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PILSEN LIBERATION FESTIVAL 2021

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of Liberation by the US Army
in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia

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The 2021 festival will commemorate both the 75th and 76th anniversaries of Pilsen's liberation.



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A Genuine Outpouring of Love and Appreciation
for America.

Join The National WWII Museum Educational Travel Program on a tour of the Czech Republic, featuring one of the most touching modern-day tributes to the American armed forces in Europe: the Pilsen Liberation Festival. This annual event is marked by festive parades, moving commemorations, and serves as a reminder to both young and old residents of Pilsen to never forget the horrible period of Soviet oppression following World War II and during the Cold War.



Bringing history to life

On May 4, 1945, the 2nd Infantry Division crossed into the territory then well-known as Czechoslovakia, which had been suffering under Nazi rule since 1939. By the morning of May 6, 1945, tanks from the 16th Armored Division entered Pilsen, liberating the city by the afternoon. The 2nd Infantry Division arrived in support. For these liberators, the war ended in Pilsen. The festival today marks the anniversary of these final actions taken by General Patton's Third Army during World War II.

By 1948, Czechoslovakia was a Soviet puppet state. Behind the Iron Curtain, tributes to American liberators were discouraged, but the citizens of Pilsen continued to remember how much that liberation meant to them. After the fall of the Communist regime in 1989, Pilsen was quick to honor the Americans who ended the war in their city.

In May 1990, the first Pilsen Liberation Festival took place and officials undertook plans for pro-American monuments. Today, there are monuments and memorials honoring General Patton, the 16th Armored Division, and the 2nd Infantry Division. A street named "America" leads to a monument simply named "Thank You America!"

This 8-day tour begins in Prague with an overview of Operation Anthropoid, the plot to assassinate Nazi Reinhard Heydrich, known to history as one of the main the architects of the Holocaust. In response to his assassination, the Nazis liquidated the town of Lidice, where a somber visit remembers the people of the town. Continue to Theresienstadt, a concentration camp that was the subject of infamous Nazi propaganda. The tour ends in Pilsen, where guests will participate in the Liberation Festival events and enjoy meeting period re-enactors, mingling with the locals, and honoring the servicemen who did so much for so many.



Photo Page 2: A scout girl at the Pilsen Liberation Festival. Courtesy of Cum Okolo/Alamy. Stock Photo. Photo Page 3: Czechoslovak children surround U.S. soldier in Pilsen, May 6, 1945. Courtesy of Photo 12/Alamy Stock Photo.

Photo Left: Portrait of Reinhard Heydrich in the uniform of an SS Obergruppenführer, 1942. Courtesy of Bundesarchiv. Photo Right: Reinhard Heydrich (front left) in Prague Castle, 1941. Courtesy of Bundesarchiv.

