

# CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF CENTRAL EUROPE EASTBOUND

GOLDEN EAGLE | DANUBE EXPRESS



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#### **ABOUT OUR COMPANY**

Established as one of the leading, independent and family owned luxury train specialists, our focus is on well thought through private and personally selected rail adventures. Our emphasis is very much on the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We regard the rail journeys we offer as a trip of a lifetime and use our experience and knowledge to make it that for you.

The Luxury Train Travel Company is a trading name of Headseast Ltd, a UK based, independent, family owned travel company. We operate several brands in addition to The Luxury Train Travel Company including <u>"The Latin America Travel Company"</u> <u>"The Trans-Siberian Travel Company"</u> and <u>"The China Travel Company"</u>. Our clients come from all over the world.





# **GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS | CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF CENTRAL EUROPE EASTBOUND**

# 7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS

Munich ● Salzburg ● Vienna ● Budapest

Journey between Central Europe's most classical Christmas Markets aboard the nostalgically appointed Golden Eagle Danube Express. Daylight running of our private train through the Alps provide magical winter wonderland photographic opportunities throughout the itinerary.

Weave through the snow-capped peaks of the Austrian Alps before enjoying the joys of the festive season with this expertly curated itinerary – perfectly designed to indulge the senses at the most wonderful time of the year. Signature Golden Eagle Luxury Trains experiences include a magical concert of Viennese Christmas folk songs, a traditional 'Fiaker' (horsedrawn carriage) through Vienna's grand boulevard and a tasting session of the traditional Pirker gingerbread in front of the iconic St Stephen's Cathedral.





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Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find full details of this itinerary in this dossier. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards, The Luxury Train Travel Company.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS - PLEASE BOOK WELL IN ADVANCE

- Champagne reception on departure
- Extended visits to the Christmas Markets of Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg and Munich
- See Vienna stunning Old Town by horse-drawn carriage
- Tasting experience of the traditional Pirker gingerbread in front of the iconic St Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna







# **DETAILED ITINERARY**

The following pages contain a detailed day by day itinerary for this trip. Note that all itineraries are subject to change and a final itinerary will be given shortly before your trip begins.

"I can't tell you how much we appreciate all the pre planning you helped us with. It was a trip of a lifetime experienced by few. Personally I feel privileged to have experienced this part of the world.

Thanks again for all you did for us."

Gail & Cathy



# YOUR DETAILED DAY RY DAY ITINERARY

# DAY 1



# **MUNICH**

#### **ARRIVAL & WELCOME RECEPTION & DINNER**

Arrivals day in Munich, where you will be met and transferred to the five-star Sofitel Munich Bayerpost for a two-night stay. An elegant, modern hotel in the historic setting of Munich's former Bavarian Royal Post Office, the hotel is perfectly located in the vibrant heart of the city. Just a five-minute leisurely stroll takes you to Karlsplatz Stachus, which leads onto one of the city's most popular shopping streets. Neuhauser Strasse; and at the other end of this street is Marienplatz, in the Altstadt (Old Town).

Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception dinner in the elegant surroundings of this contemporary design hotel.

**Meals Included:** Dinner.

#### A WARM WELCOME

From the moment our guests arrive, they are cared for by our professional train management team. On arrival at the airport or railway station, guests are met and transferred to our first night's stay in a 5 star hotel with no tipping or baggage handling charges to be concerned about.

On the first evening, all our guests are invited to a champagne reception prior to the welcome dinner, to get acquainted with fellow guests and to meet with the train management team and learn about the excitement that awaits them.

### **OVERNIGHT**

#### **BAYERISCHER HOF MUNICH**



A luxurious five-star hotel offering elegant accommodations, world-class dining, a rooftop spa, and exceptional service in a historic setting.





\*Hotel shown for guidance only with exact hotels not finalised until 6 weeks before the trip start date.



# YNIIR DETAILEN DAY RY DAY ITINERARY

# **DAY 2**



# **MUNICH**

#### **EXPLORE THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF MUNICH**

Electrified by the indescribable buzz of vuletide cheer, Christmas in Munich is truly magic. One of the most famous of all the city's Christmas markets is located on Marienplatz in the heart of the city. This centuries-old market, which had its beginnings in the 1600s, is a fresh mix of old and new – keeping to older Bavarian traditions, with mouth-watering Brätwurst and freshly roasted chestnuts, presented alongside decadent sweet treats and intriguing electric creations. Watching over, a majestically illuminated Christmas tree casts a charismatic glow over the bustling square – perfectly adding to the festive feel.

This afternoon you will get to know Munich's unique Haidhausen district. Haidhausen has developed from working-class quarter into popular residential area. When strolling along the narrow streets with small shops and green courtyards, it almost feels like being in a village in the middle of the city. Haidhausen has always been extremely important for Munich's beer tradition. The area's former inns, dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries, have now been lovingly restored.

