

Join our Scholar-in-Residence, Professor Stephen Berk
and the Ayelet Tours Traveling University



Eastern Europe

CA 2012 MISSION PRE-TOUR

June 17 - 28, 2012

THIS AMAZING TOUR INCLUDES:

2 nights at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Warsaw, June 18 - 20, 2012

2 nights at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Krakow, June 20 - 22, 2012

3 nights at the Kempinski Grand Hotel in Budapest, June 22 - 25, 2012

3 nights at the Kings Court Hotel in Prague, June 25 - 28, 2012

Professional Tour Escort throughout * Flight from Budapest to Prague

First class train between Warsaw and Krakow

Breakfast Daily * Welcome dinner * Dinner at Beit Warszawa * Dinner in Krakow

Guided touring in an air-conditioned motorcoach with an Expert English-speaking guide

Group transfers and airport assistance upon arrival and departure * Entrance fees * Portage

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Lectures by Professor Stephen Berk

Jewish Heritage tour of Warsaw including the Warsaw Ghetto, Mila 18, and the Gensia Cemetery

Jewish Heritage tour of Krakow including Kazimierz and the Plashow Concentration Camp

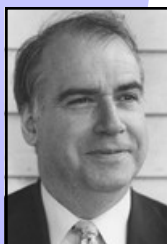
Visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau * Krakow's Wawel Castle * Cloth Hall

Jewish sites in Budapest including Dohany Synagogue, the Jewish Cemetery, and the Holocaust Memorial

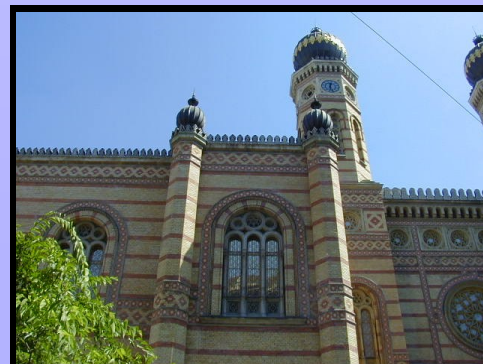
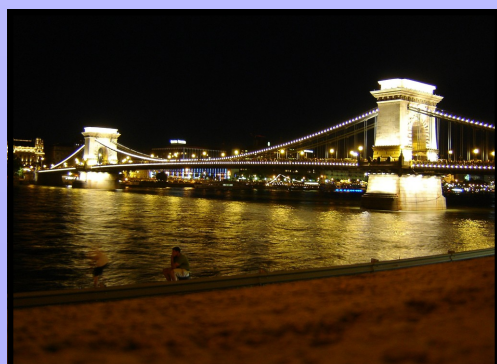
Budapest's Royal Palace * Castle Hill area * Fisherman's Bastion

Jewish Heritage tour of Prague including Terezin, the Josefov, and the Jewish Cemetery

SO MUCH MORE!



Dr. Stephen M. Berk is a Professor of History at Union College in Schenectady, New York. He has been named the Henry and Sally Schaeffer Chair of Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College. Dr. Berk is considered a superb lecturer and teacher. He is the author of *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882* and is presently writing a book entitled, *Our People Are Your People: American Jewry and the Struggle for Civil Rights 1854-1965*. Dr. Berk is also the author of many articles on Eastern Europe, Russian Jewish History, anti-Semitism and American policy in the Middle East. He has lectured in numerous cities for UJA and Israel Bonds as well as at many colleges and universities throughout the United States. Dr. Berk has led numerous trips to Russia, Spain, Europe, Israel and Eastern Europe. It is a privilege to have him with us!



DAY 1, Sunday, June 17, 2012: We depart the United States on our overnight flight to Eastern Europe.

DAY 2, Monday, June 18, 2012: We arrive in Warsaw where we are met by our local host and transferred to our hotel. Later we enjoy a panoramic tour of **Warsaw** including **Old Town Square** and **Lazienki Park**. Early this evening we enjoy a special **Chopin concert** before returning to the hotel for our **welcome dinner**. Overnight in Warsaw.

DAY 3, Tuesday, June 19, 2012: Breakfast. Today we have a sightseeing tour encompassing **Nozyk Synagogue** (the only surviving synagogue in Warsaw, founded in 1900), **Chopin's Monument**, the **Warsaw Ghetto**, the **Jewish Resistance Bunker at Mila 18**, **Stawski Street buildings** (where the SS had their headquarters), the **Gensa Cemetery** (established in 1806, containing the graves of about 250,000 people and known as the largest cemetery in Poland). Tonight we meet with members of **Beit Warsawa**, the new progressive congregation in Warsaw. We enjoy **dinner and hospitality** as we learn more about the Judaism alive in today's Poland. Overnight in Warsaw.

