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Relive Eastern Hungarian Jewish History: Dramatic, Impressive, Beautiful and Emotional With Charles Landau

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Pre Travel

Tour Highlights

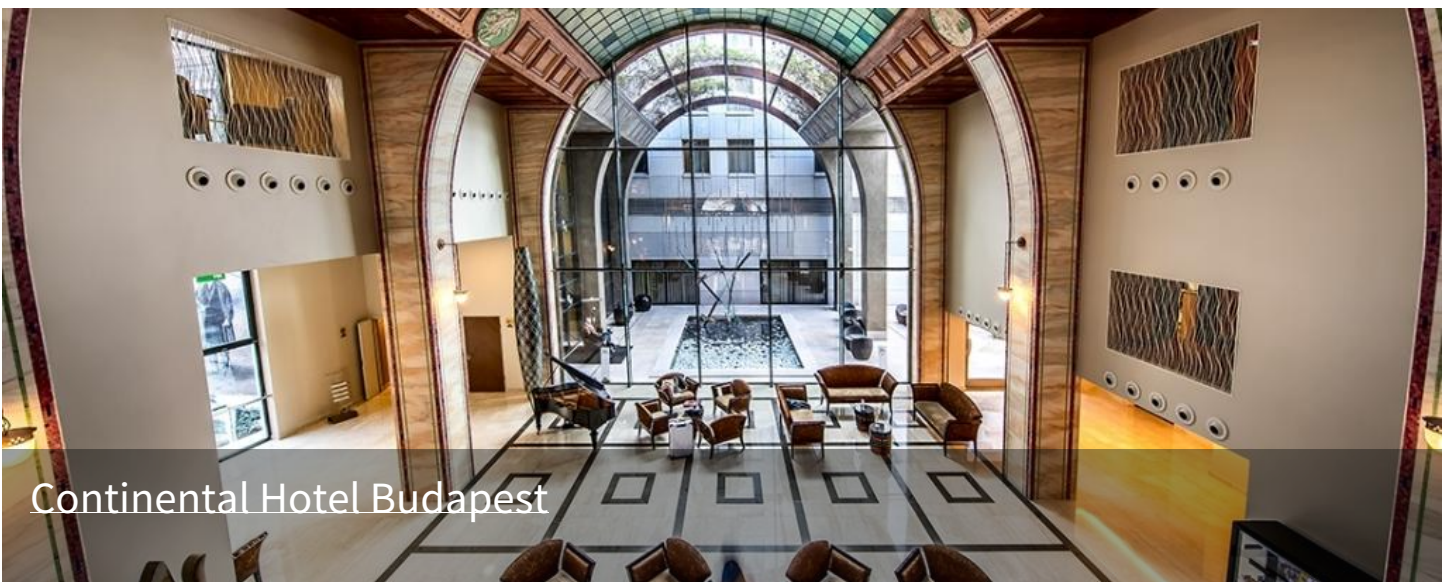
Charles Landau, the renowned and charismatic Jewish historian will bring this beautiful region to life.

Highlights include

- Szanto Synagogue known as the smallest synagogue in the world
- Reb Shayele's grave and house in Kerestir
- Tokaj a famous Hungarian wine region with kosher wine tasting
- Jewish History in Budapest
- Szentendre Open-Air Ethnography Museum

Itinerary subject to change

Sunday · May 11th



Continental Hotel Budapest

May 11

Check In

May 14

Check Out

3 Nights

Duration

London, London Heathrow Airport to Budapest, Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport

British Airways (BA)

BA866

Carrier/Flight

07:40

LHR •

11:10

BUD •

2 hr, 30 min

Duration



Welcome to Hungary

The beautiful city of **Budapest** is considered the most sophisticated of Central European capitals. Here you will find the third largest community in Europe of approximately 100 000 Jews. Jewish history dates back to Roman times, and Jews have always played an outstanding role in the city's economic, political and cultural life. Today, Budapest has many beautiful synagogues, kosher restaurants and Jewish schools. The unique Dohany Street Synagogue, the most impressive and biggest in Europe, is positioned next to the poignant Holocaust Memorial, dedicated to over 437,000 Jews who perished during the Nazi reign of terror. The Jewish Museum has a wealth of artifacts and documents relating to Jewish history in Hungary.

