



# CANDLES HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

## SUMMER 2025 EUROPEAN TOUR 12 DAYS, 3 COUNTRIES AMSTERDAM, BERLIN, KRAKOW June 21-July 3



Join CANDLES' Summer 2025 European Tour to learn more about Jewish history in Europe, the rise of Nazi power in Germany, and the Holocaust through Eva Kor and Anne Frank's stories.

- While in **Amsterdam**, experience a private tour and lecture at the Anne Frank House.
- While in **Germany**, see Bergen Belsen, historic Berlin, and Sachsenhausen.
- While in **Poland**, visit the Krakow Ghetto, Auschwitz, and Eva's orphanage in Katowice.

### Complete Trip Package \$5,000

Includes airfare, hotel, two meals each day, and all tours

### Land-Only Travel Option \$3,250

Includes hotel, two meals each day, and all tours. Must arrange travel to Amsterdam and from Krakow

**Complete and return all registration materials with a \$650 deposit to reserve your seat.**

**Registration will stay open until Friday, March 7, 2025**

## BOOK NOW



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# ABOUT CANDLES

## About CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center:

CANDLES is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1995 by Holocaust survivor, Eva Mozes Kor, in honor of her twin sister, Miriam. We shine a light on the story of the Holocaust, Eva, and other survivors.

Founded originally as CANDLES, Inc., an organization dedicated to finding surviving Mengele twins around the world, CANDLES has grown into a world-wide movement dedicated to engaging people in our mission, fostering conversations about important local and global topics, and preserving survivor testimony for future generations.

Connect with us at [www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.candlesholocaustmuseum.org), Facebook, X, and Instagram - @candlesmuseum.

## ABOUT CANDLES TRIPS

Our trips are immersive historical experiences. At Auschwitz, travelers gain an understanding of the world through the lens of hope, healing, respect, and responsibility. Trip participants bear witness to this uncomfortable history, so they can help bring the world together.

Since 2005, CANDLES has led 18 group tours to Auschwitz with people from 44 states and 15 countries. Are you ready to join us on this once-in-a-lifetime trip?

CANDLES welcomes people of all abilities and will work to accommodate all needs. However, due to differences in standards of accessibility outside the United States, there are limitations to what we can accommodate. We are happy to provide more detail to help you determine your ability to participate in each part of the trip. For more information, please refer to the ADA page—page 7.

### General Guidelines:

- Only one participant per registration form.
- Each participant will read and electronically submit an agreement that releases CANDLES from liability to his/her person and belongings while on the trip.
- All participants under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Due to the graphic nature of trip content, travelers under the age of 15 are not encouraged. Travelers age 10-14 are not recommended and must travel with a parent or legal guardian. Travelers under age 10 are not permitted on this trip.

### Participants:

- CANDLES reserves the right to refuse participation on its domestic and international trips to anyone who might present a physical, mental, or emotional threat to their self, other participants, or CANDLES' representatives.
- All participants may be asked to undergo a limited criminal history background check from their state of residence and Indiana at CANDLES' expense.
- Trip participants are not allowed to use their access to other group members as a way to sell or solicit goods, products, or services to or from other group members.
- All participants are asked to complete and submit a confidential medical form (Sections A and B). A physician's release for travel (Section C) may be required depending on the participant's medical conditions.

## ABOUT EVA

Eva Mozes Kor passed away at 85 on July 4, 2019. A recipient of the 2017 Sachem award, the highest honor in the state of Indiana, Eva was a survivor of the Holocaust, a forgiveness advocate, and revered public speaker. Armed with a “never give up” spirit, Eva emerged from a life filled with trauma as an example of how the human spirit can help people overcome adversity.



She was a community leader, a champion of human rights, and a tireless educator of young people. She was one of the few surviving twins who shared her personal account of the medical experiments supervised by Nazi doctor Josef Mengele at Auschwitz.

In addition to the importance of her account of the Holocaust from a historical perspective, Eva’s life lessons and message of survival and forgiveness have touched the lives of thousands of people. In 1995, Eva chose to forgive the Nazis. She decided that they would no longer have power over her life. She described forgiving the Nazis as an act of self-healing, self-liberation, and self-empowerment; forgiveness is not about the perpetrator, and it is not about forgetting. It is one step toward repairing the world by helping victims free themselves from the painful memories caused by the perpetrators.

