

GREAT GRAND NACHAS AND MORE @ J GRUEN TRAVEL  
ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT

A DELUXE KOSHER RIVER CRUISE TO

*Belgium &  
the Netherlands*

On the 5 Star Transcend Advance

Thursday - Monday

July 4 -15, 2024

12 days

11 nights



## Departing and returning to Amsterdam

With stops in Antwerp, Ghent, Middleburg, Rotterdam and Nijmegen

*Join us for this truly unparalleled experience:*

Transcend River Cruises is a leader in offering unique travel opportunities to Fortune 500 corporate clients. Now you will be able to enjoy the same!

Features 11 glorious nights aboard this exclusive luxury river cruise with only 50 cabins on calm waters

- Sail close to shore for endless views and sights
- The entire ship is Glatt Kosher, offering an elevated culinary experience, local delicacies and theme dinners
- Specialty coffees, cocktails, wine, liquor and all gratuities included
- In addition to the Transcend's top chef and sous chefs, our Kosher delivery team from Amsterdam will include 2 of the Netherlands finest Glatt kosher specialty chefs as well as 2 full time mashgichim.

All cabins have a large picture window and deluxe marble bath

Enjoy a piano bar with the only Steinway at sea, music, magic, mixology & more!

Fitness center, yoga & stretch classes, heated plunge pool and sun deck

Starlink- best wifi of any river ship

Local experts offering overviews of each port with a historic Jewish perspective

All excursions are included and feature full day and half day tours, Shabbos walking tours, plus time to explore, shop and enjoy the local culture.





*Belgium* is world renowned for its diamonds, fine chocolates and outstanding breweries.

*Holland and the Netherlands* evoke picturesque images of tulips, clogs, and fanciful windmills.

The rivers between them have calm scenic waters bursting with color, culture and history. Custom excursions feature the must-see sights, the masterpieces of the old masters, plus an in-depth Jewish perspective. This tour affords the unique vantage point that only a river cruise can offer. As you float past bustling towns and impressive landmarks, you will become immersed in this beautiful part of Europe and all that Belgium and the Netherlands have to offer.

This is a fabulous time to travel to this area, with weather conditions in the low 80's and low humidity.





# Daily Ship Schedule

- 7:00 AM MORNING FITNESS
- 7:30 AM MORNING MINYAN
- 8:00 AM BREAKFAST
- 9:00 AM TOURS DEPART
- 1:00 PM PICNIC LUNCH
- 5:00 PM TOURS RETURN
- 6:00 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION & ORIENTATION TO NEXT DAY'S PORT
- 6:45 PM MINCHA
- 7:00 PM DINNER
- 8:15 PM MAARIV
- 8:30 PM EVENING ENTERTAINMENT
- 9:30 PM DESSERT BUFFET & DEMONSTRATION
- 10:00 PM PIANO BAR & NIGHT CAP

# Shabbos Schedule

- 8:00 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8:45 AM SHACHARIS
- 9:30 AM KIDDUSH + TORAH READING
- 10:30 AM MUSSAF
- 12:00 PM GALA KIDDUSH
- 12:30 PM LECTURE/SHIUR
- 1:00 PM LUNCH SEUDAH
- 2:30 PM WALKING TOUR
- 4:30 PM SHABBOS MENUCHA
- 6:00 PM SHALOSH SHUDIS
- 7:00 PM NEWLYWED GAME
- 8:45 PM MAARIV & HAVDALAH
- 9:45 PM MUSICAL MELAVEH MALKA



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## *Antwerp*

The history of the Jews in Belgium goes back to the 1st century CE until today. The Jewish community numbered 66,000 on the eve of the Second World War but after the war and The Holocaust, now is less than half that number. Today, Belgium is home to more than 42,000 Jews, of whom two-thirds live in Antwerp. Antwerp is truly a quaint, but cosmopolitan city that will capture your heart as well as your imagination.

## *Day 1:*

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024

ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS ENROUTE TO ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Welcome to Amsterdam!

