

Jewish Heritage Tour to the Baltic States
June 16, 2008 - July 2, 2008

Please join us for this once-in-a-lifetime Jewish Heritage Tour to the Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. Sara Klompus, tour group leader, will be joined by Chaim Bargman and Alexander Aronchik of King David Interstate Baltic Tours in Lithuania. Hotel stay includes four-star accommodations; modern, air-conditioned buses will transport all inter-state travel. Breakfast is included, Kosher option where available. This 15 day guided tour will feature travel to unique sites of our Jewish ancestors.

What makes this tour unique is the first hand knowledge our local tour guides, Chaim and Alexander, have about the sites we will visit. Born in Lithuania, they are fluent in several languages and regularly lead tours in the Baltic States and beyond. Sara Klompus has personally visited these historic sites in Lithuania having studied for the past two summers at the Yiddish Institute at the University of Vilnius and participated in their cultural program. This tour will be conducted at a leisurely pace, visiting the most significant sites, yet leaving time to browse and shop, rest and schmooze, and experience the feel of the surrounding culture.

Day 1: Monday, June 16, 2008

Travel Day – Depart for Vilnius, Lithuania via Frankfurt, Germany

Day 2: Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Arrival in Vilnius, Lithuania. We will be met by our tour leaders and transferred to our hotel. In the afternoon we will have a group welcome meeting and walking tour of the city.

Reception and group dinner will be at the hotel.

Retire early.

Overnight: Novotel Hotel in Vilnius, Lithuania

Day 3: Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Meet at University of Vilnius Yiddish Institute.

Walking tour of former Vilna ghetto and Jewish Quarter, led by a Holocaust survivor.

Group lunch at Chabad.

Visit Tolerance Center, Jewish Museum

Evening: Dinner & conversation with survivors from Jewish community

Overnight: Novotel Hotel in Vilnius, Lithuania



Day 4: Thursday. June 19, 2008

Visit Choral Synagogue, Market place, Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum, Jewish schools

Lunch

Afternoon: Visit to town of Uzupio, shop for amber

Evening activity: Cross Neris River

Overnight: Novotel Hotel in Vilnius, Lithuania



Day 5: Friday, June 20, 2008 Morning bus trip to Ponar Forest

Visit grave of Great Vilna Gaon

Group lunch

Afternoon free

Evening: Sabbath Tish at Jewish Community Center

Overnight: Novotel Hotel in Vilnius, Lithuania



Day 6: Saturday. June 21, 2008

Morning services at either Choral Synagogue or Chabad

Lunch at Chabad, or on your own

Afternoon free

Seudah Shlishit at Chabad

Dinner on your own

Evening activity: Musical entertainment at the Tolerance Center

Overnight: Novotel Hotel in Vilnius, Lithuania

Day 7: Sunday, June 22, 2008

Trip to Trakai - former home of the Jewish Karaim sect

Visit medieval castle with picturesque lake and boating

Lunch at Karaim National Restaurant

Visit Beit Knesset of Karaim and Karaim Museum

Evening group meal at Novotel – pack for departure the next morning

Overnight: Novotel Hotel in Vilnius, Lithuania



Day 8: Monday, June 23, 2008
Leave for Kaunas, Lithuania
Visit oldest wooden synagogue in Ziezmariai
Visit former shtetl of Kedainiai
Group lunch
Kovne City Tour
Dinner with Jewish Community at Choral Synagogue
Overnight: Kaunas Hotel in Kovne, Lithuania

Day 9: Tuesday, June 24, 2008
Prepare to leave Kaunas
Visit to Ninth Fort
Group Lunch
Travel to Palanga by the Baltic Sea coast in Lithuania
Check into Vanagupe Spa Hotel
Overnight: Vanagupe Spa Hotel in Palanga, Lithuania

Day 10: Wednesday, June 25, 2008
Free morning in Palanga, Lithuania
Visit Jewish community in Klaipeda and Old City
Sea Museum, Kuronian Spit
Spa activity
Overnight: Vanagupe Spa Hotel in Palanga, Lithuania

Day 11: Thursday, June 26, 2008
Leave for Riga, Latvia
Visit Rumbula Forest
Walking tour of Old City
Check into Hotel Radi Un Draugi
Evening activity: TBD
Overnight: Hotel Radi Un Draugi in Riga, Latvia



Day 12: Friday, June 27, 2008
Morning visit to Synagogue, Jewish Museum, Jewish school
Walking tour of Jewish Riga
Sabbath Tish at Synagogue
Overnight: Hotel Radi Un Draugi in Riga, Latvia



Day 13: Saturday, June 28, 2008
Morning services at Synagogue
Free afternoon
Evening activity: TBD
Overnight: Hotel Radi Un Draugi in Riga, Latvia



Day 14: Sunday, June 29, 2008
Leave for Tallinn
Check into Hotel Olimpia
Walking tour of city
Evening dinner at Kosher Restaurant
Overnight: Hotel Olimpia in Tallinn, Estonia



Day 15: Monday, June 30, 2008
Visit Tallinn Synagogue, school and Jewish Community Center
Tallinn Old City Tour
Kadriorg Park
Group activity & farewell dinner
Overnight: Hotel Olimpia in Tallinn, Estonia

Day 16: Tuesday, July 1, 2008
Free morning
Check out
Leave for Helsinki, Finland
Overnight: Helsinki airport

Day 17: Wednesday, July 2, 2008
Depart for home

Cost for land tour is USD \$3550.00. Air fare is additional and is determined by city of departure. All air arrangements will be arranged by Kemp Mill Travel.

- ✓ A \$500 deposit is due **with your reservation form.**
- ✓ Balance due **April 17, 2008.**
- ✓ Please make check payable to: **Kemp Mill Travel.**

Air deviations subject to availability. Optional pre-tour and Helsinki extension subject to availability. Please contact Kemp Mill Travel.

- Includes all transfers and local taxes
- Breakfast daily and some group meals
- Sabbath Tish in Vilnius and Riga
- Transfer and sightseeing as per itinerary in air conditioned motor coach with services of an English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees
- Daily itinerary posted in hotel lobby
- Daily discussion of the day's events
- Portage of one piece of luggage per person
- Travel insurance is recommended. If you chose to decline travel insurance, please advise Kemp Mill Travel in writing or your travel documents cannot be released.
- Gratuities not included

There will be an informational pre-departure meeting for South Florida residents for a brief discussion of the trip and to answer any questions regarding currency, weather, food, clothing, and language as well as to meet with other travelers. Tour related inquiries should be made to:

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**JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR TO THE BALTIC STATES
REGISTRATION FORM**

* Name: (last)_____ (first)_____

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Note: Name MUST be exactly as it appears on your passport. If name on air tickets does not match passport name, CLIENT assumes all responsibility.

Address: _____

_____ **ZIP Code** _____

Phone number: (home)_____ (work)_____ (cell)_____

Email: _____

Credit card number for Air ticket only: _____

CCV: _____ Expiration date: _____

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Seat request on flight (please circle): Aisle Middle Window

Kosher food on flight (please circle): Yes No

Kosher food on tour (please circle): Yes No

Kosher meals on tour available at extra cost and are provided by Chabad. Price is established by Chabad.

Please feel free to use the back of this form if additional space is required.

Special Requests: _____

How did you hear about this trip _____

What interests you about this trip _____

What are your expectations from this trip _____

Please return completed registration form and deposit check to:

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