Echoes of History –
A Journey of Remembrance

8-Day—Germany, Czech Republic, Poland Tour



2027 Sample Itinerary

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Depart from home airport to Berlin, Germany **Arrive at the Berlin airport, meet ETSI on-site staff, and load motorcoach.** **East Side Gallery** Located in the heart of Berlin, this section of the Berlin Wall is now a monument that stands for freedom. Students will have the opportunity to explore the powerful murals painted by over 100 different international artists on this 1.3-kilometer stretch of wall. **Topographie of Terror Museum** This museum is located on the site of the former Gestapo and SS headquarters. Students will learn more about the national socialist institutions and the crimes that were organized right below their feet. **Check into Berlin area hotel** Security on nighttime duty. *Meals: lunch & dinner*	**Motorcoach to Treptower Park in Berline (~30 minutes)** **Soviet War Memorial** Explore the war and military cemetery built to commemorate the Red Army soldiers who fell in the Battle of Berlin. **Motorcoach to Potsdam (~1 hour)** **Potsdam – UNESCO World Heritage Site -** Discover the rich history and stunning beauty of Potsdam, a city of magnificent palaces, picturesque gardens, and pivotal moments in world history! Students will explore the city's Prussian heritage and learn about its important role in shaping post-WWII Europe, including the historic Potsdam Conference of 1945, where Allied leaders made decisions about Germany's future. **Sanssouci Palace** Known as the "Versailles of Germany," Sanssouci Palace was built as a summer retreat for Frederick the Great. A walk through the castle provides a glimpse into royal life through its elegant architecture, lavish interiors, and beautifully landscaped gardens. **Return to Berlin (~1 hour)** **Brandenburg Gate – Nighttime view** **Return to Berlin area hotel** Security on nighttime duty. *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*	**Motorcoach to Dresden, Germany (~3 hours)** **Dresden** Known for its culture, history, and music, students will enjoy a walking tour from a local guide of Dresden's main landmarks including Zwinger Palace, Semper Opera House, and the Church of Our Lady. Students will also visit 12 Dresden State Art Collections, the Gardens of Bruehl Terrace, and the Green Vault at the Royal Palace, the world's largest treasure chamber! **Motorcoach to Prague, Czech Republic (~2.5 hours)** **Charles Square – New Town Prague** Established in the 14th century by Emperor Charles IV, this lively square was once a bustling marketplace and an important center of medieval Prague. Today, students will explore its beautiful green spaces, admire surrounding historic architecture, and discover how Prague has evolved from a medieval capital into a vibrant modern city. **Check into Prague area hotel** Security on nighttime duty. *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*	**Meet your local tour guide for a walking tour of Prague** No other European city possesses such an eclectic concentration of styles—Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Art Nouveau, and Czech Modern. Students will learn about these styles as they stroll through Historic Old Town Square, pass the Astronomical Clock, and visit the Church of St. Nicholas. **Prague's Jewish Quarter** Students will have an opportunity to trace the history of the largest Jewish ghetto in Europe. This story embraces the traditions, customs, and legends of the Jewish people in Prague, from their early settlements to their enforced isolation during WWII. **Prague Castle** This is not your ordinary castle, but a complex where kings and presidents have lived for thousands of years. Students will enjoy a guided tour and see: • Multiple palaces and churches • St. Vitus Cathedral • Active government buildings • Golden Lane **Students will climb up and down as they tour the Astronomical Clock and the Underground Web of Medieval Chambers, Corridors and Tunnels!** **Return to Prague area hotel** Security on nighttime duty. *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*

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Motorcoach to Brno (~2 hours) **Church of St. James Ossuary** Created when cemeteries ran out of space, an Ossuary is a place where skeletal remains were stored after the bodies were exhumed from their graves. The Ossuary at the Church of St. James has the second largest collection of remains in Europe and is a place of remembrance. Students will explore St. James Church, the Ossuary, and the grounds. **Continue motorcoach to Krakow, Poland (~3 hours)** **Krakow, Poland** Krakow is one of the oldest cities in Poland. Situated along the River Vistula, the city dates back to the 7th century, and has traditionally been one of the leading centers of Polish academic, cultural, and artistic life. It is one of Poland's most important economic hubs and was the capital from 1038-1569. **Check into a Krakow area hotel** Security on nighttime duty. *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*	**Meet your local tour guide for a walking tour of Krakow, Poland's second largest cities** On this tour, students will meander through the streets and neighborhoods of Krakow and explore: • Glawny Square • Wawel Hill • Wawel Castle and Cathedral • Collegium Novum of the Jagiellonian University – one of the oldest universities in Europe founded in 1364 • Krakow's Jewish Quarter: Kazimierz District **Galicia Jewish Museum** Located in the heart of the Kazimierz District, students will walk through this museum, which houses a photo exhibit commemorating the victims of the Holocaust and celebrating the Jewish culture of Polish Galicia, a historic region in southeastern Poland. **Return to Krakow area hotel** Security on nighttime duty. *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*	**Motorcoach to Oswiecim, Poland (~1.5 hours)** **Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum -** This Memorial Site and Museum was established on the grounds of the former concentration and extermination camp as a reminder of the Nazi crimes that were committed here during the Third Reich. After a short introductory film about the first moments that followed the liberation, a member of the Auschwitz Memorial Site will guide students through the exhibits and surrounding buildings. **Motorcoach to Wieliczka, Poland (~1.5 hours)** **Wieliczka Salt Mine** Journey deep beneath the earth's surface to explore Poland's incredible Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with more than 700 years of history! Students will wander through fascinating underground tunnels, discover magnificent chambers and sculptures carved entirely from salt, and marvel at the breathtaking Chapel of St. Kinga. Along the way, students will learn how one of the chambers was turned into a German armaments factory where Jewish Poles were forced to work during WWII. **Return to Krakow area hotel** Security on nighttime duty. *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*	**Motorcoach to the airport in Krakow, Poland to return home** **Welcome home!** *Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner*

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