Her story is documented in the award-winning film *Forgiving Dr. Mengele* and the new edition of the popular, young adult book *Surviving the Angel of Death: The True Story of a Mengele Twin in Auschwitz*. Her story of forgiveness is also recounted in the German book *Die Macht Des Vergebens (The Power of Forgiveness)* which was published in English in January 2021. In October of 2021, the first graphic novel about her and her sister was published, *Forgiveness: The Story of Eva Kor, Survivor of the Auschwitz Twin Experiments*. In April 2018, Eva’s story premiered as the subject of a feature-length documentary, *Eva A-7063*.

In 1995, Eva opened CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute, IN. It is the only organization in the world dedicated to the memory of the twin victims and survivors of medical experimentation at Auschwitz. Thousands of people have visited CANDLES since its opening. Eva’s account of survival during the Holocaust offers relevant lessons on the dangers of hate speech, prejudice, and the importance of being an informed citizen. Eva’s message of healing reaches across the globe and across social, economic, and cultural boundaries.



## Anne Frank, her family, and others from the Annex

The Netherlands play an important part in World War II and the Holocaust. Anne Frank, Amsterdam's most well known victim of the Holocaust lived with her family and several others for 2 ½ years before being captured and deported to Westerbork, Auschwitz, and Bergen-Belsen, where she and her sister died shortly before liberation. Edith, the girls' mother died in Auschwitz shortly before Auschwitz was liberated.

Otto Frank, Anne and Margot's father was, with the help of friends at the Auschwitz, sent to the sick barracks. He survived the war and was liberated on January 27, 1945 by the Russians.



While all inhabitants of the Annex were deported to Auschwitz, Auguste, Peter's mother, was transferred to Bergen-Belsen with Anne and her sister. She died in transit to Terezin. Peter was transferred to Mauthausen where he died shortly after the camp was liberated. Like the other inhabitants of the Annex, Hermann Van Pels was also deported to Auschwitz. He died in the gas chambers in October 1944.

The last member to join the Annex was Fritz Pfeffer. After being deported to Auschwitz with the rest of Annex inhabitants, Pfeffer was transferred to the Neuengamme concentration camp to do hard labor in November 1944. He died the following month.

## Ernst Cahn; The Ice Cream Man

Ernst Cahn, also a victim of the Holocaust, was the first Dutch Jew to be executed on Dutch soil by a firing squad. As a co-owner of an ice cream shop, Cahn and his partner, Alfred Kohn were arrested on 19 February 1941 after the Nazi Ordnungspolizei conducted a raid on the ice cream shop. The Nazis were sprayed with ammonia as retaliation; Cahn and his partner were subsequently arrested and tortured. After the arrest and other raids on Jews, protestors, fought against Jewish persecution in what is now known as the "The February Strike." Cahn refused to name any collaborators who helped fortify the ice cream shop against any break ins. Both Cahn and Kohn were abused and tortured at Scheveningen's Prison. Kohn, deported to Auschwitz, died in April 1945. Cahn, put before a firing squad on the dunes by The Hague, was executed on 3 March 1941.

Writer and director Robert Moniot created, *The Ice Cream Man*, an independent film that chronicles the events of February and March 1941 and tells the story of Ernst Cahn, who with his family, fled Germany in 1936 and settled in Amsterdam. While the short film focuses on Cahn, the first Jew murdered in Amsterdam, Moniot also showcased Klaus Barbie, the Nazi soldier who tortured Cahn for ten days before he executed Cahn. *The Ice Cream Man* won the Audience Award at the Naples International Film Festival.

