

Ayelet Tour's "Traveling University" with **Professor Stephen Berk** **Tour to Prague, Krakow, & Warsaw** **June 14 - 24, 2020**

(As of 4/30/19)



Day 1: Sunday, June 14, 2020: DEPARTURE

- We depart on our overnight flights to Prague.

Day 2: Monday, June 15, 2020: ARRIVAL IN PRAGUE

- Arrive in **Prague**, the Czech capital, also known as "the City of One Thousand Spires" with its Baroque churches, promenades, parks and ancient city walls.
- Transfer on own to the hotel (private transfers available at additional cost).
- This afternoon, we meet our local guide in the hotel lobby and enjoy a tour of Golden Prague, including the 1,000-year-old **Hradcany Castle** and **St. Vitus' Cathedral**, the **Charles Bridge** and the **Astronomical Clock**.
- We return to our hotel with time to check in and freshen up.
- Tonight, we enjoy an **orientation lecture** and **welcome dinner** with **Professor Stephen Berk**.

Overnight in Prague

Day 3: Tuesday, June 16, 2020: JEWISH PRAGUE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Morning **lecture** with Professor Berk at the **State Jewish Museum**.
- We enjoy a sightseeing tour of Jewish interest sites, with a visit to the **Old City** to view the **Josefov**, Prague's Jewish town with its **Old Town Hall**, the **Alt-Neu Synagogue**, the **Pinkas Synagogue**, the **Maisel Synagogue**, the **Spanish Synagogue**, and the **Jewish cemetery**.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Prague



Day 4: Wednesday, June 17, 2020: TEREZIN

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we travel to **Terezin**, the former "model" Nazi concentration camp. We enjoy a **lecture** with Professor Berk before visiting the **Fortress, Jewish cemetery, Museum**, the hidden synagogue, the **memorial monument** and the town itself. While here, we see the plaque dedicated in memory of **Regina Jonas**, the first woman ordained a rabbi. We'll also hear stories and see photos of some of the great rabbis imprisoned here, including Leo Baeck, which hang on the wall of the main building.
- We return to Prague for an evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Prague

Day 5: Thursday, June 18, 2020: PRAGUE TO KRAKOW

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we fly to **Krakow**.
- Upon arrival, we enjoy an excursion to the **Wieliczka Salt Mines**. The Salt Mines are over 700 years old and is one of the largest and oldest working salt mines in Europe. It is on the UNESCO list of the 12 most priceless monuments of the world. An elevator will descend to the first level of the mine where we will be able to see the 180-foot chapel made out of salt rock and lit with salt-crystal chandeliers. There are many other chambers carved out of a huge block of salt, underground museums and even tennis and volleyball courts.
- This afternoon, we check into our hotel with time to freshen up.
- We enjoy **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight in Krakow

Day 6: Friday, June 19, 2020: AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day with a **lecture** by Professor Stephen Berk.
- This morning, we travel to **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, the infamous Nazi concentration camp, where many Jews and others perished in WWII. Here, we see the museum and pay tribute to the victims.
- We return to Krakow, where the remainder of the day is at leisure with time to freshen up.
- This evening, we enjoy **Shabbat services**
- at the **Isaacs Synagogue**, followed by **Shabbat dinner** with guest speaker **Jonathan Ornstein**, Executive Director of the **Krakow JCC**, who updates us on the many exciting projects they have undertaken in what is now a growing and flourishing Jewish community in the heart of Galicia.



Overnight in Krakow



Day 7: Saturday, June 20, 2020: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- In the morning, we invite you to join us for **optional Shabbat services**.
- The afternoon is at leisure to explore this beautiful city at your own pace.
- Dinner on own this evening.

Overnight in Krakow

Day 8: Sunday, June 21, 2020: DISCOVERING KRAKOW

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Morning **lecture** with Professor Berk.
- Today, we drive by **Wawel Castle**, **St. Mary's Church**, the **Renaissance Cloth Hall** and other ancient landmarks.
- We continue with a **Jewish heritage walking tour** that includes the **Old Jewish District** known as **Kazimierz**, where we see the **Old Synagogue** (a massive fortress-like building erected in the 15th and 16th centuries), the "**Temple**," and the **Remuh Synagogue**.
- Next, we visit the **Little Museum at the Drug Store** inside the Jewish Ghetto, **Schindler's Factory**, and the **Plaszow Concentration Camp**.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.



Overnight in Krakow

DAY 9: Monday, June 22, 2020: KRAKOW TO WARSAW

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we travel by train to **Warsaw**.
- Upon arrival, we drive through the **Warsaw Zoo**, where we visit the **zookeeper's house** owned by the couple that saved many Jews during the Holocaust, now memorialized in the movie "*The Zookeeper's Wife*".
- Lunch on own.
- This afternoon, we explore the **Museum of the History of Polish Jews (POLIN)**.
- We continue to our hotel for check in and time to freshen up.
- Tonight, we meet with members of **Beit Polska or Etz Chaim**, one of the progressive congregations in Warsaw. We enjoy **dinner** together as we learn more about the Judaism alive in today's Poland.

Overnight in Warsaw



DAY 10: Tuesday, June 23, 2020: EXPLORING WARSAW

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Morning **lecture** with Professor Berk.
- Today, we enjoy a city tour of Warsaw including **Chopin's Monument**, the **Royal Castle**, the **Jewish Historical Society**, and walk to **Old Town Market Square** and **Lazienki Park**.
- This afternoon, our sightseeing tour encompasses the **Nozyk Synagogue** (the only surviving synagogue in Warsaw, founded in 1900), the **Warsaw Ghetto**, the **Jewish Resistance Bunker at Mila 18**, the **Stawski Street buildings** (where the SS had their headquarters) and the **Gesia Cemetery** (established in 1806, containing the graves of about 250,000 people and known as the largest cemetery in Poland).
- Tonight, we enjoy a special **farewell dinner** together, followed by an elegant **Chopin concert!**



Overnight in Warsaw

DAY 11: Wednesday, June 24, 2020: DEPARTURE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We transfer to the airport for our flights home.

The Memories Last Forever!!

**Itinerary subject to change*

