

## 5 STAR KOSHER RIVER CRUISING

BUDAPEST - BRATISLAVA - VIENNA - DÜRNSTEIN - MELK - LINZ – PASSAU

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**7 NIGHT WEDNESDAY DEPARTURS 2022 JUNE 8-15 | JULY 6-13**







## KOSHER RIVER CRUISE All INCLUSIVE PACKAGE:

- 7-night Danube river cruise in an outside river-view stateroom with balcony
- Airport Transfers & Cruise portage
- 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







## Kosher Cruise Itinerary Overview

We begin our journey in Budapest, Hungary's magical capital city, where we discover a rich, centuries-old history brought to life through fascinating guided tours. We see the famous Dohány Synagogue, Jewish Museum, exquisite Opera House, Heroes Square, Great Market Hall, and the Parliament. We cross the Danube to Buda Castle, enjoy breathtaking views of the city, and explore the exotic Fisherman's Bastion. As we cruise out of Budapest, we see its magnificent landmarks from the ship's deck, lining the riverbanks like jewels.

We greet Shabbat in Bratislava, visit Chatam Sofer's Burial, join the Jewish community at the synagogue, and learn their story.

Next, we exalt in the spectacular sights of Vienna, along the fabled Ringstrasse – Parliament, City Hall, Opera House, palaces, museums, and parks. We immerse ourselves in Medieval Jewish Vienna, see the solemn Judenplatz Holocaust Memorial, and visit the Jewish Museum. We tour the majestic Schönbrunn Palace and experience Vienna's legendary classical music.

The following day we dock in Dürnstein surrounded by the lush landscape and verdant vineyards of the Wachau Valley. We visit the ancient castle where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned.

In Melk, we marvel at the Baroque Benedictine Monastery with its glorious library and see the House on the Rock, the Old Post Office, and Coloman Fountain.

Our final port is Linz, one of Austria's finest cultural centres for trade and antiques. We wander the lovely main square, admire the Rococo and Baroque architecture, and prepare for our delicious farewell dinner on the last night of an unforgettable cruise.





# DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

## Days 1 & 2



### 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 TO DAY ITINERARY

## Day 2



## DAY 2, THURSDAY: BUDAPEST...continued

Our next stop is the Jewish Museum. From there we will continue towards the famous monuments located on Andrassy Ut 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

