



TEMPLE SHIR TIKVA A JOURNEY TO OUR ROOTS BERLIN & PRAGUE

LED BY RABBI DANNY BURKEMAN

Mar 26, 2024 - Apr 4, 2024



DESTINATION
CENTRAL EUROPE



WHO'S GOING
ADULTS ONLY



TRIP TYPE
CONGREGATIONAL



DURATION
10 DAYS



GROUP SIZE
20+



PRICE
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APR 26, 2023 - DEC 23, 2023

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PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1

DEPARTURE

Tue. Mar 26, 2024

- Depart the USA.

🌙 Overnight: Flight

DAY 2

THE START OF A SPECIAL JOURNEY

Wed. Mar 27, 2024

- Arrive at Berlin International Airport.
- Check into the hotel.
- Introduction to Berlin: Orientation with your tour educator.
- Get a glimpse of Berlin and its transformations through an introductory tour to two very different landmarks:
 - The neo-classical Brandenburg Gate.
 - The Holocaust Memorial.
- Explore Germany's traumatic political past and prosperous present as we stop outside at the Bundestag, the German Federal Parliament. The building, set in the reconstructed Reichstag, is rich with history. We'll see how it was created in the 1890s as newly unified Germany grew into an imperial power, destroyed during the Nazi
- We'll stop at Checkpoint Charlie, the best-known crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War, and the setting for countless real and fictional spy stories.
- Visit the courtyards and outdoor spaces at the Topography of Terror, a documentation center where the central institutions of Nazi persecution and terror were located during the Third Reich period.
- Enjoy a festive welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

🌙 Overnight: Berlin 🍽️ Meals: Dinner

DAY 3

JEWISH LIFE IN BERLIN

Thu. Mar 28, 2024

- Find out about German-Jewish identity then and now. Dr. Sandra Anusiewicz-Baer of the Zacharias Frankel College, Berlin's Conservative-Masorti rabbinical seminary, will discuss how the country's Jews have understood their relationship with German culture and the German nation, as well as how German Jews see their role in the country today.
- Tour the Jewish Quarter and see the following sites:
 - Hackescher Market.
 - The New Synagogue and Centrum Judaicum.
 - The Jewish Cemetery.

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- We'll stop outside the home of Rabbi Regina Jonas, the first woman to be ordained as a rabbi.
- Why did a German student of Protestant theology convert to Judaism and begin a process that would see her become Berlin's first female rabbi since the Holocaust? Meeting with Esther Kontarsky at the Orniener Straße synagogue. We'll also see this architecturally remarkable synagogue and find out how it was saved from Nazi destruction.
- Take a guided tour of the Jewish Museum of Berlin and see how architect Daniel Libeskind's design – with its zigzagging lines, inclined walls, and concrete “voids” – retells German-Jewish history.
- Based on the Roman Colosseum, the Berlin Olympic Stadium was built as an architectural tribute to what the Nazis dreamed would be their thousand year Reich. Visit the stadium to hear the story of the 1936 Olympics - its role as a Nazi propaganda tool, the place of Jewish athletes, and the legacy of African American Jesse Owens as a timeless figure in sports as part of the struggle for human rights.
- Evening recommendation:
 - Embark on a unique musical journey with the Resident Music Collective's latest concert programme, inspired by the exhibition *Blown Away: The Palace of the Republic*. Experience the fusion of history and music as the ensemble, featuring students and instruments from the Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler, delves into the cultural significance of the Kulturpalast through a diverse array of voices. The concert starts at 7 P.M. at Humboldt Forum. The tickets are recommended to be purchased in advance online on the website - humboldtforum.org
 - Experience the captivating theatre drama of Anton Chekhov's timeless masterpiece, "The Seagull," brought to life by acclaimed director Thomas Ostermeier. Set against the backdrop of a serene country estate during a balmy summer evening, the play follows the tumultuous relationships and artistic ambitions of a group of characters yearning for love and validation. The play starts at 7:30 P.M. at Schaubühne am Lehniner Platz. The tickets are recommended to be purchased in advance online on the website - berlin.de.

 Overnight: Berlin  Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4

A PASSAGE THROUGH TIME

Fri. Mar 29, 2024

- Take a walk on the wild side as we check out the graffiti and street culture of Kreuzberg. In the heart of bohemian Berlin, this area is made up of artists, squatters, and alternative types since David Bowie and Lou Reed lived here in the 1970s.
- Painting Freedom on the Wall: The years 1989-1990 were miraculous as the Berlin Wall came down, the Cold War ended, and West and East Germany reunified. See how artists reacted to those remarkable days at the East Side Gallery. The “gallery” is actually the longest stretch of the Berlin Wall still in existence and was covered with murals by German and international artists immediately after reunification. Look out for the famous graffiti painting of the Soviet and East German leaders, Brezhnev and Honecker, locked in a “socialist fraternal kiss” and a Trabant – the iconic, awful automobile of Communist Germany – seemingly bursting through the Wall.
- Enjoy a casual lunch at Kanaan, an Israeli-Palestinian restaurant, and meet with the chefs and owners of the establishment: Oz Ben David and Jalil Debit.

