



American Committee for
SHAARE ZEDEK
Medical Center in Jerusalem

American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem **Danube River Cruise 2016**

Dear Friends:

We are excited to present the much anticipated **Shaare Zedek Medical Center Danube River Cruise** next summer, **August 16th – August 28th, 2016**. Trips such as these are enhanced by wonderful people who choose to entrust their vacation time to an organization with a mission of purpose.

As our reputation has shown, we not only provide once-in-a-lifetime experiences, but we create missions that combine the highest standards of travel and kosher supervision in a warm and intellectually stimulating environment. We are proud to be partnering with K kosher River Cruises on this great adventure.

Every few years, Shaare Zedek sponsors missions. While we look forward to providing you with an exciting destination, our ongoing goal is support of the Hospital. If you have travelled with us before we welcome you to join us again and ask that you help us to identify new friends to join the Shaare Zedek family. If this is your first time joining us on one of our adventures, we look forward to sharing with you who we are and what we can accomplish together.

As you carefully review all of the different components of this trip, we hope you will choose to join us on this truly exceptional experience.

Please review the itinerary provided. Call 212-764-8116 or email rwolf@acsz.org for more information.

Sincerely yours,



Rachel Wolf
CEO



AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

This trip will combine the luxury and ease of riverboat cruising, exciting and educational land touring and delicious Glatt kosher cuisine. Whether you are interested in discovering Jewish history and heritage along Europe's waterways or just looking to sit back and relax from the comfort of your floating hotel just watching the scenery pass you by; then this is the tour for you!



This fascinating journey takes you along one of the most beautiful stretches of the Danube, right in the heart of the once-brilliant imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian monarchy. From our starting point in Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," we will pass through four European countries (Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic) and four capitals (Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava and Prague). Our trip will also include visits to several of the picturesque cities in the Wachau Valley district of Austria (steeped in legends). This cruise encompasses both art and culture in places that bear witness to thousands of years of European history.

Your experience is further enhanced by our incredible team of historians, lecturers and educators, who bring to life each region's rich Jewish history and heritage. (See page 13 for a list of our amazing faculty including Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter and Dr. Erica Brown).

Our all-inclusive program includes delicious Glatt Kosher cuisine, daily minyanim, engaging lectures and on-board activities.

EXPLORE EUROPEAN CULTURE

Whenever our vessel docks, we will disembark and see Europe at its most beautiful, gliding through memorable riverside scenery and passing many different sights, small towns, and bustling big cities. The impressions you gain along the banks of the rivers seem to be almost infinite. No matter how well you may know a stretch of country, you will find yourself discovering it all over again.

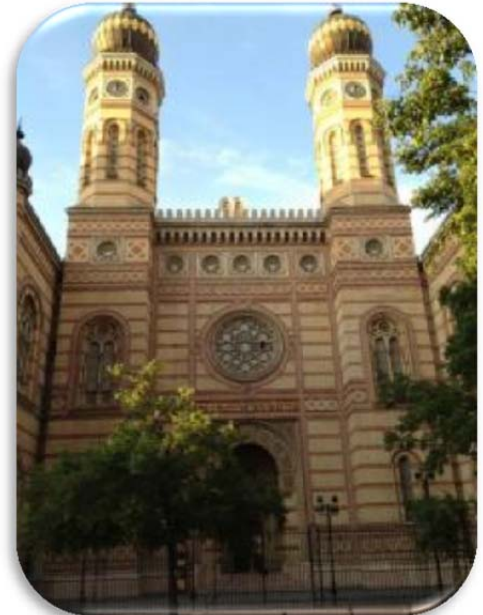
This experience will provide you with the opportunity to travel, explore and tour. No more sitting in a large hotel for days on end or getting on and off a bus. Imagine waking each morning, eager to explore a new European city or town filled with Jewish history and heritage, all brought to life by our very own dynamic educators, lecturers and historians.

Land tours are of course included in this all-Inclusive River Cruise.

THE ITINERARY

Budapest (August 17th – 20th)

With its multifarious and often embattled history, magnificent architecture, and rich cultural heritage, Hungary's capital deserves its reputation as the "Paris of Eastern Europe." It has a complex identity, somewhere between Western luxury and simple traditions. The city straddles a gentle curve in the Danube. It has broad avenues, leafy parks, and elaborate bathhouses. It also has a turn-of-the-century feel to it. Today Budapest is one of Europe's most seductive capitals, a cultural door between Asia and Europe. Hungary's Jewish community is the largest in Central and Eastern Europe with most Jews residing in Budapest. Explore the city's old Jewish quarters, synagogues, and monuments marking 800 years of Jewish life in Budapest.