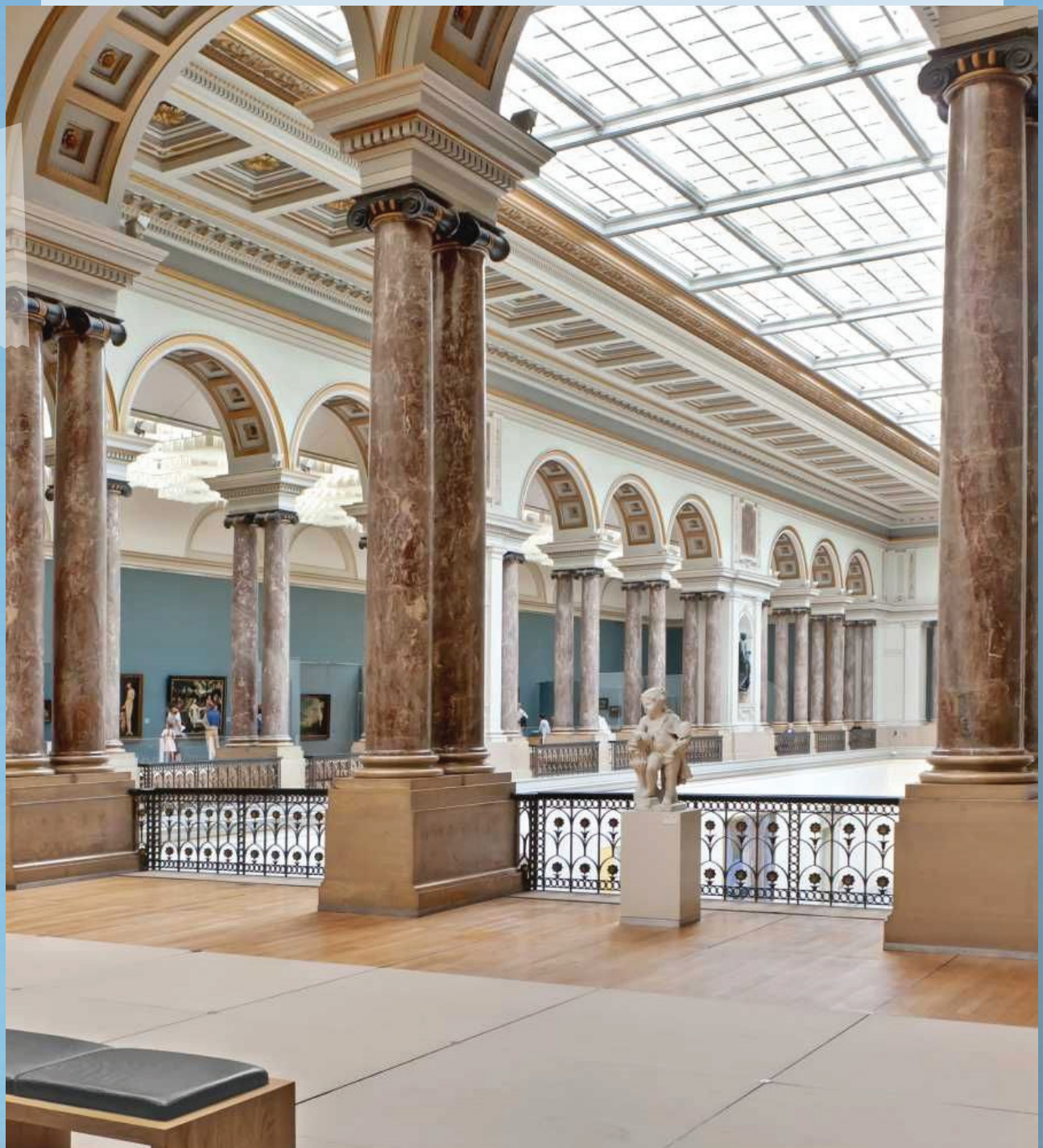
You will be picked up at the airport and travel to the Delft Porcelain Factory and the Hague for a wonderful tour of this world renowned landmark. Continue to Rotterdam where we board our magnificent river boat which will be our home for the next 12 days. Enjoy a sail-a-way cocktail on deck and a full evening program enroute to Antwerp.





*Day 2:*  
FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024  
ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Our first day in Antwerp includes a visit to the Royal Museum of Fine Arts, with an impressive collection including works by Peter Paul Rubens and other greats. Then visit the DIVA, the Museum of Diamonds, Jewelry and Silver to learn about the art of silversmithing and diamond fabrication. Stroll through Diamond Square Mile and learn about the centuries old diamond trade, the subject of the recent hit Netflix series *Rough Diamonds*. Return to the ship with time to relax and get ready for Shabbos.



