

Jewish Ukraine: The Land of Dreamers and Visionaries

Key Information:

Tour Duration: 7 days

Destination(s): Kiev – Belaya Tzerkov – Berdichev – Lvov – Zhovkva – Brody – Zolochiv – Odessa (Kiev)

Specialty Categories: Education, Youth, Zionism, Charity, History, Cultural Heritage, Encounters with Local Communities

Tour Customizable: Optional sightseeing available

Meals: Kosher options available upon request

Price: may vary depending on the type/class of accommodation, transportation, meals & spoken languages

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Day	Time approx	Type of activity	Brief on activity	Detailed content of the activity
1	Welcome Day. Ukraine: Cradle of Jewish Civilization. First encounter (Kiev)			
	11:45	arrival		
	12:30	Transfer		Bus
	13:30	Check-in		
	14:00-15:00	Lunch		Group participants only; organizational, security & logistic issues; program overview
	15:00-18:00	Guided tour (bus)	Timeline. Places and Faces.	11 centuries of Jewish life in Kiev at a Glance, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visit to Baby Yar and Kaddish ceremony; • Kiev Old City & Andreevsky Spusk; • "Lipki" (unique mansions of Jewish Magnates); • War Memorial Museum, • Dnepr embankment & Arch of Unification
	18:00-19:00	Free time		Refreshment/ rest / group discussions
	19:00-20:30	Dinner and Welcome	Introduction to Kiev Jewish Community	Depending on the priorities, it's possible to invite 3-5 guest speakers
night (optional)	Guided tour	"Kiev Night Lights" (or a boat ride)	(Optional) together with peers from Jewish youth organization	

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2	Day of Tzeddakah (Charity) (Kiev)			
	8:00	Breakfast		
	9:00-12:00	Walking tour	Jewish Bessarabka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover heritage of Brodsky family (Great Choral "Brodsky" Synagogue, Bessarabsky market, former Merchant's Synagogue). • Learn about Kiev days of Sholom Aleichem (visit to Museum) • Find out more about the role of Kiev in the shaping of world Zionism (Trumpeldor's House & Golda Meir) • And more...
		Transfer		to Welfare Center "Hesed Avot" & home visits
	12:30-13:30	(Optional) Volunteering	Day Center / Home visits	Encounters, Interaction with and assistance to needy Jews
	13:30-14:30	Lunch		(Optional) meeting with JDC officials (Hesed) or community representatives (Synagogue)
	14:30-16:00	Free time		Refreshment/ rest / group discussions
	16:00-19:00	Walking tour	Podol: Pray and Learn, Work and Give	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover the area where houses and mansions of Jewish rich merchants and industrial tycoons border with apartment buildings of the neediest strata of Jewish population. • Learn a mysterious story of the construction of Podol Synagogue and also see typical prayer houses; • Immerse into the controversial world of Judeo-Christian relations (Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, spiritual institution where Hebrew was a mandatory subject; the church of father Glagolev - a principal defendant during the infamous Mendel Beilis case (blood libel); • and more...
	19:00-20:30	Dinner		(Optional) - meeting with various categories (businessmen, who support Jewish causes; social workers; cultural figures; perhaps Ukrainian officers?)
	night	Nightlife Fun	Disco / Bowling	(Optional) together with peers from Jewish youth organization

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3	Day of Heritage (Pale of Settlement, Chassidic Tzaddiks) (Belaya Tzerkov/Berdichev)			
	7:00-8:00	Breakfast / Check-out		
	8:30	Transfer		Transfer to Belaya Tzerkov
	10:00-12:00	Guided tour	Jewish & General B-Tz sightseeing tour	2-3 hr; Synagogues, historic site of Jewish market, memorial to children shot during WWII (the first registered case of Nazi killing children); monument to Yaroslav the Wise
	12:00-13:00	Lunch	at Chabad Community	Tour of the Chabad Community School, the center of the Jewish life in B-Tz & kosher lunch there
	13:00-15:00	Transfer		Transfer to Berdichev
	15:00-17:00		Jewish & General Berdichev sightseeing	Berdichev aka "Jerusalem of Volhynia province" for its rich Jewish history & heritage; visit to unique Jewish cemetery and the ohel of Rabbi Levi-Yitzchak (this year is 200-anniversary of his passing away).
	17:00-18:00	Dinner		(Optional) Meeting with Jewish Community representatives, authentic stories and memoirs
	18:00-21:00	Transfer to Kiev		(Optional) video en-route (eg. "Everything's Illuminated" or documentaries) or group discussion
	22:00	Train to Lvov		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train #91 (Expr) - Dept @ 22:15; Arrv @ 06:33 • Train #97 – Dept @ 22:00; Arrv @ 07:41
4	Day of History - Between Poland & Ukraine (Lvov)			
		arrival		06:33 or 07:41, depending on the train chosen
		Transfer to the hotel		Bus (up to 20 seats) will stay with the group for the entire day of sightseeing
	8:00	Check-in & breakfast		Hotel "At Burger's" or "Edem" or similar (moderately priced out of 4*)
	9:00-13:00	Guided tour (bus)	General Lvov sightseeing	3-4 hr; Ancient & modern Lvov, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market square, • The High Castle (the highest spot in Lvov with the breathtaking view) • Brewery-Museum & Pharmacy-Museum • Dormition cathedral & Dominican catholic church • Art-galleries
	13:00-14:00	Lunch		Kosher Cafe
	14:30-16:00	Free time		Refreshment/ rest / group discussions
	16:00-19:00		Jewish Lvov tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old and new Jewish Quarter of the City, • remains of the former main synagogue "Golden Rose", • Memorial for the Jewish Victims of the WWII, • the former Jewish hospital, • the former home of Scholom Alejchem, • former Yanovsky concentration camp site
	19:00	Dinner		Welcome by Jewish Community of Lvov
	night	Nightlife Fun	Disco / Bowling	(Optional) together with peers from Jewish youth organization

