



## Day 1, Thursday, June 11 – Arrival in Odesa

Welcome to Odesa International Airport!

A representative will meet you at the airport after customs. Transfer to the hotel in an air-conditioned vehicle.

Check in at the hotel (*official hotel check-in is from 2:00 p.m.; if your room isn't ready upon arrival, luggage may be left with the concierge.*)

**2PM** Meet your guide and fellow travellers in the hotel lobby; depart for an Jewish tour of the city.

Explore Odesa's rich Jewish heritage with visits to:

- The **Brodskaya Synagogue**
- The **House of Haim Nachman Bialik**
- The **Jabotinsky House**
- The **Holocaust Victims Memorial**
- The **Jewish museum "Migdal-Shorashim"**
- **Holocaust Museum**
- **Khassidic synagogue**
- **Old Jewish cemetery**
- **The Holocaust Memorial**
- **Jewish Memorial of 1905**
- **Jewish Street**



Dinner at hotel

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## Day 2, Friday, June 12 – Jewish Life in Odesa

Enjoy Breakfast at the hotel, then start your day

**JDC home visit** (group will be divided by minivans and will start from the hotel and will finish in the JCC)

Visit the home of a senior adult who receives vital support for monthly food and medicine from the JDC, enabled by Jewish Federation funds from communities like ours. This is a deeply moving opportunity to meet someone whose life is sustained with our support.

### Jewish Community Center / JDC Hesed

Visit the beautiful **Beit Grande JCC**, a hub of Jewish life in Odessa for people of all ages, from children to seniors, and see the highly impactful work of the JDC's Hesed Center located in the JCC building.

Lunch

### Project Keshet activities

Meet mothers and daughters who participate in **Project Keshet**, a non-profit partner of our Federation that provides leadership training and works to new Jewish life for women in the Former Soviet Union.

Return to the hotel.

Shabbat Services at **Shirat HaYam**, Odessa's progressive Jewish congregation. (Shabbat starts 8:32pm)

Shabbat Dinner at the kosher restaurant HEVRON

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**Day 3, Saturday, June 13 – Shabbat (Optional Touring)**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Attend services at local synagogues (optional)

Return to Hotel

Lunch in Private Room at Hotel with Moshe House.

Enjoy an afternoon walking tour of the city to see some of Odesa's famous landmarks including **Arcadia Beach, Primorsky Boulevard** and **Vorontsov Palace**, the **Potemkin Steps**, the **Odesa Opera & Ballet Theater** and **Deribasovskaya Street**. (Optional)

Sites TBC

Relax in hotel

local restaurant

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**Day 4, Sunday, June 14 – Jewish Life in Kiev**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel



Check-out of hotel

Transfer to Odesa Airport for your flight to **Kiev**.

Arrive in Kiev and delve into the Jewish heritage of Kiev.

Visit the restored **Podol Synagogue**, the oldest Synagogue in Ukraine and the only one in Kiev that survived World War II and Soviet times.



Continue to the **Babi Yar Memorial**. Here in 1941 the Nazis decided to wipe out the Jews of this city. Over a two-day period, September 29th and 30th, about 34 000 Jews were slaughtered, and their bodies thrown into the Babi Yar Ravine.

Lunch

View the home of Israeli Prime Minister **Golda Meir** and the monument to the great Yiddish writer **Sholom Aleichem** – author of "Fiddler on the Roof," as well as many other bittersweet tales of Ukrainian shtetl life.

Visit **Brodsky Synagogue**. The building was devastated during the Second World War by Nazis and was subsequently used as a puppet theatre for a long period. It was renovated in 2000 and is currently used as a synagogue.



Enjoy dinner at a Kosher restaurant.

Return to the hotel.

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## Day 5, Monday, June 15 – Option 1 Visit Your Ancestral Villages

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Enjoy the opportunity to retrace your roots and explore Ukraine through your family's past.

We will work all those with ancestral villages in Ukraine to help plan day trips to visit their roots\*

Lunch

Return to Kiev.