- Visit the Berlin Wall Memorial, an ideal place to examine the Cold War that divided both Berlin and the world. Situated on a one-mile strip of the original wall, it includes exhibits explaining why this was once one of the tensest places on earth.
- Experience the Ku'damm, the main street of West Berlin, which will give an understanding of the difference between West Berlin and East Berlin.
- Return to the hotel with free time to refresh and prepare for Shabbat.
- Experience Kabbalat Shabbat service at Oranienburger Strasse Synagogue.
- Shabbat dinner at the synagogue or at a local restaurant.

🌙 Overnight: Berlin 🍽️ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Shabbat Dinner

DAY 5

BERLIN: A CITY OF MANY LAYERS

Sat. Mar 30, 2024

- Berlin's Museum Island is a magnificent ensemble of five world class museums recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Whether you are an archeology buff or a lover of 19th Century European art, you will find your inspiration on Museum Island.
- Discover Bebelplatz in Berlin, a site marked by a poignant memorial commemorating the Nazi book burning of 1933.
- "Jews May No Longer Own Pets": In a city of Holocaust memorials, the Places of Remembrance is perhaps the most controversial. Hung, seemingly randomly, on street lampposts in the Bavarian Quarter are 80 signs that highlight anti-Jewish laws and regulations established by the Nazis. These signs push passersby to contemplate the almost-forgotten history of this neighborhood, which was once home to prominent Jewish intellectuals, including Albert Einstein and Hannah Arendt.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- The Bureaucracy of Evil: in January 1942, German officials gathered at the Wannsee Villa to arrange and streamline the "Final Solution." Visit the lovely rooms – which are now a museum and memorial with exhibitions, films, and original documentation – where these monstrous discussions were held.
- See "The Bridge of Spies," an iconic Cold War landmark symbolizing the tense standoff between East and West. This historic bridge served as a vital link between the American and Soviet sectors of the divided city. Renowned for its role in the exchange of captured spies during the height of the Cold War, it stands as a testament to diplomacy amidst geopolitical tensions, encapsulating the spirit of negotiation and reconciliation in a divided world.
- Return to the hotel with free time to refresh and prepare for Havdallah ceremony.
- Take part in a Havdalah ceremony.
- Evening recommendation: Enter the enchanting world of Puccini's beloved opera, "Scenes of Bohemian Life," a poignant portrayal of young artists navigating love, ambition, and tragedy amidst the vibrant streets of Belle Époque Paris. Under the direction of Götz Friedrich, this opulent production captures the essence of the era, from the gleam of artistic dreams to the harsh realities of poverty and illness. The opera starts at 7:30 PM at Deutsche Oper Berlin. The tickets are recommended to be purchased in advance online on the website - berlin.de.

🌙 Overnight: Berlin 🍴 Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 6

FROM BERLIN TO PRAGUE

Sun. Mar 31, 2024

- Check out of the hotel.
- Drive south from Berlin to Dresden.
- Raised from the Rubble: Examine the extraordinary post-war reconstruction of Dresden. There was much to reconstruct, as from the 18th century onward, Dresden had been a European center of art and architecture. The Zwinger was a palace made to rival Louis XIV's residence in Versailles. The Frauerkirche church was the beloved symbol of the city. The Semper was one of the world's great opera houses. All were leveled during the bombing of 1945, but as we'll see, they have been exactly and beautifully rebuilt, sometimes using the rubble from the original buildings.
- Examine the Jewish history of Dresden, which included medieval massacres, followed by flourishing in the 19th century, and devastation during the Holocaust. At the Jewish Community Center, hear how Jews, including immigrants from the FSU, are reestablishing communal life in Dresden.
- Depart Dresden and cross the border to the Czech Republic.
- Arrive in Prague and check into the hotel.

🌙 Overnight: Prague 🍴 Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7

JEWISH PRAGUE

Mon. Apr 1, 2024

- Explore the Old Town Square, Prague's main marketplace since the 10th century. See its Astronomical Clock, a symbol of the city, and explore Prague's Art Nouveau architecture.
- Discover the sometimes glorious, sometimes tragic, past of Prague's Jews with a walking tour to the Jewish Ghetto. Our visit will include:
 - The Maisel Synagogue.
 - The Pinkas Synagogue.
 - The Old Jewish Cemetery.
 - The Spanish Synagogue.
 - The Altneushul.
- Remainder of the afternoon at leisure: Prague provides more than its fair share of beautiful spots, culture, and history to enjoy during your free time. Here are just a few recommendations:
 - Take the funicular or walk up Petřín Hill, a huge park with great views of the city. While you're up there, relax in the Rose Garden, enjoy some family fun in the Mirror Maze, or climb the 299 steps to the top of lookout tower.
 - Kampa and Letna Parks are also vast parks perfect for walks, lunch, and relaxation.