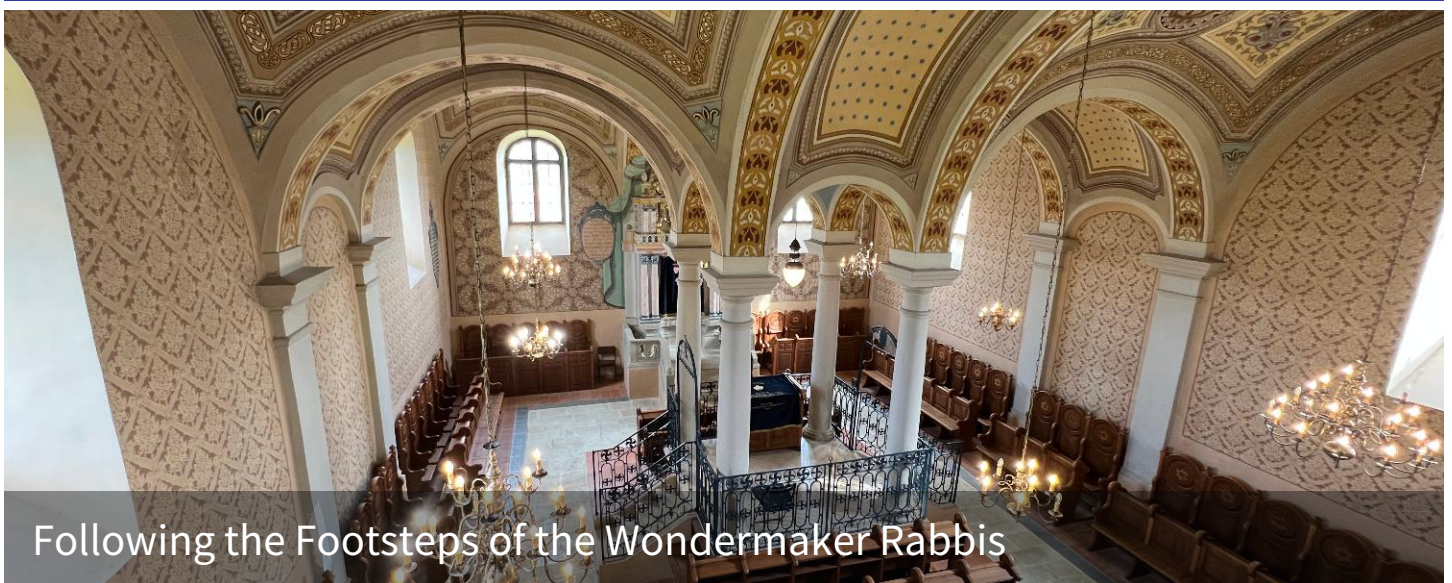
Budapest is definitely one more pearl strung on the Danube necklace, a vibrant metropolis offering warm hospitality and an abundance of Jewish interest.

We start our adventure in the **Castle District** where the first Jews of Buda settled in the 13th century.

We will see the small, medieval synagogue in the former Jewish street, learn about the Jewish life during the Turkish occupation in the 16th -17th centuries and discover that in the 21st century there are two Synagogues from the Medieval time still unexcavated underground of the Castle District.

Then continue to Old Buda. In the 18th century German and Czech Jewish settlers established homes there. Dinner at a kosher restaurant.

Monday · May 12th



Following the Footsteps of the Wondermaker Rabbis

Jews have lived in the Eastern region of the country from the beginning of the 18th century. Jews once played an important role in the production and transport of kosher wine. Tokaj and the neighbouring villages are one of Europe's most famous wine-producing areas and Jews were, for many centuries, very active in viticulture. Before the Holocaust, the Jewish communities in Mad, Tokaj, Bodrogkeresztur, Nagykallo and Satoraljaujhely maintained a rich spiritual life. From its earliest days, these communities leaned toward Hassidism. Indeed, much of the wine produced in the region was shipped north and east to Hassidic courts in Greater Poland.

The full-day tour leaves in the morning from Budapest, featuring the following programme:

Stop in **Miskolc**, the second biggest Hungarian city and a local Jewish center in Eastern Hungary. Visit the 19th **synagogue** (designed by Ludwig Förster, the architect of the Dohány Street Synagogue in Budapest). Continue to **Mad** to see one of the finest surviving examples of **Baroque synagogue** architecture in Hungary. The Mad synagogue (built in 1795) is one of only four surviving synagogues of the period. Mad is exceptional because not only is the synagogue intact with all of its rich decoration, but the attached structure which once housed a **yeshiva** and the **rabbis residence** is also intact. The entire complex is dramatically situated, overlooking the town and the surrounding vineyards.

Stop in **Tokaj**, the capital of the most famous Hungarian wine region and former center of a prosperous Jewish community that lived in the area before the Holocaust. Visit the **synagogue of Tokaj** built in the late 19th century, the biggest and most impressive one in the region.

Explore old wine cellars and taste some of the excellent kosher wines.

Continuing to **Satoraljaujhely**, the town of **Reb Ismach Moshe Teitelbaum** was instrumental in bringing Hassidic Judaism into Hungary in the early 19th century. He was famous for his knowledge as well as for his yeshiva. His son and descendants were Hassidic rabbis in Satu Mare and in Maramarossziget (today both are in Romania). We then visit the **tomb of Reb Ismah Moshe** in the old cemetery.

