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5 DAY TOUR

Road to the Holocaust

Day 1

Reichstag

The Unification of Germany; The path from democracy to dictatorship; Who votes for Hitler? The Reichstag Fire 1933; The Battle for Berlin; From Cold War division to reunification.

Memorial to the Murdered Members of the Reichstag

A memorial honouring the 96 members of parliament who fell victim to National Socialist persecution.

Memorial to the Sinti and Roma of Europe Murdered under the NS Regime

Dedicated to the memory of those murdered in the Porajmos – the Nazi genocide of the European Sinti and Roma peoples.

Brandenburg Gate

The symbol of Berlin; The backdrop to political changes in Germany; From Spartacist revolt, to Nazi parades and the building of the Berlin Wall.

Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

What is the purpose of the Eisenman's memorial? How does modern Germany remember The Holocaust?

Fuhrer Bunker

Description of the former buildings which were on this site; What was the Fuhrer Bunker? 'Der Untergang' – the end of the Thousand Year Reich.

Topography of Terror

Prinz Albrecht Strasse, headquarters of the NSDAP regime of terror; The Gestapo and SS.

Bebelplatz

Art and Literature in Weimar Germany; The book burning May 1933; Censorship and repression in Nazi Germany.

Neue Wache

Berlin's War Memorial since the 1931; How the changing regimes of Germany remember the fallen; Käthe Kollwitz's sculpture.

Day 2

Wannsee Conference House

Subject to availability

The final solution to the Jewish Question – why was the meeting called in January 1942? Who attended and what was agreed? The Wannsee Protocol and development of the Final Solution; Unguided visit of the permanent exhibition.

Gleis 17 Grunewald Bahnhof

Memorial to the deportation of Berlin's Jewish Community; Who lived in Königsallee /Grunewald in the 1920s? How did the Nazis manage the transportation of 50,000 Berliner's? Did the local population know what was happening?

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Day 3

Auschwitz I

Guided tour with museum guide to include:

- Camp history
- Camp Gate 'Arbeit Macht Frei'
- Block 4; History of Auschwitz; Model of the gas chamber; Evidence of the crimes
- Block 6; Living conditions in the camp
- Block 11 'Death Block'; Punishment and executions in Auschwitz
- Block 27; "Shoah" exhibition prepared by the Yad Vashem Institute in Jerusalem
- Crematorium and gas chamber

Film

Liberation of Auschwitz

Birkenau

Guided tour with your museum and Anglia guides

Orientation of Birkenau

- Quarantine Barracks; Registration in the camp
- The Ramp – preserved wagon; The arrival of prisoners;
- Selection Women's camp; Life in Birkenau
- Pond of Ashes; The Sonderkommando revolt;
- Resistance in Auschwitz Gas Chamber no. 2; Layout;
- How did the gas chamber work? How did the Nazis maintain order?
- Memorial; A chance to reflect; Laying of candles; Kaddish

Optional:

- Canada – 'The Land of Plenty'; Warehouse which held personal possessions.
- Sauna; The processing of new arrivals; Photos and artefacts.
- Dinner at a Jewish restaurant with a concert.

Day 4

Walking tour of Kazimierz,

Krakow's Jewish Quarter, may include:

Szeroka Street

The heart of the former Jewish district of Krakow.

Remuh Synagogue

Closed on Sabbath

Krakow's only Synagogue which serves as a regular place of worship; Layout of a typical synagogue; Visit to the adjoining cemetery.

Plac Nowy

Market place containing the former ritual slaughterhouse for poultry.

Galicia Museum

Subject to availability

Exhibition of photographs documenting Jewish life. Meeting with either a Holocaust Survivor or a recipient of the 'Righteous Among the Nations' award (subject to availability)

Podgorze

The WWI Jewish Ghetto; Memorial to victims of the Krakow ghetto; Square of the Heroes of the Ghetto; Pharmacy under the Eagle and Tadeuz Pankiewicz.

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Day 5

KZ Plaszow

Krakow's Concentration Camp – a background to the camp and its history; Visit to the memorials on site.

Optional:

Wieliczka Salt Mines

Subject to availability

Tour of UNESCO world heritage site Wieliczka which is one of the oldest salt mines in the world.

Schindler's Factory

The story of Oscar Schindler.

Guided tour of the museum dedicated to life in Krakow during the Nazi Occupation (subject to availability).

**Walking tour around Wawel Hill
offering an external view of the Castle.**