Our expert guides bring this captivating city to life as we explore both its secular and Jewish heritage. Our tour begins in the Castle District where the first Jews of Buda settled in the 13th century. We visit the small medieval synagogue in what was Jews Street and we will learn about life during the Turkish occupation of the 15th -17th centuries. Also on the Buda side we will visit the statue of Raoul Wallenberg (the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews during the Second World War), and a memorial plaque to Gabor Sztehlo, a Hungarian Evangelical pastor who saved the lives of Jewish children and adults.

Over on the Pest side of the Danube we will walk through the former ghetto area and visit the lovely Moorish Revival style Dohany Street Synagogue (the third largest shul in the world), and also tour the Jewish Museum. Behind the synagogue is a Holocaust Memorial, a metallic weeping willow with names engraved on the leaves to remind us of the people who perished. Finally we'll visit the Kazinczy Street Synagogue, a late art nouveau building, which is now one of the main Jewish centers for the Orthodox community of Budapest.

Bratislava (August 21st)

Bratislava is the dynamic and bustling capital of Slovakia. An historic town full of traditions, nostalgia, and music, it is proud of its rich past. Here, three different countries meet and their languages, traditions, and cultures produce a pleasing microcosm of central Europe. Discover the Old Town's inviting squares, romantic alleys, and splendid views of the city.

For centuries, Bratislava was an important center of Jewish life. Jewish presence in the medieval city was regulated by the municipal charter granted to Bratislava by King Andrew III of the Arpád dynasty in 1291. One section of the document stipulated that the Jews had the right to reside within the city walls, elect their own mayor, and pay taxes directly to the king. Later, the Jews were expelled from the city on several occasions, the last time in 1526. In 1599, invited by Count Palffy they returned, but not to the town proper. They settled in a narrow area between the castle hill and the city fortifications. The so-called Judengasse, a

part of the area controlled by the castle, remained the only place Jews were allowed to live until 1840. In the first half of the nineteenth century, Bratislava became an important center of Jewish learning when the Chatam Sofer established a famous yeshiva. At the same time his opponents in the community opened a modern Jewish primary school. As a result two Jewish communities, Orthodox and Neolog existed side by side in Bratislava, each with its own large synagogue. Today, there remains a small, but vibrant Jewish community in the city.



Bratislava's remaining synagogue is located on Heydukova Street, not far from the historic city center. It was constructed from 1923-1926, decades after restrictions on Jewish residence were lifted. This enabled Jews to move out of the Judengasse district and settle throughout the city.

The Chatam Sofer Memorial: Rabbi Moshe Schreiber was a renowned Orthodox rabbi and scholar. Born in Frankfurt am Main, he became Chief Rabbi of Pressburg (today Bratislava), in 1806. He spearheaded traditionalist responses to modern thought and similar changes within Jewish society. His Pressburg Yeshiva, was one of the most prominent in all of Europe and produced scholars and rabbis for well over a century who went on to influence Jewish thought that is felt to this very day. The beginnings of this famous cemetery date back to the 17th century, when Jews were allowed to settle on the estate of the Pálffy Counts. The site served for centuries as the burial place of the Bratislava Jewish community, but it was destroyed in 1943, when the nearby tunnel was constructed. Only the most precious section, with 23 graves surrounding the Chatam Sofer's tomb, was preserved, encircled by a concrete shell and covered with panels. In 2000-2002, after decades of neglect, the whole site was redeveloped and the gravestones were restored. The Architect Martin Kvasnica designed a striking new complex that adheres to the strict requirements of Halakhah as well as to the highest standards of contemporary architecture. The unique architectural monument forms part of the Slovak Jewish Heritage Route.

Vienna (August 22nd and 23rd)

Austria's capital offers a unique blend of the traditional and the modern. Famous for its cultural events, imperial sights, coffee houses, cozy wine taverns, and a charm that is quintessentially Viennese, the city is as old as it is new. Baroque and Art Nouveau buildings exist side by side with the latest architectural styles. From the Imperial Palace to the Art Nouveau splendor of the Viennese Secession movement, to the magnificence of Baroque Schönbrunnpalace to the Museum of Fine Arts to latest architecture in the Museum Quarter, Vienna has more museums than anywhere else in the world and it includes some 27 castles and more than 150 palaces. Join Kosher Expeditions as we explore this fabulous European destination.



