



# Lithuania & Poland

## EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

JUNE 20 – JULY 3, 2022

Examine the life that was lived as you reconnect with your own heritage. Discover the remarkable treasures of old Warsaw, Kraków, Vilnius, and the magical Białowieża Forest. Noted historian Dr. Samuel Kassow, together with Dr. Jonathan Brent, YIVO Executive Director and CEO, will illustrate the fascinating ways Jewish culture helped shape these societies. You will also visit places where the greatest tragedy in our history occurred. Additionally, you will meet the dynamic young Jews re-building communities on ancestral grounds and take in the sights and sounds of the hugely popular Jewish Culture Festival, the largest Jewish festival in Europe.

*The tour will be chaired by Irene Pletka, vice-chair of the YIVO Board of Directors.*

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**\$7,198** per person, double occupancy\* | **\$1,460** single supplement

*\*see page 4 for details*

# ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

## DAY 1 / MONDAY, JUNE 20 / ARRIVAL IN VILNIUS

- Transfers from airport to the hotel
- Afternoon tour of Vilnius
- Welcome Dinner
- Stikliai Hotel

## DAY 2 / TUESDAY, JUNE 21 / VILNIUS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Walking tour of Vilnius
- Visit the Choral Synagogue and the Gaon tomb at the cemetery
- Lunch served during the tour
- Afternoon visit to Ponar
- Evening program pending
- Stikliai Hotel

## DAY 3 / WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 / VILNIUS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Tour of the National Library, YIVO Vilna Project, Max Weinreich memorial
- Lunch served during the tour
- Stikliai Hotel

## DAY 4 / THURSDAY, JUNE 23 / VILNIUS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Excursion to Kaunas including 9th Fort, former Ghetto area, Sugihara House, Choral Synagogue
- Lunch served during the tour in Kaunas
- Return to Vilnius in the late afternoon
- Stikliai Hotel

## DAY 5 / FRIDAY, JUNE 24 / VILNIUS – SEJNY – BIAŁOWIEŻA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Departure from the hotel
- Visit the Borderland Foundation
- Lunch served in Sejny
- Afternoon arrival in Białowieża
- Walking tour of Białowieża
- Friday night dinner
- Zubrowka Hotel

## **DAY 6 / SATURDAY, JUNE 25 / BIAŁOWIEŻA – TYKOCIN – TREBLINKA – WARSAW**

- Morning excursion to the forest
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day tour including visits in Tykocin and Treblinka en route to Warsaw
- Lunch served en route
- Check-in at the hotel in Warsaw
- Evening at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

## **DAY 7 / SUNDAY, JUNE 26 / WARSAW**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day program including Nozyk Synagogue, cemetery, former ghetto area, ŻIH
- Lunch served during the touring
- Bristol Hotel

## **DAY 8 / MONDAY, JUNE 27 / WARSAW**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- POLIN museum
- Afternoon at leisure
- Dinner
- Bristol Hotel

## **DAY 9 / TUESDAY, JUNE 28 / WARSAW – ŁÓDŹ – WARSAW**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Łódź
- Tour of Łódź
- Lunch at Andel's Hotel
- Return to Warsaw in the afternoon
- Time at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

## **DAY 10 / WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 / WARSAW – LUBLIN – KAZIMIERZ DOLNY**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Lublin
- Tour of Lublin including Brama Grodzka, Yeshiva, cemetery and Old Town
- Lunch in Lublin
- Optional visit to Majdanek
- Transfer to Kazimierz Dolny
- Tour of Kazimierz Dolny
- Hotel Król Kazimierz Dolny

## **DAY 11 / THURSDAY, JUNE 30 / KAZIMIERZ DOLNY – KRAKÓW**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Kraków
- Lunch served en route
- Check in to Stry Hotel
- Evening Jewish Festival concert in Kraków
- Stry Hotel

## DAY 12 / FRIDAY, JULY 1 / KRAKÓW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Optional study visit to Auschwitz and Birkenau
- Return to Kraków in the early afternoon
- Optional walking tour of the Old Town
- Shabbat Dinner
- Stary Hotel

## DAY 13 / SATURDAY, JULY 2 / KRAKÓW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day program in Kraków including Schindler's Museum, Kantor Museum, Galicia Museum, and Czartoryski Museum
- Farewell Dinner
- Finale Open Air Concert on Szeroka
- Stary Hotel

## DAY 14 / SUNDAY, JULY 3 / KRAKÓW – HOME FLIGHTS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfers to the airport

*\* Itinerary is subject to change.*

*\* Dietary restrictions will be accommodated if possible.*

**\*\* Please see visa information on page 6.**



## RATES

**\$7,198** per person\*, double occupancy – includes a \$1,000 per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO†

**\$1,460** single supplement

*\* Based on a minimum of 15 participants. If more than fifteen people sign up, the cost per person will be reduced.*

*† Upon receipt of the final payment, YIVO will provide a letter indicating your tax-deductible contribution.*

