



Jewish Europe

11-days, Prague – Vienna – Budapest



Eastern Europe offers a wide range of cultural, political and scenic regions where Jewish life once played an important role. Join us as we explore Prague, Vienna and Budapest and immerse ourselves in European culture. You will gain an insight into many fascinating places – from the international tourist hub of Prague to the variety of sights in Vienna and the beautiful Hungarian capital on the Danube.

Itinerary

Saturday, October 14, 2017 Departure from the US

Sunday, October 15, 2017: Arrival in Prague

Arrive at the **Prague** Airport, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city on your own. The group will meet in the evening and have dinner at the hotel. *Overnight at Hotel Intercontinental Prague.*

Monday, October 16, 2017: Prague

After breakfast, visit the **Jewish Quarter** which comprises the most well-preserved complex of Jewish historical monuments in Europe. There you will see the **Maisel, Pinkas and Klausen Synagogues** as well as the **Old-New Synagogue**. This is the oldest site in Prague's Jewish Quarter and has been the main synagogue of the Jewish community in **Prague** for more than 700 years. Next, enjoy a walk through the **Old City** with its **Old Town Square**, the Prague astronomical clock, the John Hus Memorial and the "**Carolinum**", which is the oldest university in Middle Europe. In the late afternoon, enjoy some leisure time. Dinner will be in one of the best restaurants in Prague.



Tuesday, October 17, 2017: Prague and Vienna

This morning is dedicated to some of **Prague's** historical highlights. Visit the **Prague Castle**, including the **Royal Palace** (seat of the president and several government offices), as well as **St. Veits Cathedral** and the **Golden Lane**, a street consisting of 11 tiny coloured houses. Stroll through the famous Lesser Town on your own, a beautiful Baroque quarter which clusters around the foot of Prague Castle. After shopping and lunch on your own, depart for **Vienna**. On the drive, your tour-escort will tell you about general life in Europe. In **Vienna**, check in to the *Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof* and have dinner at the hotel.



Wednesday, October 18, 2017: Vienna

After breakfast, tour the Jewish Quarter, the Jewish Cemetery and the **Stadttempel**, the only Synagogue in Vienna that was not destroyed by the Nazis. After lunch in a typical Vienna Café house, we visit the Jewish museum. In the evening, enjoy a carriage ride with the typical *Fiaker* from the hotel to a Vienna Restaurant where we will experience a typical Austrian meal.



Thursday, October 19, 2017: Mauthausen and Vienna

After an early breakfast, drive to **Mauthausen** and visit the former concentration camp. It was one of the largest camps in the German-controlled part of Europe. More than 200,000 people from all over Europe were arrested between 1938 and 1945 and more than half of them lost their lives. After returning to **Vienna**, spend the rest of the day at leisure in this fascinating city. Dinner is on your own this evening.



Friday, October 20, 2017: Vienna and Budapest

Enjoy a walking tour with our Jewish local guide and explore the lovely city center and the Old Town of **Vienna**. Among others, you will see the **Hofburg**, the elegant **Kohlmarkt**, and the **Stephansdom** (Vienna's landmark). You will pass highlights such as the **Belvedere Palace**, **Opera House**, **Spanish Riding School** and **Saint Stephen's Cathedral**, and learn about Hapsburg history at the **Hofburg** as well as about the patchwork of architectural styles of the **Ringstrasse**. See the building where **Sigmund Freud** resided and **Schoenbrunn Palace**, which belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. After lunch on your own and some leisure/shopping-time, depart **Vienna** and arrive in **Budapest**. Check-in and get ready to enjoy a special Shabbat dinner at Carmel Kosher Restaurant. *Overnight at Hotel Intercontinental Budapest.*



Saturday, October 21, 2017: Budapest

In the morning, you are free to take a walking tour with our local tour guide or wander around on your own. At noon, drive to the picturesque artists' village **Szentendre**. It is on the banks of the Danube and was started in the late 1920s. Today, more than 200 fine and applied artists, authors, poets, actors and musicians live in the city. Lunch is on your own followed by a tour of the village with a local guide and some free time. The evening is free and dinner is on your own.

Sunday, October 22, 2017: Budapest

This day is dedicated to Jewish History. In the morning, explore the **Jewish Quarter** on the "Pest" side of the city and do a Jewish **Budapest** treasure hunt. Visit **Doheny Street Synagogue**, **Emanuel Memorial Tree** and **Wallenberg Memorial Park**. The **Doheny Street Synagogue** is the largest synagogue in Europe and the second largest in the world. The **Hungarian Jewish Museum** is located in the same building. After lunch, learn more about Jewish history by touring the **House of Terror Museum**. Continue touring the "Pest" side and pass the **Parliament**, **Hero Square**, **Andrassy Boulevard** including the opera, **St. Stephans Basilika**, the **City Park** and the **Museum of Ethnography**. Enjoy this historical city with a lot of fascinating, hidden corners and step into the footprints of the past. After dinner at a restaurant, board a boat for a "**Budapest at Night Cruise**" on the **Danube**.

Monday, October 23, 2017: Departure

After breakfast, discover the **Buda Castle District**, which is packed with historic sites and attractions, interesting museums, crooked streets and cafes, **Gellert Hill**, **Matthias Church** which is called the **Church of our Lady** and was built in the 19th century and **Fisherman's Bastion**, which is a lookout tower built in neo-Gothic and neo-Romanesque style in the 19th century. In the afternoon, visit some Jewish Community institutions in Budapest and learn about Jewish life and history in Hungary. Enjoy your last dinner in **Hungary** at traditional **Restaurant Museum** accompanied by piano music.

Tuesday, October 24, 2017: Departure

Today, it will be time to say "Goodbye" and fly home or go to **Germany** for **Berlin** extension.

