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5 STAR KOSHER RIVER CRUISING

BUDAPEST - BRATISLAVA - VIENNA - DÜRNSTEIN - MELK - LINZ — PASSAU
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7 NIGHT CRUISE DEPARTURE JULY 6-13, 2022





KOSHER RIVER CRUISE All INCLUSIVE PACKAGE:

- 7-night Danube river cruise in an outside river-view stateroom with balcony
- Airport Transfers & Cruise porterage
- Delicious Glatt Kosher dining, with all meals included in our beautiful Panorama-Restaurant
- Kashrut under supervision of Rabbi Nechemia Rotenberg and his experienced team of Mashgichim
- Free flowing red & white wines from European regions. Beer & soft drinks with dinner
- Full shore excursions with English licensed guides
- Lectures by experts on Jewish culture and Europe
- On-site synagogue & Sefer Torah
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access
- All port taxes & gratuities for all service providers
- Featuring Chazzan Yaakov Motzen & Marsha at the Grand Piano!
- Managed & Hosted by David & Chana of Kosher

Travelers





DAY TO DAY ITINERARY Days 1 & 2 0000 1101 i di di di di di

DAY 1, WEDNESDAY: BUDAPEST

Transportation will be provided from Budapest Airport to the ship, where there will be time to check in and settle into your cabins. Tonight, we will meet for our Welcome Dinner with the Captain and our onboard team. we will dock in Budapest tonight.

DAY 2, THURSDAY: BUDAPEST

Discover the magical city of Budapest with a guided bus & walking tour. As the capital of Hungary, Budapest is often called the "Paris of the East" and is a highlight for travellers from all around the world. The tour will not only give you a sense of Budapest's colorful history, but also give insight into how the city's division by the Danube river has played such an important role in society over the centuries - one side known as "Buda" and the other "Pest."

Our first stop will be at the famous Neolog Synagogue, also known as the Dohanny Synagogue, Europe's largest synagogue. Designed in oriental style, the synagogue can seat some 3,000 people. Its central location on a leafy boulevard serves as a complex for the synagogue, Heroes Temple, Memorial and Jewish Museum and graveyard. Built on the site of Herzl's home, it is no surprise that the 13-year-old Theodor celebrated his Bar Mitzvah here.



DAY 2, THURSDAY: BUDAPEST...continued

Our next stop is the Jewish Museum. From there we will continue towards the famous monuments located on Andrássy Út street, including the exquisitely designed Opera House, Hero's Square, the famous Great Market Hall, St. Stephen's church, and the Parliament, which strikingly resembles the British Parliament building with nearly 20 km of corridors! Return to the ship for lunch.

This afternoon will start our tour with Crossing the famous chain bridge towards Buda Castle, where the coronation of Sisi and her husband as Hungarian Hapsburg rulers took place. You'll have an opportunity for an unforgettable view of Budapest and take in the exotic Fisherman's Bastion, where you can enjoy the city at your fingertips.

We will meet for dinner followed by a live band performance while the ship sets sail towards Bratislava.

09:30 – Morning guided tour includes
Budapest Synagogue & Jewish museum

12:30 - Return to ship for lunch.

15:00 - Guided tour of the city for 3 hours

19:00 – Dinner at the ship restaurant

21:00 - Live show

22:00 - Set sail towards Bratislava



DAY 3, FRIDAY: BRATISLAVA

Scenic cruise from Budapest

As our river ship glides out of the heart of the city via the picturesque Danube River you'll pass under several stunning bridges and enjoy views of magnificent architecture lining the riverbanks on both the 'Buda' and 'Pest' sides of the city. The Banks of the Danube in Budapest are UNESCO-listed in recognition of their beautifully well-preserved historical landmarks, and when you see wonders such as the awe-inspiring Parliament Building from the deck of your ship, you'll soon understand why they're so highly regarded.

We will reach Bratislava during lunch and later we will travel by Coach to our first tour to Chatam Sofer's Burial. Chatam Sofer is one of the most influential Poskim whose imprimatur is felt today as a result of his writings, his position as head of the prestigious Pressburg Yeshiva and the hundreds of his students and extended family who were, and continue to be, influential in contemporary Jewish life. A visit to his burial place is an inspiring way to greet Shabbat in Bratislava.

We will return to the cruise ship to prepare for Shabbat. Kabalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv prayers will be led by the cantor.

Friday:

14:00 – Arrive to Bratislava and visit Chatam Sofer's Burial.

18:00 – Kabalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv prayers 19:00 – Shabbat dinner following prayer services.