*Day 3:*  
**SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024**  
**ANTWERP, BELGIUM**

In addition to enjoying a robust Shabbos program on our river boat, join us for a fascinating walking tour of Antwerp. Stroll past an impressive historic synagogue, several local sites of interest and get a real flavor of the Antwerp community.



*Day 4:*

**SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024  
ANTWERP, BELGIUM**

Before we depart Antwerp enjoy stops at the City Hall, gilded guild houses, and markets. At the Museum of the River, you can learn more about the area's glorious river and shipping history.

After enjoying views of Little Island, stop at the Red Star Line Museum to learn about emigration to the New World and enjoy the views from the Panoramic Tower.



# *Additional Ports of Call*

*Day 5:*

**MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024**

**GHENT, BELGIUM**

Ghent is the historical capital of Flanders, and boasts an array of cultural and architectural sites. Experience a visit to Gravensteen, the Castle of the Counts, and Bruges, one of the most picturesque towns in the region.



## *Day 6:*

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024

MIDDELBURG, NETHERLANDS

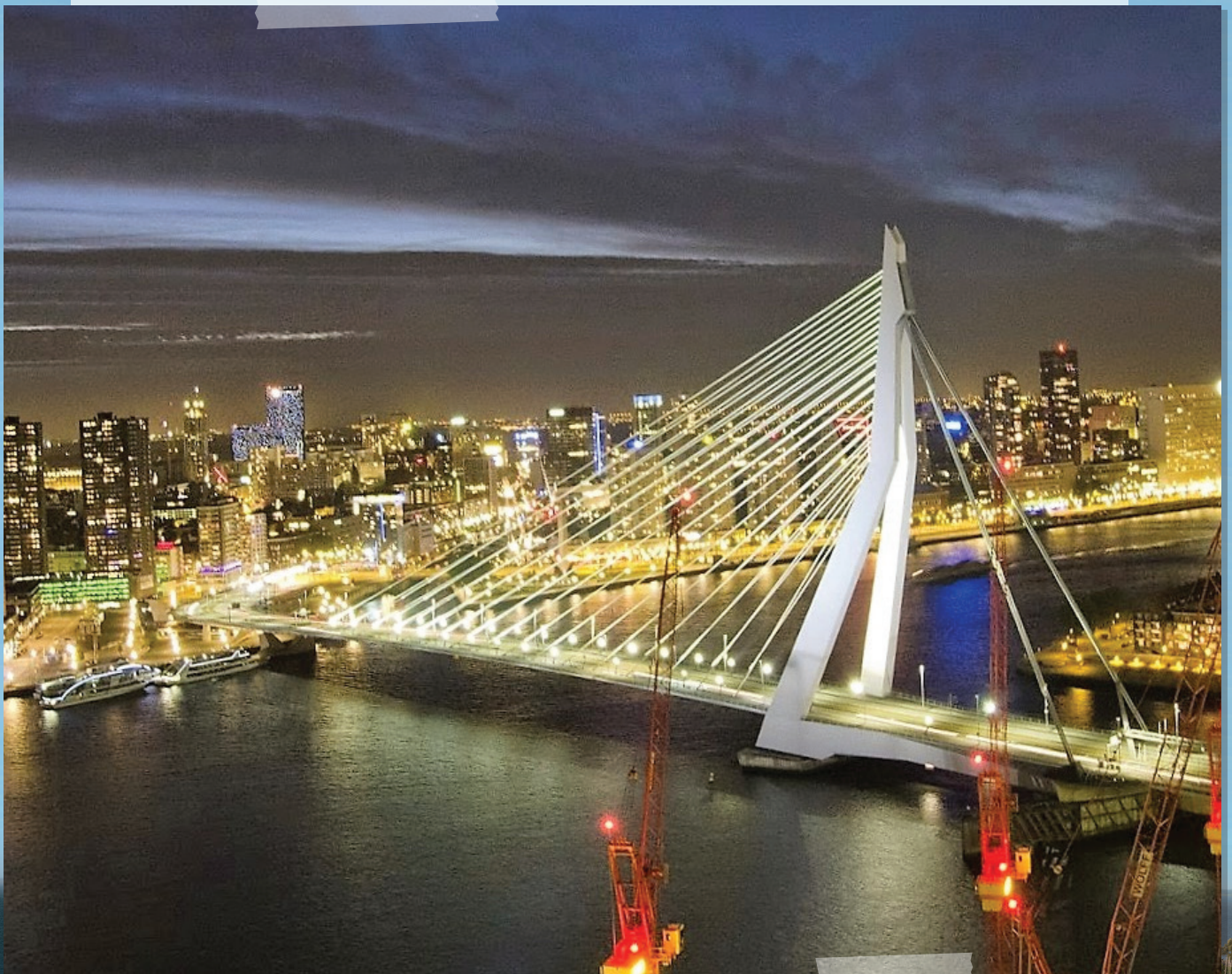
Middelburg was second in importance only to Amsterdam during the Dutch East India Company's heyday, and offers a lovely, walkable baroque experience. The fascinating Zeeuw's Museum features varied and eclectic exhibits. The town also boasts a beautifully restored shul, originally built in 1705, making it the first in Holland outside Amsterdam. Hear firsthand, from a local scholar, its most miraculous story.



