



Croatia & Bosnia and Herzegovina

EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

JULY 12 – JULY 24, 2026

\$10,270

per person,
double occupancy*

\$2,290

single supplement

*see page 5 for details

From the renowned Sarajevo Haggadah to the old Jewish synagogues of the Adriatic coast, from the charming lanes of Osijek to the legendary Old Town of Mostar, this trip will offer a revealing look at the little-known but fascinating history of Jews in the Balkans and their resilience in the face of centuries of conflict and upheaval. Led by eminent historian Dr. Samuel Kassow and noted author and photographer Edward Serotta, we will visit lands that straddled the border of Christianity and Islam and study Jewish communities shaped by both Ashkenazi and Sephardi cultures. As a bonus participants will see some of the most beautiful landscapes in Europe, from the Adriatic coast to the gorgeous lakes and mountains of Slovenia.

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

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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1 / Sunday, July 12 / Arrival in Zagreb

- Transfers from airport to the hotel
- Welcome Dinner
- Esplanade Zagreb Hotel

Day 2 / Monday, July 13 / Zagreb

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Meeting at the Jewish School
- Lunch
- Visit the historic Mirogoj Cemetery
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Esplanade Zagreb Hotel

Day 3 / Tuesday, July 14 / Zagreb – Ljubljana – Zagreb

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full-day excursion to Ljubljana in Slovenia
- Tour Ljubljana with a focus on the city center created by Joseph Plesnick
- Lunch
- Free time to explore Ljubljana
- Return to Zagreb in the afternoon
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Esplanade Zagreb Hotel

Day 4 / Wednesday, July 15 / Zagreb – Đakovo – Vukovar – Osijek

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning departure from Zagreb
- Visit the Đakovo Cemetery with individual burial sites for victims of the Shoah
- Lunch
- Vukovar Cemetery commemorating the victims of the Battle of Vukovar
- Check in at the hotel in Osijek in the afternoon
- Dinner at the hotel
- Hotel Osijek

Day 5 / Thursday, July 16 / Osijek – Tuzla – Sarajevo

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning walking tour in Osijek, including the former Jewish Quarter and memorials
- Visit the small Osijek Community Center
- Depart from Osijek
- Cross the border to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Lunch in Orasje
- Visit the Tuzla Memorial en route to Sarajevo
- Check in at the hotel
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Courtyard by Marriott Sarajevo

Day 6 / Friday, July 17 / Sarajevo

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day tour including the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum
- Meeting with members of the Sephardic Synagogue
- Lunch
- Visit the Museum of the Jews of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- See the site of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
- Shabbat Dinner at the hotel
- Courtyard by Marriott Sarajevo

Day 7 / Saturday, July 18 / Sarajevo

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning visit to the Sarajevo Haggadah at the National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina (special Opening)
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Courtyard by Marriott Sarajevo

Day 8 / Sunday, July 19 / Sarajevo – Mostar

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning departure from Sarajevo
- Walking tour in Mostar's Old Town, including the historic bridge
- Lunch
- Check in at the hotel
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Hotel Mepas

Day 9 / Monday, July 20 / Mostar – Stolac – Dubrovnik

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning departure from Mostar
- Visit the burial site of Rabbi Moshe Danon in Stolac
- Lunch
- Cross the border to Croatia
- Ascend by cable car for panoramic views of Dubrovnik
- Check in at the hotel in the afternoon
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik

Day 10 / Tuesday, July 21 / Dubrovnik

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning walking tour in the Old Town, including the former Jewish Quarters, the Synagogue, and the Jewish museum
- Private boat ride in the old harbor and around Lokrum Island
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik

Day 11 / Wednesday, July 22 / Dubrovnik – Split

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning departure from Dubrovnik
- Drive to Split
- Lunch
- Visit the Meštrović Gallery

- Check in at the hotel
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Radisson Blu Resort & Spa, Split

Day 12 / Thursday, July 23 / Split

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning walking tour in Split, including Diocletian's Palace, the historic Old Town's Jewish Quarter, and the Split Synagogue
- Farewell Dinner
- Radisson Blu Resort & Spa, Split

Day 13 / Friday, July 24 / Split – 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

\$10,270 per person*, double occupancy – includes a **\$1,000** per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO†
\$2,290 single supplement

* Based on a minimum of 15 participants.

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

The price is based upon the following included services:

- All private services throughout the tour
- Transfer from Zagreb Airport on July 12 and to Split Airport on July 24
- Full time Tour Director (Dariusz Kuzniar) alongside local guides
- Whisper system with microphones and headsets is provided throughout the tour
- Deluxe hotel accommodations in Zagreb, Mostar, Dubrovnik, and Split
- First class hotel accommodations in Osijek and Sarajevo
- Daily breakfast buffet at the hotels
- 8 lunches
- 4 dinners
- All entrance fees as per the program
- Luggage handling at all hotels, includes one piece of luggage per person
- Tips to drivers, guides and Tour Director
- All taxes and fees

Not included services:

- Flights to and from Europe
- Transfers on days other than the announced arrival and departure dates
- Pre- or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Extra luggage (\$75 per extra bag)
- Travel insurance – strongly recommended!
- Any personal expenses

Payment:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person and a completed registration form are required by January 26 to sign up for the tour. Upon receipt of the reservation, YIVO will issue an invoice for the balance. The balance is payable in equal installments; the first installment (50%) is due no later than March 9, and the second and final installment no later than May 4. Upon receipt of the final payment, YIVO will provide a letter indicating your tax-deductible contribution.

Pre- and Post-Tour Services:

Participants requiring individual travel arrangements in conjunction with this tour must inform the Tour Operator as early as possible. All payments for pre- or post-tour services requested by participants should be made directly to Momentum Tours & Travel. If paying by credit card, a 3.8% fee will be added to the total invoice amount. If the final payment is not received on time, the Tour Operator, Momentum Tours, reserves the right to cancel reservations and apply cancellation fees. In the event of currency fluctuation of 3% or more, the Tour Operator reserves the right to adjust the rates until final payment is received.

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>
Up to February 2, 2026	\$1,000 per person
Up to April 8, 2026	30% of the cost per person
Up to May 13, 2026	50% of the cost per person
May 14, 2026 and after	Full Payment

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 July 12, 2026, and July 24, 2026. 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. **Pre-stay arrangements in Zagreb are available upon request. Request for post-tour stay at the resort in Split must be made early and is only available on request.**

Travel Insurance:

We strongly recommend that each traveler purchase a Travel Protection Plan (also known as Travel Insurance). Information about travel protection will be forwarded upon request and included in the confirmation information after registration for a tour. Most travel insurance covers pre-existing conditions only if the insurance is purchased within 14 days of the tour registration/deposit.

Passport and Visa:

Each participant must possess a valid passport, which must be valid for at least six months after the tour's completion. If a visa is required, it is each traveler's responsibility to obtain the visa. Travelers from the USA and Canada do not require a visa for this tour. Momentum Tours cannot be held responsible for any missing visas, if needed. Europe is expected to introduce an entry registration (ETIAS) in 2026. It is an online registration that takes minutes to complete. The cost is expected to be around \$20. We will update this information once the registration goes into effect.

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