



# Northern Italy

## EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

OCTOBER 10-22, 2023

Join YIVO on a fascinating journey of discovery across northern Italy from Torino, Genova via Firenze, Siena, Parma, Modena, Ferrara, Padua to Trieste and Venezia, discovering the fabled Jewish history, unfamiliar to most of us. Leading the tour will be renowned scholar Dr. Elissa Bemporad, with noted historian Dr. Samuel Kassow.

*The tour will be chaired by Irene Pletka, vice-chair of the YIVO Board of Directors.*

To learn more, please contact Florence Behrens, Study Tour Coordinator:

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**\$6,578** per person, double occupancy | **\$1,990** single supplement

# ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

## DAY 1 / TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 / MILAN AIRPORT – TURIN

- Arrival at Milan Malpensa Airport
- Transfer to Turin
- Check-in at the hotel
- Dinner
- Grand Hotel Sitea

## DAY 2 / WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 / TURIN

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Tour focusing on historic synagogues, including the building of the Mole Antonelliana (Primo Levi, Natalia Ginzburg, and Emanuele Artom)
- Lunch served during the tour
- Grand Hotel Sitea

## DAY 3 / THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 / TURIN – GENOA

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Genoa
- En route, visit Asti and Casale Monferrato with long Jewish history and preserved synagogues
- Lunch served during the day
- Meliá Genova Hotel

## DAY 4 / FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 / GENOA – FLORENCE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning tour focusing on Jewish history including the Ghetto, Synagogue of Genoa, and emigration to America from the port of Genoa
- Nervi (Sholem Aleichem)
- Afternoon transfer to Florence
- Check-in at the villa near Florence
- Friday night dinner at the villa
- Professor Bemporad will discuss displaced persons (DP) camps in Italy, and the incredible Yiddish cultural activities that Jewish survivors organized in the places we will be visiting
- Villa Tolomei

## DAY 5 / SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 / FLORENCE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Short transfer to Florence's historic town center
- Morning walking tour focusing on Jewish sites in Florence: Ponte Vecchio, Via dei Ramaglianti, Piazza della Signoria (David), Piazza della Repubblica (former ghetto), Via Delle Oche, Piazza del Duomo
- Afternoon at leisure
- Optional visits to the Uffizi Gallery and Accademia Gallery can be arranged
- Villa Tolomei

## **DAY 6 / SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 / FLORENCE – SIENA – FLORENCE**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning visit to the Synagogue and Jewish Museum
- Depart for a day excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
- Tour in Siena including the Synagogue, Jewish Museum, and the Old Cemetery
- Lunch served in Siena
- En route back to Florence, visit medieval San Gimignano
- Evening at leisure
- Villa Tolomei

## **DAY 7 / MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 / FLORENCE – BOLOGNA – NONANTOLA – PARMA**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the market and kosher butcher
- Depart Florence and drive to the Emilia-Romagna region
- Visit Bologna's Ghetto and Synagogue
- Tour Villa Emma in Nonantola, used to hide Jewish refugees
- Fossoli Concentration Camp and the Museum and Monument to Political and Racial Deportees
- Lunch served during the day
- "Aceto Balsamico" of Modena and "Parmigiano Reggiano" cheese producer (time pending)
- Grand Hotel De La Ville

## **DAY 8 / TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 / PARMA – MODENA – PARMA**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Galleria Estense in Modena
- Visit the Biblioteca Palatina (one of the largest collections of Hebrew manuscripts in the world; Max Weinreich went here to study the collections)
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Grand Hotel De La Ville

## **DAY 9 / WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 / PARMA – FERRARA – PADUA – VENICE**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart Parma for Ferrara
- Visit to Jewish Museum and the story of Giorgio Bassani (*The Garden of the Finzi-Continis*)
- Lunch in Ferrara
- Padua's Jewish heritage (Samuel David Luzzatto and Elia Levita, author of the *Bovo-Bukh*, the first novel in Yiddish)
- Transfer to Venice
- Boat transfer to the hotel
- Radisson Collection Hotel, Palazzo Nani Venice