We will also visit also the charming and cosy Christmas market at Weißenburger Platz. The day ends in a typical Bavarian inn where we can taste different kind of beers and enjoy traditional Bavarian White Sausage with Pretzel.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

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# **HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY**









# YNIIR DETAILED DAY RY DAY ITINERARY

# DAY 3

# **SALZBURG**

#### JOIN THE DANUBE EXPRESS & HEAD INTO AUSTRIA

In the late morning, you'll head to Munich railway station for a pre-boarding drinks reception before starting your journey on the Golden Eagle Danube Express. Commencing this extraordinary adventure, a Bavarian-inspired Oompah brass band will entertain as the train departs, and cabin attendants will guide you to your private en-suite cabin. As the train departs Munich, savor lunch in the Restaurant Car, taking in the breathtaking Bavarian scenery. Crossing into Austria, our first stop is in the enchanting city of Salzburg this afternoon. Salzburg, nestled in the Alps' northern foothills, provides a fairy-tale setting during the festive season, with snow-capped peaks and the meandering Salzach River. Experience the magic of Mozart's city through Christmas markets, Advent concerts, and local traditions.

Explore the city's heart this afternoon, starting at the UNESCO-listed Mirabell Palace, a baroque masterpiece famous for its 17th-century allure and appearance in The Sound of Music. Visit the former Mozart Residence, now a museum, on Market Square, and cross the Makartsteg bridge into the Old Town. Stroll along Getreidegasse, known for wrought-iron signs and Mozart's birthplace.

The evening in Salzburg unfolds at the Salzburger Christkindlmarkt, among the world's oldest and most beautiful Christmas markets. Located on Domplatz and Residenzplatz in the Old Town, this market exudes holiday charm with traditional stalls and a rich history. Bells ring from onion-domed churches, the scent of pine and cinnamon-filled mulled wine wafts through the crisp winter air, creating an incomparable holiday ambiance.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

# **OVERNIGHT**



**BUDAPEST - VIENNA** 





# DAY 4

# **SALZBURG**

#### **EXPLORING THE CITY & CHRISTMAS MARKETS & PRIVATE CONCERT**

Following a leisurely breakfast onboard our private train, we make a visit to the DomQuartier, a unique cultural highlight in the heart of Salzburg. Over 400 years ago, the powerful prince archbishops began to transform the wealthy city of Salzburg into a baroque jewel and an urban masterpiece was created, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Residenz and cathedral area, complemented by the Benedictine monastery of St. Peter can be experienced as a continuous tour. The terrace above the Cathedral Arches reveals stunning views of the Salzburg historic district as well as the mountains surrounding the city. A special view to end our time in Salzburg.

A special highlight this afternoon onboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express as we traverse the Semmering Pass en-route to Vienna, a stunning feat of engineering with spectacular alpine views to be enjoyed with afternoon tea being served from the warmth of the Bar Lounge Car.

This evening, we will enjoy a private concert featuring the Vienna Supreme Orchestra.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

# **OVERNIGHT**



**VIENNA** 





# **HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY**









# **YNIIR NETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY**

# **DAY 5**



#### A DAY EXPLORING BEAUTIFUL VIENNA IN WINTER

A beautiful city to explore at any time of the year, but wintertime in Vienna is an extra special experience. Exquisitely illuminated with hanging lights of the Christmas markets. Vienna's squares are brimming with culinary treats, handmade gifts, and quaint ornaments. We will explore this beautiful city, with a panoramic tour of the grand boulevard encircling Vienna's historic quarters. From here we will enjoy a traditional 'Fiaker' (horse-drawn carriage) ride through the charming city streets, before sampling the traditional Pirker gingerbread in front of magnificent St Stephen's.

Hofburg Palace has been the heart of power in Vienna since 1279, so naturally it is rich with history that can't be experienced anywhere else. Once the Habsburg's winter residence, this massive palace complex now serves as the workplace and home of the President of Austria. During our visit we'll meet a choir who will provide a short concert of traditional Viennese Christmas folk songs.

After lunch we continue to the Schönbrunn Palace, with a tour included. The palace also provides the perfect backdrop for the Christmas Market and is perhaps the most classically stylish of all the Vienna markets. The exclusive assortment of booths includes traditional handicrafts, pretty Christmas decorations and toys. Sweet, spicy, and hearty temptations are waiting on every corner and enchant the huge square in front of the palace with enticing aromas. Savour a cup of punch at the famous Café Residenz booth and enjoy some time or Christmas shopping before we head back to the train for dinner.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## **OVERNIGHT**



**SALZBURG - MUNICH** 





# YNIIR DETAILED DAY RY DAY ITINERARY

# DAY 6



#### JOURNEY FROM VIENNA ACROSS A WINTER LANDSCAPE INTO HUNGARY

This morning we will visit the Museum of Fine Arts which is the largest art museum in Austria and located right in the heart of the city. Opened to the public in 1891, the main part of the museum's collection is made up of artworks acquired by the Habsburg dynasty. We will also enjoy a trip to the Christmas market situated on Maria-Theresien Platz.

We return to the train for lunch as we wind through whimsical wintery landscapes of Hungary, before arriving at our final stop of Budapest. We stay for two nights at the Four Seasons Gresham Palace.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

# **OVERNIGHT**

#### **FOUR SEASONS GRESHAM PALACE**



Overlooking a park on the banks of the Danube. this luxe, art nouveau-style hotel has a lobby bar and a brasserie, plus a spa, gym and indoor pool.