# ABOUT THE TRIP

- Economy class flight from US to Amsterdam (“complete” trip package only)
- Tour bus transportation to all provided venues
- 3-4-star hotel accommodations
- Daily professional guide services
- Breakfast provided daily, most dinners provided
- Lunches, except for Auschwitz, are on your own
- Tour of Anne Frank House and private lecture
- Tours of Holocaust memorials in all three locations
- Tour of Bergen Belsen, Sachsenhausen, and other Berlin venues
- Two days touring Auschwitz
- Krakow city and Jewish Quarter tours
- Eva Kor’s *Surviving the Angel of Death*
- Trip t-shirt
- Tips on included services
- Travel by bus to Germany and Poland
- Economy class flight from Krakow to US (“complete” trip package only)

## Walking/Terrain:

This trip pace is considered “on-the-go,” which means there will be a considerable amount of walking every day. **Travelers will average 18,000-20,000 steps (6-8 miles) per day.** The city walking terrain consists of cobblestones/marble surfaces that can be uneven at times and slick when wet. The walking terrain in Auschwitz is mainly gravel/dirt or larger stones and can be rough and uneven at times (muddy when raining).

## Whole-Day Tours:

A typical day begins with a 7:00/7:30 AM wakeup call and an evening return time of 6:30/7:00 PM (not including evening meals and any presentations that may take place after evening return times). The schedule for the entire trip is rigorous, with little rest/recovery time between days.

## Auschwitz Tours:

We will spend two full days touring Auschwitz and Birkenau. There are only sporadic locations to rest, and there are no regularly spaced benches or paved walking surfaces. Birkenau is a large area with few trees for shade. ***Be prepared to walk in any weather element.*** There are no water fountains at the camps; trip participants should carry water.

*While we do not wish to discourage participation in any way, we want you to have a realistic expectation of the physical demands. Please feel free to contact us with questions. These physical demands are why a release form from your doctor may be necessary.*

Leisurely

On-the-Go



# TRIP DETAILS

## What is the cost?

Package	Cost
Complete trip package	\$5,000
Land Only	\$3,250
Single Room Upgrade Fee	\$630.00

## Preliminary Itinerary (Subject to change):

- **Saturday, June 21:** Depart from United States
- **Sunday, June 22:** Amsterdam: Arrive, museum tours
- **Monday, June 23:** Amsterdam: City tour, Anne Frank Museum tour and lecture, museum tours, Ice Cream Man film and presentation
- **Tuesday, June 24:** Amsterdam: Van Gogh Museum tour, travel to Bergen, Germany
- **Wednesday, June 25:** Bergen: Tour Bergen-Belsen, travel to Berlin, museum tour
- **Thursday, June 26:** Berlin: City tour, museum tours
- **Friday, June 27:** Berlin: Sachsenhausen tour, free time
- **Saturday, June 28:** Poland: Leave for Katowice, Poland, Orphanage visit, leave for Krakow, Poland, free time
- **Sunday, June 29:** Poland: Auschwitz Day One
- **Monday, June 30:** Krakow: City tour, site visits
- **Tuesday, July 1:** Auschwitz Day Two
- **Wednesday, July 2:** Free Day
- **Thursday, July 3:** Depart for United States

## How do I become part of this unique opportunity?

- Complete the registration packet and submit to CANDLES by March 7, 2025.
- Submit the \$650 nonrefundable deposit with registration (**Your registration will not be processed, and spot will not be reserved until your deposit has been received.**)
- Submit a copy of your current passport to CANDLES by March 7, 2025 (**If you do not have a passport, apply for it immediately and notify CANDLES. Passport must not expire before October 3, 2025.**)
- Pay your balance in full by March 7, 2025.

## If I sign up for the “Complete” package, what are the flights I will be taking?

- The group will fly to and from Europe through Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD). The flight numbers are listed below (all times in local time):  
**Flight to Europe:** KL 612, June 21 - ORD to AMS 4:20PM - 7:10AM (June 22)  
**Flight to USA:** KL 1322, July 3 - KRK to AMS 6:35AM - 8:35AM  
KL 611, July 3 - AMS to ORD 12:35PM - 2:20PM
- Group flights will be booked in Economy class. If you would like to pay for an upgrade, you may use your confirmation code to access your flight information on the airline’s website and modify your flight information there.
- Travel agent - Susan Burke - susanburke@sbcglobal.net

# ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

## Transportation:

For guests traveling with us who are in need of ADA accommodations and are unable to independently board a motor coach due to a dependency on a wheelchair or walker, transportation with the group, via motor coach, is not guaranteed. In a situation where the group motor coach is not accessible due to participant's dependability on a wheelchair/walker for mobility, alternative transportation options can be discussed with CANDLES staff.