21:00 - Lecture



DAY 4, SATURDAY: BRATISLAVA

On Shabbat morning, we will join the local Jewish community in Bratislava's Heydukova Street Synagogue, the only synagogue in Bratislava, and only one of four active synagogues in Slovakia. While three other synagogues did survive the Holocaust, they were demolished in the 1960's.

Bratislava's Synagogue also houses the Bratislava Jewish Community Museum. The Museum is a Slovak National Cultural Monument. Following morning services, a community leader will give us a private tour of the Museum located on the upper level of the Synagogue and share with us the fascinating history of Bratislava's Jewish community, home to the prestigious Pressburg Yeshiva and whose pre-World War II Jewish population accounted for 12% of the city's residents. This museum's remarkable collection of Judaica and religious objects, many of them formerly hidden, were collected and preserved by the Jewish community. We will return to the ship for the Shabbat meal.

After the shabbat meal we will have some time to rest and, in the afternoon, we will hear a lecture and enjoy tea and cake. Right after the lecture we will have Seudah Shlishit and the cantor will lead the singing. We will pray and do Havdallah and right after Shabbat the ship will start cruising.

Saturday:

09:00 – Morning walking tour include Synagogue

12:00 – Return to ship for Shabbat meal and rest of the Shabbat program
22:30 – Depart to Vienna



DAY 5, SUNDAY: VIENNA

This morning we'll start with a visit to the First District, and a bus tour of the Ringstrasse, Vienna's circular boulevard which boasts some of the city's most spectacular sights—the Parliament Building, City Hall, the Opera House, palaces, museums, and parks. After the bus tour, we'll continue on foot to the elegant Kärntner Strasse and Graben pedestrian areas and visit the majestic St. Stephen's Cathedral.

We continue to the Jewish part of the tour. In the Middle Ages, Vienna was home to a thriving Jewish community, one of the largest and most important in Europe. Famous Rabbis taught and worked here, making Vienna an influential centre of Jewish knowledge. This lively and creative environment was forced to an abrupt and violent end in 1420-21, with the expulsion and murder of the Viennese Jews. The ruins of the then-destroyed synagogue, excavated under the Judenplatz in 1995, bear witness to the life and destruction of that medieval community.

In 2000, the Museum at Judenplatz was opened as a branch of the Jewish Museum Vienna. On the square itself, the city unveiled the solemn Judenplatz Holocaust Memorial: a reinforced concrete cube resembling a library with its volumes turned inside out, designed by British artist Rachel Whiteread. To this day, new sources and scientific and architectural findings are shedding a more detailed light on medieval Jewish Vienna. Our visit to the museum will include an animated virtual tour of Jewish life, allowing us to walk through a reconstruction of the city and showcasing the Jewish festivals and customs of the time, making for a lively depiction of life in this medieval Jewish community. Return to the ship for lunch.



DAY 5, SUNDAY: VIENNA....Continued

This afternoon we will visit the Schönbrunn Palace. The palace is the summer residence of the Habsburg family and notably Empress Elisabeth, who is better known as Sisi. Schönbrunn Palace is made up of 1,441 rooms and is one of the most important architectural, cultural, and historical monuments in the country. The history of the palace and its vast gardens spans over 300 years, displaying the changing tastes, interests, and aspirations of the Habsburg monarchs. Today it is largely in its original condition and is quite a site to see!

This evening you are welcome to join us for an optional visit to Vienna's Concert. As the German name still suggests, the "Kursalon Palace" was originally intended as a spa resort, however over time, this magnificent building has quickly grown into a vibrant hotspot in the heart of Vienna, promoting the very essence of what Vienna is famous for: classical music. In the very place where Johann Strauss himself used to direct his orchestra from the position of first violin, Vienna's classical music scene can once again be experienced in modern times.

Enjoy an evening full of Viennese charm with the swinging sound of waltzes, polkas, arias and duets, as well as operetta and piano concerto melodies. Accompanied by excellent opera vocalists and enchanting ballet soloists, this classical concert is an experience you don't want to miss!

08:45 – 12:45h Morning guided tour in Vienna's Ring and the Jewish museum

12:45 13:15 - 14:45 Lunch onboard

15:00 - Schönbrunn Palace & Gardens

18:00 - Early dinner for guests going to the concert

19:00 – Dinner for all guests

19:45 - Depart for the concert

22:30 - Return to ship

23:30 - Depart to Dürnstein



DAY 6, MONDAY: DÜRNSTEIN & MELK

This morning we will dock in Dürnstein located on the bank of the Danube River in the Wachau Valley. Known as the Pearl of the Wachau Valley, it is surrounded by luscious vineyards. We will visit the ancient 12th century castle, famous for the imprisonment of the King of England, Richard the Lionheart, which is also connected to the city of Akko.

