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SYLVIE WITTMANN



Sylvie is a native Czech Jew born and raised under Communism. Surviving both Communism and post-Holocaust trauma, she emerged with a strong sense of Jewish history and identity. She began giving personal tours of Jewish sites in 1986, establishing the Wittmann Tours company in 1990. Sylvie was the first ever to organize Jewish tours to the Jewish Ghetto of Terezín and Prague's Jewish quarter. In addition, she founded the liberal / reconstructionist congregation **Bejt Simcha** in 1991 to serve the needs of Prague's re-emerging Jewish community, which had nearly vanished as a result of the Nazi persecution and 40 years of Communist regime. Sylvie has successfully supported and reestablished Prague's religious pluralism as it existed prior to the WWII.

Sylvie Wittmann is a popular guest lecturer at many Jewish institutions, Conferences and educational projects e.g. **LIMMUD** – Birmingham, England; **Hillel Center** - University of California, USA; **Holocaust museum** – Houston; **World Union for Progressive Judaism** - Jerusalem, Israel; **The Czech Academy of Science** – Prague; **The Charles University** – Prague; **The Czech Catholic Bishops' Conference** – Prague; **The Educational and Cultural Center of The Jewish Museum** – Prague.

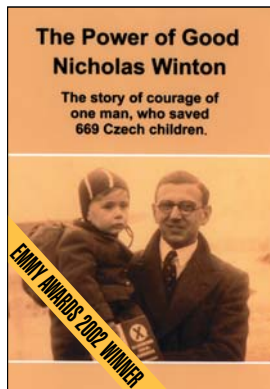
Sylvie's Wittmann tour guides come from a variety of backgrounds, each contributing a specific knowledge to their enthusiastic work and enhancing each others' presentations. Our guides include Holocaust Survivors, University Professors, Rabbis, as well as top level students researching Jewish history and culture.

Sylvie's family history is described in the book "A Hole in the Heart of the World" by Jonathan Kaufman, Penguin's Books, 1997

"An American in Prague", Travel & Leisure, November 1998.

'... Sylvie Wittmann, born in Northern Bohemia in 1956, has developed a small Jewish-Czech touring empire. What started with a weekly trip to Terezín, a transit camp for Jews built by the Nazis in an old fortress town about 40 miles north-west of Prague, has become a full-time effort to reclaim a history. It is well worth following Sylvie's troops through the Jewish Quarter...'

By Wendy Wasserstein



I am grateful that I could use Wittmann tours office in the years 1997 - 2002 as a base for the production of this film. Thank you Sylvie!

Martina Štolbová
Martina Štolbová Executive Producer

"I would like to give my special thanks to the Wittmann Tours and to Sylvie Wittmann, without their help this film would never exist."

Matej Minac
Matej Minac film director



GROUP TOURS

IN ENGLISH ONLY



FOR ALL TOURS WE REQUIRE RESERVATION IN ADVANCE
None of the tours overlap with the sights of the previous ones!

THE MEETING POINT FOR ALL REGULAR TOURS
is on the little square in front of the Inter-Continental
Hotel at the end of Pařížská street

ALL HOLDERS OF WITTMANN TOURS TICKETS RECEIVE 10% OFF THEIR NEXT REGULAR TOUR WHEN PURCHASING TICKETS AT THE MEETING POINT PAYING CASH

GOLDEN PRAGUE THROUGH JEWISH EYES 3 HOURS

regular group tour

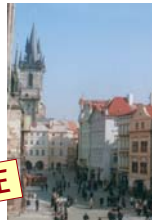
Join us for an amazing tour of Prague highlights and much more! Beside the Prague Castle area, Malá Strana, Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, and Wenceslas square enjoy the sites out of the beaten track. Learn stories, scandals and legends about the prominent members of the Habsburg dynasty, the Jews and the Cross, the rabbis under the TV antenna, Franz Kafka and others. This walking and driven tour does not include the sites of the Prague's Jewish Quarter.

Price: **850 CZK / person** Minimum group size: 3 persons i.e. a total price of CZK 2 550 must be covered in order to guarantee departure with only 1-2 persons

01/05 – 31/10 Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:30 a.m.

01/11 – 30/04 Private Tour only

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PRAGUE'S JEWISH QUARTER regular group tour 3 HOURS

A walking tour of the fascinating Jewish Quarter, encompassing all sites of the Jewish Museum, the Old Jewish Cemetery and the Old-New Synagogue, accompanied by your guide's discussion of Prague's millennium of Jewish history.

Price: **880 CZK**, Students 700 CZK, Children till 6 years free of charge
Minimum group size: 3 persons i.e. a total price of CZK 2 140 must be covered in order to guarantee departure with only 1-2 persons

01/01 - 14/03 private tour only

15/03 - 30/04 Daily except Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

01/05 - 31/10 Daily except Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. & at 2:00 p.m.

01/11 - 31/12 Daily except Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.



