

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Friday, June 18 • Departure

Those traveling with the Minneapolis group, plan to meet at MSP International Airport, Terminal One (Overnight flight).

Overnight Flight

DAY 2 • Saturday, June 19 • Arrive Budapest

Upon arrival in Budapest, we will proceed through Customs, meet group members arriving on various flights, and together, we'll make our way to the coach bus for transfer to our hotel.

We have arranged for a small welcome snack upon the group's arrival at the hotel and will introduce and welcome everyone.

This afternoon we will also be met by [Paul Salmons](#), renowned Holocaust scholar and educator (please see his website for more information regarding his impressive resume of work in the field of Holocaust education) and his colleague, [Wolfgang Schmutz](#), Education Consultant, Curator, and Facilitator. They will introduce their new participant-centered pedagogical approach to site visits that we will utilize during our time in Hungary, focusing on group discussion & how we make meaning at sites of difficult history. We'll begin our touring with Paul & Wolfgang this afternoon, including a 70-minute narrated cruise on the Danube River aboard the [Duna Bella](#).

Later tonight, enjoy dinner on your own.

Pullman Budapest

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DAY 3 • Sunday, June 20 • Budapest

8:15 – 8:45 AM This morning after breakfast, we'll meet as a group to preview our day.

9:00 AM We'll meet with Paul and Wolfgang for a full day of touring and utilizing their participant-centered approach to authentic sites.

5:30 – 6:00 PM The group will meet for our daily debrief.

Enjoy the remainder of your evening at leisure to have dinner on your own.

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Meals Included: B

DAY 4: • Monday, June 21 • Budapest

8:15 – 8:45 AM This morning after breakfast, we'll meet as a group to preview our day.

9:00 AM We'll meet with Paul and Wolfgang for a full day of touring and utilizing their participant-centered approach to authentic sites.

5:00 – 5:30 PM The group will meet for our daily debrief.

This evening, enjoy dinner on your own and free time to explore the city before we depart tomorrow.

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DAY 5 • Tuesday, June 22 • Budapest, Hungary to Stockholm, Sweden

8:30 AM This morning after breakfast and check-out, our coach bus will transfer us to the airport for our non-stop flight to Stockholm, Sweden (2.5 hours).

Upon arrival at Stockholm Arlanda Airport, we'll make our way to the train station connected to the airport for our Arlanda Express route to Stockholm Central Station (18-min).

After hotel check-in, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to explore this beautiful Nordic city on your own.

If you'd like, we recommend going in small groups to visit the **Monument to the Rescue of Danish Jews** (a short walk over to the island of Skeppsholmen), where you can see the historic maritime anchor donated by Denmark and see Sweden's interpretation of the rescue of Danish Jews.

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Meals Included: B

DAY 6 • Wednesday, June 23 • Stockholm

8:00 – 8:30 AM This morning after breakfast, we'll meet as a group to preview our day.

8:45 – 9:30 AM We'll meet **Anna Urombi, Secretary-General of the Raoul Wallenberg Academy** and **Cecilia Ahlberg, Raoul Wallenberg's great-niece** (her grandmother, Nina Lagergren, is Raoul's younger sister) who will take us on a **walking tour following in the footsteps of Raoul Wallenberg** (approx. 45-min).

Sites will include:

- **Wallenberg Square** – Public square dedicated to the memory of Raoul Wallenberg. It contains a massive, striking monument called *The Road* (a stone globe inscribed with text honoring Holocaust victims) and a paved path that physically connects the monument directly to the Great Synagogue.
- **The Great Synagogue of Stockholm** - Built in 1870, it serves as the architectural and cultural anchor of Stockholm's Jewish community. Outside, our group will see the powerful **Holocaust Memorial Wall**, which is inscribed with the names of thousands of victims who had relatives residing in Sweden.
- **Strandvägen 7A** – Historic location of **Wallenberg's office** from which his world-renowned humanitarian mission was envisioned. Between 1941 and 1944, this prestigious waterfront building served as the operational hub that bridged his civilian career with his eventual diplomatic deployment to rescue tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Holocaust. **The American Embassy also rented office space** in the exact same building. In 1944, when the U.S. War Refugee Board sought a prominent figure from a neutral nation to lead a rescue operation in Budapest, Lauer suggested Wallenberg.
- **The Remembrance Path** - A dedicated historical and contemplative walkway that transitions the group from the busy streets into a quieter, reflective mindset. The path uses specific visual and architectural cues to help visitors contemplate the themes of presence, absence, and the ultimate weight of individual choices during WWII.
- **Berzelii Park** - The official final stop of the "Pieces of Raoul" exhibition trail. This lush, central green space is where Cecilia and Anna traditionally conclude the historical narrative. It shifts focus toward modern-day accountability, challenging educators and students alike to examine their own "moral history" and find ways to practice civil courage in the present day

There will time for Q&A with Cecilia before going to the Wallenberg Academy where Anna Urombi will share the important work that they are doing.

We will also visit with an official of Sweden's Foreign Ministry who has been examining documents related to Wallenberg's disappearance at the hands of the Soviet army at the end of WWII.

This evening, we'll meet as a group to debrief our day before enjoying dinner on your own.

Tonight, look online for lunch options tomorrow onboard the high-speed train & note that hot lunch options should be selected tonight for tomorrow's journey. Otherwise, you can also grab an ala carte lunch in the bistro car of the train. We have First Class tickets and therefore lunch can even be delivered to you in your seat.

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DAY 7 • Thursday, June 24 • Stockholm to Malmö

8:00 This morning after breakfast & check-out, we'll walk the short distance to the train station to board the high-speed train to Malmö (4.5 hours). Our group has First Class tickets for the **train departing at 8:30 AM**.

En route, lunch can be found onboard the train in the bistro car or a hot lunch can be ordered in advance and First Class passengers can have their meal brought to them at their seat.

1:00 PM Upon arrival at the Malmö train station, we'll bring our bags to the luggage storage area where they will be secured while we tour.

We'll then meet our local guide, **Ewa Wymark**, and walk to the [Malmö Museum](#) (20-min walk).

2:00 PM Half of our group will begin the tour of *"Welcome to Sweden" exhibit* with museum staff while the other half go to the conference room with Ewa and **Klara Tixell's daughter, Sonia**, to hear about Klara's experience and receive primary source documents from Ewa that can be shared in your classrooms.

3:15 PM The groups will switch.

Following our time in Malmö, we'll collect our bags and board the regional train to Helsingborg (40-min).

Upon arrival in Helsingborg, we will check in at our hotel, debrief our day, and then you can enjoy the evening to have dinner and explore the harbor town on your own.

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Meals Included: B

DAY 8 • Friday, June 25 • Sweden to Denmark

8:00 AM This morning after breakfast and check out, we'll preview our day and then make our way to the ferry.

We will board the **Øresundslinjen Ferry** as walk-on passengers to begin the **20-minute water crossing** to Denmark—bringing the historic rescue route to life. Our ferry follows the route that was taken by many of the fishing boats that rescued Danish Jews by sailing them to Sweden. We are doing this route in reverse order due to the Midsummer holiday in Sweden (June 25-26) in which everything is closed down.

Upon arrival at **Helsingør, Denmark** we will proceed to the pedestrian passport check. From there, we'll locate our charter bus where we will store our luggage for the day.

Our charter bus will transfer us north to the city of **Gilleleje**. This city played a major part in the rescue of the Danish Jewry during WWII. More than 1,400 Jews escaped through Gilleleje, but the city also saw disaster, when more than 80 Jews were captured hiding in the attic of the Gilleleje Church.

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

We will be welcomed and receive an introduction to [Museum Nordsjælland](#) by **Kirsten Egholk**, Head of the Department of Modern History, and **Søren Frandsen**, Museum Curator, Master of Arts in European Ethnology, and Museum Nordsjælland's expert in the events around October 1943 (he also developed the walking tour we take part in). The introduction will highlight how the rescue operation emerged from existing social networks within the fishing communities, where strong local bonds, maritime knowledge, and a tradition of mutual support enabled ordinary people to respond when their Jewish neighbors needed help. Gilleleje provides one of the best documented examples of these community structures at work during October 1943.

