

Auschwitz Summer 2017

Pacing Statement

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 our guests. 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.

Leisurely

On-the-Go

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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.