

Three types of guided tours are offered at the Auschwitz Museum:

- A short visit (up to 3.5 hours)
- A study visit (up to 6 hours)
- A study visit (up to 8 hours)

I. Short Visit of 3.5 hours (standard)

During the short visit, the museum guide shows two camps: Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II - Birkenau.

You will spend about 1 hour 45 minutes to 2 hours visiting Auschwitz and about 1 hour 15 minutes visiting Birkenau.

This time allows for the main exhibition located in the following blocks to be shown:

- Block 4 (extermination)
- Block 5 (evidence of crimes)
- Block 6 or 7 (the life of Jewish and non-Jewish deportees registered in the camp)
- Block 11 (the death block)

At the end, the tour passes through the roll call square and visits the first crematorium and gas chamber at Auschwitz.

After a 10-15 minute break, you take a bus to Birkenau (this is never done on foot).

Birkenau is located 3 km from the Auschwitz Museum.

In Birkenau, the visit is focused on the fate of Jewish deportees brought there as part of the Final Solution. The Birkenau ramp is shown, followed by a visit to an authentic railway wagon located in the middle of the ramp. A stop is made near the "Blockführer's office" to view photos from the album recovered by Lili Jacob. The tour then continues to the extermination area to see the ruins of Crematorium II or Crematorium III.

Exiting the extermination area, the tour enters the concentration camp area, where the lives of those registered in the camp are discussed. The tour visits a residential barrack and a sanitary barrack (the camp's latrines) in sector B I or B II.

II. Study Visit of 6 hours

During the study visit (up to 6 hours), about 2.5 hours are devoted to seeing the Auschwitz exhibition and about 2.5 hours to Birkenau. Between visits to the two sites, there is a 1-hour lunch break.

At the Auschwitz camp, the main exhibition located in the following blocks is shown:

- Block 4 (extermination)
- Block 5 (evidence of crimes)
- Block 6 or 7 (the lives of registered deportees)
- Block 11 (the death block)

The tour also passes through the roll call square and visits the first crematorium and gas chamber at Auschwitz.

In Birkenau, you visit the camp ramp, the extermination area with the ruins of Crematoriums II, III, IV, and V. At the far end of the camp, visitors can see the "central sauna" building with an exhibition of photographs of victims found after the liberation near

the crematorium ruins. On the way back, the tour visits two brick or wooden barracks in sector B I or B II.

III. Study Visit of 8 hours

During the study visit (up to 8 hours with a guide), about 3 hours are spent at Auschwitz and about 3 to 3.5 hours at Birkenau. The main exhibition located in the following blocks can be visited:

- Block 4 (extermination)
- Block 5 (evidence of crimes)
- Block 6 (life in the camp)
- Block 7 (living conditions and sanitary conditions in the camp)
- Block 11 (the death block)

More time can be devoted to studying archival documents displayed in the blocks. At the end, the tour passes through the roll call square and visits the first crematorium and gas chamber at Auschwitz.

Additionally, visitors may pass through a national pavilion (for example French or Belgian by choice). Upon special request, the Hungarian, Polish, or, for example, the pavilion dedicated to the Roma deported to Auschwitz can be visited.

After the lunch break (about 1 to 1.5 hours depending on the visitors' needs), the tour continues to Birkenau. There, the tour visits the camp ramp, the extermination area with the ruins of Crematoriums II, III, IV, and V. Depending on time and visitor preferences, the locations of Bunkers I and II (the first provisional gas chambers at Birkenau) can be shown.

At the far end of the camp, the tour visits the central sauna with an exhibition of photographs of victims found after liberation near the crematorium ruins. On the way back, the tour passes through two brick or wooden barracks in sector B I or B II. Additionally (depending on visitor requests), the "Judenrampe" (the old unloading ramp used by the Nazis between the summer of 1942 and spring 1944) can be shown. This is the place where convoys of Jews and non-Jews stopped until May 1944. The visit to Auschwitz can also begin with the second part located at Birkenau or with the "Judenrampe" (during the 8-hour visit).

The 8-hour study visit can be divided over two days.

In this case, on the first day, Auschwitz I is visited (4-hour visit) and Birkenau is visited on the second day (4-hour visit).

The order of the visit and the time spent on the visit are dictated by the museum.

See the detailed plan of the Auschwitz tours