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**Jewish Federation of St. Louis and St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust
Museum**

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Program Itinerary (as of 1.23.2023)

MONDAY – JULY 10, 2023 | Taking Flight
Board your self-arranged flight to Europe

TUESDAY – JULY 11, 2023 | Getting Oriented

- An airport transfer is included for one designated arrival flight arriving at 11:40am on KLM #1363
- Meet up at our Warsaw hotel in the late afternoon with our staff team
- Welcome ceremony overlooking the city at the **Mound of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising** – an artificial hill, now a park, created by the debris from the Warsaw Ghetto
- Dinner and orientation at a local kosher restaurant

OVERNIGHT: InterContinental Hotel – Warsaw, Poland

Meals Included: Dinner

WEDNESDAY – JULY 12, 2023 | Honoring the Jews of Warsaw

- Visit the historic **Nozyk Shul** in the heart of Warsaw
- Uprising! – Explore the remains of the **Warsaw Ghetto** and learn about the Jewish community's famous revolt along the Route of Heroes, Rappaport Memorial, Umschlagplatz, and Mila 18
- Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the acclaimed **Museum of the History of Polish Jews** and where we will also meet with a museum educator to learn about the significance of the building's architecture and design
- Evening: Walking tour of **Warsaw's Old Town** followed by dinner on own

OVERNIGHT: InterContinental Hotel – Warsaw, Poland

Meals Included: Breakfast

THURSDAY – JULY 13 | The Krakow Legacy

- Depart from Warsaw and travel towards **Krakow**, stopping in **Lodz** along the way
- Explore the Jewish story of Lodz, including a visit to **Radegast Train Station**, the **Jewish Ghetto of Lodz**, and the **Jewish Cemetery** (lunch on own along the way)
- Check-in to our hotel in Krakow – dinner is included at a local restaurant (vegetarian food)

OVERNIGHT: Golden Tulip Krakow Kazimierz – Krakow, Poland

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

FRIDAY – JULY 14, 2023 | Confronting Auschwitz & Birkenau

- Arrive at the grounds of **Auschwitz II – Birkenau** where the full horror of the extermination of 1 million Jewish People is palpable (packed kosher lunch provided)
- Continue on to **Auschwitz I**, the original camp that served as the administrative center for the entire complex. We will tour the watchtowers, fences, cell blocks, wall of death, crematoria as well as the **Arbeit Macht Frei Gate**
- Reflections and ceremony at the restored **Oświęcim Synagogue** near Auschwitz
- Return to Krakow in the late afternoon
- Evening: Celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat with the **Jewish community of Krakow**
- Shabbat dinner in the Jewish Quarter (kosher)

OVERNIGHT: Golden Tulip Krakow Kazimierz – Krakow, Poland

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

SATURDAY – JULY 15, 2023 | Shabbat in Krakow

All touring today is on foot

- Explore **Kazmierz** – the historic center of Jewish life Krakow, including the **Ramah Synagogue, Temple Synagogue, and Old Synagogue**
- Shabbat lunch is included at the **Krakow JCC** (kosher), the center of modern Jewish life in Krakow
- Continue on for a walking tour of the **Krakow Ghetto** and the **Oscar Schindler Factory** building – now the Historical Museum of the City of Krakow
- Free evening and dinner on own

OVERNIGHT: Golden Tulip Krakow Kazimierz – Krakow, Poland

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

SUNDAY – JULY 16, 2023 | From Poland to Hungary

- Check-out of our Krakow accommodations and depart for Budapest
- Tour the **Wieliczka Salt Mines**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, en route
- A packed kosher lunch is provided today at a break along the way
- **Arrive at Budapest**, and check-in to our centrally located accommodations
- Evening: Group dinner at a local kosher restaurant where we'll meet with a **representative from the Budapest Jewish community**

OVERNIGHT: InterContinental Hotel – Budapest, Hungary

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

MONDAY – JULY 17, 2023 | Exploring Buda and Pest

- This morning we explore the secular treasures of Budapest including the **Chain Bridge, Castle Hill, Fisherman's Bastion, and the Great Market Hall**
- After lunch on own in the market, we continue to the Jewish Quarter where we'll explore the **Dohany Street Synagogue** museum, the **Glass House Memorial Museum**, the **Wallenberg Memorial**, and view the **"Shoes on the Danube Bank"**
- This afternoon, we'll visit one of the Jewish community projects supported by the **Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)**
- Evening: Option to visit the thermal Szechenyi Baths (on your own)