The last stop is going to be **Kerestir** Where we will learn about Reb Shaye ben Reb Moshe, who lived in the beginning of the 20th century, was renowned for his extraordinary hospitality and unusual devotion to helping the needy. He was also known to be a tzadik and a miracle worker.

After visiting his grave site and we will enjoy dinner in the Reb Shaye's Guesthouse.

Tuesday · May 13th



World War II History, Diplomatic Shields and Jewish Legacy in Budapest

Today we will visit the **Holocaust Museum**: A moving and educational museum dedicated to Hungary's Jewish history during WWII, covering personal stories, artifacts, and memorials. Followed by **Diplomatic Shield - International Ghetto**: Explore the history of the Budapest Ghetto, where diplomats shielded

thousands of Jewish lives. Learn about the courageous efforts that saved many during the Holocaust. Our guide will expand on **Kasztner story**, and we will hear about his mission of exchanging Blood for Goods. Highlights of the day include **Hannah Szenes Memorial**: A tribute to a brave WWII paratrooper and poet, Hanna Szenes, whose life and work inspire courage. The **Glass House - Carl Lutz**: This is a remarkable place that, on the one hand, served as a shelter and hiding place for about 3,000 Jews saved by Carl Lutz, the Consul of Switzerland in late 1944 and, on the other hand, was also the center of the underground Zionist organization in Hungary. **Liberty Square** - German occupation memorial and civil protest against it. **Shoes on the Danube**: This is the memorial place from where the Nazi Hungarians shot the Jews into the Danube River in winter of 1944-45. Dinner at a kosher restaurant.

Wednesday · May 14th



This region, north of Budapest, has been the scene of important events in the history of Hungary. From Jewish point of view this was where one of the oldest pieces of evidence of the Jewish presence - dates back to Roman time, head stone from the 3rd century - was found. Breathtaking natural scenery, historical and artistic treasures and thriving folklore are the main attractions of the Danube Bend. Here the river is forced between the hills and turns to the South. From the hilltops magnificent landscape unfolds itself before you. This beautiful land, the center of medieval Hungary, still offers an abundance of historical artifacts and monuments. We will Visit Esztergom where we had Jewish community, dating back to 1050, explore the synagogue of Esztergom, and discover **Szentendre Open-Air Ethnography Museum**: A captivating visit to Hungary's largest open-air museum, featuring cultural exhibits that showcase rural life in historical Hungary. Followed by **Szántó Synagogue** - visit the tiny Synagogue and Memorial House built in the 20th century.

Departure: Return to Budapest for transfer to the airport.

Budapest, Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport to London, London
Heathrow Airport
British Airways (BA)

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| BA875 Carrier/Flight | 18:25 BUD • | 20:10 LHR • | 2 hr, 45 min Duration |
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Itinerary Notes

How to reserve your place

Group size is limited so early booking is essential and accepted on a first come first served basis. Please complete the [booking form on our website](#). A £250.00 non-refundable deposit per person is required at the time of booking.

If you require any further information, please call us on 020 8931 8000 or email info@travelinkuk.com

Please note:

The tour involves a considerable amount of walking and group members need to be fit and able to keep up. Itinerary and flight details subject to change.

To travel to Hungary, you must follow the Schengen area passport requirements.

To enter Hungary (and all Schengen countries) your passport must:

- Have a 'date of issue' less than 10 years before the date you arrive. Passports issued after 1 October 2018 are now valid for only 10 years, but for passports issued before 1 October 2018, extra months may have been added if you renewed a passport early.
- Have an 'expiry date' at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave.

Itinerary subject to change. Tour operating based on a minimum of 20 Group members

Price Notes

Price per person sharing a double / twin room £1539

Price Includes:

- British Airways scheduled flights from London Heathrow including airport taxes
- 3 nights at the 4*superior Continental Hotel Budapest including breakfast (not kosher).
- 3 kosher dinners
- 4 kosher packed lunches.
- All excursions and entrance fees as per the itinerary with a local English speaking guide.
- Gratuities to local guide and driver.
- Tourist accommodation tax.
- ATOL protected for your financial peace of mind.

Price does not include:

- Single occupancy supplement £228
- Optional boat trip on River Danube (pay locally)
- Travel insurance: we offer an excellent policy - details at travelinkuk.com
- Anything not specified above

Optional Room Upgrade:

Deluxe room 20-25 m2 - £60 per room for the 3 nights

Executive room 30-35 m2 - £135 per room for the 3 nights

Junior Suite 35 m2 - £225 per room for 3 nights