



WORLD WAR II HISTORY ROUND TABLE



Eastern Europe Tour to include:

Berlin, Gdansk, Wolf's Lair, Warsaw, Krakow, Prague

June 23 – July 10, 2018

Day 1: June 23, 2018 Saturday

Depart the USA for Berlin Germany (overnight flight)

Day 2: June 24, 2018 Sunday

Arrive Berlin Tegel Airport this morning and meet your tour escort before traveling to our hotel in the city center. An afternoon excursion and tour of the **Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp** is planned for those interested. The Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp was built in the summer of 1936 by concentration camp prisoners from the Emsland camps. It was the first new camp to be established after Reichsführer SS Heinrich Himmler was appointed Chief of the German Police in 1936. In the evening a welcome dinner is planned at the nearby Hofbrau Wirtshaus Berlin.

3 overnights Berlin, Germany (Welcome Dinner)

Ramada Hotel Berlin-Alexanderplatz (4-star hotel)

Karl-Liebknecht-Straße 32a

10178 Berlin, Germany

www.h-hotels.com/en/h4/hotels/h4-hotel-berlin-alexanderplatz

Day 3: June 25, 2018 Monday

After our buffet breakfast, we will conduct a **World War 2 Berlin and Potsdam historical tour**. For the next two days we will try to include the following: Reichstag building (German Bundestag - guided tour plus a visit to the dome where the Soviet flag was hoisted 1 May 1945 announcing the end of the war), Location of the Reich Chancellery (Reichskanzlei), Reich's Air Ministry (Göring's Reichsluftfahrtministerium), Olympic Stadium and Bell tower (Glockenturm) which includes the covert Langemark hall with the WW1 Battle of Langemark Memorial, Huge air raid bunker Pallasstrasse, Treptow Park Russian Memorial, German/Russian Museum, Cecilienhof (Historic Site of the Potsdam Conference), Bundeswehr Museum of Military History (formally known as Luftwaffenmuseum der Bundeswehr), Wannsee Conference Museum, Bendlerblock in Berlin (Memorial to the German Resistance in World War II)

Nigel Dunkley, one of the leading historians in Europe will be with us as our historian for the next two days. A Scotsman, soldier, and diplomat. After graduating from Sandhurst Nigel served all over the world from Ft. Hood Texas to Iraq, was made an MBE for service in the First Gulf War and was a covert intelligence gathering agent behind the Iron Curtain in communist East Germany. In the 1980s he also interpreted for Hitler's Deputy Rudolf Hess in Spandau Prison, Berlin.

Overnight Berlin, Germany (Breakfast)

Day 4: June 26, 2018 Tuesday

A continuation of the **World War 2 Berlin and Potsdam historical tour**.

Overnight Berlin, Germany (Breakfast)

Day 5: June 27, 2018 Wednesday

This morning you will have free time to visit that site you wanted to go back to and spend more time at. Or join the group for a visit to the **Tempelhof Airport and Museum** (Berlin airlift and a landmark of the Third Reich) with a local guide. After lunch, we depart Berlin by direct train (1st class) for Gdansk, Poland. Upon arrival in Gdansk, we will check into our hotel.

2 overnights Gdansk, Poland (Breakfast, Dinner)

Hotel PURO Gdańsk Stare Miasto (4-star hotel)

Stągiewna 26, 80-750 Gdańsk, Poland www.purohotel.pl/en/gdansk

Day 6: June 28, 2018 Thursday

Today we start off with a **WW2 sightseeing tour of Gdansk, Poland**. As history is told the first shots of WWII were heard in Gdansk, Poland on September 1, 1939. Also, it is known for another historic push for freedom — the Solidarity movement led by electrician Lech Walesa. Our tour will start at the Westerplatte where for seven days the Polish garrison withstood German naval, artillery and infantry assaults during the first days of the war. In the afternoon we will end the day at the **World War II Museum Gdansk**. The museum presents World War II from the perspective of the great contemporary politics and above all the ordinary people. The exhibition presents not only the fate of the Poles but also the experience of other nations. A conflict that would go on to claim the lives of an estimated 55 million people. Our historian today will be Michael Gannon a well-known local licensed guide for Gdansk.
Overnight Gdansk, Poland (Breakfast)

