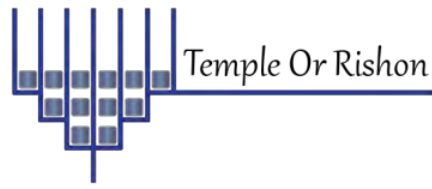


**Temple Or Rishon
Jewish Heritage Tour to
EASTERN EUROPE**
Warsaw • Krakow • Budapest • Prague

Led by Rabbi Alan & Laura Rabishaw
August 2024

Jewish history in Europe traces its roots back over 1,000 years and continues with rebuilt vibrancy today. Together, we will explore this rich and varied history, filled with triumphs and tragedy. We will confront the horrors of the past and also connect with the European Jewish renewal of the present.



Temple Or Rishon Jewish Heritage Tour of EASTERN EUROPE

Led by Rabbi Alan & Laura Rabishaw
August 5-16, 2024

DAY 1

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024
OUR JOURNEY BEGINS

- We depart the United States on our overnight flight to Poland.

DAY 2

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024
WELCOME TO WARSAW

- Witamy! We land in **Warsaw** and are met by our local guide.
- We begin with a **panoramic bus tour** of the city, passing **Chopin's Monument**, **Lazienki Park** and the **Royal Castle**. We will also walk through the **Old Town Market Square**, reconstructed post-war to its former glory.
- We check into our hotel and have a chance to relax and refresh.
- Tonight, we meet with **members of Beit Polska**, the center of progressive Judaism in Warsaw, learning how Judaism lives on in today's Poland.
- We complete our day with a **welcome dinner** together at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Warsaw



DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024
JEWISH WARSAW

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we set out on a **Jewish heritage tour** of the city. We begin with a visit to **Nozyk Synagogue**, Warsaw's only surviving synagogue from the pre-war days, then view remains of the **Warsaw Ghetto wall** before walking along the **Memorial Route of Jewish Martyrdom and Struggle** in the former ghetto. We finish by paying tribute at the powerful **Rappaport Monument to the Ghetto Heroes**.
- Later, we take a story-filled visit to the enormous **Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery**, where the giants of Yiddish culture are buried near Talmudic masters and enlightenment-era intellectuals.
- After lunch on own, we drive through the **Warsaw Zoo** to visit the **Zookeeper's house**, where hundreds of Jews were saved during the Holocaust and now memorialized in the movie "*The Zookeeper's Wife*."
- Later this afternoon, we will hear from the director of the **JCC Warsaw** to learn about their exciting programs, including "**Boker Tov**" Sunday breakfasts that reignite and revitalize the connection to the Jewish community.
- This evening, we enjoy the graceful and delicate music of a **Chopin concert** before time for dinner on own.

Overnight in Warsaw

DAY 4

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024
POLIN/TO KRAKOW

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we tour the landmark **POLIN Museum**, a national project that takes visitors on a multi-media journey through Poland's Jewish history, from the early Roman trade routes through the Holocaust and into today's reborn community.
- Mid-day, we board the **train to Krakow**.
- Time permitting, upon arrival we enter the **Remuh Synagogue** and cemetery, dedicated to the great Talmudist Moshe Isserles and his contemporaries.
- We check into our hotel and refresh before **dinner** together at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Krakow

DAY 5

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024
FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we travel to **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, the infamous Nazi concentration camp, where over one million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust. After our **docent-led visit** through the museum, we will travel to Birkenau and witness the ruins of its destructive machinery, spreading as far as the eye can see.
- We return to **Krakow** and have the remainder of the afternoon to reflect.
- As the sun begins to set on this emotionally intense day, we join members of the inspiring **JCC Krakow**, including its Executive Director, **Jonathan Ornstein**, for **Shabbat services and dinner**. The JCC Krakow is a vibrant and growing community, serving Jews from pre-school through the elderly and hosting the annual Ride for the Living from Auschwitz to Krakow.

Overnight in Krakow



DAY 6

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024
JEWISH KRAKOW THEN & NOW

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, our discovery of **Kazimierz**, Krakow's old Jewish district, begins at the **Altshul**, the fortress-like "Old Synagogue" erected in the 15th century. We will also stop by the bastion of the Reform community, the grand and luxurious **Temple**.
- We continue with a visit to the "**Under the Eagle**" **Pharmacy**, where the pharmacist Tadeusz Pankiewicz smuggled information and medicine into the ghetto.
- We pass by **Oskar Schindler's Factory**, now a museum on the way to the memorial site of the former **Plaszow Concentration Camp**, both recreated in the movie Schindler's List.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Krakow

DAY 7

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024
KRAKOW TO BUDAPEST

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- Today, we drive into the Great Plains of Poland, then through the lovely hills and countryside of Slovakia, past the Tatras and into **Budapest**, the capital of Hungary. Situated on opposite banks of the **Danube River**, the former cities of Buda and Pest are linked by a series of graceful bridges.
- Upon arrival, we check into our hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening with dinner on own.