As for Jewish history, there are few European cities that are as closely connected as Vienna. Until 1938, Vienna had a flourishing and influential Jewish community with dozens of synagogues and prayer houses. The anti-Semitism of the time provided fertile grounds for the Nazi terror to come, when 140,000 Austrians had to flee the country; 65,000 who could not escape were murdered. Coming to terms with the largest crimes in the history of Vienna and Austria is a process that has lasted decades and is still not complete. Since the 1980s, the City of Vienna has made many efforts to show the history and Jewish heritage in all its complexity. We will have the opportunity to experience Vienna's rich musical culture as we attend a concert in the evening.

On our tour we will also visit many of the key Jewish sites including the Judenplatz, the Holocaust Memorial and the beautiful City Temple.

The Wachau Valley (August 24th)

The Wachau is one of the most beautiful and famous regions in Austria. Visitors from all over the world come here to enjoy the picturesque landscape and the cultural heritage. Situated in the heart of the magnificent Wachau Valley, on the banks of the Danube, we will visit charming towns amidst breath taking scenery, that offer glimpses of traditional architecture, and places of significant historic interest.

Regensburg (August 25th)

Regensburg was the seat of the Imperial Diet of the Holy Roman Empire for 150 years. Like many other German Jewish communities, Regensburg, formerly known as Ratisbon, has a history of both prosperity and persecution. It was here that the mystical ascetic Hasidei Ashkenaz movement developed in the 17th century. Today the medieval center of Regensburg has been preserved and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Prague (August 26th- 28th)

As the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic, Prague has been a political, cultural, and economic center of central Europe with waxing and waning fortunes during its 1,100-year existence. Founded during the Romanesque and flourishing by the Gothic and Renaissance eras, Prague was not only the capital of the Czech state, but also the seat of two Holy Roman

Emperors and thus also the capital of the Holy Roman Empire. It was an important city to the Habsburg Monarchy and its Austro-Hungarian Empire and after World War I became the capital of Czechoslovakia. The city played major roles in the Protestant Reformation, the Thirty Years' War, and in 20th-century history, during both World Wars and the post-war Communist era. Prague is home to a number of famous cultural attractions, many of which survived the violence and destruction of 20th-century Europe. Main attractions include the Prague Castle, the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square with the Prague astronomical clock, the Jewish Quarter and Vyšehrad. Since 1992, the extensive historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.

Our stay in Prague will include Shabbat with the Jewish community, davening in the Altneu Synagogue, as well as daytime walking tours on Shabbat afternoon.

THE SHIP – THE MS SAPHIRE



The luxurious MS Sapphire offers you an array of stylish public areas and premium facilities; your time on board will be a highlight of your European journey.



Spanning 135 meters, the Sapphire has a total of 82 accommodations and carries a maximum of 164 passengers. It is our intention to bring no more than 100 guests on the ship so that we can ensure that you receive the personalized attention that we are known for.

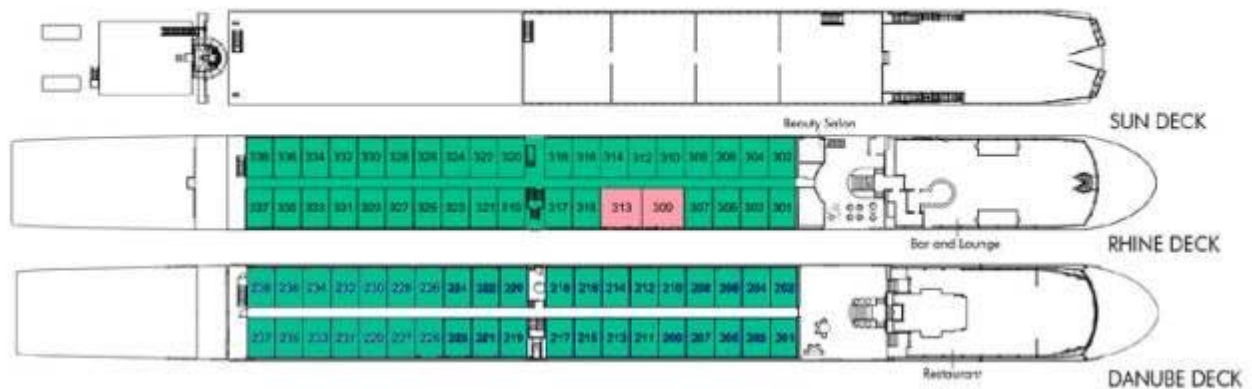
Staterooms come in two types: Danube French Balcony and Rhine French Balcony, with two Owners Suites completing the line-up. The Danube and Rhine French Balcony staterooms each have 172 square feet of floor space, French balconies, and floor-to-ceiling sliding doors,

