



# *The Netherlands Holland & Belgium*

TULIPS, WATERWAYS & WINDMILLS — JULY 29 - AUGUST 5, 2026  
ALL KOSHER LUXURY CRUISE THROUGH HOLLAND & BELGIUM WATERWAYS

All Kosher Luxury Cruise Through Holland & Belgium Waterways:  
Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Middleburg, Veere, Kinderdijk & Rotterdam

Featuring Guest Lecturer Dr. Henry M. Abramson – Dean, Touro College

Culinary Events with Naomi Nachman

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# The Journey

A complete network of canals spreads across the Netherlands and Belgium, lending this part of Europe its distinctive charm; touring by luxury riverboat is the most glorious way of discovering this region, where a true wonderland of water, tulips and windmills unfolds before you. From enchanting sleepy historical towns like Ghent, Bruges, and Middleburg, to thriving modern centers like Rotterdam, Antwerp, and Amsterdam; from famous windmills and canals to timeless bridges and unique architectural styles; all of these are just waiting for you to discover on this luxurious **Kosher River Cruise!**

## Jewish Netherlands

The Jewish presence in the Netherlands (Holland & Belgium) began - and nearly ended - in tragedy: The first Jews came with the Roman conquest, then returned again after being expelled from Spain; the huge community was decimated 450 years later by the Holocaust. In between, Dutch Jews contributed to one of the most prosperous and enlightened eras in the history of the Netherlands. The history of Jews in the Netherlands differed from their experience in any other country. While, in general, European Jews isolated themselves economically and socially as well as politically, the Jews of the Netherlands enjoyed, as early as the 17th century, economic and social integration that the rest of European Jewry would not know for hundreds of years. During the Holocaust, there was a concerted effort by Jewish leaders to preserve Dutch Judaism, which was decimated by deportations. Today, the Jewish community of the Netherlands numbers approximately 30,000.

Join Kosher River Cruises as we explore these regions' unique Jewish history and heritage. Along the way, we will immerse ourselves in the wonders of the Netherlands as we travel in luxury along its stunning, off-the-beaten-path and picturesque waterways.



# Itinerary

## **Day 1: Wednesday - Amsterdam Embarkation**

Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner aboard the luxurious Emerald Sky. During

dinner we'll enjoy a scenic cruise around the beautiful city of Amsterdam as a backdrop. What a magical start to our cruise! After dinner we gather together for an after-dinner toast and orientation preparing us for the coming weeks adventure. Then to cap it all off, we'll enjoy a traditional Shanty Choir performance onboard, all making for a perfect beginning to our journey.

## **Day 2: Thursday - Antwerp**

Discover Antwerp, one of Europe's largest ports. Our tour will take us through the attractive old center of the city; on our Jewish Heritage Tour we visit the thriving "Jewish Antwerp," considered the last real shtetl in western Europe. It is well known for its large Orthodox community and its connection to the diamond industry.

## **Day 3: Friday - Veer & Middleburg**

After an evening spent cruising the waterways, we arrive in and tour the picturesque town of Middleburg; its expansive series of dams and original windmills still standing represent another innovative technology of a bygone era. On our morning tour excursion we explore the Delta Works, an amazing example of how the Dutch have truly tamed their environment. Living below sea level, this is one of the engineering marvels of the world. Next, we explore the Middle Ages town of Veere, one of the most picturesque towns in the Netherlands.

## **Day 4: Shabbat - Middleburg**

Shabbat programming includes services, shiurim and wonderful meals. We will be docked in Middleburg with all our old and new friends. In the afternoon we have the option of a "Shabbat friendly" guided walking tour of Middleburg from our ship, as we explore one of the Netherlands's most attractive towns, one rich in Jewish history. After a magical Havdalah we depart and set sail to Rotterdam.

## **Day 5: Sunday - Bruges & Ghent**

Overnight, we sail and cross the border into Belgium. We will explore the famous World UNESCO town of Bruges. Due to the canal system, the city is known as the "Venice of the North" and is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. As you walk along the maze of winding, cobbled alleys and romantic canals, you will be transported to medieval times. In the afternoon we explore beautiful historic Ghent. Thanks to its importance as a medieval city-state in the late Middle Ages, Ghent boasts a wealth of well-preserved medieval architecture. Your city tour will include a visit to the Gravensteen Castle which was the residence of the Counts of Flanders until 1353.

## **Day 6: Monday - Rotterdam & Kinderdijk**

Today we arrive at another major port city - Rotterdam. This vibrant city has a strong ancient maritime history intertwined with its bold, modern architecture. In the afternoon we explore "Iconic Holland" with an excursion to the historic windmills of Kinderdijk, built and still standing since 1740.

## **Day 7: Tuesday - Amsterdam**

After a restful night on board, we set off to see the sights of one of the most unique cities in Europe. Beautiful bridges connect numerous parts of the city, which is divided by hundreds of canals and waterways lined with 17th century architecture. Our morning will be spent exploring the wonders of Amsterdam, both old and new. On our afternoon tour, we explore Jewish Amsterdam, including the famous Portuguese Synagogue, which contains one of the oldest Jewish libraries in the world, the Ets Haim library.

## **Day 8: Wednesday - Amsterdam**

Disembark





## The Ship

**The Emerald Sky:** Our 5\* luxury ship has bright, airy cabins with unrestricted views of the scenery through wide, glass panoramic windows, each with private balconies. There is an indoor pool, fitness room, private lounge, and so much more. Imagine all the thrill of European travel combined with the sheer ease of river transport!

Intimate and comfortable, with every amenity you could wish for, our luxury vessels are designed with you in mind. From the moment you step on board, you'll be spoiled for choice. From our wide selection of delicious glatt kosher dining choices to our luxuriously appointed private balcony suites, you'll enjoy the ultimate in all-inclusive river cruising every moment of your voyage.

**The Emerald Sky** cabins on the Horizon and Strauss Vista decks feature French balconies with lowerable panoramic windows along the entire cabin width; luxurious bathrooms; an "infotainment" system; flat screen TV; telephone, cabin safe and individually adjustable climate control. The on-board highlight is the indoor pool, the roof of which can be opened in good weather. In the evenings, this area is used for informative talks and cinema showings.

Detailed ship information available at [www.kosherrivercruise.com](http://www.kosherrivercruise.com).



## *Cabins & Suites*

### **Owner's One-Bedroom Suite: 315ft<sup>2</sup> (29.3m<sup>2</sup>) – Horizon Deck**

Additions Include: Separate bedroom & Lounge area, luxurious bathroom, outdoor private balcony, walk-in closet, and additional complimentary services and amenities.

### **Grand Balcony Suite: 210ft<sup>2</sup> (19.5m<sup>2</sup>) – Horizon Deck**

Additions Include: Outdoor private balcony, luxurious bathroom, and additional complimentary services and amenities.

### **Panorama Balcony Suite: 180ft<sup>2</sup> (16.7m<sup>2</sup>) – Horizon Deck** with indoor panoramic balcony

### **Panorama Balcony Suite: 180ft<sup>2</sup> (16.7m<sup>2</sup>) – Vista Deck** with indoor panoramic balcony

### **Stateroom: 162ft<sup>2</sup> (15m<sup>2</sup>) – Riviera Deck** with picture (non-opening) window

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