

# KEEPING THE MEMORY OF AUSCHWITZ ALIVE



The importance of visiting Auschwitz is that it is not just about remembering the past; it's about understanding how hatred and prejudice can grow, so we can prevent it from happening again.”

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- Auschwitz was the main centre for the mass extermination of Europe's Jews as part of the 'Final Solution'.
- 1.3 million people deported to Auschwitz between 1940 and 1945.
- 1.1 million of them were Jewish.
- 900,000 were 'selected' and killed in the gas chambers immediately on arrival at Auschwitz.
- Poles (c.75,000), Roma (21,000) and Soviet prisoners of war (14,000) also murdered in Auschwitz.
- Those who weren't 'selected' were subjected to overcrowding, forced labour, malnutrition and brutal treatment from SS guards.
- Most remaining prisoners force marched deeper into German territory as the Soviets advanced - many died on the journey.
- Just 7,000 prisoners found alive by Soviet soldiers when they liberated the camp on 27th January 1945 - all very ill and weak.

