

Tour Code: WWPP25

Old Town Square, Warsaw



Prague & Poland

September 1 - 15, 2025



Charles Bridge, Prague



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In September 1938, the Munich Agreement granted Adolf Hitler the Sudetenland, a border area of Czechoslovakia which was home to many ethnic Germans. Five months later, Hitler violated that agreement; he invaded and soon occupied the remainder of Czechoslovakia. It was this German invasion of Czechoslovakia that was the beginning of the end to Britain's Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's appeasement policy.

Chamberlain then began contacting other European powers. He, along with France, offered to help Poland if it was attacked by Germany. On September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland, and the British public, along with the French, soon faced full scale preparations for war. German forces broke through Polish defenses along the border and quickly advanced on Warsaw. Hundreds of thousands of refugees, both Jewish and non-Jewish, fled the German advance hoping the Polish army could halt the German army. Both England and France threatened the German government; but it went on deaf ears. By 2:00pm on September 3, 1939, WWII officially had begun in Europe. The "Phoney War" was no longer!

Poland didn't know what it was about to face. The Soviet army soon invaded on the eastern front due to the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact that had been signed between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union on 23 August 1939, which was a secret protocol that cut the continent into two spheres of influence, split between two totalitarian systems – that of Nazi (fascist) Germany and that of the communist Soviet Union. After heavy shelling and bombing, Warsaw officially surrendered to the Germans on September 28, 1939. In accordance with the secret protocol to their non-aggression pact, Germany and the Soviet Union partitioned Poland on September 29, 1939.

While this tour focuses on WWII (its inhumanity toward man and attempted destruction of those not of the Aryan race), it also celebrates the tenacity and fortitude of all who lived during that time and continued to celebrate life through their culture. For it is through their traditions in music, food, and drink that we, too, celebrate the Czech Republic and Polish people.

Day 1: Monday, September 1, 2025 • Depart

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for Prague.

Day 2: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 • Prague

We meet our guide at the airport and transfer to our hotel in Prague to leave our bags. We fortify ourselves with a group lunch and stretch our legs with a walking tour of Prague Old Town highlights. The cobblestone streets and landmark buildings show the depth of the history of the town that was established in Medieval times. We see the Church of Our Lady which has dominated the city since the 14th century. The Charles Bridge has crossed the Vltava River since 1402, and the Astronomical Clock at Town Hall is the oldest public clock still working. Next, we explore the richness and history of the Jewish quarter. The 800-year-old Old New Synagogue is an excellent representation of the cycles of golden times of Judaism contrasting with horrific treatment of Jews throughout history. We learn why the synagogues often represent fortresses, needing to protect those within their walls. We visit the timeless Jewish cemetery, a treasure of the Jewish Quarter. We return to our hotel with the evening free to relax or visit over dinner on our own. (L)

Day 3: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 • Prague

We embark on a tour outside Prague city after breakfast this morning. Our first stop is Zbiroh Castle, standing on the edge of the Brdy Forest since the 12th century. We tour the Pilsner Brewery and have a tasting with lunch. We also see a demonstration of traditional hand-cut Czech glass. Back in Prague, we have time to refresh ourselves before a Jazz Dinner Cruise with our fellow travelers. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Thursday, September 4, 2025 • Prague

During WWII the lavish Terezin resort north of Prague was turned into a ghetto and concentration camp. More than 150,000 Jews were

held here for days, months, or years before being shipped to an extermination camp or dying in captivity. We tour the fortifications and memorial, remembering the lives and potential lost. We have some time in the town of Terezin for lunch on our own. We return to Prague for some free time before our dinner and Mozart Concert. (B, D)

Day 5: Friday, September 5, 2025 • Prague

We visit Prague's Hradčany Castle with a local guide today. The complex is more than a castle: it is the proud symbol of the Czech Republic and a historic complex of the Old Palace, St. Vitas Cathedral, the Tower, historic homes, St. Georges Basilica, and more. The history of the area comes alive with exhibits and displays at various locations. We have the option (*at an extra cost*) to attend the midday classical concert at Lobkovicz Palace. We have more music this evening when we participate in a lively dinner and folklore show. (B, D)

Day 6: Saturday, September 6, 2025 • Prague

We take a trip through the Czech countryside to Český Krumlov, a town that has preserved its Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture well. The town has long attracted visitors, as early Celts, Germans, and Slavic tribes have chosen this bend of the Vltava River to settle. The town rose to prominence in the 16th Century, hosting artists, scientists, and scholars from around Europe. We visit the Old Town and Castle Complex with a local guide and enjoy lunch in town. Then we're off to the Budweiser Brewery for a tour and tasting before returning to Prague. (B, L)

Day 7: Sunday, September 7, 2025 • Krakow

We say "Ahoj" to the Czech Republic and "Witam" to Poland as we fly to Krakow this morning. A local guide shows us the highlights of the Old Town neighborhood. We visit Rynek Główny Square, framed by St. Mary's Basilica, the Cloth Guild House, and the Underground Museum. The romance of the Krakow comes alive with a stroll along cobble streets past a mix of grand homes, churches, and public buildings from various periods of the city's history. This is also an interesting place to find a restaurant for dinner on our own this evening. There is an option (*for an additional fee*) to visit the Krakow Palace/Castle complex on Wawel Hill. (B)

