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THE WORLD'S ONLY ALL-KOSHER EXPEDITION SHIP

# India Expedition

SOUTHERN INDIA & SRI LANKA (SAFARI)  
MUMBAI, INDIA TO COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 10, 2028  
11-DAY ADVENTURE

## The *Ultimate* Kosher Expedition

\With Resident Scholar Onboard,  
Dr. Henry Abramson "Jewish Explorer Series"



## *The Journey*

If you're dreaming of a voyage that blends cultural discovery, spiritual connection, and relaxing luxury, look no further than this extraordinary adventure aboard our all-suite **KRC Expeditions** Ship. With just over 100 fellow Jewish travelers, you'll explore the vibrant heart of India and Sri Lanka in comfort and camaraderie — all while uncovering centuries of Jewish history woven into these captivating lands.

Traveling by small ship means we can access hidden harbors, untouched coastlines, and authentic local experiences that larger vessels simply can't reach. Each day brings a new chapter — from ancient sites and spice-scented bazaars to serene backwaters and wildlife-rich national parks. Along the way, our guest speakers and expert local guides will bring the region's rich tapestry of religions, cultures, and Jewish heritage vividly to life.

We begin in Mumbai, a city pulsing with energy and history, then sail to Goa, where Portuguese charm meets Indian soul. In Cochin, glide through tranquil lagoons and explore the oldest Jewish settlement in India. Then, cross the Indian Ocean to Sri Lanka, where ancient fortresses, lush tea plantations, and thrilling safaris await.

From spotting flamingos in Bundala Wetlands to leopards in Yala National Park, from walking the ramparts of Galle Fortress to exploring the colonial elegance of Colombo, this journey is a feast for the senses and the soul. And each evening, return to the comfort of your all-kosher floating sanctuary, where Glatt kosher cuisine, caring service, and restful luxury await — preparing you for another day of unforgettable exploration.



# Itinerary

## **Day 1 (Mon): Welcome to Mumbai – Gateway to Adventure**

Arrive in the vibrant city of Mumbai, where your unforgettable journey begins. Transfer to your luxurious all-suite KRC Expeditions Ship and settle in with welcome drinks and a delicious dinner as we moor overnight in this dazzling metropolis.

## **Day 2 (Tue): Mumbai - A City of Contrasts and Cultures**

Explore the dynamic energy of Mumbai, a city built on seven islands and steeped in history. Visit iconic landmarks including the Gateway of India, Mani Bhavan (Gandhi's former residence), and the bustling Dhobi Ghat, the world's largest open-air laundry.

*Jewish Mumbai:* Discover the rich legacy of Mumbai's Jewish community, which dates back over 500 years. Visit the Jewish Quarter, explore historic synagogues, and uncover stories of Sephardic settlers who helped shape the city's cultural mosaic.

## **Day 3 (Wed): Goa – Spices, Stories & Sun-Kissed Shores**

Step ashore in Goa, where Portuguese colonial charm meets Indian soul. Wander through Old Goa, marvel at its unique architecture, and visit a lush spice plantation to learn about the cultivation of cardamom, chili, cloves, and coriander — a feast for the senses!

*Jewish Goa:* Uncover the hidden history of Sephardic Jews who fled the Inquisition and lived as Crypto-Jews. Though much of their heritage was lost, modern efforts are reviving this buried legacy, and the Goa Jewish Center offers a glimpse into the community's present-day life.

## **Day 4 (Thu): Mangalore – Trade, Tradition & Tantalizing Tastes**

Arrive in Mangalore, a coastal city shaped by centuries of trade and conquest. From Persian merchants to Portuguese colonists and Tipu Sultan's resistance, its rich history lives on in vibrant culture and diverse faiths. Explore the city on a guided tour, then visit a cashew plantation to learn how this prized export is grown. As a hub for coffee and spices, Mangalore is the perfect place to savor the region's bold flavors.

