

## TBALA Travel, Summer 2025 – Poland, Prague, Bratislava, Budapest

### June 22 – Sunday - flight day from USA to Warsaw WAW

#### June 23 - Monday

##### Arrivals in Warsaw.

Whenever more than 10 people arrive within one hour difference – organized transfer by bus to hotel.

18.00 – get together in the lobby of the hotel; Meet your local guide Monika.

19.00 - Welcome dinner (in the hotel or nearby restaurant, walking distance).

Overnight at The Westin Warsaw \*\*\*\*\* <https://www.westin.pl>

#### June 24 - Tuesday



##### 06:30 – early breakfast

##### 07:30 – morning prayer at Nozyk Synagogue. Rabbi Michael Shudrich to greet the group

9.00 -10.00 – visit to Jewish cemetery with special permission.

10.15-11.15 - path of heroism including Umschlagplatz, Mila 18 and Nathan Rappaport Memorial to the Heroes of the Ghetto.

11.30 – 14.00 Continue to Polin Museum -

The Polin Museum in Warsaw is dedicated to the history and fate of the Jews who lived within the borders of Poland for over 1000 years! A masterpiece of museum work - architectural and documentary, in its halls history is presented attractively, but honestly and impartially. The museum exhibition is a story of the good and the bad in the common life of Poles and Jews, but with many lessons for today's Europe!

Polin can be made with audio guides.

Lunch with salad buffet in the nice indoor restaurant.

14.15-16.00 drive to Treblinka



16.00-18.00 Treblinka - Museum and site of the camp.

Drive back

Hopefully a short meeting the Bet Polska community  
8 pm – dinner on your own, depending on timing.

### June 25 - Wednesday

#### Early check-out from hotel

7.30 - 9.30 drive to Lublin

9.45 - 13.15 Majdanek



13.30 Yeshiva – pre-booked lunch  
with hotel's Ilan restaurant – for faster  
and organized group eating.  
Talmud study with RAK

15.30 - 17.00 drive to Zamość.

17.00 - 19.00 Tour of Zamość  
including Synagogue - beautiful  
renaissance synagogue originally  
built for Sephardic community.

Check-in at hotel Hotel Koronny \*\*\*\* or similar. .

<http://www.hotel-koronny.pl>

Dinner on your own.



Overnight in Zamosc.

**June 26 – Thursday**  
**Early check-out**

8.00-9.00 drive to Belzec.

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11.00-13.00 drive to Lancut

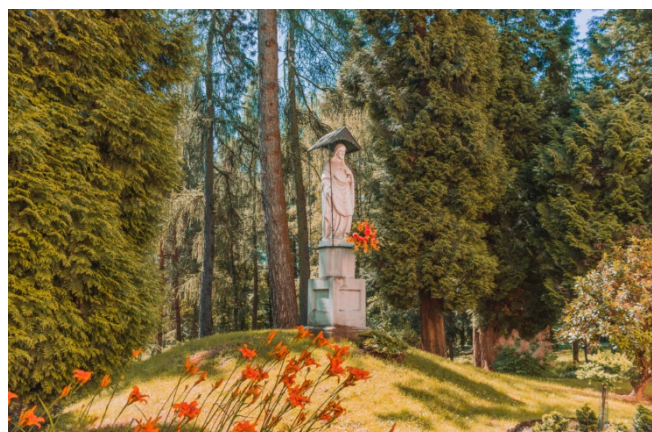
13.00-14.00 - Lancut

Lunch boxes to be pre-arranged.



14.00-15.30 - drive to Zbylitowska Gora

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16.30-18.00 drive to Krakow

Meeting for the bike riders participating in Friday's ride

Late walking tour to the Old Town.

Free time for dinner on your own.

