

Temple Shaaray Tefila Teen Tour to **PRAGUE**

February 13-18, 2020

(As of 8/14/19)

Traveling to Prague is an opportunity to encounter the wonders of this medieval city. We'll grow through our shared experiences, from the creative, to the historical and spiritual, as we explore Prague together!



Day 1: Thursday, February 13, 2020: DEPARTURE

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

Day 2: Friday, February 14, 2020: WELCOME TO PRAGUE!

- We arrive in Prague and are met by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- We begin our day with a visit to the **Astronomical Clock**, and if the time is just right (on the hour), we will see the procession of the Twelve Apostles set into motion, and the stereotyped Jewish man with his bag of money, representing avarice.
- We continue to the **Town Square** to see the Statue of the Czech revolutionary, **Jan Hus**, who reformed the Czech universities and inspired the Hussites, who rebelled against Catholic doctrine.
- We check into our hotel.
- Tonight, as the sun sets, we join the local Reform community Bejt Praha for **Shabbat services** followed by **Shabbat dinner** together.

Overnight in Prague

Day 3: Saturday, February 15, 2020: EXPLORING PRAGUE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin the day with **morning shabbat torah session**.
- We continue with Lunch on our own.
- We continue to the **Petrin Lookout Tower**, we take in the panoramic views of the city.
- Next, we enjoy a tour of Golden Prague at the 1,000-year-old **Hradčany Castle**. We also visit **St. Vitus' Cathedral**, the largest and most important church in the Czech Republic. We stroll down the **Golden Lane**, consisting of small brightly painted houses, souvenir shops and a museum of medieval armory as our guide tells us stories about **Franz Kafka**, the famous Jewish author who lived in a home at the bottom of the hill with his sister for a short period of time.
- We stop to taste the famous **trdelník**, a pastry made from rolled dough that is grilled, then topped with a mixture of sugar and walnuts.
- Tonight, we visit the **Hagibor Social Care Facility** to participate in tikkun olam, visit with the residents there and join them for **Havdallah**.
- We enjoy **dinner** together this evening.



Overnight in Prague

Day 4: Sunday, February 16, 2020: JEWISH PRAGUE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we cross the Vltava River over the famous **Charles Bridge**, stopping to see the **Crucifix and Calvary Statue**, an example of medieval European anti-Semitism.
- Our tour continues in the **Josefov**, Prague's Jewish town, where we see the **Old Town Hall**, the **Alt-Neu Synagogue**, the **Pinkas Synagogue**, the **Maisel Synagogue**, the **Jewish cemetery** and the **State Jewish Museum**. The area, site of the former Jewish ghetto of Prague, offers a unique window into the past.
- Enjoy free time before we gather for **dinner** together at a local restaurant.
- After dinner, we enjoy a unique theatrical experience at the **Black Light Theatre**.

Overnight in Prague

Day 5: Monday, February 17, 2020: TEREZIN

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we travel to **Terezin**, the former "model" Nazi concentration camp. We visit the **fortress**, **Jewish cemetery**, **museum**, the **hidden synagogue** and the **memorial monument**. 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.
- We enjoy a **boxed lunch** en route.
- Before returning, we stop for a special reflection on the 15,000 children imprisoned here.
- We return to Prague for a discussion about the day, followed a festive **farewell dinner** together, remembering all that we have experienced on our journey.

Overnight in Prague

Day 6: Tuesday, February 18, 2020: DEPARTURE

- 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*

