



# Lithuania & Poland

## EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

JUNE 17-30, 2024

Examine the life that was lived as you reconnect with your own heritage. Discover the remarkable treasures of old Warsaw, Kraków, Vilnius, and Białowieża. 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.*

To learn more, please contact Florence Behrens, Study Tour Coordinator:

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**\$7,258** per person, double occupancy\* | **\$1,595** single supplement

*\*see page 5 for details*

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

### DAY 1 / MONDAY, JUNE 17 / ARRIVAL IN VILNIUS

- Transfers from airport to the hotel
- Program pending arrival of participants
- Welcome Dinner
- Stikliai Hotel

### DAY 2 / TUESDAY, JUNE 18 / VILNIUS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning walking tour of Vilnius
- Visit to the Choral Synagogue and the Gaon State Jewish Museum
- Lunch served during the tour
- Afternoon visit to Ponar
- Stikliai Hotel

### DAY 3 / WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 / VILNIUS

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

### DAY 4 / THURSDAY, JUNE 20 / VILNIUS – KAUNAS – VILNIUS

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

### DAY 5 / FRIDAY, JUNE 21 / VILNIUS – SEJNY – BIAŁOWIEŻA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Departure from the hotel
- Program at the Borderland Foundation in Sejny
- Lunch served in Sejny
- Afternoon arrival in Białowieża
- Walking tour of Białowieża
- Shabbat Dinner at Apartamenty Carskie (the Czar's railway depot)
- Hotel Żubrówka Białowieża

## **DAY 6 / SATURDAY, JUNE 22 / BIAŁOWIEŻA – TYKOCIN – TREBLINKA – WARSAW**

- Optional early morning guided nature walk
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day tour, including visits to Tykocin and Treblinka
- Lunch served in Tykocin
- Late afternoon check-in at the hotel in Warsaw
- Evening at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

## **DAY 7 / SUNDAY, JUNE 23 / WARSAW**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day tour of Warsaw, including the Umschlagplatz Monument, Warsaw Ghetto, Miła 18, Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, and POLIN Museum
- Lunch served during the tour
- Return to the hotel in the afternoon
- Bristol Hotel

## **DAY 8 / MONDAY, JUNE 24 / WARSAW**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day tour of Warsaw, including ŻIH (Jewish Historical Institute); Okopowa Cemetery, Ghetto wall, Nożyk Synagogue
- Lunch served during the tour
- Optional late afternoon walking tour in the Old Town
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

## **DAY 9 / TUESDAY, JUNE 25 / WARSAW – ŁÓDŹ – WARSAW**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Łódź
- Tour of Łódź, including Radegast Train Station, Old Cemetery, Manufaktura, and Izrael Poznański Palace
- Lunch served during the tour
- Return to Warsaw in the late afternoon
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

## **DAY 10 / WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 / WARSAW – LUBLIN – KAZIMIERZ DOLNY**

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

## **DAY 11 / THURSDAY, JUNE 27 / KAZIMIERZ DOLNY – KRAKÓW**

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

## DAY 12 / FRIDAY, JUNE 28 / KRAKÓW

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

## DAY 13 / SATURDAY, JUNE 29 / KRAKÓW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day program in Kraków, including including Czartoryski Museum, Ghetto Heroes Square, Galicia Jewish Museum, and Schindler's Museum
- Farewell Dinner
- Evening closing Jewish Festival festivities
- Stary Hotel

## DAY 14 / SUNDAY, JUNE 30 / 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

**\$7,258** per person\*, double occupancy – includes a \$1,000 per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO†

**\$1,595** single supplement

\* Based on a minimum of 15 participants.

† 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 17 and June 30)
- 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
- 10 lunches
- 4 dinners (alcoholic beverages are not included)
- All entrance fees as per the program
- All taxes and fees

### NOT INCLUDED SERVICES:

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

### 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 upon registration, and the second and final installment is due no later than April 17th (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.

**AIRPORT TRANSFERS:**

Momentum Tours & Travel offers complimentary transfers on the listed arrival and departure dates. These are June 17, 2024, and June 30, 2024. 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 INSURANCE:**

While Travel insurance is not required for this tour, it is strongly recommended. Momentum Tours & Travel recommends TravelDefend's concierge service for purchasing travel insurance. TravelDefend represents most insurance companies and can guide you to the policy that fits you best. All questions regarding travel insurance must be made directly to TravelDefend or to the travel insurance company of your choice.

**PASSPORT AND VISA:**

Visas for U.S. citizens are not required for this departure. However, travelers from other countries should check if visas are required. Please ask if in doubt. In addition, each traveler must possess a passport, valid for at least 6 months after the tour has been completed.

**COVID AND TRAVEL:**

There are no longer Covid-related restrictions for travelers. Borders are open, and masks are not required. We continue to recommend that travelers be vaccinated and boosted.

**DISCLAIMER:**

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