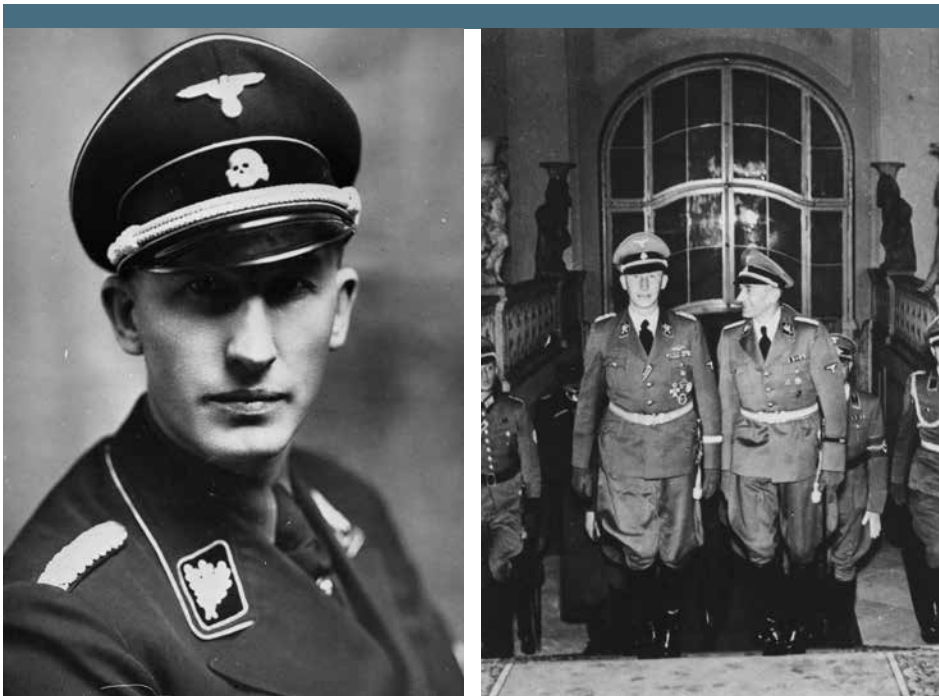


Photo: Heydrich's car (Mercedes-Benz W142) after the assassination attempt in Prague, May 27, 1941. Courtesy of Bundesarchiv.



LEARN THEIR NAMES

Operation Anthropoid

On December 28, 1941, two Czech resistance fighters, Jan Kubiš and Jozef Gabčík, parachuted into Bohemia and began preparing for their mission to assassinate Reinhard Heydrich, the cruel Deputy Reich Protector of Bohemia. The resistance fighters sprang their trap on May 27, 1942. While Heydrich rode through Prague in his topless Mercedes, Gabčík attempted to shoot him with a Sten submachine gun. The gun jammed, so Gabčík improvised and threw a bomb at the car. The resulting explosion wounded Heydrich, who attempted to chase down the assassins before collapsing. On June 2, 1942, Heydrich slipped into a coma, and he died two days later. His assassination ignited a savage retribution campaign from the Nazi Party, leading to the liquidation of the towns of Lidice and Ležáky, as well as the deaths of Jan Kubiš, Jozef Gabčík, and their co-conspirators in Prague.

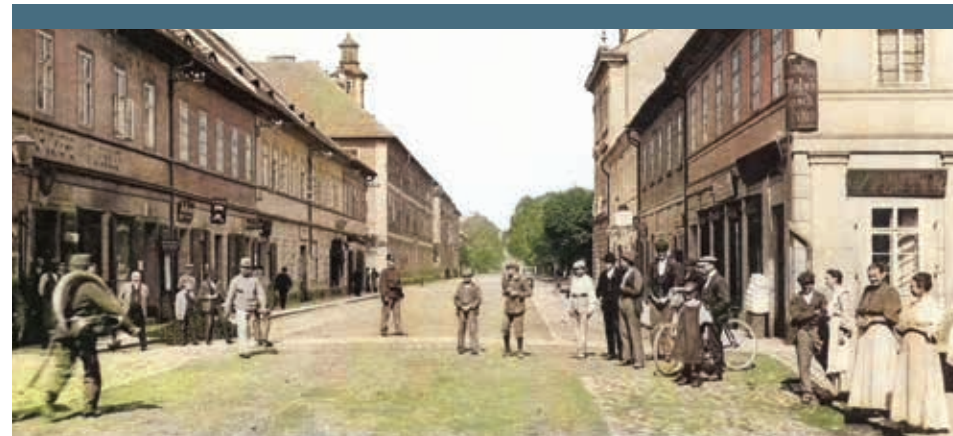


Photo Top: Buildings in Terezín, Czech Republic, 1903. Courtesy of Artokoloro/Alamy Stock Photo.

HEAR THEIR STORIES

Brundibár

The Nazis repurposed a fortress in Theresienstadt with a sinister purpose. It was designed as a “model camp” to demonstrate to the Red Cross that the camps existed to protect the Jews. The prisoners participated in artistic, cultural, and athletic pursuits as the Nazis filmed the activities for their own propaganda. The children of the camp received permission to put on a musical called *Brundibár*. The musical centered around two siblings overcoming the evil Brundibár, who steals their money and the money of the town’s people. The occupants of the camp understood the anti-Hitler appeal of the show, but the Nazis allowed it to go on for 55 shows. Eventually, most of the cast members were transported to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Most never returned.



Photo: Lidice Memorial, Czech Republic. Courtesy of kaprik/Alamy Stock Photo.

