# **INSPIRATIONAL ITINERARY**



## **BUDAPEST**

# JEWISH HERITAGE OF HUNGARY, AUSTRIA & CZECHIA

## 10 Days/9 Nights Itinerary

#### Day 1: BUDAPEST

Welcome to Budapest the capital of Hungary situated on the banks of the Danube River. Upon your arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon you will be picked up by your guide to explore the city's Jewish quarter and while in the Jewish quarter you will have the unique opportunity of tasting some delicious Hungarian food specialties.

Return to your Hotel for a relaxing evening and dinner (on your own).

#### Day 2: BUDAPEST

This morning after Breakfast you're off to experience the beauty that is Budapest by private car with your own private local guide who will be taking you to see the Parliament, the Royal Palace, the Coronation Church, and Hero's Square to learn about and better understand Hungary's long history.

This afternoon, you will continue with visits to Gellert Hill, the Castle Hill area where you will stop to enjoy the spectacular view from the Fisherman's Bastion.

You'll also visit the Raoul Wallenberg memorial statue to hear the story of his heroic acts to save thousands of Jews during the Holocaust. The balance of the day is at leisure.

We suggest dinner at the New York Café, built in eclectic Italian Renaissance-style and opened in 1894 and said to be "The most beautiful Cafe in the World". The café, along with the restaurant and the bar are now part of the Anantara hotel. At the turn of the 20th century the New York Café was the most beautiful and the most beloved coffee house in Budapest. It was a popular place among writers and editors, in fact, the most influential newspapers were edited here. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Overnight in Budapest

#### Day 3: JEWISH BUDAPEST

After Breakfast this morning meet your private local Jewish guide, an expert on "Jewish Budapest". who will show You some of the important sites of Judaism in Budapest.

You'll visit the Dohany Synagogue, the Moorish masterpiece of architecture and the largest synagogue in Europe. Within its gates are the Jewish Cemetery and Museum as well as The Holocaust Tree of Life Memorial. Walk along the banks of the Danube where you will see the simple yet emotionally charged memorial, "Shoes on The Danube" that commemorates the vicious reign, during the Holocaust, of the Nazi-allied Arrow Cross.

You'll complete your tour at the beautifully restored Rumbach Street Synagogue, soon to be the site of a new interfaith museum focusing on battling racism and Anti-Semitism. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Overnight in Budapest

#### Day 4: BUDAPEST/VIENNA

After a delicious breakfast this morning check out of the hotel followed by a private transfer to the Budapest train station where you will board your train for Vienna.





Upon arrival in Vienna, you will be met and privately transferred to your hotel.

Later in the afternoon you will have a 2 hrs. private walking "Food tour" of the city, discovering the city's delights and its world-famous pastries.

Evening at leisure and dinner on your own.

Overnight in Vienna.

#### Day 5: JEWISH VIENNA

Breakfast at your hotel. Meet your private local guide at the hotel and start with a walking tour of Jewish Vienna, see the Opera House, the Juden Platz (Holocaust Memorial), visit Vienna's only Synagogue to have been spared during the November pogroms of 1938 (Crystal Nacht), visit the Jewish Museum. You'll then visit the "Wall of Names" located in a small park just outside the old town which carries the names of every one of the 65,000 + Jewish people from Austria murdered by the Nazis. The balance of the day is free to enjoy Vienna at your own pace.

Evening at leisure and dinner on your own.

Overnight in Vienna.

#### Day 6: VIENNA

Following Breakfast at the hotel you'll depart for a morning sightseeing tour of Vienna. You'll begin your day with a visit to the Hofburg Imperial Palace of the Habsburg dynasty, once the seat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire; visit the Sisi Museum and then enjoy the panoramic views of the Belvedere Palace, Prater Amusement Park, the UN Buildings, St. Stephen's Cathedral, and other reminders of the city's Imperial History including of course the Danube River.

The afternoon is free to continue exploring on your own. We suggest a visit to the Belvedere Palace to see Gustav Klimt's masterpiece "the Kiss".

Evening at leisure and dinner on your own.

Overnight in VIENNA.

#### Day 7: VIENNA/PRAGUE

Breakfast at your hotel, check out , followed by your private transfer to the Vienna train station to board your train to Prague, WELCOME TO THE CITY OF A THOUSAND SPIRES! Upon your arrival in Prague, private transfer from the train station to your

hotel. Later on, you will Meet your Private Jewish guide for a walking tour of the Josefov, Prague's legendary Jewish quarter' Your guide will take you to visit the Jewish Old Town Hall, see the Alt-Neu Synagogue, the Pinkas Synagogue, the Maisel Synagogue, then you Visit the Spanish Synagogue. Lunch and dinner on your own. We suggest dinner at Municipal House, Obecnídum. Evening at leisure and dinner on your own.

Overnight in Prague.

#### **Day 8: PRAGUE**

This morning after Breakfast you will depart for a private city tour with a visit to visit the 1,000-year-old Hradany Castle and St. Vitus' Cathedral, founded in the 9th century. Prague Castle makes you feel as if you have traveled back in time. The Castle is the world's oldest and largest ancient castle complex. Featuring stunning architecture, gardens and historical buildings. You will then cross the Charles Bridge and head towards the Old Town Square where you will see the Medieval Astronomical clock, installed in the year 1410 during the Bohemian Golden Age.





## **PRAGUE**

The clock, also known as the Orioj is the third oldest astronomical Clock in the world and the oldest that is still working. This evening you will have the pleasure of savoring the flavors of the old town of Prague. Taste a variety of traditional Czech cuisine and discover Prague's Culinary secrets on a wonderful food tour. Evening at leisure with dinner on your own.

Overnight in Prague

#### Day 9: PRAGUE/TEREZIN/PRAGUE

Breakfast at your hotel then meet your private local guide. You'll travel by private car to Terezin, the former "model" Nazi concentration camp. Where you'll visit the prison fortress, and the Jewish cemetery, the hidden Synagogue and museum filled with the artwork of former prisoners. You'll stop by the memorial monument and pass through the town itself.

We'll also hear stories and see photos of some of the great rabbis imprisoned here, including Leo Baeck and Regina Jonas, the first woman ordained a rabbi. Afterwards you'll return to Prague.

Evening at leisure and dinner on your own.

Overnight in Prague.

#### **Day 10: DEPARTING PRAGUE**

Breakfast and check out followed by a private transfer to Prague airport Or... Extend your stay to Poland Jewish Heritage.

Tour Highlight. There will be a Shabbat Dinner included with a Jewish family or families or in a Kosher restaurant.

