



Literary Tour of Jewish Galicia

EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

MAY 17 – MAY 25, 2018

YIVO is inaugurating its first literary tour of Jewish Galicia. Experience the landscapes, environment, and culture that influenced such writers as Shai Agnon, I.L. Peretz, Isaac Babel, and Bruno Shultz. Readings will illustrate the impact these experiences had on their work. Our scholars-in-residence, noted historian Dr. Samuel Kassow and Dr. Eddy Portnoy, Senior Researcher and Director of Exhibitions at YIVO, will guide you on a unique journey of literary and cultural discovery.

The tour will be chaired by Irene Pletka, Vice-Chair of the YIVO Board of Directors.

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\$5,900 per person, double occupancy
\$550 single supplement



ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 01 THURSDAY MAY 17 ARRIVAL IN RZESZOW

- Transfers to the hotel
- Dinner
- Bristol Hotel

DAY 02 FRIDAY MAY 18 RZESZOW – ZAMOSC – RZESZOW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day program (see enclosed itinerary)
- Lunch
- Bristol Hotel

DAY 03 SATURDAY MAY 19 RZESZOW – PRZEMYSL – DROHOBYCH – YAREMCHE

- Early breakfast
- Departure from the hotel (Ukrainian coach)
- Transfer to the border to Ukraine
- Crossing the border
- Continue to Drohobycz
- Agata Tuszyńska, author of "The Fiancé of Bruno Schulz," will join us for discussion
- Lunch & touring (see enclosed itinerary)
- Continue to Yaremche
- Dinner
- Romantic Spa Hotel in Yaremche

DAY 04 SUNDAY MAY 20 YAREMCHE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day in the Yaremche mountains
- Picnic lunch in Yaremche
- Romantic Spa Hotel in Yaremche

DAY 05 MONDAY MAY 21 YAREMCHE – CZERNOWITZ

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Czernowitz
- Picnic lunch en route
- Dinner
- Allure Inn Czernowitz

DAY 06 TUESDAY MAY 22 CZERNOWITZ – VIZHNITZ – CZERNOWITZ

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day program of Jewish Czernowitz and surrounding area (see enclosed itinerary)
- Picnic lunch
- Allure Inn Czernowitz

DAY 07 WEDNESDAY MAY 23 CZERNOWITZ – BUCHACH – LVOV

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Bucach (see enclosed itinerary)
- Lunch and visit to Buchach
- Continue to Lvov
- Dinner
- Leopold Hotel

DAY 08 THURSDAY MAY 24 LVOV

- Full day program in Lvov and surrounding shtetls (see enclosed itinerary)
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Leopold Hotel

DAY 09 FRIDAY MAY 25 LVOV-USA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfers to the airport
- Check-in for flights

** Dietary restrictions will be accommodated if possible.*

**** Please see visa information on p. 5.**

RATES

\$5,900 per person, double occupancy – includes a \$1,500 per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO*
\$550 single supplement

THE PRICE IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING INCLUDED SERVICES:

- All private services throughout the tour
- All transfers on arrival and departure day (May 17 & May 25)
- Full time tour director (Dariusz Kuzniar)
- Full time Ukrainian Guide in Ukraine
- Deluxe hotel accommodation in Rzeszow and Lvov
- First Class Hotel accommodation in Yaremche and Czernowitz
- Full Breakfast Buffet daily at the hotels
- 7 lunches including special picnic lunches with wine
- 5 Dinners. All dinners will include cover charge, water and coffee/tea. Alcoholic beverages are not included.
- Entrance fees
- All taxes and fees
- Tips (except to drivers, guides, and Tour Director)

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES:

- Flights
- Transfers on other days than the announced arrival and departure dates
- Pre- or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals not mentioned
- Services not mentioned
- Tips to Guides and Drivers
- All expenses of personal nature
- Visa to Ukraine (for some countries)

DEPOSIT

A deposit of \$600 per traveler is required at the time of signing up for the tour.

PAYMENT

To sign up for the tour, each traveler must complete a reservation form and include the \$600 per person deposit. Upon receipt of the reservation, YIVO will issue an invoice. The deposit is fully refundable until January 1st. The balance is payable in equal installments; the first installment is due no later than January 15th, and the second and final installment no later than February 15th.

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

CANCELLATION AND REFUND

Cancellation after January 1st will result in forfeiture of your deposit. Cancellation after February 21st will result in the forfeiture of the full trip price.

CHANGES

Participants requiring individual travel arrangements in conjunction with this tour must announce this as early as possible. Individual arrangements can be made pre or post the tour. For any change made 90 days or less prior to the tour, a service fee of \$100 per person will be charged by the travel agency. All expenses involved with individual travel arrangements will be carried by 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 according to local traditions. However, options are provided for travelers requiring special meals such as a vegetarian or fish option. Lunches will be based upon single course or as lunch boxes. Dinners will include a cover charge for bread, water, a soft drink, coffee or tea is included. Alcoholic beverages are not included.



