



KRAKOW

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2020 Trip to Poland

with Anshe Emet and Chicago Sinai Congregation

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PRICE

Per Person/Double Occupancy	\$4000
Single Supplement	\$900

RATE INCLUDES:

Accommodations

- 1 Night Sheraton Hotel, Krakow
- 1 Night Ling Kazimir, Kazimierz Dolny
- 4 Night Bristol Hotel, Warsaw

Transportation

- Roundtrip Group Airport Transfers
- Deluxe Air Conditioned motor coach with services of English speaking guide and WIFI on the bus

Meals

- Hotel breakfast daily
- 5 Dinners 4 Lunches

Miscellaneous

- Water on the bus and in the hotel
- Entrance fees to sites visited on the program

NOT INCLUDED:

- Roundtrip airfare
- Tips to guide and driver (50 euro pp is recommended)

Program Outline for Anshe Emet/Chicago Sinai Congregation Odyssey to Poland – June 2020

Sunday, June 14

Depart Chicago; recommended flights will not be known until August 2019–

Monday, June 15

Arrive Krakow, one of the two golden cities of central Europe, the other being Prague, that were not destroyed by the Germans in World War II.

Meet, assist and transfer to hotel.

1:30PM

Depart for a tour of the Old Jewish Quarter.

Walk to the Kupa Synagogue, a 17th century Synagogue, which today is used for religious ceremonies and cultural festivals. Stop at the Remuh Synagogue and Cemetery, founded in 1553 by a prominent family who had been bankers to the king. It was the son of the founder, Moses Isserles, who gave the building its name and still functions as an actual place of worship. View The Old Synagogue, in Gothic style, which was built 15th century. The synagogue was desecrated by the Nazis and today houses a branch of the Historical Museum of Krakow.

Continue to the Pharmacy and Schindler's Factory.

In 1947, Tadeusz Pankiewicz published his memoirs as an account of how his pharmacy became a meeting place for the Jews in the ghetto where they could get information from the underground press. It was also a hiding place for Jews whom the Nazis were trying to arrest for violations of their laws. View the site of Oskar Schindler's Factory, and recall how his heroism saved the fate of his Jewish workforce.

7:30PM

Welcome dinner in Old Towne Square

OVERNIGHT: SHERATON HOTEL, KRAKOW

Tuesday, June 16

Breakfast and hotel check out (pack an overnight bag as luggage will be brought directly to Warsaw).

8:30AM

Depart for Auschwitz and Birkenau (Lunch on own)

Visit Auschwitz- Birkenau, the largest and most notorious complex of Nazi extermination camps. As we view the selection area, the barracks, the sauna and the crematoria and travel along the "death march road", we recall the horror, terror and genocide of the Holocaust.

3:30PM Depart for Kazmierz Dolny
8:00PM Arrive at Kazmierz Dolny
Dinner at Zielona Taverna
9:00PM Hotel check in. OVERNIGHT: KING KAZMIERZ HOTEL, KAZMIERZ DOLNY

Wednesday, June 17

9:00AM Breakfast and hotel check out
Depart hotel

Tour of Kazmierz Dolny

Walk through this picturesque 'shtetl', preserved as though in amber. Learn about the royal city where Jews settled first Jews settled in the 2nd half of the 15th century. Visit the Old Market place, the Synagogue and the unique Jewish Cemetery which was the site of executions during World War II. In 1984, "the Wailing Wall" according to a design by Tadeusz Augustyniak was erected here—it is a tall and long wall in the centre of the graveyard with a "crack" in the middle built along the longer axis which has a few hundred broken tombstones .

10:45AM Depart for Lublin

11:45AM Arrive in Lublin

Visit the area of the old Jewish ghetto in the Lublin walled royal city, as well as the building of the famous Yeshiva of Lublin, as well as the old Jewish cemetery from the 16th century, where we will have the same opportunity that we had in Krakow, to meet and talk with its magisterial Rabbinic figures. The founder of Hassidism, Rabbi Jacob Isaac Horowitz, the 16th century Rabbinic master, Rabbi Solomon Luria

1:45PM Lunch at a local restaurant prior to arrival at Majdanek

"If Auschwitz was hell on earth, then Majdanek was the morgue."

