Jewish Heritage Tour: Central Europe
August 31-September 15, 2020 | led by ASU Faculty and Staff

TRIP ITINERARY

MON, AUG 31 | ARRIVAL TO WARSAW

Arrival to Warsaw on individual flights.
Transfers available (additional cost).
Gather together for a Welcome Dinner in your hotel.
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TUES, SEPT 1 | WARSAW

After breakfast meet your guide in the lobby and begin your tour by bus to Warsaw's main government buildings and famed sites.

Continue to the Nozyk Synagogue for a tour and to meet a representative of the synagogue (pending confirmation). This is the only surviving prewar Jewish house of prayer in Warsaw, Poland.

Lunch on own today.

After lunch take a walking tour of Warsaw Ghetto area: Ghetto wall fragment, Mila 18, Umschlagplatz (a German word which translates as 'collection point'), Janusz Korczak children's monument, Jewish cemetery, Jan Karski statue.

Visit the Frederick Chopin Museum, then enjoy a Chopin Concert in the Museum. (optional)
Dinner is on your own this evening.
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WED, SEPT 2 | WARSAW

This morning is at leisure.
1:00 meet in the lobby and take bus to the Polin Museum of Jewish History (Voted best museum in Europe 2019) for a docent led tour through museum.
Dinner is on your own this evening.
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THUR, SEPT 3 | ON THE ROAD TO KRAKOW

Following breakfast depart for Krakow with stop in Kielce. Driving tour of the city.

Visit to Planty 8, a Jewish Memorial Community Home, the site of 1946 pogrom, and engage in a discussion about the history of Kielce.

From Kielce to Krakow you will have a box lunch on the bus.

Driving tour of Krakow.

Visit Shindler’s Factory.

Check-in to your hotel, then have Dinner on own.

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FRI, SEPT 4 | KRAKOW

Tour the Museum of Galician Jewish History – meet with Edyte Gawron (pending confirmation).

Proceed to Kazimierz, the Jewish Quarter, and tour the Izzak Synagogue, Remuh Synagogue, High Synagogue and Jewish cemetery.

Lunch on own in Kazimierz. Visit Jewish bookstores in area.

The rest of the afternoon is at leisure, then return to hotel to get ready for Shabbat.

Drive to the Krakow JCC for Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Dinner.

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SAT, SEPT 5 | AUSCHWITZ

Drive from Krakow to Oswiecim

Special VIP guide tour the Auschwitz State Museum and Concentration Camp.

Drive back to Oswiecim where you will have a box lunch and discussion.

Return to visit Birkenau, the death camp, for a tour and Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Back in Krakow dinner is on own.

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SUN, SEPT 6 | ON THE ROAD TO PRAGUE

After breakfast check-out of the hotel and depart for Prague. Stop for lunch on your own in the city of Olomouc and continue to your Prague hotel for check-in.

Dinner is in a local restaurant, walking distance from your hotel.

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**MON, SEPT 7 | PRAGUE - CASTLE HILL**

This morning board the bus and visit the **Castle district** and **Lessor Town**. First you will go to the highest Prague Hill, **Strahov** for a stunning view of Prague.

Now visit **St. Vitus Cathedral, Vladislav Hall, Golden Lane** and other sights of this largest medieval castle complex in the world. You will have time to walk around the area.

Continue to the historic **Charles Bridge**, walk across the bridge which will take you back to **Old Town** for the rest of the afternoon and evening on your own.

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**TUES, SEPT 8 | PRAGUE – OLD TOWN**

Following breakfast is a full day walking tour of Prague, with stops along the way to rest. Begin in the **Jubilee Synagogue** on Jerusalem street, then arrive in **Old Town Square** where just off the square is **Franz Kafka’s birth house**.

On to the **Jewish Quarter**, a minute’s walk, and have lunch on your own.

Proceed to visit the **Maisel Synagogue**, then **Pinkas Synagogue** connected with the old **Jewish Cemetery**, **Klausen Synagogue, Ceremonial Hall, High Synagogue, Jewish Town Hall, Alt-Neu Schul** – the oldest functioning synagogue in Europe dated back to 1376 and the **Spanish Synagogue**. The Jewish Quarter in Prague is the largest preserved complex of synagogues in Europe.

Before dinner visit the **Franz Kafka Museum**, located across the Vltava River, then go to the terrace of the **Hergetova Cihelna restaurant** for a welcome drink and to hear the lecture “Jewish Writers as Jewish Voices”, followed by dinner overlooking the **Charles Bridge with Hillel students**.

