



IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS - POLAND TOUR

Dear Participant

On behalf of *History for the Curious*, we are excited to share the details of our upcoming trip: **3rd – 6th November 2025**. This will be our 14th European tour in the last 4 years.

WARSAW

Since the year 980, Warsaw has been home to a Jewish community, and by 1939 350,000 Jews lived there. We will see traces of the past, of WWII & present day life. Today's memorials and museum as well as the old ghetto contours connect us with both the grandeur and the tragedy of Jewish life there. The Warsaw Jewish Cemetery - one of the largest and most significant Jewish cemeteries in the world - contains more than 180,000 graves including Rav Chaim Soloveitchik, the Netziv and the Modzhitzer Rebbe.

LUBLIN & MAJDANEK

Lublin, known once as the “Jerusalem of the Polish Kingdom,” was a city of Torah learning and Jewish culture. It was here that the great Chachmei Lublin Yeshiva flourished and that Daf Yomi was celebrated by the famous Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Meir Shapira. It is also the resting place of the Maharshal and the Chozeh of Lublin.

Just outside of Lublin lies Majdanek, established by the Nazis in 1941. It was liberated intact by Soviet forces in July 1944 and the haunting display of the concentration camp, brings the dimensions of the Holocaust into focus.

LEZAJSK (Lizhensk)

For many Jews, the visit to Lizhensk is one of the most uplifting moments of a journey to Poland. The resting place of Rabbi Elimelech of Lizhensk, one of the founding fathers of Chassidus. His gravesite has become a place of tefillah, where thousands come to pour out their hearts. Radiating a spiritual vitality that still provides inspiration today.

KRAKOW

Kraków offers the most preserved window into Jewish life in Poland. The historic Jewish quarter of Kazimierz, with its synagogues, courtyards, and narrow streets, allow us to walk in the very footsteps of Jewry of old. The Rema's shul and grave as well as that of the Tosfos Yomtov, Megale Amukos & Bach, enable us to reflect on the century that was the Golden Age of Krakow's history.

AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU

Auschwitz-Birkenau stands as a powerful testament to Jewish endurance and faith during our history's darkest chapter. The vastness of this site allows us to become a witness to the sanctity and memory of Kiddush Hashem, that continues to shape Jewish consciousness and responsibility today.

GENERAL INFORMATION

As usual, we will be led by international historian **Rabbi Aubrey Hersh** - who will be guiding and discussing 800 years of history alongside some unique halachic pieces. Over the past 20 years, Rabbi Hersh has led over 100 tours to Poland and written extensively on the Holocaust.

Alongside him, we are fortunate to have world famous author and speaker **Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz** who will be sharing the Torah he heard from Rav Moshe Shapira zt'l during their time in Poland, as well as his insights into Golus & Geulah.

There will also be a selection of historical reading material which we will make available to participants during and after the trip.

Our accommodation will be at internationally deluxe new and modern hotels and will include a 2-night stay at a 5* hotel in Krakow. The tour will - as usual - have a maximum of 35 participants and the cost will be \$1875 p.person (excl airfare - and single supplement of \$385 where applicable). This includes all meals, entrance fees, transport during the tours, guiding and tips. All meals are Mehadrin, Pas Yisroel & and Cholov Yisroel.

The trip will start formally on Monday at lunchtime and will end Thursday afternoon. There will be an optional add-on of 3 nights in London, should there be 10 people or more, which will include a visit to the Jewish perspective of the famous British Museum as well as a tour of London's lights and catered Shabbos meals in the heart of Golders Green. This precise itinerary and cost will be known within the next few weeks.

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