Overnight in Budapest

DAY 8

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024
BEAUTIFUL BUDAPEST

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we enjoy a **panoramic tour** of the city, including **Parliament**, the **Royal Palace**, **Coronation Church** and **Hero's Square** to better understand Hungary's long history.
- This afternoon, we continue with visits to **Gellert Hill**, the **Castle Hill area** and take in the spectacular view from the **Fisherman's Bastion**.
- We also visit the **Raoul Wallenberg memorial statue** and hear the story of his heroic acts to save thousands of Jews in the Holocaust.
- We end the day with the students of the **Israeli Kulturialis Intezet (Israel Cultural Institute)**, an organization that aims to present and promote diverse Israeli culture in Hungary by providing educational, entertaining and inspirational programs and services.
- We return to our hotel to refresh.
- This evening, we set sail on the **Danube River** for a scenic **dinner cruise**.

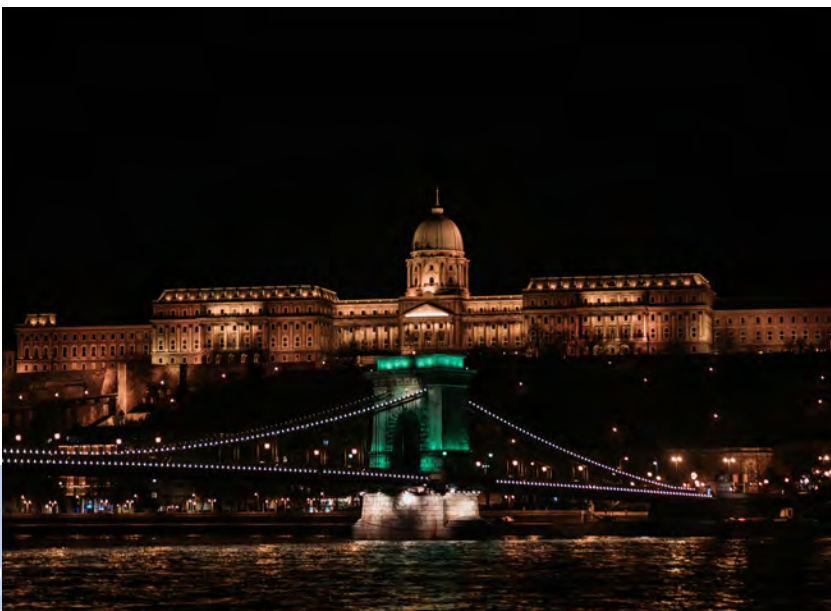
Overnight in Budapest

DAY 9

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024
JUDAISM IN BUDAPEST

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel. We store our luggage for the day.
- Today, we visit the **Dohany Synagogue**, the Moorish masterpiece of architecture and the largest synagogue in Europe. Within its gates are the **Jewish Cemetery and Museum** and the **Holocaust Tree of Life Memorial**.
- Later, we stand riverside at the simple yet emotionally charged **Shoes on the Danube memorial**, commemorating the vicious reign of the Nazi-allied Arrow Cross.
- Later, we transfer to the airport for our **flight to Prague**, the Czech capital, also known as "the City of One Thousand Spires," with its Baroque churches, promenades, parks and ancient city walls.
- We check into our hotel upon arrival, followed by dinner on our own.

Overnight in Prague



DAY 10

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024
JEWISH PRAGUE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day with a visit to **Josefov**, Prague's legendary Jewish quarter with its Old Town Hall, the **Alt-Neu Synagogue**, the **Pinkas Synagogue**, the **Maisel Synagogue**, the **Spanish Synagogue** and the **Jewish cemetery**.
- This afternoon, we enjoy a tour of **Golden Prague**, including the 1,000-year-old **Hradcany Castle** and **St. Vitus' Cathedral**, a walk across the **Charles Bridge** and a view of the **Astronomical Clock**.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Prague

DAY 11

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024
TEREZIN

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we travel to **Terezin**, the former "model" Nazi concentration camp. We visit the **prison fortress** and the **Jewish cemetery**, the **hidden synagogue** and the **museum** filled with the artwork of former prisoners. We stop by the **memorial monument** and pass through the town itself. We will also hear stories and see photos of some of the great rabbis imprisoned here, including **Leo Baeck** and **Regina Jonas** the first woman ordained a rabbi.
- We return to Prague and enjoy a **farewell dinner** as we recount all we have experienced together. We are joined by **Rabbi David Maxa**, the first Czech-born rabbi to return to Prague and founder of the local **Congregation Ec Chajim**.

Overnight in Prague

DAY 12

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024
FAREWELL

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We transfer to the airport for our flight back to the United States, landing later today.



THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!!

**itinerary subject to change*