STAND WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE

Lidice, Czech Republic

After the death of Reinhard Heydrich, Adolf Hitler ordered vicious reprisals. As communicated by the Nazi government, any town or village found to be a part of the conspiracy would see all of the men executed and the women sent to concentration camps. The children suitable to become “Germanized” would be placed in the care of the Nazi Party. On June 9, 1942, the village of Lidice entered the crosshairs. Over the span of several days, the city ceased to exist. German soldiers executed every man found in the village and deported the women. Of the 105 children, only seven were considered appropriate for Germanization. Bombs and bulldozers completed the task of razing the town. After the war, a new Lidice rose up next to the destroyed village. In tribute to the fallen citizens of Lidice, memorials overlook the remains, linked to the new Lidice by rows of Linden trees.



Meet the Featured Author and Historian



Alexandra Richie, DPhil

Alexandra Richie is a historian of Germany as well as Central and Eastern Europe, with a specialization in defense and security issues. She completed her B.A. (Hons) in Political Science at the University of Victoria and went on to study at St. Antony's College, Oxford, where she wrote her doctoral thesis, *The Political Manipulation of History in East and West Germany*.

Richie is also the author of *Faust's Metropolis: A History of Berlin*, which was named one of the top ten books of the year by *American Publisher's Weekly*. Her latest book, *Warsaw 1944*, won the *Newsweek* Teresa Torańska Prize for best non-fiction book of 2014 and the Kazimierz Moczarski Prize for Best History Book in 2015.

She has contributed to many articles, documentaries, radio, and television programs, and serves on the Presidential Counselors at The National WWII Museum. She is also a member of the Senate at the Collegium Civitas University in Warsaw, Poland, and the Władysław Bartoszewski co-chair of History and International Studies at the Collegium Civitas. Dr. Richie is a favorite of Museum travelers and has hosted dozens of tours with The National WWII Museum to destinations in Germany, Poland, along the Elbe, and in the Baltic.

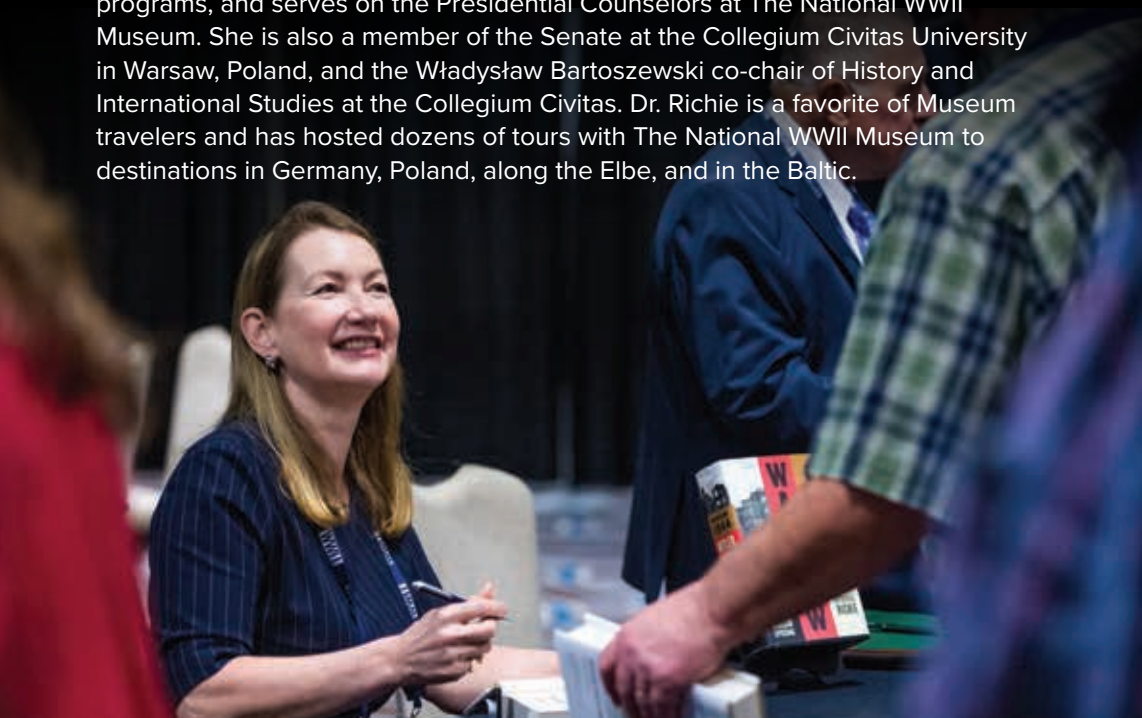


Photo: Alexandra Richie at Theresienstadt. Courtesy of Sarah Kirksey.