- The Franz Kafka Museum examines the relationship between the writer and his home city. It includes first editions of his works, photographs, original letters, and audiovisual exhibits.

🕒 Overnight: Prague 🍴 Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8

MEMORY & CONTINUITY

Tue. Apr 2, 2024

- Visit Terezin (Theresienstadt), the ghetto-camp established here during World War Two where over 100,000 thousand Jews were worked to death or sent to extermination camps in the East. Our visit to Terezin will include:
 - The Historical Exhibition which explains the history of the camp and its role in Hitler's Final Solution.
 - Chilling propaganda movies made by the Nazis which were designed to convince the world that Terezin was a spa town and retirement center for elderly Jews rather than a death-ridden way station to the extermination camps.
 - A reconstruction of the overcrowded dormitory and other parts of the camp complex.
 - The Hidden Synagogue that an inmate, Artur Berlangar, created out of a tiny storage space.
 - A memorial service, where we'll remember those who died here as well as the more than 80,000 Jews who were sent to be killed in Auschwitz and elsewhere in the East.
- Continue to Lidice, the site of a notorious Nazi act of brutality against Czech non-Jews. We'll visit the memorial to the victims.
- Eat lunch in Lidice.
- Return to the hotel with time to refresh.
- Dine around one of Prague's hippest neighborhoods: A short ride will take us to Karlin for a tasting tour. Once considered a rougher part of the city, Karlin now boasts a great range of restaurants, cafes, and pubs and a superb atmosphere. We've reserved tables at some of the finest local eateries, and a local foodie will guide us through the best of Czech cuisine while sharing stories of the neighborhood and its transformation.

🕒 Overnight: Prague 🍴 Meals: Breakfast, Packaged Lunch & Dinner

DAY 9

THE GLORY OF PRAGUE

Wed. Apr 3, 2024

- We'll make our way to the Strahov monastery for glorious views of Prague. Here, we'll also stop for a visit at the Strahov Library, a gorgeous Baroque library from the 17th century.
- Visit the Prague Castle, enjoy an overview of the City of 100 Spires, and walk along the Golden Lane.
- Free time for lunch on own. The Czechs brew better beer than virtually anywhere on the globe. Join the locals for a drop in the many beer gardens and restaurants in the area. Cheers!
- Don't Judge a Town by Its Name: It may be called the "Lesser Town" but it's hard to imagine a more charming area with its Baroque architecture.
- Stop by the famous John Lennon wall, the monument of free speech, with its variety of graffiti, color, and art.

- Cross the famous Charles Bridge and make your way through the Old Town.
- Festive farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

🌙 Overnight: Prague 🍴 Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 10

ON OUR WAY BACK

Thu. Apr 4, 2024

- Check out of the hotel.
- Return flight to the USA.

🌙 Overnight: Flight 🍴 Meals: Breakfast

THE EXPERT



SCOTT COPELAND

Scott Copeland, a veteran educator and guide grew up outside of Boston and made aliyah from Young Judaea in 1987. He studied Jewish & Middle Eastern Studies at Brandeis University and Contemporary Jewish Studies at Hebrew University. He was also a fellow and faculty member at the Mandel School for Educational Leadership. Throughout his career, Scott has held prominent roles in a variety of cutting-edge projects and educational institutions. These include his role as founding director of the Birthright Israel Institute for Tour Educators, VP for Education at Onward Israel, a non-profit offering intern-based immersive living experiences in Israel to over 3000 young adults annually, and his directing the Israeli Ministry of Tourism's Archaeological Seminars Tour Guide Course. His areas of expertise include Israel studies, Jewish history and thought, leadership development, and travel as an informal educational arena. Scott is the Executive Vice President at J² Adventures and directs its educational workshop; creating and developing innovative pedagogical content for each J² Journey. Scott is married to Ronit - an internationally recognized hotel and hospitality expert. Their daughter Yael is a professional musician.



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RATES & LODGING

PARTICIPANTS	COST P/P IN DOUBLE ROOM	COST P/P IN SINGLE ROOM
20+	\$5,555	\$6,650

REGISTRATION CLOSED

If the number of participants grows to larger than 30, the price will be reduced.

BERLIN: THE WESTIN GRAND

🌙 Nights: 4

🛏 Room Category: Deluxe room

PRAGUE: HILTON OLD TOWN

🌙 Nights: 4

🛏 Room Category: Run of House



WHAT TO EXPECT

🌟 Included

- 8 nights' accommodations.
- 8 days of touring with a tour educator (guide), 7 days of touring in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
- Daily breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 packaged lunch & 4 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.
- 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.
- 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

- Please review our terms & conditions (T&C's) or request that we send you our full T&C's. Until you do that, here is the small print, and other stuff you may want to know:
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- Cancellation fees may also include: Hotel or supplier cancellation fees. J² Adventures reserves the right to adjust its terms of payment, including cancellation policies and initial deposits.

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