

# A SPECTACULAR MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE, ON THE LUXURY LINER MS NIEUW AMSTERDAM INCLUDING VISITS TO ITALY, FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL WITH A KASHRUT SUPERVISOR ABOARD SHIP 14 DAYS

The Mediterranean Sea, cradle of Western culture, is blessed with an abundance of beautiful cities, antiquities, archeological sites and amazing beaches. The countries that border the Mediterranean have different characteristics, diverse nationalities, varied languages, and plenty port cities. If we add to all this perfect weather and a pampering cruise liner so there's no need to change hotels as the tour proceeds, we arrive at the best possible vacation trip. Welcome Aboard!



## **Day 1. Friday, July 31, 2020: Barcelona**

We'll meet at the airport and fly to Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, Spain. After landing we'll immediately set out to tour one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. We'll see one of the famous works of the famous architect Antonio Gaudi, "Sagrada Familia", one of the city's emblems. Gaudi didn't live to see it completed. In fact, it's still not quite finished! During the tour, we'll see additional buildings created by Gaudi, which are scattered throughout the city. He definitely left a marked imprint on Barcelona. After the tour we'll transfer to our hotel and prepare for Shabbat.

## **Day 2. Shabbat, August 1, 2020: Barcelona**

After Shabbat services and kiddush, we'll take a walking tour of the area near our hotel.

**Day 3. Sunday, August 2, 2020: Barcelona – All Aboard the luxury liner MS NIEUW AMSTERDAM**

After breakfast, we'll continue our tour of the city. We'll see Catalonia Square, the city's renowned main square. We'll also see the monument dedicated to Christopher Columbus, the sea-going explorer who sailed under the Spanish flag. We'll stroll down the hustling and bustling Ramblas Boulevard as well as the nearby Bouqueria market. After the tour we'll travel to the port and board our luxury ship - a 5-star deluxe floating hotel, that will serve as our deluxe bouyant home for the duration of our cruise. The views are wonderful, the service is fantastic, and there's a wealth of shows, interesting lectures, casino, coffee shops, library, swimming pools, sports facilities and everything the MS NIEUW AMSTERDAM offers for a very enjoyable holiday and recreation. Anchors away is at 17:00.



The MS NIEUW AMSTERDAM is one of Holland America Lines' newest and most luxurious ships. Here are some details about it:

- **11 guest decks**
- **Swimming pool and sun terraces**
- **Restaurants and lounges with wonderful panoramic views**
- **Elegant boutique**
- **Cinema - movies every day**
- **Spaces for music, musicians and singers**
- **Elegant bar area**
- **Spaces for exercise and walking (spa and paid treatments)**
- **Auditorium**
- **\*\*\* Especially for us – our own room for prayer and lectures \*\*\***
- **A sumptuous dining room - including our own section, with rich, fresh and abundant catering**
- **Spacious and elegant staterooms with sea-view windows (private balconies at an extra cost)**
- **TV and DVD - it is possible and even recommended to bring interesting films from home**

In addition, aboard ship you'll find luxurious halls for performances, musical ensembles and singers, a casino, bars, an entertainment team, and plenty activities every day.

**Day 4. Monday, August 3, 2020: Marseilles, Aix-en-Provence, Casis (France)**

Today we drop anchor in Marseille, France. We'll drive to Aix-en-Provence, the historic capital of the Provence region. We will tour the picturesque streets of Aix-en-Provence and visit the Cézanne Museum. Paul Cézanne is considered the "father of modern art." He was born in Aix-en-Provence in 1839 and is now considered one of the great innovators, an artist who paved the way for some of the greats who followed him, such as Picasso, Matisse, Kandinsky and many others. We will continue to the town of Cassis, a Mediterranean fishing port in southern France. Overlooked by a centuries-old château, it's known for pebbly beaches and its calanques, narrow inlets framed by steep, limestone cliffs. Weather permitting, we'll cruise around the area's azure bays. Before returning to the ship, we'll enjoy a panoramic tour of Marseille.

**Day 5. Tuesday, August 4, 2020: Monte Carlo, Monaco, Nice (France)**

Today we dock at the port of Monte Carlo in Monaco, the world's smallest principality. We'll be able to look out over the beautiful bay with its multitude of private yachts and explore the busy alleys of the Old City. We'll take a look at the royal palace and stop at the most famous casino square in the world. After the tour we will visit Nice, the jewel in the crown of the French Riviera. We'll tour the Old City and admire the colorful beauty of the city. Then we'll continue to the prestigious promenade which is the city's most prominent symbol.