Engage. Reflect. Explore.

Dear Friend of the Museum,

One of the great delights of my life is meeting travelers from The National WWII Museum and exploring exciting new destinations together. I am ecstatic to be joining you on tour as we celebrate the American liberation of Pilsen, one of the largest celebrations of its kind in Europe.

We begin our journey in the gorgeous city of Prague, known as the city of a thousand spires, consistently voted one of the most beautiful in the world. The view from the Charles Bridge or the Old Town Square is breathtaking, and the cobblestones echo with history. We will visit many of Prague's cultural gems as we focus on the city's fascinating, often tragic, WWII history.

Our next stop, we will also visit the deportation camp of Theresienstadt, which was unique within the Nazi system. Located in a picturesque town, it was easy for the Germans to portray Theresienstadt as a 'spa town' and a model camp for 'privileged' Jews. In reality, it was a brutal ghetto labor camp that ultimately sent Jews to their deaths. When the International Red Cross demanded to visit Theresienstadt, the Germans forced the inmates to beautify it by planting flower boxes, renovating the living quarters, and playing in fake theaters and schools. Once the visit was over, the squalor and death returned. Of the approximately 140,000 Jews sent to Theresienstadt, 33,000 died in the camp itself. The rest were murdered in other camps including Auschwitz.

The tour culminates with the Liberation Festival in Pilsen, a commemoration for the servicemembers who fought and died to free those oppressed by the Nazi regime. The people of Pilsen have never forgotten their liberation by the Third Army. The Convoy of Liberty parade includes a replica of each vehicle in Patton's Army, and the days are filled with events featuring American music, dancing, period fashion, food, and commemorations.

I look forward to joining you on this amazing journey in central Europe to celebrate the joy and relief of liberation.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Richie, DPhil
Author and Senior Historian

Itinerary Map



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\$179 per person in taxes and fees are additional.

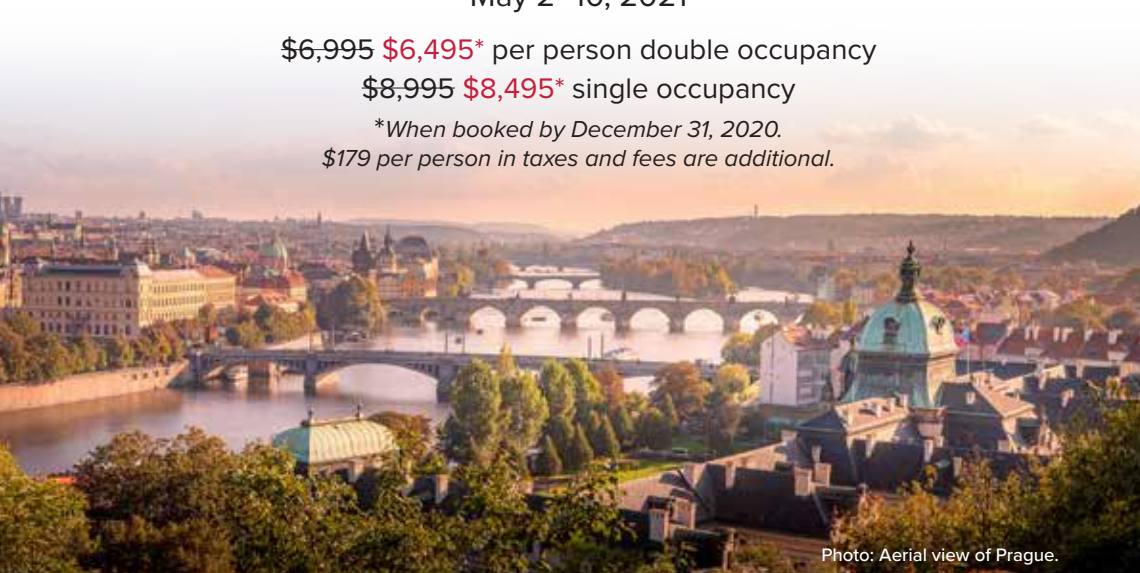
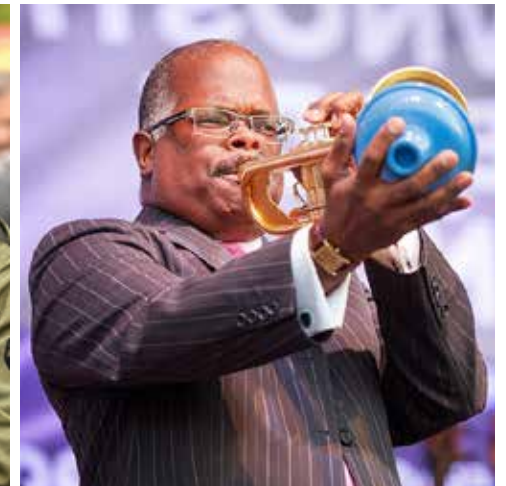