Day 7: June 29, 2018 Friday

We depart Gdansk this morning and en-route to the Wolf's Lair, we will tour the **Stutthof Concentration Camp** with our local guide. The camp was first established for "undesirable Polish elements." Then in June 1944, it became part of the project "the final solution of the Jewish problem". After a relaxing lunch to take it all in we depart for Ketrzyn located near the site of Hitler's Wolfs Lair.
3 overnights Ketrzyn, Poland (Breakfast, Dinner)

Hotel Koch (3-star hotel)
ul. Sportowa 1, 11-400 Ketrzyn, Poland
www.hotelkoch.pl/index.php/en/

Day 8: June 30, 2018 Saturday

After breakfast, put on a good pair of walking shoes for our planned program today. A **guided tour of the Wolfsschanze** (Wolf's Lair) with our professional and qualified guide Czeslaw Puciato. The site of Hitler's Wolfs Lair was built in the forests of the Masurian Lake District; the headquarters had 50 bunkers, a power system, an airstrip and railroad station. The area was camouflaged and surrounded by minefields. Today it is possible to visit the ruins and understand Hitler's eastern operations. The Wolfsschanze (Wolf's Lair) is well known because of the failed plot to assassinate Hitler in July 1944.
Overnight Kętrzyn, Poland (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9: July 1, 2018 Sunday

Continued **guided tour of the Wolfsschanze** (Wolf's Lair), which was Adolf Hitler's first Eastern Front military headquarters in World War II. The complex, which would become one of the several headquarters located in various parts of occupied Europe.
Overnight Kętrzyn, Poland (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10: July 2, 2018 Monday

Depart by bus for Warsaw, the capital and largest city of Poland. In the afternoon a **sightseeing tour of Warsaw** will include WW2 - Uprising of 1943 and the Ghetto Uprising of 1944.
3 overnights Warsaw, Poland (Breakfast, Dinner)

Hotel Polonia Palace (4-star hotel)
Aleje Jerozolimskie 45, 00-692 Warszawa, Poland
www.poloniapalace.com

Day 11: July 3, 2018 Tuesday

We begin today with a **Warsaw Jewish Heritage Tour**, conducted by a professional guide and historian. A walk around the former Jewish district will be a journey into the past. In 1939 in Warsaw lived the second largest population of Jews (after New York) in the world. This fascinating area inhabited by over 400,000 people within almost three years was swept from the earth's surface. We will visit the area of the Jewish District, and the remains of the Ghetto walls. We will follow the Trail of Martyrdom and Memory from the monument of the Ghetto Heroes to the former old railway station, called Umschlagplatz where 300,000 Jews were sent to the extermination camp in Treblinka. Relive the everyday life in the Ghetto, cooperation with the Poles, resistance against the Germans and the Jewish Uprising - the first attempt in the occupied Europe. A visit to the Jewish Cemetery which is one of the largest existing in this part of Europe, where we will learn about the lives of Warsaw Jewish citizens. At the end of the tour today a visit to the Nożyk Synagogue – at present the only one in Warsaw.

Overnight Warsaw, Poland (Breakfast)

Day 12: July 4, 2018 Wednesday

Continuation of the **Warsaw Jewish Heritage Tour** with a visit to the **Museum of the History of Polish Jews** and the **Polish Army Museum**.

Overnight Warsaw, Poland (Breakfast)

Day 13: July 5, 2018 Thursday

We bid farewell to Warsaw and take a direct train (1st class) to Krakow. Upon arrival, we have free time for lunch before embarking on a special **Jewish Heritage Tour of Krakow** with a local professional guide to include Kazimierz and Podgorze district of Krakow, Plaszow Concentration Camp and the Emalia Enamel Factory that was run by Oskar Schindler during WW2. *The movie "Schindler's List" depicted what took place at the factory.

3 overnights Krakow, Poland (Breakfast, Dinner)

Vienna House Andel's Hotel (4-star hotel)

Ul. Pawia 3, 31-154, Krakow, Poland

www.viennahouse.com

Day 14: July 6, 2018 Friday

A continuation of the **Jewish Heritage Tour of Krakow** to include **Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp** is planned for today. All over the world, Auschwitz has become a symbol of terror, genocide, and the Holocaust. It was established by Germans in 1940, in the suburbs of Oswiecim, a Polish city that was annexed to the Third Reich by the Nazis. We arrive back into Krakow with the late afternoon free at your leisure to explore those sights you wanted to revisit.