Originally, Majdanek was established as a prisoner-of-war camp, but it was later turned into both a concentration and death camp. More than 80% of the 350,000 murdered victims were Jews. View the barracks and crematoria.

4:15PM Depart for Warsaw

7:15PM Arrive at hotel/check in. Dinner at the hotel. OVERNIGHT: BRISTOL HOTEL, WARSAW

Thursday, June 18

Breakfast
8:30AM Depart
11:00AM Arrive in Jedwabne

Jedwabne is the infamous site that launched a kulturkampf in Poland in the year 2000 because of Jan Gross' book, Neighbors, which described how without German instigation the Poles in this small town herded several hundred Jews into a barn, barricaded the doors, and set it on fire.

11:45AM Depart

12:30PM Stop for a box lunch on arrival in the shtetl of Tiktin.

Visit the remarkable fortress-style synagogue, and we go to the mass killing site of the mobile killing units in the forest outside Tiktin.

3:00PM Depart for Treblinka
Treblinka is one of the three Operation Reinhard camps. The Operation Reinhard camps, Treblinka, Belzec, and Sobibor functioned from late-spring 1941 until the winter of 1943, during which time approximately 1.8 million Jews were murdered.

4:30PM Depart for Warsaw

6:30PM Arrive at hotel. Evening Free. OVERNIGHT: BRISTOL HOTEL, WARSAW

Friday, June 19

Breakfast

8:00AM Depart hotel

10:00AM Arrive in Lodz

Visit the Lodz ghetto, the Jewish Cemetery and Survival Park.

This is the ghetto of Chaim Rumkowski, the megalomaniacal head of the Judenrat, who nevertheless managed to save thousands of Jewish lives. Our subject that day will be collaboration with tyranny in Halakha and Jewish ethics. Lodz was the Manchester, England of Eastern and Central Europe. We will encounter there the great Jewish textile magnates, especially the Poznasski family. Lodz was also known for its Film School. One of their graduates was Roman Polanski, the director of the Oscar winning "The Pianist".

1:00PM Quick lunch before departing for Warsaw

3:45PM Visit the Warsaw Jewish Cemetery, founded in 1799.

This massive Jewish cemetery constitutes a spiritual and material commemoration for the members of the Jewish nation murdered by Nazis in Poland. Thousands have been buried here -- many rabbis, Chasidism, spiritual masters, Hebraic language propagators, Yiddish literature and press writers, theater artists, great writers, actors and historians. Many people of Jewish origin who claimed their Polish nationality are also buried here. In addition, the ashes of thousands of unknown and nameless ghetto victims were placed in mass tombs dating back to World War II.

5:30PM Arrive at hotel. Optional Shabbat Services followed by a festive Shabbat Dinner at the hotel.
OVERNIGHT: BRISTOL HOTEL, WARSAW

Shabbat, June 20

Breakfast and Optional Shabbat Services followed by Shabbat Lunch at the hotel.

1:30PM Walking tour of the critical sites of the Warsaw Ghetto and World War II

Visit the Museum of the History of the Jews of Poland and pay homage to the Heroes of the Uprising at the Natan Rapaport Memorial. Continue to Mila 18, the bunker commemorating Mordechai Anilewicz, commander of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Conclude at the commemorative Gateway Monument was built on the site of Umschlagplatz, on which the names of 400 Jews are etched. The train station began its first actions in the summer of 1942. The majority of Jews deported from the Warsaw Ghetto were sent to Treblinka.

5:30PM Arrive at the hotel

7:30PM Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant in a private room
OVERNIGHT: BRISTOL HOTEL, WARSAW

Sunday, June 21

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Chicago