



Jewish Artists and the Russian Avant-Garde

EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

AUGUST 24 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

YIVO will host its first arts tour exploring the influence of Jewish artists on the Russian avant-garde in the visual arts, music, stage design, and literature. On this exciting tour, we will have privileged access in places like Minsk, Novogrudok, Vitebsk, Daugavpils, and St. Petersburg. Noted historian Dr. Samuel Kassow, art expert Dr. Malgo Bakalarz-Duverger, and Dr. Eddy Portnoy, Senior Researcher and Director of Exhibitions at YIVO will illustrate the fascinating ways in which Jewish artists impacted and were shaped by the Russian avant-garde. There will also be an optional add-on to Paris.

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

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\$6,829 per person, double occupancy
\$1,530 single supplement



ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 01 MONDAY AUGUST 24 ARRIVAL TO MINSK

- Transfers to the hotel
- Welcome dinner and introductions
- Europe Hotel

DAY 02 TUESDAY AUGUST 25 MINSK

- Tour of Jewish Minsk and meeting with the chairman of the Jewish community
- Lunch
- Tour of the National Art Museum guided by the museum's curator
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Europe Hotel

DAY 03 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26 MINSK

- Tour of the Belgazprombank Collection at the Palace of Art guided by noted expert on the School of Paris Yuri Abdurahmanov
- Lunch
- Visit the Trostenets Memorial with Galina Levina, architect of the Blagovschina Memorial
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Europe Hotel

DAY 04 THURSDAY 27 MINSK – NOVOGRUDOK – NALIBOKI FOREST – MINSK

- Drive to Novogrudok and tour the Jewish Resistance Museum with curator Tamara Vershitskaya
- Lunch in Novogrudok
- Drive to the Naliboki Forest to visit the site of the Jerusalem camp (Bielski brothers)
- Return to Minsk via Rubezhevich (time, weather, and roads permitting)
- Dinner
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Europe Hotel

DAY 05 FRIDAY AUGUST 28 MINSK – VITEBSK

- Morning transfer to Vitebsk
- Lunch in Vitebsk upon arrival
- Tour of Vitebsk including Chagall's home and additional museums
- Check-in at various hotels
- Meet for Shabbat dinner
- Hotels

DAY 06 SATURDAY AUGUST 29 VITEBSK

- Vitebsk Modern Art Center
- Lunch
- Museum of the History of Vitebsk Folk Art School
- Dinner
- Hotels

DAY 07 SUNDAY AUGUST 30 VITEBSK – MINSK – VILNIUS

- Morning transfer to Minsk Airport
- Check-in for connecting flight to Vilnius
- Departure on Air Baltic flight to Vilnius via Riga
- Transfer to the hotel
- Dinner
- Stikliai Hotel

DAY 08 MONDAY AUGUST 31 VILNIUS

- National Library & Archives
- Lunch
- Program to be determined
- Stikliai Hotel

DAY 09 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1 VILNIUS – DAUGAVPILS

- Leave Vilnius for Daugavpils visiting Ponary en route
- Lunch
- Tour of Daugavpils upon arrival
- Dinner
- Latgola Hotel

DAY 10 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2 VILNIUS – DAUGAVPILS

- Tour of Daugavpils including the restored synagogue and other Jewish sites
- Meet with the Mayor of Daugavpils
- Lunch
- Rothko Art Center
- Dinner
- Latgola Park Hotel Daugavpils

DAY 11 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3 DAUGAVPILS – ST. PETERSBURG

- Early departure from Daugavpils
- Full day transfer to St. Petersburg by coach
- Cross the border into Russia**
- Lunch served en route in Russia
- Check-in at the hotel
- Dinner
- Belmond Grand Hotel Europe

DAY 12 FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4 ST. PETERSBURG

- Walk to the Church of the Spilled Blood
- Choral Synagogue
- Tour of St. Petersburg by private boat
- Lunch
- The Russian & the Ethnographic Museums
- Belmond Grand Hotel Europe

