

Frequently Asked Questions

Next Gen – March of the Living – April 29- May 10, 2019



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

The International March of the Living is an annual educational program, bringing individuals from around the world to Poland and Israel to study the history of the Holocaust and examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hate. Individuals from 52 countries and regions around the world including Israel, Canada, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Panama, Mexico, the USA, South Africa, France the United Kingdom, Hungary, Austria and Poland will participate. They will gather in Poland for the days surrounding Yom HaShoah, (Holocaust Memorial Day) and then travel to Israel for Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence Day). The trip allows participants to learn about the Jewish community that once thrived in Poland as well as encounter the present-day resurgence of Jewish culture and life in Poland. The stay in Israel will provide the opportunity to visit ancient sites and experience modern-day Israel. The March of the Living to Poland and Israel is an unforgettable opportunity to encounter both the richness and anguish of the past and hope for the future.

Q) What are the dates of the Next Gen March of the Living Delegation?

Participants will meet at the airport in New York/New Jersey to fly to Poland in the early evening of Monday, April 29th (expected time of arrival in Warsaw, Tuesday, April 30th at 10 a.m.). The return flight from Israel will take place at approximately 12:30 a.m. on Friday, May 10th with an expected time of arrival in New York at approximately 5 a.m. on Friday, May 10th.

Q) Who is eligible to participate?

The Next Gen delegation is open to individuals between the ages of 22-35 who are interested in learning more about their Jewish heritage and have not participated previously on March of the Living.

Q) What is the cost of the trip?

The highly subsidized price of \$2500, made possible by the International March of the Living, (based on double occupancy) includes round-trip flights from New York/New Jersey to Poland and return from Israel. Domestic flights are the responsibility of each participant. The price includes all land fees in Poland and Israel - hotels, meals, museum and site entrance fees, guides, and ground transportation. Please note there is a \$50 processing fee per transaction added for all payments submitted online.

Q) Will the meals that are included in the trip be Kosher?

Provided meals will be Kosher.

Q) Can I pick my roommate for the trip?

Rooms will be double occupancy and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Q) Is security a program concern?

Security and safety are a high priority throughout the March. MOTL delegations travel with at least an armed security guard per bus, and all site visits are checked and 'cleared' by security in the mornings and before groups arrive. March of the Living International works with the highest levels of law enforcement and the Polish government to ensure that the security of participants is a top priority.

Q) Most importantly, where do I sign up

The application and details about the program can be found at <https://motl.org/next-gen/>.

Q) After I complete the application, what do I have to do?

- Please send in a deposit of \$1,000 via check made out to "International March of the Living". Write your name and "Next Gen MOL" on the bottom of the check and mail it to:
International March of the Living
Attn: Stacey Shewitz- 2 West 45th Street- Suite 1500, New York, N.Y. 10036

If you prefer to pay via credit card, you will be able to do so during the application process. Please note that there is an additional \$50 processing fee per transaction for payments submitted online. **No application will be considered without a deposit.** The deposit will become non-refundable after December 30, 2018. The balance of the trip cost is due by February 1, 2019.

- Scan a copy or take a picture of the front page of your passport, which shows all your identification information and your photo, and email it to the attention of Monise Neumann at monise@motlmail.org.
- Upon completion of these steps, applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview.

Q) Should one purchase Trip Protection/Cancellation Insurance?

The International March of the Living does not provide this type of insurance; however, **it is highly recommended** that you purchase a travel insurance policy that includes both medical and emergency evacuation coverage.

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

March of the Living is not a tax-deductible item because the trip is involved in an exchange of goods and services.

Q) Do you need a visa to enter Poland and Israel?

US Citizens do not require a visa to enter Poland or Israel. If you are a citizen of another country, please check with both the consulates of both Poland and Israel to see if a visa is required.

Q) Is this a really depressing trip?

The March of the Living journey to Poland and Israel 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 and Israel, while filled with emotion, are also both positive and uplifting, because you will share moments of both sadness and joy with thousands of people from all over the world.

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

For specific questions about the Next Gen MOL delegation, please contact Monise Neumann at monise@motlmail.org or 818.621.0278.

More information about MOTL can be found on the International March of the Living website at www.motl.org.