Photo: Aerial view of Prague.



Program Inclusions

- Exclusive Itinerary designed by The National WWII Museum and Dr. Alexandra Richie
- Presentations from the Museum's digital collections, including video and oral histories
- Special access to sites not offered on other tours
- Full-time logistical Tour Manager
- Expert local guides
- Roundtrip Airport Transfers (when arriving and departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- Deluxe four and five-star accommodations throughout the journey
- Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Included gratuities to guides, drivers, porters and servers
- 8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners, and 2 Receptions
- Beer, house wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinner
- Personalized luggage tags and name badge

Additional Services

- Additional pre and/or post-hotel nights
- Travel insurance
- Flight assistance
- Private transfers



Occupation

REINHARD HEYDRICH

The Occupier

Reinhard Heydrich embodies the horror of Nazi Germany. At age fifteen, he joined the Maercker's Volunteer Rifles, a right-wing paramilitary unit that put down socialist uprisings around Germany. In 1931, Heydrich joined the Nazi Party, and six weeks later, he joined the *Schutzstaffel* (SS). By 1932, Heydrich led the new intelligence service, the *Sicherheitsdienst* (SD), which later included the Gestapo. With the rise of Adolf Hitler to the status of Führer, Heydrich began planning the destruction of the party's first para-military wing, the *Sturmabteilung* (SA). During the "Night of the Long Knives," the SD and Gestapo forces rounded up and murdered some 200 people, including SA leader Ernst Röhm. For the next eight years, Heydrich led a crusade of terror, first in Germany, then in the German-occupied countries in Central and Eastern Europe. In 1938, he organized the *Kristallnacht* ("Night of Broken Glass", also called the November Pogrom) against German Jews. Following the invasion of the Soviet Union, Heydrich created special killing squads, the *Einsatzgruppen*, which followed behind the *Wehrmacht*, exterminating Jews and others deemed undesirable.

In September 1941, Heydrich took on the role of Deputy Reich Protector of Bohemia and Moravia, a role that allowed him to bring his brand of terror to the occupied portion of Czechoslovakia. Heydrich immediately proclaimed martial law in Prague, then went on to execute over one hundred resistance fighters. The following February, he estimated the SD had arrested some 5,000 people, and executed a further 500, with the rest going to various concentration camps. His brutal treatment of Czech people led to one of his best-known nicknames, "the Butcher of Prague." It also led to him being targeted for assassination by the Czech government in exile in London. By the time of his death on June 4, 1942, Reinhard Heydrich was one of the most feared men in Nazi Germany.

Arrival of SS-Oberführer Reinhard Heydrich and SS-Standartenführer Georg Aumeller at the House of German Art for a stone laying ceremony, October 15, 1933. Courtesy of Glasshouse Images/Alamy Stock Photo.



Liberation

GEORGE S. PATTON

The Liberator

Among the American generals of World War II, the Germans attached a great deal of significance to General George S. Patton. After hard fighting in North Africa and Sicily from 1942 to 1943, Patton found himself taken out of the field for almost a year due to the infamous slapping incident in a Sicilian aid station. Patton returned to the field on August 1, 1944, when he took command of the Third Army in Normandy and Brittany. Patton then raced his men across France. By September, Patton blazed ahead to eastern France, past the old battlefields he fought near in the Great War, finally stopping at the old fortress city of Metz. In December, he rushed his troops into the Ardennes during the Battle of the Bulge.