## **DAY 10 / THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 / VENICE – TRIESTE – VENICE**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Boat transfer to bus terminal
- Transfer to Trieste
- Tour of Synagogue (James Joyce, Italo Svevo, Umberto Saba), Risiera di San Sabba Concentration Camp
- Lunch served during the day
- Transfer back to Venice
- Boat transfer to the hotel
- Radisson Collection Hotel, Palazzo Nani Venice

### DAY 11 / FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 / VENICE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Venetian Ghetto and synagogues
- Jewish Cemetery on the Lido
- Friday Night Dinner
- Radisson Collection Hotel, Palazzo Nani Venice

### DAY 12 / SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 / VENICE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Traditional sites in Venice (Piazza San Marco, etc.)
- Afternoon at leisure
- Farewell Dinner
- Radisson Collection Hotel, Palazzo Nani Venice

### DAY 13 / SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 / VENICE – HOME FLIGHTS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Boat transfers to the airport

*\* Itinerary is subject to change.*

*\* Dietary restrictions will be accommodated if possible.*

**\*\* Please see visa information on page 6.**



# RATES

**\$6,578** per person, double occupancy

**\$1,990** single supplement

*\* Based on a minimum of 20 participants. If more than twenty people sign up, the cost per person will be reduced.*

## **THE PRICE IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING INCLUDED SERVICES:**

- Coach included from day 1 until day 10 (both days included)
- Full time Tour Director (Dariusz Kuzniar)
- Deluxe hotel accommodations throughout
- Daily breakfast buffet at the hotels
- 6 lunches
- 4 dinners (alcoholic beverages are not included)
- All entrance fees as per the program
- Departure transfers in Venice
- All taxes and fees

## **NOT INCLUDED SERVICES:**

- Flights to and from Europe
- Individual arrival transfers to Turin
- Pre- or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Tips to drivers, guides and Tour Director
- Travel insurance – highly recommended!
- Any personal expenses

## **DEPOSIT:**

A \$1,000 deposit is due by April 30th, 2023.

## **PAYMENT:**

To sign up for the tour, each traveler must complete a reservation form. Upon receipt of the reservation, YIVO will issue an invoice. The first installment (50%) is due no later than June 10th (120 days prior to the tour), and the second and final installment no later than July 10th (60 days prior to departure).

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND:**

For all cancellations, we will refund payment less the following cancellation fees:

<u>Prior to the departure</u>	<u>Cancellation fee</u>
Upon signing up	\$1,000 per person
120 to 91 days	\$2,000 per person
90 to 61 days	\$3,500 per person
60 days or less	Full Payment

**CHANGES:**

Participants requiring individual travel arrangements in conjunction with this tour must inform the Tour Operator as early as possible. Individual arrangements can be made pre- or post-tour. For any change made 90 days or less prior to the tour, a service fee of \$100 per person will be charged. All expenses involved with individual travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the individual traveler.

**MEALS:**

Breakfasts are served buffet-style at the hotels. Other meals are served at restaurants or at the hotels and are based upon set menus according to local Italian traditions. However, options are provided for travelers requiring special meals such as a vegetarian or fish option. Alcoholic beverages are not included.

**AIRPORT TRANSFERS:**

One coach transfer from Milan to Turin is included in this program. For pre-tour arrivals we recommend staying in Milan overnight. Individual transfers, hotels, or other services can be arranged upon request and must be paid directly to Momentum Tours & Travel by the individual travelers.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

While Travel insurance is not required for this tour, it is strongly recommended. Momentum Tours & Travel is recommending TravelDefend's concierge service for purchasing travel insurance. TravelDefend represents most insurance companies and can guide you to the policy that fits you best. All questions regarding travel insurance must be made directly to TravelDefend or to the travel insurance company of your choice.

**PASSPORT AND VISA:**

Visas for U.S. citizens are not required for this departure. However, travelers from other countries should check if visas are required. Please ask if in doubt. In addition, each traveler must possess a passport, valid for at least 6 months after the tour has been completed.

**TRAVEL DURING COVID:**

There are no longer Covid-related restrictions for travelers. Borders are open, and masks are rarely required outside of medical institutions. We continue to recommend that travelers be vaccinated and boosted.

**DISCLAIMER:**

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