which open to provide fresh air and views. Amenities across all categories include a deluxe queen-size bed (or 2 twins), climate control, a desk and vanity with a hair dryer, minibar, flat-screen TV, a closet with a safe, Wi-Fi (for a fee), and a bathroom with shower.

The two Owners Suites (subject to availability) are located on the right-hand side of the upper Rhine Deck, and have 258 square feet of floor space. Rooms come with a deluxe queen-size bed, a sitting area, climate control, a desk and vanity with a hair dryer, a closet with a safe, a full-size bathroom with a large shower, a flat-screen TV, minibar, Wi-Fi (for a fee), and a combination floor-to-ceiling glass window with a French balcony that opens.

Above the passenger accommodations is a spacious Sun Deck with sun chairs, an inside lounge and bar, dining room, hair salon, and a fitness center.

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THE SCHEDULE

Date	Location
August 16 / 17	Depart from your home destination
August 17 (Wednesday)	Arrive in Budapest. Transfer to Marriott Hotel for 2 nights. Program begins with dinner and orientation.
August 18 (Thursday)	Touring in Budapest
August 19 (Friday)	Touring in Budapest Board the Sapphire
August 20 (Shabbos)	Shabbat in Budapest Afternoon city walking tour Evening departure
August 21 (Sunday)	Touring in Bratislava Evening departure
August 22 (Monday)	Touring in Vienna Evening Concert
August 23 (Tuesday)	Touring in Vienna Evening departure
August 24 (Wednesday)	Touring of Villages of the Wachau Valley
August 25 (Thursday)	Touring in Regensburg Evening departure
August 26 (Friday)	Disembark in Pilsner Shabbat in Prague at King David Hotel
August 27 (Shabbos)	Shabbat in Prague with Jewish Community Afternoon city walking tour
August 28 (Sunday)	Depart from Prague in the AM back to home destinations

DANUBE CRUISE FACULTY

In addition to a number of local historians and guides that will be with us in each city, we are pleased to announce that we will be adding the expertise of the following guests to enhance your cruise and educational experience!



Prof. Jonathan Halevy has served as the Director-General of Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem for the past 26 years. Under his guidance and direction, Shaare Zedek has become the largest Hospital in Jerusalem and one of the largest medical facilities in Israel.

Prof. Halevy is the Chairman of the Israel Health Basket Committee, which meets annually to determine which drugs, medical procedures and technology will be approved and subsidized by the national health care system. Prof. Halevy is the author of many articles and books, including *Complementary and Alternative Medicine: All the Facts and Bedside Manner*.

Dr. Halevy attended Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University and was a visiting Fellow at Yale University School of Medicine from 1983-1985. His board specialties are Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology, and Health Administration. In addition to his many administration responsibilities, Prof. Halevy regularly treats patients in his capacity as a specialist in liver disease.



Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter serves as University Professor of Jewish History and Jewish Thought and Senior Scholar at the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. From 2000-2005 he served as the Dean of the Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Institute in Boston and was the first Rabbi of the Young Israel of Sharon, MA, from 1977-1981. From 1981-2000, he served as the Rabbi of The Jewish Center in New York City and also served as Rabbi of the Maimonides Minyan in Brookline, MA from 2000-2005.

Dr. Schacter holds a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages from Harvard University and received rabbinic ordination from Mesivta Torah Vodaath. He graduated from Brooklyn College in 1973, *Summa Cum Laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa* with the Abraham S. Goodhartz Award for Excellence in Judaic Studies. Dr. Schacter was a Teaching Fellow at Harvard from 1978-1980, Director of Yeshiva University's Torah u-Madda Project from 1986-1997, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Stern College for Women at Yeshiva University from 1993-1999. In 1995, he was awarded the prestigious Daniel Jeremy Silver Fellowship from the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University. He also presently serves as a member of the faculty of The Wexner Foundation.

