



Jewish Journey to Central Europe

An Educational Travel Experience with Hebrew College

May 5 – 15, 2025

We're excited to have you travel with Hebrew College on our Jewish Discovery Tour of Vienna, Prague and Budapest! People are excited to travel with us and are asking questions about the trip. Here are some answers.

FAQ

Who is this trip for?

This is an active tour geared to adults (singles, couples, empty nesters). It is not designed for families.

What is the focus of this trip?

The focus of the itinerary is the long story of the Jews of Prague, Vienna and Budapest past and present and how that story shaped and informed contemporary Jewish identity. We will get to know the Jewish "world that was" and meet members and leaders of today's Jewish communities. The itinerary will also include visits to general European cultural and heritage sites.

Is this a Holocaust memory trip?

While remembering the fate of the Jews of Europe during the Shoah (Holocaust) is part of the trip experience, it is not the main focus of the trip

When and where does the tour begin and end?

The touring program will begin Monday evening May 5 in Prague and will end on Thursday morning May 15 with check-out from our hotel in Budapest.

Am I required to take the group flight option?

No. A group flight option is being offered but you are not required to opt in. You are free to make your own flight arrangements if you prefer. *(A minimum of 12 travellers on the group flights is required for the group flight reservations and rate).*

How about transportation from Prague's Vaclav Havel Airport at the beginning of the trip and to Budapest's Ferenc Liszt Airport at the conclusion of the trip?

On Monday May 5 there will be one group bus transfer to the Grand Hotel Bohemia from Prague's Vaclav Havel Airport after the arrival of Lufthansa flight #1392 scheduled to land at 9:35 AM *(Note that check-in at the hotel is from 3:00 PM. We will request early check-in but cannot guarantee this. Luggage can be left at the hotel luggage storage room until rooms are ready).*

On Thursday morning May 15 there will be one group bus transfer from the Intercontinental Hotel in Budapest at 6:45 AM for the departure of SWISS flight #2251 scheduled at 9:35 AM.

If your flight arrives/departs Europe at dates/times other than the group flights you will be responsible for the cost of your airport transportation. The Keshet staff will be happy to arrange a pre-reserved, pre-paid airport transfer for you. Please contact Keshet Logistics Coordinator Einav Kachalov einav@keshetisrael.co.il

Can we book additional hotel nights before the start of the trip and after the trip ends?

Yes. We can arrange pre trip nights at the Grand Hotel Bohemia in Prague and post trip nights at the Intercontinental Hotel in Vienna (at additional cost) subject to availability. Please contact Keshet Logistics Coordinator Einav Kachalov einav@keshetisrael.co.il . She will be happy to check availability and prices for you.

Will there be a lot of walking on the trip?

Yes. We will be exploring Medieval city centers, castles, historic Jewish Quarters and museums – mostly on foot. While we will walk at a normal pace, bear in mind that some of the historic areas have uneven paving such as cobblestones. While there is no hiking in the itinerary, we will be on our feet for most of each day. However, we also rest on the bus in between stops, stopping for meals and at the various sites we are visiting, etc.

This trip is appropriate for folks using walking sticks and canes but not wheelchairs or walkers.

Will there be long bus rides?

Most of the bus rides will be short hops within each city. There will be two long bus rides on the trips: From Prague to Vienna (about 4 hours normal driving time) and from Vienna to Budapest (about 3 hours normal driving time). There will be a rest stop on each of these trips.

Will included meals on the trip be Kosher?

While some included lunches and dinners (like on Shabbat in Vienna) will be provided by local Kosher vendors, others will be “Kosher style” meaning that the group menu will not include pork products or shellfish. A regular buffet breakfast at the hotels each morning is included. You will also have opportunities to go out for lunches and dinners on your own in Prague, Vienna and Budapest. For meals “on your own” our Keshet team, local guides and hotel staff will assist you in finding the best places to eat.

Can special dietary needs such as gluten free, vegetarian/vegan, kosher, allergies/food sensitivities etc be accommodated?

Yes – absolutely. Keshet has a lot of experience in this area. Also, there are vegetarian, vegan and kosher eateries in Prague, Vienna and Budapest.

Can room upgrades at the hotels be arranged?

The trip price includes standard rooms at each hotel. Room upgrades can be arranged at additional cost, depending on availability. Please contact Keshet Logistics Coordinator Einav Kachalov einav@keshetisrael.co.il

How can I reserve a place on this trip?

In order to reserve your place on the trip please complete the initial registration form (without financial commitment)

https://KeshetIsrael.formstack.com/forms/meah_jewish_journey_to_europe_may_2025_registration_form_no_payment

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