

tower with its famous chime. The highlight of the day will be your visit to **Hradcany Castle**, built in the 9th century. It is the official office of the President of the Czech Republic. The castle was a seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, and presidents of Czechoslovakia. Walk the Golden Lane, so named for the goldsmiths that lived there in the 17th Century and descend into Lesser Town. Return to Old Town via the ancient and crooked medieval stone arch Charles Bridge. **(B)**

Friday, Jul 15th-

Prague/Terezin

This morning, after breakfast, you will travel outside of Prague to Terezin, where you will visit the "model ghetto" of Theresienstadt. This was a façade to the world of the Germans' "kind treatment" of the 150,000 "elite" Jews who were deported between 1941 and 1944. You will visit the Historical Museum and the art and music collection. Visit the "Hidden Synagogue" and see the crematorium and Jewish cemetery. This afternoon you will return to Prague and visit the Franz Kafka Museum and take a funicular ride up to Petrin Hill where you will see a spectacular view of this legendary city. Your day ends as you return to the hotel, where you will enjoy a festive Shabbat Dinner this evening. **(B, Shabbat Dinner)**

Saturday, Jul 16th-

Prague

Today is Shabbat and you will have the entire day to enjoy at your leisure, whether you want to go to shul or further explore the beautiful city of Prague, the day is yours to do as you wish. This evening we will all gather for a farewell dinner, including Czech music and dance, for our last evening in Prague. **(B,D)**

Sunday, Jul 17th-

Prague/USA

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to return to the United States with extraordinary memories of your Jewish Central European experience. **(B)**

NOT INCLUDED:

- *International Airfare
- *Passport Fees (a passport valid beyond January 15, 2023 is required for travel.)
- *Meals not listed in the itinerary
- *Gratuities for Guides & Drivers
- *Travel Insurance
- *Items of a personal nature



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Wednesday, Jul 6th-

Home City/Budapest

Depart home today on your overnight flight to Budapest, Hungary.

Thursday, Jul 7th-

Budapest

Upon arrival in Budapest, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Today will be a day to acclimate to your new surroundings. This evening you will receive an orientation followed by a welcome dinner. **(D)**

Friday, Jul 8th-

Budapest

After breakfast this morning, your day will begin with a visit to the Dohany Street Synagogue, the largest in all of Europe with seating for 3000. You will also visit the Jewish Museum and the Willow Tree Memorial located on the grounds of the synagogue. Adjacent to the synagogue, your next stop will be the former Ghetto area where you will see the Carl Lutz memorial. Travel to the striking world famous Parliament Building and stop just in front of it on the banks of the Danube at the poignant simplistic display of the 60 pair of shoes pointed into the River as a memorial to the hundreds who lost their lives as a result of the atrocities committed during World War II. Your day continues with a visit to the Raoul Wallenberg Statue commemorating the saving of thousands of Jews by this Swedish righteous gentile. No Jewish visit to Budapest would be complete without a visit to the Holocaust Memorial Center. This building, dating back to 1929, was a former synagogue that was converted to serve as a memorial and museum to the Hungarian Jews and others who died during the Holocaust. Your day continues as you travel across downtown Budapest along the sprawling Andrássy Boulevard with stops at the City Park and the Heroes Square. As the day comes to an end you will cross the Danube to the Buda Castle Hill and the Fisherman's Bastion. The last stop of the day, before a joyous Shabbat Dinner is a stop at the Obuda Medieval Synagogue. **(B, Shabbat Dinner)**

Saturday, Jul 9th-

Budapest

This morning we have made arrangements for those who wish, to attend Shabbat services. This afternoon will be at leisure or an opportunity to enjoy a walk along the Pedestrian Mall of Váci Utca to the Great Market Hall. **(B)**

Sunday, Jul 10th -

Budapest/Vienna

This morning, you will depart for Vienna, Austria's stylish and historic capital. You will enjoy a panoramic tour of the buildings lining the elegant Ringstrasse, including the State Opera, National Museum, Imperial Palace, Parliament, Town Hall and Burgtheater. Your last stop prior to checking in to the hotel will be the beautiful French Gardens at the Belvedere Palace. **(B,D)**

Monday, Jul 11th-

Vienna

After breakfast, your day begins with a visit to Prater Amusement Park, a large public park in Vienna's 2nd District. You will also see the famed **Wiener Riesenrad**, once the tallest Ferris Wheel in the world and an iconic

stop in Vienna. You will continue with a panoramic tour of the UN Buildings and St Peter's Cathedral. Your next stop will be the Jewish Museum, an exhibition of Jewish history, life, and religion in Vienna, located at the Eskeles Palace. This afternoon you will visit the Stadttempel Synagogue, the main synagogue in Vienna followed by a visit to the memorial to the Victims of the Holocaust at Judenplatz. Stroll the pedestrianized central Vienna to visit St Stephen's Cathedral and **Figaro Haus** (Mozart's apartment). Your last stop of the day will be the fanciful Hundertwasserhaus. **(B)**

Tuesday, Jul 12th-

Vienna/Prague

Depart Vienna this morning after breakfast for our trip to Prague, one of the truly magical cities of Europe. Few cities embody the past as authentically as Prague, the Czech Republic's atmospheric capital on the Vltava River that clings to its history with unwavering passion. Prague's medieval architecture is its most prominent, but the city is also a rich repository of Romanesque, Baroque and Art Nouveau buildings that stir the imagination. As you cross into the Czech Republic your first stop will be the charming mountain town of Cesky Krumlov. You will tour this Bohemian city, discover its UNESCO-listed city center, see its 13th-century castle, and will enjoy free time to explore Cesky Krumlov before continuing to Prague. You will check-in to your hotel, followed by dinner. **(B, D)**

Wednesday, Jul 13th-

Prague

After breakfast, you will visit the Jewish Quarter and the 5 synagogues of the Jewish State Museum. These will include the Alt-neuschul (the Old-New Synagogue), Europe's oldest still used for prayer. **An amazing site, the ancient crammed cemetery with over 12,000 graves is our last stop in the Jewish Quarter.** Your touring will conclude with a short walk to Old Town Square with its many towers and turrets and the famed Astronomical Clock. You will return to the hotel and the balance of the day will be at leisure. **(B)**

Thursday, Jul 14th-

Prague

Your day begins with a city tour of Prague. You will ascend the hill across the Vltava River and visit the **Strahov Monastery Library, one of the most valuable and well-preserved historical libraries with over 200,000 volumes, and the Loreta Sanctuary home to the clock**

