

AYELET GOLD

Jewish Heritage tour of **POLAND** Warsaw & Krakow 8 Days / 6 Nights

Privately guided Jewish heritage tours, group touring for general sites

Poland is more than just a place – for many of us, the word itself embodies an idea. The idea of Poland is a mixture of our heritage, of a world lost to history, and the tragedy of the Holocaust. But it is so much more – modern Poland features inspiring Jewish communities, world class cities and delicious cuisine. Together, we'll discover it all.



DAY 1: SUNDAY

DEPARTURE

- We depart the United States on our overnight flight to **Warsaw**. (Contact Ayelet Tours for flight assistance.)

DAY 2: MONDAY

WELCOME TO POLAND!

- We arrive in **Warsaw** and transfer to our hotel to check in and have time to refresh.
- Spend the afternoon at leisure. Options include:
 - Enjoy a **Chopin concert** (separate cost)
 - Stroll along the **Lazienki Park** and enjoy the musical benches that play Beethoven symphonies along with the gorgeous views.
- Dinner on own.

Overnight in Warsaw

DAY 3: TUESDAY

WARSAW - THE POLISH CAPITAL

(Private Tour)

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we meet our private guide and begin our tour of Warsaw. We see the sights of the capital's **Royal Route**, where we view many of Warsaw's most important churches, the beautiful **Royal Park**, the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** and the **Royal Castle**, with time to explore the beautifully restored **Old Town**.
- Spend the afternoon at leisure. Options include (additional cost may apply):
 - Tour the **Praga District**
 - See the **Warsaw Zoo** and the famed house of the zookeeper
 - Tour the **Palace of Culture**, Warsaw's Soviet skyscraper
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Warsaw



DAY 4: WEDNESDAY

WARSAW'S JEWISH HERITAGE

(Private Guided Tour)

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we take a private Jewish heritage tour of Warsaw. First, we view the **Umschlagplatz**, where thousands of Warsaw's Jews were gathered for final transport to Treblinka, followed by the **Stawski Street buildings**, where the SS had their headquarters.
- We walk to the **Jewish Resistance Bunker at Mila 18**, site of the last stand of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Continue to Nathan Rapoport's Monument to the Ghetto Heroes.
- This afternoon, we explore the **POLIN Museum** (The Museum of the History of the Polish Jews). The Hebrew word Polin means either Poland or "rest here" in English, and is related to a legend of the arrival of the first Jews in Poland. The museum sits on the former site of the Warsaw Ghetto and features a multi-media narrative exhibition about the vibrant Jewish community that flourished in Poland for a thousand years.
- Next, we take a story-filled visit to the enormous **Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery** (the Warsaw Jewish cemetery), where the giants of Yiddish culture are buried near Talmudic masters and enlightenment-era intellectuals.
- We continue to the **Ghetto Wall fragment** and see the place of the infamous and iconic **Warsaw Ghetto Bridge** before visiting the **Nozyk Synagogue**. The Nozyk is the only surviving pre-war synagogue in Warsaw, founded in 1900.
- We return to our hotel to refresh before a night at leisure.

Overnight in Warsaw



DAY 5: THURSDAY

KRAKOW'S JEWISH HERITAGE

(Private Tour)

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we board our train to **Krakow**.
- Upon arrival, we begin a private Jewish heritage tour, including the old Jewish district known as **Kazimierz**. Here, we view the **Old Synagogue** (a massive fortress-like building erected in the 15th and 16th centuries), the **Tempel Synagogue** and the **Remuh Synagogue**. The Krakow Jewish Culture Festival takes place every summer in this community.
- We continue to the **Little Museum at the Drugstore** and the site of the Krakow Ghetto.
- We check into our hotel later this afternoon and enjoy dinner on own.