Overnight at hotel Stradom House \*\*\*\*\* - Autograph Collection or similar

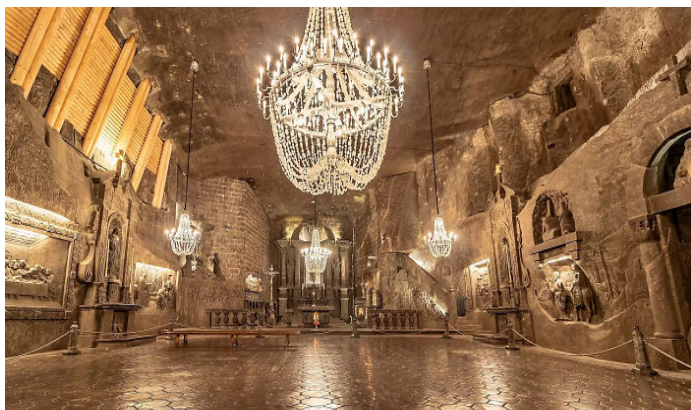
<https://www.stradomhouse.com>

## June 27 - Friday

Bike ride for those, who will take part in it.  
For the rest – option to visit Wieliczka Salt Mine.  
Pick up at 9.00 am.

Then we may organize a culinary class - for instance dumpling making classes - and then it's an option for lunch.

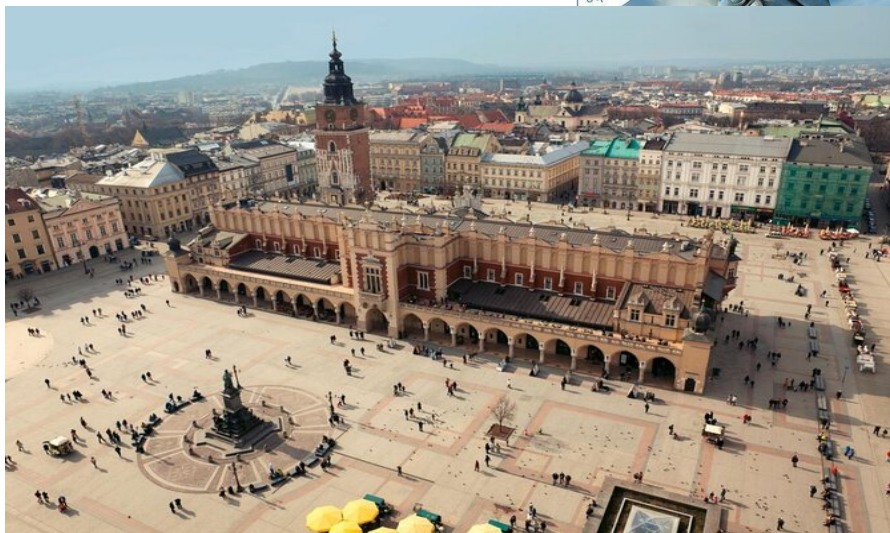
Some free time in the afternoon would give option for exploring Old Town of Krakow:



We may also add tour of the Collegium Maius of Jagiellonian University Oldest Polish University!

18:00 Preparation for Shabbat - candle lighting in the hotel (small hall to be booked with hotel) and service plus Shabbat dinner with JCC, as part of Jewish Culture Festival.

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### June 28 - Saturday

Morning Shabbat service - Kupa Synagogue or Remu Synagogue.



Shabbat lunch – Rimonim Catering, served in Galicja Museum – go around the museum as well.

Walking tour in the afternoon.  
Shabbat afternoon surprise “treat.”

Late evening closing of Shabbat and dinner on your own.

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### June 29 – Sunday

Full day tour of Auschwitz\* -  
09.00 - 3,5 hours Tour of Auschwitz I Museum

Then lunch - Hotel Imperial - salad buffet pre-arranged.  
13:30 second tour of Auschwitz II Birkenau.  
Leaving around 17.00, arriving to Krakow 18.30.

Organized dinner for leaving Poland in traditional restaurant.

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<https://www.stradomhouse.com>

### June 30 - Monday

Check out early morning.

8.00 am - board the bus and drive to Prague ( about 6-7 hours)

On the way stop at Katowice (2 hours' from Krakow) for short city tour.

Continue to Prague with just short sanitary stops.