## **Day 5 (Fri): Cochin – Cultures Collide on the Malabar Coast**

Welcome to Cochin, a vibrant port city where Portuguese, Dutch, Arab, Chinese, and British legacies converge along Kerala's Malabar Coast. Glide through Alleppey's serene backwaters aboard a traditional boat, passing coconut-thatched homes, spice-laden barges, and lush greenery as life unfolds along the canals. Explore Mattancherry Palace with its intricate murals, wander bustling spice markets and historic quarters, and end the day with a spellbinding Kathakali dance performance — Kerala's iconic art form inspired by epic tales from the Ramayana and Mahabharata.

*Jewish Cochin:* Step into Jew Town, home to one of the oldest Jewish communities in India. Visit the stunning Paradesi Synagogue, built in 1568, with its Chinese tiles, Belgian chandeliers, and ancient Torah scrolls; and the 17th century Chendamangalam Synagogue. Discover the peaceful coexistence of Jews, Hindus, and Christians in this charming enclave, and feel the enduring warmth of a community whose legacy spans over a thousand years.

## **Day 6 (Sat): Shabbat in Cochin**

Spend a peaceful and meaningful Shabbat docked in Cochin, surrounded by new friends and familiar faces.

## **Day 7 (Sun): At Sea – Recharge & Reflect**

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea as we sail toward Sri Lanka. Take in the ocean views, attend onboard lectures, indulge in delicious Glatt kosher cuisine, and prepare for the next chapter of our adventure.



## **Day 8 (Mon): Galle – Fortress of Time**

Arrive in Galle, a coastal gem steeped in colonial history. Join a walking tour of the UNESCO-listed Galle Fortress, where Portuguese and Dutch architecture lines cobbled streets and shaded courtyards. Visit the maritime museum, admire the lighthouse, and soak in the old-world charm. In the afternoon, choose to explore Galle at your own pace or join a guided visit to a tea plantation, where you'll learn about Sri Lanka's iconic tea industry and enjoy a tasting amid lush hills.

## **Day 9 (Tue): Hambantota – Wild Sri Lanka Awaits**

From Hambantota, embark on thrilling safaris into two of Sri Lanka's most spectacular wildlife sanctuaries.

*Bundala National Park:* A paradise for birdwatchers, this Ramsar wetland is home to flamingos, crocodiles, elephants, and nearly 200 bird species. Traverse its diverse landscapes — from salt marshes to mangroves — on a guided jeep safari.

*Yala National Park:* One of the best places in the world to spot leopards, Yala also hosts sloth bears, jackals, wild boar, and elephants. With over 44 mammal species and 215 bird varieties, this is a nature lover's dream.

## **Day 10 (Wed): Colombo – A City of Layers**

Arrive in Colombo, Sri Lanka's bustling capital. Discover its colonial past and modern flair on a city tour featuring the National Museum, Independence Square, and elegant shopping arcades housed in historic buildings.

*Jewish Colombo:* Though small, Colombo's Jewish community has ancient roots, with trade links dating back to the 9th century. Today, Chabad of Sri Lanka serves as a hub for Jewish travelers, offering kosher food, a synagogue, and a warm welcome in the heart of the city.

## **Day 11 (Thu): Farewell Colombo – Journey's End**

**For a detailed itinerary please visit:**  
[www.kosherrivercruise.com](http://www.kosherrivercruise.com).

**Please note: This itinerary is a preview and may be adjusted due to river conditions or operational needs. But rest assured — the adventure never stops!**

# *The Ship* **THE MS ISLAND SKY**

The MS Island Sky is a 118-passenger, all-suite vessel, renowned for its spacious accommodations, public areas, and outside decks. The atmosphere on board is like a private yacht or country hotel, with music in the lounge or bar after dinner, talks from our onboard team, and informative port briefings from your Cruise Director or Expedition Leader. After a day of exploration ashore, you will return to the comfort and peace of a well-run and exceedingly comfortable ship.

**YOUR SPACE:** The MS Island Sky offers spacious and finely decorated public rooms, including a large lounge for daily briefings, talks, and educational programs, bar and piano lounge, dining room, library, observation deck and sun lounge, hairdresser and spa, and clinic.

