

Jewish Heritage

Come to see the colourful, distinctive beauty of the country which owes a lot to the presence of the Jewish nation. Let's explore together not only the history of the horrors of WWII, but also of hospitality and courage. We hope your stay in Kraków, the mysterious shtetl towns or the lovely Galician countryside will counterbalance the sights bearing witness to the Shoah.

Understanding your possible time restrictions, we designed both a 10-day programme that includes the microcosm of the former Galicia but also a shorter 8-day tour proposal. We warmly welcome all requests to modify this program so that you may visit the places which mean the most to you and your family.

Duration: 8 days

Availability: every day

Departures from: Warsaw

The price can be reduced by increasing number of participants, excluding the tour guide (recommended for larger groups) or modificate the programme.

PRICING

Tour Date	Double occupancy	Single occupancy
2 pax: 8 days	1778 EUR / per person	2391 EUR / per person
2 pax: 10 d	2451 EUR / per person	3281 EUR / per person
4 pax: 8 d	937 EUR / per person	1259 EUR / per person
4 pax: 10 d	1280 EUR / per person	1717 EUR / per person

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- Private transportation with an experienced English-speaking driver specialized in Jewish culture and history tours
- Private guides in Warsaw, Łódź, Kraków, Lublin/Majdanek, Kazimierz Dolny (10d: Tarnów, Zamość)
- Local guided tours in Auschwitz, Wieliczka, Schindler's Factory in Kraków
- Entrance to: Jewish History Museum Warsaw, the Nożyk Synagogue, Łódź Factory Museum, Old and Remuh Synagogues, Old Pharmacy Kraków, the Chachmei Lublin Yeshiva, Treblinka Memorial (10d: Łańcut Synagogue, Polish-Jewish Museum in Markowa, Zamość Synagogue)
- Our service
- All taxes

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival to Warsaw

Upon arrival at the Warsaw Frederic Chopin International Airport, your private limousine will transfer you to an hotel located in the city centre. After check-in: free time.

Day 2: Warsaw sightseeing

Shortly after breakfast we will start the full-day tour of Warsaw focused not only on the Old Town and the Royal Route, but also at the **historic Warsaw Ghetto area**. With a personal guide, you'll visit the new Museum of the History of Polish Jews, which perfectly encapsulates the 1,000 years of shared history. Then we will visit the Korczak's Orphanage, the memorial mound on Miła Street remembering the last bunker of the Jewish Combat Organization, the Nożyk Synagogue, the Jewish Cemetery and the Umschlagplatz which was the place of the deportation of the Warsaw Jewish community to Treblinka.

Day 3: Lodz

Our private limousine will take you to **Lodz**. The city flourished during the industrial revolution and used to comprise four cultures: Polish, Jewish, German and Russian. During WWII the infamous Łódź Ghetto was created and put under custody of Chaim Rumkowski. Our guided tour will take us down Piotrowska Street to Poznanski's Palace, the Silbersteins' textile factory, the residences of the big factory owners (Kronstadt, Arnold Stiller, Hertz) , the area of the former Lodz Ghetto and the largest Jewish cemetery in Europe. We will also have an opportunity to visit the Radegast Station – Lodz Ghetto Memorial from where Jewish people were deported to the Kulmhof and Auschwitz death camps. Overnight stay in Lodz.

Day 4: Royal Krakow

Following breakfast we will continue towards **Krakow**. After arrival and check-in at your hotel, we will meet our knowledgeable guide. On the walking tour, he will show us the beautiful old part of Krakow, the royal capital of Poland - the Wawel Royal Castle, Collegium Maius of the Jagiellonian University and the Market Square with its famous Cloth Hall in the center. Free evening.

Day 5: Jewish Krakow

This will be a perfect day to **continue our exploration of Krakow** – after breakfast we will head to the former factory where Oskar Schindler employed 1000 Jewish workers in 1944. The building now houses an excellent museum. Next door is MOCAR, one of the best art galleries in Poland and nearby also Krakus Mound, prehistoric man-made hill with a splendid view of the town. Then we will head to Plaszow district situated on the opposite bank of the Vistula river, where a concentration camp was located during WWII. There are many remnants which remind us of its existence. Afternoon is reserved for the picturesque Kazimierz Jewish district including the Old Synagogue (now museum) and the four active (Tempel, Remuh, Kupa, Izaak Jakubowicz) out of the 124 pre-war Cracovian synagogues.

