



Northern Italy

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SEPTEMBER 16-29, 2024

Join YIVO on a fascinating journey of discovery across northern Italy from Torino, Genova via Firenze, Parma, Modena, Ferrara, Padua to Trieste and Venezia, discovering the fabled Jewish history, unfamiliar to most of us. Leading the tour will be renowned scholar Dr. Elissa Bemporad, with noted historian Dr. Samuel Kassow.

The tour will be chaired by Irene Pletka, vice-chair of the YIVO Board of Directors.

To learn more, please contact Florence Behrens, Study Tour Coordinator:

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\$8,998 per person, double occupancy* | **\$2,490** single supplement

**see page 5 for details*

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 1 / MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 / ARRIVAL IN TURIN

- Arrival at Turin Airport (transfers from Milan can be arranged at extra cost)
- Transfer from Turin Airport to the hotel
- Welcome Reception and Dinner
- Grand Hotel Sitea

DAY 2 / TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 / TURIN

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning walk in the former Ghetto to the JCC
- Visit the JCC, including the Museum of Jewish Collections from Piedmont, the Emanuele Artom Library, and the two synagogues of the community
- Lunch
- Afternoon visit to Primo Levi's grave at the Jewish cemetery and a walk in the historic part of Turin home to the Mole Antonelliana, the Royal Palace and Library
- Visit to the former office of Primo Levi or the Primo Levi Center
- Return to the hotel in the late afternoon
- Grand Hotel Sitea

DAY 3 / WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 / TURIN

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning excursion to Small Ghetto and Synagogue in Saluzzo (and time permitting visit Carmagnola)
- Return to Turin
- Afternoon at leisure
- Grand Hotel Sitea

DAY 4 / THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 / TURIN – CASALE MONFERRATO – ALESSANDRIA – GENOA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Baroque Synagogue and Museum in Casale Monferrato
- Lunch is served in Casale Monferrato
- Stop in Alessandria for a visit to the newly restored 19th-century synagogue (was destroyed during the Holocaust)
- Arrive in Genoa in the late afternoon
- Check-in at the hotel
- Genova Melia Hotel

DAY 5 / FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 / GENOA – NERVI – FLORENCE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Spianata Castelletto viewpoint
- Tour in the Ghetto and the Synagogues
- Visit the Sholem Aleichem memorial in Nervi
- Lunch in Nervi
- Afternoon transfer to Florence
- Check-in at the villa near Florence
- Shabbat Dinner at the villa
- Villa Olmi

DAY 6 / SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 / FLORENCE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning transfer to Florence's historic town center
- Walking tour including La Murate, San Ambrosio Market, Via Delle Oche, Piazza della Repubblica, Piazza della Signoria
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Villa Olmi

DAY 7 / SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 / FLORENCE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning transfer to Florence's historic town center
- Visit the Great Synagogue and Jewish Museum
- Continue on foot to Piazza del Duomo
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Villa Olmi

DAY 8 / MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 / FLORENCE – MODENA – PARMA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart Florence and drive to the Emilia-Romagna region
- Visit an "Aceto Balsamico" producer near Modena
- Lunch
- Walking tour in Modena, including the Ghetto and Synagogue
- Continue to "Parmigiano Reggiano" cheese producer near Parma
- Check-in at the hotel in Parma
- Grand Hotel De La Ville

DAY 9 / TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 / PARMA – MANTUA – FOSSOLI – PARMA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Examine rare early Yiddish and Hebrew manuscripts and books at the Biblioteca Palatina
- Continue to Mantua
- Walking tour in Mantua's former Jewish Quarter
- Continue to the Fossoli Concentration Camp
- Return to Parma in the late afternoon
- Grand Hotel De La Ville

DAY 10 / WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 / PARMA – FERRARA – PADUA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart Parma for Ferrara
- Visit the grave of Giorgio Bassani at the Ferrara Jewish Cemetery
- Walk in the Ghetto to the National Museum of Judaism and the Shoah
- Lunch in Ferrara
- Visit the grave of Rabbi Meir Katzenellenbogen at Padua's Historic Cemetery
- Visit Padua's Jewish Museum
- Check in at the villa in the late afternoon
- Dinner
- Villa Barbarich