Dr. Schacter is co-author of the award winning *A Modern Heretic and a Traditional Community: Mordecai M. Kaplan, Orthodoxy, and American Judaism* published by Columbia University Press in 1996, author of *The Lord is Righteous in All His Ways: Reflections on the Tish'ah be-Av Kinot by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik* (2006) and close to one hundred articles and reviews in Hebrew and English. He is also the editor of *Reverence, Righteousness and*

Rahamanut: Essays in Memory of Rabbi Dr. Leo Jung (1992), *Jewish Tradition and The Nontraditional Jew* (1992), and the award winning *Judaism's Encounter with other Cultures: Rejection or Integration?* (1997), and co-editor of *The Complete Service for the Period of Bereavement* (1995) and *New Perspectives on Jewish-Christian Relations: In Honor of David Berger* (Brill, 2012). He is the Founding Editor of *The Torah u-Madda Journal*, a prestigious academic publication which has gained international acclaim.



DR. ERICA BROWN is an educator and author who consults for the Jewish Agency and other Jewish non-profits and currently serves as the Community Scholar for The Jewish Center in Manhattan. She previously served as the scholar-in-residence for The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, where she directed the Jewish Leadership Institute. She also held that position at the Combined Jewish Philanthropies. Erica was a Jerusalem Fellow, is a faculty member of the Wexner Foundation, an Avi Chai Fellow, winner of the Ted Farber Professional Excellence Award, and is the recipient of the 2009 Covenant Award for her work in education and the 2012 Bernie Reisman Award (Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program, Brandeis University). Erica has

degrees from Yeshiva University, University of London, Harvard University and Baltimore Hebrew University. She lectures and writes widely on subjects of Jewish interest and leadership and lives with her husband and four children in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Erica is the author of 10 books. Her most recent book was *Seder Talk: A Conversational Haggada* (OU/Koren, January 2015) and her upcoming book is *Take Your Soul to Work: 365 Meditations on Every Day Leadership* (Simon and Schuster, December 2015). She is also the author of *Happier Endings: A Meditation on Life and Death* (Simon and Schuster), which won both the Wilbur and Nautilus awards for spiritual writing. She authored *Leadership in the Wilderness* (OU/Koren). Her previous books include *Inspired Jewish Leadership*, a National Jewish Book Award finalist, *Spiritual Boredom*, *Confronting Scandal* and co-author of *The Case for Jewish Peoplehood (all through Jewish Lights)* and *In the Narrow Places: Daily Inspiration for the Three Weeks* (OU Press/Koren) and *Return: Daily Inspiration for the Days of Awe* (OU/Koren). She writes a monthly column for the *New York Jewish Week* and has blogged for JTA, *Psychology Today* and *Newsweek/Washington Post's* "On Faith" and tweets on one page of Talmud study a day @DrEricaBrown. She also writes Weekly Jewish Wisdom. Access her articles at ericabrown.com.



Voted one of the top 10 comedians in New York City by the *Hollywood Reporter* and *BackStage*, **MODI** is one of the comedy circuits' most sought after performers. Featured on HBO, CBS, NBC, ABC, Comedy Central, Howard Stern and E! Entertainment, MODI has received rave reviews in the *New York Times*, *Time Out NY* and the *New York Post*. Born in Israel, MODI moved to the United States when he was seven.

After college, he worked as an investment banker and had no plans to become a stand-up comedian. But one open mic changed everything.

Amelia David of *BackStage* raves, "MODI has a young Sid Caesar-esque talent for creating accents and characters, making him appeal to a diverse market MODI has appeared in several feature films and played leading roles in two: *Waiting for Woody Allen*, which won the LA Film Festival, and *Stand Up*, a feature-length film. MODI is a regular performer at the New York and Los Angeles comedy clubs and headlines around the country. He has also gone on tour in the United Kingdom, Holland and Israel and performs in comedy

festivals and special venues, including Montreal's Just for Laughs Comedy Festival and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.



Rachel Wolf has worked at the American Committee for Shaare Zedek in varying capacities since 2002 and was appointed as its CEO in 2014. In her tenure with the organization, Rachel has combined her deep commitment to Shaare Zedek with her passion for creativity, technology and personalizing the donor experience with the Hospital.

Rachel was responsible for coordinating and leading Shaare Zedek's prior missions including the trips to Poland and Israel, China and Hong Kong, South Africa, and South America. Rachel was graduated from Barnard College with a BA in Psychology and is a long-time resident of the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Rachel is very active in her synagogue, The Jewish Center in New York City, and serves as the Director of Creative and Technical Services for VIPRAM Passover.



