

Jewish Heritage in Poland**11 days – 10 nights****Warsaw, Lodz, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Krakow, Wieliczka, Plaszow, Zalipe, Zalipie, Tarnow, Bobowa, Sanok, Lancut, Zamosc, Lublin, Majdanek, Kazimierz Dolny
Heritage, History, Culture, Discovery****Day 1 - Fri: Warsaw**

Arrival in Warsaw. Meet and greet. Transfer to a hotel. Shabbat dinner. [D]

Day 2 - Sat: Warsaw

After breakfast, if you wish, you may attend services in the synagogue in Warsaw. The rest of the morning is free. The afternoon may be free or you may join our sightseeing tour visiting the Old City, Krakowskie Przedmieście Street, the Jewish Historical Institute, Umschlagplatz, parts of Ghetto walls, the Ghetto Heroes Monument, Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery, Nożyk Synagogue, connection of the small and large ghettos - the narrow passage at the intersection of Żelazna and Chłodna streets, the Pawiak prison and the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews. After the visit return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 3 - Sun: Warsaw, Lodz

This morning we'll drive to Łódź and take a sightseeing tour around the city.

From a small village to a big city, Lodz and his community are famous for their rapid growth. Successive generations have made it one of the major economic cities of Europe. In 1808, Lodz had only 434 inhabitants, including 58 Jews. 130 years later, on the eve of the Second World War and the invasion of Poland by Germany, the population had grown to 672,000 inhabitants, including 233,000 Jews. Jews have made a very significant contribution to the development and growth of the city, both as industrialists and entrepreneurs (of the 156 factories which were created between 1881-1900, 105 were the property of the Jews) but also as workers and artisans in the textile industry. This flourishing trade contributed to the rise of the city and gave Lodz the name of "Manchester of Poland". We will visit the Wolf Reicher Synagogue, Piotrowska Street, The Survivors Park, the Decalogue Memorial in the Old-Town Park, Izrael Poznański Palace, Priest's Mill district (Księży Młyn), Manufaktura Center, Palace of Karol W. Scheibler including the Museum of Cinematography. Then we proceed to the hotel in Łódź for check-in. In the evening we'll go for dinner at an authentic Polish restaurant and, then, return to the hotel for overnight. [B/D]

Day 4 - Mon: Lodz, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Krakow

We leave Lodz, this morning, on our way to Oświęcim for a visit to the former German Nazi concentration camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau. The Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum – which is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List – makes an unforgettable impression on every visitor. Every year, millions of visitors walk through the gate with the cynic motto "Arbeit macht frei" (Work will set you free). The tour begins with a 15-minute documentary movie about the history of the camp. Then, the guide will lead you through Auschwitz I, showing the surviving prison blocks, the gas chamber and the crematorium. The second part of your visit will cover the Auschwitz II Birkenau camp, where you can ascend the watchtower above the entrance gate to catch a view over the whole area of both concentration camps. Following the visit, we continue to Krakow to discover the Jewish Quarter and the best of the city. Kazimierz, The Jewish Quarter, was since the end of the 15th century a city inhabited by Polish Jews, one of the main centers - in Poland and in Europe itself - of Jewish religion, science and culture. A large group of historic buildings was partly restored, notably the Old Synagogue (late 16th century), currently housing the Museum of Judaism, the Remuh Synagogue (first half of the 16th century, still fulfilling religious functions, with a cemetery from the years 1552-1799, where you can see the tombs of Moses Isserles, said Remuh, rabbi of Cracow and rector of the Talmudic Academy, and many of his successors, the High Synagogue XVI with an exhibition of leaders of restored works of Jewish art, the Ajzyk Synagogue, the Kupa Synagogue, which means in Hebrew: the treasure of the Jewish community, the Synagogue of Bocian (1620), currently housing a house of culture where are often organized artistic exhibitions, the Tempel Synagogue (1862) of reformed

Judaism. Our tour includes the old Remuh Synagogue, the Old Jewish Cemetery, Wolnica Square, City Hall and Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory. Dinner in a one of the Jewish district's distinctive restaurants. Continue to our hotel for overnight. [B/D]

Day 5 - Tue: Krakow (Wieliczka)

