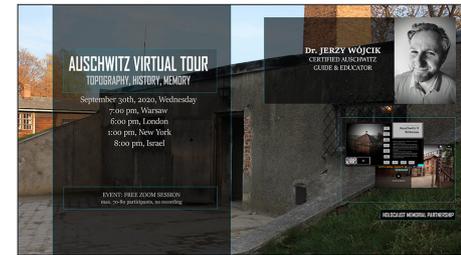
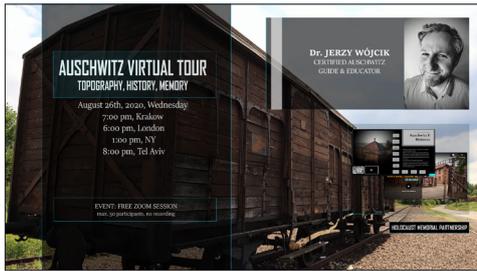
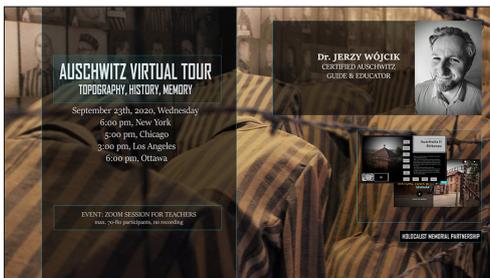
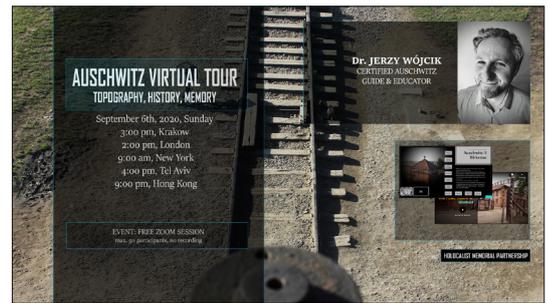


Evaluation & participants' opinions



I would like to present some of the opinions and recommendations that were sent to me after tours. With many of the participants I keep contact today and I have listened carefully their remarks. They helped me to improve Auschwitz Virtual Tour. Today, after 40 days of sessions and I can say that the tour is ready to be implemented.



“Jerzy’s Auschwitz Virtual Tour is an example of excellent practice within the field of digital Holocaust heritage. I really enjoyed his fascinating tour”

Dr Gilly Carr, University of Cambridge, UK, & Member of the UK delegation of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

“This is a recommendation to continue with the amazing, realistic, educational and remarkable zoom seminar that Jerzy created and presented. As a second generation Holocaust survivor I decided to take a chance and view this presentation. I was blown away by the vast amount of knowledge Jerzy had on the topic and the accuracy. I felt like I was dropped into Auschwitz and actually there. The aerial views from the drones gave me a feel for the enormity of the camp. Being in the blocks, gas chambers and other spots felt surreal. All the emotions came back as if I was there once again visiting the spots where my parents were. I had to call my mother so she could participate in the next zoom presentation. **My mom, a Holocaust survivor of 3 camps was in awe of the job Jerzy did.** She too was extremely emotional watching this. Both of us felt this was a presentation every student in all countries need to participate in. It is educational and realistic. My wish is that all the states and countries make genocide training a law. If one cannot physically be in Auschwitz for a tour, this is a phenomenal alternative. I have attended several seminars and this was by far the best. Keep up the wonderful work Jerzy and I hope everyone will help contribute so you can learn about the dangers of anti-Semitism, hatred and prejudice. By participating in this seminar, you will become knowledgeable on the topic and hopefully this will never again happen. “

Lori Klisman Ellis and Sophie Tajch Klisman

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“The Auschwitz Virtual Tour was a truly amazing experience for me - there's something for everyone whether you know the history of the camp or not. The tour is guided from a human story perspective and supplemented with lots of figures so it's got the hard data of the history but you won't get bored. I wish the history classes at school were as interesting as the tour! There was a lively discussion after the tour too so you got a chance to reflect on the history and link it to the modern world. Due to the time difference I stayed up till midnight for the tour but it was totally worth it; highly recommended.”

