



Lithuania & Poland

EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

JUNE 19 – JULY 2, 2023

Examine the life that was lived as you reconnect with your own heritage. Discover the remarkable treasures of old Warsaw, Kraków, Vilnius, and Białystok. Noted historian Dr. Samuel Kassow, together with Dr. Jonathan Brent, YIVO Executive Director and CEO, 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.

To learn more, please contact Florence Behrens, Study Tour Coordinator:

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\$6,140 per person, double occupancy | **\$1,560** single supplement

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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 1 / MONDAY, JUNE 19 / ARRIVAL IN VILNIUS

- Transfers from airport to the hotel
- Program pending arrival of participants
- Welcome Dinner
- Stikliai Hotel

DAY 2 / TUESDAY, JUNE 20 / VILNIUS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning walking tour of Vilnius
- Visit to the Choral Synagogue and the Gaon tomb at the cemetery
- Lunch served during the tour
- Afternoon visit to Ponar
- Evening program pending
- Stikliai Hotel

DAY 3 / WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 / VILNIUS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Tour of Vilnius including the National Library, YIVO Vilna Project, Max Weinreich memorial
- Lunch served during the tour
- Stikliai Hotel

DAY 4 / THURSDAY, JUNE 22 / VILNIUS – KAUNAS – VILNIUS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Excursion to Kaunas including 9th Fort, former Ghetto area, Sugihara House, Choral Synagogue
- Lunch served during the tour in Kaunas
- Return to Vilnius in the late afternoon
- Stikliai Hotel

DAY 5 / FRIDAY, JUNE 23 / VILNIUS – SEJNY – BIAŁYSTOK

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Departure from the hotel
- Program at the Borderland Foundation in Sejny
- Lunch served in Sejny
- Afternoon arrival in Białystok
- Tour of Białystok
- Friday night dinner
- Branicki Hotel

DAY 6 / SATURDAY, JUNE 24 / BIAŁYSTOK – TYKOCIN – TREBLINKA – WARSAW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day tour including visits in Tykocin and Treblinka
- Lunch served en route
- Late afternoon check-in at the hotel in Warsaw
- Evening at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

DAY 7 / SUNDAY, JUNE 25 / WARSAW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day program including Nozyk Synagogue, cemetery, former ghetto area, ŻIH, JCC Warsaw
- Lunch served during the day
- Bristol Hotel

DAY 8 / MONDAY, JUNE 26 / WARSAW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- POLIN museum
- Lunch served during the visit
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

DAY 9 / TUESDAY, JUNE 27 / WARSAW – ŁÓDŹ – WARSAW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Łódź
- Tour of Łódź
- Lunch served in Łódź
- Return to Warsaw in the late afternoon
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

DAY 10 / WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 / WARSAW – LUBLIN – KAZIMIERZ DOLNY

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Lublin
- Tour of Lublin including Brama Grodzka, Yeshiva, cemetery and Old Town
- Lunch in Lublin
- Transfer to Kazimierz Dolny
- Tour of Kazimierz Dolny
- Hotel Król Kazimierz Dolny

DAY 11 / THURSDAY, JUNE 29 / KAZIMIERZ DOLNY – KRAKÓW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Kraków
- Lunch served en route
- Check in to Stary Hotel
- Evening Jewish Festival concert in Kraków
- Stary Hotel

DAY 12 / FRIDAY, JUNE 30 / KRAKÓW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Optional morning tour of Auschwitz and Birkenau
- Return to Kraków in the early afternoon
- Afternoon walking tour of the Old Town
- Shabbat Dinner
- Sary Hotel

DAY 13 / SATURDAY, JULY 1 / KRAKÓW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day program in Kraków including Schindler's Museum, Kantor Museum, Galicia Museum
- JCC: Debate Latke vs. Hamantaschen
- Czartoryski Museum and Ghetto Heroes Square with Piotr Lewicki
- Farewell Dinner
- Evening closing Jewish Festival festivities
- Sary Hotel

DAY 14 / SUNDAY, JULY 2 / KRAKÓW – HOME FLIGHTS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfers to the airport

** Itinerary is subject to change.*

** Dietary restrictions will be accommodated if possible.*

**** Please see visa information on page 6.**



RATES

\$6,140 per person, double occupancy

\$1,560 single supplement

** Based on a minimum of 15 participants. If more than fifteen people sign up, the cost per person will be reduced.*

THE PRICE IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING INCLUDED SERVICES:

- All private services throughout the tour
- All transfers on arrival and departure day (June 19 and July 2)
- Full time Tour Director (Dariusz Kuzniar)
- Deluxe hotel accommodations in Vilnius, Warsaw, and Kraków
- First class accommodations in Białystok and Kazimierz Dolny
- Daily breakfast buffet at the hotels
- 10 lunches
- 4 dinners (alcoholic beverages are not included)
- All entrance fees as per the program
- All taxes and fees

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES:

- Flights to and from Europe
- Transfers on other days than the announced arrival and departure dates
- Pre- or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Tips to drivers, guides and Tour Director
- Travel insurance – highly recommended!
- Any personal expenses

DEPOSIT:

A \$1,000 deposit is due by February 10th, 2023.

PAYMENT:

To sign up for the tour, each traveler must complete a reservation form. Upon receipt of the reservation, YIVO will issue an invoice. The first installment (50%) is due no later than February 19th (120 days prior to the tour), and the second and final installment no later than April 19th (60 days prior to departure).

CANCELLATION AND REFUND:

For all cancellations, we will refund payment less the following cancellation fees:

<u>Prior to the departure</u>	<u>Cancellation fee</u>
120 to 91 days	\$500 per person
90 to 61 days	\$1000 per person
60 to 46 days	\$2000 per person
45 to 31 days	\$2500 per person
30 days or less	Full Payment

CHANGES:

Participants requiring individual travel arrangements in conjunction with this tour must inform the Tour Operator as early as possible. Individual arrangements can be made pre- or post-tour. For any change made 90 days or less prior to the tour, a service fee of \$100 per person will be charged. All expenses involved with individual travel arrangements will be the responsibility of 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 reflecting local traditions. However, alternatives are provided for travelers requiring special meals, such as vegetarian or fish options. Lunches will vary according to the time and the place. Alcoholic beverages are not included.

**AIRPORT TRANSFERS:**

Momentum Tours & Travel offers complimentary transfers on the listed arrival and departure dates. These are June 19, 2023, and July 2, 2023. For pre-tour arrivals or post-tour departures, individual transfers, hotels, or other services can be arranged upon request and must be paid directly to Momentum Tours & Travel by the individual travelers.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

While Travel insurance is not required for this tour, it is strongly recommended. Momentum Tours & Travel is recommending TravelDefend's concierge service for purchasing travel insurance. TravelDefend represents most insurance companies and can guide you to the policy that fits you best. All questions regarding travel insurance must be made directly to TravelDefend or to the travel insurance company of your choice.

PASSPORT AND VISA:

Visas for U.S. citizens are not required for this departure. However, travelers from other countries should check if visas are required. Please ask if in doubt. In addition, each traveler must possess a passport, valid for at least 6 months after the tour has been completed.

TRAVEL DURING COVID:

There are no longer Covid-related restrictions for travelers. Borders are open, and masks are rarely required outside of medical institutions. We continue to recommend that travelers be vaccinated and boosted.

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