After crossing the Rhine River on March 22, 1945, Patton could taste victory. The German Army, incapable at this point of staging a true defense, melted away as the Third Army drove forward towards Bavaria. Along the way, they toured Buchenwald Concentration Camp, where the Americans witnessed the true horrors of the Nazi regime for the first time. Patton then drove south to Czechoslovakia and the town of Pilsen. On May 6, 1945, the 16th Armored Division and elements of the 97th and 2nd Infantry Divisions liberated Pilsen, while the Red Army liberated the rest of the country. For Patton, this would be his last battle of the war. After V-E Day, he became the military governor of Bavaria until his death from injuries suffered in a car crash in December 1945.



US General George Patton Reviewing Troops, Cheb, Czechoslovakia, September 7, 1945. Courtesy of Glasshouse Images/Alamy Stock Photo.



The Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVAL IN PRAGUE

May 2, 2021: Arrive in Vaclav Havel Airport Prague (PRG) and transfer to the Prague Paris Hotel. Enjoy free time this afternoon before this evening's welcome dinner and tour preview with Dr. Alexandra Richie.

Hotel Paris Prague (R, D)



Photo: Prague City Center.

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DAY 2

PRAGUE'S JEWISH HISTORY

May 3, 2021: Prague features one of the oldest Jewish communities in Europe with records of settlement dating back to the 10th Century. The influence of the Jewish community over the last 1,000 years has been tied to the tolerance of Prague's leaders. During times of tolerance, Jews integrated into Prague society and held positions in commerce, politics, and the arts. During times of conflict, Jews faced expulsion or were compelled to take a side in various European conflicts. During World War II, the Nazis intended to liquidate Prague's Jewish population while preserving its heritage as a "Museum of an Extinct Race." During the tour today, uncover the legacy of the Jewish community in Prague with visits to the synagogues and the Jewish Museum.

Hotel Paris Prague (B)



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The Itinerary

DAY 3

OPERATION ANTHROPOID

May 4, 2021: On May 27, 1942, two Czech resistance fighters, Jan Kubiš and Jozef Gabčík, carried out a plot to assassinate Deputy Protector of Bohemia–Reinhard Heydrich. A bomb thrown by Gabčík wounded Heydrich, and the assassins fled the scene. Three weeks later, Nazi forces stormed the Cyril and Methodius Cathedral in search of Kubiš and Gabčík. A gun battle ensued killing 14 Germans before Gabčík committed suicide. Wounded in the fighting, Kubiš died upon arrival at a hospital. On your visit to the cathedral, view scars of the shootout and a museum in the crypt. Continue this afternoon on an optional tour focused on Prague’s role in the Thirty Years’ War.

Hotel Paris Prague (B, L, D)



Photo Top: Cyril and Methodius Cathedral. Courtesy of Steve Tulley/Alamy Stock Photo. Photo Bottom: Bronze busts of Jan Kubiš and Jozef Gabčík in the Crypt Of Cyril and Methodius Cathedral. Courtesy of Steve Tulley/Alamy Stock Photo.



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The Itinerary

DAY 4
WONDERS OF PRAGUE

May 5, 2021: Two of the most awe-inspiring sites in Prague highlight the touring today. The Strahov Monastery's Baroque library contains around 200,000 volumes from the 16th Century onward.

Guests will be able to walk through the rooms on a private tour. The grandiose Prague Castle will complete the day's touring. Dating to the 9th Century, the complex is the largest in the world at over 70,000 square meters. Through the centuries, it has been home to royalty of Bohemia and the leaders of Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic.

Hotel Paris Prague (B, L)



Photo: The Theological Room of the Library in the Strahov Monastery.
Courtesy of JOHN KELLERMAN/Alamy Stock.



The Itinerary

DAY 5

LIDICE

May 6, 2021: Throughout the world, small collections of memorial sites remain in the state of destruction that resulted from World War II. For the Czech Republic, the destroyed town of Lidice is a reminder of the Nazi reprisals stemming from the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich. In June 1942, German forces killed every man in Lidice, deported every woman, and sent the children away. The town ceased to exist. After the war, the new Lidice was constructed next to the destruction. Over time, the Czechs built memorials and museums overlooking the old town. The route between the new and old Lidice is now lined with rows of Linden trees.

Hotel Paris Prague (B, L)



Photo: Memorial of Children from Lidice.