Overnight Krakow, Poland (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 15: July 7, 2018 Saturday

A continuation of the **Jewish Heritage Tour of Krakow** with the afternoon free at your leisure to see those things you did not have enough time to visit.

Overnight Krakow, Poland (Breakfast)

Day 16: July 8, 2018 Sunday

After breakfast, we depart Krakow by direct train (1st class) for Prague, Czech Republic. Upon arrival, we check into our hotel. In the late afternoon, we will join a **walking tour of Prague city center** to include the National Theatre, Kampa Island, Charles Bridge, the historical Art Nouveau building of Main Railway Station with WW2 description and the nearby Gestapo HQ building.

2 overnights Prague, Czech Republic (Breakfast, Dinner)

Falkensteiner Hotel Maria

Opletalova 21, Prague, CZ-110 00

www.falkensteiner.com/en/hotel/prag

Day 17: July 9, 2018 Monday

Today a **Jewish Heritage Tour of Prague is planned**. It will include the Jewish Quarter (Josefov) and Jewish Museum which consists of six Jewish monuments clustered together. (Maisel Synagogue, Pinkas Synagogue, Spanish Synagogue, Klaus Synagogue, Ceremonial Hall, and the Old Jewish Cemetery). They form the best preserved complex of historical Jewish monuments in the whole of Europe. Tonight we will enjoy a 2-hour dinner cruise on the Vltava River to end our tour.

Overnight Prague, Czech Republic (Breakfast, Dinner Cruise)

Day 18: July 10, 2018 Tuesday

Depart for home via Prague International Airport

Note: Feel free to extend this tour by adding a day at the beginning or end of the tour. Send your request in writing to: Deb Johnston, debj@accenttravelintl.com and we will follow up with an offer.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$4500.00. Single supplement please add \$800.00.

Included in the tour program: June 23- July 10, 2018

- 18 days and 16 overnights
- Breakfast buffet daily
- 9 dinners at the hotel restaurants inclusive of 1 dinner at the Hofbrau Wirtshaus Berlin
- 1 dinner cruise in Prague
- Deluxe coach transportation throughout the tour
- 1st class train transportation as per program (Berlin-Gdansk, Warsaw-Krakow, Krakow-Prague)
- Tour Escort 24/7 throughout the tour
- Professional historians or guides throughout the tour
- Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp
- Reichstag building roof top and dome
- Olympiastadium, Langemark Halle and Glockenturm Berlin
- WWII Berlin and Potsdam historical tour
- Cecilienhof Berlin
- Tempelhof Airport and Museum
- WWII sightseeing tour of Gdansk, Poland
- WWII Museum Gdansk
- Stutthof Concentration Camp
- Guided tour of the Wolfsschanze (Wolf's Lair)
- WWII sightseeing tour of Warsaw
- Warsaw Jewish Heritage tour
- Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw
- Polish Army Museum, Warsaw

Tour inclusions continued:

- Jewish Heritage Tour of Krakow (Plaszow Concentration Camp, Mariacki Church, Wawel Royal Castle and Schindler's Factory)
- Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp
- Sightseeing tour of Prague city center
- Jewish Heritage Tour of Prague

Contact Information: Deb Johnston
Accent Travel Intl.
2626 E. 82nd Street, Suite 375
Bloomington, MN 55425
952-767-3661
debj@accenttravelintl.com

Tour Contact: Don Patton
coldpatton@yahoo.com
612-867-5144

History Round Table
Eastern Europe Tour / Jewish Heritage Tour
June 23- July 10, 2018
(18 days/16 overnights)

Application Form

Narrow Gauge Paradise- Battlefield Seminars and Accent Travel Intl. are pleased to offer this tour for the History Round Table.

Please review the instructions carefully, make your selections, and submit a check deposit to hold your place on this trip. All prices are based on a minimum 25 participants.

Land tour price includes 16 overnights in 3-4-star hotels, breakfast daily, 9 dinners, 1 dinner cruise, deluxe motor-coach tour bus, entrance fees as per itinerary, services of historians and tour staff throughout.

Airfare is NOT included in the tour price.

TOUR PRICES (please make your selection for double room or single room):

\$4500.00 per person in a double/twin room (Deposit is \$500.00 per person)

Add \$800 more for single room - **Single rooms are limited; first come, first served.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance for this trip. By purchasing the insurance at the time of deposit, you are covered for pre-existing health conditions. Accent Travel Intl. has a great rapport with Travel Guard Insurance. The policy offered will cover for trip cancellation, trip delay, trip interruption, medical expenses (up to \$25,000), baggage delay, baggage loss, and emergency evacuation/repatriation of remains. And, if purchased with deposit, pre-existing conditions.