**Dinner** in Kiev

*\*additional travel costs may apply*

## Day 5, Monday, June 15 – Option 2 Berdychiv & Zhytomyr

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Depart Kiev and begin the drive west to Berdychiv. *(Kiev-Berdychiv. The distance is 180 kilometers, it's about 2.5 hours driving)*

Sightseeing tour of **Berdychiv** (2 hrs.)

Visit the **Jewish Cemetery, Grave of Rabbi Levi Yitzhak** and **Synagogue**.

According to the census of 1789, the Jews constituted 75% of Berdychiv's population. In 1797, Prince Radziwill granted seven Jewish families the monopoly privilege of the cloth trade in the town. Jews were a major driving force of the town's commerce in the first half of the 19th century, founding several trading companies, banking establishments, and serving as agents of the neighboring estates of Polish nobility. By the end of the 18th century, Berdychiv became an important center of Hasidism.

Transfer Berdychiv –Zhytomyr *(The distance is 41 kilometers, it's 40min driving)*.

**Lunch** in Zhitomir

Sightseeing tour of **Zhytomyr** (2 hrs.)

Zhytomyr apparently had few Jews at the time of the Khmelnytsky Uprising (1648), but by the time it became part of Russia in 1778, it had a large Jewish community, and was a centre of the Hasidic movement. The Jewish community of Zhytomyr suffered a pogrom May 7–8, 1905, with about 20 deaths in the city, and 10 more among a group of young Jews from nearby who were coming to assist the Jews of Zhytomyr. The Jewish community of the region was largely destroyed in the Holocaust.

Transfer Zhytomyr – Kiev *(The distance is 130kilometrs, it's about 2hours driving)*.

**Dinner** in Kiev

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## Day 6, Tuesday, June 16

### Exploring Kiev – “Mother of All Russian Cities”

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Visit **Anatevka Village Community** outside of Kiev, an incredible and inspiring project being led by Ukraine's Chief Rabbi to build a new Jewish village for those fleeing war-torn eastern Ukraine.

Lunch.

Interfacing with children and teens who are the future of Ukraine's Jewish community, we will visit a local **ORT school and/or meet with young future leaders in the JDC Active Jewish Teens Program.**

Dinner in the Ukrainian restaurant with the master class of Ukrainian dumplings with cheese with discussion on Ukrainian Jewish Food

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## Day 7, Wednesday, June 17 – Jewish Life in Kiev

Breakfast at the hotel

**JCC Holom** – On our final full day in Ukraine, we will spend our morning at the JCC Holom, meeting with its energetic young director, Anna, and participating in a meaningful and impact project to benefit our new friends in the Ukrainian Jewish community.

Lunch

Meet with **Paideia Institute Alumni**. After lunch, we will meet an alumnus of Paideia: The European Institute for Jewish Studies, a Swedish-based organization that trains young leaders to undertake projects renewing Jewish life throughout Europe.

Return to the hotel

Farewell Dinner

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## Day 8, Thursday, June 18 – Return Home

Breakfast at the hotel

Check-out of hotel

Transfer to Kiev Airport

Departure flight to the U.S.A., Arriving the same day

Number of Participants	Total PP in Double	Single Supplement
18-23	\$2,995	\$710
24-28	\$2,850	\$710

## Package Includes

- 7 Nights 5\* Accommodations with Breakfast
- 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners
- Airline Ticket Between Odesa & Kiev
- Group Transfers to and from Airport (Private Transfers Subject to Additional Charge)
- Transportation by Air-Conditioned Coach Bus
- English Speaking Guide Daily
- All Tours and Entrance Fees Mentioned in Itinerary
- Waters on Bus
- Tips to Guide and Drivers
- Tour Escort

## Pre and Post Stay Options

### June 10<sup>TH</sup> – Bristol Hotel 5\*, Odesa

Room Type	Total PP in Double
Single BB	\$278
Double BB	\$312

### June 18<sup>TH</sup> – Premier Palace 5\*, Kiev

Room Type	Total PP in Double
Single BB	\$354
Double BB	\$387