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The Itinerary

DAY 6
THERESIENSTADT

May 7, 2021: The Theresienstadt Concentration Camp primarily housed Jews from Bohemia, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Germany, and later was a transfer point to the death camps in Poland. The fortress was constructed in 1790 to protect the area from Prussian invasions. During World War II, the Nazis took advantage of the walled fortress to convert it to a concentration camp. To the outside world, the Nazis presented Theresienstadt as a model for Jewish resettlement. Propaganda films showed Jews living a comfortable life under the protection of the Third Reich with art and cultural activities available to all. Included in the films was the children's opera *Brundibár*, written in 1938 and first performed by child inmates of the camp.

Hotel Paris Prague (B, L)



Photo: Aerial view of Theresienstadt Concentration Camp.



CEMETARY AT THERESIENSTADT

THROUGH THEIR EYES

MARK RUBIN, *Holocaust Survivor*



Born in Czechoslovakia, Mark Rubin spent his early childhood in hiding with his family. He states, “We were like bounty, my mother, brother, and me. My father was in a different hiding place...so not to all get captured at the same time.” The daughter of the family who was hiding the Rubin family turned them in to the Gestapo for a reward. His father was captured the day before. The Rubin family was sent first to Sered, a transit camp, after which Mark’s father was able to bribe the Nazi officer to have the family sent to Terezín (Theresienstadt in German), which at that time had become a “model” Red Cross camp. The Germans had invited the Red Cross to inspect this camp to prove that Jews were not being systematically murdered, but instead, were just isolated from the general population. In reality, large deportations to Auschwitz prior to the Red Cross visit left the false impression that the camp was spacious with plenty of room for recreation and activities.

The family spent four days traveling across the country in a cattle car. Although Mark was only 7 years old at the time, the experience forced him to “become an adult very quickly.” While in the camp, he had no knowledge of what was happening in the war. In May 1945, Terezín was liberated by the Russian forces after the fall of Berlin. Only 100 of the 35,000 children who were there during the war survived—Mark, his brother, and his two cousins were four of the survivors. After liberation, Mark and his family settled in Bratislava, now the capital of Slovakia, and then in Presov, also in present-day Slovakia. When it became apparent that Communism was threatening the livelihood of the Rubin family, they emigrated to the United States and arrived in New York on March 18, 1948.

Photo: Rubin Family, Mark Rubin pictured as young boy on right.



Liberation Festival

DAY 7

PILSEN LIBERATION FESTIVAL 2021

May 8, 2021: Drive to Pilsen this morning to take part in the activities of the Liberation Festival. The Liberation of Pilsen in 1945 is a significant moment in the memory of the Czech Republic. The 3rd Army entered western Czechoslovakia in May 1945 and proceeded to liberate the city of Pilsen. This small sliver of territory in the Bohemia region became the sole Czech territory liberated by American forces. From 1948-1989, the communist government of Czechoslovakia squashed any pro-American demonstrations, but the citizens of Pilsen did not forget their liberation. In 1990, the first Liberation festival brought forth a wave of pro-American sentiment that has continued every year.

Courtyard Marriott Pilsen (B)





Celebrating 75 Years

“There is no other place in the Czech Republic where you could experience the spectacular celebration of the end World War II.”

– Jan Engler, Organizer, Municipality of Pilsen



Liberation Festival

DAY 8

CONVOY OF LIBERTY PARADE

May 9, 2021: On the tour's second day of the Pilsen Liberation Festival, experience the military parade. For the better part of a week, the locals in Pilsen have paid tribute to the United States, and the parade is the capstone event. This evening, a farewell dinner will recall the highlights of the tour and pay tribute to our Czech hosts.

Courtyard Marriott Pilsen (B, D)

DAY 9

DEPARTURES

May 10, 2021: Bid farewell to the Czech Republic this morning and transfer to Vaclav Havel Airport Prague for individual flights back to the United States. (B)





ACCOMMODATIONS HOTEL PARIS PRAGUE



Built in 1904 by renowned architect Jan Vejrych, the Hotel Paris Prague is now recognized as a historical monument and a five-star luxury hotel.

Ideally situated in Prague's Old Town, the hotel is just a short walk from iconic sites, such as the Wenceslas Square, Charles Bridge, and the Prague Astronomical Clock. With two onsite restaurants and a full-service spa, the hotel provides a calm environment in the midst of the historic city. Each of the 86 rooms in Hotel Paris Prague is a sanctuary in itself, with soundproof walls, complimentary Wifi, flat-screen televisions, soaking tubs, slippers, and robes. The rooms are thoughtfully furnished in the Art Nouveau style to match the stunning exterior of the hotel.



