

JNF Presidents Society Mission



Budapest Pre-Mission Itinerary November 4 - 8, 2015

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

9:15 AM Arrival to Budapest, meet & greet at the airport by your tour guide and transfer to the Kempinski Hotel Corvinus, drop-off luggage / check-in.

1:00 PM Depart on an extended tour of Budapest, starting on the Buda-side, on the Citadel of the Gellert Hill to catch a breathtaking view of the city, followed by a visit to the Castle District and including a welcome drink at the Fishermen's Bastion.

Time permitting, pay homage at the statue of Raoul Wallenberg: the Swedish-diplomat who saved thousands of Jewish lives during World War II.

Drive across the lovely Chain-bridge Continue touring on the Pest-side, along the Andrassy Avenue, passing by 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 and enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Overnight: Kempinski Hotel Corvinus

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Breakfast at your hotel.

This morning explore the nearby Jewish Quarter, a former ghetto area, on foot. During your walking tour you will visit 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. From here you will 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, followed by a cup of coffee / tea and a piece of typical Hungarian Jewish cake at a local pastry shop within the Jewish Quarter.

Board the bus for the afternoon to drive to the Holocaust Memorial and Documentation Center at the Pava street and learn about the Holocaust in Hungary, followed by a visit to the Balint Jewish Community Center.

Later this afternoon, visit the House of Terror located in the former building of the Hungarian Arrow Cross Party, later headquarters of the Gestapo and after World War II, of the State Security Department of the communist regime. Dinner on your own.



Overnight: Kempinski Hotel Corvinus

Friday, November 6, 2015

Breakfast at your hotel.



Morning visit to the House of Parliament. 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 the thousands of Jewish people of Budapest who were shot into the river by the Nazis. Read the poem of the famous Hungarian poet Miklos Radnoti, a victim of the Holocaust.



Depart from Budapest on a half-day excursion to the 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, shops of antiques, Hungarian specialties and hand-made products.



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

Enjoy Shabbat Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Kempinski Hotel Corvinus

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Breakfast at your hotel.

Morning free time to attend Shabbat services.

Afternoon walking tour to the down-town of Budapest, including a private visit to the Opera House.

Following Shabbat, board a 1-hour boat cruise to see the lights of the city with drinks served aboard.

Enjoy a Gala dinner this evening at the World-famous Gundel Restaurant.



Overnight: Kempinski Hotel Corvinus

Sunday, November 8, 2015

Early breakfast at your hotel and transfer to the airport. Your flight to Tel Aviv departs at 10:40 AM.
