

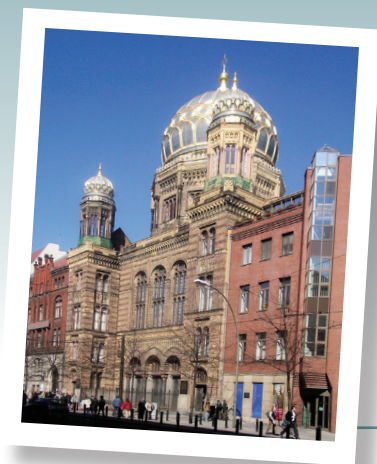


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# GERMANY 2016

In the Footsteps of **ASHKENAZ**

with Dr. Marc Shapiro  
**July 13-21, 2016**  
**ITINERARY**  
**(subject to change)**



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## Wednesday 13 July

Our tour begins at 1pm with a walking tour focused on Jewish Berlin. We will visit the most important pre-war sites, some of which are today memorialized and some of which survived the war. Among the sites we will see are the Adass Jisroel synagogue, the center of R. Azriel Hildesheimer's community, the old Jewish cemetery, the "Missing House", a very striking monument, and Otto Weidt's workshop, where Jews were protected during the war.

**Accommodations : Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre**

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## Thursday 14 July : Berlin

We begin by visiting the the famous Berlin Victory Column, built to commemorate a great Prussian victory. We will also see the Government and Parliament district, followed by stops at the Brandenburg Gate, the striking new Holocaust Memorial, Hitler's bunker, and the memorial to the book burnings. Following lunch we will visit what remains of the Berlin Wall, the famous Checkpoint Charlie, and the former SS headquarters.

**Accommodations : Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre**

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## Friday 15 July : Berlin

The morning is devoted to touring the magnificent Jewish Museum of Berlin. Following lunch there is free time to explore the city on one's own and get ready for Shabbat. Shabbat services will be at the Central Orthodox Synagogue in Berlin.

**Accommodations : Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre**

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## Saturday 16 July : Berlin

In the morning we will attend services at the Central Orthodox Synagogue. Following lunch there will be time to relax and Dr. Shapiro will also have a Torah class focusing on R. David Zvi Hoffmann of Berlin, one of the greatest German halakhic authorities in modern times. There will also be a walking tour in the afternoon, where among other things we will walk on the Kurfurstendamm, one of the most important avenues in Berlin.

**Accommodations : Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre**

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## **Sunday 17 July : Berlin, Buchenwald, Erfurt**

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We depart Berlin arriving in the Weimar area in time for lunch. Following lunch we will tour the Buchenwald concentration camp which opened in 1937 and caused so much pain for our people.

**Accommodations : Arcadia Grand Hotel am Dom Erfurt**

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## **Monday 18 July : Erfurt, Friedberg, Frankfurt**

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The morning is spent touring the city of Erfurt, which in previous centuries was a center of Jewish life. We will visit the medieval synagogue (the oldest surviving synagogue in Europe) and other sites of Jewish interest. After this we head to Friedberg where we will see a wonderfully preserved medieval mikveh. We then drive to Frankfurt, a center of Jewish life in Germany from medieval times until today.

**Accommodations : Grand Hotel Hessischer Hof**

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## **Tuesday 19 July : Frankfurt**

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Today is devoted to Frankfurt, both the Jewish and general sites. We begin with a tour the city center, seeing Roemer Square and City Hall. Later we will walk to where the ghetto once stood and see where the important institutions of both the general Jewish community and the separatist Hirschian community were located. We will also visit the graves of some outstanding Jewish sages who lived in Frankfurt

**Accommodations : Grand Hotel Hessischer Hof**

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## **Wednesday 20 July : Frankfurt, Mainz, Worms, Michelstadt**

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Our first stop is Mainz, one of the most important medieval Jewish towns. While in Mainz we will visit the Gutenberg Museum, a wonderful exhibition of one of history's most important inventions - printing. From there we head to Worms, another important Jewish town where we will see the grave of the famed R. Meir of Rothenburg, who died in prison rather than allow the Jewish community to redeem him, and the so-called Rashi synagogue. We will then drive to the beautiful medieval town of Michelstadt where we will visit the synagogue and Jewish museum and learn about the great Baal Shem of Michelstadt, whose grave continues to be a pilgrimage spot for Jews.

**Accommodations : Grand Hotel Hessischer Hof**

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## **Thursday 21 July : Frankfurt**

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Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Departure flight

## Important Trip Information

Please wait for confirmation that the trip has reached the minimum number of participants before booking air travel. Please note the start and end point of the trip and book travel accordingly. Germany begins in Berlin and ends in Frankfurt.

Includes: Hotel accommodations; kosher food (3 meals a day); English speaking tour guides. All internal and regional travel as per itinerary attached; Airport/hotel transfers as per itinerary; Activities as detailed in the itinerary; tips and gratuities.

Excludes: Transatlantic flights. Transportation to and from the airport for those who arrive earlier or leave later than the scheduled itinerary. All items of a personal nature (including phone calls, laundry, excess baggage).

Insurance: It is strongly recommended that all travelers take out comprehensive insurance to cover medical, personal, baggage, cancellation and curtailment as these cannot be covered by Torah in Motion or Torah in Motion Travel. While every effort is made to ensure smooth travels it is best to be covered for the unexpected.

Cancellation Fees: Cancellation Fees: Deposits are non-refundable. Cancellations up to 90 days prior date tour begins - 75% refund of balance; Cancellations up to 70 days prior date tour begins - 50% refund of balance; Cancellations up to 51 days prior to date tour begins no refunds

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