TRAVEL

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Momentum Tours & Travel offers complimentary transfers on the listed arrival and departure dates. These are May 17 and May 25. For pre-tour arrivals or post-tour departures, individual transfers can be arranged and must be paid by the individual travelers.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

Most travel insurance providers waive pre-existing conditions when a plan is purchased within 14 days of deposit being paid.

We strongly recommend that each traveler buy a Travel Protection Plan. Momentum Tours & Travel sells travel insurance on behalf of Travel Guard. However, participants may buy any Travel insurance, or choose no insurance at all. 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 the rules for all policies.

PASSPORT AND VISA

Each participant must possess a valid passport. The passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the tour has been completed. Residents of the United States, Canada and Israel do not require a visa to Ukraine for up to 90 days stay in the country. However, residents of Australia must obtain a visa. Visas can be given upon entry at major airports, but not at the border crossings from Poland. If you are traveling from a country different than the above, please inquire whether a visa is needed.

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**WITH SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE:
Dr. Samuel Kassow & Dr. Eddy Portnoy**

Day 1 Thursday May 17 Arrival in Rzeszow (D)

Upon arrival to Rzeszow airport, you are met and transferred to the hotel in the center of Rzeszow. Later this afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of the historic part of the town. Begin at the characteristic Market Square and Town Hall, before entering the former Jewish area, where two prominent synagogue buildings still stand as a reminder of the glorious past. The larger of the two synagogues (Duza) is now used as an art gallery, and the older and smaller (Stara) houses the city's archives. Welcome Dinner. Bristol Hotel.

Day 2 Friday May 18 Rzeszow – Zamosc – Lezajsk – Lancut – Rzeszow (B/L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, travel through traditional Galician homelands to the colorful town of Zamosc, once home to a large Jewish community. Zamosc is also the birthplace of I.L. Peretz, one of the major writers of Yiddish literature, whose tales of the Old World blend rationalism and mysticism, Haskalah and Hassidism. Peretz's goal, as he put it, was to express "Jewish ideals... grounded in Jewish tradition and Jewish history," and his work provides a vivid insight into late 19th century Yiddishkeit. Today, Zamosc stands as a city proud of its history. Visit the restored Renaissance-style synagogue on Zamenhofa Street, flanked by the former Jewish Community House. Next, enjoy a special reading at the former Mikvah or in the Market Square, adorned by the Baroque Town Hall and ornate houses. After Lunch, continue to Lezajsk, site of the tomb of the great "Tzadik" (or perfectly righteous man) Elimelech, an inspirational force in the birth of Hassidism in the 18th century. Each year, Hassidim from all over the world assemble in honor of this great teacher. Continue to Lancut and visit the small but well-preserved synagogue, which stands as one of the finest examples of Poland's traditional "four pillar" shuls. Cap the day with a visit to the gardens of the Lancut Palace, one of the most beautiful aristocratic residences in Poland, before returning to Rzeszow in the late afternoon. Remainder of the day at leisure. Bristol Hotel.

Day 3 Saturday May 19 Rzeszow – Drohobycz – Yaremche (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Early this morning, depart from Rzeszow, heading for Przemysl and the border crossing-point to Ukraine. Once across the border, continue to Drohobycz, formerly home to a vibrant Jewish community that represented about 40% of the local population. Here was the birthplace of one of our most celebrated writers, Bruno Schulz, best known for "The Street of Crocodiles," and "Sanatorium Under the Sign of the Hourglass," which deals with Jewish life and death in this part of the world. While imprisoned in the Nazi ghetto, Schulz was killed in 1942, sharing the fate of thousands of Jewish souls from Drohobycz. See the Bruno Schulz House en route to the small Bruno Schulz Museum, where you will enjoy a reading of some of Schulz's great work.

Author and journalist Agata Tuszyńska is scheduled to join us here today. Next, visit the remains of the Choral Synagogue, which, despite many plans to restore the building, remains in hauntingly symbolic devastation. Before departing Drohobycz, pay respects at the Bronicki Forest, where thousands of Jews were martyred. After Lunch, continue to the mountainous area of Yaremche. Dinner. Romantic Spa Hotel.

Day 4 Sunday May 20 Yaremche (B/L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, the scholars-in-residence will provide an in-depth perspective on the fertile literary landscape that surrounds you. Afterwards, enjoy a special picnic Lunch. In the afternoon, feel free to rejuvenate at the spa or enjoy a walk in the lush forest-clad surroundings. Here is a place still known as a rural retreat - like Zakopane in Poland, or the Catskill Mountains in New York. For centuries, Yaremche's deep forest, fast-running rivers, and waterfalls have inspired artists and writers; Jewish families came here for a well-deserved vacation from the demands of daily life. Romantic Spa Hotel.