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# DAY 7



#### **FULL DAY EXPLORING THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY**

Budapest is an alliance of two cities separated by the Danube. The old city of Buda and the imposing Royal Palace, dominates the city with stunning views across the Danube to the commercial heart of Pest.

Our city tour includes the Royal Palace, St. Mathias Church, and a panoramic view of the city from Gellert Hill. We will also see the Citadel, the Opera House, St Stephen's Cathedral, Heroes Square, and the City Park.

Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Make sure to take the opportunity to stroll through the many Christmas Markets scattered around the city. You may want to visit the historic Great Market Hall with its endless variety of delicious foods and wines or warm up and head to one of the city's famous thermal baths for a rejuvenating Christmas dip.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## **OVERNIGHT**

#### **FOUR SEASONS GRESHAM PALACE**



Overlooking a park on the banks of the Danube, this luxe, art nouveau-style hotel has a lobby bar and a brasserie, plus a spa, gym and indoor pool.





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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

# DAY 8

# **END OF TOUR**

#### **DEPART HUNGARY OR EXTEND YOUR STAY**

Following breakfast in the hotel you will be transferred to the airport for onward departures.

Meals Included: Breakfast.





# 2026

#### CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF CENTRAL EUROPE EASTBOUND - DATES & PRICES PER PERSON GBP / USD / EURO \*

Starts in Munich on the 7th December 2026 & finishes in Budapest on the 14th December 2026

\* All Dates Subject To Availability - Many Trips Sell Out Long In Advance \*

CABIN	<b>DELUXE</b> See following pages for cabin description			SUPERIOR DELUXE See following pages for cabin description		
TWIN SINGLE	£ 8,400 £ 12,600	\$ 10,700 \$ 16,100	€ 9,900 € 14,900	£ 10,700 £ 17,700	\$ 13,800 \$ 22,600	€ 12,800 € 20,900
Deposit	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%

<sup>\*</sup> The published prices for this tour are as listed above in GB Pounds, US Dollars and Euros. However, we can quote and accept payment in Singaporean Dollars, Australian Dollars, Canadian Dollars and more. **Contact us** for a confirmed quote in your preferred currency.

# **GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- √ 3 countries: Hungary, Austria and Germany.
- ✓ Quality pre and post tour accommodation in Budapest and Munich.
- ✓ Private en-suite accommodation on the Golden Eagle Danube Express train.
- ✓ Freshly prepared meals on board, using the finest local ingredients.
- ✓ Authentic dining experiences in local restaurants.
- ✓ Inclusive alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages from Standard Bar list.
- ✓ Expertly guided off-train excursions as detailed in the itinerary.
- ✓ Cabin attendant service including evening turndown.
- ✓ Experienced Tour Management team.
- ✓ Arrival and departure transfers.
- ✓ All gratuities on and off the train.
- ✓ Luggage porterage throughout the journey.

#### NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of the trip.
- ✗ Visas we can advise and partner with VisaCentral.
- **X** Travel Insurance to cover any medical treatment etc.
- **X** Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION & T & Cs

- The tour may be cancelled if the minimum number of participants required for a trip is not met. It is rare this happens and if it does you will be offered a date / trip change or refund of the deposit (any decision is taken outside 90 days before the trip start date). Note there may be no refund for additional services such as flights or other travel arrangements you have made separately.
- We require all clients to take out travel / trip cancellation and to have valid medical insurance for all our trips.
- Due to the intricate logistics of this tour, itinerary changes are sometimes unavoidable.
- On booking a deposit of 25% plus any international flights we are booking for you.
- Full payment is required 90 days before the trip start date.
- International flights, visa fees and any services not mentioned are not included in the price.

#### **Updated Cancellation Terms from 1st October 2025:**

- Up to 91 days prior to departure: 10% plus any flights we book for you.
- 90-61 days or less prior to departure: 50% of total price.
- Within 60 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total price.
- Any part of the program that is missed because of late arrival is non-refundable.



#### EXPERIENCE 🗸

We have been arranging luxury train tours since 2008 and have long relationships with key providers.

#### PRICE PROMISE 🗸

In most cases we will offer to match any bona fide, like for like quote for your trip from another agent or operator.

#### INDEPENDENT ADVICE 🗸

We give open and impartial advice and it is important to us that you book the right rail trip for you.

#### PEACE OF MIND 🗸

We are members of ABTA and most trips are protected by our IPP cover and ATOL bonding.



"I just wanted to say thank you for organising our wonderful holiday. All went smoothly and we were well taken care of. Thank you for the seamless organisation."

Kristopher Forbes



"The trip was great. Everything was smooth. This was very important to me as a solo female traveller. I felt safe and secure at all times. It was a well-balanced and organised trip. I really appreciated the effort that went into the trip."

Sarah Orozco

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"We appreciated how easy it

was to talk with you on the

phone, person-to-person. This

was very helpful. It's nice to

meet people with similar

interests and goals. We thank

you and your company for

everything you did to create a



"You are amazing! Thank you so much for the fast response to my initial email, and the rapid answer to any questions I had, no matter how stupid they were! Your organisation was a great choice for me... I would highly recommend it."

Rachael Klein



"You made booking flights and everything else very simple. You always provided excellent service, and responded to our inquiries promptly. Thanks for vour attention to detail towards vour customers."

