

**Jewish Heritage Tour to Poland**

September 1-9, 2025

***Led by Keshet Educational Director, Danny Ehrlich***

***FAQ***

**Q**: **Is this a Holocaust focused trip?**

**A:** The focus of the itinerary is the 1,000 year story of Jewish life in Poland, past and present. We will get to know the Jewish “world that was” and meet members and leaders of today’s Polish Jewish community. The itinerary also includes visits to Polish heritage sites including the Wawel Castle in Krakow and Old Town in Lublin and Warsaw. While the fate of the Jews of Poland during the Shoah (Holocaust) looms large, it is not the sole focus of the trip

**Q**: **Is this a Jewish themed trip?**

**A:** Yes. We will be exploring Poland through the lens of the Jewish experience. It is however is open to all: Jews and non-Jews.

**Q**: **When and where does the tour begin and end?**

**A:** The trip will begin with our opening dinner Monday evening September 1 in Warsaw and will end Tuesday morning September 9 with check-out from the Holiday Inn City Center, Krakow.

**Q**: **When should I arrive in Warsaw?**

**A:** The trip price includes accommodations at the Westin Hotel in Warsaw beginning on Monday night September 1. Our opening dinner will be at 7:00 PM.

**Q**: **If I want to arrive in Warsaw prior to the date of the start of the trip or and/or stay in Krakow after the conclusion of the trip can Keshet arrange additional hotel nights for me?**

**A:** Yes – Keshet can arrange additional nights at the Westin Hotel in Warsaw prior to the start of the trip and/or at the Holiday Inn City Center in Krakow after the conclusion of the trip at additional cost and subject to availability. Please contact Keshet Logistics Coordinator Einav Kachalov einav@keshetisrael.co.il and she will be happy to check availability and price for you.

**Q**: **What about flight arrangements?**

**A:** Each trip participant will be making their own flight arrangements to arrive in Warsaw by Monday September 1 (or earlier) and to depart from Krakow on Tuesday morning September 9 (or later). If you need advice regarding flights, please contact Keshet Tour Educator Daniel Ehrlich at danny@keshetisrael.co.il

**Q**: **How about transportation from Warsaw Airport at the beginning of the trip and to Krakow’s John Paul II Balice Airport at the conclusion of the trip?**

**A:** The trip price does not include transportation from Warsaw Airport. The Keshet staff will be happy to arrange a pre-reserved, pre-paid airport transfer for you. On Tuesday Morning September 9, there will be one group bus transfer from the Krakow Holiday Inn City Center Hotel in to Krakow Airport timed to the flight departure time of most of the group.

**Q**: **Can additional touring and/or family roots explorations in Poland be arranged before the start of or after the end of the group trip itinerary?**

**A:** Absolutely. We can help you plan additional touring and/or family roots explorations in Poland before or after the trip. Please be in touch with Keshet Tour Educator Daniel Ehrlich danny@keshetisrael.co.il

**Q: Will there be a lot of walking on the trip?**

**A:** Yes. We will be exploring Medieval city centers, castles, historic Jewish Quarters, Concentration camp memorials and museums – mostly on foot. There is no hiking in the itinerary and while we will walk at a normal pace, bear in mind that some of the historic areas have uneven paving such as cobblestones. There will also be opportunities to sit and rest, like on the bus between sites, at meals, etc. This physical pace of the trip is appropriate for participants using walking sticks and canes for additional support but not for those wheelchairs or walkers.

**Q**: **Can special dietary needs such as gluten free, vegetarian/vegan, kosher, allergies/food sensitivities etc be accommodated?**

**A:** Yes – absolutely. Keshet has a lot of experience in this area. The trip price includes regular breakfasts at each hotel which generally includes fruits, vegetables, fish, cereals, cheeses, yoghurts, eggs etc. There are kosher eateries in Krakow and Warsaw as well as vegetarian and vegan restaurant options in Krakow, Lublin and Warsaw. All provided lunches and dinners (3 lunches and 4 dinners) will be kosher. For meals are “on your own” our Keshet staff, Polish guide and hotel staff will assist you in finding the best places to eat.

**Q**: **Can Sabbath observance be accommodated on the trip?**

**A:** Yes. The Holiday Inn City Center in Krakow is just a few minutes’ walk from the synagogues and from the Krakow JCC where we will be having Friday night Shabbat dinner. There will be no group bus travel on Shabbat. Kosher Shabbat lunch can be arranged pre-ordered and pre-paid.

**Q**: **Who will be leading and guiding the trip?**

**A:** Keshet’s Educational Director Danny Ehrlich will be the main tour educator. Danny has been organizing and guiding Jewish Heritage Trips to Poland for 20 years and is one of the most experienced and dynamic guides in the field. He will be joined by a local Polish guide and by specialty guides at various museums and sites.

**Q**: **How can I register for the trip?**

**A:** In order to reserve your place on the trip please complete the initial registration form by March 12, 2025 (without financial commitment).

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**Q**: **When will we know if there are enough people registered for the trip to take place at the advertised price?**

**A:** Registration without financial commitment is due by **March 12, 2025**. The first trip payment of $750 per person is due by **April 4, 2025**. The Keshet billing department will send a payment request to all who have registered - if enough people have registered by then.

For full itinerary and pricing information click here: <https://www.keshetisrael.co.il/herpol>

Please feel free to contact us with any questions danny@keshetisrael.co.il