Arriving in Prague by 4-5 pm

Check-in hotel Don Giovanni Hotel Prague \*\*\*\* <http://www.hotelgiovanni.cz/>

Drive to Old Town and make first sightseeing tour, including the clock tower and Old Town, reaching Vltava river and walking along the banks.

Possible dinner on a boat or traditional restaurant.

Overnight



## July 01 - Tuesday

Jewish tour of Prague – visiting the most important places, related to Jewish history – the Jewish Ghetto, including old and new cemetery, Jewish museum and the Stare-Nova Synagogue.

Further visit to Mala Strana and Karlovy bridge.  
Free time for lunch on your own.

Visit to Strahov Monastery - This Premonstratensian monastery was founded in 1140. In the complex there is the church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the rare Strahov Library with a number of medieval manuscripts, maps and globes, the Baroque Theological Hall, the Classical Philosophy Hall decorated with frescoes, and the Strahov Gallery, one of the most significant Central European collections of Gothic painting, Rudolfian art, and Baroque and Rococo paintings. "I wish that your visit to Strahov brings you joy both physically and spiritually, that you allow yourself to be inspired by the spirituality, beauty, and art, and invite God's grace to touch your heart."  
(Daniel Peter Janáček, Abbot of Strahov)



Organized dinner at local winery restaurant.

Our restaurant "Na Pekle" has been proudly part of the business of the Royal Canonry of Premonstratensians at Strahov since 2021. This historic restaurant is located in an exceptional area near the Strahov Monastery and is carved into the Petřín rock. Since the 12th century, Premonstratensian brothers have been storing wines here, both from their own production and imported. These cellars provided ideal conditions for aging. The history of the place and the care of wine form an inseparable part of our restaurant's history. In combination with the authentic cellar environment, we offer guests not only a gastronomic experience but also a touch of history connected to this place.

Our restaurant prides itself not only on excellent cuisine but also on having its own water spring. In addition to the above, we offer seating in a picturesque summer garden called "In Paradise," which is ideal for relaxing while watching passing tourists. From this garden, there is a view of the monastery complex. This view is even more enchanting from the adjacent monastery garden, which is open to visitors year-round. The close connection with the Premonstratensian monastery brings authenticity and tradition to the restaurant.

Overnight at Don Giovanni Hotel Prague \*\*\*\* <http://www.hotelgiovanni.cz/>

### July 02 - Wednesday

Check-out early morning and drive to the Prague Fortress – visit and enjoy magnificent views.

Start driving to Bratislava, with short stop in Brno for rest – free time for lunch and tour of the center on your own.

Arriving to Bratislava around 4-5 pm.

Sightseeing tour of Bratislava right after check-in at your hotel - AC Hotel by Marriott Bratislava Old Town \*\*\*\* <https://www.acbratislava.sk/>

Michael's gate; St. Martin's Cathedral; Baroque Castle; UFO bridge

Organized dinner in local restaurant.



### July 03 - Thursday

Check-out and board the bus latest at 9 am – visit below Jewish history connected places:

- Cemetery on the Danube, including the grave of the great Rabbi named the Chatam Sofer
- Plaque dedicated to Aron Grunhut who saved more than 1000 Jews

Continue driving into direction Budapest.

On the way stop and visit **Esztergom** – (or skip it, depending on timing):

- **Esztergom's beautiful** town used to fulfil the role of Hungary's capital back in the very early days of the country. With a spectacular view of the Danube, this settlement is famous for the great Basilica of Esztergom, the largest church in Hungary.

**Visegrad** stop for amazing views of the Danube meanders and lunch in local restaurant:

- Visegrád is an ancient and noble town of the Danube-Bend, possibly the place with the most beautiful scenery in all of Hungary. Boasting a citadel, a 13th century tower, and the magnificent ruins of King Matthias' renaissance royal palace, Visegrád is a must-see for enthusiasts of history and architecture.

**Szentendre** – meet the Hungarian traditions and enjoy the best marzipan:

- Szentendre is a unique and beautiful town, hosting a formidable collection of museums and shops. Sewn throughout with narrow, cobbled streets and attractive squares, Szentendre is



also very popular when it comes to art galleries, concerts, festivals and shows of any kind. It is home to many markets, where visitors can buy fresh vegetables and fruits, craftsman products and more.

