INTERNATIONAL MARCH OF THE LIVING YOUNG PROFESSIONAL DELEGATION 2026 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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

A: The March of the Living is part of the single largest Jewish educational program for teens, young adults, and adults in the world. MOTL typically brings together individuals from 52 countries and regions around the world including Israel, Morocco, India, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Panama, Mexico, the United States, Japan, South Korea, South Africa, France, Belgium, the United Kingdom, and Hungary. Thousands of people from all over the world travel to Poland for the days surrounding Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. Participants learn about the Jewish community that once thrived in Poland, honor the millions of Jews who were murdered, and witness the resurgence of Jewish culture and life taking place in Poland today.

Q: What are the dates of the program in 2026?

A: The official program begins on Monday morning, April 13th in Krakow, Poland. However, for the ease of all participants, accommodation only will be provided the night of Sunday, April 12th in the hotel in Krakow prior to the official start of the program. The Poland portion of the program will end in Warsaw, Poland on Sunday late afternoon, April 19th. There will be an option for those who are interested to continue on to Israel for the Israel portion of the program from April 19/20 to April 23. Each participant is responsible for their own flight arrangements to and from Poland if doing the Poland only portion of the trip. If you are continuing on to Israel, the flight from Poland to Israel will be included in the program fee, but flight arrangements from Israel are the responsibility of each participant.

Q: Is this a really depressing trip?

A: The March of the Living journey to Poland allows participants to encounter the richness and anguish of our past, the vitality of the present, and the hope for our future. Visiting the sites in Poland, while filled with emotion, is also both positive and uplifting. Participants come away from March of the Living knowing that they have created long-lasting bonds and experienced a life-changing event.

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. International March of the Living works with the highest levels of law enforcement and government in Poland to ensure that the security is top priority.

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 MOTL. Applicants also must have a valid passport with expiration date on or after November 1, 2026.

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Q: What is the program fee and how I can I apply to participate

A: The cost of the trip in Poland, based on double occupancy, will include all hotels, museum and site entrance fees, guides, security, ground transportation, and the majority of meals. The price does not include flights to and from Poland and return from Israel if you choose to continue on to Israel. Please note each delegation's forms and procedures are specific – please do not register through any other website other than the one applicable to this delegation. An outline of the cancellation policy will be included with the application. The online application can be accessed by clicking here

MOTL Trip- based on double occupancy	Cost
Poland portion only- land (NO FLIGHTS INCLUDED)	\$2975
Poland portion only- land and flight from Poland to Tel Aviv	\$3450
Single Supplement in Poland	\$840 extra

Q: Must one purchase Trip Protection/Cancellation Insurance?

A: The International March of the Living does not provide this type of insurance; however, **it is mandatory** 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 you can find the best policy.

Q: Is my March of the Living Trip considered tax deductible?

A: As the International March of the Living is a designated 501-C3 charitable organization, all contributions are tax deductible, however, the journey itself is not due to the exchange of goods and services.

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

A: US Citizens do not require a visa at this time to enter Poland. If you are a citizen of another country, please check with the Polish Consulate to see if a visa is required for entrance. Israel is now requiring all visitors to complete an Electronic Travel Authorization.

Q: What is the itinerary for the program in Poland?

A: The itinerary varies, but typically includes Krakow, Auschwitz and Birkenau, Warsaw, Lublin, Majadanek and Treblinka Camps.

Q: If I am interested in continuing on to Israel, is that possible?

A: An Israel program option is available upon request. Please contact Monise Neumann at the email address below for further information.

Q: Most importantly, how can I sign up!

A: The application can be accessed by <u>clicking here</u>. The initial deposit, along with the completed application, will be due by mid-November.

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

A: For questions, please contact Monise Neumann, National Consultant for International March of the Living at monise@motl.org