Chef Malcolm Green: Malcolm has been in the catering and hotel business since 1970. He ran his own 80 bedroom kosher hotel in the U.K. for five years. He was the Executive kosher chef for the Orient Lines Cruise Company for five years and is also currently Executive kosher chef for Kosher Cruise Experiences of New York and Ophir Tours of Israel. He has operated a Pesach program at a hotel in the U.K. for the past 23 years. Malcolm has catered in six of the seven continents. He holds Kashrut licenses in Israel (Netanya) and in the U.K. (KLBD). He caters in both countries and is one of the kosher world's leading caterers. All daily kosher meals will be freshly prepared in our own on

site kosher kitchens by the renowned chef Malcolm Green and his team.

PRICING

Due to current limited space on our Danube cruise, reservations can only be guaranteed with a deposit of \$2,500 per person which must be received within 7-days of booking. Final payment must be received no later than 120 days prior to departure or booking will be cancelled and payments forfeited and non-transferable. Deposit may be made with credit card, check, wire, or bank transfer. **We highly recommend all passengers take out travel insurance at time of initial booking.**

The price of the Shaare Zedek Cruise is as follows:

Land and River Only

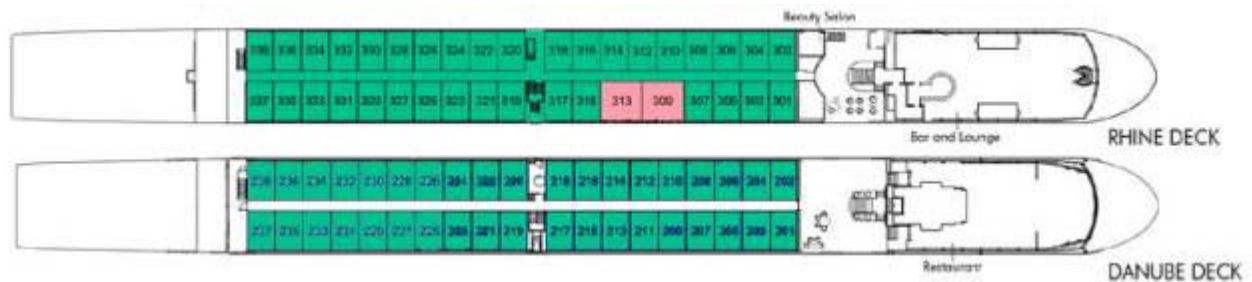
Danube Deck: \$7490 per person based on double occupancy – 172 sq. ft.

Rhine Deck: \$8090 per person based on double occupancy – 172 sq. ft.

Owners Suite: SOLD OUT

Single Supplement Danube Deck: +\$1,570

Single Supplement Rhine Deck: +\$2,070



Airfare

Participants are responsible for the international air portion of their trip. The program officially begins with dinner on the evening of August 17th. You should be flying into Budapest (arriving on the 17th) and departing from Prague (on the 28th). There are many flight options, too numerous to list, with many different airlines. If you have concerns about whether your flights work for our trip, feel free to call us at 212-764-8116.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Payments (per person)

A \$2,500 deposit is required at the time of reservation

Cancellations and Refunds (per person)

Payment is fully refundable through March 15th.

A full refund, less a \$1000 cancellation charge, will be given for cancellations received from March 15th – April 22nd.

The entire deposit will be non-refundable after April 22nd, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 22ND.

INVEST IN TRAVEL INSURANCE

Please remember that your investment in this cruise is significant. Arranging for travel insurance is a smart way to safeguard against life's surprises. Because of the costs of taking over the entire ship, we have no choice but to be very strict about the above payment policies.

Our tour operator will be pleased to offer our clients one of the most comprehensive travel protection policies in the industry. Unforeseen issues out of our control can happen both before and during your vacation. We believe that having adequate coverage gives our guests the peace of mind to fully enjoy their adventure. The details of this plan will be available shortly. Please be in touch with us for more information about this.

