



CENTRAL EUROPE 2019

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR TRAVELERS

Everything has been done to make your journey special, and in order to come best prepared, we kindly ask you to take the time to read the following practical information. It can be useful before as well as during your journey.

Time Zone:

Central Europe is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. Please consider this when making arrangements for friends to call, etc.

Entry Requirements:

A valid passport is required for entry to the various countries on this tour. The passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the tour ends. No visa or other papers are required for US, Canadian or Israeli Citizens –travellers holding other passports please confirm your visa requirements with us before the tour.

Currency:

All the countries included in this tour are members of the EU. However, countries, such as Hungary and the Czech Republic, still make use of local currency. Exchanges can be done at banks and official exchange places. While traveling with cash is a personal matter, we do recommend that all travelers bring some cash along.

Credit Cards and ATM machines:

Major stores, hotels, etc. accept major credit cards. However, as in most other places, cash is king. Small shops, street vendors, etc. will not be able to process credit cards. ATM machines are easily available everywhere. Second to cash, using ATMs is the most convenient way to obtain local currency.

Weather:

Temperatures in Central Europe during July are difficult to predict. Day temperatures can range anywhere from 70- 90 degrees, but nice weather would be expected. However, showers can occur at any time, so please come prepared with an umbrella and light rain coat.

Electricity:

220 volts AC, 50 Hz. Adapters and/or converters are required for most U.S. electrical appliances. Check if your appliances work with 220 volts (written on your appliance or charger).

Kosher provision:

During the tour, you will be provided with 3 kosher meals based on set menus daily.

Kosher snacks

Though you will likely have all you need provided, if you would like, please come prepared with your favorite snacks and in between meal supplies. Kosher food is not as easily available as it is in Canada or the USA and even when you find some provision, they are very limited.

Water:

Though water is potable in most places, drinking of bottled water is recommended. Bottled water is easily available almost everywhere.

Safety guidelines:

While Central Europe does not have violent street crime, pickpockets can be a problem - especially in Prague. Use of common sense takes care of most problems, but be aware. For cash and valuables, we strongly recommend you always use the safe at the hotels and only carry what you expect to use during the day. A popular place for pickpockets are busy lobbies at hotels so please be aware and pay attention.

Luggage:

Luggage on the tour is limited to one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person. There is no reason to pack heavily for this tour, since required clothing is mostly light and casual throughout. Never pack essential medication, money or other personal necessities in your checked luggage - these should be kept in your carry-on bag at all times.

Luggage on international flights:

Checked bags are now limited to 50 pounds per bag for economy international flights. Carry-on bags should meet the airlines' regulations. Due to increased security at all airports, please check the government site for packing advice for carry on bags:
<http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/>

What to Bring:

Think comfortably and practically when packing. Casual clothing is widely used and accepted. Comfortable walking shoes are a must, and we recommend that you bring

at least two pairs. Since the weather can be unpredictable, please ensure that you come prepared. Always bring a day pack or waist pack that you feel comfortable with while touring or during activities.

3 good things to do before you leave:

Make two copies of your passport. Bring one copy with you on the tour (separately kept from your passport) and leave the other copy with a selected family member or friend. The copies must be easily readable. Contact your credit card (ATM) company and inform them that charges might be made abroad - otherwise they will likely close your card as a protection. This has become common to fight credit card fraud. Bring along the international number to your credit card company, should you need to cancel your card while in Europe (in case of loss etc.).

Recommended Reading:

David Ellenson, Rabbi Esriel Hildesheimer and the Creation of a Modern Jewish Orthodoxy

Eliyahu Meir Klugman, Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

Sharon Flatto, Kabbalistic Culture of Eighteenth-Century Prague: Ezekiel Landau and His Contemporaries

Michael Miller, Rabbis and Revolution: The Jews of Moravia in the Age of Emancipation

Esther Farbstein, Hidden in the Heights – Orthodox Jewry in Hungary During the Holocaust

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