

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

on a Jewish Heritage Tour to

EASTERN EUROPE

November 11 - 21, 2012

\$3,699.00 LAND only, per person

Based on double occupancy



TOUR INCLUDES:

- 2 nights at the Kings Court Hotel in Prague
- 2 nights at the Kempinski Hotel in Budapest
- 3 nights at the Radisson Hotel in Krakow
- 2 nights at the Bristol Hotel in Warsaw
- First Class train from Krakow to Warsaw
- Breakfast Daily * Welcome Dinner in Prague
- Dinner in Budapest * Shabbat Dinner in Krakow
- Farewell Dinner with the Beit Warszawa Community in Warsaw
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure
- All touring with a local licensed English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned motorcoach
- All transfers and entrance fees per itinerary * Portage

EASTERN EUROPE HIGHLIGHTS:

DAILY LECTURES BY PROFESSOR STEPHEN BERK

- Tour of historic Jewish Prague
 - Visit to Terezin
 - Shabbat in Budapest
 - Budapest's Dohany Synagogue
 - Jewish Cemetery and Museum
 - The Royal Palace in Budapest
 - Royal Castle of Hradcany
 - Krakow's Old Synagogue & Schindler's Factory
 - Plashow Concentration Camp
 - Visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau
 - The Old Jewish Cemetery
 - Tour of the former Warsaw Ghetto
- 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, November 11, 2012: We depart JFK on our overnight flight to Prague.

DAY 2, Monday, November 12, 2012: Arrival in Prague. Check in to hotel. Afternoon tour of Golden Prague, including the 1,000-year-old Hradcany Castle, the Charles Bridge, the Astronomical Clock and St. Vitus' Cathedral. Welcome dinner. Overnight in Prague.

DAY 3, Tuesday, November 13, 2012: Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. 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. Afternoon tour to Terezin, the former Nazi "model" concentration camp, where we visit the Jewish Museum, the small fortress and the hidden synagogue, as well as the town of Terezin itself. Overnight in Prague.

DAY 4, Wednesday, November 14, 2012: Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for our short flight to Budapest, the capital of Hungary. Situated on the opposite banks of the Danube River, the former cities of Buda and Pest are linked by a series of graceful bridges. We enjoy a panoramic bus tour of Budapest, including Parliament, the Royal Palace, the Castle Hill area, Fishermen's Bastion, Coronation Church, Hero's Square and Gellert Hill. Overnight in Budapest.

DAY 5, Thursday, November 15, 2012: Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. We begin our day at the Raul Wallenberg Memorial Statue, and then visit the Dohany Synagogue, the 2nd largest synagogue in Europe, and continue on to the Jewish Cemetery and Museum. Dinner together tonight. Overnight in Budapest.

DAY 6, Friday, November 16, 2012: Breakfast. This morning we depart for Krakow, driving through the lovely hills and countryside of Slovakia, past the Tatras and into the Great Plains of Poland. Shabbat dinner and overnight in Krakow.

DAY 7, Saturday, November 17, 2012: Breakfast. Optional morning Shabbat services will be available at one of the local congregations. This afternoon we enjoy a walking city tour including Wawel Castle, St. Mary's Church, the Renaissance Cloth Hall, and other ancient landmarks Overnight in Krakow.

DAY 8, Sunday, November 18, 2012: Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. Today we travel to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the infamous Nazi concentration camps where many Jews and others perished in World War II. Here we see the Museum and pay tribute to the victims. Return to Krakow for dinner (on own). Overnight Krakow.

DAY 9, Monday, November 19, 2012: Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. 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 Ramuh Synagogue. We continue to the Little Museum at the Drug Store inside the Jewish Ghetto, Schindler's Factory, and the Plashow Concentration Camp. We then travel by train to Warsaw and check into our hotel. Tonight we enjoy a special gala event! Overnight Warsaw.

DAY 10, Tuesday, November 20, 2012: Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. City tour of Warsaw including Chopin's Monument, the Royal Castle, the Jewish Historical Society, and walk to Old Town Market Square. Afternoon Jewish Heritage Tour including the Ghetto Wall, the Monument to the Ghetto Fighters, Mila 18, Umschlag Platz and the Gensa Cemetery. Tonight we enjoy a festive farewell dinner and hospitality with members of Beit Warshawa, the new Progressive congregation in Warsaw, as we learn more about the Judaism alive in today's Poland. Overnight in Warsaw.

DAY 11, Wednesday, November 21, 2012: Breakfast. We transfer to the airport for our flight home.

The Memories Last Forever!

**Itinerary subject to change*

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