



WARSAW

JEWISH HERITAGE OF POLAND

Day 1: ARRIVAL WARSAW, ORIENTATION IN WARSAW. Welcome to Poland! Upon arrival meet your private local guide and begin your day with a panoramic tour of the city, passing Chopin's Monument, Lazienki Park, the Royal Castle. Market Square. The Old Town and the Market Square were reconstructed after the war to its former glory. (2 hrs.) Check into your hotel.

Overnight in Warsaw.

Day 2: JEWISH WARSAW. Breakfast at your hotel. Today, we set out on a private Jewish heritage tour of the city. We begin with a visit to Nozyk Synagogue Warsaw's only surviving synagogue from the pre-war days. You'll then view the remains of the Warsaw Ghetto Wall before walking along the Memorial Route of Jewish Martyrdom and Struggle in the former ghetto. We finish by paying tribute at the powerful Rappaport Monument to the Ghetto Heroes. Later, we take a story-filled visit to the enormous Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery, where the giants of Yiddish culture are buried near Talmudic masters and enlightenment-era intellectuals. After lunch on your own you'll continue for a visit of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, located on the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto (2 hrs. with audio guide).

This is a national project that takes visitors on a multi-media journey through Poland's Jewish history, from the early Roman trade routes through the Holocaust and into today's reborn community.

Overnight in Warsaw, (B)

Day 3: WARSAW/MAJDANEK CONCENTRATION CAMP/LUBLIN/WARSAW

Breakfast at your hotel and then meet your private Tour & driver for a visit to the Majdanek Concentration Camp Museum. Majdanek was a Nazi concentration and extermination camp built and operated by the SS on the outskirts of the city of Lublin during the German occupation of Poland in World War II. It is among the largest of the Nazi concentration camps originally built for forced labor, it was eventually used to murder almost all Polish Jewry on an industrial scale. Return to the center of Lublin for lunch followed by a private Jewish Heritage tour; walk around the ghetto and visit the world-famous Lublin Yeshiva Synagogue, which was built in 1930, making it, at that time, the largest and most prestigious Rabbinical school in the world. We then continue with a ride back to our Hotel in Warsaw (approx 2hrs).

Overnight in Warsaw (L, B)



DAY 4 – WARSAW/KRAKOW. Breakfast at your hotel followed by a private transfer to the train station to take the train (2:30 hrs) heading south to the former Royal Capital, Krakow.

Upon arrival in Krakow, meet your local guide and driver and start your discovery of Kazimierz, Krakow's old Jewish district which begins at the Altschul, the fortress-like "Old Synagogue" erected in the 15th century. We visit the Remuh Synagogue and cemetery, dedicated to the great Talmudist Moshe Isserles and his contemporaries. We will also stop by the bastion of the Reform community, the grand and luxurious Temple.

Overnight in Krakow (B)

Day 5: KRAKOW / AUSCHWITZ/BIRKENAU / KRAKOW. Breakfast at hotel. This morning, we have a private transfer (driver only) to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the infamous Nazi concentration camp, where over one million Jews, including 200,000 children were murdered in the Holocaust. After our private guide-led visit through the museum (3.5hrs) we will travel to Birkenau and witness the ruins of its destructive machinery, spreading as far as the eye can see.



AUSCHWITZ

Return to Krakow and have the remainder of the afternoon to reflect on the day. (6-7 hrs).

Overnight in Krakow (B)

Day 6: KRAKOW - WIELICZKA SALT MINES - KRAKOW. Breakfast at your hotel. This morning your private local guide takes you on a short walking tour of the old town (2 hrs). Starting at the main market square, this bustling heart of the city is the perfect place for picking up souvenirs, especially in the cloth hall which has been the local market-place for centuries. We will end the tour at the square and listen to the bugle call sounds towards the four corners of the world every hour on the hour.

Day 7: KRAKOW. This morning after breakfast at your Hotel your private guide takes you on a short walking tour of the old town. Afternoon at leisure. This evening there will be a farewell dinner in one of the local restaurants with entertainment by a Klezmer band. Overnight in Krakow (B, D)

Day 8: DEPARTING KRAKOW for the USA

Breakfast at the hotel and check out followed by a private transfer to Warsaw airport (B)

FEATURES

8 days/ 7-nights' Hotel accommodations and services as follows:

Selected class hotel listed below.

Service charges, hotel taxes & tourist city taxes

Breakfast daily

Lunches on day 3 and on day 6

Farewell dinner with Klezmer music on Day 7

HOTELS:

UPSCALE or twin rooms - 4 or 5 Star Hotels

3 nights in Warsaw:

4 nights in Krakow:

Transportation

with modern A/C car or van as per itinerary

Private arrival transfer from Warsaw airport to hotel. (driver only, no assistant)

Private car/van for sightseeing as listed below.

Train tickets, Pendolino express: Day 4 - Warsaw to Krakow (no assistance)

Private transfer to Auschwitz-- Birkenau (driver only, no assistant)

Private transfer from Warsaw to Majdanek and Lublin

Private departure transfer from hotel to Warsaw airport. (driver only, no assistant)

Sightseeing Tours:

Private tours with English speaking local guides

Tours a combination of walking and private car transfers, as described in the itinerary below

Admission fees:

POLIN Jewish Museum Warsaw with guide/audioguide;

Warsaw Nozyk Synagogue & Jewish Cemetery on Okopowa street,

train ticket from Warsaw to Krakow

Remuh symagogue & cemetery, Krakow;

Krakow Cathedral & St Mary basilica tickets,

Wieliczka mine regular tour ticket,

Majdanek museum guide fee/ticket,

Yeshiva in Lublin ticket.

Tour of POLIN & Auschwitz-Birkenau with audio guide (standard group tour)