Margaret Lo - Hong Kong

“Thank you Jerzy for an incredible moving tour on the horror that was the Holocaust I found this experience absolutely worthwhile and necessary. Seeing the children's barracks absolutely broke me -still I thank you for showing it to me. I feel I got to see and learn so much as we weren't physically walking the camp there was more time to explore and learn.”

Thank you thank you thank you thank you

Pamela Arenson
Johannesburg South Africa

“For any Holocaust researcher or anybody associated with Holocaust Studies, the knowledge about the major concentration/death camp, Auschwitz is central towards understanding the process of persecution. Visiting Auschwitz is something not everyone can manage and especially during the pandemic scare, it seems a dreamy possibility. Jerzy Wójcik, with more than a decade of experience as a guide at The Auschwitz Museum has come up with an entirely new initiative of conducting The Auschwitz Virtual Tour. Almost a month old, this initiative is something so precious and pertinent during these difficult and trying times as it gives us the opportunity of an audio visual tour of the place within the comforts of our homes and time zones across the globe. This is the nearest one can go to Auschwitz during these times. The efforts put in by Jerzy by sharing the slides, videos with his precise and constant commentary and summing up the tour within a specific time frame is laudable. As a Holocaust Researcher I have benefitted immensely from the Virtual Tour and I strongly support and recommend this initiative to carry on.”

Mehak Burza
Doctoral Researcher, Holocaust Studies, Jamia University, India

“Having participated in the Auschwitz session was the best, it transported me to 1940 it is a great project, I hope it reaches many more people, since it increases their knowledge and above all enables the person to share the acquired knowledge with others.”

Jessica Ivónne Acevedo Lainez, El Salvador, Centroamérica

“The Auschwitz Virtual Tour was outstanding. It was thoroughly and professionally presented. I'd highly recommend this important, sobering, and enlightening virtual event. Thank you.”

Melanie Diorio
English Teacher, Friend of North Carolina Council on the Holocaust Graduate Student at Stockton University (Master of Arts in Holocaust & Genocide Studies online program)

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"I highly recommend the Auschwitz Virtual Tour by Jerzy Wójcik. Jerzy presents much information in a very systematic, logical and quiet way in this tour. Yet, I didn't have the feeling it was too much information. Certainly I have a better overview about the whole place with the use of modern technology than I would have if personally in Auschwitz. Everybody should see this!"

Zuzana Godárová
Tourist guide, Bratislava, Slovakia

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"Six month ago, when the Yad-Vashem site closed (due to Covid-19) came up thoughts of replacing the tours with virtual seminars. I was skeptical as to the efficiency of this enterprise since the most emotional impact of these tours is being physically in the Yad-Vashem site (particularly in the museum). I believed that converting the physical tours into zoom sessions will not retrieve the same effect.

Several days ago, I participated in your Auschwitz Virtual Tour zoom session. For me it was the first (face to face) acquaintance with Auschwitz (I have never been in Poland...). The tour amazed me on several levels – I have seen many presentations during my career, and I must say that the presentation presented at this session was one of the most professional I have ever seen in terms of design, content, and flow. The diversity of the digital resources was stunning! The combination of clips, footages, pictures, original historical photographs, testimonies, and of course resources from Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Museum made the tour so realistic as if I was there.

I was also impressed by the flexibility of the presentation, having the options diving into deeper resolutions on any of the presented subjects. Such a diverse database that could provide content for so many sessions (on so many topics). The tour had a tremendous impact on me and left me with strong emotions that I wouldn't think can be developed within a virtual tour. Needless to say, I have changed my mind regarding the virtual session concept. There is no doubt that the Auschwitz Virtual Tour will become a great educational instrument for students. What an asset!"

Tami Harel (student's guide in Yad-Vashem)