Next, we'll have a **guided tour of Museum Nordsjælland's new exhibition, "Acting in the Dark"**, examining the rescue of the Danish Jews through local perspectives and stories from October 1943. This will be a deep-dive exploration of the events of October 5-7, 1943, focusing specifically on Gilleleje, the refugees hiding in the church loft, the discovery by the German authorities, and the consequences for those involved.

We will also hear a short presentation on **Gilleleje Museum's designation as a site within the European Sites of Holocaust Memory (ESHEM) network** and what this recognition means for our work with Holocaust remembrance, education, and public engagement.

Next, Søren will provide a **guided walk to Gilleleje Harbour**, focusing on the maritime environment, local fishing culture, and the harbour logistics that played a crucial role in the rescue operations and escape routes to Sweden in October 1943.

2:30 PM We will have a **guided tour of the Gilleleje church and attic space**. We will meet with **child survivor, Mrs. Tove Udsholt**, who will share the incredible story of her family's experience. She was just 3-yrs old when she and her mother sought refuge from Nazi occupation in the Gilleleje church attic.

From there, our charter bus will take us to **Bispebjerg Hospital Campus** en route to Copenhagen (50-55 min drive; and another 10-15 min. to Copenhagen). Here, we'll have a guided tour with historian, **Simon Ankjærgaard**, and walk the historic pavilion grounds of this operational hospital where doctors and nurses hid 2,000 Jews right under the noses of German occupation forces. Jewish refugees were admitted under false, generic Danish surnames or hidden within the hospital's vast underground tunnel network and chapel before being smuggled out in ambulances and taxis to fishing boats along the coast.

Once in Copenhagen, we'll check in at the Imperial Hotel and have a short time to freshen up prior to sharing **Shabbat dinner that is generously hosted by the JCRC**.

Imperial Hotel, Copenhagen

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Meals Included: B, D

DAY 9 • Saturday, June 26 • Copenhagen

8:00 – 8:30 AM This morning after breakfast, we'll meet as a group to preview our day. Today's focus will be the small **fishing village of Dragør** and the fishermen who helped rescue 7,000 Danish Jews (95% of the Jewish population) in October 1943 by transporting them across the open water in small, private fishing boats to neutral Sweden. We will walk the cobblestone streets of this harbor town where Jewish families were hidden and we'll see a preserved fishing boat used to ferry Jews to safety in Sweden.

8:30 AM Our charter bus will transfer us to Dragør fishing village (approx. 15-min). Upon arrival at the Tourist Office, we'll meet our guide, **Christian Aagaard**, historian and curator at [Museum Amager](#).

9:15 – 10:15 AM Christian will provide a guided **walking tour of the town of Dragør**.

10:15 – 10:45 AM We will visit **Elizabeth K571**, the authentic historic 30-foot wooden fishing cutter that helped smuggle approximately 70 Jewish refugees from occupied Denmark to neutral Sweden in October 1943.

10:45 – 11:30 AM We will then visit **Museum Amager** with Christian.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Enjoy coffee and cake during our Q&A time with Christian.

12:00 – 1:30 PM Following our tours, the group will disperse to have lunch on your own in Dragør.

1:30 – 1:45 PM After lunch, our coach bus will transfer us back to the hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure before our farewell event begins this evening.

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Farewell Event: This evening, the group will share one last special event together (this is still in planning stages). More information to be added to the itinerary soon.

8:00 – 9:30 PM After our farewell event, we'll make our way back to the hotel for our final group closing and debrief session of the trip.

Imperial Hotel, Copenhagen

Meals Included: B, D

DAY 10 • Sunday, June 27 • Depart for U.S. (10-day total trip)

This morning after breakfast and check-out, we'll make our way to the airport for our transcontinental flight back to the U.S.

After clearing Customs, WELCOME HOME!