This guided walking tour takes you through the charming centre from where you will have a wonderful view of the surrounding valley and castle ruins. Return to ship for lunch while we sail to Melk.

Scenic cruise along the Wachau Valley

The Wachau is a picturesque valley between Krems and Melk and was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site due to its medieval agricultural and architectural landscape, organically evolved over time and remarkably-preserved. The architecture in the towns and villages shows the development of the region and its society over many centuries.

The Wachau has inspired romantic legends for centuries and the castles are full of tales of love and heartbreak, particularly from the medieval days. The Wachau Valley is also one of Austria's most important wine regions. Along this part of the Danube, terraced vineyards produce fruity Rieslings and Grüne Veltliners, two of Austria's most popular white wines.

DAY TO DAY ITINERARY



DAY 6, MONDAY: DÜRNSTEIN & MELK....continued

Your afternoon tour will be in Melk. Located at the north-western tip of Austria, at the confluence of the Danube and Melk rivers in the luscious Wachau Valley.

The city is dominated by the Baroque-style Benedictine Monastery, known as the Melk Abbey, one of Austria's great cultural highlights and Europe's largest abbey. Its sheer physical dominance attests to the spiritual and cultural importance that it has held throughout the ages.

At the end of WWII one of the sub camps of the Mauthausen Concentration Camp was located in Melk. Other important historic sites we will visit include the Old Post Office building, the Coloman fountain, "the House on the Rock" (built in the 15th century it is the oldest building in the city), the municipal square and others. Located in the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage site, 'Wachau Valley', the town of Melk has been a spiritual and cultural centre of Austria for more than a millennium. Since the 12th century, a school has been connected with the monastery, home to valuable manuscripts, which have ultimately helped to create an absolutely breathtaking library that you will have an opportunity to visit within the Abbey chambers.

We will return to the ship for dinner. After dinner you are invited to a live show with a local band. Tonight, our ship will sail to Linz.

09:00 - Walking tour in Dürnstein

12:00 - Lunch onboard

14:00 - Cruising the Wachau Valley

15:00 - Visit Melk and Abbey

19:00 - Dinner

21:00 - Live Band show



DAY 7, TUESDAY: LINZ

Linz is the second-most populous city in Austria and was first settled by Romans in the first century AD. It is now one of the cultural centres of Austria and a centre for trade in antiques. Enjoy a guided walking tour through Linz and discover the great sites this city has to offer. The main square is one of the loveliest squares in Europe, lined with Rococo and Baroque architecture. Tonight, we will gather for a Farewell dinner with the Captain and crew.