Krakow is the capital of Lesser Poland Voivodeship. Founded in the 7th century, the legend attributes its origin to the imaginary king Krakus. A testimony of the twelfth century, attributed to Vincent Kadlubek, bishop of Krakow, says that the ruler founded the city after killing a dragon whose cave was dug into the cliff of Wawel. The city still bears the name of its mythological founder. Krakow is one of the oldest cities in Poland and was its capital before Warsaw. Its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city of Pope John Paul II and astronomer Copernicus remains the cultural and scientific center of the country. The second oldest university in Central Europe is there. Once freed from the yoke of the USSR and communism, the old people's democracy adapts to a free-trade economy. Krakow now hosts fifty multinational companies and is the second most visited city in Poland, behind Warsaw, the capital. Today will be fully dedicated a tour of the city visiting the Main Square, the Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Church, historic churches around the Old City, the Jagiellonian University, Collegium Maius, Wawel the Royal Castle, the Wawel the Cathedral and a walking tour around Kazimierz, the historical Jewish district and, now, the hip center of the city full of galleries, little shops and clothing stores. The next stop will be the Wieliczka Salt Mine - one of the most valuable monuments of culture in Poland. Its underground itinerary tunnels are 2.2 miles long. Visit the Chapel of St. Kinga located 330 ft. below ground with crystal salt chandeliers and grey salt sculptures. The miraculous image of Merciful Jesus painted by Adolf Hyła is placed above the side altar on the left side of the chapel. The altar was blessed by Father Józef Andrasz, SJ (Sister Faustina's spiritual director) on 16 April 1944, on the first Sunday after Easter. Copies and reproductions of the image have spread throughout the world, thereby fulfilling the words of Jesus spoken to Sister Faustina at the first of His revelations: "I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world" (Diary 47). Back to Krakow for dinner at Typical local restaurant. The, back to the hotel overnight. [B/D]

Day 6 - Wed: Krakow (Plaszow)

The morning will be spent with a visit to the former Nazi German labor and concentration camp in Płaszów. This camp was established south of Krakow, which at the time of the war was the general government command center run by Hans Frank from Wawel Castle. It was created in the south of the Podgórze district which was partly used as a ghetto for the Jews of Krakow and its region. Originally established as a labor camp (Arbeitslager), it was built on land where there were two adjoining Jewish cemeteries, one overlooking Jerozolimska Street and the other on Abraham Street. The camp was fed in 1942 with the Jewish population of the neighboring Krakow ghetto who had not been selected for deportation to the Auschwitz camp. Back to Krakow with spare time for personal sightseeing. Return to the hotel, later in the afternoon, for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 7 - Thu: Krakow, Zalipie, Tarnow, Bobowa, Sanok

This day is filled with multiple stops, the first being Zalipie, a small village an hour and a half drive from Krakow that has become famous for the beauty of its houses. The facades are painted with flowers of all colors, a tradition going back to the 19th century. At the time, cooking was done on open fireplaces, smoke escaping through a hole in the ceiling and walls were covered with soot. The second stop will be Tarnów to visit the Old City, the Town Hall, the Bimah – a part of the former synagogue, the Jewish Cemetery (founded in 1583) and Mikolajowski Family House. From here we continue to Bobowa, a city famous for its rich folklore and especially for its lace that appeared, as in many other places, in the early sixteenth century. The main techniques come from Genoa, Milan and Brugge. There is also an old Jewish cemetery with historically significant headstones and a synagogue dating from 1778. Finally we'll continue to Sanok for dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

Day 8 - Fri: Sanok, Lancut, Zamosc

This morning we'll visit to the Rural Architecture Museum of Sanok. Here we find buildings - residential, commercial, industrial and religious - with unique interior designs. The facility is divided into five sectors corresponding to the old ethnic groups: Boykos, Lemkos, Dolinianie, Pogórzanie of East and West. A short drive will take us to Łańcut where we'll visit the castle, one of the most beautiful aristocratic residences in Poland. It is famous for its magnificent residential interiors as well as its particularly interesting collection of horse cars. The castle complex surrounds an old, picturesque English-style park, which is home to many pavilions and agricultural buildings, once closely linked to the daily life of Łańcut's residence. Then, a short visit to synagogues and Jewish cemeteries in the area before we continue to Zamość an architectural ensemble with the urban planning ordinance unique in the world and very close to the notion of "ideal city". It is sometimes referred to as the "pearl of the Renaissance" because it is here that are found priceless works of art of great beauty and historical value. There are a number of historical monuments in Zamość, among which stand out the town hall with its slender tower, probably the most beautiful in Poland, the houses with arcaded galleries lining the main Market Square, especially the mansions with rich ornamental motifs that belonged to Armenian merchants. The interior of the cathedral houses works of art of great value. The Zamoyski Palace and the Zamość Academy, adapted to their contemporary functions, have lost much of their former splendor, but the powerful walls of the defensive system, reaching in places up to 23 ft. thick, produce a great impression. They form the enclosure of this old city inscribed by UNESCO on the World Heritage List. After a walking tour we check-in at the hotel. Tonight, you'll have the choice between a Shabbat or a regular dinner. Overnight at your hotel. [B/D]

Day 9 - Sat: Zamosc, Lublin (Majdanek)

Today we have 2 options.

