



POLAND FESTIVAL OUTREACH

*Celebrate the Chanukah and Christmas Season with Jonathan Bernis
and Jewish Voice Ministries International*

December 13-23, 2019



**FREQUENTLY
ASKED
QUESTIONS**



Shalom!

We invite you to join Jonathan Bernis and Jewish Voice Ministries International (JVMI) to celebrate the Chanukah and Christmas season in Warsaw, Poland. Once the home of a vibrant and thriving Jewish community, the country's 1,000-year Jewish history was all but erased by the evils of Hitler and his Nazi regime. Millions died, and among the few who survived, many hid their Jewish identity in an effort to escape past trauma and avoid future persecution. For decades, Jewish life was but a remnant of a rich past, an echo in the empty spaces left by the Holocaust.

Today, Poland is experiencing a revival of Jewish life and culture. The country is in the process of reclaiming all aspects of its Jewish heritage. With the rise in popularity of DNA tests, Polish Christians in both the Catholic and Protestant churches are discovering that they have a Jewish parent or grandparent. And throughout Poland's major cities, there is a growing fascination with all things Jewish – food, music, history and art. People are celebrating Jewish culture as an integral part of Polish cultural identity.

This year, as Chanukah and Christmas converge, our team will put on a world class holiday show in Poland that celebrates the shared history of the Jewish people and Poland. This event will also deliver a powerful message about God's plan for the people of Israel.

Please review this FAQ packet and prayerfully consider joining us in Poland.

What are the dates for the festival?

The official festival outreach dates are December 13 -23, 2019. These are the dates the group departs from the US and returns to the US.

What are the qualifications for volunteering?

- Must be a Believer in Yeshua as Messiah
- Must submit the required documents (valid passport and photo)
- Must submit a Pastoral Recommendation form
- Must be able to perform the following tasks without the assistance of another person or a walking aid:
 - walk 30 consecutive minutes
 - stand for one hour
- Must be able handle extreme weather conditions

How much does it cost?

The Land Package is \$1,950

What is included in the Land Package?

The Land Package includes:

1. Double occupancy lodging
2. Meals-breakfast, lunch, and dinner
3. Ground transportation
4. Travel insurance

Are flights included in the Land Package?

No. Flights are not included in the Land Package. Outreach Partners are responsible for booking their own flights.

When is my payment due?

A \$250 non-refundable application fee is due when you register and is applied to the cost of the outreach. The balance is due September 5, 2019.

How do I apply?

The application is online and it takes about 15-30 minutes to complete. Your application must be completed in one sitting, and you will need your passport. To apply please click the link below.

<https://www.regonline.com/2019Festival>

What is the cancellation policy?

Jewish Voice Ministries International (JVMI) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Donations to JVMI are generally tax deductible, as long as JVMI has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. Because JVMI maintains the required discretion and control, donations cannot be refunded. If you need to cancel your trip you have the following options for funds donated:

1. Funds can be used on a future trip taken within 12 months.
2. Funds can be transferred to another person.
3. Funds can be donated to the general medical clinic fund.

Will I have additional financial obligations?

In addition to the package cost, you will be responsible for the following costs:

- Airfare To/From Warsaw, Poland
- Passport: Fees vary. A passport is required to travel out of the country. Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond your return date and include at least two blank pages
- Personal Spending Cash: Amount will vary depending on quantity of personal shopping

What are the actual days of the festival?

The actual festival will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (December 20-22, 2019)

What will we be doing before the festival?

The festival outreach is a large event. We hope to have thousands of people in attendance during the three day event. A lot of preparation is required prior to the show and we need your help. Please be flexible and willing to serve in whatever capacity you are needed.

Can I just attend the festival?

No. The Poland festival outreach is an outreach and volunteers must serve from Saturday, December 14-Monday, December 23, 2019.

What volunteer roles are available?