**Day 6. Wednesday, August 5, 2020: Livorno, Firenze, Pisa (Italy)**

Today we'll spend long and joyful day in Livorno, starting at the Jewish Museum. We'll see the new synagogue and the neighborhood of the Jewish community, which includes Italian Jews, Sephardim and Ashkenazim. We'll hear the story of the community of local merchants, rabbis and writers who contributed to our Jewish heritage throughout the ages. From there we will continue to Firenze (Florence). This too is one of the most beautiful cities in Italy and Europe, which served as home to some of the greatest names in the world of culture - Michelangelo, Dante and Machiavelli. Firenze is the cradle of the Renaissance, with a rich cultural and artistic past and present, which are milestones in world history. We'll tour the Duomo square. We'll also see the Piazza della Signoria, an "open museum" of statues of famous artists and beautiful buildings. We'll cross the famous Ponte Vecchio bridge over the Arno River, after which we'll visit the magnificent, grand synagogue in Florence, one of the most beautiful in Europe. From Firenze we'll continue to Pisa, famous its leaning tower.

**Day 7. Thursday, August 6, 2020: Rome (Italy)**

Today we'll dock near Rome, capital of Italy, and one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Upon arrival, we'll start our guided tour of this historic city, taking in Capitol Hill, the Roman Forum, the Arch of Titus and the most famous site of all – the Colosseum. We'll also visit the Jewish Ghetto and the renowned Spanish Steps.

**Day 8. Friday, August 7, 2020: Napoli, Sorrento, the Amalfi Coast**

Today we'll drop anchor in Naples, Italy's third largest city and the capital of Campania province. Campagna is famous for two items of special interest: it's the home of the famous Campagna Etrogim, and also the place where the world's best Limoncello is made. We'll travel to the town of Sorrento - a picturesque and romantic gem in the Gulf of Naples. Here, we'll stroll through the small alleys of Sorrento, overlook the sea view in front of us and imbibe the local atmosphere. We'll then drive along on the Amalfi coast which is arguably *the* most beautiful road in the world. From it, we'll see the lofty mountain slopes, the islands and the deep blue Mediterranean Sea. We'll stop for a view of colorful Positano and continue on the beautiful road to Amalfi, formerly a maritime power and for which the coastline is named. After the tour of this gorgeous village, we will climb to the town of Ravello, surrounded by vineyards and orchards, on the 360-meter-high mountain terrace, above Amalfi. Once we've parked our vehicle, we'll climb up the stairs to the charming Duomo square, surrounded by quaint shops and delightful cafes. At the end of the tour we will return to the ship and prepare for Shabbat.

**Day 9. Shabbat, August 8, 2020: Taormina (Sicily).**

Today the ship will dock in the Sicilian town of Taormina. We'll remain on board to enjoy Shabbat services and Shabbat meals, as well as lectures and shiurim in the best tradition of Shai Bar-Ilan, and be able to enjoy the ship's wonderful, pampering facilities.

**Day 10. Sunday, August 9, 2020: At Sea**

A day at sea is a truly relaxing experience. This is the day to enjoy the spa or spend a few hours in the library. The duty-free stores are open, as is the casino. Maybe grab a deck chair and lounge by the pool or take a dip as well in the jacuzzi. This is the best down time available. Take in a movie in the theater and don't forget tonight's show in the auditorium!

**Day 11. Monday, August 10, 2020: Corfu, Kerkira (Greece)**

Today we dock in Corfu, the "greenest" of the thousands of Greek islands. The Island of Corfu is located in the Ionian Sea and is the second largest group of Ionian islands. The name Corfu originated from Italy and is a distortion of the original Byzantine name. Locals still use the name of a legendary nymph named Kerkira that Poseidon fell in love with, snatched it to the island and gave the island its name. We will visit the town of Corfu, the central town and the capital of the island. We will stroll through the picturesque alleys of the Old City, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is characterized by typical Venetian construction. We'll also visit the Jewish quarter and learn about the Jewish history of Corfu.

