

JEWISH PRAGUE

THE STORY OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, EXPERIENCE SHABBAT IN PRAGUE



DAY 1 – PRAGUE – WELCOME AND PANORAMIC TOUR

Arrival in Prague, welcome and presentation by our English speaking guide. Short rest, then a **guided panoramic tour** of the Czech capital as “introduction”.



DAY 2 – EXCURSION TO TEREZÍN OR TO TŘEBÍČ (ACCORDING TO YOUR CHOICE)

This day will be dedicated to either:

A. An excursion to **Terezín** (68 km from Prague), a small town which was formerly the location of a **concentration camp and the Small Fortress**, a prison run by the Gestapo during **World War II**. The tour begins in the main cemetery, taking in the current exhibitions related to the ghetto and the fate of the Jews in this former fortress town, before visiting the Jewish cemetery and crematorium with its columbarium and ceremonial room, and also the “Russian” cemetery. The tour concludes at the Magdeburg Barracks which during the war housed the offices of the Jewish Self-administration.

B. The excursion to the **Jewish quarter in Třebíč** (UNESCO, 180 km from Prague), explores the Jewish cemetery, then visits St. Procopius basilica constructed inside a Benedictine monastery at the beginning of 13th century, the Rabbinate and the **Rear Synagogue** with its exhibition dedicated to the former ghetto of Třebíč. In this extraordinary and charming quarter, comprising more than **120 historic dwellings**, you will find evidence of a unique coexistence of Christians and Jews. There is a kosher picnic lunch available or a non-kosher lunch in a restaurant.



DAY 3 – GHETTO MUSEUM AND HISTORY OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Guided tour through Jewish Prague. You will be conducted on a tour of **6 synagogues in the Jewish quarter** – The Old-New Synagogue, the Pinkas Synagogue, the Memorial to the Jewish victims of the Nazi persecution with an exposition of drawings made by the children of Terezín, the Maisel, Spanish, Klausen and High synagogues. You will also pass by the biggest and the most contemporary synagogue in Prague, the Jubilee Synagogue. The tour continues with a visit to the legendary **Jewish cemetery** and, of course, **the Jewish Museum** of Prague, including the former ceremonial hall of the Prague Burial Society. You will then stroll through the quarter of Josefov and experience the atmosphere of the former Jewish ghetto. During your free time, you may also tour the nearby **Old Town** with its mysterious narrow streets, the medieval **Charles Bridge**, or visit the **Castle**, symbol of the Czech state.



SHABBAT

In the evening you can attend services at one of the synagogues in the Jewish Quarter of Prague. Shabbat dinner.



SPECIAL PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

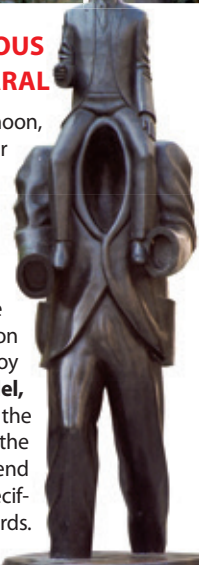
Meeting with members of the local Jewish community.

DAY 4 – FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAMOUS JEWS – FRANZ KAFKA AND THE MAHARAL

SHABBAT DAY, REST

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figures. Passing by the statues of the Czech-German writer **Franz Kafka**, known for his mordant novels, you will observe the new moving statue by David Černý on Národní Street, soon followed by another Kafka statue in Josefov. You will then enjoy a stroll through the Jewish quarter. **Judah Loew ben Bezalel**, known as **The Maharal**, the most famous rabbi in Prague and the author of *The Golem*, the legendary giant created to defend the Prague ghetto, is buried in the old Jewish cemetery. The legend of the Golem dates back to the Middle Ages but became specifically associated with Rabbi Loew from the 18th century onwards. According to the legend, the Golem was lying in the Old-New synagogue and he had to be destroyed by its creator in 1593.



OPTIONAL/IN ADDITION

Concert in the Spanish Synagogue, Franz Kafka Museum, possibilities for private events such as weddings in the kosher restaurant or mikveh visits.

RATE FOR SEASON April-October (except public holidays)

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SERVICES INCLUDED:

- 4 nights including breakfast in the 4* hotel for Jewish customers
- 3 kosher dinners (3-course menu, water, bread), 1 dinner in the restaurant with Shabbat menu
- 2 kosher lunches in a restaurant, 1 lunch pack, 1 lunch in a restaurant with Shabbat menu
- English speaking guide during the tour, guided visits of towns, attendance at the Shabbat
- admission fees: Jewish Museum, synagogues of the Jewish

DAY 5 – FREE TIME

Free day for your personal recreation, relaxation or shopping. Return to your home country.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC OPTIONAL/IN ADDITION

It is possible to prolong your stay and discover other places related to the Jewish story in the Czech Republic including: **The world's third biggest synagogue situated in Plzeň**, one of the last rural synagogues in Čkyň, the **Shakh Synagogue in Holešov** (the last "Polish type" synagogue) and the synagogue in Nová Cerekev built in the Assyro-Babylonian style, unique to Central Europe; one of **the last ten Jewish communities in the Czech Republic**, the Jewish ghettos in Boskovice, in South Moravia, or in Kolin; the **Oskar Schindler Memorial in Svitavy** situated opposite his birthplace and the **Sir Nicholas Winton Memorial in Prague**.

quarter of Prague, monuments in Terezín or Třebíč
- Local taxes

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

- accommodation in a 5* hotel specialising in serving Jewish customers
- concert in the Spanish Synagogue, Museum Franz Kafka
- possibility of private events such as weddings in the kosher restaurant King Solomon
- visit to the mikveh
- transport by coach
- services in blue boxes

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