

Auschwitz Summer 2017

WALK IN THE STEPS OF A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR



Join CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center for a history making event as we expand our ability to offer the experience of traveling with a Holocaust survivor from one summer trip to two.

This year there will be two options for travel:

Excursion A: ~~June 24-July 2, 2017~~ **CLOSED**
Excursion B: July 2-10, 2017 (NOW open for LAND only)

We will travel to Krakow and tour Auschwitz-Birkenau. We will be led by our founder, Eva Mozes Kor, who was liberated from Auschwitz as a child. Eva is pictured at left front in her liberation photo from 1945.

We will fly from Chicago to Krakow and stay at a 5-star property while in Krakow. While in Poland we will visit various historical sites, tour Auschwitz- Birkenau with Eva, tour the beautiful city of Krakow, and visit the historic salt mines.

Please fill out the official registration packet and return it with your nonrefundable deposit of \$500.00. Final payment is due March 17, 2017.



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Preliminary Itinerary: Summer 2017

- **June 24/July 2** - Depart USA from Chicago
- **June 25/July 3** - Arrive in Krakow, get situated at hotel
- **June 26/July 4** - Morning: Take a walking tour of Krakow's Old Town, including Wawel Cathedral, St. Mary's Church, the old Jewish Quarter, and Market Square.
- **June 27/July 5** - Tour Auschwitz II/Birkenau with Eva and guides
- **June 28/July 6** - Tour Auschwitz I with Eva and guides
- **June 29/July 7** - Tour Plaszow Concentration Camp (related to Schindler Factory) and visit the historic Wieliczka Salt Mine.
- **June 30/July 8** - Morning: Birkenau guided tour or time for picture-taking and candle-lighting ceremony. Afternoon: Auschwitz I, time for photo-taking and further exploration of exhibits.
- **July 1/July 9** - Free day/options
- **July 2/July 10** - Return to USA

About Eva Kor

Eva Mozes Kor is a survivor of the Holocaust, a forgiveness advocate, and a revered public speaker. Powered by a never-give-up attitude, Eva has emerged through a life filled with trauma as a brilliant example of the power of the human spirit to overcome. She is a community leader, a champion of human rights, and a tireless educator of young people.



In 1944, Eva and her family were loaded into a cattle car packed with other Jewish prisoners and transported to the Auschwitz concentration camp. Eva and her twin sister Miriam were just 10 years old. At Auschwitz, the girls were ripped apart from their mother, father, and two older sisters, never to see any of them ever again. Eva and Miriam became part of a group of children used as human guinea pigs in genetic experiments, under the direction of the now-infamous Dr. Josef Mengele. Approximately 1,500 sets of twins were abused, and most died as a result of these experiments. Eva herself became gravely ill, but through sheer determination, she stayed alive and helped Miriam survive. Approximately 200 children were found alive by the Soviet Army at the liberation of the camp on January 27, 1945. The majority of the children were Mengele twins. Eva and Miriam Mozes were among them.

In 1995, Eva opened CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute, Indiana, with a mission to prevent prejudice and hatred through education about the Holocaust. Thousands of people, including many school groups, have visited CANDLES since it opened. In 2003, the museum was destroyed by a hate-filled arsonist. Eva vowed to rebuild, and with the help of a generous public outpouring of support, the museum was rebuilt and reopened in 2005.

Eva has delivered her message all over the world, including several times in Germany, Israel, and Poland, and she was a featured speaker at the 10th anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa. Her story is documented in the award-winning film *Forgiving Dr. Mengele* and the popular young adult book *Surviving the Angel of Death: The Story of a Mengele Twin in Auschwitz*.

About CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center

CANDLES is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded in 1995 by Auschwitz survivor Eva Mozes Kor. Our mission is to shine a light on the story of the Holocaust and Eva Kor to illuminate the world with hope, healing, respect, and responsibility. We have led group tours of Auschwitz in 2005, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, and January and June 2015, and 2016 with up to 100 people. Our surveys conducted during and after the trip indicate that 100% of all trip participants are “highly satisfied” or better with their experience.

About the Trip

By providing community members with an immersion experience in the historical setting of Auschwitz, we hope to foster powerful breakthroughs in awareness of our respective roles in creating a world based on hope, healing, respect, and responsibility. We want to help our community members become witnesses to history so they can make the world a brighter place. Everyone is welcome on this trip regardless of religion, occupation, ethnicity, or any other factor.

Feedback from Past Trip Participants

“This is by far the most amazing thing I've ever done!”

