



"This is a place which needs respect and time. We think it is very necessary to have time to reflect and to do this in a positive environment. It is a very enriching experience for young people and they never forget it when they stay here for a long time."

Dr. Manfred Deselaers, Director of Programmes, Centre of Dialogue and Prayer, Auschwitz.

"I didn't think I had it in me to be that sensitive. You can't ignore it. Cherish what you have before seeking other things. I've matured. I feel more open about things now. Go there. The place will set your expectations."

Josh, Year 10 student



"It's once in a lifetime. It's a unique place and the atmosphere and the emotions are like no other. If you really reflect on everything you've seen and take in all of it, you need a lot more time than just a day."

Vicky, Year 10 student



"Come to this place because it's necessary to think about the life of the future generation to make sure that such crimes will not be repeated again. Only by learning about the history we can create the future."

Boguslaw Zygmont, Official Guide, Memorial State Museum Auschwitz Birkenau



"You have to be there to feel it. I'm glad I went. It was a really good experience. It's given me more time to think about how I treat other people. I've definitely stepped up an emotional level."

Danni, Year 10 student



"You have to go there to try to understand it properly. You see it all on TV but you don't see it face to face. It's completely different. Don't just think about it, you've got to go there."

James, Year 10 student



"This is a symbolic place, a symbol for the Holocaust, a symbol for Poland, a symbol for the Gypsies. It functions throughout the whole world as the most important symbol of the Holocaust. The contact with the original site, the original remains of the murder, remains of the possessions taken from the Jews, that is an experience which can change people, which can improve people. The emotions which arise here are deep and with young people it is important that the educators, the teachers, know and understand this; that you can't always plan for the emotions. But this contact, to be in the original place of the event, is something quite unique and important."

Krystyna Oleksy, Deputy Director, Memorial State Museum, Auschwitz Birkenau.



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Ojemba Travel is a subsidiary of Ojemba Ltd. Formally established in January 2007 by Jonathan M. Salt. Ojemba Travel specialises in the spiritual and educational tours.

The focus of our journeys is to learn about, and from the Holocaust and other acts of genocide. Ojemba Travel aims to build bridges with the past, promoting understanding and harmony between people and cultures.

Managing Director, Jonathan M Salt, is an educator, with a background of formal teaching in Secondary Education, as well as in the field of Youth Theatre.

He has travelled extensively in Europe, as well as in Africa and the Far East. He is passionate that we learn the lessons of history and that such events are not repeated again.