Day 8: Monday, September 8, 2025 • Krakow

We are once again reminded of man's inhumanity toward man, as we take the somber tour of Auschwitz Birkenau Memorial and Museum. More than one million people, mostly Jews, were murdered at the extermination camp. About 7,000 were liberated from the camp in January 1945. We have a stop for lunch and return to Krakow with the afternoon free. We enjoy dinner and a concert of the Polish composer Chopin's music this evening. (B, D)

Day 9: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 • Krakow

Within the Old Town area of Krakow is Kazimierz, the Jewish quarter for more than 500 years until WWII forced its inhabitants out. We see the Old Synagogue, Heros Square Memorial, and Szeroka Street – where portions of Schindler's List were shot. A visit to Schindler's Museum gives us a view of Jewish life in Krakow. Set in his former enamel factory, individual rooms are set up to resemble the barber, railway station, and more. We visit several other synagogues and Jewish cemeteries before visiting the House of Helena (Rubenstein), a Polish/American cosmetic entrepreneur who was one of the richest women at one time. We also visit Corpus Christi Church, a Catholic entity in this neighborhood. Polish culture is on full display with our dinner and evening folk dancing show. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 • Warsaw

We check out of our hotel and make our way to Warsaw. Our first stop en route is the Majdanek State Museum, a former concentration camp that was converted to a memorial in the autumn of 1944. Then, we travel to Kazimierz Dolny where a local guide shows us this postcard pretty town. We see Market Square, cobblestone streets, historic townhouses, churches, and more. After lunch, we continue to Warsaw where we check in and have dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Thursday, September 11, 2025 • Warsaw

Although much of Warsaw’s historic Center was razed after the 1944 Warsaw Uprising of Polish Resistance, much of it has been painstakingly restored to former glory. We take a morning tour of the Old Town, including Royal Castle, St. John’s Cathedral, Holy Cross Church, and the Royal Park. We have lunch as a group, then visit the National Museum of Warsaw. The expansive collection includes a variety of fine art from Poland and around the world and highlights Polish history. The design gallery has an interesting look at lifestyles under communism. We have dinner at a local restaurant this evening. **(B, L, D)**

Day 12: Thursday, September 12, 2025 • Warsaw

Wolf’s Lair was Hitler’s main headquarters in the Eastern Front. Hidden deep in the forest, it was from here that he planned major offensives from 1941 – 1944. Today, we view the relics and remains of what was at one time more than 80 bunkers and fortifications. We have lunch in the area, then return to Warsaw for free time before a dinner featuring pierogi and Polish vodka. **(B, L, D)**

Day 13: Saturday, September 13, 2025 • Warsaw

Before WWII, the Warsaw’s Jewish Quarter was home to the largest community of Jews in Europe. During the war, residents were progressively pushed into smaller and smaller areas in what was known as the Ghetto. Today we explore highlights of the area. We see the murals depicting historical moments adorning the buildings. We visit the Nożyk Synagogue, the only one to survive WWII. We learn about the 1,000 years of Polish Jews at the POLIN Museum. Finally, we take in the exhibits at the Warsaw Rising Museum where the events of the Warsaw Uprising are highlighted, and modern Warsaw is explained. **(B, L)**

Day 14: Sunday, September 14, 2025 • Warsaw

We don’t hear much about Treblinka; yet it was the second deadliest extermination and forced-labor camps in Poland. Today we visit the museum and walk the outdoor trail around the site. More than one million people were put to death at the extermination camp, and even more were locked into the penal camp at the site. Returning to Warsaw, we have some free time this afternoon to explore on our own, rest a little, or finish packing for tomorrow. Then we enjoy wine and a Chopin concert followed by a farewell dinner as we recap our memories of this amazing journey. **(B, L, D)**

Day 15: Monday, September 15, 2025 • Warsaw

Our journey draws to a close as we transfer to Warsaw Airport for our flights back to the US. **(B)**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Tour Price: begins at \$5,959*

Prices are *per person, double occupancy*

Land package only

Single Supplement \$1,649

with a minimum of 20 participants

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Inter European Flight from Prague to Krakow
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in 4* (or higher) consumer rated hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary, except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person where available
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Airfare** from your hometown and related taxes, fees, and fuel charges. However, group air (main cabin/economy, comfort economy, premium economy, and business classes) will be offered at contractual rates if minimums are met. Costs will be available later this year.
- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of **tour gratuities** for coach driver and tour manager (\$5 per person/per day for tour manager and \$4 per person/per day for coach driver)
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage, and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

Please note that all costs are noted in CASH payments. Should you wish to pay by credit card, then you must add 3% to the total costs.

Initial Payment:

A deposit of \$250.00 per person is required at time of booking, of which \$100.00 is non-refundable. The attached forms must also be completed, signed, and submitted.

Additional Payment Due Dates:

- \$350 by October 16, 2024
- \$150 by April 16, 2025
- Final payment due date (land): May 16, 2025
- Passengers may be added after May 16, 2025, subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted; however, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, and/or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures (tour operator) has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Therefore, early registration is encouraged

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Refund/Cancellation Policy:

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Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____ **OR Single supplement:** Yes No

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- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

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