

Operation Anthropoid: The Assassination of Heydrich, Prague



Operation Anthropoid was the code name for the assassination of SS-Obergruppenführer and General der Polizei Reinhard Heydrich, head of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt (Reich Main Security Office, RSHA), the combined security services of Nazi Germany, and acting Reichsprotektor of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. It was carried out in Prague on 27 May 1942 after having been prepared by the British Special Operations Executive with the approval of the Czechoslovak government-in-exile. Wounded in the attack, Heydrich died of his injuries on 4 June 1942. His death led to a wave of merciless reprisals by the Germans, including the destruction of villages and the killing of civilians.

Day One:

Guests are met by MHT at Prague Airport at 12:00 before transferring to the city centre arriving early afternoon. With a backdrop of Hradcany Castle we set the scene for the Protectorate, the Czech government in exile and the reasoning behind the SOE operation to assassinate Heydrich and the parachutists training and arrival in Prague. We end the day at the Gestapo HQ at Petscheck Palace.

Day Two:

We travel 12km outside of Prague to Heydrich's villa at Pananske Brezany. We then follow his route into the city stopping at the assassination corner at Holesovickac. We walk to Brauer butchers following Gabcik's escape route and the shoot out with Heydrich's driver, Klein. We visit the Army museum which has artefacts from the assassination before going to the Moravec & Zelena safe houses. We end the day with a visit to Ss. Cyril and Methodius Cathedral.

Day Three:

Reprisals, investigation and manhunt, and the political consequences and aftermath: On the very day of the assassination attempt Hitler ordered an investigation and reprisals. We visit the village of Lidice, destroyed on 9 June 1942 when 199 men were executed, 95 children taken prisoner (81 later killed in gas vans at the Chelmno extermination camp; eight others were taken for adoption by German families), and 195 women were immediately deported to Ravensbrück concentration camp. The village was then levelled. We then return to the city centre and spend the afternoon bringing the tour to a conclusion before returning to the airport c18:00.

What's included:

*Hotel Bed & Breakfast
Accommodation*

*All transport from
the official overseas
start point*

*Accompanied for the
trip duration*

All Museum entrances

*All Expert Talks and
Guidance*

Low Group Numbers

*Low Single Room
Supplements*

*"I just wanted to thank
you for the trip, it was a
great experience & both
Nicky and I enjoyed
it very much. Your
depth of knowledge on
the subject certainly
brought the past alive."*

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Let their sacrifice not be in vain.