DAY 13 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5 ST. PETERSBURG

- Dostoyevsky Museum, followed by a themed walking tour (Crime and Punishment)
- Lunch
- Hermitage Museum
- Belmond Grand Hotel Europe

DAY 14 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6 ST. PETERSBURG

- Yusupov Palace with Rasputin exhibition
- Afternoon at leisure
- Farewell dinner
- Belmond Grand Hotel Europe

DAY 15 MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7 ST. PETERSBURG FLIGHTS HOME OR EXTENSION TO PARIS

- Transfers to the airport

** Dietary restrictions will be accommodated if possible.*

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

RATES

\$6,829 per person, double occupancy – includes a \$1,000 per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO*
\$1,530 single supplement

THE PRICE IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING INCLUDED SERVICES:

- All private services throughout the tour
- All transfers on arrival and departure day (August 24 and September 7)
- Full time tour director (Jan Olofsen)
- Belarussian assistant in Belarus
- Flight from Minsk to Vilnius (via Riga)
- Lithuanian assistant in Vilnius, Daugavpils, and until arrival in St. Petersburg
- Russian guide (assistant) in St. Petersburg
- Deluxe hotel accommodations in Minsk, Vilnius and St. Petersburg
- Accommodations in rooms with A/C at several hotels in Vitebsk
- 3 star hotel Latgola (business class rooms with A/C) in Daugavpils
- Full breakfast buffet daily
- 11 lunches
- 9 dinners (alcoholic beverages are not included)
- Entrance fees
- All taxes and fees
- Tips (except to drivers, guides and tour director)

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES:

- Flights (other than Minsk to Vilnius)
- Transfers on other days than the announced arrival and departure dates
- Pre-or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Tips to guides and drivers
- **REQUIRED** Travel insurance (to enter Belarus and Russia)
- All expenses of a personal nature

DEPOSIT

A deposit of \$500 per traveler is required at the time of signing up for the tour.

PAYMENT

To sign up for the tour, each traveler must complete a reservation form and include the \$500 per person deposit. Upon receipt of the reservation, YIVO will issue an invoice. The deposit is fully refundable until February 15th. The balance is payable in equal installments; the first installment is due no later than March 1st, and the second and final installment no later than April 1st.

** Upon receipt of the final payment, YIVO will provide a letter indicating your tax-deductible contribution.*

CANCELLATION AND REFUND

Cancellation after February 15th will result in forfeiture of your deposit. Cancellation after April 15th will result in the forfeiture of the full trip price.

CHANGES

Participants requiring individual travel arrangements in conjunction with this tour must advise us as early as possible. Individual arrangements can be made pre or post the 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 carried by 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 traditions. However, options are provided for travelers requiring special meals such as a vegetarian or fish option. Lunches will vary. In Russia, lunch is the main meal and will consist of several courses. Dinners will include a cover charge for bread, water and coffee or tea is included. Alcoholic beverages are not included.



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Momentum Tours & Travel offers complimentary transfers on the listed arrival and departure dates. These are August 24 and September 7. For pre-tour arrivals or post-tour departures, individual transfers, hotels or other services can be arranged and must be paid directly to Momentum Tours & Travel by the individual travelers.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

Travel insurance is required for this tour. Momentum Tours & Travel sells travel insurance on behalf of TravelSafe. We can offer post-departure insurance which does not include cancellation. However, participants may buy any travel insurance. Please note that travel insurance providers have different rules regarding coverage and how pre-existing conditions can be waived. It is up to the individual traveler to obtain the rules for all policies.

PASSPORT AND VISA

A visa to Russia is required for US citizens. However, travelers from other nations may require an additional visa to Belarus. Please ask if in doubt. In addition, each traveler must possess a valid passport. The passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the tour has been completed. For travelers not carrying a USA passport, we recommend they check if a visa is required for travel to Belarus and Russia. Momentum Tours will provide the invitation letter required for the visa application.

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