Tania & Arthur Lindsey



"The booking process was very efficient. We appreciate you answered all our questions and presented a good plan. The trip itself was a wonderful old world Africa experience on the train - loved it."

Paige & Hugh Christensen



"I can't tell you how much we appreciate all the pre planning you helped us with. Thanks again for all you did for us."

Gail & Cathy

"It was the best trip we've ever taken! It was amazing! I cannot say enough about it. The ease of train travel, and guides were all pleasant surprises."

Lawrence & Conner Dudley

memorable train experience." **Bethany Leblanc** 





# THE GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS DIFFERENCE

#### EXPERIENCED TOUR MANAGERS

Our experienced tour managers and their assistants are selected for their travel knowledge and their linguistic and organisational abilities allowing you to relax and enjoy your rail cruise. We receive exceptional passenger comments about our Tour Managers and their aim is to ensure you enjoy every minute of your holiday.

#### HOTEL & TRAIN ACCOMMODATION

Although you will spend much of your time sightseeing or relaxing in the train's public areas, you will find you hotel room or cabin a welcome retreat at the end of a rewarding day. All hotels are of 5 star standard or, in certain locations, the best available. Room upgrades are available on request and at extra cost.

#### WELCOME & FAREWELL DINNERS

Each tour begins with a Welcome Dinner, an ideal opportunity to get to know your fellow passengers; for the Tour Manager to brief you on the trip; and introduce you to the Golden Eagle Luxury Trains team and the Tour Doctor. The Farewell Dinner is the perfect end to your adventure by private train where you can relive the journey and look ahead to future tours.

#### GUIDE & INFORMATION PACK

When you board the train there will be a brochure in your cabin detailing more about your journey and the places en-route. Our Tour Manager will organise a programme of briefings on the cities or places we visit and, each evening, will issue a programme for the next day's touring schedule.

#### • BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

All departures feature one or two uniquely designed restaurant cars where you can enjoy the excellent waiter-served food and wine. Several times during the tour we will also sample authentic local cuisine off the train.

#### • DRINKS WITH MEALS

A generous drinks allowance is included with lunch and dinner. For passengers travelling in Gold Class onboard the Golden Eagle, drinks from the Standard Drinks List in the Bar Lounge Car are also included. For Imperial Suite guests, drinks from both the Standard and Premium Bar Lists in the Bar Lounge Car are included.

#### ONBOARD SERVICE

You can expect service which is attentive, friendly and unintrusive. Your car attendants provide 24-hour housekeeping and bedding turndown services, with one attendant always on duty to assist you and to ensure you are comfortable in your cabin. Complimentary tea, coffee and bottle drinking water are available in your cabin 24 hours a day.

#### GUIDE DURING EXCURSIONS

The history and culture of the places we visit on our rail cruises will come alive through our expert local guides. All our tours include a wide-ranging sightseeing schedule to make the most of the time you have off the train and bring you closer to the culture, people and history of your destinations. We believe it is the special little touches that help create magical memories. Imperial Suite guests will benefit from the option of a private car and guide in the majority of places we visit along the route.

#### • ALL GRATUITIES

You will not have to worry about tipping on and off the train on your rail journey with Golden Eagle Luxury Trains as all gratuities are included in the tour price.





# THE GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS DIFFERENCE

#### FREEDOM OF CHOICE TOURING

Customise your journey and enjoy the opportunity to select from an array of Freedom of Choice Touring options that best suits your interests. Your off-train excursions will still take in all the major attractions of the places we are visiting but, in featured locations, you will be presented when you are onboard the train with a variety of activities from which to choose, and enjoy a tailor-made experience. Look at the individual itineraries where we are operating Freedom of Choice Touring.

Freedom of Choice Touring options may be subject to variations dependent on finalised train timings and local charges. Touring options available will typically be advised in the evening prior to the day's tour.

#### • PERSONAL HEADSETS

On all the off-train excursions, to enhance your enjoyment and comprehension of the places you visit, you will be provided with a lightweight personal headset on which to listen to your tour guide as you take in the sights. So you do not need to worry about missing any of the interesting details on your excursions.

#### DOCTOR & MEDICAL FACILITIES

To give you peace of mind our tours are accompanied by a doctor who travels with us for the entire journey; so you can rest assured that medical assistance is always available. On call 24 hours a day, the doctor is on hand to give primary care as required. Normally, the doctor will be English speaking and be registered with the General Medical Council in the UK.

#### • 24 HOUR SERVICE ATTENDANT

Your car attendants provide 24-hour housekeeping and bedding turndown services, with one attendant always on duty to assist you and to ensure you are comfortable in your cabin. Complimentary tea, coffee and bottled drinking water are available in your cabin 24 hours a day.

#### PORTERAGE

As you only have to unpack once, your luggage and belongings will stay with you on the train throughout the journey but, wherever necessary, porterage is included between the hotel and stations.







# **ABOUT THE GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS**

#### THE BAR LOUNGE CAR

The social heart of the Golden Eagle Danube Express is the Bar Lounge Car, a great place to relax and settle into the unhurried pace of life on board.

Unwind in comfortable surroundings and watch the world go by as you get to know your fellow passengers and begin long-lasting friendships. Perhaps read a novel to while away the time or challenge your friends to a game of cards.

