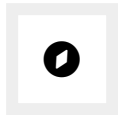




HERITAGE AND HOPE: A JEWISH JOURNEY THROUGH POLAND

LED BY SHIRA KLEINMAN

Dec 7, 2025 - Dec 14, 2025



DESTINATION
POLAND



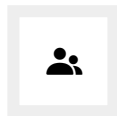
WHO'S GOING
ADULTS ONLY



TRIP TYPE
**SPECIAL
JOURNEY**



DURATION
8 DAYS



GROUP SIZE
40+



PRICE
FROM \$2,399

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REGISTRATION DATES

NOV 8, 2024 - AUG 9, 2025



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YOUR JOURNEY

Your dream trip is just around the corner! Enjoy a thoughtfully curated luxury journey, guided by our expert educators, at an accessible price. You can discover new destinations and enjoy fabulous experiences – all in cozy comfort and at incredible value.

J² crafts journeys of inspiration, education, and Jewish connections to Israel and worldwide. We are guided by a simple but powerful concept: No two trips are the same; each experience should be personal, meaningful, and backed by superb service. Travel is not just about the places you visit, but the connections you make along the way.

If you are an individual and wish to join this trip please go ahead and register. If you are a trip organizer ready to embark on an exciting adventure with your community, we're here to turn your vision into a reality! Let's collaborate to create an unforgettable journey that everyone will cherish. Reach out to us, and let's start crafting the trip of a lifetime together!

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PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1

ON OUR WAY

Sun. Dec 7, 2025

- Depart the US.

 Overnight: Flight

DAY 2

THE START OF A SPECIAL JOURNEY

Mon. Dec 8, 2025

- Arrive at Warsaw International Airport.
- Check into the hotel.
- Welcome to Warsaw and meet your local guide and J² Expert Educator.
- Visit the Nozyk Synagogue, the last remaining pre-Holocaust synagogue in Warsaw. Meet with Rabbi Michael Schudrich, the Chief Rabbi of Poland.
- Continue to the Gensha Cemetery, one of the largest Jewish cemeteries in the world. Revive the names on the unique tombstones of famous Jewish leaders, artists, rabbis, and intellectuals.
- Welcome dinner and panel discussion with Monika Elliott, JDC's Program Director in Poland, and Magda Dorosz, Director of Hillel Warsaw.

 Overnight: Warsaw  Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3

LIFE IN A SHTETL AND ITS TRAGIC END

Tue. Dec 9, 2025

- Depart the hotel and drive to Tykocin.
- The town of Tykocin will provide us with insights into the Jewish world of the shtetl. We'll walk its streets and visit its Baroque synagogue with historic wall paintings that were reconstructed in the 1970s. The former beit midrash (study hall) is the setting for a museum about the town and its Jewish past.
- Just outside Tykocin, we'll trace the footsteps of the town's 2,000 Jews who in August 1941 were marched into the Lopuchowo Forest and executed. We'll pay tribute to them and try to comprehend, in this quiet woodland with its mass graves and monuments, the last moments of Jewish community of Tykocin.
- Packed lunch en route.
- For many years, the world knew little about Treblinka. This extermination camp was leveled completely by the Nazis and very few inmates survived to give witness. However, it is now understood that this was one of largest killing centers of the Holocaust. Our focus will be on Treblinka as a place of Jewish heroism and not just of death. The educator Janusz Korczak was killed here because he refused to abandon the children from the orphanage he ran. We will also recall the prisoner revolt and escape attempt of May 2, 1943.
- Return to the hotel.
- Enjoy a free evening in Warsaw. Before World War Two and subsequent Communist rule, Warsaw was considered Europe's "city of

lights.” It is now regaining that reputation. Check out Warsaw’s nightlife and take your choice from its many restaurants, bar, and cafés.

 Overnight: Warsaw  Meals: Breakfast, Packed Lunch

DAY 4

THE WORLD THAT WAS AND THE WORLD THAT IS

Wed. Dec 10, 2025

- Take a guided journey through the Warsaw Ghetto, including the Remnants of the Ghetto Wall and the Nathan Rapoport Warsaw Ghetto Memorial. Follow the footsteps of the Warsaw Ghetto Heroes along the Path of Remembrance, commemorating the heroic Warsaw Ghetto uprising at Mila 18, and reflecting on the last moments of the Warsaw Jewish Community at the Umschlagplatz - the gathering area of the Jews before they were sent to the death camp of Treblinka.
- Explore the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, located in the center of what once was the Warsaw Ghetto.
- Lunch on own at Warsaw's trendy Hala Koszyki Market with numerous culinary options and a chance to people-watch.
- Explore the Ringelblum Archives, an eye-witness record of life and death in the Warsaw Ghetto.
- Many of us know that our families and descendants once lived in Poland but understand little else about their lives and experiences. Meet the people who can help change that. The Jewish Genealogy & Family Center assists people from around the world in discovering their roots in Poland. We'll hear about how they search for clues, information, and insights that help rebuild family stories.

- Raise a glass at the Warsaw Vodka Institute, a space where guests can learn about vodka by tasting an exceptional selection of Poland's finest craft distillations and liqueurs.

 Overnight: Warsaw  Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5

RECREATING MEMORY

Thu. Dec 11, 2025

- Check out of the hotel.
- Depart Warsaw on a train to Krakow.
- Lunch on own.
- Explore the Kazimierz Jewish Quarter. Once the heart of Jewish life in Krakow for 500 years, the quarter is now one of the city's most attractive and Bohemian areas. Our tour will include:
 - The Altshul. Built in the 15th century, this is the oldest synagogue still standing in Poland.
 - The Rema Synagogue, named after Rabbi Moses Isserles (the "Rema"), a great Talmudic scholar and codifier of Jewish law. It is one of the few synagogues in Krakow that is still active today.
 - The Rema Cemetery, where many renowned rabbis, including the Rema himself, are buried.
 - The Tempel Synagogue. No longer used as a synagogue, it instead hosts artistic events and is a key venue in the revival of Jewish culture in the city.
- Visit the Galicia Jewish Museum.
- Check into the hotel.