DAY 4, Wednesday, June 20, 2012: Breakfast. We depart Warsaw for **Krakow**. Our Jewish Heritage tour includes the **Old Jewish District**, **Kazimierz**, where we see the **Old Synagogue** (a massive fortress-like building erected in the 15th and 16th Centuries), the "Temple" and the **Remuh Synagogue**. We continue to the **Little Museum at the Drug Store** inside the Jewish Ghetto, **Schindler's Factory** and the **Plashow Concentration Camp**. Our City tour includes **Wawel Castle**, **St. Mary's Church**, the **Renaissance Cloth Hall** and other historic landmarks. Overnight in Krakow.

DAY 5, Thursday, June 21, 2012: Breakfast. This morning we travel to **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, the infamous Nazi Concentration Camps where many Jews and others perished in WWII. Here we see the museum and pay tribute to the victims. We end our day in Krakow and have **dinner together**. Overnight in Krakow.

DAY 6, Friday, June 22, 2012: After breakfast we travel from Krakow to **Budapest**. Situated on the opposite banks of the Danube River, the former

cities of Buda and Pest are linked by a series of graceful bridges. In the evening, we enjoy Shabbat services at the **Dohany Synagogue**, followed by **Shabbat dinner** together. Overnight in Budapest.

DAY 7, Saturday, June 23, 2012: Breakfast. Shabbat Shalom! In the morning, we invite you to join us for Shabbat services. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight in Budapest.

DAY 8, Sunday, June 24, 2012: Breakfast. We begin our day at the **Raul Wallenberg Memorial Statue** and then visit the **Dohany Synagogue**, the 2nd largest synagogue in Europe. We continue to the **Jewish Cemetery and Museum** and the **Holocaust Memorial**. We see the **Parliament**, the **Royal Palace**, the **Castle Hill area**, the **Fisherman's Bastion**. Overnight in Budapest.

DAY 9, Monday, June 25, 2012: Breakfast. Today we transfer to the airport to board our flight to **Prague**, the Czech capital, also known as "the City of One Thousand Spires" with its Baroque churches, promenades, parks and ancient city walls. Upon arrival, we see the 1,000 year-old **Royal Castle of Hradcany**, the **Charles Bridge**, the **Astronomical Clock** and **St. Vitus Cathedral** before transferring to the hotel. Overnight in Prague.

DAY 10, Tuesday, June 26, 2012: Breakfast. Today we travel to **Terezin**, the former "model" Nazi concentration camp. We visit the **Fortress, Jewish Cemetery, Museum, the hidden synagogue, the Memorial Monument** and the town itself. Overnight in Prague.

DAY 11, Wednesday, June 27, 2012: After breakfast we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Jewish interest sites, with a visit to the **Old City** to view the **Josefov**, Prague's Jewish Town with its **Old Town Hall**, the **Alt-Neu Synagogue**, the **Pinkas Synagogue**, the **Maisel Synagogue**, the **Jewish Cemetery** and the **State Jewish Museum**. In the evening, we enjoy a **farewell dinner** together at a local restaurant. Overnight in Prague.

DAY 12, Thursday, June 28, 2012: After breakfast we will transfer to the airport to Berlin to meet the Cantors Assembly.

The Memories Last Forever!

Itinerary subject to change

PRE-TOUR COST: \$4,475.00 based on double occupancy Single supplement cost: \$1,300.00

Pre-tour includes:

- Lectures by Professor Stephen Berk
- Flight from Budapest to Prague
- First class train between Warsaw and Krakow
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome dinner
- Dinner with the Beit Warsawa Community
- Dinner in Krakow
- Shabbat dinner in Budapest
- Dinner in Prague
- Transfers and airport assistance upon arrival and departure
- Touring and sightseeing per itinerary in an air-conditioned motor vehicle with an English speaking guide
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Portage for one piece of luggage per person

Pre-tour does NOT include:

- Airfare
- Tips to guides, driver and dining room waiters (\$165.00 per person; pre-collected)
- Any items of a personal nature
- Any border taxes or visas
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)

Please note: This price reflects a cash discount and is only for payment by cash or check. If you wish to pay by credit card, the price of the pre-tour is \$4,625.00 and \$1,339.00 single supplement.

To register, please use the CA 2012 Registration Form.

If you have already signed up for the tour, email ayelet@ayelet.com to add this tour to your reservation.

CANCELLATION POLICY: \$100.00 per person charge if cancelled once booked plus any applicable airline penalties. \$250.00 per person plus any additional airline penalties charged if cancelled 60-31 days before departure. 100% penalties apply if cancelled 30 days or less before departure.

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