It is here that our Tour Manager will also organise a programme of activities. Passengers will receive printed daily itineraries throughout the tour detailing train arrival and departure timings, latest weather forecasts for the next destination and information on the following day's excursions and activities.

The Bar Lounge Car and Restaurant Cars will host an entertaining and enlightening range of activities such as language lessons and engaging talks by expert lecturers on local history and culture.

In the evening enjoy the sounds of the resident pianist playing in the Bar Lounge Car. Every night the bar stays open until the last person leaves.





# **ABOUT THE GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS**



#### THE RESTAURANT CAR

The Golden Eagle Danube Express restaurant cars are a delightful venue in which to enjoy meals skilfully prepared by our Executive Chef and his onboard restaurant team using the very best in ingredients, locally sourced wherever possible. Depending on the number of guests onboard, one or two of our restaurant cars will be on every departure.

Enjoy the delights of an on-train breakfast each morning - a wide selection of fruit, cereals, orange juice and cold plates are available from our bountiful buffet. Alternatively enjoy a cooked breakfast bought to your table by our waiting staff, all complemented by steaming hot tea and coffee.

For lunch and dinner you will enjoy fine food, great wines and attentive service in the welcoming atmosphere of the restaurant car. We offer a culinary experience that reflects the very essence of the countries we travel through, as well as international cuisine. Vegetarian and other dietary options are also available.

All our meals at lunch and dinner are complemented by an excellent choice of wines from around the world, personally selected by our Company Founder, Tim Littler, along with bottled water, beer and soft drinks.

Meals onboard are a relaxed affair as the restaurant cars can accommodate all our guests in a single sitting. Throughout the journey there is an informal dress code, so you can enjoy our culinary experiences in convivial and relaxed surroundings and with our open-seating policy you can dine wherever, and with whomever, you please.



# **SUPERIOR DELUXE**

The new Superior Deluxe cabins, with private en-suite facilities, offer the ultimate in European rail accommodation in terms of space, facilities and comfort.



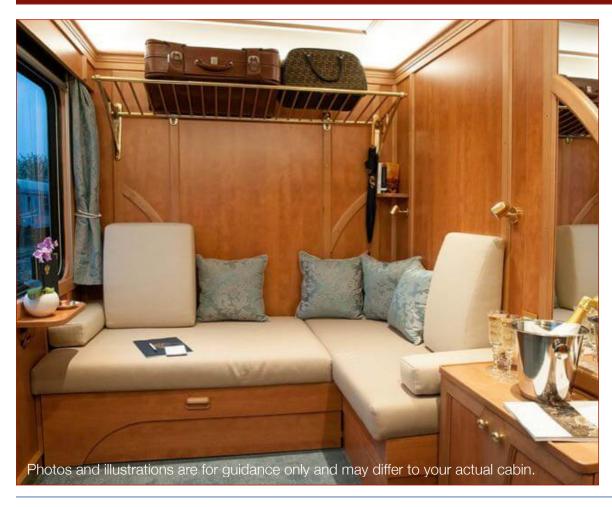


# **GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS CABIN CLASSES** •

# SUPERIOR DELUXE

With 12 cabins per departure, each cabin offers comfortable daytime seating with a full length sofa and two additional chairs. The large cabin also benefits from two full-size picture windows, one of which is openable to add to the bright and airy feel of the interior.

Each evening the cabin is transformed into a luxurious bedroom with a UK-standard King Size bed. All cabins have, as standard, a large double wardrobe with excellent storage space, individually controlled air-conditioning, lighting with dimmer switches, individual reading lights, in cabin Wi-Fi and USB ports, power sockets and a safe.



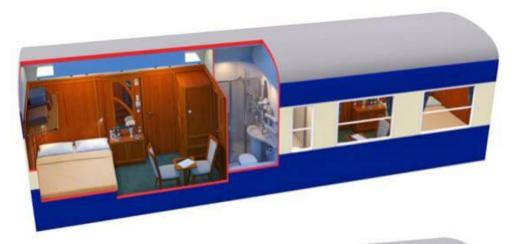


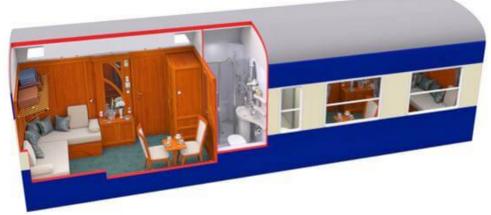


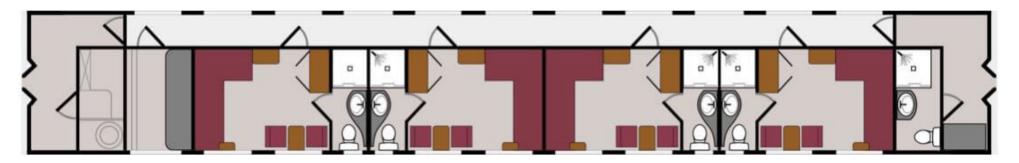
# **SUPERIOR DELUXE**

Photos and illustrations are for guidance only and may differ to your actual cabin.