ACCOMMODATIONS COURTYARD MARRIOTT PILSEN



Equipped with stunning views of Pilsen's city center, the Courtyard Marriott is highly-regarded as one of Pilsen's premier modern luxury hotels. The friendly hotel staff is available around the clock to assist with whatever you need, from laundry service to bike rentals. With a plethora of breweries, restaurants, and activities nearby, previous guests have given the hotel's location an A+ rating. Connect with family and friends back home using the hotel's complimentary Wifi. Start your day of touring with an impressive breakfast buffet, and end the day with clean, plush bedding and other modern amenities available in each room.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOUR FARE

Your tour fare covers arrangements and services including hotel accommodations, meals as per the itinerary, gratuities, ground transportation, guiding services, and special tour inclusions as described within the travel program brochures and on the Museum’s website at: www.ww2museumtours.org. All fares are quoted in US dollars, are per guest, and are based on double occupancy. As indicated below, airfare to and from the tour destination is not included in your tour fare. The Museum accepts no liability for the purchase of nonrefundable airline tickets.

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

To reserve your participation, submit an initial deposit of \$1,000 per person within five (5) days of booking. A \$200 per person deposit is due for any pre and/or post program options that you select. Final payment is due no later than Monday, February 1, 2021 (ninety (90) days) prior to departure. All reservations are subject to cancellation if payments are not received by the due date. Payment by check is preferred in order to reduce costs to the Museum. VISA, MasterCard and American Express are also accepted.

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Should it be necessary to cancel your reservation, please contact the Museum immediately at 1-877-813-3329 X 257. Cancellations for all or any part of a tour including optional pre- and/or post-tour extension programs will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

CANCELLATION NOTICE RECEIVED BEFORE TOUR START DATE FEES	TOUR CANCELLATION FEES	PRE AND/OR POST CANCELLATION
121 days or more	\$200 per person	\$50 per person
120-91 days	\$1,000 per person	\$200 per person
90-61 days	60% of full tour cost (incl Pre- and/or Post-Tour)*	
60 days or less, No-Show, or Early Return	100% of full tour cost (incl Pre- and/or Post-Tour)*	
*In addition, applicable cancellation fees for confirmed additional hotel nights may apply. Tour cost is defined as the cost of any cruise, land, or air element purchased from The National WWII Museum.		

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Because our cancellation policy is strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. Travel Cancellation is offered through the Museum’s Travel Department and information is included in your initial confirmation packet accordingly.

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- Any physical or mental condition that may require medical or professional treatment or attention during the tour;
- Any condition that may pose a risk to one’s self and/or other participants on tour;
- Any condition that may require health aids, e.g., oxygen, walkers, crutches, etc.; or any intention or need to use a wheelchair while on the tour.

By booking passage the guest represents and warrants that he/she is physically and otherwise fit to travel and that guests will comply at all times with applicable rules and regulations of the Museum. The Museum reserves the right without liability to require a passenger to leave the tour or to refuse to accept a guest as a tour participant who, in the sole judgment of the Museum, is unfit to travel, is a danger to himself or herself or to others, does not follow instructions of the tour leader, may distract from the enjoyment of the trip by others, or may require care beyond that which the Museum is reasonably able to provide.

We highly recommend that participants purchase a travel insurance package that provides medical coverage since most US policies do not provide coverage outside the United States.

LUGGAGE

Luggage will be limited to one (1) suitcase and one (1) carry-on per person to ensure that there is enough room on the motor coach for all passenger luggage. All luggage must be securely packed and clearly labeled. We recommend that all participants secure baggage loss and damage insurance that may be purchased for this tour.

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All travel documents (air and tour tickets, passport) are the responsibility of the guest. It is also your responsibility to comply with all customs requirements. Without the required documents, you may be denied boarding, and the Museum will not be liable for such denial or bear any financial responsibilities as a result thereof.

Security measures imposed by governments may change from time to time, and you will be required to comply with them. We will endeavor to provide you with notice of measures which may affect you, but complying with any such requirement is your responsibility.

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