DAY 11 / THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 / PADUA – TRIESTE – VENICE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Trieste
- Walking tour in Trieste Ghetto and Synagogue
- Lunch
- Visit Risiera di San Sabba, Italy's only death Camp
- Transfer to Venice
- Continue to the hotel by boat
- Check-in at the hotel
- Radisson Collection Palazzo Nani

DAY 12 / FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 / VENICE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning tour in the Venice Ghetto, including the Historic Synagogues
- Visit the Jewish Cemetery on the Lido
- Return to the hotel in the afternoon
- Shabbat Dinner
- Radisson Collection Palazzo Nani

DAY 13 / SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 / VENICE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning walking tour to Rialto Bridge and San Marco Square
- Afternoon at leisure
- Farewell Dinner
- Radisson Collection Palazzo Nani

DAY 14 / SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 / VENICE – HOME FLIGHTS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Boat transfer to the airport

** Itinerary is subject to change.*

** Dietary restrictions will be accommodated if possible.*

**** Please see visa information on page 6.**



RATES

\$8,998 per person*, double occupancy – includes a \$1,000 per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO†

\$2,490 single supplement

* Based on a minimum of 20 participants.

† Upon receipt of the final payment, YIVO will provide a letter indicating your tax-deductible contribution.

THE PRICE IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING INCLUDED SERVICES:

- All private services throughout the tour
- Full time Tour Director (Dariusz Kuzniar)
- Deluxe hotel accommodations throughout
- Daily breakfast buffet at the hotels
- 6 lunches
- 5 dinners (alcoholic beverages are not included)
- All entrance fees as per the program
- Luggage handling at all hotels
- Arrival transfers in Turin (September 16)
- Departure transfers by boat in Venice (September 29)
- All taxes and fees

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES:

- Flights to and from Europe
- Individual arrival transfers from Milan
- Arrival and departure transfers except on September 16 and September 29
- Pre- or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Tips to drivers, guides and Tour Director
- Travel insurance – strongly recommended!
- Any personal expenses

PAYMENT:

To sign up for the tour, each traveler must complete a reservation form. Upon receipt of the reservation, YIVO will issue an invoice. The first installment (50%) is due upon registration, and the second and final installment is due no later than May 1st.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND:

For all cancellations, we will refund payment less the following cancellation fees:

<u>Prior to the departure</u>	<u>Cancellation fee</u>
Up to 180 days	\$1,000
180 to 95 days	\$4,000 per person
90 to 45 days	\$5,000 per person
45 days or less	Full Payment

CHANGES:

Participants requiring individual travel arrangements in conjunction with this tour must inform the Tour Operator as early as possible. Individual arrangements can be made pre- or post-tour. For any change made 90 days or less prior to the tour, a service fee of \$100 per person will be charged. All expenses involved with individual travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the individual traveler.

MEALS:

Breakfasts are served buffet-style at the hotels. Other meals are served at restaurants or at the hotels and are based upon set menus reflecting local traditions. However, alternatives are provided for travelers requiring special meals, such as vegetarian or fish options. Lunches will vary according to the time and the place. Alcoholic beverages are not included.

**AIRPORT TRANSFERS:**

Momentum Tours & Travel offers complimentary transfers on the listed arrival and departure dates (September 16 in Turin and September 29 in Venice). Individual transfers from Milan Malpensa Airport can be arranged at an extra cost. For pre-tour arrivals or post-tour departures, individual transfers, hotels, or other services can be arranged upon request and must be paid directly to Momentum Tours & Travel by the individual travelers.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

While Travel insurance is not required for this tour, it is strongly recommended. Momentum Tours & Travel recommends TravelDefend's concierge service for purchasing travel insurance. TravelDefend represents most insurance companies and can guide you to the policy that fits you best. All questions regarding travel insurance must be made directly to TravelDefend or to the travel insurance company of your choice.

PASSPORT AND VISA:

Visas for U.S. citizens are not required for this departure. However, travelers from other countries should check if visas are required. Please ask if in doubt. In addition, each traveler must possess a passport, valid for at least 6 months after the tour has been completed.

COVID AND TRAVEL:

There are no longer Covid-related restrictions for travelers. Borders are open, and masks are not required. We continue to recommend that travelers be vaccinated and boosted.

DISCLAIMER:

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