



Poland Itinerary

DAY 1, Sunday, June 28, 2009: Depart on our overnight flight from the United States to Warsaw.

DAY 2, Monday, June 29, 2009: Arrival in Warsaw... Shuttle buses will depart from Warsaw hotels to take participants on panoramic city tours, including **Old Town, the Chopin Monument**, and the Shopping District ... Special visits to **Beit Warszawa** throughout the day... Dinner on own... This evening we will gather at the Nosyk Synagogue for a lecture by **Prof. Stephen Berk**, Professor of History at Union College: "Warsaw: the Mother City of Israel"... **Opening Ceremony** including greetings from local dignitaries and a special film viewing of Cantor Moshe Koussevitsky chanting the Eyl Maleh Rachamim at the Nosyk Synagogue in 1946... Mincha/Ma'ariv service... Overnight Warsaw.

DAY 3, Tuesday, June 30, 2009: Breakfast and optional morning services... Continue with a sightseeing tour of Jewish Heritage sites, including the remains of the **Ghetto Wall, Mila 18, Umschlagplatz memorial, and the Jewish Cemetery** with over 250,000 graves, many of important historical figures... Ceremony at the **Rapaport Memorial**... Mincha service... Afternoon lecture by **Prof. Stephen Berk**, "Of Heroes, Heroines, and Killers"... Gather at the Hilton Hotel for dinner including presentations and guest speakers... Special evening concert at the beautiful **National Opera House**... Buses will take participants back to the hotels... Ma'ariv service... Overnight Warsaw.

DAY 4, Wednesday, July 1, 2009: Breakfast and optional morning services... Buses will take participants to the Jewish State Theater for a lecture by **Prof. Stephen Berk**, "Krakow: Small, Beautiful, and a Rich Jewish Heritage"... Continue with our special **morning program - the Israel and United States Ambassadors to Poland and Polish Minister** and visiting speakers... Enjoy a **performance by the CA - "Musical Gems of the Yiddish Theater"**... Enjoy lunch and mincha services at the Jewish State Theater before transferring to the train station for our train to Krakow... **Arrive in Krakow** and transfer to the beautiful **Wawel Castle for a special Welcome Ceremony**, including greetings from the **President of Krakow and the Jewish Music Festival Chair**, as well as a reading of the original Proclamation by King Kashemier... Hotel check in and dinner on own this evening followed by **Krakow Jewish Music Festival** performances... optional Ma'ariv services... Overnight Krakow.

DAY 5, Thursday, July 2, 2009: Breakfast... Morning departure from our hotels for our visit to **Auschwitz/Birkenau**... We begin with a special **Shacharit service and Torah reading** at the Auschwitz barracks... Guided walk through Auschwitz... Boxed lunch before continuing to **Birkenau** for a solemn walk along the infamous tracks... We gather at the end of the train tracks for a **memorial program**, honoring the memory of our ancestors... Return to Krakow... Afternoon healing programs will be offered at our hotels **and lecture by Prof. Stephen Berk**, "Auschwitz, Roosevelt and the Jews"... Mincha/Ma'ariv services followed by dinner (on own)... **Krakow Jewish Music Festival** programming... Overnight Krakow.

DAY 6, Friday, July 3, 2009: Breakfast and optional morning services... We begin our Jewish Heritage tours of Krakow, including the **Kazimierz district, the new Galicia Museum, Schindler's Factory, and the memorial at the former site of the Plaszow camp**... Enjoy time at leisure for exploring on own this afternoon... **Shabbat Dinner and candle lighting** at the Isaac Synagogue this evening ... **Kabbalat Shabbat** services at the Temple Synagogue... Overnight Krakow.

DAY 7, Saturday, July 4, 2009: Breakfast... **Shabbat services** at the Temple Synagogue this morning... Shabbat lunches will be distributed at the synagogue... **Jewish Festival programming including lectures and presentations by CA members throughout the afternoon**... This afternoon will offer optional **walking tours of Krakow, including Town Square and the surrounding area, the University, and the Museum of Art's collection of work by Leonardo DaVinci**... Late afternoon **lecture by Prof. Stephen Berk**, "Revival of Jewish Life After the Shoah" followed by dramatic readings of the work of Shalom Aleichem... Enjoy **Krakow Jewish Music Festival** programming this evening, with a **Cantors Assembly performance** and Havdallah ceremony... Optional Mincha/Ma'ariv... Overnight Krakow.



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DAY 8, Sunday, July 5, 2009: Breakfast and optional shacharit... Morning lecture by Prof. Berk, “Three from Eastern Europe who Made Israel: Weitzman, Ben Gurion, and Begin”... **Touring throughout Krakow including the Wawel Castle and Cathedral, the Lime Stone Valley and Ojcow Park, and an optional tour of the Salt Mines** (additional charge of \$45.00 per person)... This evening we enjoy a special concert - “**An American Songbook in Honor of Independence Day**” at the **Krakow Philharmonic**, sponsored by the American Consulate... Mincha/Ma’ariv services... Overnight Krakow.

DAY 9, Monday, July 6, 2009: Breakfast... We transfer from our hotels to our various **flight departures from Krakow to Tel Aviv**... Our flights arrive in Israel throughout the afternoon... **B’ruchim Habaim!**

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

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