



UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Join us on a Mission of  
**Heritage and Hope**  
to Poland and Israel  
7 October - 22 October 2015



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

### Wednesday 7 October

Meet and greet at Krakow airport; transfer to hotel.  
Free day.  
Dinner in Kazimierz's Jewish Quarter.

### Thursday 8 October

Walking tour of Jewish Krakow.  
Visit to Schindler's Factory.  
Tour of Kazimierz.

### Friday 9 October

Guided tour of Auschwitz and Birkenau.  
Shabbat services with Progressive community.

### Saturday 10 October

Shabbat morning service at the Tempel Synagogue.  
Walking tour of Krakow.  
Drive to Rzeszow.

### Sunday 11 October

Visit to Lancut.  
Belzec Extermination Camp.  
Walking tour of Lublin, Yeshiva, Cemetery.

### Monday 12 October

Visit Majdanek Concentration Camp.  
Tour of Kazimierz Dolny.

### Tuesday 13 October

Coach tour of Genscha Cemetery.  
Visit to Umschlagplatz, Martyrs Walk and Nozyk Synagogue.

### Wednesday 14 October

Museum of History of the Jewish People.  
Jewish Cultural Museum.



Remah Synagogue, Krakow



Birkenau



Majdanek



Nozyk Synagogue, Warsaw

### Thursday 15 October

Arrive in Israel.  
Welcome ceremony.

### Friday 16 October

Yad Vashem.  
Herzl Museum and Har Herzl tour.  
Shuk experience.  
Preshabbat visit to Kotel.  
Shabbat service and Dinner overlooking Old City.

### Saturday 17 October

Shabbat service - different options available.  
Old City walking Tour through the eyes of Amichai.  
Meeting with Anat Hoffman, WUPJ.  
Havdalah.

### Sunday 18 October

Social Action program.

### Monday 19 October

Meeting with Mark Regev.  
Abu Ghosh.  
Maccabia Bridge.  
Jaffa Dual Narrative Tour.  
Tel Aviv.

### Tuesday 20 October

Nachalat Benyamin market.  
Graffiti Tour of Tel Aviv.  
Rabin Square.

### Wednesday 21 October

Meeting with Australian Ambassador.  
Nikki Maor - Centre for Legal Aid.  
Closing Dinner - Old Man and the Sea.



Ben Yehuda St, Jerusalem



Yad Vashem



Shuk HaCarmel



Tel Aviv Beachfront

## PRICING AND INCLUSIONS

### PRICE FOR TOUR: SINGLE SUPPLEMENT - \$5500; DOUBLE SUPPLEMENT -\$4500

- 14 nights' accommodation in a double room (4-star hotels).
- Air-conditioned coach transportation according to itinerary.
- Entrance and site fees.
- Programs and speakers.
- Airport transfers.
- All breakfasts, 10 lunches and 6 dinners.
- Tips to drivers and guides.
- Taxes.

FLIGHTS TO/FROM AUSTRALIA, FLIGHT FROM POLAND TO ISRAEL, TRAVEL INSURANCE AND BEVERAGES ARE NOT INCLUDED.

### TESTIMONIALS OF PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS

I am overwhelmed with memories of the most wonderful experience. Every time I talk to someone about the trip, I recall things that I may have thought I'd forgotten but are buried deep inside. I'm bubbling with enthusiasm at the amazing people we've met and the amount of information gathered.

The time spent in Poland left us with a deep sense of sadness at the loss of millions of our people and our subsequent visit to Yad Vashem was made more meaningful by having witnessed it firsthand. Fortunately we were able to counter the sombreness of the day with levity at night, helped by Rabbi Steve and his guitar. He allowed us to sing even though we were so flat it must surely have offended his musical ear.

I saw Israel through different eyes to previous visits – for the first time as a Reform Jew and I liked it! What pleased me most was to see kids in all shapes and sizes from everywhere in the world studying and absorbing everything Israel has to offer – this is the future of the Jewish people.

I tell everyone that this is a trip worth doing.

The UPJ's mission to Poland in April – May 2014 was an extraordinary experience.

In a group of 13 Australians, and an Israeli Rabbi we went on a rollercoaster of emotions, many heartfelt experiences and yet it was not all despair.

Prior to leaving we had seminars giving an insight into Jewish life in Poland prior to the Nazi invasion. A variety of educational tools including film, statistics and maps were used to educate us about the impact of Jewish life in Poland over many centuries.

Our first night in Krakow was spent getting to know each other over a wonderful dinner listening to Klezmer music in the old Jewish quarter.

The ten days spent in Poland were amazing, the program was designed to balance the horrors of the Jewish devastation with the renewal of hope. Each day was balanced with hope and joy in the context of unbelievable horror.

Auschwitz-Birkenau filled us with silence and dread, the vastness of the complex was overwhelming and we were dwarfed by its size. In the 3 hours spent there we saw only a small part of the complex.

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(Please cut off and return to UPJ representative, or email to [upj@upj.org.au](mailto:upj@upj.org.au))

I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING THE 2015 MISSION TO POLAND AND ISRAEL

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