- Evening at leisure to explore Krakow's vibrant culinary scene.

🌙 Overnight: Krakow 🍴 Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6

THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY

Fri. Dec 12, 2025

- Depart the hotel and drive to the Auschwitz–Birkenau complex, the largest of the Nazi concentration and extermination centers. Over 1.1 million people lost their lives in the Auschwitz camps.
- Visit the first camp built at Auschwitz, a mass concentration camp. Here, we'll visit the Auschwitz museum which contains powerful artifacts and haunting footage of the lives and deaths of prisoners.
- We will then make the short drive to the Auschwitz II death camp, also known as Birkenau. Largely untouched since the war, it provides intimate insights into the tragedy of the Holocaust. We'll reflect here on the personal stories of some of the Jews held and killed here and read accounts from survivors.
- Group lunch, en route.
- Continue to the Oswiecim Synagogue which stood as a silent witness to the Holocaust.
- Return to the hotel.
- Kabbalat Shabbat services at the hotel.
- Meet with the current generations of Jews who are rebuilding Jewish life in Poland. Over Shabbat dinner at the Krakow Jewish Community Center, we'll talk with JCC director Jonathan Ornstein along with members of the local community, Holocaust survivors, young Hillel students, and Ukrainian refugees.

 Overnight: Krakow  Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7

SHABBAT IN KRAKOW | WALKING TOUR

Sat. Dec 13, 2025

- Visit the Wawel Royal Castle. This palace was the magnificent home of Poland's kings and rulers from 1038-1536 and is a key symbol of the nation's culture and independence. Highlights of the visit will include the stunning grounds and cathedral.
- Explore the Main Market Square, Krakow's city center and one of the best public spaces in Europe today. It combines modern street life with medieval architecture. One of the largest medieval squares still in existence, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Remainder of the afternoon at leisure.
- Devote time to mark the end of Shabbat with a group Havdalah ceremony.

 Overnight: Krakow  Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Sun. Dec 14, 2025

- Check out of the hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the US.

 Meals: Breakfast

THE EXPERT



SHIRA KLEINMAN

Shira Kleinman's passion for adventure, teaching, and Judaism brought her to Israel. Shira is on staff at J² adventures as an Expert Educator and Project Manager and enjoys guiding groups in Israel, Poland and other places. A graduate of Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, Shira holds a masters in Israel Education from the iCenter at the George Washington University. Shira integrates storytelling, song, arts, and text into her guiding to help participants find their place in Jewish history and loves rediscovering places time and again through the eyes of her participants.



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RATES & LODGING

PARTICIPANTS	COST P/P IN DOUBLE ROOM	COST P/P IN SINGLE ROOM
40+	\$2,399	\$2,789

WARSAW: LEONARDO ROYAL HOTEL

 Nights: 3

 [Hotel Website](#)

KRAKOW: INDIGO OLD TOWN

 Nights: 3

 [Hotel Website](#)

WHAT TO EXPECT

Included

- 6 nights' accommodations.
 - 6 days of touring with a J² Expert Educator (guide), 4 days of touring in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
 - Daily breakfast, 2 lunches & 2 dinners.
 - Group arrival transfer.
 - Group departure transfer.
 - Water on the bus.
 - Porterage at the hotels.
 - All site entrance fees & program fees as per your final program.
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Excluded

- Credit card fees.
 - Flights to & from Poland.
 - 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.
 - Gratuities: Recommend guidelines for tipping are provided in the terms section.
 - US and foreign airport taxes, Q fuel surcharge and border taxes when applicable.
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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:
- Validity | All prices quoted are based on exchange rates as of the proposal date and are subject to change without notice. Rates are per person and are based on shared twin room occupancy.
- How to Make a Reservation | The quickest way to make a reservation is to register online or contact us by email. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and American Express credit cards. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 is required in order to complete the registration process.
- For any assistance with this registration process or other trip-related queries, please email Customer Care: customercare@j2adventures.com.
- Payments | The balance of your payment is due 120 days before your trip begins, or as specified in your invoice. You will receive an email reminder 2 weeks before this date. Various payment options are available as follows:
 - Credit card | We accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express. Please check with your credit card provider regarding international processing fees. We are unable to process payments of over \$1,000 over the phone. Please submit payment online via a credit card or by wiring funds via your bank.
 - Domestic bank wire transfer | Payment should be wired in the same currency that is listed on your invoice. Please add the name of your group or invoice number as a reference and forward a copy of the transfer receipt by email. The bank transfer should clearly state the beneficiary's name on the wire transfer.
- J² Adventures reserves the right to automatically cancel your reservation on that date and it may be subject to reconfirmation should the final payment not be received.
- Cancellation Policy | All cancellations need to be made in writing. The cancellation fee depends on the date when we receive written notification of your request to cancel your booking. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable.
- Cancellation fees | Cancellations made 120 or more days prior to departure incur the loss of the deposit. Cancellations made 119 to 46 days prior to departure incur the loss of 50% of the full trip cost. Cancellations made 45 days or less prior to the departure incur the loss of 100% of the full trip cost.
- 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.

 Terms

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- Please click [here](#) to view our full terms (T&C's). These T&C's apply to all reservations created within J² Adventures.