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## 5 Day Tour

# Road to the Holocaust

### Day 1

#### Reichstag

The Unification of Germany; The path from democracy to dictatorship; Who votes for Hitler? The Reichstag Fire 1933; The Battle for Berlin; From Cold War division to reunification.

#### Memorial to the Murdered Members of the Reichstag

A memorial honouring the 96 members of parliament who fell victim to National Socialist persecution.

#### Memorial to the Sinti and Roma of Europe Murdered under the NS Regime

Dedicated to the memory of those murdered in the Porajmos – the Nazi genocide of the European Sinti and Roma peoples.

#### Brandenburg Gate

The symbol of Berlin; The backdrop to political changes in Germany; From Spartacist revolt, to Nazi parades and the building of the Berlin Wall.

#### Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

What is the purpose of the Eisenman's memorial? How does modern Germany remember The Holocaust?

#### Fuhrer Bunker

Description of the former buildings which were on this site; What was the Fuhrer Bunker? 'Der Untergang' – the end of the Thousand Year Reich.

#### Topography of Terror

Prinz Albrecht Strasse, headquarters of the NSDAP regime of terror; The Gestapo and SS.

#### Bebelplatz

Art and Literature in Weimar Germany; The book burning May 1933; Censorship and repression in Nazi Germany.

#### Neue Wache

Berlin's War Memorial since the 1931; How the changing regimes of Germany remember the fallen; Käthe Kollwitz's sculpture.



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## Day 2

### **Wannsee Conference House (subject to availability)**

The final solution to the Jewish Question – why was the meeting called in January 1942? Who attended and what was agreed? The Wannsee Protocol and development of the Final Solution; Unguided visit of the permanent exhibition.

### **Gleis 17 Grunewald Bahnhof**

Memorial to the deportation of Berlin's Jewish Community; Who lived in Königsallee / Grunewald in the 1920s? How did the Nazis manage the transportation of 50,000 Berliners? Did the local population know what was happening?

## Day 3

### **Auschwitz I**

Guided tour with museum guide to include:

- Camp history
- Camp Gate 'Arbeit Macht Frei'
- Block 4; History of Auschwitz; Model of the gas chamber; Evidence of the crimes
- Block 6; Living conditions in the camp
- Block 11 'Death Block'; Punishment and executions in Auschwitz
- Block 27; "Shoah" exhibition prepared by the Yad Vashem Institute in Jerusalem
- Crematorium and gas chamber

### **Film**

Liberation of Auschwitz

### **Birkenau**

Guided tour with your museum and Anglia guides

### **Orientation of Birkenau**

- Quarantine Barracks; Registration in the camp
- The Ramp – preserved wagon; The arrival of prisoners;
- Selection Women's camp; Life in Birkenau
- Pond of Ashes; The Sonderkommando revolt;
- Resistance in Auschwitz Gas Chamber no. 2; Layout;
- How did the gas chamber work? How did the Nazis maintain order?
- Memorial; A chance to reflect; Laying of candles; Kaddish

### **Optional:**

- Canada – 'The Land of Plenty'; Warehouse which held personal possessions.
- Sauna; The processing of new arrivals; Photos and artefacts.
- Dinner at a Jewish restaurant with a concert.



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## Day 4

**Walking tour of Kazimierz, Krakow's Jewish Quarter, may include:**

### **Szeroka Street**

The heart of the former Jewish district of Krakow.

### **Remuh Synagogue (closed on Sabbath)**

Krakow's only Synagogue which serves as a regular place of worship; Layout of a typical synagogue; Visit to the adjoining cemetery.

### **Plac Nowy**

Market place containing the former ritual slaughterhouse for poultry.

### **Galicia Museum (subject to availability)**

Exhibition of photographs documenting Jewish life.

Meeting with either a Holocaust Survivor or a recipient of the 'Righteous Among the Nations' award (subject to availability)

### **Podgorze**

The WWI Jewish Ghetto; Memorial to victims of the Krakow ghetto; Square of the Heroes of the Ghetto; Pharmacy under the Eagle and Tadeuz Pankiewicz.

## Day 5

### **KZ Plaszow**

Krakow's Concentration Camp – a background to the camp and its history; Visit to the memorials on site.

### **Optional:**

### **Wieliczka Salt Mines (subject to availability)**

Tour of UNESCO world heritage site Wieliczka which is one of the oldest salt mines in the world.

### **Schindler's Factory**

The story of Oscar Schindler.

Guided tour of the museum dedicated to life in Krakow during the Nazi Occupation (subject to availability).

### **Walking tour around Wawel Hill offering an external view of the Castle.**