



European traces of Jewish history

Poland, Hungary

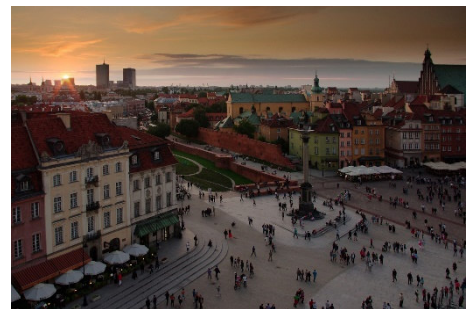
10 Day Roundtrip



Suggested itinerary

Day 1 Warsaw, Poland

Arrival to Europe, to the capital of Poland – Warsaw. Transfer to the hotel, check-in and leisure time. Dinner and overnight in **Warsaw**.



Day 2 Warsaw, Poland

After breakfast we begin our journey with a half day sightseeing tour of **Warsaw** including Jewish heritage: we tour former **Jewish Ghetto area**: Sienna 55 Street (fragment of Ghetto Walls, the border of the ghetto was marked by the wall between Sienna 53 and 55 estates, which existed before 1940, the wall is about 3 meters high), Prozna and Twarda Streets, Chlodna Street (Adam Czerniakow site in 1941). After **Heroism Route** leading from Ghetto Hero's Monument by Rappaport to Umschlagplatz – the gathering place for Jews before transportation to Treblinka camp, we will visit the **Museum of the History of Polish Jews** that was opened in 2014 at a symbolic spot: the very heart of a once thriving district inhabited mainly by Jews, and during the war transformed into a ghetto. Next stop is the **Nożyk Synagogue** – it is the only synagogue in the city open to the general public, founded by Zelman and Ryfka Nożyk between 1898-1902. Our tour also includes **Jewish Genscher Cemetery**. We end this day with the dinner and overnight in Warsaw.



Day 3 Warsaw, Lublin

After breakfast we departure for **Lublin**. Our first stop is in **Kazimierz Dolny** to see a former 18th century synagogue and **Goldsmith's Museum** presenting Christian and Jewish iconic silverware, mainly from B&T Touristik, Frankfurter St. 462, 51145 Cologne, Tel.: +49 2203 1866144, info@bt-incoming.com



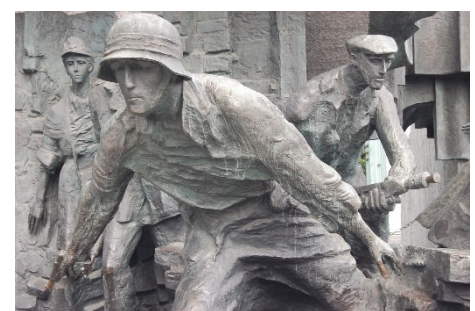
19th century. **Kazimierz Dolny** is a charming town picturesquely situated on the right bank of the Vistula River in the hills, valleys and gorges. For years it fascinated with its unique atmosphere, attracting many tourists. Before the II World War Jews made up almost half of the population of the city. According to the legend the local synagogue was founded by King Casimir the Great as a gift for his beloved Esther. Stones for the construction were taken from the Western Wall in Jerusalem and the parochets were sewed by Esther. We will have the possibility to go for a coffee at „Esterka“-Cafe in the synagogue building (not included). Then we continue to **Majdanek** in the suburbs of Lublin to visit former concentration camp. Check in and overnight in **Lublin**.

Day 4 **Lublin, Krakow**

After breakfast a sightseeing tour of **Lublin**, the largest city in eastern Poland, awaits us. Before World War II, Lublin was one of the largest places with Jewish population in Poland. **The Jewish quarter** was an important religious, cultural and commercial center. During the Nazi occupation Jewish population was almost completely wiped out. Despite of the Nazi terror Lublin still preserves objects showing the strength of Jewish community of Lublin: the synagogue “**Chevra Nosim**“, **Yeshiva** – the former Jewish school, the local cemetery etc. Finally we departure for Krakow for check-in and overnight in **Krakow**.