09:00 – Mini Train & Walking tour in Linz

12:00 - Lunch onboard

13:00 - Cruising towards Passau

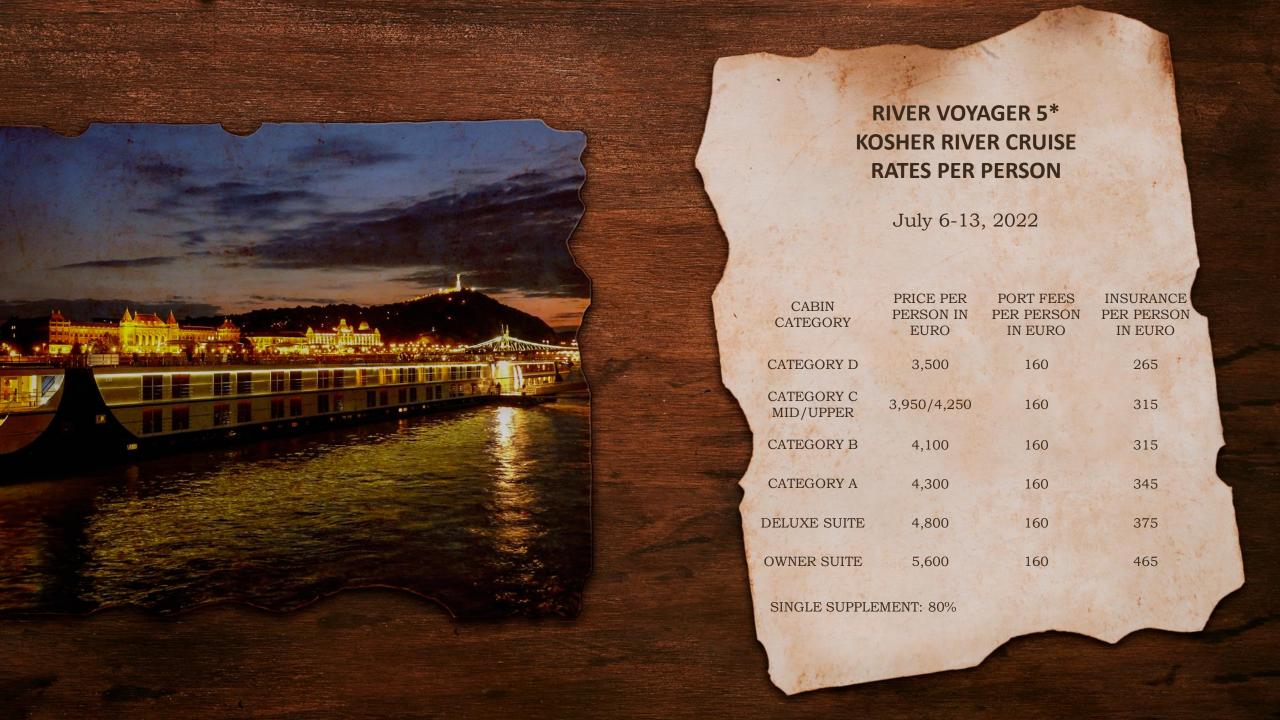
16:00 - Lecture onboard

18:00 - Cocktail at the Bar

19:00 - Farewell Dinner

DAY 8, WEDNESDAY: PASSAU - DISEMBARKATION

After breakfast transportation will be provided from the ship to the nearest airport.







MS RIVER VOYAGER 5*

CABINS: 84 GUESTS: 168 CREW: 45 LAUNCH: 2016

LENGTH: 134.7 m WIDTH: 11.58 m FLAG: Switzerland

THE SHIP IS FULLY AIR CONDITIONED

PUBLIC AREAS ON BOARD:

SUN (SOLARIS) DECK: outside seating area with sun sails wheelhouse walking/jogging track

UPPER (NAVIGATOR) DECK:

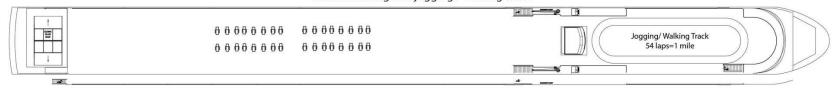
cotton club upper lobby library panorama lounge open air terrace

MIDDLE (EXPLORER) DECK: main lobby with reception and cruise manager desk restaurant

MAIN (ODYSSEY) DECK: fitness room beauty salon

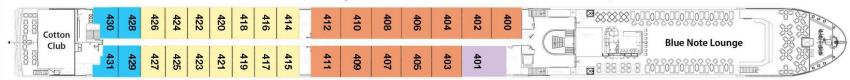
SOLARIS DECK

Outside seating and jogging / walking track



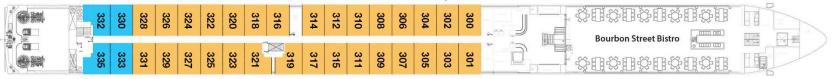
NAVIGATOR DECK

Staterooms on this deck feature French balconies, queen-sized beds that convert to twins, Deluxe Suites, and the Owner's Suite.



EXPLORER DECK

Staterooms on this deck feature French balconies and queen-sized beds that convert to twins.



ODYSSEY DECK

Staterooms on this deck feature two standard-sized windows, queen-sized beds that convert to twins, and single-occupancy staterooms.



CABIN CATEGORIES

- Large Owner Suite (OS) ~ 355 sq ft

 Large Deluxe Suite (DS) ~ 235 sq ft

 Category A, French Balcony on Upper Deck ~ 170 sq ft
- Category B, French Balcony on Forward Middle Deck ~ 170 sq ft
- Category C, French Balcony on Rear Middle Deck ~ 170 sq ft
 (Guests on those cabins might feel light noise and vibrations while sailing)
- Category D, Outside Cabins with Porthole ~ 140 sq ft

MS RIVER VOYAGER 5*

The amazing MS River Voyager sets a new standard for luxury on the rivers of Europe. Ship features deluxe larger Staterooms - mostly with French balconies, elegant dining room and special Captain's Lounge with its retractable ceiling which allows you to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

You can also find onboard reception, gift shop, fitness centre and massage room. This Deluxe river ship also features an intimate and relaxing cruising experience, with no more than 144 passengers on board.

