



FRIENDS OF THE IDF

# From Holocaust to Independence Mission to Poland & Israel

April 19- April 27, 2023

**ITINERARY**

**This unforgettable, uniquely FIDF journey, will  
bring 800 years of Jewish history to life,  
culminating in Israel's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day!**

Join FIDF in Poland to bear witness to the atrocities of the Holocaust, then celebrate 75 years of independence with the men and women of the IDF who safeguard Israel's future! Through exclusive programs with top political and military leadership, we will experience the joy and pride of the miracle of Israel.



MISSION OFFICIALLY COMMENCES

**Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

- **Arrival in Krakow, Poland**
- **Opening Dinner** at the Sheraton hotel

*Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel*

*7 Powisle Street, Krakow*

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**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

- We will depart for **Auschwitz Birkenau Concentration and Extermination Camp** where more than 1 million Jews were murdered between 1941-1945.
- There, we will take part in a meaningful memorial ceremony, in remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust.

- This first-time shared experience is dedicated to the survival of the Jewish people will be the emotional highlight of the delegation and the opportunity to be part of a moment that will be handed down as a legacy to future generations.

*Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel*

## Friday, April 21, 2023

- Begin our journey in Krakow where we will relive 800 years of Ashkenazi Jewish history.
- Tour of **Tarnów**, the town that was home to thousands of Jews who ultimately faced unfathomable suffering at the hands of the Nazis.
- Depart for **Zbylitowska Gora Village** and **Buczyna Forest** to retrace the steps where over 800 children were executed by the Nazis.
- Participate in a stirring **memorial ceremony** at the children's grave.
- Enjoy an inspiring **Kabbalat Shabbat** with singing and dinner.

*Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel*

## Saturday, April 22, 2023

- Morning service at the **Kupa Synagogue**.
- Visit the **Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Krakow** and learn about the significant Jewish community that flourished there from the 14th century until their decimation in the Holocaust.



- Lunch at the **Galicia Museum** that commemorates the victims of the Holocaust and celebrates the Jewish culture of Polish Galicia.
- Tour the **Krakow Jewish Ghetto** where Jews were forced to live during the Nazi occupation.
- Group discussions followed by dinner and an uplifting Havdalah service.

*Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel*

## Sunday, April 23, 2023

- Depart Poland for **Israel**. Upon arrival, we will be greeted by courageous soldier, and commanders who protect the Jewish Homeland and Jews worldwide, ensuring *never again*.
- Festive **“Welcome to Israel” dinner** celebrating the transition from “darkness into light” with our arrival in Jerusalem.

*Overnight: The historic King David Hotel*

*23 King David St., Jerusalem  
+972-2-620-8888*

## Monday, April 24, 2023

- Experience the pride of the nation: the IDF. During this unforgettable experience **visiting soldiers in the field**, we will get to know soldiers and commanders from an elite IDF unit.
- Attend the **National Memorial Ceremony** dedicated to fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism at the Kotel with state officials including Israel’s President and Chief of Staff. Together we will mourn, remember, and honor the brave IDF soldiers as one with the people of Israel.

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## Tuesday, April 25, 2023

- On Israel's Memorial Day, we will relive the final moments of the 37 heroic IDF soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the reunification of Jerusalem during the Six-Day War Battle of **Ammunition Hill**. This battle was a key turning point that led Israel to victory.
- We will transition from mourning into joy and celebration as we mark a most meaningful milestone celebration at a gala dinner and party for the delegation: **Israel's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day!**

*Overnight: The historic King David Hotel*

## Wednesday, April 26, 2023

- Continue the celebrations of Israel's Independence with a **premier IDF unit**. Enjoy a **barbecue lunch** with these brave men and women who protect the independence we celebrate.
- Attend a private cocktail reception with the newly elected **President of Israel, Isaac Herzog**, at his residence. \*Subject to change due to COVID-19
- Enjoy a **celebratory farewell dinner** at the King David Hotel, to conclude our extraordinary and unforgettable experience together.

*Overnight: The historic King David Hotel*

## Thursday, April 27, 2023

- Conclusion of mission. Check out of hotel.

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