



Oak Park Temple
B'nai Abraham Zion

A Jewish Journey to Europe

Poland & Czechia March 27 – April 3, 2027

Led by Rabbi Max Weiss

FAQ

Q: Is this a Holocaust focused trip?

A: The focus of the itinerary is the over 1,000 year story of Jewish life in Poland and Prague, past and present. We will get to know the Jewish “world that was” and meet members and leaders of today’s Jewish communities. The itinerary also includes visits to Polish & Czech heritage sites including the Wawel Castle and Old Town Square in Krakow, Old Town Square and the Castle in Prague. While the fate of the Jews 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 and Prague 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 on Saturday evening March 27 in Krakow and end on Saturday morning April 3 with check-out from the Grand Majestic Hotel in Prague.

Q: When should I arrive in Krakow?

A: The trip price includes accommodations at the Holiday inn City Center in Krakow beginning on Saturday March 27 (check in from 4:00 PM). We will be departing from the hotel at about 6:30 PM for a guided tour of the Krakow Old Town Square and our opening dinner. (details to follow)

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

A: Yes – Keshet can arrange additional nights at the Holiday Inn City Center in Krakow prior to the start of the trip and/or at the Grand Majestic Hotel in Prague 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 Krakow by Saturday March 27 (or earlier) and to depart from Prague on Saturday April 3 (or later). Keshet will be happy to refer to a US based flights agent if needed.

Q: How about airport transportation in Europe at the beginning of and at the end of the trip ?

A: There will be one group bus transfer from Krakow Jana Pawla Airport to the hotel on Saturday March 27 timed to the flight arrival time of most of the group and one group bus transfer from the hotel to Prague Vaclav Havel Airport on Saturday morning April 3 timed to the flight departure time of most of the group . Should your flights arrive at times/dates different from the group you will be responsible for the cost of your own airport transportation. The Keshet staff will be happy to assist

trip participants with any additional transportation, accommodations or touring services that might be needed prior to or after the trip.

Q: Can additional touring and/or family roots explorations in Poland and the Czechia 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 and/or after the trip or in Czechia after the trip. Please be in touch with Keshet Tour Educator Daniel Ehrlich danny@keshetisrael.co.il who can help you to plan.

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

A: Yes. We will be exploring Medieval city centers, castles, historic Jewish Quarters, memorials, museums and sites of German concentration and death centers – 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 or dirt paths. 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 in wheelchairs or using walkers.

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

A: Yes – absolutely. Keshet has a lot of experience in this area. The trip includes breakfasts at each hotel which generally includes fruits, vegetables, fish, cereals, cheeses, yoghurts, eggs etc. For meals are “on your own” our Keshet staff, local guides and hotel staff will assist you in finding the best places to eat.

Q: How can I register for the trip?

A: In order to reserve your place on the trip please complete and submit the **registration form with \$1,000 payment per person by September 10, 2026**. *Link to the registration form:*

https://KeshetIsrael.formstack.com/forms/oak_park_temple_poland_prague_trip_march_2027

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

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