- Cabins per car: 4
- Cabin length (inc. bathroom): 454cm (14'9")
- Cabin width: 190cm (6'2")
- Cabin area (inc. bathroom): 8.6 m2 (93 ft2)
- Bed size: 190cm x 152cm (6'2" x 5'0")
- King Size bed (UK standard)
- Additional daytime seating with table
- Individually controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Two large picture windows
- Adjustable lighting
- Double wardrobe
- Personal safe
- Wi-Fi & two USB ports
- Private en-suite bathroom with cubicle shower and WC





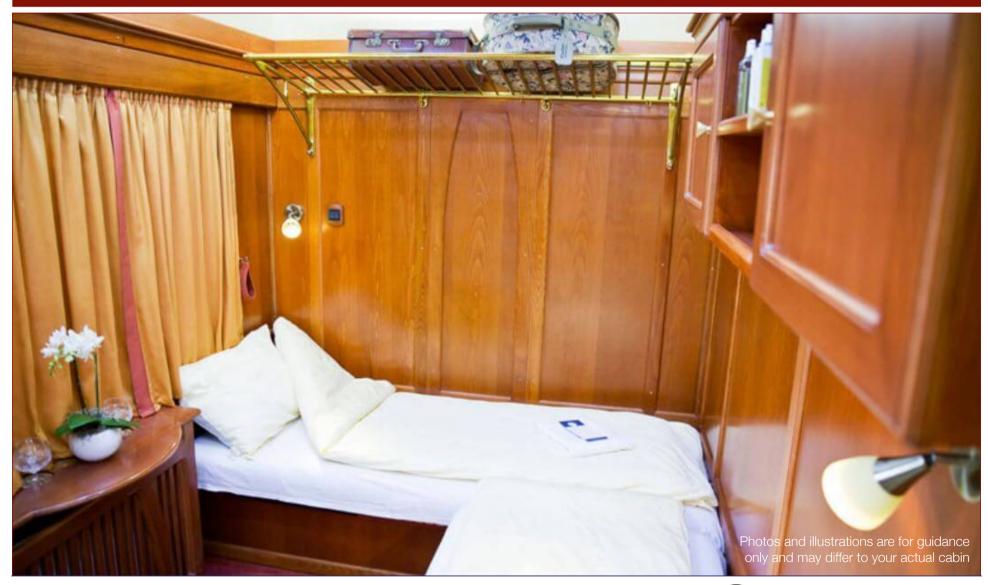




# **GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS CABIN CLASSES** •

# **DELUXE**

Each deluxe sleeper carriage has just five spacious yet intimate en-suite cabins offering every convenience and comfort so you may sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as it rolls by.

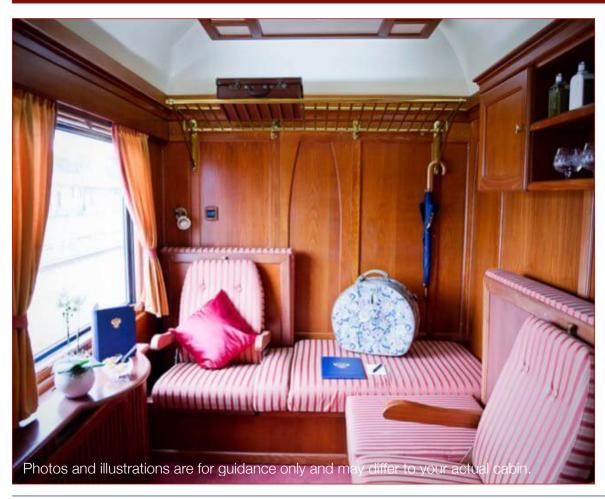


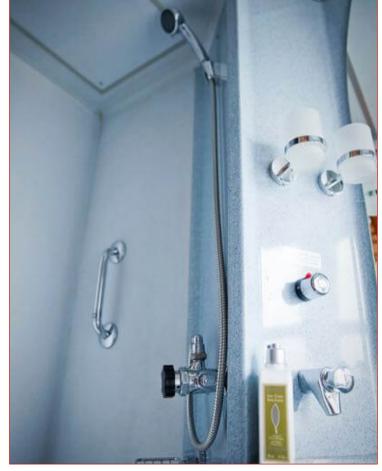


# **GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS CABIN CLASSES** •

# DELUXE

Private bathrooms feature a shower with constant hot water, washbasin and toilet. There is a heated towel rail, shaver socket and hairdryer. A range of toiletries and a dressing gown are provided. Cabins have individually controlled airconditioning, lighting with dimmer switches, individual reading lights, power sockets and a safe. Co-ordinated fabrics complement wood-panelled walls and brass fittings. Two comfortable armchairs provide daytime seating and a free-standing chair adds flexibility. Cupboards and a full length wardrobe provide ample storage whilst the large picture window and full length mirror enhance the spacious feel. A second window will open for fresh air and for that perfect photo opportunity.