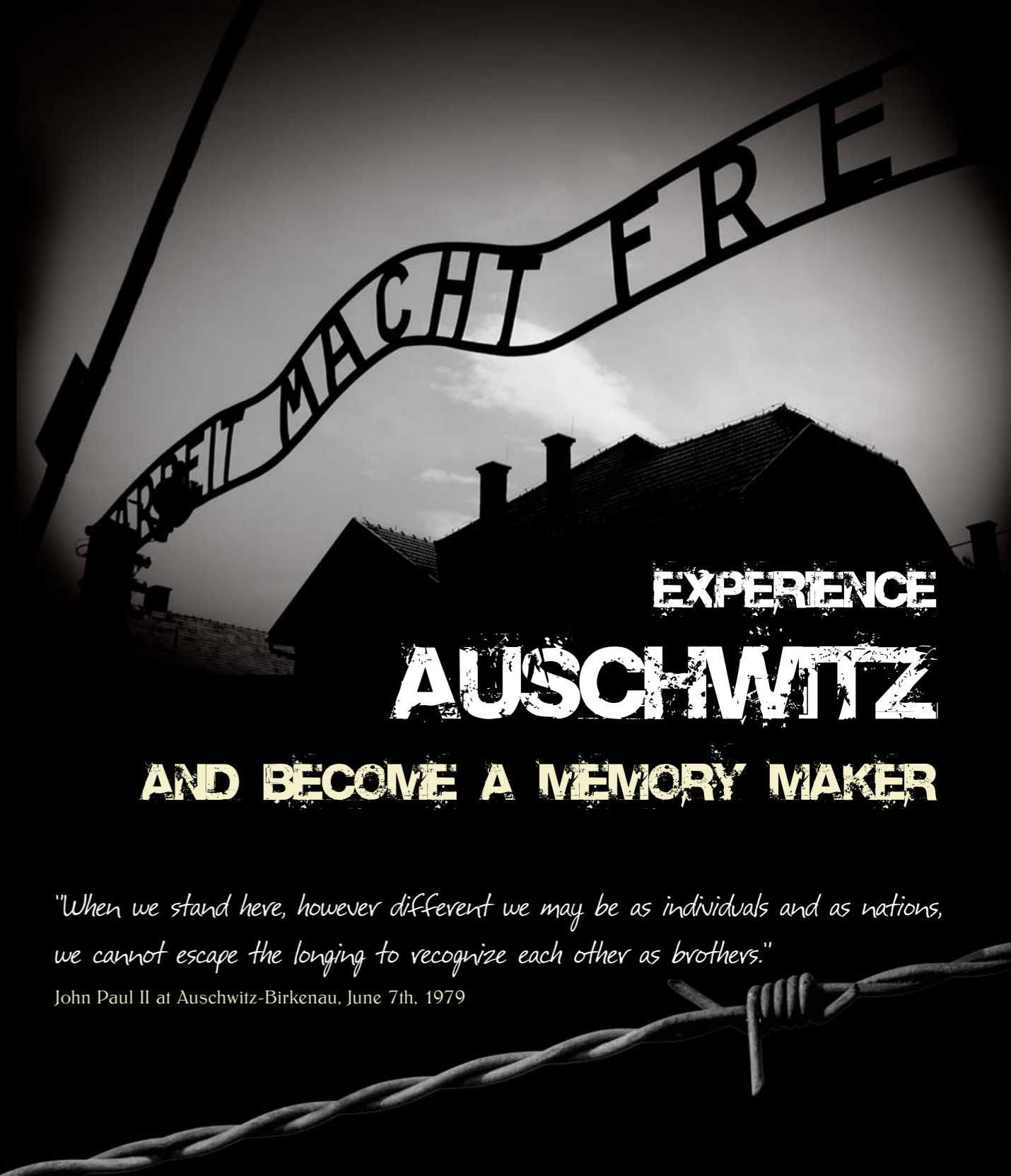
Jonathan has developed an extensive knowledge of Poland and its people through his work and research into Janusz Korczak, the pioneer of children's rights, who kept a diary of his time in the Warsaw Ghetto. Through his visits Jonathan has built up very strong relationships with the community dedicated to keeping alive the truths and memories of the Polish World War Two experience. Through Jonathan, Ojemba, knows and really understands the Holocaust experience, making Ojemba the ideal company to travel with.

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"When we stand here, however different we may be as individuals and as nations, we cannot escape the longing to recognize each other as brothers."

John Paul II at Auschwitz-Birkenau, June 7th, 1979

BECOME A MEMORY MAKER

A journey to Auschwitz is like no other. For you, like so many who have gone before, it is a life-changing experience. You will walk in the footsteps of the Jewish people doomed to the Holocaust.

In this visit of a lifetime you will trace their path: from the sights and sounds of the Kazimierz, the medieval Jewish ghetto in Krakow, to the film set of Spielberg's epic masterpiece "Schindler's List", you will visit the site of the Nazi Ghetto and Schindler's Factory. You will learn about life in Krakow during this period and spend time with someone accorded the status of the Living Righteous Among the Nations by Israel. You will hear their personal account of the terrible experiences of the Jewish population at the hands of their Nazi persecutors. During your stay in Krakow, take in the splendour of one of the finest and best preserved medieval cities in world, ranked by UNESCO as one of the most important and beautiful cities on the planet. You will enjoy some of the sumptuous Polish cuisine, and sample the warmth of traditional Polish hospitality.

