



Imperial Cities in Central Europe

Budapest – Vienna – Berlin

EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

JULY 7 – JULY 17, 2025

\$8,940

per person,
double occupancy*

\$1,610

single supplement

*see page 4 for details

Many of you may have visited these cities before. Even taken Jewish tours to these places. However, this tour will allow you to view these places through a uniquely Jewish lens. Dr. Samuel Kassow will guide you through beautiful synagogues, unrivaled museums, and landmarks of Jewish religious life and secular genius. You will have the chance to explore the rich history of Hungary, Austria, and Germany. You will also confront the history of the Holocaust with visits to major memorials such as the Shoe Memorial in Budapest, the Simon Wiesenthal Institute in Vienna, and the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe in Berlin.

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

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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1 / Monday, July 7 / Arrival in Budapest

- Transfers from airport to the hotel
- Welcome Dinner
- Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest

Day 2 / Tuesday, July 8 / Budapest

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Introduction to the Pest Jewish area, including Dohány and Rumbach Street Synagogues; Budapest Jewish Cemetery (Heroes' Cemetery); Carl Lutz Memorial; Holocaust Tree of Life Memorial; Raoul Wallenberg Memorial
- Lunch and meeting at the Budapest Jewish Community Center
- Visit to the Shoes on the Danube Bank memorial and the Liberty Square with Memorial for Victims of the German Occupation
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest

Day 3 / Wednesday, July 9 / Budapest

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Introduction to Budapest Jewish history continues on the Buda side of the city, including Buda Castle District; medieval synagogue; views from the Fisherman's Bastion
- Descend Castle Hill on the funicular
- Afternoon at leisure
- Private dinner cruise on the Danube River
- Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest

Day 4 / Thursday, July 10 / Budapest – Vienna

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by bus to Vienna
- Lunch at Café Landtmann
- Tour the Ringstraße (Ring Road) layout and walk in Old Vienna, including the Museum of Military History's exhibition on World War I
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof

Day 5 / Friday, July 11 / Vienna

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning tour of Vienna's Jewish area, including Judenplatz; Holocaust Memorial; Jewish Museum; Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance
- Lunch at Alef-Alef
- Stadttempel Synagogue
- Meeting at the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies
- Shabbat Dinner
- Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof

Day 6 / Saturday, July 12 / Vienna

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Special art history program at the Leopold Museum
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof

Day 7 / Sunday, July 13 / Vienna – Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Departure from the hotel – *Luggage will go on the bus to Berlin*
- Walk to the Jewish Museum Vienna at Dorotheergasse
- Continuing via the Monument Against War and Fascism
- Lunch at the Wien Museum Café
- Visit the Secession exhibition at the Wien Museum
- Afternoon transfer to the airport
- Check-in for the flight to Berlin – *No luggage; the luggage is traveling with the bus to Berlin*
- Late afternoon flight to Berlin
- Transfer to the hotel in Berlin
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

Day 8 / Monday, July 14 / Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Walking tour of the Brandenburg Gate; Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe; Topography of Terror
- Lunch served during the tour
- Afternoon tour in the Jewish Quarter, including the Rosenstraße Monument, and the Neue Synagogue on Oranienburger Straße (outside view only)
- Visit to the Jewish memorial(s) in the Bavarian Quarter of Berlin
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

Day 9 / Tuesday, July 15 / Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning transfer to the outskirts of Berlin
- Visit the Berlin-Grunewald deportation station; House of the Wannsee Conference (place of the Final Solution); Liebermann Villa and Art Gallery
- Continue to Potsdam
- Lunch served in Potsdam
- Visit the Cecilienhof Country House and Sans Souci Palace
- Return to Berlin in the late afternoon
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

Day 10 / Wednesday, July 16 / Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning visit to the Jewish Museum Berlin
- Afternoon at leisure
- Farewell Dinner
- Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

Day 11 / Thursday, July 17 / Berlin – 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 5.**



\$8,940 per person*, double occupancy – includes a \$1,000 per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO†
\$1,610 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 (July 7 and July 17)
- Full time Tour Director (Dariusz Kuzniar)
- Deluxe hotel accommodations in Budapest, Vienna, and Berlin
- Daily breakfast buffet at the hotels
- 6 lunches
- 4 dinners (alcoholic beverages are not included)
- All entrance fees as per the program
- Flight from Vienna to Berlin
- Tips to drivers, guides and Tour Director
- 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
- 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 March 7th, and the second and final installment is due no later than May 7th (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	\$1,500 per person
90 to 46 days	\$3,000 per person
45 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 July 7, 2025, and July 17, 2025. 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. YIVO and Momentum Tours cannot be held responsible for any insurance matter or dispute.

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 six 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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