



GIL TRAVEL
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JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR 2012

Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Prague

11 days / 10 nights

Day 1, Monday

Arrive Warsaw



The Old Town Square

Arrive in Warsaw, the capital of Poland. Meet your transfer driver at the airport arrival hall after customs. Look for the sign with your name on it. Transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Warsaw on your own. This evening enjoy a Welcome Dinner together. (D)

Day 2, Tuesday

Warsaw

Today the story of Warsaw's once thriving Jewish Community unfolds. This morning, drive to the former Jewish Ghetto. Walk along Memory Lane to see the Warsaw Ghetto Heroes monument and the marble plaque commemorating Mila 18. Stop at Umschlag Platz-the rail station where Jews were transported to Treblinka. Visit the Old Cemetery, which dates back to 1806. Continue on a walking tour to the charming old town and lively Market Square, with its delightful outdoor cafes and displays of local crafts. View the magnificent Royal Castle and the reconstructed Barbican. (B)

Day 3, Wednesday

Warsaw-Krakow



The Gate to Auschwitz

Depart Warsaw this morning on a pilgrimage to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Visit Block 27, dedicated to the martyred "kedoshim." Arrive in Krakow in the early evening and check into your hotel. (B)

Day 4, Thursday

Krakow



Wawel Cathedral

Morning drive to the magnificent Castle and Coronation Cathedral perched high atop Wawel Hill. Continue to Kazimierz, the former Jewish section, where the original buildings still remain intact. Visit the ancient Remuh Synagogue, where Jews still worship today, and the nearby Old Cemetery. Stop at the 14th century Alt Synagogue, recently restored, which houses the Museum of Jewish History and Culture. Lunch at a local restaurant. Then drive via Oskar Schindler's former factory and other sights highlighted in the movie *Schindler's List*. Spend the rest of the day at Market Square with its Renaissance-style Cloth Hall – the arcades lead to numerous shops. (B, L)

Day 5, Friday

Krakow-Budapest

Depart from Krakow. Cross the Slovak border and drive through the scenic countryside of Slovakia, which is dotted with charming villages and farms. **Please note that U.S. citizens do not require Visas for Slovakia – other passport holders should check to see if a Visa is required.** After a brief stop (a box lunch will be provided) continue on to Budapest. Check into your hotel. Evening services at the Dohany Street Synagogue. (B, LL)

Day 6, Saturday

Budapest



*Dohany Street
Synagogue*

Morning optional Shabbat services at the Dohany Street Synagogue. This afternoon, join the group for an orientation walking tour of the majestic capital of Hungary. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to explore on your own. Walk across the beautiful bridges spanning the Danube or stop in a local shop for some souvenirs. Return to the hotel and enjoy an evening dinner at the world-famous Gundel Restaurant. Evening at leisure. (B, D)

Day 7, Sunday

Budapest



The Parliament Building

This morning, explore Buda and Pest in this elegant city with its wealth of historic monuments linked by eight graceful bridges. Drive via Heroes Square, the Castle District and Fishermen's Bastion with its glorious view of the Danube. Afternoon visit to the Dohany Street Synagogue, built in 1859; it is the largest in Europe and has been magnificently restored. Continue to the Jewish Museum with its wealth of artifacts and documents relating to Jewish life in Hungary. Stop at the unique "Weeping Willow" Holocaust Memorial, dedicated to the 500,000 Jews

who perished during the Nazi reign of terror. Then continue on to the Raoul Wallenberg Monument, built in honor of the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Jews during the Holocaust. Tonight enjoy a boat cruise on the Danube River; see Budapest's most beautiful monuments aglow at night. (B)

Day 8, Monday

Budapest-Prague



From the Charles Bridge

Depart on your short morning flight to Prague. Arrive in *golden* Prague, resting on the banks of the Vltava River, the main artery of the Bohemian waterways; meeting, assistance, and transfer to your hotel. Time to rest, relax and unpack before your sightseeing program. Your afternoon panoramic city tour includes views of the State Opera, Wenceslas Square, the National Museum, and Charles Bridge. Continue to Prague Castle and walk across the castle courtyards to see St. Vitus Cathedral. Continue by bus across the Vltava River to be dropped off at the Old Town, where you will continue on a walking tour of this pedestrian area. See the Old Town Hall and the amazing

astronomical clock. Evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9, Tuesday

Prague



The Old-New Synagogue

Morning guided Jewish interest walking tour features a visit to the Jewish Museum complex, home of the Precious Legacy, including the 13th century Alt-Neu Synagogue and the Pinkas, Klaus and Maisel synagogues. Then, walk to the Jewish Cemetery, which dates back to the 15th century. Continue to the 16th century Jewish Town Hall with its distinctive tower and clock with Hebrew letters. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 10, Wednesday

Prague

Full day at leisure to enjoy this beautiful city, or depart this morning on an *optional (not included in the price)* pilgrimage to Terezin, former “model” concentration camp. Visit the Small Fortress, Museum, and the Jewish Cemetery with its impressive Menorah Sculpture surrounded by symbolic, nameless graves. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Evening farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11, Thursday

En Route

Transfer to the airport for return flight. (B)

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (LL) Light Lunch (D) Dinner

Prices and itineraries may vary from what is displayed on the website.
Please call us to confirm the latest details.

RATES: Land Only- Price per Person

ARRIVAL DATE- DEPARTURE DATE	GOLD PLAN TWIN/DOUBLE	GOLD PLAN SINGLE	SILVER PLAN TWIN/DOUBLE	SILVER PLAN SINGLE
MAY 7 - MAY 17	\$3,893	\$5,996	\$3,726	\$4,855
June 4 - JUNE 14	\$4,337	\$5,996	\$3,726	\$4,855
JULY 9 - JULY 19	\$3,598	\$4,638	\$3,355	\$4,134
AUG 6 - AUG 16	\$3,598	\$4,638	\$3,285	\$4,134
SEPT 3 – SEPT 13	\$3,893	\$5,226	\$3,682	\$4,769
Oct 15 – OCT 25	\$3,893	\$5,226	\$3,682	\$4,769

* With less than 6 participants we use standard motorcoach tour schedules.

* Prices include: arrival transfers in Warsaw and departure transfers from Prague; also flight Budapest to Prague including \$65 fuel surcharges subject to change.

HOTELS:

HOTELS	GOLD PLAN	SILVER PLAN
WARSAW	BRISTOL	NOVOTEL CENTRUM
KRAKOW	GRAND HOTEL PALACE	QUEEN BOUTIQUE
BUDAPEST	KEMPINSKI	MARRIOTT
PRAGUE	INTERCONTINENTAL	HILTON OLD TOWN

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Flight Budapest/Prague on Czech Airlines
- Price includes arrival transfers in Warsaw and departure transfers from Prague; also flight Budapest to Prague including \$65 fuel surcharges subject to change.
- Professional Tour Manager/Guide in each City
- 10 Nights Accommodations, Choice of Deluxe or First-Class Hotel Plans
- All Meals as indicated on the itinerary; meals on this trip are NOT Kosher
- Sightseeing per Itinerary by Air-Conditioned Motor coach
- Transfers and Entrance Fees per Itinerary
- Hotel Taxes & Service Charges