Tour Price Includes:

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- One all-inclusive price, including tax, port fees, and touring
- Experience: Proven reputation for running memorable all-inclusive, activity-oriented kosher travel programs and cruises
- Expert daily lectures on area history and Jewish heritage
- Delicious Glatt Kosher dining, with all meals included (buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon coffee, cakes & tea, dinner and midnight snack) in the elegant Panorama-Restaurant, which accommodates all guests in one seating
- \$150 onboard credit to be used for all on-board purchases and ship-only services
- On-site synagogue for daily Minyanim
- Touring: Guided touring at our ports of call with our faculty of historians, exploring thousands of years of European history and Jewish heritage.
- Use of all ship-board amenities and programming (some for an additional fee)
- Music performances and on-board entertainment
- Included features as specified in the itinerary
- Services of experienced cruise directors and staff throughout the cruise
- 7-night / 8-day cruise accommodation in outside stateroom
- 2 Nights in Marriott Hotel in Budapest
- 2 Nights in King David Hotel in Prague.
- Airport Transfers
- Gratuities

What's Not Included

- International Airfare: Guests should fly into Budapest (in time for dinner on the 17th) and depart from Prague (anytime on Sunday, August 28th).
- Miscellaneous on-board services and amenities
- Travel and baggage Insurance
- Expenses of a personal nature (including alcoholic drinks)



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Reservation Form

Name (as appears on Passport): _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Passport # _____ Date of Issue _____ Exp. Date _____ Date of Birth _____

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I would like to reserve the following room on the cruise:

Rhine Deck Danube Deck Owner's Suite*

Room selection based upon availability.

(Please note: If your passport expires within 6 months of this trip you must have your passport renewed or Airport Security will not allow you to fly.)

Special dietary needs/allergies: _____

Please indicate how many beds you need in the room (1 Queen or 2 Twins): _____

Checks made payable to the American Committee for Shaare Zedek should be sent to:
American Committee for Shaare Zedek
c/o Rachel Wolf
55 W. 39th Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10018

To pay by credit card:

Charge my: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Amex

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

FAQ

Q. What flights should I take?

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Q. How do we get to and from the ship?

A. Once your flight itinerary is complete, please let us know which flights you are taking and we will provide transfers.

Q. Is Internet available on board?

A. Internet service is available for a fee on the ship. Please note that river cruise ships use satellite connections so speeds are very slow with sometimes long breaks in service due to movement and location.

Q. Is there smoking on the ship?

A. All ship's interiors are non-smoking. Smoking is only permitted on the open air sun deck.

Q. Do all rooms have full private facilities?

A. Yes, each stateroom has a fully equipped bathroom and shower.

Q. Is there a TV in my stateroom?

A. Yes, there is satellite TV in each stateroom, though TV selections are limited

Q. Is there a safe in the room?

A. Yes, each stateroom has a personal safe for your use.

Q. Is sightseeing included?

A. Yes, tours as listed in the tour itinerary are included. Additional options may be offered when you are on the ship. Time is also allowed for self-exploration.

Q. Is there a doctor on board?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there laundry service on board?

A. Laundry service is available on board for a fee.

Q. What is the cuisine?

A. All meals on board are prepared by European-trained chefs under the supervision of our head chef Malcolm Green and consist of local food adjusted to appeal to North American tastes. The Kashrut for this trip is under the authority of the Kashrut Division of the London Beit Din.

Q. Can you accommodate special diet requests?

A. Yes, we can accommodate most special requests, diets, and food allergies. Please be sure to inform us at least one month prior to departure about your needs to find out if they can be accommodated and give us ample time to prepare. Last minute or some requests cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What is the dress code?

A. During the daytime casual attire is the norm. At dinner it is casual nice. Be sure to bring comfortable walking shoes for our tour days!

Q. What is the currency and can we use credit cards?

A. All the countries you will visit on the cruise, except for Hungary, use the Euro. The ship and many locations accept major credit cards; however in small towns they may not be widely accepted. In these cases you should have some local currency. ATM machines are located throughout most of Europe.

Q. Is a passport required?

A. Yes, a passport is required with at least six months of validity left from the date of your return. For non-U.S. passport holders please contact your airline to be sure you will be able to travel to or through all the countries on your itinerary.

Q. Is there tipping on board the ship?

A. Tipping is included as part of your package. This includes local guides and crew.

Q. What do you recommend for those passengers with mobility concerns?

A. We welcome guests with limited mobility but want all guests to understand that there are challenges on board and during shore excursions. Our ships do not have elevators and have split-level decks with stairs in between and/or significant thresholds that could make movement difficult. Shore excursions are a mix of walking and bus touring that requires movement over cobblestones, uneven terrain, and inclines. In addition you will have to go up and down bus steps and some of our larger buses may have two levels.