

March of the Living

80th Anniversary of the
Liberation of the Camps

FAQs

SAN DIEGO DELEGATION

April 22-May 1, 2025

INTERNATIONAL *March* OF THE LIVING

Q: What is the March of the Living Program and who participates in this experience?

A: March of the Living stands as the largest global Jewish educational program for both teens and adults. This impactful journey unites individuals from various countries and regions to spend time in Poland around Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. Participants have the opportunity to explore the rich history of the Jewish community that once flourished in Poland, as well as witness the vibrant resurgence of Jewish life and culture in the present day. More information about MOTL can be found on the International March of the Living website at www.motl.org.

If you choose to extend, the program continues to Israel, where participants will experience Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, and celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, as well as spend time in the Community of Sha'ar HaNegev – our sister city. We will be based out of Tel Aviv, but traveling around Israel for this portion of the trip. **Please note, the Israel Extension will require a minimum of 10 participants to proceed.**

Q: What are the 2025 dates of the International Adult March of the Living Delegation?

A: There are two parts to this journey – Poland, and an optional post trip extension to Israel. The official program begins mid-day Tuesday, April 22nd in Warsaw, Poland. The Poland portion of the program will end in Warsaw, Poland on Sunday evening, April 27th. Participants can elect to return back to the USA at this time or continue with the group on an overnight flight to Israel with an early am arrival in Israel on Monday, April 28th. The Israel portion of the program will conclude on Thursday evening, May 1st. **Please note that each participant is responsible for arranging and covering the cost of their own flights to and from the US. If you are registering for both the Poland and Israel programs, the flight from Warsaw to Tel Aviv is included in the full program price.**

Q: Who will we be traveling with?

A: We will participate in the March of the Living as the San Diego Delegation. Except for the main March Day (Thursday, April 24), which brings together 10,000 people from around the world, our journey will be uniquely focused on traveling exclusively with our San Diego group.

Q: How many people will make up the San Diego Delegation?

A: We plan to accommodate one full bus of participants. Based upon the level of interest so far, we anticipate filling a bus quickly, so we suggest that you register as soon as possible once registration opens to secure your space.

Q: Can I bring my children on this trip?

A: Our delegation is adults only, however if your children are over 18, they are welcome to join us.

Q: Is this a really depressing trip?

A: The March of the Living journey to Poland and Israel offers participants a profound exploration of our past, an appreciation for the present, and a vision of hope for the future. In Poland, visiting historic sites evokes deep emotions, blending moments of sorrow with uplifting experiences shared with people from around the globe. The Israel extension will be equally as powerful and inspiring, leaving participants with enduring connections and a transformative experience that will stay with them long after the journey ends.

Q: What Covid 19 protocols will be in place during the program?

A: The International March of the Living will comply with any governmental regulations determined by Poland and the State of Israel in regard to Covid-19 at the time of travel.

Q: What religious practices or expectations are there; is the food kosher?

A: The program is set up to accommodate the religious needs of all participants. Buses do not operate on Shabbat and all food in Poland is certified kosher. Food on the Israel extension will be Kosher Style, but we will be able to accommodate those that have Kosher dietary needs.

Q: Is the trip very strenuous?

A: While there is a fair amount of walking, it is not overly difficult. There are opportunities at most locations to sit and rest.

Q: If my passport is expired, or if I do not have a passport, what should I do?

A: Passports can be renewed or applied for at your local post office. A copy of the picture page of the renewed passport must be sent to March of the Living. Applicants also must have a valid passport with expiration date on or after November 1, 2025. **You will need to have a photo of your passport available to upload when registering.**

Q: Should one purchase Trip Protection/Cancellation Insurance?

A: The International March of the Living does not provide this type of insurance; however, **it is highly recommended** that you purchase a travel insurance policy that includes both medical and emergency evacuation coverage. A list of travel insurance companies that previous participants have utilized will be shared with all registered participants so that each individual can find the best policy for your needs and travel arrangements. Please note if you want to purchase Cancel for Any Reason Insurance, you must do so within 21 days of first payment for part of the program.

Q. Does the March provide Health Insurance?

A: The International March of the Living does not provide health insurance. All participants must have health insurance in place to cover both emergency and/or routine medical services overseas. If your health insurance does not cover routine and emergency medical services that happen abroad, you must purchase a short-term supplemental travel health insurance policy that will cover the entire duration of the trip.

Q: Is security a program concern?

A: Security and safety are a high priority throughout the March. MOTL delegations travel with at least one-armed security guard per bus, and all site visits are checked and cleared by security in the mornings and before groups arrive. March of the Living International works with the highest levels of law enforcement and government in both Poland and Israel to ensure that the security of participants is top priority.

Q: Is this trip considered tax deductible?

A: This is not a tax-deductible item because there is an exchange of goods and services.

Q: Do you need a visa to enter Poland and Israel?

A: US Citizens do not require a visa to enter either Poland or Israel, however, the State of Israel is requiring an Electronic Travel Authorization to enter Israel. Relevant details will be shared prior to departure. If you are a citizen of another country other than the USA, please check with both the Polish and Israeli Consulates to see if a visa is required for entrance.

Q: What is the itinerary for the program?

A: The itinerary varies, but typically includes visiting (in Poland), Krakow, Auschwitz and Birkenau, Warsaw, and Majadanek. The time in Israel includes places of historical and contemporary significance, as well as time spent in our sister city, Sha'ar HaNegev.

Q: What is pricing for this Mission?

A: We have worked diligently to create a comprehensive and transformative immersive experience while keeping costs as low as possible. **Pricing is anticipated and MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY when finalized upon registration.**

Poland Land Only	
Double Occupancy	\$3,965
Single Supplement:	\$875
Poland and Israel Includes Flight from Poland to Israel	
Double Occupancy	\$7,411
Single Supplement:	\$1,520

Q: What does pricing include?

A: The cost of the program will include all hotels (4 & 5 stars), museum and site entrance fees, guides, security, historian, ground transportation, and most meals. Pricing does not include flights except for the flight from Warsaw to Tel Aviv if participating in both the Poland and Israel portions of the trip. The cancellation policy will be included with registration.

Q: I want to secure my spot—what's the next step?

A: Our registration website is in development, and we will notify you with the exact date and time it will open. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to register promptly to secure your space.

Q: If I have additional questions or concerns, whom should I contact?

A: Please contact Dana Koenig, Manager of Immersive Experiences at danak@jewishinsandiego.org.