Day 6: Auschwitz-Birkenau & Wieliczka

We will take the opportunity to travel 60 km west of Krakow to see the Holocaust memorial on the premises of the Nazi concentration camp **Auschwitz-Birkenau**. This is one of the most gruesome places on earth and the memorial leaves a lasting impression. Your visit will be accompanied by a professional local guide. In the afternoon we propose a more positive sight, the **Wieliczka Salt Mine**, one of the most

outstanding attractions in Europe. The guided excursion through the mine will lead you through galleries and chambers on three levels 64 to 135 meters below the ground.

Day 7: Krakow – Lublin– Kazimierz Dolny

Today we'll need to wake up and have breakfast earlier to cover all the places we have included in the program. First of all: **Lublin** - *The Polish Jerusalem*. In 1580-1764, it was the seat of Va'ad Arba' Aratzot, the council of the Four Lands, in fact Poland's Jewish parliament. We will also see the building of the Chachmei Lublin Yeshiva (now an active house of prayer and a planned Hassidim museum), Chevra Nosim synagogue as well as the Old Cemetery with the grave of rebbe Yaahov Yittzchak, known as the Chozeh or the Seer of Lublin. In the afternoon we'll visit the former **Majdanek Nazi Concentration Camp** located in the southern city suburbs. Afterwards, travel to **Kazimierz Dolny** and overnight in this magical place.

Day 8: Kazimierz Dolny - Treblinka - Warsaw

This is the last day of our tour, but before going back to Warsaw we will briefly enjoy a visit to **Kazimierz Dolny** – a marvelous Renaissance town which in the past was one of the most important centres of Jewish culture. On the way to Warsaw we will make a detour to **Treblinka**, a former labor camp and terrible death factory, now a silent cemetery for more than 800,000 innocent people. There is a possibility to extend your tour (1 night) by travelling NE to visit the beautiful **Great Synagogue in Tykocin (Titkin)** and the city of **Bialystok**. Arrival to Warsaw around 17.00.

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The days 1 to 6 are the same like above.

Day 7: Galician shtetls

We'll start our Galician adventure with **Bobowa** which has retained much of its shtetl character and still is a centre of traditional bobbin lace-making. The renovated synagogue serves again as a place of worship. On the top of a steep hill that there is a very picturesque Jewish cemetery with the ohel of the first Bobover Rebbe, Shlomo Halberstam and tzadik Chaim Jacob. The graves are a pilgrimage destination for the Hasidim of the Bobov dynasty from all over the world. Afterwards, we'll continue to **Tarnow** (Torna), before the war home to twenty-five thousand Jews. There will be an opportunity to see the famous bimah which remained of the local synagogue, mikveh, Jewish street and one of Poland's oldest and best-preserved Jewish cemeteries. Close to Tarnow is **Dabrowa Tarnowska** (Dombrowa) with the biggest and most beautifully renovated synagogue in this part of Poland. There's also a small museum. Evening and overnight in the capital of Subcarpathia **Rzeszow** (Rayshe).

Day 8: Galician shtetls II

After breakfast we'll head for **Lancut (Lantzut)** to visit the Jewish Museum, the old cemetery which includes the restored grave of Reb Horowitz, the new Jewish cemetery and the old synagogue built in 1761. Once in Lancut we recommend visiting also the beautiful Lubomirski Family Castle, voted as

Poland's best historical residence. The next destination is the nearby **Markowa**. In 2016 the Polish president opened in this village the Museum of Poles saving Jews to commemorate all Polish people who risked their lives to help their Jewish neighbors. Further on we'll make a short stop in **Sieniawa (Shinova)** to see the cemetery with the ohel of Ezekiel Shraga Halberstam and continue to **Lezajsk (Lizhensk)**, a Hasidic centre established in 1772 by Rebbe Elimelech, one of the first tzadiks. Elimelech's ohel is a place of pilgrimage for thousands of Hasidim. Evening and overnight stay in the lovely, UNESCO-listed **Zamosc (Zamoshtsh)** founded in 1580 as an ideal Renaissance town.

Day 9: Zamosc - Lublin

After breakfast we will see the beautiful Renaissance synagogue, the old slaughterhouse, rebbe's house, mikveh and the building where the future revolutionist Rosa Luxemburg was born in 1871. Then we leave Zamosc and drive to Lublin and this day continues like Day 7 of the shorter tour.

Day 10: Kazimierz Dolny - Warsaw

See Day 8 of the shorter tour above.