## Hotels:

European hotel accommodations which are ADA compliant are extremely limited and are not guaranteed. We will make every possible effort to make reservations at properties that are ADA compliant, but our doing so is entirely dependent on hotel availability.

The bathtub/shower combination in European bathrooms is very tall, and in most cases, there are not "grab bars" for stability when entering/exiting. *\*There are a very limited number of handicapped rooms or shower-only rooms available, so if you require one of these rooms, please request immediately. Availability is not guaranteed.*

## Mobility/General Assistance:

While CANDLES representatives will certainly help as time and situation allow, registrants who require an enhanced level of assistance with mobility and/or everyday tasks are required to travel with a companion/caregiver. Staff will not be available, nor provided, for this level of daily assistance.

## Locational Accessibility:

Please note that many European sites are not ADA compliant, including many buildings and structures on our tours, as well as the Auschwitz Memorial Museum. Walking paths/steps at Auschwitz are often uneven and covered in large gravel/stones or grass and are difficult to manage if you are restricted to a wheelchair or walker. Those who have knee/hip/back issues may benefit from bringing a non-wheeled device to assist with walking and stability such as a cane or walking sticks.

# GUIDELINES FOR TRIP PARTICIPATION

## Registration:

- To confirm your registration and secure your spot, a **nonrefundable deposit of \$600** per person is required. **Your spot will not be guaranteed until your deposit has been received by CANDLES.**
- Payment options:
  - **Mail** - CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center, Attn: Auschwitz Trip, 1532 South Third Street, Terre Haute, IN 47802
  - **In person** – Bring in all completed registration forms and payment.
  - **Phone** - +1.812.234.7881 (*a 4% transaction fee will be added to all credit/debit card transactions*)
  - Complete the **Credit Card Authorization Form** and submit with your registration. (*a 4% transaction fee will be added to all credit/debit card transactions*)
- **CANDLES does not accept checks drawn on foreign banks.** Those living outside the U.S. are asked to pay via credit card or wire transfer. If paying by wire transfer, there will be a \$25 acceptance fee in addition to any fees charged by the bank initiating the transfer.
- The full trip balance is due **in full by March 7, 2025.**
- Starting March 8, 2025, any change from the “complete” trip package to the “land” trip package will result in a \$150 fee, and your flight reservation will be forfeited.
- If you are registering online but mailing payment, payment should reach CANDLES within 10 days of registration.

## Cancellation Policy:

- Individual Cancellations received prior to close of business on March 15, 2025, will result in a cancellation fee of 50% of monies paid (**not including the nonrefundable \$650 deposit**).
- Individual cancellations received between March 15, 2025, and close of business on May 3, 2025, will result in a cancellation fee of 25% of monies paid (**not including the nonrefundable \$650 deposit**).
- All monies paid are non refundable and non transferable beginning May 4, 2025.
- If COVID-19, war time, or other catastrophe is a problem, CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center will make decision to cancel the entire trip by March 15, 2025. If CANDLES cancels because of one of the above options, participants will have the option of all a refund in full or money carried over for the 2026 trip.

## Passports:

- A passport valid through October 3, 2025 is required for international travel.
- Participants booking the “complete” travel package are required to provide CANDLES with a copy of the passport you are traveling with no later than **March 7, 2025.**
- **Travelers who do not submit a passport copy by this date will be charged a fee of \$100, moved from the “complete” trip package to the “land” trip package, and will be responsible for booking his/her own international flights.**

## Law Enforcement While Abroad:

- Use of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited at any time. Whether a juvenile or adult, participants are subject to Polish law and policies while in the country.
- CANDLES trip participants arrested by foreign authorities, juvenile or adult, are not the responsibility of CANDLES. If arrested, participant may be subjected to prosecution by local law enforcement authorities.
- CANDLES has no obligation to defend participants in such proceedings. Parent/guardian and chaperone will be given the phone number and address of the appropriate law enforcement agency to contact.



