



Central Europe: A Journey of Reflection & Belonging with Mamaroneck High School Faculty & Students

TOUR DATES:

February 15-23, 2025

Join fellow Mamaroneck High School students and faculty on a journey through Central Europe, exploring past tragedies and possibilities for the future.

Learn about the rise of Nazism in Germany, considering the ideologies and figures that pursued mass violence, and hear accounts from victims of the Holocaust. Get to know Munich and Berlin, Warsaw and Krakow, hearing from communities whose memory of the last century inspires an effort to build a more just and resilient society today.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Old Town walking tours in Germany & Poland
- Meet teens from local community center
- Recount the Nuremberg Trials and aftermath
- Berlin key sites and diverse neighborhoods
- Recall moments of resistance in Warsaw
- See the remains of two concentration camps
- Visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO site
- Interactive workshops at museums and monuments

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PRICING: \$3,550 - \$3,150 per person*

*Final tour price dependent on # of travelers
(15 min/32 max)

INCLUDED:

- 8 nights' accommodation (doubles - triples)
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- 1 MEJDI-trained tour guide for duration of tour
- Private coach transportation
- Entrance fees, site visits, & speaker honorariums
- Roundtrip int'l airfare (estimated)
- Management of group flight reservation
- Pre-trip travel and 24/7 on-ground support

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TOUR ITINERARY

February 15: Welcome to Germany!

On arrival you will be transferred to your centrally located accommodation and meet your tour leader for a briefing on activities for the next several days. Take a walking tour of the Old Town with your guide.

Overnight: Munich [D]

February 16: Urban Munich and Surroundings

Begin your day with a tour of Munich tracing the history of the Third Reich. Visit sites including Marienplatz to learn about the Beer Hall Putsch, Hitler's first attempt at rebellion and the resulting prison sentence where he produced his infamous work, Mein Kampf. See Official Nazi Headquarters, the many buildings that bear the scars of the Second World War, and memorials to those who opposed the regime.

Visit the Dachau Concentration Camp for a half day seminar with the Education Department of the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site.

This evening, meet with local teens at the Jewish Community Center in Munich and learn about growing up in Munich given the legacy of the city.

Overnight: Munich [B, D]



February 17: Nuremberg OR Leipzig

Option 1: Travel to Nuremberg to visit the Nazi Party Rally Grounds, where the massive annual rallies were held to reinforce party enthusiasm and showcase the power of National Socialism. Visit the Palace of Justice, site of the post-war Nuremberg Trials and visit the Memorium Nuremberg Trials. In the afternoon, explore the historical center of Nuremberg with a walking tour of the one-time capital of the Holy Roman Empire.

Option 2: Tour the City of Leipzig to learn about its significant history in both WWII and the Cold War. Visit St. Nicholas Church and discuss the Monday Demonstrations. Stop by the The Kristallnacht Memorial Tablet on Parthenstrasse and the Gottschedstrasse, to see the memorial tablet that recalls the Great Leipzig Synagogue, destroyed on Kristallnacht.

Overnight: Berlin [B, D]



February 18: Berlin

Start exploring the city with a local guide on a walking tour that takes us past some of the most iconic monuments in the city including the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag building, understanding their importance during World War II and the Cold War. Afterwards we will spend time at the Holocaust Memorial and Information Center and the Memorial to the Sinti and Roma Victims of National Socialism. Have a conversation with an expert on Germany national memory and reconciliation - focusing on Germany's evolving relationship with the global community. In the evening, meet with a Holocaust survivor.

Overnight: Berlin [B, D]

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February 19: Berlin Retrospective

Start the day with a visit to the House of the Wannsee Conference where the details of the implementation of the Final Solution to the Jewish Question were hashed out. Next, visit the Topography of Terror Museum. Then head to the Checkpoint Charlie Museum. The museum has evolved into a more than 2000m2 exhibition that explores not only the history of the Berlin Wall and the stories of those affected by it, but also looks at the challenges facing us today as we struggle for worldwide recognition of human rights and freedom. We will visit what is left of the Berlin Wall and the Berlin Wall Memorial. Later in the day we will visit the Jewish Museum for a guided tour. The museum is one of the largest Jewish Museums in Europe. Our final stop of the day will be the Olympiastadion, the site of the 1936 Olympics. This evening depart by train or bus to Warsaw.

Overnight: Warsaw [B, D]

February 20: Warsaw, Poland

Embark on a tour of Warsaw, and visit many sites related to the Jewish presence in the Polish capitol such as the Ghetto Memorial, the Umschlagplatz, the Jewish Historical Institute, Nozyk Synagogue (the only surviving synagogue in Warsaw, founded in 1900), Chopin's Monument, the Warsaw Ghetto, the Jewish Resistance Bunker at Mila 18, The Polin Museum and Stawski Street Buildings. This evening, meet with former members of the Polish Resistance during WWII to hear their perspectives and stories.

Overnight: Warsaw [B, D]



February 21: The Camp

This morning, ride through the Polish countryside on the way to Oswiecim. Pay a sobering visit to the memorial and museum at Auschwitz in the afternoon - including blocks 4, 5, 7 and 11, the gas chamber, the crematorium and visit the Birkenau camp. Depart for Krakow in the evening - arriving in time for dinner.

Overnight: Krakow [B, D]

February 22: Mines, Memorial and Heroism

Spend time in historic Krakow Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit Saint Mary's Basilica, Main Market Square and maybe even grab an Obwarzanki (Polish Bagel) for a snack along the way! This afternoon visit the breathtaking Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit Oskar Schindler's factory. This evening, meet with descendants of a family who risked their life to save Jews during World War II. End the day with a closing dinner with reflection.

Overnight: Krakow [B, D]

February 23: Departure

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight home.

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