



Aardvark Israel

Poland - Sample Itinerary

Day One

Arrive in Warsaw and head straight to Tykochin, a small Shtetl in the Northeast of the country. Here we will see what remains of Jewish life in the village and the cemetery before continuing to Lupokova Forest where their community eventually was destroyed. After this, we'll continue on the Treblinka death camp where much of Polish Jewry lost its life.

Day Two

Today will be spent appreciating the Jewish life that existed in Warsaw before the war and bearing witness to what happened during the war. We'll start the day at the Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery, one of the largest Jewish cemeteries in Europe, and POLIN – the museum dedicated to Polish Jewish life. We will visit the remnants of the Ghetto wall, Mila 18 and the Rappaport memorial, and the Umschlagplatz (the collection point to transfer Jews to Treblinka). We will also visit the Israeli embassy and visit the only surviving synagogue in Poland today which still hosts regular daily services, the Nozyk synagogue.

Day Three

Today will be spent in the Eastern areas of Poland around Lublin. We will start with a tour of Lublin and visit the Jewish sites of what was once a very important Center for Jewish life, including the unique building which once housed the first modern-style Yeshiva. We will then continue onto the Majdanek camp, a place where you need little imagination to see the horror of the place. We'll then continue into Galicia and go to another shtetl, called Krasnik, before continuing into Lancut.

Day Four

On this day, we will travel through the Jewish heartland of Poland – Galicia. We will meet every type of Jew from history, exploring towns and villages as we make our way to Krakow. We will visit Lancut, Tarnow, and Zbylitowska Góra, before arriving at the major city in the region of Krakow in the afternoon. Here we will tour the old Jewish Neighborhood of Kazimierz before having dinner and preparing for our next day.

Day Five

We will spend most of the day visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau, the most notorious of all the death camps. Then in the afternoon, we will unwind and visit the UNESCO World heritage site, Wieliczka Salt Mine. You simply have to experience it to believe it. We will then return to Krakow to visit a few more sites, like Vavel Castle and Krakow Town Center before flying home to Israel the next morning!