*Potential Boat trip on Danube to enter Budapest*

Arrive on the Danube bend in the centre of Budapest by 6 pm.

Check-in your hotel - Marriott Budapest \*\*\*\*\* - directly on Danube river with all rooms, having views to Buda Hill.

Dinner on your own in one of the many restaurants along the river or in the centre of the city.

Overnight.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday

10 am – board the bus and drive **to Etyek** (wine region with many family owned wineries – wine tasting and lunch) **or Godollo** – Sisi Royal Palace – beautiful gardens and history

On the way back to Budapest drive with the bus to the **Heroes Square - Hősök tere** is one of the major squares in Budapest, Hungary, noted for its iconic Millennium Monument with statues featuring the Seven chieftains of the Magyars and other important Hungarian national leaders, as well as the Memorial Stone of Heroes, often erroneously referred as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Continue to Margaret Island with the bus and walk around.

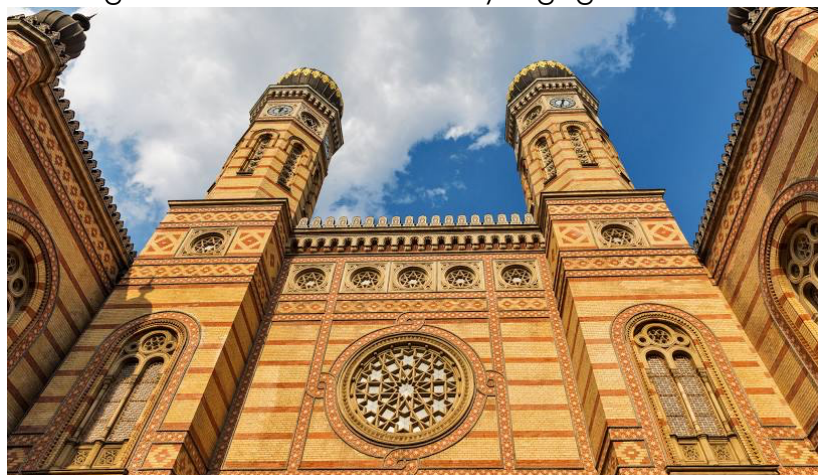
Return to hotel by 6 pm.

Preparation for Shabbat – candle lightning (meeting room to be booked with hotel) and evening services at the Synagogue.

Shabbat dinner with local community.

### July 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday

Morning Shabbat services in the Synagogue.



Interesting facts:

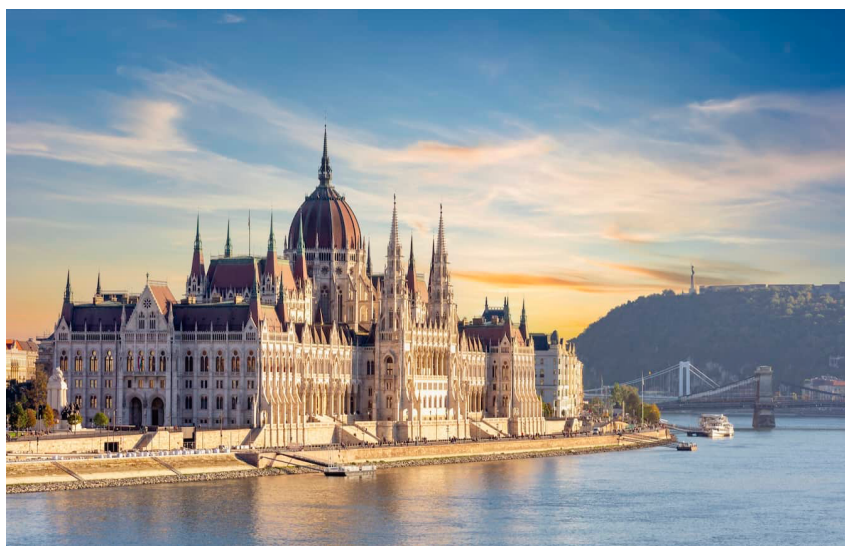
The Dohány street Synagogue and the Hungarian Jewish Museum are in the same building. The synagogue was named after the street, but it is also known as the great, or main synagogue. It is among the top 10 sights of Budapest.

