



Mickey Kor Heritage Trip

YOU'VE ASKED – WE'RE LISTENING – IT'S TIME!


Riga June 22–29, 2024



YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Hotel accommodations at Hilton Garden Inn Riga Old Town, which is in the heart of Riga's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Tour bus transportation
- Daily breakfast, two dinners, and three lunches
- 3 Hour guided city tour with headsets
 - Peitav Synagogue (Inside visit)
 - Freedom Monument
 - Cat House
 - St. Peter's Church
 - Riga Cathedral (Inside visit with organ concert)
 - Academy of Arts and Sciences Observation Platform (Best view in Riga!)
 - Art Nouveau Museum (inside visit)
- The Museum of Occupation of Latvia
- Corner House – KGB Headquarters
- Jews in Latvia Museum
- Riga Ghetto Memorial and Museum
- Mickey's former apartment (outside visit)
- Mickey's former ghetto house (outside visit)
- Riga Central Market visit
- Zanis Lipke Museum (Yad Vashem Righteous Gentile)
- Kaiserwald Concentration Camp Memorial
- Salaspils Concentration Camp Memorial Site
- Rumbula Forest and Memorial Site
- Biķernieki Forest and Memorial Site
- Riga Opera House tour
- Old Jewish Cemetery
- Ruins of the Great Choral Synagogue and memorial

Inclusions are subject to change or substitution in the instance that a location becomes unavailable.



We are SO excited to reveal the CANDLES educational trip for Summer 2024 and invite you to walk in the steps of Michael "Mickey" Kor, a Latvian Holocaust survivor from Riga while learning about his extraordinary story and the stunning city of Riga. We know that you will find this inspiring experience an example of Mickey's incredible heart, strength, and soul.

This trip is going to fill to capacity very quickly, and that capacity is 49 travelers. Because we know that our trip alumni are the absolute heart of the museum and the messengers for the future, we want you to have the first opportunity to fill those 49 tour bus seats.

So, until September 1, 2023, CANDLES trip alumni have **EXCLUSIVE** sign up rights with a \$650 non-refundable deposit. *And, if you can convince ONE non-alumni to register, list you as a referral, and deposit by the end of business on Friday, September 1, 2023, you will receive a one time \$100 referral credit to your trip account!*

If not filled to capacity by September 1, 2023 the trip will become available to the public on September 2, 2023.

At this time, CANDLES is NOT offering a complete trip pricing package. See more information on page 2 regarding the reasons for this pricing.

LAND ONLY COST: \$2,700

COMPLETE COST: N/A at this time

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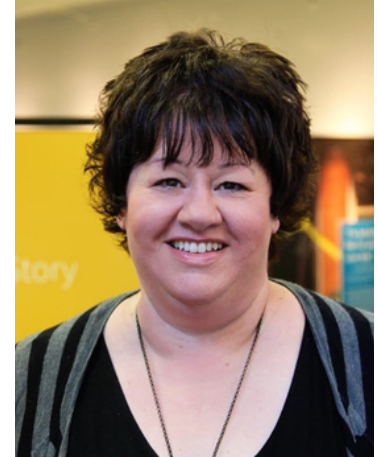
Meet Your CANDLES Riga Staff



Troy Fears
Executive Director



Dr. Alex Kor
2nd Generation
Son of Eva and Mickey Kor



Beth Nairn
Riga Trip Coordinator

Along with Alex and CANDLES Executive Director Troy Fears, Beth Nairn will be again joining CANDLES for this trip and is accompanying you in June 2024! As always, we want to do everything within our power to make this trip the experience of a lifetime for every traveler. From previous experience, you know how invested we are in preserving the legacies of Eva and Mickey Kor. We will try and make this the best experience for you that we can.

Trip Pricing and Flight Assistance

CANDLES has chosen not to offer a COMPLETE trip price at this time. The reason is this: The prices being quoted to us for group airfare are \$250-\$450 higher than what is available if you book independently, and unless the price we can provide our people is at an advantage to you as the traveler, it is not something we feel is in your best interest to offer. If this changes and we can offer a group flight at a reasonable price, we will notify you as soon as possible. If, at this time, you wish to take advantage of a group flight, we will make that available to you with no additional booking fees.

For this reason, we cannot guarantee transportation between the airport in Riga and the Hotel at this time. Closer to the trip, we will compile everyone's arrival information and provide at least one shuttle time. The contracted hotel is a short drive from the airport, and Uber is available.

Regarding assistance with your flight:

CANDLES travel agent is Chicago-based Susan Burke, a Vacation Specialist affiliated with The Travel Gallery, Inc. She is available to book flights for you and can also provide the option of purchasing travel insurance.

Susan's Phone Number is: 773.619.2555

Susan's Email is: susanburke@sbcglobal.net

Additional Travel Requirement for 2024

Anyone looking to travel to Europe in 2024 should be aware of a new requirement that will go into effect for U.S. passport holders. If you previously traveled to Europe without a visa, you will now need to apply for authorization through the European Travel Information and Authorization System, or ETIAS, before visiting.

<https://www.forbes.com/advisor/travel-insurance/europe-etias-requirements-2024/#:~:text=The%20days%20of%20jetting%20off,international%20effort%20to%20increase%20security.>

Here's what you need to know.

- The application form, which will be available on the official ETIAS website as well as a mobile application, has a fee of 7 euros or \$7.79 U.S. dollars. All communication is done by email.
- Once you are approved for travel, the authorization entitles visitors to stay in European countries for up to 90 days within any 180-day period, and travelers must be in possession of a valid ETIAS during their entire stay.
- Most applications should be processed within minutes but could take from four days or up to 14 days if the applicant is asked to provide additional documentation.
- Confirmation of application submission will be sent on email with a unique number that is needed for future reference.
- The ETIAS authorization is linked to a person's travel document -- such as a U.S. passport -- and both documents will be needed to board a flight, bus or ship to enter any of the European countries that require ETIAS.
- ETIAS travel authorization is valid for three years, according to the EU, or until the travel document you used in your application expires, whichever comes first.

Mickey's Memories



Far away on the other side of the Atlantic is a little known country named Latvia. This is the country where I was born and where I spent my early childhood. Sometimes (mostly when I don't have anything to do) my memory takes me back.....Just like a movie camera, it starts to roll in front of my eyes, reminding me of that period. Things were different over there than they are here in America. There were not as many automobiles as there are here in the United States. A car was a luxury and only a few persons could afford to buy them, government officials for instance. In general, people lived good lives. They could buy anything they wanted to, excluding some luxuries such as expensive clothes, jewels, radios, good food, musical instruments, and so on. They were satisfied and happy.

I was very interested in sport. Just like any other American boy, sport was one of my hobbies. I was very interested in newspapers and current events. At school the teacher used to ask us the members of the cabinets in Britain, France and other major countries of Europe. I always knew all of them. I also was very interested in music. Due to my financial situation, I could not afford to take lessons. When I was about nine, I started to go to the opera. I remember when American singer Marian Andersen sang in the opera of Riga.

I was interested in other people, in foreign languages, and in foreign countries. I remember the boats that came in the Riga harbor. Boats from all over the world could be seen there. I went aboard and tried to talk to the crew, but we could not understand each other

For recreation, I read books, played chess, and played ping pong. Once, my mother made a "net" on our table out of folded newspaper and string so that we could play ping pong at home.