



Trieste - Venice

October 18th – 21st 2018

'BORDERS: Jews on the edge'

With Jeremy Leigh

Our journey continues the JJ theme of 2018, namely that of 'borders', and the challenges of Jews living on or between them. Here in northern Italy, we visit three emblematic cities that in different ways represent the challenge of life on the border, and by implication, the challenge of being a Jew living 'between' societies, empires, cultures, philosophies etc.

It may seem as if Venice needs no explanation, since it is a city whose has bequeathed to the world the ultimate border, that of the ghetto, complete with its walls and boundaries. But on the deeper level, it is a city that embodies so much more of our theme – home to a transnational Jewish community, perched on the edge of a small island offering refuge from the unpredictable seas of empires and history. We will explore the deeper and darker legacy of Jews living on the edge of turbulent

Further up the Adriatic coast, in nearby Trieste, the borders were of a different type altogether. This beautiful and vibrant frontier city was (and still is) simultaneously Austrian and Italian, embodying culture and politics of both societies. Home to one of Europe largest and most ornate synagogues, the contrast with tiny and cramped synagogues of the Venetian Ghetto could not be greater. And it was from the port of Trieste that ships sailed taking tens of thousands of Jews to the New World in America on the one hand, and to run the British blockade to Palestine on the other.

We will meet in Venice on the afternoon of Thursday 18th and then travel together to Trieste the following afternoon where we will spend Shabbat. On our last day, we will drive to Gorizia, where our journey takes us back to the origins of the European Jewish story, and sites of its 20th century demise.

This promises to be the most exciting of Jewish journeys, in one of Europe's most beautiful of regions. It is an opportunity for crossing multiple borders, or as the poet Yehuda Amichai writes of Jewish travel, 'the Jewish game of hearts between east and west.'

Price will be £ 602 for double occupancy with a single supplement of £260. The price **excludes flights** and is based on a minimum of 30 participants. A non-refundable deposit of **£150 per person** is payable with your booking form.

To book please send completed booking form and deposit of £150pp (by cheque or bank transfer) to Marcel Manson at West End Travel, 70 Edgware Way, Edgware, HA8 8RZ Email: marcel.manson@westendtravel.co.uk Tel: 020 8954 5074. **Please book as soon as possible to ensure a place as we expect the trip to be over-subscribed!**

Final payment will be required by **18th August 2018**

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Thursday October 18th

16:30 Meeting at Hotel, depart for walking tour

‘Entry points’ / Borders I: *Terra firma*

Walking tour to sites Jewish sites in and around San Marco

19:00 Dinner (group, included)

Overnight, HOTEL SALUTE PALACE, Dorsoduro, [222 - 30123](tel:+390412330123) - Venezia

Friday October 19th

08:30 Depart hotel

09:15 Borders II: ‘Ghetto’ (walking tour) Sites and discussions around the ‘classic’ Jewish story of Venice, originator of the primary ‘border’ that of the ghetto. Here we focus on the personalities and outlooks of those who lived in and on the border of the Venice ghetto.

12:30 Lunch and return to Hotel

13:30 Depart from hotel, boat to Tronchetto and bus to Trieste

16:30 Check in Hotel Trieste

URBAN HOTEL DESIGN Androna Chiusa, 4 34121 Trieste

18:00 Shabbat services at Trieste

20:00 Shabbat dinner (group, included)

Shabbat October 20th

09:00 Borders III: ‘Empires and cultures (Walking tour) Jewish sites of Trieste: from the Piazza dell’ Unita d’Italia to the Grand Synagogue, traversing the empire and nationalist stories of Austria and Italy.

13:00 Lunch and free time to explore

17:00 Walking tour, Borders IV: ‘Redemption’ – The (Jewish) story around the Port of Trieste. ‘The Gateway to Zion’ we return to theme of ‘land’ and ‘sea’ to discover the dramatic stories of contemporary Trieste and its role as the transit point for Jews to new lives.

19:00 Break, dinner

22:00 Havdalah

Sunday October 21st

08:30 Depart by bus

Borders V: 'Life', Museo della Risiera di San Sabba

10:00 Depart Trieste

11:00 Border VI: 'Past and present' - we conclude walking the Jewish sites of Gorizia complete with its magnificent synagogue but most importantly, its recognition as the border between past and future Jewish history.

13:00 Depart for the airport

15:00 Conclude – Bus will drop off at Venice, Marco Polo Airport