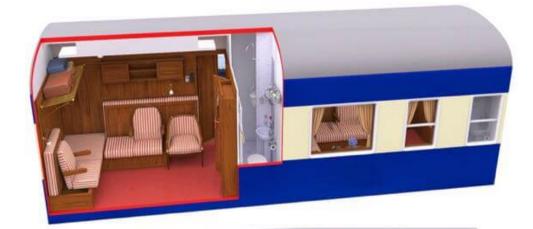


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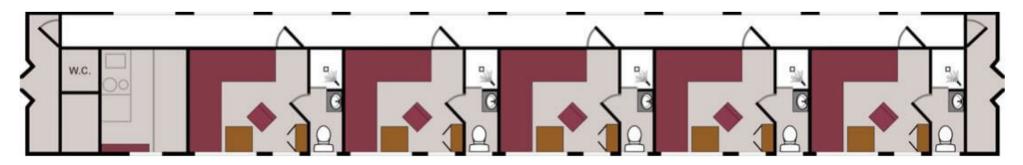
# DELUXE

Photos and illustrations are for guidance only and may differ to your actual cabin.

- 5 x 2-bed cabins per carriage
- Cabin size (inc. bathroom): 397cm x 195cm
- Cabin area (inc. bathroom): 7.74m2 (83 ft2)
- Bed size (each): 185cm x 80cm (6ft 1" x 2ft 7.5")
- Private en-suite bathroom with cubicle shower & wc: 77cm x 195cm 1.5 m2 (16 ft2)
- Remote controlled air-conditioning
- Two armchairs and a free standing chair for daytime seating
- Large picture window opens partially, perfect for photograph opportunities
- Full length wardrobe and power sockets
- During dinner each evening the living room is converted into two comfortable lower beds by your attendant who is also on hand to bring you early morning tea or coffee.









# **GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS - CABIN COMPARISONS**

	DELUXE CABIN	SUPERIOR DELUXE CABIN	
CABIN AREA	83 sq ft (7.7 sq m)	93 sq ft (8.6 sq m)	
CABINS PER CARRIAGE	5	4	
DAYTIME CONFIGURATION	Two armchairs and a free-standing chair	Full length sofa, 2 Additional chairs and table	
NIGHT TIME CONFIGURATION	2 lower L shaped Twin Beds	King Size Bed (UK standard)	
BED SIZE	Each bed: 6ft lins x 2ft 74ins / 185cm x 80cm	6ft 2ins x 5ft 0ins / 190cm x 152cm	
BATHROOM	Private en-suite bathroom with cubicle shower and WC	Private en-suite bathroom with cubicle shower and WC	
AIR CON / HEATING	Remote controlled air-conditioning	Individually controlled air conditioning and heating	
LIGHTING	Dimmer switches, Individual reading lights	Dimmer switches, Individual reading lights	
WINDOW	Large picture window – opens partially	Two large picture windows	
WARDROBE/STORAGE	Full length wardrobe	Double wardrobe & personal safe, additional cupboards	
Wi-Fi / USB	Wi-Fi	Wi-Fi & two USB ports	
ADDITIONAL AMENITIES	Bathrobes, slippers hair dryer and luxury toiletries provided	Bathrobes, slippers hair dryer and luxury toiletries provided	
DRINK INCLUSIONS	Complimentary Drinks in the Bar Lounge Car	Complimentary Drinks in the Bar Lounge Car	
LAUNDRY INCLUDED	Charge applies	Charge applies	

# **GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

All accommodation as per the itinerary - both on board the train and in hotels; all meals starting with dinner on the first day; a generous allowance of wine, beer, soft drinks and tea and coffee with all lunches and dinners both on and off the train: all arrival and departure transfers; guided off-train sightseeing excursions; the services of experienced Tour Leaders; all gratuities; and a Doctor travelling with the group. We do not take any responsibility for any passengers in possession of incorrect or invalid visas. Please contact our Customer Services department for help and information. For customers in the United Kingdom we can put you in contact with our recommended visa support agency.

#### INSURANCE

It is a booking condition that you must be fully insured for any medical expenses that may be incurred whilst travelling. You will be asked to provide us with the name of your insurer and your policy number together with the 24-hour medical emergency assistance contact number. We will require this information at least six weeks prior to travelling with us.

#### VACCINATIONS

We will continue to look for the most up-todate health and safety recommendations from both the World Health Organization (WHO) and international governments. including vaccination requirements for Covid-19, and will continue to update our policies accordingly for your added peace of mind.

#### ON BOARD DOCTOR

We provide a Doctor on board all our tours who is available 24-hours a day. They carry a fully stocked medical kit but it is your responsibility to ensure that you obtain any vaccinations, prescribed and precautionary medicine for the countries you are visiting before travelling with us.

#### INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

Flights are not included (unless part of the itinerary) but we can advise fares and book them for you if the flights originate in the UK. Please note that we do not advise that you book flights more than 60 days in advance of the tour departure date (see Booking Conditions).

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodation as described in the tour itinerary is included in the price of the tour. Room upgrades are available on request, subject to availability and at an additional cost.

#### ITINERARIES

Accommodation and tour itineraries are subject to change at any time due to circumstances beyond our control. Every effort will be made to operate tours as advertised and as per the rail timings received.

#### WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

International and domestic airfares (unless part of the itinerary); visa and excess baggage charges; insurance. Personal expenses such as drinks in the Bar Lounge Car or laundry. On some tours there may also be an occasional optional activity that needs to be paid for locally.

#### MEETING POINTS

Details of hotel/airport meeting points will be printed on the departure packs that will be sent to you one month prior to departure.



