

Join East Meadow Jewish Center's



Budapest- Trebic - Prague Tour May 13-23, 2012 With Rabbi Ronald Androphy Tour Highlights

Round trip air JFK- PRA return BUS - AMS - JFK

We begin our adventure traveling to the magical city of **Prague**, from its fanciful architecture to its Jewish history, redolent with Jewish characters and luminaries that once populated this city. Stroll through the Prague Castle and over the Charles Bridge before taking your time in the Old Ghetto, View the collection of Synagogues and the Cemetery, where the Golem is said to have once wandered. Travel to Terezin to visit what the Nazis called the "Model Concentration Camp", Visit Recently Discovered Holocaust era secret synagogue.

Jewish Quarter in the city Třebíč, called also Židy, is one of the well-preserved Jewish Quarters in Europe. In 2003 this quarter was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Discover 150 years of Budapest's Jewish heritage from historical synagogues and Holocaust memorials to a walk across the Danube and unique encounters with members of the Budapest Jewish community. Celebrate Shabbat at the Dohany Synagogue, Visit "The Shoes" Memorial on the Danube bank and recite the Mourners Kaddish, Take a night cruise down the Danube River experiencing the Hungarian Gypsy-atmosphere, Shabbat with local Masorti Community, Jewish places outside of the city, Mad, Tokaj, Bodrogkeresztur, Nagykallo and Satoraljaujhely, Learn about the Hassidic movement in Hungary in the early 19th century.

Don't miss this unbelievable insiders view into our Jewish Heritage !

**Land and Air Package \$4285 - Land Only \$3095
Single supplement \$1210**

***Fuel surcharge is subject to change**

Added to above price is tips for guide, driver and restaurants \$185 per person

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Sunday May 13 - Depart New York on overnight flight to Prague.

Monday May 14 -Golden Praha" as Prague is called. Former capital of the Holy Roman Empire, Mid-day Hotel check-in Intercontinental Hotel. Time to refresh ourselves and have a light lunch at hotel. Afternoon: Tour of Prague Castle, Palace and Golden Lane. At 7:00 pm - We meet in the lobby for a short walk (10 min) to Welcome Dinner with members of local Masorti community at the President's House Overnight Prague Intercontinental Hotel.

Tuesday May 15- Lidice and Teresienstadt Concentration Camp Full day excursion to the Theresienstadt called the "model" concentration camp. Visit the new art museum and the recently discovered synagogue previously hidden in a potato shed. Participate in a memorial service at Terezin. Lidice (German: Liditz) is a village in the Czech Republic just northwest of Prague. It is built on the site of a previous village of the same name which, as part of the Nazi-created Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, was destroyed on orders directly from Heinrich Himmler, Return to hotel at 7:30 pm Dinner at a Kosher restaurant O/N Prague the Intercontinental Hotel.

Wednesday May 16 - Jewish Heritage sites of Prague Morning guided tour of Jewish Heritage sites of Prague: visit Prague's Jewish town called Josefov (Joseph's Town). The tour starts with a walk through the Old Town. Next to the home of Franz Kafka you will enter the original Jewish quarter. Former Jewish ghetto and of the oldest synagogue in Central Europe. You will walk through the Old Jewish Cemetery and also visit several synagogues that are a part of the unique Prague Jewish Museum Complex. Afternoon guided tour of Classic Prague, including a walking tour of the city through the old town square with its famous Astronomical clock. Farewell to Prague Dinner at Dinitz kosher restaurant in the Jewish quarters. Overnight in Prague the Intercontinental Hotel.

Thursday May 17- From Czech Republic to the Hungary After breakfast hotel check out, Early departure to Trebic, Enjoy lunch in a Jewish style restaurant in Trebic's Rachel restaurant, after lunch Rabbi Hoffberg will guide the group through Trebic. The ensemble of the Jewish Quarter, (UNESCO sight, the second biggest after Jerusalem) the old Jewish cemetery and the Basilica of St Procopius in Trebic are reminders of the co-existence of Jewish and Christian cultures from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. Arriving in Budapest, We will transfer to our hotel. En route, enjoy panoramic sightseeing -Chalavi Dinner at hotel Overnight in Budapest at Corinthia hotel.

