

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

Excursion B: July 2-10, 2017

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. Total cost of either excursion is \$3,750 for the COMPLETE trip package and \$2,450 for the LAND ONLY trip package.

Note: There is a 3% fee for all credit and debit transactions including PayPal and other online payment services.

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Dear future trip participant,

Thank you for your interest in our Summer 2017 trips to Poland. Visiting Auschwitz with a survivor is an unforgettable journey that very few people will ever have the chance to experience. In fact, of the more than 1.5 million visitors to Auschwitz every year, we estimate less than 1% of them have the opportunity to tour with a survivor—perhaps as few as 0.01%!

If you have ever had the inclination to visit Auschwitz and learn from that tragic and historic site, if you have ever felt a passion for studying the Holocaust, if you are fascinated by the story of Eva Kor and the twins of Auschwitz, if you are seeking a trip that is meaningful and different from all other trips, if you are seeking to make lifelong connections with interesting people from all walks of life, if you want to be part of history, then this trip is for you. Do not let this opportunity pass you by! Because this trip always fills quickly, CANDLES has made a ground-breaking decision — we will conduct not one, but TWO Auschwitz trips in the summer of 2017! Do not delay registering and securing your space with a deposit. The trip for July 2016 was full by December 31, 2015, and we anticipate that the 2017 trips will be no different.

For many people, the first consideration is cost. In the past ten years, we have taken many students, teachers, and retired people on limited or fixed income to Auschwitz. We want everyone to be able to go no matter age or occupation, so our goal is to keep the price as affordable as possible. Please do not let the prices you see in this document hold you back. You may think there is no way to afford it, but we have seen this play out time and time again: If you are determined, there is a way. Keep in touch with us, ask questions, stay on the info distribution list, and keep thinking of creative ways to afford the trip. See page 12 for some ideas to get you started.

We highly encourage you to read through the options in this packet, do your own research on the sites we will visit, ask plenty of questions, and by all means join us on the trip! When you are ready to take the next step, please call the museum at 812-234-7881 where any of our capable staff can provide information, or email Nicole Sconce, Operations Director, at nicole@candlesholocaustmuseum.org. Do not miss out on these informative and enlightening journeys!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kiel Majewski".

Kiel Majewski, Executive Director
CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center

Preliminary Itineraries: Summer 2017

EXCURSION A

- June 24 - Depart USA from Chicago
- June 25 - Arrive Krakow, visit Plaszow, welcome dinner
- June 26 - City Tour/Salt Mine
- June 27 - Jewish Quarter Tour
- June 28 - Birkenau Tour
- June 29 - Auschwitz I Tour
- June 30 - Morning: Birkenau; Afternoon: Auschwitz I
- July 1 - Free Day
- July 2 - Travel Home

EXCURSION B

- July 2 - Depart USA from Chicago
- July 3 - Arrive Krakow, visit Plaszow, welcome dinner
- July 4 - City Tour/Salt Mine
- July 5 - Birkenau Tour
- July 6 - Auschwitz I Tour
- July 7 - Morning: Birkenau; Afternoon: Auschwitz I
- July 8 - Jewish Quarter Tour
- July 9 - Free Day
- July 10 - Travel Home

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 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. 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.
- 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) To confirm your registration and spot on this incredible journey, a **nonrefundable** deposit of \$500.00 per person is required.
- 8) It is the participant's responsibility to pay the trip balance in full by March 17, 2017. No exceptions.
- 9) If cancellation notice is given to CANDLES after May 1, 2017, no portion of your trip fees will be refunded.
- 10) There is a maximum of three (3) persons per room if available.
- 11) Single/private room is available on a limited basis at an additional cost of \$500.00.
- 12) 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.
- 13) 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.
- 14) 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.
- 15) 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 May 1, 2017 in order to travel with us. Passport fees are the responsibility of the participant.
- 16) Land and land/air options are purchased as offered. No reduction in price will be made if you book this option and arrive later or depart earlier than the group.
- 17) After March 17, 2017, any change from a COMPLETE trip registration to LAND ONLY registration will result in a \$200 fee. Once a switch has been made to LAND ONLY, it is not possible to again become COMPLETE, as your flight reservation has been forfeited.
- 18) Flight and hotel rewards for individuals booking a group tour are not available.

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 \$500.00 deposit. Registration will not be processed nor will your spot be secured until your deposit is received. Remember that there is a 3% fee for all credit and debit transactions.
- ✓ Include a copy of your passport with your registration materials no later than May 1, 2017.
- ✓ Pay your balance in full no later than March 17, 2017.
- ✓ 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!**

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.