



# Imperial Cities in Central Europe

## *Budapest – Vienna – Prague*

EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

JULY 1-11, 2024

Come and see Vienna, Prague, and Budapest: cities of Habsburg glory and Jewish memory, where Sigmund Freud, Theodor Herzl, Franz Kafka, Gustav Mahler, and many others lived and worked. This tour will visit beautiful synagogues, unrivaled museums, and landmarks of Jewish religious life and secular genius. You will have the chance to explore the rich history of Austria, Hungary, and the Czech lands. You will also confront the sad history of the Holocaust with visits to major memorials such as Theresienstadt, the Shoe Memorial in Budapest, and the Simon Wiesenthal Institute in Vienna.

*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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**\$8,072** per person, double occupancy\* | **\$1,655** single supplement

*\*see page 4 for details*

# ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

## DAY 1 / MONDAY, JULY 1 / ARRIVAL IN BUDAPEST

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

## DAY 2 / TUESDAY, JULY 2 / BUDAPEST

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Introduction to Budapest's Jewish world with a local historian
- Tour of the former Jewish area, including Dohány and other synagogues, Budapest Jewish Cemetery (Heroes' Cemetery), Raoul Wallenberg Memorial, Carl Lutz Memorial, and Shoes on the Danube Bank Memorial
- Lunch
- Meeting with leaders of the community at the JCC
- Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest

## DAY 3 / WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 / BUDAPEST

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Introduction to Budapest Jewish history continues on the Buda side of the city, including Buda Castle Hill and the medieval synagogues of the communities
- Afternoon at leisure
- Dinner
- Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest

## DAY 4 / THURSDAY, JULY 4 / BUDAPEST – VIENNA

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

## DAY 5 / FRIDAY, JULY 5 / VIENNA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning tour of Vienna's Jewish areas, with focus on Gustav Mahler, Sigmund Freud, Holocaust Memorial, Stadttempel Synagogue, Judenplatz, and Sigmund Freud Museum
- Lunch
- Afternoon visit to the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies
- Shabbat Dinner
- Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof

## DAY 6 / SATURDAY, JULY 6 / VIENNA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Jewish Art in Vienna at the Belvedere Palace and the Leopold Museum
- Lunch served during the day
- Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof

## DAY 7 / SUNDAY, JULY 7 / VIENNA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day at leisure to explore Vienna's traditional coffee houses and some of Vienna's great art museums
- Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof

## DAY 8 / MONDAY, JULY 8 / VIENNA – TŘEBÍČ – PRAGUE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Třebíč (only Jewish site on UNESCO's World Heritage List outside of Israel)
- Walking tour of Třebíč, including Jewish Quarter, Cultural Museum, synagogue, and cemetery
- Lunch served during the tour
- Continue to Prague
- Four Seasons Hotel

## DAY 9 / TUESDAY, JULY 9 / PRAGUE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning tour of Prague Jewish Quarter, including synagogues and cemetery
- Lunch
- Afternoon visit to Prague New Jewish Cemetery with the grave of Franz Kafka, and visit the Castle Hill area before walking down to Malá Strana (Lesser Town) and the Charles Bridge
- Four Seasons Hotel

## DAY 10 / WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 / PRAGUE – TEREZÍN – PRAGUE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit to Theresienstadt Camp and Ghetto
- Return to Prague in the early afternoon
- Time at leisure
- Farewell Dinner
- Four Seasons Hotel

## DAY 11 / THURSDAY, JULY 11 / PRAGUE – 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.**



# RATES

**\$8,072** per person\*, double occupancy – includes a \$1,000 per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO†  
**\$1,655** 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 1 and July 11)
- Full time Tour Director (Dariusz Kuzniar)
- Deluxe hotel accommodations in Budapest, Vienna, and Prague
- Daily breakfast buffet at the hotels
- 6 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 May 1st (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
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 July 1, 2024, and July 11, 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:**

Momentum Tours & Travel, Inc. (from now on "Tour Operator") and 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 other causes. No responsibility shall be incurred for any additional expense, omissions, delays, re-routing, or other acts of any government or other authority. When issued, the passenger contract issued by the airlines, steamship, and railroad companies shall constitute the sole contract between such companies and the purchaser of these tours and passengers. All baggage is at the owner's risk throughout the tours, and the Tour Operator is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to luggage. The right is reserved to withdraw from any tour listed herein and to make such changes to the tour as may be found desirable for the convenience, comfort, and welfare of the parties and properly carry out the tour without penalty to the Tour Operator. Additional expenses, if any, will be borne by the passenger. In certain circumstances, it may be necessary to revise the routing of the itinerary. If, due to such cases, a change becomes necessary in the sole opinion of the

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