



TEMPLE ADAT ELOHIM EXTENSION TO BUDAPEST

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Nov 21, 2024 - Nov 24, 2024



DESTINATION
HUNGARY



WHO'S GOING
ADULTS ONLY



TRIP TYPE
EXTENSION



DURATION
4 DAYS



GROUP SIZE
25+



PRICE
FROM \$1,875

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REGISTRATION DATES

MAY 15, 2023 - AUG 19, 2024

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PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1

FROM PRAGUE TO BUDAPEST

Thu. Nov 21, 2024

- Check out of the hotel.
- Transfer to the Prague Train Station.
- Enjoy the beautiful views as you embark on a comfortable train ride to Budapest.
- Arrive in Budapest and welcome by your local guide.
- Drive to the top of Castle Hill, an ideal and spectacular spot to get your Budapest bearings. We'll look down on the beauty of the city and see how the Danube river separates the hilly Buda area from the flat lands of Pest. Castle Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is named after Buda Castle, which was built in the 13th century and now hosts the Hungarian National Gallery and other major cultural institutions. We'll wander Castle Hill's cobblestoned streets and appreciate the remarkable rebuilding of this area, which was reduced to rubble after World War Two.
- Enjoy the panoramic views of Budapest from the top of the Fisherman's Bastion.
- Check into the hotel.
- Evening option:
Attend a live performance at the Hungarian State Opera House, one of the world's great homes of music. Built in 1875 by Emperor Franz Joseph I, when the Austria-Hungary Empire was at its political and cultural peak, it is one of the architectural masterpieces of Budapest and served as home to maestros like Franz Liszt and Gustav Mahler.

 Overnight: Budapest  Meals: Breakfast

DAY 2

JEWISH LIFE IN BUDAPEST

Fri. Nov 22, 2024

- Take a bus tour along stylish Andrassy Avenue with its palaces and mansions. Home in the 19th century to aristocrats and bankers, it is now also a chic street of designer stores, upscale boutiques, and the glorious State Opera House. We'll jump off the bus at Heroes' Square to see the iconic statues commemorating one thousand years of Magyar (Hungarian) tribes, leaders, and kings.
- Explore the story of Jewish Budapest over the past 160 years:
 - The Dohany Street Synagogue.
 - The Jewish Museum.
 - The Raoul Wallenberg Memorial Park.
 - Visit the newly renovated Rumbach Synagogue.
- Meet young Budapest Jewish leaders and activists to talk about the issues that most concern them and hear what factors they believe will shape the future of Hungarian Jewry.
- Return to the hotel with time to refresh and prepare for Shabbat.

- Who are the Neologs and How Do they Fit Into the Jewish World? We'll talk with Rabbi Tamas Vero and his wife Linda Vero-Ban at the Frankel Synagogue. Find out whether Hungary's main Jewish stream is closer to Reform, Conservative, or Orthodox Judaism and discuss what led Hungarian Jews to embrace this movement. We'll also explore why Frankel Synagogue is enjoying a new surge in popularity.
- Kabbalat Shabbat services at the Frankel Synagogue.
- Shabbat dinner at a local restaurant with members of the local community

 Overnight: Budapest  Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 3

SHABBAT IN BUDAPEST

Sat. Nov 23, 2024

- Is Hungary turning its back on democracy and returning to authoritarianism? Find out during this presentation by Gabor Gyori, senior political analyst at the Hungarian thinktank Policy Solutions. We'll also hear how the rise of Christian nationalist politicians, such as Viktor Orban, Hungary's prime minister and a proponent of "illiberal democracy," affects Hungary's Jews, the country and, indeed, Europe.
- Walking tour of Budapest:
 - Enjoy the lawns, walkways, and architecture of Liberty Square. We'll also see that the square provides important insights into the transformations and turmoil of recent Hungarian history and politics.
 - Walk by the Hungarian Parliament.
 - See The Shoes on the Danube, a moving, sparse memorial to honor the Jews who were massacred by Fascist Hungarian militia belonging to the Arrow Cross Party in Budapest during the Second World War.
- Afternoon at leisure to explore the sites and scenes of Budapest on your own, including:
 - The Széchenyi Bathhouse and the Gellert Bathhouse. Get good and relaxed as you bathe in the city's famous mineral-rich waters.
 - Fashionable Vaci Street. Voted one of the world's best pedestrian streets, it combines elegant architecture and public art with a huge number of restaurants, boutiques, and cafés.
 - Margaret Island, a green oasis in the middle of the Danube. This lovely park has gardens, historic sites, and attractions, including a water park and swimming complexes.
 - City Park (Varosliget) is another great open space. It is a square kilometer of green and gardens as well as museums, galleries, a zoo, a circus, and Vajdahunyad Castle. The lake is another local favorite, especially with rowers in the summer and ice skaters in the winter.
 - The Nagycsarnok (Great Market Hall), Budapest's largest food market. Local foods, spices, and wines are downstairs, while upstairs you'll find traditional Hungarian costumes and crafts.
- The Blue Danube: Enjoy the beauty of Budapest on a farewell dinner cruise on the Danube.
- Havdallah on the boat.

 Overnight: Budapest  Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 4

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Sun. Nov 24, 2024

- Check out of the hotel.
- Departure flight to the USA, arriving the same day.





RATES & LODGING

PARTICIPANTS	COST P/P IN DOUBLE ROOM	COST P/P IN SINGLE ROOM
25+	\$1,875	\$2,050

REGISTRATION OPEN

Cost of accommodations for pre & post nights including breakfast and all taxes:

-BUDAPEST: HOTEL NEMZETI - MGALLERY \$190,- per night per double occupancy room, \$175,- per night per single occupancy room.

*All rates are subject to availability.

BUDAPEST: HOTEL NEMZETI - MGALLERY

🕒 Nights: 3

🏠 Room Category: Classic



WHAT TO EXPECT

🌟 Included

- 3 nights' accommodations.
- 3 days of touring with a tour educator and local guide, in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
- 1 Group train ticket from Prague to Budapest.
- Daily breakfast & 2 dinners.
- The J² adventures App available on the App Store & on Google Play (active 7 days before your departure and throughout your trip).
- Porterage at the hotels.
- All site entrance fees & program fees as per your final program.

⚙️ Excluded

- Credit card fees.
- Transatlantic flights from Hungary.
- Gratuities are excluded. For groups of 20 and more participants traveling to Central Europe: We recommend the following guidelines for tipping (amounts are in US dollars): Jewish Tour Educator: \$12 | Local Guide: \$10 | Driver: \$5. Amounts are per day per person.
- Hungarian State Opera House tickets on day 1.
- Departure transfer to the airport.
- COVID related expenses, including tests.
- Evening transportation when dinner is not included.
- Amendments to the program: In the event that any sites, programs or meals etc. are added to the program, an additional fee may be required.
- Personal extras: Items of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, beverages, coffee, tea, food other than the table d'hotel menu, passport and visa fees, insurance, and foreign port taxes, unless otherwise specified.
- US and foreign airport taxes, Q fuel surcharge and border taxes when applicable.

✍️ The small print

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