



Lithuania & Poland Study Tour

EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

June 18 – June 30, 2019

YIVO INVITES YOU TO ITS FOURTH ANNUAL STUDY TOUR TO LITHUANIA AND POLAND.

Examine the life that was lived and lost as you reconnect with your own heritage. Discover the remarkable treasures of old Warsaw, Krakow, Vilnius, and the magical Białowieża Forest. Noted historian Dr. Samuel Kassow, along with your tour guide, will illustrate the fascinating ways Jewish culture helped shape these societies. You will also visit places where the greatest tragedy in our history occurred. Additionally, you will meet the dynamic young Jews re-building communities on ancestral grounds and take in the sights and sounds of the hugely popular Jewish Culture Festival, the largest Jewish festival in Europe.

The tour will be chaired by Irene Pletka, Vice-Chair of the YIVO Board of Directors.

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\$6,492 per person, double occupancy
\$1,455 single supplement



ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 01 TUESDAY JUNE 18 ARRIVAL IN VILNIUS

- Transfers from airport to the hotel
- Afternoon tour of Vilnius
- Welcome Dinner
- Stikliai Hotel

DAY 02 WEDNESDAY JUNE 19 VILNIUS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day program in Vilnius, the Jerusalem of Lithuania, including the National Library, Edward Blank YIVO Vilna Collections Project, Max Weinreich memorial
- Lunch served during the tour
- Stikliai Hotel

DAY 03 THURSDAY JUNE 20 VILNIUS – PONARY – KAUNAS – VILNIUS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Ponary
- Excursion to Kaunas including 9th Fort, former Ghetto area, Sugihara House, Chorale synagogue, etc.
- Lunch served during the tour in Kaunas
- Stikliai Hotel

DAY 04 FRIDAY JUNE 21 VILNIUS – SEJNY – BIAŁOWIEŻA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day in Sejny
- Lunch served en route
- Program upon arrival
- Shabbat Dinner
- Hotel Zubrowka

DAY 05 SATURDAY JUNE 22 BIAŁOWIEŻA – TYKOCIN – WARSAW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Walk the world heritage forest of Białowieża
- Full day tour including visit in Tykocin
- Lunch in Tykocin
- Bristol Hotel

DAY 06 SUNDAY JUNE 23 WARSAW

- Full day program in Warsaw including Nozyk synagogue, Okopowa Cemetery, Ghetto area, Jewish historical institution.
- Lunch
- Bristol Hotel

DAY 07 MONDAY JUNE 24 WARSAW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews
- Afternoon at leisure
- Dinner
- Bristol Hotel

DAY 08 TUESDAY JUNE 25 WARSAW – LODZ – WARSAW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Lodz
- Tour of Lodz
- Lunch at Andel's Hotel
- Return to Warsaw in the afternoon
- Time at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

DAY 09 WEDNESDAY JUNE 26 WARSAW – LUBLIN – KAZIMIERZ DOLNY

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00am Transfer to Lublin
- Tour of Lublin including Brama Grodzka, Yeshiva, cemetery and Old Town
- Lunch in Lublin
- Optional visit to Majdanek
- Transfer to Kazimierz Dolny
- Tour of Kazimierz Dolny
- Hotel Król Kazimierz Dolny

DAY 10 THURSDAY JUNE 27 KAZIMIERZ DOLNY – SANDOMIERZ – KRAKOW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00am Transfer to Krakow
- Lunch
- Check in to Stry Hotel
- 8:00pm Late evening Festival Concert in Krakow
- Stry Hotel

DAY 11 FRIDAY JUNE 28 KRAKOW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 7:00am Optional study visit to Auschwitz and Birkenau
- Return to Krakow in the early afternoon
- Afternoon tour of the Old Town
- 9:00pm Shabbat Dinner
- Stry Hotel

DAY 12 SATURDAY JUNE 29 KRAKOW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day program in Krakow including Schindler's Museum and Kantor Museum
- 6:00pm Farewell Dinner Stry Hotel Terrace (weather permitting)
- Finale Open Air Concert on Szeroka
- Stry Hotel

DAY 13 SUNDAY JUNE 30 KRAKOW – HOME FLIGHTS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfers to the airport

** Itinerary subject to change.*

*** Dietary restrictions will be accommodated if possible.*

RATES

\$6,492 per person, double occupancy – includes a \$1,000 per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO*
\$1,455 single supplement

THE PRICE IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING INCLUDED SERVICES:

- All private services throughout the tour
- All transfers on arrival and departure day (June 18 & June 30)
- Full time tour director (Dariusz Kuzniar)
- Deluxe hotel accommodation in Vilnius, Warsaw & Krakow
- First Class hotel accommodation in Bialowieza & Kazimierz Dolny
- Full breakfast buffet daily at the hotels
- 8 Lunches including 2 lunch boxes. Lunches are based upon single course serving. Alcoholic beverages are not included.
- 5 Dinners. All dinners will include cover charge, water and coffee/tea. Alcoholic beverages are not included.
- 1 Concert festival ticket in Krakow
- All taxes and fees
- Tips (except to drivers, guides and Tour Director)

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES:

- Flights
- Transfers on other days than the announced arrival and departure dates
- Pre- or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals not mentioned
- Services not mentioned
- Tips to Guides and Drivers
- All expenses of personal nature
- Travel Protection Plan

DEPOSIT

A deposit of \$600 per traveler is required at the time of signing up for the tour.

PAYMENT

To sign up for the tour, each traveler must complete a reservation form and include the \$600 deposit. Upon receipt of the reservation, YIVO will issue an invoice. The deposit is fully refundable until February 1st. The balance is payable in equal installments; the first installment is due no later than February 15th, and the second and final installment no later than March 15th.

** Upon receipt of the final payment, YIVO will provide a letter indicating your tax-deductible contribution.*

The increase in tour price is due to increases in hotel and restaurant prices in Poland.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND

Cancellation after February 1st will result in forfeiture of your deposit. Cancellation after March 21st will result in the forfeiture of the full trip price.

CHANGES

Participants requiring individual travel arrangements in conjunction with this tour must announce this as early as possible. Individual arrangements can be made pre or post the tour. For any change made 90 days or less prior to the tour, a service fee of \$100 per person will be charged by the travel agency. All expenses involved with individual travel arrangements will be carried by the individual traveler.

MEALS

Breakfasts are served buffet-style at the hotels. Other meals are served at restaurants or at the hotels, and are based upon set menus according to local traditions. However, options are provided for travelers requiring special meals such as a vegetarian or fish option. Lunches will be based upon single course or as lunch boxes. Dinners will include a cover charge for bread, water, a soft drink, coffee or tea is included. Alcoholic beverages are not included.



TRAVEL

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Momentum Tours & Travel offer complimentary transfers on the listed arrival and departure dates. These are June 18 & June 30. For pre-tour arrivals or post-tour departures, individual transfers can be arranged and must be paid by the individual travelers.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

Most travel insurance providers waive pre-existing conditions when a plan is purchased within 14 days of deposit being paid.

We strongly recommend that each traveler buy a Travel Protection Plan. Momentum Tours & Travel sells travel insurance on behalf of Travel Guard. However, participants may buy any Travel insurance, or choose no insurance at all. Please note that travel insurance providers have different rules regarding coverage and how pre-existing conditions can be waived. It is up to the individual traveler to obtain the rules for all policies.

PASSPORT AND VISA

No visa is required for this departure. Each participant must possess a valid U.S. passport. The passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the tour has been completed. For travelers not carrying a U.S. passport, we recommend they check if a visa is required for travel to Poland.

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