Day 5 May 21 Yaremche – Czernowitz (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Yaremche and follow the Prut River as it winds its way to Czernowitz. At various times, Czernowitz was part of Russia, Austria, the Bukovina province of Romania, and the Ukraine – its current designation. Its Jews are still proud to be referred to as “Bukovinian Jews,” since Jews during that period had a great impact on political, social, and artistic life, contributing to Czernowitz’s nickname of “Little Vienna.” Interestingly, the Jews of Czernowitz worked at a wide array of trades, including farming. Today, the town represents its past with numerous memorial plaques to Yiddish poets, as well as Yiddish inscriptions on the very stones of major boulevards. Visit the blue-domed, Moorish-revival Jewish synagogue (now used as a movie theatre, and nicknamed the “cinagogue”) and the Jewish cemetery. After Lunch, explore the Jewish National House and the Museum of Bukovinian Jewish History and Culture. Today’s Jewish life, though much reduced, is still present, as evidenced by the new synagogue (built in 2001), Hebrew School, Chesed Shoshana Charity, and even a Kosher restaurant. Afterwards, check-in at the hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure. Allure Inn.

Day 6 Tuesday May 22 Czernowitz – Vizhnitz – Czernowitz (B/L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Czernowitz was a gloriously intellectual city, site of a 1908 Yiddish Language Conference attended by writers like Sholom Asch, which declared Yiddish to be the “national language of the Jewish people.” Today will reflect the spirit of some of the great Jewish writers of this city and its surroundings. These include poets Paul Celan and Rose Auslander, as well as the young Selma Meerbaum Eisinger — who began writing in childhood and died in a labor camp at only eighteen. Next, depart for the small town of Vizhnitz. En route, pass former shtetls where writers like Alfred Margul-Sperber (friend to Celan and Auslander), and Moses Rosenkranz (author of the autobiographical *Childhood*) were born. Vizhnitz was also the birthplace of Hollywood director Otto Preminger, award-winning Yiddish author Josef Burg, and the Israeli novelist Aharon Appelfeld, who uses it for the model of his shtetl in the novel *The Iron Tracks*. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the banks of the Cheremosh River in Vizhnitz. Now visit the illustrious cemetery, which stands as a beacon to the world; the Vishnitzer Rebbe, another legendary Tzaddik, is buried there. Both Jewish pilgrims and Ukrainian peasants visit his grave, bringing written requests for help; local tradition is that the “mystical” Tzaddik can grant any wish. In the afternoon, return to Czernowitz. Remainder of the day at leisure. Allure Inn.

Day 7 Wednesday May 23 Czernowitz – Buchach – Lvov (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, leave Czernowitz and drive towards Lvov. En route, stop in Buchach, the birth place of our Nobel Prize-winning novelist Shmuel Yosef Agnon (Shai Agnon). Agnon wrote with equal facility about both the European past and the Israeli present; one of his most famous quotes is “Through a historical catastrophe - the destruction of Jerusalem by the emperor of Rome - I was born in one of the cities in the diaspora. But I always deemed myself a child of Jerusalem, one who is in reality a native of Jerusalem.” See the Agnon house in Buchach and enjoy Lunch, with time devoted to a reading of this giant of Modern Hebrew literature. Agnon’s stories are so elementally human that today, despondent elderly people in Israel may be offered “agnotherapy” — counseling based on the author’s characters and themes. Continue to Leopoldis, the Latin name for Lvov. Check-in at the hotel in the center of the Old Town. Dinner. Leopoldis Hotel.

Day 8 Thursday May 24 Lvov (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Embark on a walking tour of Lvov. Its rich multicultural flavor and history is reflected in the multiplicity of names the city has held, from Leopoldis, to Lemberg (Yiddish), Lwow (Polish) and today’s commonly used Lviv. Author Isaac Babel, often misconceived as merely Russian, is associated with this city. His book of stories, *Red Cavalry*, deals with the Polish-Soviet war (1920), which Babel, just beginning to write, was advised by Gorky to join as a correspondent and propagandist. These stories relate the brutality and anti-Semitism which both the Red and White armies exhibited. Next, visit the former Jewish Quarter and see the remains of the Golden Rose synagogue and the former Jewish hospital, gymnasium, and yeshiva. At various places, Jewish murals have been uncovered underneath coats of paint. Continue to the Jakub Glanzer Synagogue and the still-functioning Beis Aharon Synagogue, where you will meet with members of the Jewish community. After Lunch, pay respects at the Holocaust memorial before returning to the hotel. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure, with time to browse the lively streets of Lvov. In the evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner. Leopoldis Hotel.

Day 9 Friday 25 Lvov – Home flights (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport and check-in for the return flight.

* Program is subject to change