*Day 7:*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024  
ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS**

Rotterdam is Europe's largest port, and has a rich and extensive history with the local Jewish Community as well as Jewish emigration to the New World. Enjoy a guided walking tour and scenic harbor cruise. Visit novel attractions, most notably the Sonneveld House and others.



*Day 8:*

**THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024  
NIJMEGEN, NETHERLANDS**

The scene of one of WWII's most noted battles, Operation Market Garden, Nijmegen will be the jumping off point for a full day trip to Holland's answer to Versailles at the royal summer home of Palais Het Loo. Then visit the superlative Kroller-Muller Museum, which boasts the world's second largest collection of Van Gogh paintings, among other world renown masterpieces of art and sculpture.



# *Amsterdam*

Travel to the capital of the Netherlands and experience Amsterdam's renowned landmarks, museums and unique merchants. Amsterdam is a lively city surrounded by beautiful, cobbled streets and spacious parks, world-famous for its museums, canals, and friendly and tolerant atmosphere. This destination draws millions of international vacationers to its famous attractions.



## *Day 9:*

**FRIDAY,  
JULY 12, 2024  
AMSTERDAM,  
NETHERLANDS**

Today will feature an overview of Jewish history and Jewish life, visit the Jewish Museum. A stop at the Dutch Theater, a memorial and former Jewish detention center, and the Dutch Resistance Museum provides further historical context before we get ready to enjoy another wonderful Shabbos together.





*Day 10:*  
**SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024**  
**AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS**

We spend our final Shabbat in Amsterdam. Experience the Jewish Quarter, the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, and visit the Gerard Doustraat Synagogue, a beautifully restored shul.



*Day 11:*

**SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024  
AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS**

We will spend the day reveling in Museumplein, which borders Amsterdam's finest museums and classical concert hall. Amsterdam's best acoustics is under the RijksMuseum, where street musicians perform classical and contemporary favorites. Visit the RijksMuseum, stroll Vondelpark and the lovely gardens and take in the cultural heart of this great city.



*Day 12:*

**MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024  
AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS**

Pass through the historic Red-Light District and the Jordaan area enroute to the Anne Frank House. You will be sure to have experienced Amsterdam to the fullest before you head to the airport for your flight home.



## ABOUT OUR TRAVEL TEAM

Judy Gruen, the heart behind J. Gruen Travel since 1989, brings over 30 years of travel industry expertise to curate seamless boutique trips, family vacations, and group tours. Renowned for her personal touch, she has orchestrated thousands of gratifying journeys worldwide, ensuring every detail- flights, hotels, restaurants, and tour packages- are tailored with warmth and care for any budget.

For many years, and most recently with the current situation, Judy is offering and leading missions throughout Israel to volunteer and bring aid and good cheer to victims of terror and others in need.

For over 10 years, Milton and Fran Pfeiffer of Great Grand Nachas and More, have led exciting successful tours throughout the world for Shomer Shabbos groups.

*We look forward to your participation in our next adventure!*



## Cabin Choices

188 sq ft deck 2	\$5995 per person	(cabins 6)
188 sq ft deck 3	\$6195 per person	(cabins 9)
253 sq ft deck 2	\$7295 per person	(cabins 20)
253 sq ft deck 3	\$7495 per person	(cabins 15)
TOTAL CABINS: 50		

**Prices based on double occupancy. Due to the limited space available on this ship, we cannot accommodate special rates for single occupancy. To guarantee your spot, kindly reserve immediately and submit your non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person made out to Great Grand Nachas & More.**

**\$1500 per person additional due by February 15, with final balance due by March 15 made payable to J Gruen Travel**

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