This is the actual synagogue building. The wing with the arcades on the left houses the Jewish Museum, attached to the great synagogue later, in 1931. The twin towers shine in their original glory after the restoration that took place in the late '90s. The clocks on top of the Dohany Synagogue don't work. The onion shaped domes with gilded ornament of the Dohany Synagogue are the main reason why it looks like an oriental, Moorish building. Having been the first synagogue made in this style, it was so successful, that synagogues built later around the world were often designed in the same style. Shabbat lunch.

Walking tour with local guide – Jewish history and modern Budapest

Coffee, pastry shop at famous Vaci utca or nearby.

Hungarian Parliament:



Chain and Erzsebet bridges; Danube bend; Vaci utca and Market place;

Andrasy Ut; St Stephan's Basilica, Opera house



Potential visit to thermal spa. TBD later.

Late closing of Shabbat.

Dinner on your own – recommendations for restaurant.

### July 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday - full day Optional tour – traditions and tastes of Hungary

**Optional :** Tapolca, Balaton - The cosy town of Tapolca just north of Balaton offers the adventure of an underground boat trip in the cavern.

The cavern was discovered by accident while a bricklayer was digging a well in 1903. Further researches found an extensive cave system beneath the town and a part of it has been open to the public.

The rock encasing the cavern was formed 12 million years ago (Late Miocene Epoch). Its mass is made up by layers of milestone as a result of deposited and cemented sediment of the ancient Pannon Sea. The lake is fed in two ways that accounts for the formation of the tunnels. The “young” milestone layer is based on dolomite formed 210-230 million years ago (Late Triassic Epoch) that feeds Tapolca Basin with cold karst water. The same dolomite stretches hundreds of meters deeper where water is heated to around 40 degrees by post volcanic activity. Seeping upwards through cracks it mixes with cold karst water making a temperature of 18-20 degrees. It was this warm mixture flowing from Kórház-barlang (Hospital Cave, mostly dry by today) towards springs of Malom-tó (Mill Pond) that formed the cavern system. Damming the stream resulted in the underground lake suitable for boating.

OR - Etyek – visit to a winery or GODOLO – whichever was not made on 04<sup>th</sup> July

Final, farewell dinner in traditional restaurant with folklore dances – Quiz and rewards for winners.

### July 07<sup>th</sup> – Monday

Check-out and transfer to BUD airport.

Depending on departure times few transfers can be organized by bus with Niko;

rest on your own.

Have a safe flight back home!

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**Package price** per person in **DBL room – \$5900**

**Supplement for SGL room – \$2150**

#### **Price includes:**

- 2 nights in WAW, 1 night in Zamosc, 4 nights in KRK, 2 nights in PRG, 1 night in BTS, 4 nights in BUD – in selected hotels BB;
- 1 pre-organized meal per day (either lunch or dinner, according to the program) with vegetarian menus (fish can be also included) with mineral water only; plus Shabbat lunches and dinners, as per estimated cost by organizers;
- Special guidance of Monika in Poland, covering also her accommodation costs and meals;



- Local guides in each city for the second week in PRG, BTS and BUD;
- Transportation by Nikolanna bus (including empty legs and accommodation, meals for driver), all toll taxes and parking costs, mineral water on the way;
- Wine tasting in 2 places – Prague and Budapest
- Boat cruises in 2 places – Prague and Budapest
- SPA bath visits in Budapest during Shabbat

**Price doesn't include:**

- Tips for driver/guides;
- Personal expenses in hotels – such as laundry, mini-bar etc...
- Alcohol drinks during meals;
- Cruise/boat tours – if with dinner, there will be extra charge, which will be clarified closer to date.
- The cost of the Optional Tour to Tapolca which will be *at the € 115,00 per person.*