OVERNIGHT: InterContinental Hotel – Budapest, Hungary

Meals Included: Breakfast

TUESDAY – JULY 18, 2023 | Heritage in Bratislava, Slovakia

- Depart Budapest for **Bratislava, Slovakia** in the morning
- Walking tour of Bratislava – including the **Chatam Sofer's grave**, the **Wall of Memories**, and other points of Jewish and secular interest
- Continue on to Vienna, and check-in to our accommodations in the Austrian capital
- The rest of the evening is free to explore Vienna, with dinner on own

OVERNIGHT: InterContinental Hotel – Vienna, Austria

Meals Included: Breakfast

WEDNESDAY – JULY 19, 2023 | Vienna's World Heritage Sites

- Walking tour of Vienna – including **Judenplatz**, the center of Viennese Jewish life, the Monument against War & Fascism, Heroes' Square, and the Shoah Monument
- Visit “**Stadttempel**” – The only synagogue that survived the pogrom on Nov. 10, 1938 – as well as the **St. Stephens Cathedral** and the **Hofburg Imperial Castle**
- Continue on to explore the opulent **Schönbrunn Palace** – the summer home of Habsburg Royalty
- Discover the high culture of Europe at the **Albertina Museum of Art**
- Evening: Experience the **Sounds of Vienna Concert** with a pre-performance dinner included

OVERNIGHT: InterContinental Hotel – Vienna, Austria

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

THURSDAY – JULY 20, 2023 | Discovering the Wachau Valley

- Embark on a **Danube river cruise** upstream from Vienna to the **Wachau Valley**
- Explore **Dürnstein** village with the option to hike up to the ancient castle towering above the town
- Sample local wines at **Domaine Wachau**
- Depart from Austria, and continue on to Prague in the afternoon
- Check-in to our hotel in central Prague + dinner on own

OVERNIGHT: Hilton Hotel Old Town – Prague, Czechia

Meals Included: Breakfast

FRIDAY – JULY 21, 2023 | Jewels of Josefov in Prague

- Walking tour of Josefov, Prague's famous Jewish Quarter – including the **Altneushul, Spanish Synagogue**, and the **Jewish Museum & Cemetery**
- Following lunch on own, we depart Prague for a solemn visit to the **Terezin Concentration Camp**
- Option to celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat with the **Jewish community of Prague**
- Evening: Group dinner at Chabad's Prague Grill Restaurant (kosher)

OVERNIGHT: Hilton Hotel Old Town – Prague, Czechia

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

SATURDAY – JULY 22, 2023 | Prague's World Heritage Sites

All touring today is on foot

- Free morning to enjoy Prague on your own
- Morning visit to the **Illusion Art Museum** of Prague
- Wrap-up session and a closing lunch celebration at a local kosher restaurant
- Walking tour of **Prague's Old Town**, including a visit to the **Astronomical Clock, Charles Bridge**, and **Prague Castle**
- Free evening and dinner on own in Prague

OVERNIGHT: Hilton Hotel Old Town – Prague, Czechia

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

SUNDAY – JULY 23, 2023 | Farewell!

A transfer to Prague Airport has been arranged for our group flight taking off at 2:30pm on KLM #1356

Meals Included: Breakfast

EUROPEAN HERITAGE EXPERIENCE

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- One airport pick-up on arrival in Warsaw
- A Jewish educator/tour manager accompanies the group throughout
- Local guides join the group in each city (usually Jewish local guides)
- A luxury motor coach is provided daily except for Saturdays (two drivers are used)
- Two airport return transfers are included on July 23
- Accommodations per the itinerary based on double room hotel occupancy
- Meals according to the itinerary (kosher where noted)
- Entrance fees and programming costs per the itinerary
- All guide, driver, and restaurant gratuities
- Registration, payment collection, and pre-trip preparation
- Local medical insurance (does not cover pre-existing conditions)
- Wireless audio headsets for all travelers

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Hotel incidentals
- Meals not noted as included on itinerary
- Travel insurance (www.authenticisrael.com/insurance)

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