June 2nd possible group flights from U.S. (not included).

Day One: Wednesday, June 3rd
PRAGUE: A WALKING INTRODUCTION
- 2:30 p.m. Meet with your Melton educator and fellow group members to begin the program.
- Orientation to the program.
- Walking tour of the Old Town Square and its vicinity, a kaleidoscope of periods and styles: *(how) were the Jews a part of this culture?*
- Welcoming dinner.
- Return to the hotel.
Overnight: Prague

Day Two: Thursday, June 4th
THE GLORY OF PRAGUE, GENERAL AND JEWISH
- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Introduction to the day: *The Crown, the Cross and the Jews.*
- Transfer to the Straklov Monastery for a special tour of their library, followed by a visit to the environs of the Hrad (Prague Castle).
- Overview of the *City of 100 Spires* and walk along the Golden Lane, with a study session on the way: *Politics and Leadership: Between Nobles, Burghers and Jews.*
- Walk through the Lesser Town and over the Charles Bridge crossing the Vltava River, once the most important connection between Prague Castle and the city’s Old Town and adjacent areas
- Lunch on your own en route.
- Afternoon devoted to the Old Jewish Town (Yosefov):
- Introduction: *The Fabric of Jewish Life Until the 19th century*
  - Guided visit through the Altnue Shul
  - Explore the rest of the Old Ghetto and the Precious Legacy Exhibit at the Jewish Museum, encompassing the Old Cemetery, the Maisel, the Klausen and the Pinkas Synagogues.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure.
Overnight: Prague
Day Three: Friday, June 5th
MEMORY & CONTINUITY

• Breakfast at the hotel and introduction to the day: **Twentieth Century Breakdown.**
• Depart Prague and drive to Terezin.
• Visit Terezin, the town that was turned into the “model” ghetto and concentration camp. Visit the Historical Museum and the Art Exhibits, created by the artists who were prisoners of the camp, stop by the so-called Hidden Synagogue and the Crematorium. Conclude the visit with a special study session: **What Makes For Heroism?**
• Boxed lunch en route back to Prague.
• Meeting with a young leader of the Czech Jewish community.
• Shabbat Dinner, possibly with members of the community.

Overnight: Prague

Day Four: Saturday, June 6th
A PRAGUE SHABBAT

• Breakfast at the hotel.
• Optional Shabbat morning services at a local synagogue.

OR

• Morning at leisure to explore Prague on own.
• Lunch on own.
• Afternoon walking tour.
• **Bein Kodesh Le chol:** light Shabbat Snack, study session and Havdalah.

Overnight: Prague

Day Five: Sunday, June 7th
FROM PRAGUE TO BERLIN

• Breakfast at the hotel and check out.
• Drive to Dresden, symbol of Germany in her defeat and of the price of war.
• Site visit and discussion: **Victor Klemperer - A Jew, Not by Choice.**
• Boxed lunch together, in a park near Dresden’s cathedral.
• Continue the drive to Berlin; upon arrival:
  o Visit Nikolaikirsche Platz for an overview of the story of the city and its Jewish community.
  o See Ephraim-Palais, home of the court Jew of Frederick the Great
  o Presentation alongside Lessing’s home: **Lessing and "Nathan the Wise"** (Moses Mendelssohn).
• Check into the hotel.
• Dinner on own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Berlin
Day Six: Monday, June 8th
JEWISH LIFE IN BERLIN

- Breakfast at the hotel and introduction: **German Jews and Their Judaisms.**
- Visit the Weißensee Jewish Cemetery, the second largest Jewish cemetery in Europe.
- Walk along Grosse Hamburger Strasse, once the center of Berlin Jewry.
- Tour to Jewish sites in the neighborhood, including:
  - The Hackescher Markt
  - The Jewish Cemetery, including Moses Mendelsson’s grave
- Break for lunch on own.
- Guided visit to the Jewish Museum of Berlin, designed by architect Daniel Libeskind. One of the most conspicuous architectural landmarks in the city, it embodies remembrance, melancholy, and departure.
- Return to the hotel or remain in museum.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Berlin

Day Seven: Tuesday, June 9th
FROM IMPERIAL TO NAZI BERLIN

- Breakfast at the hotel and introduction to the day: **From Bismarck to Hitler; Models of Authoritarianism.**
- **The Fate of Books and People:** Visit the Book Burning Memorial at Bebel Square, alongside Humboldt University.
- Stop at the Victory Column in the Tiergarten: **Bismarck, Architect of Modern Germany, and his Jew, Bleichroder** (brief discussion).
- Visit the 1936 Olympic Games stadium: **Putting Symbols to Use.**
- Break for lunch on own.
- Visit the "**Places of Remembrance" Art in Public Space Memorial** in the Bavarian Quarter, addressing the almost-forgotten history of this neighborhood, where Albert Einstein and Hannah Arendt once lived.
- Visit the exhibition devoted to the residents of Schöneberg at the Municipal Hall: **“We Are All Berliners!”**
- Free to explore or return to the hotel.

Overnight: Berlin

Day Eight: Wednesday, June 10th
THE BEAST LET LOOSE: NAZI BERLIN

- Breakfast at the hotel and introduction to the morning: **The Thousand Year Reich**
- Drive to the Reich Ministry of Aviation and other Nazi-era buildings along Wilhelmstrasse.
- Visit the Topography of Terror Museum.
- Study Session: **What to Remember? How to Remember?**
• Visit the Monument to the Murdered Jews of Europe and the commemorative spots devoted to the Roma and Sinti, and to the Homosexuals.
• Break for lunch on own.

**BERLIN DIVIDED AND REUNITED**
• Visit Brandenburg Gate
• **Walls That Divided**: Visit the Berlin Wall Museum and Memorial.
• Dinner on own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Berlin

**Day Nine: Thursday, June 11th**
**TAKING STOCK**
• Breakfast at the hotel.
• Introduction to the day: **Looking Back**
• **How Do We Educate?** A special session with the educational staff of the Wannsee Conference Educational and Memorial Site.
• **The Ongoing Construction of Memory**: a visit to Gleis 17 (Track 17), the main deportation site for Berlin Jews during the Holocaust, located in Grunewald.
• Boxed lunch en route.
• **Heart of the New Germany**: The Reichstag and new Government Center.
• **What Lessons do Germans Take from their Past?** Meet with an organization involved in refugee assistance or co-existence dialogue or a scholar of contemporary Germany society.
• Group Session: **What Lessons do WE Take from our Encounters?**
• Farewell dinner.

Overnight: Berlin

**Day Ten: Friday, June 12th**
**RETURN HOME** or remain in Berlin for **AJC Global Forum, starting Sunday June 14th.**
• Breakfast at the hotel and check out as per individual schedules.
• Transfer on own to Berlin International Airport or continue with private travel plans or with the AJC pre-conference plans.

**Note:** Itinerary subject to change. Museum visits and personal shopping time may be disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances or the many religious, state and local holidays locally observed in the destinations being visited.