Poland Trip • Winter 2026 Itinerary

Saturday, December 19

- **10:35 p.m.** — LOT flight departs from JFK.
- **8:40 p.m.** — KLM flight departs from DTW
- Before departure: Confirm your flight times and arrive at the airport at least two hours before departure. Request kosher meals on your airline's website using your booking confirmation code. The original Detroit check-in note lists a United flight operated by Lufthansa and directs travelers to the Lufthansa desk (North Gate); confirm these details, as the flight above is listed as KLM.

Sunday, December 20

- Arrive in Warsaw: 1:00 p.m. from JFK; 4:10 p.m. from DTW
- Visit the Galicia Jewish Museum (listed closing time: 6:00 p.m.).
- Overnight: Leonardo, Warsaw.

Monday, December 21

- **10:00 a.m.** — Visit Ginchka / Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery.
    - *Explore one of Europe's largest Jewish cemeteries, with 250,000 graves, including those of prominent rabbis, scholars, and public figures.*
- **12:00 p.m.** — Visit Umschlagplatz and Warsaw Ghetto sites.
    - *Visit the site from which Jews were deported to Treblinka during World War II, then explore the ghetto's remaining sites and memorials honoring its residents.*
- **4:00 p.m.** — Visit the Janusz Korczak and orphanage memorial.
- **5:00 p.m.** — Visit Nożyk Synagogue.
- Overnight: Leonardo, Warsaw.

Tuesday, December 22

- **9:00 a.m.** — Depart for Tykocin (2-hour drive); visit the shtetl and forest.
    - *Explore Tykocin's historic shtetl and restored synagogue, then visit the nearby forest to remember the Jewish community murdered there.*
    - *Forest visit: Łopuchowo Forest.*
- **1:00 p.m.** — Depart for Treblinka (1-hour drive).
    - *Visit the memorial at the site of the Nazi extermination camp where nearly 900,000 Jews were murdered, and honor their memory.*
- **4:00 p.m.** — Depart for Lublin (3-hour drive).
- Dinner upon arrival at Chachamei Lublin Hotel.
- **8:00 p.m.** — Visit the Lublin cemetery.
    - Visit the grave of the Chozeh of Lublin.
- Overnight: Lublin.

Wednesday, December 23

- **8:00 a.m.** — Shacharis at the historic Yeshiva of Lublin.
- **9:00 a.m.** — Visit Majdanek.

    - *Visit the former concentration camp, now a memorial and museum, with preserved barracks, monuments, and exhibits documenting the Holocaust.*
- **1:30 p.m.** — Visit the grave of Rabbi Elimelech of Leżajsk (1½-hour drive from Majdanek).
    - *Pay respects at the resting place of the renowned Hasidic master, which remains a place of pilgrimage today.*
- **4:00 p.m.** — Visit the children's forest near Tarnów (1½-hour drive from Leżajsk).
- **6:00 p.m.** — Arrive in Kraków (1¼-hour drive).
- Free evening.
- Overnight: Kraków.

Thursday, December 24

- **7:30 a.m.** — Depart for Auschwitz (1¼-hour drive); tour begins at 8:45 a.m.
    - *Tour Auschwitz I and Birkenau (Auschwitz II), learning about the Holocaust and honoring those murdered at the Nazi camp complex.*
- **12:00 p.m.** — Visit Birkenau.
- **2:30 p.m.** — Visit Yeshiva Ushpitzin Synagogue: https://oshpitzin.pl/en/synagoga/
- **5:00 p.m.** — Dinner with Shumli and a kumzitz.
- Overnight: Kraków.

Friday, December 25

- Tour Kraków's Old Synagogue and Jewish cemetery.
    - *Visit the Rema Synagogue and adjoining historic cemetery, and explore the Jewish heritage of Kazimierz, a center of Jewish life before World War II.*
- **3:00 p.m.** — Pre-Shabbat l'chaim.
- **3:21 p.m.** — Candle lighting and Kabbalat Shabbat.
- **4:30 p.m.** — Perspectives on Shabbat class.
- **6:00 p.m.** — Shabbat dinner at Avrumi's house.
- Overnight: Kraków.

Shabbat, December 26

- **12:00 p.m.** — Shabbat lunch.
- **1:30 p.m.** — Walking tour of Kraków.
    - *Explore the Jewish Quarter, Schindler's Factory, and sites around Kraków's historic Old Town, learning about the city's medieval roots and Jewish history.*
- **3:30 p.m.** — Third meal and storytelling.
- **4:37 p.m.** — Shabbat ends; Havdalah.
- **6:30 p.m.** — Melave Malka.
- **7:30 p.m.** — Free time in Kraków.
- Overnight: Kraków.

Sunday, December 27

- Depart for the airport.