

# Warsaw – Lodz

15-19 October 2020

With Jeremy Leigh

*A literary, musical, artistic, cinematic ...*

*Jewish Journey*

*(a tourism of words, sounds and images)*



After many years of talking about it, Jewish Journeys finally heads back to Poland, and this time, with a specially themed trip, focussing on the world of art and culture.

It is true that, conventionally speaking, tourism tends to reference history and politics a little more than pure culture, and unsurprisingly, in the case of Poland, this tends towards a rather heavy emphasis on the destructive force of the Shoah.

But coming at it from the other way around, this journey is about culture... all the ways people try to tell their story, through words, music, photos, moving images and so on.

In this journey, we are consciously attempting to find the locations of the great and good of Polish Jewish culture, from the nineteenth century to the present. And whilst much has been lost in the turbulence of the twentieth century, we will do what we can, to stand where 'they' stood, sit where 'they' wrote, see where 'they' took their photos, and so on.

In terms of the gallery of artists who will 'accompany' us, so to speak, we go from the most famous and iconic to the less well known. This auspicious list includes the writers (I.L Peretz, Bashevis Singer – 2 brothers and the sister, Sholem Asch, Kadya Molodovsky, Rokhl Aurbach;); the photographers ( Alter-Sholem Kacyzne and Roman Vishniac) ; the actors (Esther Rokhl Kaminska, Ida Kaminska; Dzigal and Schumacher). All them, and many many more...

This Jewish Journey is for everyone, not only for people with a penchant for reading, but we will certainly be reading stories. We will screen some movies, listen to a lot of music, analyse photos .... and, not that we don't anyway, there will be an emphasis on talking and discussing.

And as for sites, we will squeeze out what we can from the landscape, from the JJ classics – the empty spaces where people lived - to more conventional sites such as POLIN, the remarkable and now not-so-new but still very significant museum of Polish Jewry

Price for a group of 30+ will be £595pp for double occupancy. If the group is 20- 30 people the price will increase to £645pp. Single supplement in either case will be £95. The price **excludes flights** and includes 3 nights in 4\* hotel Gromada in Warsaw and one night in 3\* hotel Tobacco in Lodz. Trip is based on a minimum of 20 participants. A non-refundable deposit of **£150 per person** is payable with your booking form. Balance of payment due by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020. **To book please contact Marcel Manson at West End Travel, 70 Edgware Way, Edgware, HA8 8RZ by phone on 07712 290520 or email [marcel.manson@westendtravel.co.uk](mailto:marcel.manson@westendtravel.co.uk)**