Friday May 18 - Jewish Heritage sites of Budapest After breakfast- Morning guide tour of Jewish Heritage sites of Budapest: Visit the Jewish Ghetto, the Temple of Heroes. The world famous Dohany Street Synagogue, the largest synagogue in Europe, Wallenberg Memorial, and the Rumbach Street Synagogue. Get ready for Shabbat. Shabbat Dinner at Moshe House with local Masorti group.-Overnight in Budapest Corinthia hotel.

Shabbat May 19- Today is Shabbat - Morning services Dohany Street followed by lunch at Carmel, afternoon at leisure for walking tours, Dinner evening on their own. O/N in Budapest at Corinthia hotel.(5*)

Sunday May 20 - More Jewish Heritage sites - Explore the Tortured History of Hungary of Budapest and the Jewish museum. Visit to the Jewish Theological Seminary, Continue to the "House of Terror" and the new Holocaust Museum and Jewish Museum. Stop by "The Shoes" Memorial on the Danube bank, recite the Mourners' Kaddish' together. At night take a cruise down the Danube River followed by Gypsy-atmosphere dinner Overnight in Budapest-Overnight in Budapest Corinthia hotel.

Monday May 21 - Classic "Buda" and "Pest" and the Castle Hill After Breakfast Guided tour of the Classic "Buda" and "Pest" including the Castle Hill - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Fishermen's Bastion and Matthias Church. Shop along the elegant Andrassy Avenue and visit the renowned outdoor market. Explore the traditional Budapest Cafes with their famous pastries. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Budapest - Corinthia hotel.

Tuesday May 22 Jewish places outside of the city Jews have lived in the Eastern region of the country from the beginning of the 18th century. Jews once played an important role in the production and transport of kosher wine. Tokaj and the neighboring villages are one of Europe's most famous wine-producing areas and Jews were, for many centuries, very active in viticulture. Before the Holocaust, the Jewish communities, for instance, Mad, Tokaj, Bodrogkeresztur, Nagykallo and Satoraljaiújhely maintained a rich spiritual life. From its earliest days, these communities leaned toward Hassidism. Indeed, much of the wine produced in the region was shipped north and east to Hassidic courts in Greater Poland. The full-day tour leaves in the morning from Budapest, featuring the following programme: Stop in Miskolc, the second biggest Hungarian city and a local Jewish center in Eastern Hungary. Visit the functioning 19th synagogue (designed by Ludwig Förster, the architect of the Dohány Street Synagogue in Budapest) and take a walk in the beautifully restored old town. Continue to Mad to see one of the finest surviving examples of Baroque synagogue architecture in Hungary. The Mad synagogue (built in 1795) is one of only four surviving synagogues of the period. Mad is exceptional because not only is the synagogue intact with all of its rich decoration, but the attached structure which once housed a yeshiva and the rabbi's residence is also intact. The entire complex is dramatically sited, overlooking much of the town and the surrounding vineyards. Stop in Tokaj, the capital of the most famous Hungarian wine region and former center of a prosperous Jewish community that lived in the area before the Holocaust. Visit the synagogue of Tokaj built in the late 19th century, the biggest and most impressive one in the region. Explore old wine cellars and taste some of the excellent kosher wines. Continue to Satoraljaiújhely, the town of Reb Ismach Moshe Teitelbaum who founded the Hassidic movement in Hungary in the early 19th century. Under the leadership of Rabbi Moshe Teitelbaum, a Hassidic center emerged in Satoraljaiújhely, where he was the rabbi from 1808. He was famous for his knowledge as well as for his yeshiva. Many people make a pilgrimage from great distances to see him. His son and descendants were Hassidic rabbis in Maramarosziget (Sighetu - Romania), and after his death his grandson became the rabbi of Satoraljaiújhely. Visit the tomb of Reb Ismah Moshe in the old cemetery. Return to Budapest. This evening we is our Farewell dinner at restaurant Up on Castel hill. Overnight in Budapest - Corinthia hotel.

May 23 Departure day - After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight home! Begin planing your next trip with Rabbi Androphy

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