**Day 12. Tuesday, August 11, 2020: Dubrovnik (Croatia)**

This morning our beautiful luxury liner will arrive to Dubrovnik, the Pearl of the Adriatic. We'll go ashore to tour the picturesque walled port city. These walls, which were built between the 13th and 16th centuries, are among Europe's best-preserved fortifications. We'll stroll along the Placa, the main street of the Old City, from where we'll continue to visit the local synagogue where we'll hear about the history of the Jewish community which was founded in the late 14th century.

**Day 13. Wednesday, August 12, 2020: Kotor, Budva (Montenegro)**

Today we'll drop anchor in Kotor Bay - the world's most beautiful meeting place of mountains and sea, a fjord that enters deep inland and is surrounded by ancient towns and soaring mountains. We'll visit the town of Kotor where the medieval wall, picturesque streets and Venetian palaces are well preserved. We'll visit the Old City, which for centuries has valiantly withstood attacks by many kingdoms and enemies. We'll continue to visit the town of Budva, a beach and luxury resort town, dating back to the ancient settlements in the Balkans. The old city, surrounded by walls and towers, lies on a small peninsula connected by a sandy strip to the mainland. We'll tour the narrow streets connecting small squares with statues, cafes, wine shops and restaurants.

**Day 14. Thursday, August 13, 2020: Venice (Italy) – Back home**

Our cruise comes to an end today as we anchor in the Port of Venice. It's time to bid a very sad farewell to the wonderful MS NIEUW AMSTERDAM that has delighted us on our cruise. We'll disembark from the ship and take a stroll in this unique town that is built on hundreds of islands, with waterways that serve as access roads. We'll visit the most beautiful and well-known San Marco square, also known as the "Pigeon Square", which has starred in many movies and was described in even more books. Overlooking the Campanilla – we'll see the bell tower and the Doge's Palace as we walk along the canals and bridges to the Rialto Bridge and stand on the famous "sighing" bridge. Finally, we'll continue to the first Jewish ghetto in the world with its numerous ancient synagogues. Our fascinating cruise and many land excursions have now come to an end. We'll fly back home.

## **DATES, PRICES AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

TOUR CODE	DEPARTS	RETURNS	DAYS	PER PERSON WINDOW	PER PERSON BALCONY	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (WINDOW)
EPMD3107	July 31, 2020	August 13, 2020	14 Days	\$5,790	\$6,740	\$3,690

### **Price Includes:**

- Air-conditioned tourist coach
- 12-day cruise on the MS NIEUW AMSTERDAM – Room with a win
- Travel, baggage and basic health insurance
- Kosher half-board for all the tour including supplies to make sandwiches for lunch
- Kosher full board during the cruise
- Professional experienced English-speaking guide
- Entrance to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Kashrut and Logistics supervisor on the cruise
- Tips for local service providers

### **Price Excludes**

- International flights
- Tips for Ship's staff - \$15 per person per day in a Window Cabin, and \$16 per person per day for guests in veranda cabins or suites, to be paid directly to the ship.
- Personal expenses and services
- Shows and evening entertainment not included in the above itinerary
- Tip for guide (Recommended: \$5 per person per day)

### **Terms of Payment**

- Registration fee is \$ 500 per person
- Up to 90 days before the trip, supplementing 30% of the cost of the trip
- Up to 45 days before the trip, supplementing 100% of the cost of the trip

### **Terms of cancellation**

- When canceling for any reason from the time of registration and up to 90 working days before departure, the passenger will be charged \$ 97 only
- Cancellation for any reason from 89 working days to 30 working days before the trip the passenger will be charged \$ 1500 + \$ 47
- Canceled for any reason from 29 working days to 14 working days before the trip the passenger will be charged \$ 2500 + \$ 47
- If canceled for any reason from 13 working days before the trip until the date of departure the passenger will be charged the full cost of the trip including all the accompanying costs.

**\* If visas are issued to the countries of destination and / or flights, the prices will be added to the specified cancellation fees**

### Remarks

- ❖ Fridays and Saturdays, holidays and holidays in Israel, Sundays and holidays abroad are not counted as a working day count.
- ❖ If any air tickets are issued or additional services such as a visa are purchased, etc., their prices will be added to the cancellation fees specified above.
- ❖ In case of change, cancellation or malfunction related to flights, cruise or transportation, the responsibility lies with the airline or transportation company.
- ❖ There may be changes in the itinerary due to changes in internal flight times and other objective reasons.
- ❖ The performance of the trip is subject to the conditions and responsibilities as they appear on the website
- ❖ Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the date of return