Option 1: Stay in Zamosc with the morning free to attend services at the local Synagogue and leave for Lublin later in the afternoon for dinner and overnight at the hotel. If you choose this option please let us know at the time of booking so we can arrange for you to attend the service.

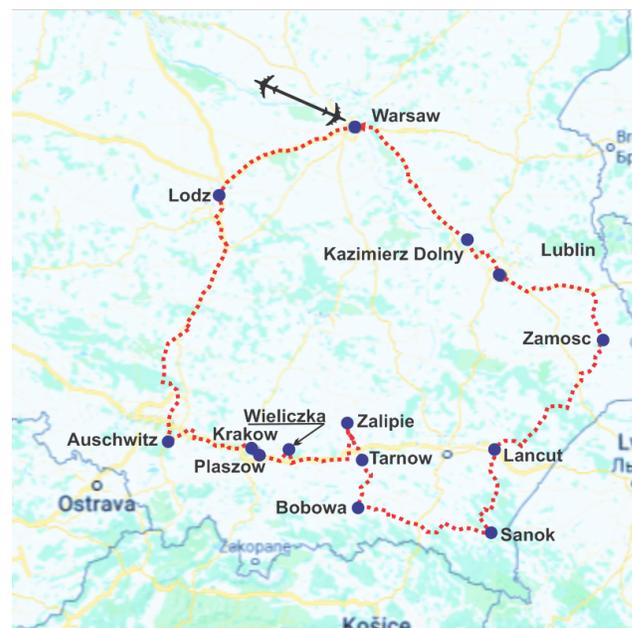
Option 2: Leave for Lublin in the morning and take a tour of the city on arrival. Visit Main Square, tenement houses, the Grodzka Gate, the Rybna Gate, the Lublin Castle and finish with the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, known for its 14th century frescoes. The Union of Lublin Monument – Litewski Square (Plac Litewski) - as well as the State Museum at Majdanek – the former Nazi concentration camp are mandatory stops for any visit of Lublin. After the visit, check-in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 10 – Sun: Lublin, Kazimierz Dolny, Warsaw

This morning, we continue to Kazimierz Dolny a Renaissance town. Our walking tour will take us along enchanting streets and by the Vistula river. This historic little town in Poland is an excellent destination for its pre-communist, pre-war charm. Kazimierz Dolny is the art center in Poland. There are galleries, in almost every street, selling sculptures, stained glass and fine art paintings. On the market you will find folk art at unbeatable prices. Enjoy visiting this picturesque city with its beautiful natural landscapes with wooded areas, fields, orchards and hop plantations. Also visit the Celej House, the White House, tenement houses around the Main Square, the Castle, the Tower, Three Crosses Hill, churches, granaries, and a synagogue. On our way to Warsaw we pass by Korzeniowy Dół Gorge, a picturesque Loess gorge. Once in Warsaw, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Then, check-in at your hotel for overnight. [B/D]

Day 11 - Mon: Warsaw, USA

After breakfast at the hotel you may have some free time for last glimpse of the city. At the appointed



time you be picked-up and transferred to the airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Warsaw
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 10 nights' accommodation:
 - Warsaw – 3 nights
 - Łódź – 1 night
 - Kraków – 3 nights
 - Sanok – 1 night
 - Zamość – 1 night
 - Lublin – 1 night
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 10 dinners (kosher or non-kosher)
- Visits of:
 - Warsaw
 - Lodz
 - Auschwitz

- Krakow
- Kazimierz Dolny
- Majdanek
- English speaking driver/guide throughout the tour
- Local guides for visits
- Entrance fees for sites visited
- Hotel taxes

Your Tour does not include:

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Travel insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Warsaw	Mercure City Center	4
Łódź	Andel's	3
Kraków	Mercure Old Town	5
Sanok	Hotel Dwór Kombornia	5
Zamość	Artis	4
Lublin	Korona	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

From: \$2,615 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• **Airfare**

We also be glad to adjust the airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

• **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available

- o If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

Tour Code: PL04WAW21PI

Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Private arrival and/or departure transfer

Group Quotations:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Private arrival and/or departure transfer
- The options suggested in the itinerary will be quoted at time of booking
- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.