**LIFE ONBOARD:** At **KRC Expeditions**, we focus on creating a community while exploring our planet. Instead of a mega ship with over 4,000 passengers and impersonal service, join us on an all-kosher, intimate expedition vessel. Here, a relaxing atmosphere, exceptional glatt-kosher cuisine, high-quality service, and attention to detail are the order of the day.

We foster a warm and convivial environment, akin to a private yacht or country hotel, where you can learn about the wonders of nature, culture, and ancient civilizations with like-minded people. Guest speakers and informative port briefings from our expedition leaders and cruise director enhance the experience, making any voyage aboard this wonderful vessel memorable and joyful. After a day ashore, return to the comfort and peace of an exceedingly comfortable ship.



# Cabins

The MS Island Sky features 50 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites, each with a seating lounge area. Many suites have private balconies with tinted, sliding glass doors, perfect for enhanced viewing opportunities, such as spotting a pod of whales or dolphins. The luxurious atmosphere is accentuated by wood paneling and brass, reminiscent of a private yacht.

Passenger accommodations are spread over five decks, with all suites offering outside views. Each suite provides considerable comfort with an ensuite bathroom featuring a marble-topped vanity unit, sink, walk-in shower, large wardrobe, dressing table with mirror and stool, and excellent storage. Additional amenities include a mini-fridge, flat-screen television, telephone, refillable water bottles, robes, slippers, programmable electronic safe, hairdryer, assorted Molton Brown toiletries, air-conditioning, and heating.

The suites on each deck have their own color theme, with soft hues and blended tones enhancing the traditional maritime style, making the accommodations inviting and relaxing. Beds can be configured as either double or twin. The impressive Island Suite on the Explorer Deck features an extra-large balcony stretching the length of the suite and includes complimentary laundry.

## INTRODUCTORY PRICING UNTIL AUGUST 1, 2026\*

### CATEGORY 1:

*Magellan Deck Standard Ocean-View Suite*

230 sq ft / 21 sq m ~ *Exclusive Features:* Large ocean-view portholes, elegant lounge sitting area, flexible bedding (two twins or queen).

### CATEGORY 2:

*Columbus Deck Superior Ocean-View Suite*

230 sq ft / 21 sq m ~ *Exclusive Features:* Panoramic window view, spacious lounge area, customizable bedding (two twins or queen).

### CATEGORY 3:

*Marco Polo Deck Premium Ocean-View Balcony Suite*

230 sq ft / 21 sq m ~ *Exclusive Features:* Private balcony with table and chairs, lounge sitting area, and ocean-facing serenity.

### CATEGORY 4:

*Marco Polo Deck Corner Ocean-View Balcony Suite*

240 sq ft / 22 sq m ~ *Exclusive Features:* Private balcony with table and chairs, lounge sitting area, and endless ocean views.

### CATEGORY 5:

*Erikson Deck Deluxe Ocean-View Balcony Suite*

260 sq ft / 24 sq m ~ *Exclusive Features:* Private balcony with table and chairs, lounge sitting area, and endless ocean views.

### CATEGORY 6:

*Explorer Deck Owner's Ocean-View Balcony Suite*

325 sq ft / 24 sq m ~ *Exclusive Features:* Sitting area, luxury bathroom, tinted, sliding glass patio doors leading to a large 80 sq ft private balcony with table, chairs and sun lounger.

### CATEGORY 7:

*Explorer Deck Island Ocean-View Balcony Suite*

385 sq ft / 34 sq m ~ *Exclusive Features:* Serene ocean-facing two room suites, sitting area, luxury bathroom, tinted, sliding glass patio doors leading to an extra-large 110 sq ft private balcony with table, chairs and sun lounger. Includes free laundry service.

\* Note that the above measurements are approximate averages and exact cabin size can vary.

\* See our website for up to date pricing: [www.kosherrivercruise.com](http://www.kosherrivercruise.com)





## *The Ultimate* **Kosher Expedition**

This all-inclusive, all-kosher cruise promises once-in-a-lifetime experiences and memories you'll treasure forever. Prepare to be amazed at every turn on this extraordinary journey to one of the most fascinating countries.



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