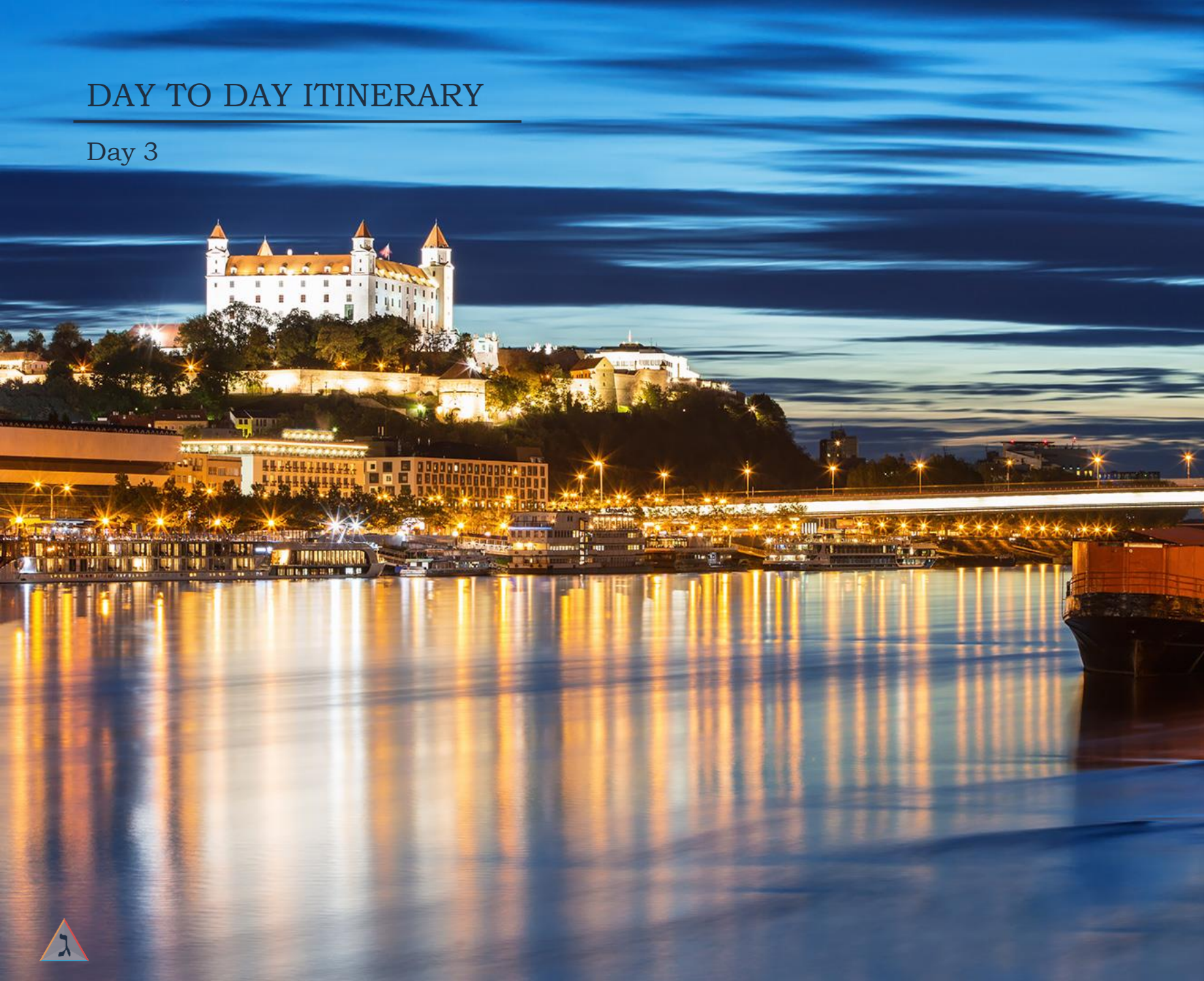
21:00 – Live show

22:00 – Set sail towards Bratislava



# DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

## Day 3



## 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. Kabbalat 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 – Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv prayers

19:00 – Shabbat dinner following prayer services.

21:00 – Lecture





# DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

## Day 4



## 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 TO DAY ITINERARY

## Day 5 (morning)



## 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 TO DAY ITINERARY

### Day 5 (afternoon)



### 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 TO DAY ITINERARY

### Day 6 (morning)



### 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 (afternoon)



### 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 TO DAY ITINERARY

## Days 7 & 8



### 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.





## RIVER VOYAGER 5\* KOSHER RIVER CRUISE RATES PER PERSON

June 8-15 | July 6-13  
Wednesday Departures 2022

CABIN CATEGORY	PRICE PER PERSON	PORT FEES PER PERSON	INSURANCE PER PERSON
CATEGORY D	\$4,230	\$180	\$295
CATEGORY C	\$5,030	\$180	\$356
CATEGORY B	\$5,135	\$180	\$356
CATEGORY A	\$5,450	\$180	\$388
DELUXE SUITE	\$6,090	\$180	\$421
OWNER SUITE	\$7,145	\$180	\$520

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: 80%





## Kosher Cruise FAQs

Q: How is the ship prepared to meet all Kosher (Kashrut) requirements?

A: A day or two before the cruise, all surfaces—including the counters, sinks, stove, cutlery, and pots—are thoroughly cleaned with boiling water and soap where necessary. The baking ovens are run at the highest heat for a half hour. The microwave ovens are cleaned of all food residue and the rotating plate is cleaned in boiling water. A saucer of water and soap is heated on high heat for ten minutes to fully remove any food particles. The strainer is cleaned in the dishwasher and it is run on the highest heat. The tables are cleaned with soap and water and with boiling water if it will not ruin the tables. Refrigerators and cabinets are cleaned with soap and water. Mixers and blenders are cleaned with soap and water.