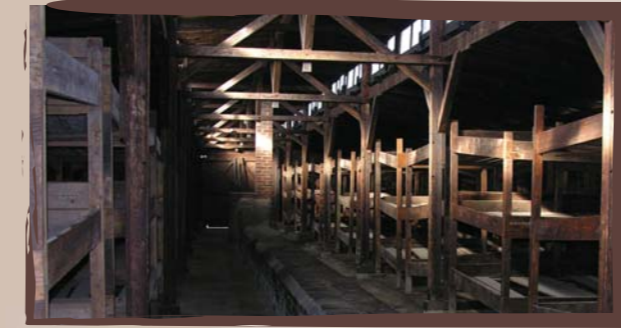


If you are on a Pilgrimage, you will visit the sites associated with John Paul II, Poland's most famous and beloved son, as well as visit the convent of Saint Faustina, Apostle of the Divine Mercy, and a visionary of peace just at the time when the world was preparing for war. And then to Auschwitz, the world's largest cemetery. An icon to some of the worst atrocities of our human race, you will sense its brooding presence. You will see the cell of the martyr, Saint Maximilian Kolbe. Your programme will include an extensive study tour of the original camp, Auschwitz I

which now houses the Polish Memorial State Museum, and take part in workshops which explore different aspects of the Holocaust, making use of the Museum's extensive archives. You will meet a survivor and hear personal stories of life in Auschwitz.

Next is the 'March of the Living': you will walk in the footsteps of the hundreds of thousands of prisoners of the camp, as you visit Auschwitz II, Birkenau, the site of the largest industrialised killing factory in history. It was here that Saint Edith Stein met her death in the Gas Chambers. As you breathe in the atmosphere, listen and allow the ground of Auschwitz to speak to you.

For Pilgrims there will be time to pray and reflect. There will also be the opportunity for a celebration of Mass in Mount Carmel, just a stone's throw from the Museum. We, at Ojemba, want you to be able to share this experience and learn from the past. Working in collaboration



with the Memorial State Museum Auschwitz Birkenau, we offer you a carefully crafted tapestry of guided study tours, workshops in various mediums, and times for reflection and dialogue. All groups will be guided by an educator from the UK who will direct the programme. Accommodation will be comfortable and secure, and will be full board. Situated a few minutes walk from the museum, there is space to relax, reflect and to discuss and share with others your thoughts, experiences and hopes for the future.

MAKING YESTERDAY PART OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

Ojemba Travel Ltd is committed to providing high quality educational experiences for people of all ages, recognising that learning is a life-long activity. We seek to help today's generations to learn both about and from the past, so that they can live up to their responsibility of being the "memory-makers" for the future. As pioneers and specialists of truly educational tours to Auschwitz, we are committed to supporting learners at all levels, to ensure that their visit to this most iconic of all the World War II death camps is structured, genuinely educational, and a life-changing experience. To do this, we aim to provide them with time and a positive environment in which they are able to reflect upon the bigger questions of human existence. We hope to enable them to make a difference to their own lives, and to develop their emotional literacy, and change the world in which they



live. We seek to encourage them to build bridges between the present and the past, and thus to influence the future; to encourage and foster bonds between peoples and cultures, in order to develop the traveller's awareness and understanding of their own humanity - and the world they share with others.

"This is the biggest cemetery for Jews, Poles, Roma and Sinti. It must tell us that we have to come back here again and again. We must keep the memory of the worst crime in human history alive for those who were born later."

German President Horst Koehler January 27th 2005

"It's here, where absolute evil was perpetrated, that the will must resurface for a fraternal world, a world based on respect of man and his dignity."

Simone Veil, Auschwitz survivor and former French Health Minister January 27th 2005

"The Holocaust is not only a tragedy of the Jewish people, it is a failure of humanity as a whole."

Moshe Katsav, Israeli President January 27th 2005

A typical itinerary for a group visit

Day 1: Arrive in Krakow, settle in and enjoy the shopping. Maybe visit the Salt Mines or even go swimming. Sample some of the best cuisine Krakow has to offer.

Day 2: Tour the medieval Kazimierz and visit Schindler's Factory

In the evening visit the Galicia Museum of Traces of Jewish Memory, meet a Living Righteous and enjoy traditional Jewish food and music.

Day 3: Travel to Auschwitz, and visit the Jewish Centre and nearby town of Oswiecim.

Day 4: A study tour of Auschwitz Memorial Museum in the morning, followed by a workshop in the museum in the afternoon. Meet with a survivor of Auschwitz.

Day 5: A study tour of Birkenau followed by another workshop in the afternoon. Early evening transfer to Krakow Airport for return flight home.

NB. For Pilgrimage groups tracing the footsteps of John Paul II, there would be a different programme.