TEREZÍN (THERESIENSTADT) regular group tour 6 HOURS

A tour through Jewish eyes of the 18th century fortress-town converted by the Nazis to a concentration-camp. Described by survivors as the waiting room to hell – full of music and art, full of hope... Our guides are either survivors or expertly trained in the comprehensive history of the events.

Price: **1250 CZK / person**, students 1100 CZK / person
Minimum group size: 3 persons i.e. a total price of CZK 3 550 must be covered in order to guarantee departure with only 1-2 persons

01/01 – 14/03 Private Tour only

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FOR ALL REGULAR GROUP TOURS WE REQUIRE PAYMENT IN CASH CZK

☆ SPECIAL GROUP TOURS ☆

These tours are available only upon advance request!

1. CZECHS UNDER THE NAZI OCCUPATION 3 HOURS AND THE COMMUNIST REGIME

Follow the dramatic events that shaped the history of the former Czechoslovakia. Hear the stories and see the traces left by five decades of totalitarian rule in Central Europe – the crypt in which the parachutists that assassinated Heydrich fought their last battle in 1942, the squares on which the Soviet tanks stood in 1968 and the sight of the famous 1989 demonstration that triggered the Velvet Revolution.

This is a MUST for all WWII and Cold War enthusiasts!



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Departure at 9:00 a.m.

2. PRAGUE'S ART & ARCHITECTURE TOUR 3 HOURS

It is a driven & walking tour of Prague's exceptional sights. The tour will provide you with a broad artistic understanding of Prague's unique architecture. You will learn all about Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo, Empire style and Art-Nouveau architecture in Central Europe, as well as about Art-Deco, Cubism Rondo, Functionalism, Futurism and Post-Modernist styles.

Departure at 9:00 a.m.

3. TEREZÍN & LIDICE

7 HOURS

A combined tour of Terezín and Lidice – the memorial site of the small Czech mining-town, in which all the men and boys over the age of 16 were shot, while the women and children were deported to concentration camps, in June 1942. The liquidation of Lidice was Hitler's reprisal for the assassination of Reinhardt Heydrich, the President of the Wanssee Conference and Deputy Reich Protector of Bohemia and Moravia on May 27th, 1942. View the new extraordinary audiovisual museum and learn this infamous story of Nazi brutality.



Lidice only – by special arrangement.

Departure at 9:00 a.m.

4. AUSCHWITZ

FULL DAY

The tour consists of two parts: Auschwitz I., with its museum expositions and the gas chamber, and Auschwitz-Birkenau, the death camp. Both camps were liberated by the Red Army. A full day tour, arrival back in Prague at approx. 11:00 p.m.



Krakow – by special arrangement

Departure at 6:00 a.m.

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5. ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

FULL DAY

The most beautiful medieval Central European town & castle, starting on UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage List. On the way we stop on the main square of Česká Budějovice (Budweis) to have a glass of the authentic Budweiser beer.

Departure at 8:30 a.m.



6. TŘEBÍČ (TREBITSCH)

FULL DAY

A tour to the unique Jewish ghetto in Třebíč - the best preserved Jewish Quarter in Europe, an outstanding assemblage of the original 123 houses, the Jewish Town Hall, Rabbinate, School, Hospital, Poor House and the Old Jewish Cemetery, with about 3000 tomb stones.. Site is on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

Departure at 8:00 a.m.



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7. KOLÍN & KUTNÁ HORA

FULL DAY

Kolín was second only to Prague for its importance as a Bohemian Jewish center. Remains of the former Ghetto-Wall, the original houses and synagogue (with its unique Oppenheimer Ark) are still visible. The tour continues to the beautiful silver-mining town of Kutná Hora, the coin-minting center of the Czech Kings with an amazing visit to a church furnished in human bones!

Departure at 9:00 a.m.



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8. SKANZEN

Open – Air Museum Following the footsteps of our ancestors.... Join us for a visit to a village baker's home, herber-healer, a farmer with dozens of kids. Try the wheat thresher, 19th century washing machine or butter churner. Traditional cottages enable you to imagine the lives of our ancestors in the 18th upto early 20th century. In addition you can visit the museum of historical motorcycles and velocipedes. This easy-going tour is full of fun, discoveries and bubbe meises.

Departure at a.m.

**CHYBÍ ODJEZD A JAKÝ SKANZEN?
Rožnov? Strážnice? Kouřim? FOTO??**



PRICE LIST

Special group tours



Prices are quoted in CZK	1-2 pax	3-4 pax	5 pax +
1. Czechs under the Nazi occupation and the Communist Regime	3 780	4 800	1 050 per 1 person
2. Prague's art & architecture tour	3 780	4 800	1 050 per 1 person
3. Terezín & Lidice	4 950	6 600	1 450 per 1 person
4. Kolín & Kutná Hora	4 950	6 600	1 450 per 1 person
5. Český Krumlov	7 900	10 000	2 300 per 1 person
6. Třebíč	9 100	12 000	2 800 per 1 person
7. Auschwitz	16 800	25 000	5 700 per 1 person
8. Skanzen	4 950	6 600	1 450 per 1 person

These tours are available only upon advance request!