“This trip was more than I ever expected. I am ready to begin planning my Holocaust unit with such greater insight and a better understanding for the enormity of the subject matter.”

“Many thanks to Eva and the CANDLES staff for offering an amazing immersion into the tragic story of the Holocaust. Thanks, too, for inspiring and empowering us with a positive response —forgiveness - giving me hope in the face of continued expressions of prejudice and hatred in our world.”

“Sometimes there are experiences that you know, as they are happening, that they will change you. This is one of those experiences, and I thank all of you who were a part of my life-changing experience for sharing this moment in time with me.”

“This trip is not only informative — it's enlightening.”

“I am so glad to have gone on this journey with such a respectful, compassionate group of people.”

“In so many ways, what I experienced on the trip to Poland can't be summarized in words. I arrived having questions, and having been given the experience to explore them is so meaningful, and will continue to inspire me as I figure out what I want to do, and how I want to leave my impression on the world.”

Guidelines for Participation

- 1) Each participant must read, sign (or be signed by their legal adult representative), and return an agreement that releases CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center from liability to the person and belongings of trip participants. No participant under 18 years of age may join unless accompanied by an adult. Due to graphic nature of some content on this excursion, caution is recommended for participation of those age 14 and under. Each traveler, regardless of age, will be charged full fee amount.
- 2) All participants agree to the use of their image or likeness in media and photos.
- 3) All participants understand that CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center is not a tour agency. These trips are offered as part of the Museum's educational programming.
- 4) All participants may be asked to undergo a limited criminal history background check from their state of residence and Indiana at their own expense.
- 5) CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center reserves the right to refuse participation in its domestic and international excursions to anyone who might present a physical, mental, or emotional threat to other travelers.
- 6) 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.
- 7) It is the participant's responsibility to pay the trip balance in full with registration. No exceptions.
- 8) If cancellation notice is given to CANDLES after registration, no portion of your trip fees will be refunded.
- 9) There is a maximum of three (3) persons per room if available.
- 10) Single/private room, if available, is at an additional cost of \$500.00.
- 11) Those not arriving or departing Krakow with the group at scheduled tour bus times are responsible for the cost of their own transportation to and from the hotel. CANDLES can assist in making these arrangements.
- 12) CANDLES will make accommodations for participants to be transported to and from Terre Haute, Indiana, to Chicago O'Hare at the start and end of the trip. Any participant who will be traveling separately is responsible for his or her own transportation to Chicago O'Hare or Krakow, Poland.
- 13) For updates to the itinerary or requests for information, CANDLES staff will use the contact information you provide. Registrants agree to respond in a timely manner to emails and phone messages from CANDLES staff. If a trip participant does not respond in a timely fashion, CANDLES will not be held responsible for any variations or difficulties encountered by said participant.
- 14) A passport valid for six (6) months beyond your dates of travel is required for international travel. You must have a passport and provide CANDLES with a copy of that passport no later than April 30, 2017 in order to travel with us. Passport fees are the responsibility of the participant.
- 15) Land option is purchased as offered. No reduction in price will be made if you book this option and arrive later or depart earlier than the group.
- 16) Flight and hotel rewards for individuals booking a group tour are not available.



Please read carefully before registering for the CANDLES Auschwitz Trip

Please read the following precautions and ask any questions you may have before submitting your paperwork and deposit. The CANDLES Staff welcomes people of all ages and abilities and we do everything within our power to accommodate any need. However, there are limitations as to what we are able to provide and accommodate. Please feel free to contact us. We are happy to provide more detail to help you determine your ability to participate in each of the trip offerings. We do not want to discourage your participation in any way. We just want you to be fully informed.

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- This tour is considered an “On-the-Go” pace.
- Unlike the United States, Poland does not require that their public locations be ADA compliant. There are always curbs, areas with restricted or no automobile access, and stairs only as access to upper floor locations and lower floor/basement bathrooms.
- There will be a fair amount of walking each and every day of the tour. The city walking terrain consists of sometimes uneven cobblestones or marble surfaces that are slick when wet. The walking terrain at Auschwitz is mainly gravel or larger stone, sometimes uneven, and could be considered rough at times.
- Both the City and Jewish Quarter tours are walking tours.
- We will spend three full days touring Auschwitz I and Birkenau. Each day will have from between 4-6 miles of walking. Although there are sporadic locations where one can sit to rest, there are no regularly spaced benches inside the camp grounds.
- The historic salt mine tour is two hours in length, and access to the mine is only available by descending several hundred steps or by using one of their historic mine elevators. Most walking surfaces in the mine are smooth, and the regular tour does have steps that you must descend. A handicap version of the salt mine tour is available and must be reserved months before our arrival.
- The bathtub/shower combination in European bathrooms is very tall, and in most cases, there are not “grab bars” for stability when entering and exiting the bathtub/shower. An extremely limited number of handicapped rooms or shower-only rooms are available but MUST be requested months ahead of time. Even then, they cannot be automatically guaranteed.
- Please contact us with any questions.