Please contact me about travel/health insurance. I am definitely interested.

I do not want to purchase optional tour insurance. I will be responsible for any expenses incurred as the result of illness or trip cancellation/interruption.

Signature required for declining insurance: _____

Tour Participants: One application form per room requested

Passport Name(s)/Birth Date(s) _____

Home Address _____

Telephone/Cell _____

Emergency Contact Person/Phone _____

Email address _____

Do you have any physical limitations or dietary restrictions which the tour director should know about?

Make checks payable to: Accent Travel Intl.

Please mail to: Accent Travel Intl., 2626 E. 82nd Street, Suite 375, Bloomington MN 55425.

Attention- Deb Johnston.

Terms and Conditions- Eastern Europe/Jewish Heritage Tour- 2018

DEPOSIT: A \$500.00 deposit per person is due with the application form to reserve your place on the tour.

Checks should be made payable to "Accent Travel Intl", 2626 E. 82nd Street, Suite 280, Bloomington MN 55425. The deposit is due with the application and all deposits must be in by December 15th, 2017.

TOUR COST: The cost of the tour is \$4500.00 per person in a double room. Single travelers should add \$800.-supplement. The tour price includes all land transportation to the Berlin, Gdansk, Warsaw, Krakow, and Prague. Also, historians, lodging, admissions and attractions as per the itinerary, and meals as indicated. Final payment must be received, by check, by January 15th, 2017.

DOCUMENTS: An unexpired passport with at least 6 months validity is required for travel to Europe and must be carried with you at all times.

CANCELLATIONS: From the day of signature of this contract up to 150 days prior to departure, full refund less \$100.00 per person fee. 150-120 days prior to departure 20% cancellation fee of tour price. 119- to 90 days prior to departure 50% cancellation of tour price. Less than 90 days prior, 100% cancellation fee of tour price.

INSURANCE: Trip cancellation, baggage, and health/accident insurance is highly recommended. We strongly suggest you purchase travel insurance to cover 100% of your tour cost. If purchased in conjunction with deposit, coverage includes pre-existing medical conditions. Please ask for a Travel Guard insurance brochure for more details.

Travelers who need special assistance: You must report any disability requiring special attention at the time the reservation is made. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travelers, but are not responsible in the event we are unable to do so, nor are we responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers.

HOTELS: Hotels per itinerary or similar basis sharing double- or twin-bedded room with bath and/or shower.

MEALS: Meals are included in the tour price as indicated in the itinerary.

LAND TRANSPORTATION: Land transportation will be by deluxe motor coach with reclining seats and restrooms.

Photography: Narrow Gauge Paradise reserves the right to take photographs during any tour and use the resulting images for publication, including promotional purposes in any of our publications or web page. By booking with Narrow Gauge Paradise, the participant agrees to allow their images to be used for such purposes. Participants who prefer that their images not be used must inform our office in writing upon booking.

BAGGAGE: No responsibility is incurred by Narrow Gauge Paradise- Battlefield Seminars/ Accent Travel Intl. for loss or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings. We recommend that you purchase trip insurance, which covers baggage.

RESPONSIBILITY: Travel office of Narrow Gauge Paradise-Battlefield Seminars and Accent Travel Intl. serves only to assist in making necessary arrangements for participating members and in no way represents or acts as agents for transportation carriers, hotels, and other suppliers of services connected with this tour. Travel and services are subject only to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services and transportation are offered or provided, and Narrow Gauge Paradise- Battlefield Seminars and Accent Travel Intl.- and their respective employees, agents, representatives and assigns, accept no responsibility or liability therefore. Narrow Gauge Paradise-Battlefield Seminars and Accent Travel Intl. are not liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or other irregularity, which may be caused by the defect of a vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person, engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, wars, or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Narrow Gauge Paradise-Battlefield Seminars and Accent Travel Intl. reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary or accommodations whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Narrow Gauge Paradise-Battlefield Seminars also reserves the right to decline to accept any person as such action is determined by the appropriate staff representative to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or the individual participant. Baggage and personal effects are the responsibility of the owners at all times. Dates, schedules, program details, and costs given in good faith are based on information available October 2015, is subject to change and revision.