



Budapest

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with Jeremy Leigh

In 1896, when nationalists and patriots in Budapest celebrated the glorious thousand years of Magyar presence in the Hungarian lands, some Jews quietly commented to each other that whilst it was cute and endearing, they, the Jews had been there for almost a thousand years before that! It is no exaggeration to say that the Jews of Hungary have been witnesses to some of the most remarkable periods of European history, including a golden age under Islam that lasted for over a century. In the nineteenth century, as the second city of the Austrian Empire, Budapest's Jews rose to the highest places in society from where they fell in the twentieth, enduring the extreme privations and persecutions of both Nazi and Soviet regimes.

For Jewish Journeys, this was one of our very first trips, back in the early part of this century, and we return with the full recognition that much has changed – outwardly the symbols of Soviet life have been eclipsed, but as we have discovered in so many trips before, what lies under the surface is always much more complicated.

So, whether like us you have been there before or are thinking of coming for the first time, you can feel confident that all bases will be covered. We will certainly visit the thermal baths, drink coffee in the manner of the *fin de siècle* Hapsburg era, and discuss the challenges of being Jewish in the largest synagogue in Europe. But we will also be meeting with contemporary Jewish leaders and activists in an attempt to understand the challenges of a supremely complicated Jewish life right at the very heart of Europe.

Price **(to be confirmed)** £534 per person for double occupancy with a single supplement of £180. The price excludes flights and is based on a minimum of 30 participants. We reserve the right to add a surcharge if there is a significant devaluation of the pound against the destination currency. A non-refundable deposit of £100 per person is payable with your booking form. Final payment will be required by 1st August 2017. To book please contact Kirsty Pegg at Colletts Travel on 020 8202 2233 or kirsty@collettstravel.co.uk