Responsibility Statement

Legal Name of Registrant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Cell/Primary Tel. Number _____

Primary email address _____

Participant's Responsibility: By acknowledging the following, you agree to timely compliance with the payment schedule as outlined in the tour conditions and guidelines set forth. You also acknowledge that if any payments are missed for any reason, you could be subject to removal from the tour and all monies forfeited. You understand that the tour pricing is based on the number of participants stated in the tour conditions, and that the prices may change up or down with decreases or increases in the number of participants. Other criteria could impact the tour cost and thus increase or decrease your cost. You agree that in the event that the proposed services cannot be provided due to cancellation or unavailability of said services, **CANDLES Inc.** reserves the right to make substitutions of features of equal value and similar quality, per its "Agent's Responsibility" paragraph below. You also agree that you have read and understand the physical demands and limitations of accessibility as outlined in the registration materials.

Agent's Responsibility: CANDLES Inc. ("Agent") acts only as Agent in providing means of transportation or other services. 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 **CANDLES Inc.** 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. Any extra charges arising from such change must be met by the Participant. Tours and excursions included in the itinerary as part of the COMPLETE or LAND ONLY price are "as is" and may not be substituted with other tours unless deemed necessary for the entire group by Agent. By signing this document, Participant agrees to a background and criminal history check. 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 to it for unused services. By acceptance of tour membership, Participant agrees to the foregoing and also agrees that CANDLES Inc. maintains no control over the independent suppliers that will be providing accommodations and services as a part of the travel program. Accordingly, the undersigned agrees not to hold CANDLES Inc. 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 CANDLES Inc., 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 CANDLES Inc. and its respective officers, directors, employees 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 travel program, or from any other cause, condition or event beyond the direct control of CANDLES Inc.

Publicity Release: During the trip, Participant(s) may be photographed or videotaped for promotional, public relations, archival, or advertising use. Accordingly, the undersigned hereby authorizes representatives of CANDLES Inc. and/or other travel program suppliers to photograph, film or otherwise record the activities of the undersigned during the travel program, and authorizes and consents to the use of any such photographs, films or recordings for any and all purposes, included but not limited to use in publications or presentations during or following the conclusion of the travel program. The undersigned hereby waives and releases any claims for compensation or liability that the undersigned might otherwise have arising out of or related to such.

I have read and I agree to the above Responsibility Statement and Guidelines for Participation.

Registrant's Signature

Date

Signature of Registrant's Legal Parent/Guardian

Date



TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM
 PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT WITH BLACK INK
 RETURN PAGES 7 THROUGH 11 AND A COPY
 OF YOUR PASSPORT TO
 CANDLES HOLOCAUST MUSEUM
WITH PAYMENT IN FULL.

CLOSED

~~EXCURSION A: June 24 July 2, 2017~~

EXCURSION B: July 2-10, 2017

REGISTRANT'S INFORMATION:

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Other _____ M F DOB _____

mm/dd/year format

Preferred First Name on Name Badge _____

REGISTRANT'S ADDRESS AND OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name as it appears on your passport:

Passport Number:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Cell/Preferred Phone (____) _____ Alt.(____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

*(The email address and phone number **MUST** be ones that you actively communicate on. Timely answers are important to efficient and organized planning by CANDLES staff and volunteers.)*

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

In case of emergency, please contact (*not a guest on the trip*) _____

Relationship _____

Daytime (____) _____ Evening (____) _____

PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Food Allergies: _____ Animal Allergies: _____ Yes _____ No

Current Medications: _____

OVERALL MEAL PREFERENCE:

*We make every effort to accommodate our guests, but there is no guarantee **aside from vegetarian or meat options** and actual allergies. We cannot make special accommodations based upon an individual preference for meal types or foods you try to avoid or just don't like. You will be provided with menus for limited choices if the meal is not buffet.*

Overall preference in restaurants or hotel: (CHOOSE ONE) Meat Vegetarian

AVAILABLE AUSCHWITZ SUMMER 2017 PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Services or products related to travel are listed below. *Trip insurance is **HIGHLY** recommended for your own protection and will not be provided unless you select the option for your age group.* Trip insurance **DOES NOT** cover situations of political unrest or your cancellation due to unease with travel warnings. Please keep a copy of this page for your records.

