



an **UNFINISHED MEMORY**

in Eastern Galicia
2nd Edition

Eastern Galicia Tour 2022
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The area of former Galicia occupies a **special place in the Jewish history and collective memory**. Nowhere else do traces of Jewish civilization stand side-by-side with those of the Holocaust and destruction in such a literal and visible manner. Nowhere else in Europe is the **presence of the void created by the Holocaust as tangible** as in the lands of modern Poland and Ukraine. Nowhere else is the evidence of destruction as lasting and ubiquitous as it is here – because nowhere else in Europe was Jewish life as developed as it was in historic Galicia. The political and social reality shaped by the Second World War and the communist era caused those physical elements that survived to be **forgotten** for years. Instead of remembrance, a lack of memory appeared – **a shared amnesia** – which sanctioned further mass devastation of those fragments of the broken world that somehow remained. Jewish cemeteries were plunged beneath concrete and converted into bus stations; matzevot with still-visible inscriptions and decorative art became a cheap and in-demand building material for new inhabitants. In towns without Jews, synagogues were re-adapted as schools, cinemas or fire stations. Buildings and objects that not long ago served Jewish communities became **enigmatic artefacts** obscurely remaining a world that once existed.

*“It was an EXTRAORDINARY TRIP”
– Dr. Mara Dodge, Westfield State University
Participant of the Unfinished Memory in Eastern Galicia 2019 Tour*

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The Galicia Jewish Museum invites you for an **EXCEPTIONAL TOUR** that will touch the very core of what a Jewish memory of Galicia is

In 2019 the Galicia Jewish Museum organized first edition of the tour following the traces of the Jewish past of the what is today West Ukraine. In 2022 we invite you for the second edition, that will allow you to discover even more treasures of the Jewish civilization that for centuries flourished at the area of former Eastern Galicia, as well as painful evidences of the horrors of the Holocaust, raising complicated questions about the past, present and the future.

The tour will be led by an **ACCLAIMED SCHOLAR AND ARTIST** professor Jason Francisco, author of numerous publications and exhibitions focusing on the Jewish past and presence of the Western Ukraine, former Eastern Galicia.



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During the program you will have chance to meet some of the key activists and leaders responsible for the commemoration of the Jewish past and revival of the Jewish life in Western Ukraine.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- small and comfortable group (maximum number of participants: 15)
- guidance of the renowned scholar-in-residence
- meetings with local activists, leaders and members of the Jewish community

"The trip was wonderful. Wish it were a day longer. Your choice of hotel in Lviv was wonderful too as it made all the difference being so well situated and it is always easier to be right there when travelling and not off the beaten track."

– Bernice Baise, Canada

Participant of the Unfinished Memory in Eastern Galicia 2019 Tour





JASON FRANCISCO is an acclaimed artist and essayist. Bringing together documentary and conceptual art, his photoworks and writings focus on the complications of historical memory, and new directions in the art of witness. Much of his work concerns the inheritance of trauma, specifically concerning Jewish experience in eastern Europe.

Francisco's large-scale projects include *The Villages: Rural India at the End of the Twentieth Century* (1990-1997), *Far from Zion: Jews, Diaspora, Memory* (Stanford University Press, 2006), *The Steerage and Alfred Stieglitz* (University of California Press, 2012), *After the American Century* (2002-2012), *An Unfinished Memory* (Galicia Jewish Museum, Kraków, 2014), *A Dialogue with Lewis Hine* (2016), *Alive and Destroyed: A Meditation on the Holocaust in Time* (2010-2018), *The Camp in its Afterlives* (2010-2018), *A Chinatown Document* (1990-2018), and *Alive and Destroyed* (2021). He is also the author of numerous limited edition photobooks, hybrid photo-text writings, reportages, essays, and poems in translation.

Francisco is the co-founder and co-director of FestivALT, a program of radical and experimental Jewish art based in Kraków, Poland. At Emory University, Francisco is an associate professor in the department of Film and Media Studies.



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ITINERARY (subject to change)

Day 1, June 20, Monday

Check-in in the Grand Hotel Lviv (***)**

<https://grand-hotel.com.ua/en/>

Afternoon: Welcome, orientation session with the tour pilot and scholar in residence, Jason Francisco

Evening: Welcome dinner at the hotel (included)

Overnight in Lviv

Day 2, June 21, Tuesday

Breakfast in the hotel

Framing the day session in the lobby/ on the bus

Morning: Guided walking tour of the old **Jewish quarter**, which now features the most important urban initiative on behalf of Jewish memory in Ukraine, the **Space of Synagogues** project. Visit to the *shtetl* (former prayer house) followed by a visit to the **Center for Urban History of East Central Europe** and a meeting with Taras Nazaruk, Head of Lviv Interactive Project.

Lunch included

Afternoon: Guided walk of the site of the old Jewish cemetery, today a sprawling low end market (**Krakivsky Market**).