Day 5 **Krakow**

After breakfast we leave the hotel for a full day sightseeing tour of **Krakow** beginning with a visit to the **Jewish Quarter Kazimierz** and the former ghetto area, including **Remuh Synagogue** with the **Old Jewish Cemetery** and **Alte Synagogue**. Then next stop is the **Museum of Jewish History and Culture** that commemorates the victims of the Holocaust and introduces Jewish history and culture too. Afterwards we see **Pod Orlem Pharmacy**, that was chosen as the place for conspiratorial meetings. Among the conspirers were: writer Mordechai Gebirtig, painter Abraham Neumann, Dr Julian Aleksandrowicz, neurologist Dr Bernhard Bornstein, Dr Leon Steinberg and pharmacists Emanuel Herman and Roman Imerglück. Soon it became a source of various resources and medicaments, which helped in avoiding deportation: hair dyes used for rejuvenating the appearance, luminal (fenobarbital) used to calm children while hidden. Now we continue with a guided visit to **Schindler’s Factory Museum**, a former metal item factory in Kraków. This was the famous site of **Oskar Schindler’s** remarkable movement to save Jews during World War II. Under the cover of his enamel factory he hired over 1000 Jewish workers and saved them from a grisly fate in the concentration camps. The site is now a historical museum that hosts exhibitions giving you a peek of the life during the war. If you have seen the movie **Schindler’s List**, visiting this historic site is a must. In the afternoon a walking tour in the **Old Town**



will show us **St. Mary's Basilica, Cloth Hall, Florian Gate** and **Barbican Walls** followed by the Royal Route to **Wawel Hill** with **Wawel Royal Castle** and **Cathedral** – the place of coronation and burial of Polish kings, noblemen and famous Poles. Dinner at a local restaurant in **Kazimierz area** with Klezmer music and Jewish menu. Overnight in **Krakow**.

Day 6 Krakow, Auschwitz

Today after breakfast an excursion will bring us to **Auschwitz-Birkenau** the former Nazi Concentration Camp – the largest site for the murder of Jews brought here under the Nazi plan for their extermination. More than 1,100,000 men, women, and children lost their lives here. On the way back we proceed further with exploring **Wieliczka Salt Mine** – where a guided tour takes us underground through the labyrinths, lakes, chambers, and caves up to Kinga Chapel, which is the prettiest chamber with white crystal salt chandeliers. It is one of the oldest mining sites in the world that still in uninterrupted operation. On this last night in Poland we will have a dinner at local restaurant with a **folklore show**. Overnight in **Krakow**.

Day 7 Krakow, Slovakia, Budapest

Today we will say goodbye to Poland and drive towards Budapest on a scenic road along the Tatra Mountains. After possible stops in Prešov and Košice (Slovakia) we arrive to one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, situated in the heart of the Carpathian basin along the Danube: the capital of Hungary – **Budapest**, where we have dinner and overnight at a nice hotel.

Day 8 Budapest

After breakfast the first part of our day is filled with a sightseeing tour by bus including Heroes Square, Andrassy Boulevard, Opera, Parliament, the Shoes Memorial along the Danube Board Market Hall, Buda Castle with Matthias Church and Fisher Bastion. After enjoying the incredible architecture and breathtaking historical sites we will have free time in the **Market Hall** to enjoy atmosphere of fresh goods, people watching, shopping, photo opportunities. In the afternoon we continue to the **Jewish quarter**. Our local guide will show us **Synagogue Dohany Street** (Synagogue, memorial park, museum) and **Rumbach Street Synagogue**. After dinner at the **Restaurant Első Pesti Strudel House** we are going to get some spectacular views of the city during a **Danube cruise**. Overnight in **Budapest**.

Day 9 Budapest

First stop today after breakfast is the **Holocaust Museum Budapest**. An informative and moving exhibit about the Holocaust in Hungary.



Newsreels, photos, and other objects, help us to understand the disenfranchisement and other sufferings of Hungarian Jews. Today's program also includes visits to **Budapest's second biggest synagogue**, to a memorial garden with a wall of victims, and to a tower listing all communities where Jews have ceased to exist as a result of the deportations. Finally we have the possibility to visit the **House of Terror Museum**. Located at Andrassy Avenue 60 it contains exhibits related to the fascist and communist regimes in 20th century Hungary and is also a memorial to the victims of these regimes, including those detained, interrogated, tortured, or killed in the building. Some free time gives us the opportunity for leisure or doing some shopping. Later in the evening we will meet for our farewell dinner in a historical café in Budapest. Overnight in **Budapest**.

Day 10 **Departure**

Today we will leave the hotel for the airport and fly home with a lot of great memories and fascinating experiences.

