



A surprising Bavarian Jewish Journey

(Munich, Augsburg, St. Otillien, Nuremberg, Regensburg)

8th – 12th June 2025



It has taken us twenty-five years of Jewish Journeys to finally get to southern Germany – possibly reflecting an overdose of anxiety about its association with the dark history of the twentieth century (not that we haven't been to Berlin three times!). And yet, Munich and its surrounding cities, quite apart from their remarkable physical beauty, reveal thick seams of Jewish and non-Jewish history, stretching back a thousand years, and reflect all the complexities one would hope could characterize an honest Jewish Journey. Yes, this has some of the most iconic locations of the twentieth century (think Nuremberg rallies and trials – the sites of which are truly remarkable tourist experiences), but also the most intense expressions of Jewish identity, politics and culture, from the first Zionist Congress (don't worry, all will be explained) to great Jewish rabbis and revolutionaries, and of course a thriving and energetic contemporary Jewish community today.

Price will be **£1045pp for double occupancy with a single supplement of £125**. The price excludes flights to and from Munich. It includes 4 nights hotel accommodation on a Bed and Breakfast basis, 2 evening meals, all entry fees and local co-ordinator and as usual will be led by Jeremy Leigh throughout. It does not include other meals or tips to local guide or drivers.

Trip is based on a minimum of 25 participants. A non-refundable deposit of £150 per person is payable with your booking form. Balance will be payable by 28th February 2025

We will be recommending flights from London to Munich and back once we confirm your place on the trip. There will be coach transfer for the return flight only back to Munich airport.

**To book please contact Marcel Manson at West End Travel. Tel: 07712 290520
marcel.manson@westendtravel.co.uk**

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR TRAVEL UNTIL THE TRIP AND YOUR PLACE ON IT ARE CONFIRMED

Tentative schedule

Sunday 8th June

We dive in ... introducing Munich, the capital of Bavaria, third largest city in Germany, and home to Jews since the Middle Ages albeit with a large chunk of time taken out for generally bad behaviour on the part of the Christian authorities. But the mix of memories of medieval times contrasts nicely with the optimism and energy of modern times.

- 14.00 Welcome, introduction at Hotel Elaya, Munich
- 14.30 Munich and its Jewish story (walking tour): Hauptsynagoge, 'Uhlfelder', Marienplatz, the Medieval quarter
- 16.45 Jewish Museum – Munich's vibrant Jewish Museum is located in the heart of the city, as part of a highly modernist and reconfigured Jewish space, including the Ohel Jakob Synagogue.
- 18.00 Group dinner

Overnight Hotel Elaya, Sandstraße 7, 80335 München

Monday 9th

This morning really is the tour of iconic Munich sites associated with the 1920s/30s period, such as the infamous Beer Hall Putsch, that were key events in the transformation of the twentieth century. In many ways these are not Jewish sites and belong in the canon of Munich / European heritage, in both symbolism and significance, but they are certainly icons of the twentieth century.

And just so we do not lose sight of who we are, the afternoon compensates with far less well known (or visible) Jewish sites that offer no less important and far more uplifting challenges for modern Jews.

- 09.00 Munich and exceptionally awkward past (walking tour):
Feldenhalle; Odeonsplatz, Fuhrerbau / Dokumentation Archive; Max Manheim Platz;
University / White Rose memorials; Haus der Kunst
- 13.00 Break, lunch
- 15.00 Munich and the big Jewish debate ... tour.
- 17.30 Break

Overnight Hotel Elaya, Munich

Tuesday 10th

This is a special day, for visiting long forgotten locations from 'Year Zero' for Europe's Jews. The monastery in St. Otilien and the camp in Landsberg were Displaced Persons camps, pivotal centres where the very first organisations of Jews who had survived the Holocaust organised themselves and articulated a manifesto for new life and the future. And to keep ourselves focused on 'life', we round off our day visiting the stunning synagogue in Augsburg, as we make our way to Nuremberg.

- 08.30 Depart hotel,
- 09.30 *T'chiyat hameitim* (restoring the dead): Visit sites of the two long forgotten DP camps: Between St. Otilien, Landsberg – tour sites of former DP Camp
- 13.30 Lunch
- 14.30 Augsburg Synagogue
- 16.00 Drive to Nuremberg
- 18.30 Check in hotel

Overnight Hotel BW Hotel City West, Regerstraße 6, 90429 Nürnberg,

Wednesday 11th

For many, Nuremberg needs little introduction, synonymous as it is with rallies (1930s), laws (1936); and war crimes trials (1946) that define twentieth century European memory. Dark though these events were, they are remarkable icons of the twentieth century, and, re-curated for twenty first century visitors, fascinating locations to think and talk.

09.30 The rally and the laws: Visit the vast fields of the famous rallies. Lots to talk about.

12.00 Lunch, free time to explore a surprisingly beautiful city.

13.30 The Trials: Exhibition, Court 600 (site of International Military Tribunal 1945-46)

17.00 Meeting with Jewish community, synagogue and community centre.

17.30 Break

18.30 Final night dinner

Overnight Nuremberg

Thursday 12th June

This Jewish Journey is one that oscillates between the darkness and the light. Which is even more reason to ensure we leave in the thoughtful mode, exemplified by a visit to one last Bavarian city, Regensburg. This historic city belongs to the story of very early Ashkenaz, and while it never escaped the turbulence of history, it has certainly striven to be a beacon of hope in the present.

09.00 Drive to Regensburg

10.30 Jewish sites Regensburg (Walking tour) Ancient Jewish quarter of Regensburg Neupfarrplatz; modern synagogue.

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Depart Regensburg,

16.00 drop off, Munich airport