Evening: Free evening in Lviv, dinner on your own (a list of recommended places will be provided)

Overnight in Lviv

Day 3, June 22, Wednesday

Breakfast in the hotel

Framing the day session on the bus

Morning: Visit to Bibrka and Novy Strilyshcha. **Bibrka**, a typical small Galician town whose Jewish residents comprised between 40%-60% of the population in the decades before the war, today a place of stark Jewish nothing, including a ruined synagogue and a large Jewish cemetery raped of all headstones. **Novy Strilyshcha**, a seven hundred year old village that was once half-Jewish, whose only Jewish remnant is a large cemetery without tombstones, and a newly reconstructed ohel for a famous local rabbi.



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Lunch in Rohatyn (included)

Afternoon: Visit to Rohatyn. **Rohatyn**, a small Galician town with a rich Jewish past, today the site of one of the most important initiatives in historical memory in historical Galicia, Rohatyn Jewish Heritage, an American-Ukrainian partnership. The tour will include several sites of Jewish memory in the town and will be led by **Marla Raucher Osborn** and **Jay Osborn**, leaders of **Rohatyn Jewish Heritage**.

Evening: Free evening in Lviv, dinner on your own (a list of recommended places will be provided)

Overnight in Lviv

Day 4, June 23 Thursday

Morning: Breakfast in the hotel

Framing the day session on the bus

Depart from Lviv

Visit to **Zhovkva**, including its extraordinary synagogue—one of the most famous examples of Baroque synagogue architecture in Europe—plus its large, devastated Jewish cemetery, and the remote forest massacre site with its mass graves. Also we will visit **Rava Ruska**, to look into another face of the Jewish nothing in the town center, and then its cemetery, recently the focus of a German commemorative installation.

Lunch: on the way (included).

Afternoon: Visit to **Uhniv**, once a thriving small town, today desperately poor, containing a massive devastated synagogue, a large Beis Medrash, and a ruined Polish Catholic church; also we will visit **Belz**, a storied Jewish town with many faint traces of its rich history, and a new Chabad synagogue.

Free evening in Lviv, dinner on your own.

Day 5, June 24, Friday

Breakfast in the hotel

Framing the day session in the lobby/ on the bus

Morning: Guided walk of the former ghetto area including a visit to the **Territory of Terror Memorial Museum** and the **Klepariv Station**. Visit to site of the former **Janowska Slave Labour camp**.

Lunch in Lviv (included)

Afternoon: on your own

Evening: Shabbat dinner at the **Vulhilna Street shul** with the Sholem Aleichem community, meeting with Alexander (Sasha) Nazar.

Overnight in Lviv



Day 6, June 25, Saturday

Breakfast in the hotel

Reflection session

Check-out

"The trip to Ukraine was pretty amazing and despite 40 years of studying the Holocaust I was blown away by what I learned. (...) I first want to tell you that Agata was an incredibly professional, knowledgeable, intelligent guide. (...) As for the sites we went to Jason was extraordinary--and gave our experience of each of them special attention and extensive explanation. His knowledge, investigation, sensitivity, thoughtfulness regarding each participant earned my deep respect."

– Amy H. Shapiro, Ph.D., Alverno College

Participant of the Unfinished Memory in Eastern Galicia 2019 Tour

TOTAL TOUR COST*

Prices are based on deluxe accommodation:

Price per person, double occupancy: **5170 PLN / \$ 1292**

Price per person, single occupancy: **6770 PLN / \$ 1692**

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*All payments are accepted in Polish currency (PLN – Polish Zloty). The price in USD is presented only for orientation purposes and may vary depending on the exchange rate and bank spread.

Based on a minimum of 10 participants. If more than ten people sign up, the cost per person will be reduced.



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COVID-19 INFORMATION:

- All participants will require to present COVID-19 vaccination proof
- Proof of recent negative tests may be required by flight operators or governing bodies
- Travel insurance is required
- Travel may be subject to COVID-19 changes and updates

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- **Deluxe hotel** accommodation in Lviv (Grand Hotel Lviv, double/single occupancy) including breakfasts
- Scholar in residence: **Prof. Jason Francisco**, Emory University
- **Full time** tour pilot
- **Ground transfers**, as specified
- **Entrance fees**
- Meals, as specified. Alcoholic beverages are not included.
- Meetings with the local **community leaders**
- Local taxes
- Staff gratuities

TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

- Flights
- Travel insurance – required
- Laundry, portorage
- Tours and transfers not mentioned in the program
- Any items of a personal nature or anything not specifically stated as included
- Transfers on other days than the announced arrival and departure dates
- Pre- or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals not mentioned
- Services not mentioned

For more information on the Galicia Jewish Museum, visit www.galiciajewishmuseum.org

For more information on Jason Francisco, visit www.jasonfrancisco.net