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**WED, SEPT 9 | TEREZIN**

After breakfast depart for **Theresienstadt Concentration Camp**. Visit the **Ghetto**, the **Museum** and see the ‘Hidden Synagogue’.

Drive through the **Village of Terezin**. A **box lunch** will be provided today.

Return to Prague – Dinner is on your own this evening.

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THURS, SEPT 10 | GOOD-BYE PRAGUE - HELLO BERLIN

Check-out of the hotel after breakfast, then depart for Dresden where you will visit the **Neue Synagogue**. The edifice was completed in 2001 and designed by architects Rena Wandel-Hoefer and Wolfgang Lorch. It was built on the same location as the **Semper Synagogue** (1839–1840) designed by Gottfried Semper, which was destroyed in 1938, during Kristallnacht.

Have lunch on your own in the **Old Town Market**.

Afterwards, tour **Zwinger Palace**, built in Baroque style and designed by court architect Matthäus Daniel Pöppelmann.

Continue to **Bruhl Terrace**, a terraced walking area in the historic old town. It looks like a long balcony along the River Elbe that’s raised about 10 meters above the ground because the **terrace** was originally part of the city’s fortification.

Arrive to Berlin and check into your hotel. Walk nearby for dinner in a restaurant tonight.

**OVERNIGHT: BERLIN HILTON HOTEL, BERLIN**

FRI, SEPT 11 | MORNING WALKING TOUR

This morning is a walking tour through the major sights: **Bebel Platz** – ‘book burning square’, the **Reichstag**, **Checkpoint Charlie**, **Brandenburg Gate**, **the Holocaust Memorial** and more. Visit **Neue Synagogue**. There are stops along the way to rest.

Return to the hotel to refresh before Shabbat. Walk to **Kabbalat Shabbat Services** at a local **Richerstrasse Synagogue**. After services enjoy **Shabbat Dinner** in a restaurant close by (*included*). Walk back to the hotel.

**OVERNIGHT: BERLIN HILTON HOTEL, BERLIN**

SAT, SEPT 12 | BERLIN

Today you visit **Museum Island** and the **Alte National Gallery**.

Afterwards continue to former ‘**West Berlin**’ and drive via Tiergarten and Charlottenburg to **Kurfürstendamm** with the famous **KaDeWe department store** (originally Jewish owned), where you can enjoy lunch in the food hall located on the 6th floor, offering over 35 food stands. Enjoy shopping before returning to the hotel by coach.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

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SUN, SEPT 13 | POTSDAM

Potsdam celebrated its 1000th birthday in 1993 and is known for its palaces and beautiful gardens. Tour the enormous Park Sanssouci among the most beautiful palace complexes in Europe. The Sanssouci Palace was the first building to be erected in Potsdam as a summer residence of Frederick William II known as Frederick the Great.

Visit the famous villa on the Greater Wannsee Lake, where on January 20, 1942, senior Nazi officials met to discuss the ‘Final Solution’. This meeting, which only lasted about 90 minutes, has since become know as the ‘Wannsee Conference’. Today the building serves as a memorial and education center.

On the drive back you will go through the Bavarian Quarter, where Albert Einstein lived, and see the remarkable street art installation that commemorates how the 12,000 Jews in that neighborhood were ostracized.

Also visit the memorial at Track 17 in Grunewald, once one of the major sites of the deportation of Berlin Jews.

Continue back to Berlin as you will drive over the ‘Bridge of Sighs’. Because the Glienicke Bridge was a restricted border crossing between the Eastern Bloc (namely Potsdam in East Germany) and territory affiliated with the Western powers (namely the American sector of West Berlin), the Americans and Soviets used it for the exchange of captured spies during the Cold War. Reporters began calling it the ‘Bridge of Spies’. When this name was later used as the title for various works, it was often taken to be a pun on ‘Bridge of Sighs’

The evening and dinner are on your own.
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MON, SEPT 14 | BERLIN

Today we visit East Side Gallery, Berlin Wall Memorial, Topography of Terror and Jewish Museum. The new permanent exhibition opens in September. Lunch will be in the restaurant inside the Museum.

Afternoon is on your own and the Farewell Dinner.
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TUE, SEPT 15 | DEPARTURE

Depart for your flights back to the USA.

Itinerary subject to change.