### THE PRICE IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING INCLUDED SERVICES:

- All private services throughout the tour
- All transfers on arrival and departure day (June 20 and July 3)
- Full time Tour Director (Dariusz Kuzniar)
- Deluxe hotel accommodations in Vilnius, Warsaw, and Kraków
- First class accommodations in Białowieża and Kazimierz Dolny
- Daily breakfast buffet at the hotels
- 9 lunches
- 5 dinners (alcoholic beverages are not included)
- All entrance fees as per the program

- All taxes and fees
- Tips (except to drivers, guides and Tour Director)

**NOT INCLUDED SERVICES:**

- Flights to and from Europe
- Transfers on other days than the announced arrival and departure dates
- Pre- or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Tips to guides and drivers
- Travel insurance – mandatory
- Any personal expenses

**DEPOSIT:**

A \$1,000 deposit is due by February 1st.

**PAYMENT:**

To sign up for the tour, each traveler must complete a reservation form. Upon receipt of the reservation, YIVO will issue an invoice. The first installment (50%) is due no later than February 20th (120 days prior to the tour), and the second and final installment no later than April 20th (60 days prior to departure).

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND:**

For all cancellations, we will refund payment less the following cancellation fees:

<u>Prior to the departure</u>	<u>Cancellation fee</u>
120 to 91 days	\$500 per person
90 to 61 days	\$1000 per person
60 to 46 days	\$2000 per person
45 to 31 days	\$2500 per person
30 days or less	Full Payment

**CHANGES:**

Participants requiring individual travel arrangements in conjunction with this tour must inform the Tour Operator as early as possible. Individual arrangements can be made pre- or post-tour. For any change made 90 days or less prior to the tour, a service fee of \$100 per person will be charged. All expenses involved with individual travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the individual traveler.

**MEALS:**

Breakfasts are served buffet-style at the hotels. Other meals are served at restaurants or at the hotels and are based upon set menus reflecting local traditions. However, alternatives are provided for travelers requiring special meals, such as vegetarian or fish options. Lunches will vary according to the time and the place. Alcoholic beverages are not included.



# TRAVEL

## **AIRPORT TRANSFERS:**

Momentum Tours & Travel offers complimentary transfers on the listed arrival and departure dates. These are June 20, 2022, and July 3, 2022. For pre-tour arrivals or post-tour departures, individual transfers, hotels, or other services can be arranged upon request and must be paid directly to Momentum Tours & Travel by the individual travelers.

## **TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:**

**Due to the uncertainty of COVID, travel insurance is mandatory.** Momentum Tours & Travel sells travel insurance on behalf of TravelSafe.

TravelSafe offers the option to waive pre-existing conditions if the purchase of insurance is made at the time of initial payment (deposit or other payments). Purchase of insurance can be canceled free of cost within 21 days. TravelSafe also offers insurance with a “cancel for any reason” option. Questions about travel insurance must be made directly to Momentum Tours. Participants may purchase travel insurance from other providers. Please note that travel insurance providers have different rules regarding coverage and how pre-existing conditions can be waived. It is up to the individual traveler to obtain and review the rules for all policies.

## **PASSPORT AND VISA:**

Visas are **not** required for this departure. Each traveler must possess a valid passport. The passport must be valid for at least six months after the tour has been completed.

## **TRAVEL DURING COVID:**

The safety and security of our participants are of the utmost importance. Travel is currently open for residents from the United States. Our tour will be following rules and regulations set forth by local government officials. Trip participants will agree to abide by all COVID protocols set forth by both governing bodies, our tour operator, and by YIVO staff. Travel always assumes some risks, and participants are aware of the medical risks associated with travel. This trip is subject to COVID protocol updates, changes, and cancellation.

All participants must show proof of vaccination, including boosters as they become available. Entry to Lithuania and Poland currently requires a negative test result and is subject to change. Masks are mandatory in locations where social distancing is not possible. It is the responsibility of each traveler to bring their own masks and to wear them when requested. Momentum Tours and YIVO can under no circumstances be held responsible for any COVID-related outbreaks that affect your travels. Due to COVID, we require that each traveler purchase travel insurance. Prior to the flight back to the United States, a negative COVID test is required (subject to change).

## **DISCLAIMER:**

Momentum Tours & Travel, Inc. (hereinafter “Tour Operator”) and/or its representatives shall act only as independent contractors for various and independent suppliers of services in connection with its tours in making arrangements for accommodation, transport, meals, or any other service, and does not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, inconvenience, expense, damage or loss of property, death, cancellation, change in itinerary, accident, irregularity or delay due to an act of negligence of, or default of, any hotel, carrier, motor coach company, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in the tour, or by an act of God. Further, the Tour Operator is not responsible for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any other causes. No responsibility shall be incurred for any additional expense, omissions, delays, re-routing or other acts of any government or other authority. The airline, steamship and railroad companies concerned are not responsible for any act, omission, or event, during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the airlines, steamship and railroad companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between such companies, and

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