



Sha'ar Communities

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Gate of Discovery:

Berlin and Krakow: Jewish Remembrance and Renewal

April 27th, 2014 to May 6th, 2014

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Day of Departure: April 27th

- Depart JFK on Air Berlin 7249 - Time: 5:30pm

Day 1: April 28th - Berlin - Yom HaShoah/ Day of Holocaust Remembrance and Heroism

- Arrive Berlin at 7:25am
- Meet and greet by tour operator ISRAM
- Orientation to Jewish Berlin
- Holocaust Memorial, Topography of Terror, Track 17, Deportation Memorial
- Lunch on own
- Local Yom HaShoah events
- Check into hotel - Time TBD
- Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant
- Hotel: Hilton

Day 2: April 29th - Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pick up for full day of sightseeing including Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Alexander Platz, St. Nikolai –Kirche (oldest church in Berlin), Unter Den Linden, Humboldt University, Book Burning Memorial, Checkpoint Charlie and other sites
- Lunch
- Tour (continuation)
- Back to hotel
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Hotel: Hilton

Day 3: April 30th - Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pick up at hotel
- Jewish Life in Berlin focusing on Grosse Hamburger Strasse, museum of Otto Weidt's Workshop for the Blind, Hackescher Market, Jewish Boy's School, Jewish cemetery
- Lunch on own
- Visit New Synagogue and Centrum Judaicum, Jewish Museum of Berlin
- Back to hotel
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Hotel: Hilton

Day 4: May 1st - Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pick up at hotel
- Visit Olympic Stadium
- Continue on to Potsdam, with guided tour of city and tour of Gleinicke Bridge, Abraham Geiger University
- Lunch on own in Potsdam
- Drive to Wannsee Villa – site of Final Solution conference
- Back to hotel
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Hotel: Hilton

Day 5: May 2nd - Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pick up at hotel
- Day with local Jewish artists and musicians
- Back to hotel
- Shabbat Services and Dinner at a local synagogue
- Hotel: Hilton

Day 6: May 3rd - Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Free day to explore Berlin on your own: museums, shopping, etc...
- Reflection and Discussion at hotel
- Havdalah
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Hotel: Hilton

Day 7: May 4th - Berlin to Krakow

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pick up at hotel
- Transfer to airport for flight to Krakow on Air Berlin, Flight 8732, time: 9:00am
- Meet and Greet by tour operator ISRAM
- Transfer to hotel and check-in
- Lunch on own in Krakow
- Half Day sightseeing to include Schindler's Factory and Podgorze, Kazimierz, Jewish Ghetto
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Hotel: Sheraton

Day 8: May 5th - Krakow (Yom HaZikaron/Israel's Day of Remembrance)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pick up at hotel
- Visit Auschwitz Memorial
- Optional partial walk from Auschwitz to Birkenau
- Lunch on own
- Tour (continuation)
- Back to hotel
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Hotel: Sheraton

Day 9: May 6th - Krakow (Yom Ha'Atzmaut/Israel Independence Day)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pick up at hotel
- Tour of JCC Krakow and discussion with local leaders
- Lunch on own
- City sightseeing tour of Krakow including Wawel Hill, Royal castle, Royal Cathedral, walking tour of Old Town, Main Market Square
- Back to hotel
- Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant
- Hotel: Sheraton

Day 10: May 7th - Krakow to New York (via Berlin)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pick up at hotel
- Transfer to the airport for flight home on Air Berlin 8733, time: 10:55am
- Connect with flight Air Berlin 7248, time: 1:00pm
- Arrive JFK Airport at 3:45pm

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