# **GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### ACCESS TO WI-FI

Wi-Fi is available on board for guest use whilst travelling in Europe. The Wi-Fi connection is dependent on cellular signal and there will be times when we will be travelling through areas with limited or zero coverage. Therefore, please do not expect a reliable service when the train is moving through remote areas.

#### PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

It is your responsibility to be in possession of a valid passport and visa for your trip. A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity is required for all our rail tours. Many of the remote and exotic countries we visit require visas. Visa costs are not included in the price of the tour and these must be purchased independently. This can often be an involved and time consuming process and, as this is such an important aspect of your holiday, we can assist you with advice and any supporting documentation.

#### • SINGLE TRAVELLERS

Many of our guests are single travellers and of course passengers travelling as small groups, families, couples or singles are all equally welcome.

#### SPECIAL REQUESTS

We pride ourselves on offering you a personalised and knowledgeable service and will make every effort to meet any of your special dietary, room or travel requests. Also we are very happy to cater for any special occasion or anniversary that you are celebrating whilst you are with us. Please advise us at the time of booking.

#### GRATUITIES

All gratuities are included in the tour price and we strongly encourage passengers to refrain from offering gratuities to crew/hoteliers/ drivers etc. We would prefer passengers to inform our management of any exceptional service received, and we will reward accordingly.

#### LANGUAGE

The primary tour language will be English. French, German and Spanish speaking guides are available on request at an additional cost. Please contact us for more information. Other languages may be available on request.

#### TRAVELLER HEALTH CONDITIONS

To get the most out of our tours, passengers must be able to walk at least a mile per day at normal walking speed. The traveller represents that neither he/she has any physical or mental condition or disability that could create a hazard to him/herself or other members of the tour. We reserve the right to refuse travel to anyone who, in the opinion of the Tour Doctor or Tour Manager would be incapable of completing the tour or would cause unacceptable delays to the rest of the group. In these circumstances there would be no refund for any unused part of the tour. If in doubt, please call us for advice.

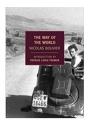
#### MINIMUM PASSENGER REQUIREMENTS

All our rail tours require a minimum number of passengers to operate. Should this not be reached, we will offer an alternative tour. If no alternative is suitable a full refund will be offered.

#### BOOKING CONDITIONS

Our full booking conditions can be found at <a href="https://theluxurytraintravelcompany.com/booking-terms-conditions/">https://theluxurytraintravelcompany.com/booking-terms-conditions/</a>





#### THE WAY OF THE WORLD

NICHOLAS BOUVIER

A well-written travelogue, and one of only a handful that deserves to still be read today, both for its style, as well as its unsurpassed account of the regions traveled. From the Balkans to Turkey, 2 artists bumble slowly across Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan in the early 50's.



#### **BALKAN DEPARTURES**

WENDY BRACEWELL & ALEX DRACE-FRANCIS

The Balkan region's writers have given accounts of their travels in the West and elsewhere, saying something in the process about themselves and their place in the world. This book challenges assumptions of Western discursive hegemony, while at the same time exploring Balkan 'Occidentalisms'.



#### THE MINISTRY OF PAIN

DUBRAVKA UGREŠIĆ

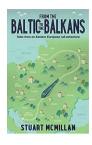
The Ministry of Pain is a historical book on the convoluted past of Yugoslavia, as well as a realistic, comic, and heart-felt chronicle of the lives of a group of Balkan refugees who study in the Netherlands, guided by their young teacher Tanja Lucić.



#### I SERVED THE KING OF ENGLAND

**BOHUMIL HRABAL** 

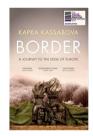
In The Grand Budapest Hotel film takes Bohumil Hrabal's fluid whimsy and reduces it to the consistency of syrupy, saccharine quirkiness. I Served the King of England gets its dues in Paul Wilson's light-handed translation. This is one of Central Europe's great hotel novels, witty and deep, set in Prague, and the city's provincial clones.



#### FROM THE BALTIC TO THE BALKANS

STUART MCMILLAN

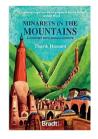
Inspired by a life-long passion for travel, Stuart McMillan embarked on a journey of over 2,000km, crossing the continent from the Baltic Sea to the Balkan coast. The book provides personal observations and reflections on a fascinating world hidden for decades behind an Iron Curtain.



# BORDER: A JOURNEY TO THE EDGE OF EUROPE

KAPKA KASSABOVA

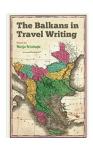
When Kapka Kassabova was a child, the borderzone between Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece was rumoured to be an easier crossing point into the West than the Berlin Wall so it swarmed with soldiers, spies and fugitives. Border is a sharply observed portrait of a little-known corner of Europe.



#### MINARETS IN THE MOUNTAINS

THARIK HUSSAIN

A magical, eye-opening account of a journey into a Europe that rarely makes the news and is in danger of being erased altogether. Another Europe. A Europe few people believe exists and many wish didn't. Muslim Europe.



#### THE BALKANS IN TRAVEL WRITING

MARIJA KNEŽEVIĆ

This book revisits images of the Balkans in twentiethcentury travel writing that vividly mirrors the turbulent changes that the region went through.