 4* Hotel in a central location

DAY 6

June 9th, 2024

October 20th, 2024

- Today we visit **Łańcut Castle** – one of the most beautiful aristocratic residences in Poland. Next to the castle there is a rare surviving example of the vaulted **Baroque synagogues from 1761**. After lunch we have go to Markowa to explore **The Ulma Family Museum of Poles Saving Jews in World War II**. On the way back we visit the grave of the famous Tzaddik Elimelech in **Leżajsk**.



Overnight: Łańcut, 4* Hotel in a central location

DAY 7

June 10th, 2024

October 21st, 2024

- First we go to a nearby city 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 15th century. We explore the Old Town and see Jewish streets, remains of the synagogue with **the original bimah**, the Jewish cemetery. In the afternoon we reach Kraków.



Overnight: Kraków, 4* Hotel in a Jewish Quater

DAY 8

June 11th, 2024

October 22nd, 2024

- Today we start exploring the former capital of Poland. Cracow is one of the most significant cultural centers in our country and an outstanding example of mediaeval
- architecture. First, we explore **the biggest market square** in Europe and **Royal Wawel Castle**. Then we move to the **Jewish district called Kazimierz** which owes its unique character to over 500 years of Jewish tradition. Later, we visit the **Oskar Schindler's Factory** that is nowadays a modern museum.



Overnight: Kraków, 4* Hotel in a Jewish Quater

DAY 9

June 12th, 2024

October 23rd, 2024

- Today we have a day trip to the **Auschwitz-Birkenau State**
- **Museum (Oświęcim)**. We visit this important historical area that allows us to recapture on the horrors that occurred there during the WW2. It is an important memorial to the victims of the genocide. 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 lives of Jews in that town over the centuries.



Overnight: Kraków, 4* Hotel in a Jewish Quater

DAY 10

June 13th, 2024

October 24th, 2024

In the morning we leave Krakow and drive to **Częstochowa**

- where we visit the **former Ghetto**, the former camp of the ammunition factory **HASAG-Apparatebau (Pelcery)** and an outstanding old Jewish cemetery established in 1799. Then we move to the town of **Piotrkow Trybunalski** – the town that for many years was a center of Hebrew publishing in Poland.

At the end of the day we get to **the city of Łódź** (known also as **Litzmannstadt**).



Overnight: Łódź, 4* Hotel in a center of the city

DAY 11

June 14th, 2024

October 25th, 2024

Łódź used to be one of the largest Jewish communities in

- Europe. Therefore there is quite a lot to see there: **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 get back to Warsaw.



Overnight: Warsaw, 4* Hotel in a central location

DAY 12

June 15th, 2024

October 26th, 2024

This is your last day in **Poland** unless you decide to extend

- your trip. It's time for packing, relaxing and getting some souvenirs before departing our country with **a piece of Poland in your heart**. Transport to the airport will be provided.



Tour Fee and Inclusions/Exclusions:

- **3.250 USD** **DOUBLE or TWIN room accommodation**
- **600 USD** **SINGLE Supplement**

Includes:

- Airport transfers in Warsaw on arrival and departure days
- Comfortable air-conditioned transportation in a mini-bus
- English speaking tour leader throughout the itinerary
- 11-night accommodation in TWIN or DBL room at 3- or 4-star hotels with buffet breakfasts
- All of the entrances to tourist attractions and local tour guides, as specified in the itinerary
- Genealogical support before and during the whole trip



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