

Itinerary

Monday Introduction to almost 1000 years of Polish Jewry by the **Okopova Jewish Cemetery** with well over 200,000 graves, this is one of the largest Jewish cemeteries in the world and gives a fascinating view of the massively influential and wide ranging nature of Poland's and especially Warsaw's Jewish community.

Warsaw Ghetto Tour including the remains of the ghetto walls, the umschlagplatz monument, Mila 18 and the Rappaport memorial, this tour gives life to the horrors of the largest WWII ghetto and the triumph of the famous Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews (time permitting)

Dinner by **Galil Restaurant**

Depart for Lodz
*Overnight Hotel Iness****

Tuesday

See a different side to Polish Jews, the magnitude of success and wealth on display in the Lodz City Centre and **Lodz Jewish Cemetery** with special attention to Yisrael Poznansky.

Lodz Ghetto Tour culminating by the tremendous **Radagast** monument.

Drive to Lublin via historical and picturesque Shtetl **Kazimierz Dolny**.

Evening program by **Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin** the jewel of Lublin's Jewish Community, the most important institution in Poland and the center of Europe's Yeshiva world, Rabbi Meir Shapiro's (dynamic leader and member of Polish parliament) educational revolution that continues to shape the Jewish world today.

*Overnight Hotel Ilan*****

Wednesday

Majdanek Concentration Camp established on the outskirts of Lublin and used for labour and extermination of prisoners, captured nearly intact by the Soviet Red Army and remains until today the best reserved display of Nazi oppression and cruelty.

Lezhajsk the gravesite of Reb Elimelech, a spiritual giant, one of the founding figures of the Chassidic movement and a place of mass pilgrimage for groups world-wide.

Lancut home to many fascinating characters including Count Pototcki (Avraham ben Avraham), the Chozeh of Lublin and Naphtali of Ropshitz as well as one of the world's most spectacular synagogues.

*Overnight Krakow Hotel Astoria****

Thursday

Introduction to the heartbeat of the Galicia region **Kazimierz walking tour** through Krakow's Jewish quarter including seven remaining synagogues and special focus session by the Remuh Synagogue and Cemetery.

Krakow Ghetto Tour continue over the bridge from Kazimierz to the former WWII ghetto where the tragic history of the Krakow Ghetto comes to life by the umschlagplatz monument, traces of the ghetto wall the pharmacy under the eagle, Oscar Schindler's 'Emalia' enamel factory and the former Plaszow concentration camp (all central in the movie **Schindler's List**).

Auschwitz the largest of Nazi Germany's concentration camps and extermination camps, operational during World War II. The tour starts with the Auschwitz museum and memorial and follows over the the Birkenau sub-camp, the killing factory of over a million Jews.

Dinner and depart for Prague
*Overnight Hotel Caruso*****

Friday

Walk the ancient streets of **Jewish Prague** and visit the beautiful and unique shuls - 13th Century Old-New Synagogue, Pinkas, Klausen, Maisel and Spanish Synagogues as well as the ancient Jewish Cemetery with the kever of the Maharal of Prague as well as the exhibition of drawings by children of the Terezin Ghetto.

Free time to relax, shop and prepare for a very special Shabbos (4.07pm Candle Lighting)

Special Friday Night Shabbos program with the local Jewish Community!

Walk back to the hotel through the **Old Town Square**, the famous Charles Bridge with tales of the famous myths and legends.

Shabbos

Options to spend Shabbos morning and Lunch again with the Community or take it easy.

A Havdalla that will stay with you forever!! (5.22pm)

Evening Boat Ride down the Vlatva and Pizza.

Sunday

Morning options of Tour of Castle and **Caste District** and Segway Tours (Recommended but at extra cost)
Depart to Airport for Return Flight