



Lithuania & Poland

EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

JUNE 22 – JULY 5, 2026

\$8,415

per person,
double occupancy*

\$1,799

single supplement

*see page 5 for details

Reclaim your heritage as you examine the life that was lived in these lands. View the remarkable history of old Warsaw, Kraków, Vilnius, and Białowieża. Noted historian Dr. Samuel Kassow will illustrate the fascinating ways Jewish culture helped shape these societies. You will visit places where the greatest tragedy in our history occurred. Along the way, you will meet the dynamic young Jews rebuilding communities on ancestral grounds and take in the sights and sounds of the hugely popular Jewish Culture Festival, the largest Jewish festival in Europe.

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

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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1 / Monday, June 22 / Arrival in Vilnius

- Transfers from airport to the hotel
- Program pending arrival of participants
- Welcome Dinner
- Stikliai Hotel

Day 2 / Tuesday, June 23 / Vilnius

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning walking tour of Vilnius's former Jewish quarter
- Visit to the Choral Synagogue
- Lunch served during the tour
- Visit to the Paneriai (Ponar) Memorial
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Stikliai Hotel

Day 3 / Wednesday, June 24 / Vilnius

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning visit to the National Library
- Lunch served during the tour
- Afternoon visit to the Museum of Culture and Identity of Lithuanian Jews
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Stikliai Hotel

Day 4 / Thursday, June 25 / Vilnius – Kaunas – Vilnius

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Excursion to Kaunas, including 9th Fort; former Ghetto area; Sugihara House; Choral Synagogue, etc.
- Lunch served during the tour
- Return to Vilnius in the late afternoon
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Stikliai Hotel

Day 5 / Friday, June 26 / Vilnius – Sejny – Białowieża

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Departure from the hotel
- Program at the Borderland Foundation in Sejny
- Lunch served in Sejny
- Afternoon arrival in Białowieża
- Walking tour of Białowieża
- Shabbat Dinner
- Hotel Żubrówka Białowieża

Day 6 / Saturday, June 27 / Białowieża – Tykocin – Treblinka – Warsaw

- Optional early morning guided nature walk
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Departure from the hotel
- Visit to Tykocin, including the Tykocin Synagogue
- Lunch served in Tykocin
- Visit to the Łopuchowo Memorial in the forest
- Visit to the Treblinka Memorial
- Early evening check-in at the hotel in Warsaw
- Evening at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

Day 7 / Sunday, June 28 / Warsaw

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day tour of Warsaw, including the Umschlagplatz Monument; Warsaw Ghetto; Miła 18; Rapoport's Memorial to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; and POLIN Museum
- Lunch served during the tour
- Return to the hotel in the late afternoon
- Evening at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

Day 8 / Monday, June 29 / Warsaw

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day tour of Warsaw, including ŻIH (Jewish Historical Institute); Okopowa Cemetery; Ghetto wall; Nożyk Synagogue with the Chief Rabbi of Poland, Michael Schudrich
- Lunch served during the tour
- Optional late afternoon walking tour in the Old Town
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

Day 9 / Tuesday, June 30 / Warsaw – Łódź – Warsaw

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Łódź
- Tour of Łódź, including Radegast Train Station; Old Cemetery; Izrael Poznański Palace
- Lunch served during the tour
- Return to Warsaw in the late afternoon
- Evening at leisure
- Bristol Hotel

Day 10 / Wednesday, July 1 / Warsaw – Lublin – Kazimierz Dolny

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Lublin
- Tour of Lublin, including Chachmei Lublin Yeshiva and Brama Grodzka
- Lunch served during the tour
- Transfer to Kazimierz Dolny
- Tour of Kazimierz Dolny
- Evening at leisure
- Hotel Król Kazimierz Dolny

Day 11 / Thursday, July 2 / Kazimierz Dolny – Sandomierz – Kraków

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Departure from the hotel
- Visit to Sandomierz Cathedral
- Lunch in Sandomierz
- Transfer to Kraków
- Check in to Sary Hotel
- Evening Jewish Festival concert in Kraków
- Sary Hotel

Day 12 / Friday, July 3 / Kraków

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning tour of Auschwitz and Birkenau
- Return to Kraków in the early afternoon
- Afternoon walking tour of the Old Town
- Shabbat Dinner
- Sary Hotel

Day 13 / Saturday, July 4 / Kraków

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day program in Kraków, including Czartoryski Museum; Ghetto Heroes Square; Galicia Jewish Museum; Schindler's Museum
- Farewell Dinner
- Sary Hotel

Day 14 / Sunday, July 5 / Kraków – Home Flights

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfers to the airport

** Itinerary is subject to change.*

** Dietary restrictions will be accommodated if possible.*

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

RATES

\$8,415 per person*, double occupancy – includes a **\$1,000** per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO†
\$1,799 single supplement

* Based on a minimum of 15 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
- All transfers on arrival and departure day (June 22 and July 5)
- Full time Tour Director (Dariusz Kuzniar)
- Whisper system with microphones and headsets is provided throughout the tour
- Deluxe hotel accommodations in Vilnius, Warsaw, and Kraków
- First class accommodations in Białowieża and Kazimierz Dolny
- Daily breakfast buffet at the hotels
- 10 lunches
- 4 dinners
- All entrance fees as per the program
- Luggage handling at all hotels, includes one piece of luggage per person
- Tips to drivers, guides and Tour Director
- All taxes and fees

Not included services:

- Flights to and from Europe
- Transfers on days other than the announced arrival and departure dates
- Pre- or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Extra luggage (\$75 per extra bag)
- Travel insurance – strongly recommended!
- Any personal expenses

Payment:

To sign up for the tour, each traveler must complete a reservation form. The reservation should be accompanied by the first installment (50%) no later than March 14, and the second and final installment is due no later than April 13 (60 days prior to departure). Upon receipt of the final payment, YIVO will provide a letter indicating your tax-deductible contribution.

Pre- and Post-Tour Services:

Participants requiring individual travel arrangements in conjunction with this tour must inform the Tour Operator as early as possible. All payments for pre- or post-tour services requested by participants should be made directly to Momentum Tours & Travel. If paying by credit card, a 3.8% fee will be added to the total invoice amount. If the final payment is not received on time, the Tour Operator, Momentum Tours, reserves the right to cancel reservations and apply cancellation fees. In the event of currency fluctuation of 3% or more, the Tour Operator reserves the right to adjust the rates until final payment is received.

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 March 23, 2026	30% of the cost per person
Up to April 23, 2026	50% of the cost per person
April 24, 2026 and after	Full Payment

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. These are June 22, 2026, and July 5, 2026. 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:

We strongly recommend that each traveler purchase a Travel Protection Plan (also known as Travel Insurance). Information about travel protection will be forwarded upon request and included in the confirmation information after registration for a tour. Most travel insurance covers pre-existing conditions only if the insurance is purchased within 14 days of the tour registration/deposit.

Passport and Visa:

Each participant must possess a valid passport, which must be valid for at least six months after the tour's completion. If a visa is required, it is each traveler's responsibility to obtain the visa. Travelers from the USA and Canada do not require a visa for this tour. Momentum Tours cannot be held responsible for any missing visas, if required. Europe is expected to introduce an entry registration (ETIAS) in 2026. It is an online registration that takes minutes to complete. The cost is expected to be around \$20. We will update this information once the registration goes into effect.

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