# GUIDELINES FOR TRIP PARTICIPATION

## RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

### **Participant's Responsibility:**

- By acknowledging the following, participants agree to timely compliance with the payment schedule as outlined in the tour conditions and guidelines set forth.
- Participants agree that in the event that the proposed services cannot be provided due to cancellation or unavailability of said services, CANDLES reserves the right to make substitutions of features of equal value and similar quality, per the Agent Responsibility paragraph on the next page.
- Participants agree to have read and understand the physical demands and limitations of accessibility and tour pacing as outlined in the registration materials.
- Participants understand that trip insurance is optional and at the sole responsibility of the participant to secure if desired. Without the purchase of insurance, CANDLES has no responsibility to nor does it provide insurance coverage for medical or other reasons.
- Participants understand that they are required to complete a registration form in its entirety

### **CANDLES, Inc. (Agent) Responsibility:**

- All tickets are issued, and all other services are offered or provided subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation or other services are offered or provided.
- The issuance and acceptance of such services shall be deemed to be consent to the further condition that Agent shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way in connection with such means of transportation or in connection with other services, or for any loss, injury or damage to or in respect of any person or property howsoever caused or arising.
- Agent reserves the right to alter the itinerary.
- Tours and excursions included in the itinerary as part of the "complete" trip package or the "land" trip package are "as is" and may not be substituted with other tours unless deemed necessary for the entire group by Agent.
- All participants may be asked to undergo a limited criminal history background check from their state of residence and Indiana at Agent's expense.
- Agent reserves the right to cancel the tour or to remove any Participant from the tour; its sole liability in such instance being the refund of all monies paid as specified in the trip guidelines.
- By acceptance of trip membership, Participant agrees to the foregoing and also agrees that Agent maintains no control over the independent suppliers that will be providing accommodations and services as part of the trip.
- Accordingly, the undersigned agrees not to hold Agent responsible for any loss, damage, injury, or inconvenience which may be caused or contributed to by such suppliers or by any other cause, condition, or event whatsoever beyond the direct control of Agent, nor shall Agent be held liable or responsible for any such occurrence which may take place during Participant's off-itinerary activities.
- The undersigned hereby releases Agent and its respective officers, directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability for claims resulting from any acts or omissions of the independent travel suppliers providing accommodations and services in connection with the trip, or from any other cause, condition, or event beyond the direct control of Agent.
- The Agent reserves the right to make substitutions of features of equal value and similar quality in the event that the proposed services cannot be provided due to cancellation or unavailability of said services.

# GUIDELINES FOR TRIP PARTICIPATION

## Trip Services:

- For updates to the itinerary or requests for information, CANDLES representatives will use the contact information provided. Registrants are asked to respond in a timely manner to all communications from CANDLES representatives.
- Flight and hotel rewards for participants booking the “complete” trip package are not guaranteed.
- Trip packages are purchased as offered.

## Accommodations:

- A single/private room is available on a limited basis at an additional cost of \$630.
- Most rooms can accommodate a maximum of two (2) people. Some rooms may be available that accommodate three (3) occupants, but this must be requested in advance, and availability is not guaranteed.

## Travel Arrangements:

- Participants not flying with CANDLES will submit their travel arrangements in advance for scheduling purposes.
- Participants not arriving and/or departing Amsterdam/Krakow with CANDLES are responsible for their own transportation to and from the airport/train station. If you need assistance with these arrangements, please contact CANDLES for suggestions.
- One checked bag and one carry-on are included with the economy class group airfare. Please check with the airlines for size & weight restrictions with baggage.

## Media and Photos:

- All participants are asked to read and sign the CANDLES Social Media Release.
- Participants agree to the use of their image and likeness in trip media and photos while on the trip.
- Any use of participant images/likeness by third party individuals/organizations that are not affiliated with or approved by CANDLES will require additional permissions from the trip participants.
- Any participant who plans to shoot photo/video at Auschwitz for non-personal use should contact CANDLES Executive Director regarding an application for permissions from the Auschwitz Memorial Museum.