Name _____ Excursion B (LAND only): _____

Qty:	Description of Service:	Unit Cost
	Land Only Accommodations (You will book your own airfare)	\$2450
	Trip Insurance for Ages 0-34 (Highly recommended)	\$125
	Trip Insurance for Ages 35-59 (Highly recommended)	\$189
	Trip Insurance for Ages 60-69 (Highly recommended)	\$255
	Trip Insurance for Ages 70-74 (Highly recommended)	\$332
	Trip Insurance for Ages 75-79 (Highly recommended)	\$406
	Trip Insurance for Ages 80-84 (Highly recommended)	\$554
	Trip Insurance for Ages 85+ (Highly recommended)	\$739
	Single (<i>Private</i>) Room Supplement (Pending availability)	\$500
	Auschwitz 2017 T-Shirt Circle Size: S M L XL	\$17
	Auschwitz 2017 T-Shirt Circle Size: XXL XXXL	\$20
	Autographed Paperback Copy of <i>Surviving the Angel of Death</i> (includes shipping)	INCLUDED
	DISCOUNT! Autographed Hardback Copy of <i>Surviving the Angel of Death</i> (includes shipping)	\$7
	Autographed DVD <i>Forgiving Dr. Mengele</i>	\$22
	Total Goods and Services Purchased	
	Less Deposit	
	Remaining Balance Owed by March 17, 2017	

A fee of 3% will be added to all credit and debit transactions.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO BECOME A PART OF THIS AMAZING TRIP?

- ✓ Complete pages 7 through 11 of the registration packet.
- ✓ Return those pages to CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center with your payment in full.
- ✓ Include a copy of your passport with your registration materials no later than April 30, 2017.
- ✓ Pay your balance in full with your registration.
- ✓ Get ready for an amazing experience!



What is included in this experience if I purchase the complete trip package?

- Tour bus transportation from Terre Haute to Chicago on the day of the international flight
- Flight from Chicago to Krakow
- Tour bus transportation in Krakow
- Daily breakfasts and most evening meals
- Three lunches on our Auschwitz touring days
- Hotel accommodations at a 4-star (or better) property
- Daily professional guide services
- Auschwitz guides, fees, and headsets
- Three days of Auschwitz touring
- Entrance, lift, and guide fees at the historic Wieliczka Salt Mines
- Krakow city and Jewish Quarter tours with headsets
- Wawel Cathedral and St. Mary's visit
- An autographed paperback copy of *Surviving the Angel of Death*
- Tips on included services

Ten Creative Ways to Fund Your Trip

1. **Harness the power of the crowd.** Put your trip on kickstarter.com or indiegogo.com. Send the link to everyone you know.
2. **Give up a bad habit.** One former trip participant gave up Mountain Dew. For each soda she would have bought during the day, she put that amount into a jar to save for the trip.
3. **Ask a religious organization for support.** Churches and synagogues are often willing to take up an offering for trip participants. You may give a presentation to them when you get back.
4. **Get an additional job.** If you plan ahead, it's entirely possible to raise the money working just a few extra hours per week. One former trip participant worked all the overtime she could. Every dollar she earned from overtime went into her trip savings account.
5. **Pizza.** Everyone loves pizza. If you are a student or teacher, order a bunch of pizzas to sell after school. Charge \$2/slice. Do it once a month or once a week and you may be able to save up to \$1,000.
6. **Sell your extra stuff.** Almost everyone has more stuff than they need. Hold a yard sale or sell your extra stuff on eBay. You'll feel better without all that clutter anyway.
7. **Host a trivia night.** Attract the history buffs, have some fun, and raise some funds. Charge \$5-\$10 per person. Get a local business to donate a grand prize and a local restaurant to donate some appetizers.
8. **Create something.** Make sketches, paintings, or other forms of art and then sell them to raise funds for your trip. When you explain what you are raising money for, people will be inclined to support you.
9. **Hold a bake sale or car wash.** Do it once a month or once a week.
10. **Don't forget to ask your friends and family for support!** Remind your friends and family that they can make donations to CANDLES in your name which will be credited to your account.

You can be the person who says, "I wish I could go some day."

OR you can be the person who says, "I'm going!"

And then makes it happen.

The opportunity to tour Auschwitz with a survivor will not be available forever.

Where there is a will, there is a way. Never, ever give up.