The roles for the 2019 Poland Festival outreach are different from previous festivals. There will be two major roles for Outreach Partners, Prayer Partners and Festival Outreach Partners. We ask that you be flexible and work as a team to accomplish all the necessary tasks for putting on a world class show.

Prayer Partners: During the week prayer partners intercede for festival attendees, the community, the festival, and the team. There may also be opportunities to evangelize and pray with festival attendees and the team. This is a vital part of the festival outreach. Prayer Partners pray during most of the day for the duration of the festival outreach.

Festival Outreach Partners: During the week Festival Outreach Partners will be involved in prayer, event support, and preparation for the festival. Festival Partners will also serve as Greeters and ushers during the festival days. May be required to walk outside in cold temperatures for long periods of time.

Will there be a Group Flight?

There will be a JVMI representative traveling from the US. The flights and times of the flight will be available by June. We strongly encourage anyone who has never travelled internationally to travel with the group.

How do I make my flight reservations?

Book your airline tickets through the JVMI preferred travel agency, Travel Leaders. They may provide humanitarian airfares and connect your domestic flight to your international flight for the best airfares.

Travel Leaders International

Contact: Debbie Havrilak

Phone: (800) 622-3342

Email: debbie.havrilak@travellers.com

What time should I arrive and depart Warsaw?

The preferred time of arrival to Warsaw is Saturday, December 14, 2019, 6:00 am – 3:00 pm

The preferred time of departure from Warsaw is Monday, December 23, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

All Outreach Partners will be classified into a Zone depending on your arrival to Warsaw and departure from Warsaw.

What is a Zone?

Zones identify JVMI's responsibility for lodging, transportation to and from the airport, and meals depending on your arrival and departure to/from Warsaw. Details regarding zones will be provided by mid June.

Will there be scheduled time for sightseeing?

There will be some scheduled time for shopping and sightseeing. We will provide more information regarding tours later.

When will I know if my application has been approved?

Once we receive your completed Pastoral Recommendation Form, it will be reviewed and you will be notified if it is approved within five business days. Your application is pending until all the required documents are submitted, your trip is paid in full.

How do I make a payment and how can others make a donation toward my trip?

Payments for the outreach may be made by check or credit card. If donations are made on your behalf, please inform donors to process payments as noted below. Donations made by check must include participant's name and the trip name, so funds are credited to the correct account. If funds are made directly to Jewish Voice, the donor will receive a tax receipt letter (except in Canada). Canadian payments need to be processed over the phone.

Credit card payments:

- Participants may make credit card payments online through the application website
- Friends and family may make credit card payments by contacting the Outreach Engagement Representative

Check payments:

- In the memo of the check include: participant's name and the name of the trip (i.e. Bob Hall – Poland Festival)
- Make checks payable to:
Jewish Voice Ministries
- Mail check to:
Jewish Voice
Attn: Global Outreach – Outreach Engagement Representative
PO Box 37952
Phoenix, AZ 85069

I cannot afford the trip but would like to participate. Do you provide fundraising information?

There are several ways to raise money for the outreach. Your church or congregation, family, and friends may want to help fund your trip. There are many online resources that provide information about how to write fundraising letters and other creative ways to pay for a mission trip. If you need assistance please contact us for ideas.

I do not live in the United States. May I still participate?

Yes. Our Outreach Partners come from all over the world.

What vaccinations are required?

Poland doesn't require any vaccinations for international travelers. JVMI Staff are not medically trained; therefore, it is our policy to refer you to your doctor and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding what vaccinations are suggested. The CDC suggests all travelers be up-to-date on routine vaccinations including: measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, chicken pox, polio, and your yearly flu shot.

What happens after I submit my application?

- Email a clear color copy of your passport and a clear color headshot to JVMI
- Provide your Pastor or Rabbi with a copy of the Pastoral Recommendation Form to complete
- Contact the JVMI preferred travel agency for flight quotes
- The Outreach Engagement Manager will provide more details.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Celeste Peters, Outreach Engagement Manager will be your point of contact if you have any questions. She can be reached at:

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