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5	Day of Amazement: Breathtaking Landmarks and Legendary Personalities (Zhovkva/Brody/Zolochiv)			
	8:00-9:00	Breakfast / check-out		
		Transfer		Transfer to Zhovkva
	9:30-11:00	Guided-tour (bus)	Zhovkva sightseeing	One of Unesco cities in Ukraine. See: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • synagogue of XVII century, built as a armoured fortress, • castle of 1594, • catholic cathedral of 1606
	11:00	Transfer		Transfer to Brody
	12:30	Guided-tour (bus)	Brody sightseeing	Jewish town of XI century, birthplace of Brodsky dynasty (sugar magnates, merchants & benefactors) and Zigmund Freud's mother! See: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ruins of the Great Brodsky Synagogue of XVIII, • Jewish cemetery of XVII, • a lot of buildings XVI-XVII centuries, • Palace of Pototskys, • and more
	14:00		Lunch	en-route, kosher lunch-boxes from Lvov
	15:00	Transfer		Transfer to Zolochiv
	15:30-17:00	Guided-tour (bus)	Zolochiv sightseeing	Zolochiv castle of XVII, today the natural reserve.
	17:00	Transfer		Return to Lvov
	18:00	Dinner		at Synagogue or vegetarian options at regular restaurants
19:47	Train to Odessa		Train #26 (Expr) - Dept @ 19:48; Arrv @ 08:00	
6	Day of Zionists, Partisans and Fabulous Bandits (Odessa)			
	8:00	arrival		
		Transfer to the hotel		Bus (up to 20 seats) will stay with the group for the entire day of sightseeing
	8:30	Check-in & breakfast		Hotel Londonskaya
	10:00-13:00	Guided-tour (bus)	Jewish Odessa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum of Odessa Jewish heritage, • Houses of famous Jews in Odessa (Zhabotinsky and Pinsker, Arlozoroff and Dizengoff, Menachem-Mendl Ussishkin and Isaak Babel) • Synagogues, • Holocaust Memorial, • "Privoz" (market), • other places that inspired Babel's "Odessa Tales"
	13:00		Lunch	Kosher Restaurants Rosemarine
	14:00-17:00	Guided tour	Extreme underground experience	Odessa Catacombs - 2,500 kilometres of labyrinths stretching out under the city and surrounding region of Odessa, Ukraine, including "Museum of Partisan Glory"
				Preparation to Shabbat
	19:16	Candle Lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat		Great Choral Synagogue on Rishel'evskaya str.
		Dinner		Synagogue or Kosher Restaurant Chevron (Optional) - guests from Odessa Jewish Community
	Oneg Shabbat		(Optional) together with peers from Jewish youth organization	

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7	Shabbat in the Black Sea Pearl (ODESSA)			
	9:00		Breakfast	
			(Optional)	Shabbat service or free time
		Lunch	Lunch	Synagogue or Kosher Restaurant Chevron
		Walking tour	Down-town area	Potemkin Stairs, Primorsky boulevard, Opera House, Deribasovskaya street, etc.
	8:22	Havdallah		
	Dinner		Farewell party / Group discussion (may be at some fancy place, tbc)	
8	Farewell Day (ODESSA)			
	8:00-9:00		Breakfast / check-out	
		Transfer		Transfer to Odessa Airport
				Flights via Kiev: • VV 4014, Dept Odessa @ 10:45, Arrv TA @ 17:10 • VV 4018, Dept Odessa @ 19:15, Arrv TA @ 01:50
		Optional		Trip to Uman
				Trip to Vilково
				One more day in Odessa for additional meetings; tours or free time

To obtain more details with regard to the itinerary above, send us the inquiry

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