

JNF Presidents Society Mission



Budapest Pre-Mission Itinerary November 4 - 8, 2015

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

9:15 AM Arrival Budapest. Our guide will meet you at the airport for your transfer to the Kempinski Hotel Corvinus.

1:00 PM Depart on an extended tour of Budapest. Begin with the Buda-side and the Citadel of the Gellert Hill to catch a breathtaking view of the city, followed by a visit to the Castle District.

If time permits, before driving to the Pest-side, pay homage at the Statue of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish-diplomat who saved thousands of Jewish lives during World War II.)

Driving across the lovely Chain-bridge and continue touring on the Pest-side driving along the Andrassy Avenue, passing the Opera House and arriving to the Heroes' Square to learn about the Hungarian history at the foot of the Millennium Monument.

Return to the hotel. This evening, our Welcome Dinner will be at the Fisherman's Bastion with breathtaking views of the city.

Overnight: Kempinski Hotel Corvinus

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning, explore the nearby Jewish Quarter (the former ghetto area) on a walking tour visiting the world-famous Dohany Street Synagogue, the second largest in the World, as well as the attached Jewish Museum. Pay homage at the Weeping Willow Monument, built to commemorate the 600.000 Hungarian Jews killed



during World War II. Continue our walk to the Rumbach Street Synagogue and pass by the Karl Lutz Memorial to reach the beautifully restored Kazinczy Street Synagogue within the Orthodox Community.

Leave the Jewish Quarter via the typical, old, narrow streets of the area to reach the Andrassy Avenue for a **light lunch** at the stylish Restaurant Callas with lovely views of the Opera House.

Right next to the Callas restaurant is the Balint Jewish Community Center (managed and operated by JDC) where you'll have a short visit and be addressed by Mrs. Zsuzsa Fritz (director) about Jewish education in Hungary.

After your visit you'll board the bus for the afternoon driving a bit further down on Andrassy Avenue to see the House of Terror located in the former building of the Hungarian Arrow Cross Party, which later was the headquarters of the Gestapo and after World War II, of the State Security Department of the communist regime.

Late afternoon visit the Holocaust Memorial and Documentation Center at Pava Street and learn about the Holocaust in Hungary.

Tonight dinner will be at Restaurant Cyrano. Within walking distance to the hotel, the owner of this charming restaurant will share with you his own story of his Jewish life.

Overnight: Kempinski Hotel Corvinus

Friday, November 6, 2015

Breakfast at your hotel.



Morning visit to the House of Parliament (pending appointment confirmation). After the visit stop at the bank of the River Danube nearby to pay homage, light a candle and leave a flower at the Shoes Memorial commemorating those thousands of Jewish people of Budapest who were shot into the river by the Nazis. Read the poem (in English) of the famous Hungarian poet Miklos Radnoti, a victim of the Holocaust (perhaps say



Kaddish together). A deluxe lunch box will be provided by the Kempinski Hotel to enjoy on our half day excursion to tiny Szentendre, “The Village of Arts”, located in the Danube-bend. Walk through the narrow, winding streets, covered with cobbled stones and enjoy some time shopping in the various art galleries, antique shops, Hungarian specialties and hand-made products.



Return to Budapest in time to prepare for Shabbat services at the Heroes’ Temple within the complex of the Dohany Street Synagogue.

Shabbat Dinner at the Carmel Restaurant, operated by the Chabad Movement.

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Saturday, November 7, 2015

Breakfast at your hotel.

Morning free time to attend services if you wish.

Afternoon walking tour to down-town Budapest (pedestrian zone), including a possible private visit to the Opera House.

In the evening enjoy a one-hour private boat cruise with refreshments sailing on the Danube River to see the gorgeous lights of the city.

Tonight, **Gala Farewell Dinner** at the world-famous Gundel Restaurant (we've reserved the balcony of the main restaurant to be able to enjoy the special music and the ambiance).



Overnight: Kempinski Hotel Corvinus

Sunday, November 8, 2015

Early breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Tel Aviv departing at 10:40 AM.