EXCLUSIVE TOURS

guided by Sylvie Wittmann

BOHEMIAN GLASS ARTISTS' TOWN

Visit the North Bohemian glass artists' town where you will learn about the technology of cast, blown and fused glass. This is not a visit to a commercial factory, rather a visit to an artist center and galleries belonging to the best Czech glass masters. Different routes are taken in either direction to maximize viewing of the beautiful landscapes of Northern Bohemia.

SUDETENLAND

This tour allows you to explore the Jewish and non Jewish treasures of the Czech Sudetenland occupied by A. Hitler. Sylvie being born in the area will show you sites of rich Jewish history as well as contemporary Jewish life.

Cost: CZK 11400 for a party of 1-5 persons, for bigger parties, please, contact us

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**AND ANY OTHER DESTINATION
SUGGESTED BY YOU**

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED SERVICES

PRIVATE TOURS

Starting from CZK 1 300 / 1 hour

(for a party of 1-2 persons)

Whenever and wherever it is suitable for you!

Please note: We offer a 10% discount off the price of Private Tours, when paying cash.

Itineraries include: All Jewish and non-Jewish sights in the Czech and Slovak Republic, Poland, Hungary, Austria and Germany.



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ADDITIONAL SERVICES

• FAMILY ROOTS ASSISTANCE

Family roots trips to Slovakia, Poland and Hungary etc.

• FAMILY CEREMONIES

We arrange for Bar & Bat Mitzvah ceremonies and weddings. We offer top quality Czech Musicians for groups and private ceremonies as well.



• LECTURES & STUDY SESSIONS

We offer lectures and study sessions for groups or individuals, about Central European Jewish history and prominent personalities. The lectures are given by our director, Sylvie Wittmann. We also offer lectures and meetings with Holocaust Survivors.

Price: CZK 3 000 for a lecture

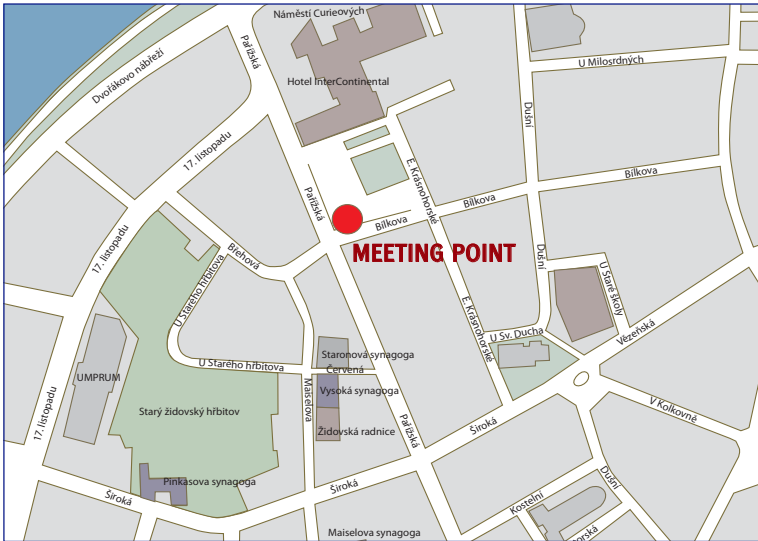
• TICKETS FOR CULTURAL EVENTS

• TRANSPORTATION

Pick up chauffeuring, drop off and transfers to all European cities (except for Russia and former Yugoslavia) in fully air-conditioned and comfortable cars, minivans and buses.



MEETING POINT FOR GROUP TOURS



CZECH JEWISH LIFE IN PRAGUE
WITTMANN TOURS SUPPORTS



BEJT SIMCHA

THE CZECH JEWISH LIBERAL AND RECONSTRUCTIONIST KEHILAH

Founded by Sylvie Wittmann and Rabbi Joan Friedman in 1991, it is the first Czech Jewish Liberal Kehilah established in the Czech Republic after the Velvet Revolution. As a member of the European Board of WUPJ,

Bejt Simcha meets regularly for Kabbalat Shabbat, using its own Siddur in Hebrew, Czech and English, at 6:00 p.m., Mánesova 8, Prague 2



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LEARN MORE ABOUT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

BEJACHAD - jewish nursery and kindergarden, www.ganbeyhad.cz

BEJT ELEND - private jewish school, www.bejtelend.cz

BEJT PRAHA - the open prague jewish community, www.bejt-praha.cz

B'NAI B'RITH RENAISSANCE PRAGUE, www.fzo.cz/enpri01.do

HAKOACH sportclub, www.hakoach.cz

CHabad Lubavitch of Prague, www.chabadprague.cz

MASORTI - conservative jewish community in Prague,
www.masortiprague.cz

PRAGUE JEWISH COMMUNITY, www.kehilaprague.cz

WIZO, www.fzo.cz/enpri09.do