Overnight in Krakow

DAY 6: FRIDAY

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

(Group Tour)

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we travel to **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, the infamous Nazi concentration camps, where many Jews and others perished in WWII. Here, we act as witness to man's inhumanity to man, and pay tribute to the many victims.
- We return to Krakow and have time to refresh, followed by an engaging discussion as a group and a chance to reflect.
- This evening, we enjoy **Shabbat services** at the **Isaacs Synagogue**, followed by **Shabbat dinner** with guest speaker **Jonathan Ornstein**, Executive Director of the **JCC**. Jonathan will update 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

SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we enjoy a day of touring on our own. Options include (additional cost may apply):
 - Touring the **Wawel Castle, St. Mary's Church, the Renaissance Cloth Hall** and other ancient landmarks.
 - Touring **Schindler's Factory**, where hundreds of Jews worked and were saved from transfer to the concentration camps.
 - Exploring the **Market square**, Europe's largest open square.
 - Optional excursion: Visit the **Wieliczka Salt Mines**, which are over 700 years old and one of the largest and oldest working salt mines in Europe. The site is on the UNESCO list of the 12 most priceless monuments of the world. An elevator will descend 300 feet to the first level of the mine, where we will be able to see the 40 foot tall chapel made out of salt rock and lit with salt-crystal chandeliers. There are many other chambers carved out of huge blocks of salt, underground museums and even underground tennis and volleyball courts!
- We return to our hotel for an evening at leisure and dinner on our own.

Overnight in Krakow

DAY 8: SUNDAY

WELCOME HOME

- 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*

**Contact Ayelet Tours for
custom extension options**



PRIVATE TOUR PRICING CHART	ESTIMATED COST
8-10 participants Price per person, double occupancy LAND ONLY	\$1,499
5-7 participants Price per person, double occupancy LAND ONLY	\$1,649
2-4 participants Price per person, double occupancy LAND ONLY	\$1,949
Add for Single Occupancy	\$755
Triple Reduction (per person in triple - must have at least 1 child under 18 in the room)	Contact an Ayelet Tours representative

All pricing above is based on First Class hotels. Upgrades are as follows:

For First Class Plus hotels, add \$350 per person in a double and \$350 to the single supplement.

For Deluxe hotels contact an Ayelet Tours representative.

Rates valid through March 1, 2022

*** Kindly note final booking is made after confirmation of services at destination, only upon confirmation prices are confirmed.

SAVE UP TO 20%!

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INCLUDED:

- Hotel stays per the grid above
- 2 Privately guided tours Jewish Heritage tours of Warsaw and Krakow
- 1 Privately guided tour of general Warsaw tour
- 1 Group tour - Auschwitz
- High-speed Train from Warsaw to Krakow
- Breakfast daily,
- Shabbat dinner at JCC Krakow
- Transfers upon arrival in Warsaw and departure from Krakow
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Porterage

NOT INCLUDED:

- Roundtrip airfare, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (Please contact Ayelet Tours for flight assistance)
- Any border taxes or visas (ETIAS registration mandatory for all American citizens)
- Tips to guides, driver, and dining room waiters (For more information on Ayelet's tipping policies, [click here](#))
- Meals not listed above
- Program enhancements (options can be provided, sample suggestions on next page)
- Any items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (recommended)

This price is based on an estimated land price, finalized at the time of booking.

CANCELLATION POLICY: \$100 per person charged if cancelled once booked, plus any applicable airline penalties. \$250 per person charged if cancelled 364-91 days before departure, plus any applicable airline penalties. \$500 per person charged if cancelled 90-31 days before departure, plus any applicable airline penalties. 100% per person charged if cancelled 30 days or less before departure.



MAKE IT YOURS! Enhance/extend your tour based on your interests. A few suggestions:

- Upgrade your **full experience to private**, you will be escorted from arrival to departure.
- Add an **additional day** in the cities! Want more time to explore the shops and museums? Just add another hotel overnight.
- Add a **pirogies making class**; learn the way these tasty treats are made (*not kosher*)
- Meet with a leading voice of the **Local Jewish Community**. Learn firsthand how they combat Antisemitism and rising assimilation.
- See these beautiful cities on two wheels with a **guided bicycle tour**.
- Explore your **family's roots** with a local Genealogist.
- Travel to **Lublin** to see the capital of **Galicia** as well as the nearby **Majdanik** death camp
- Other enhancements include: culinary (vodka, borch, etc) visits, volunteering opportunities, and so much more...

Contact Ayelet Tours to start custom planning with a travel expert today!

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