Q: How is the Kosher food certified?

A: Jewish dietary laws require the strict separation of meat and dairy products. Kosher meat products are free from dairy of any kind. All food products and groceries will be certified by a recognized Rabbinat.

Q: How are meat and dairy crockery and cutlery kept separate?

A: We have two different sets of everything used for cooking and serving, easily identified by color (red for meat, blue for dairy). They are stored separately in different cupboards to avoid mixing them.

Q: Who is on board to answer more questions about Judaic laws, ordinances, and observances (Halacha)?

A: A Rabbi is almost always available and ship

supervisors are well informed.

Q: What precautions are in place in the kitchen to assure Kosher practices are strictly followed?

A: Before all meal preparations, the supervisor lights the fire and ensures the meal is not prepared by non-Jews (Bishul Akum). No one starts working in the kitchen before the supervisor makes sure that there is no mixture of meat and dairy products.

Q: What is the providence of the food ingredients?

A: All products are purchased from a Kosher supplier who is recognized and approved by the Rabbi. Information about our supplier can be found here: <http://www.lampari.de/en>

Q: How do you ensure mistakes are not made in food preparation and that there is no concern of mixing non-Kosher food with Kosher food?

A: All of the food on the ship is Kosher so there is no concern of mixing. We provide full and strict supervision (Hashgacha) of the kitchen. There are always at least two people supervising the kitchen (sometimes three) and working with the kitchen staff for quality control so there is no way something is cooked or done improperly. From the moment we light the fire in the morning through the defrosting of the meat, preparing the food, cooking the food, washing the dishes and putting them away, nothing is performed without at least double supervision, from the moment we wake up until we go to sleep. 99% of the time our expert Shalom will be supervising.

Q: How are meals prepared for Shabbat?

A: We cook all the food for Shabbat before Shabbat begins. We leave on the ovens during the entire Shabbat so that we can heat up the food adhering to the rules of the religious guide (Halacha).

Q: How are candles handled?

A: We provide electronic candles permitted by the Tzomet institution.

Q: How is the ship's schedule kept during Shabbat?

A: We do not sail on Shabbat. We arrive at the city two hours before Shabbat and leave at least one hour after it ends.

Q: How do you comply with the rules of Shabbat regarding elevators?

A: During specific hours of Shabbat (morning breakfast, lunch, evening dinner), an employee of the ship aids guests who need help pressing elevator buttons.

Q: How do you comply with the prohibition of opening locked doors on Shabbat?

A: Guests can sign a waiver on the ship that ensures their door will not lock and they can go in and out without using their key card. If any guest does not want to sign this waiver, they can ask a ship worker to open their door for them. This is allowed by the Halacha.





# MS RIVER VOYAGER 5\*

## BLUE NOTE LOUNGE





## EXPLORER & NAVIGATOR (MIDDLE & UPPER) DECK STANDARD CABINS

34 STANDARD MIDDLE DECK

18 STANDARD UPPER DECK CABINS

170 square ft

Double bed

Floor to ceiling panoramic windows  
that can be opened to a French  
balconies.





# 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

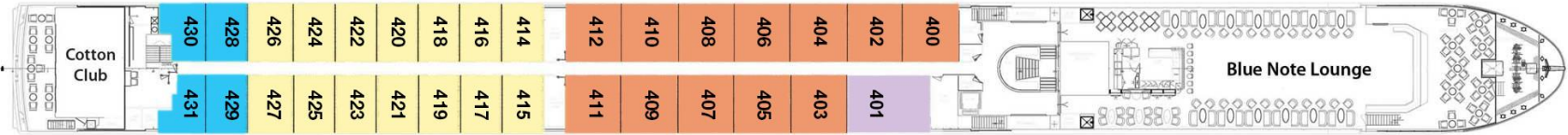
## SOLARIS DECK

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





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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.



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