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SICILIAN ODYSSEY

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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 [“The Latin America Travel Company”](#) [“The Trans-Siberian Travel Company”](#) and [“The China Travel Company”](#). Our clients come from all over the world.



GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS | SICILIAN ODYSSEY

11 NIGHTS / 12 DAYS

Venice • Cremona • Bologna • Rimini • San Marino •
Pompeii • Alberobello • Lecce • Palermo • Agrigento •
Ragusa • Syracuse • Caltagirone • Catania • Taormina

Discover the soul of Italy on this luxurious rail voyage from Venice to Sicily, where timeless beauty and rich heritage unfold at every turn. Travel through the musical charm of Cremona, the culinary capital of Bologna, and the clifftop Republic of San Marino, before exploring the ancient ruins of Pompeii and the fairytale Trulli of Alberobello.

Crossing into Sicily, the journey unfolds through a rich mosaic of experience: barter with locals amid the vibrant buzz of Palermo's ancient markets, admire the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento and dazzling mosaics of Syracuse, with each destination weaving a unique thread in this unforgettable tapestry of culture and heritage.

Conclude your odyssey in the dramatic shadow of Mount Etna, with time to savour Taormina's clifftop vistas and the coastal elegance of Catania. With handpicked excursions, fine dining, and impeccable service throughout, the Sicilian Odyssey is a curated exploration of Italy's most evocative landscapes.



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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,

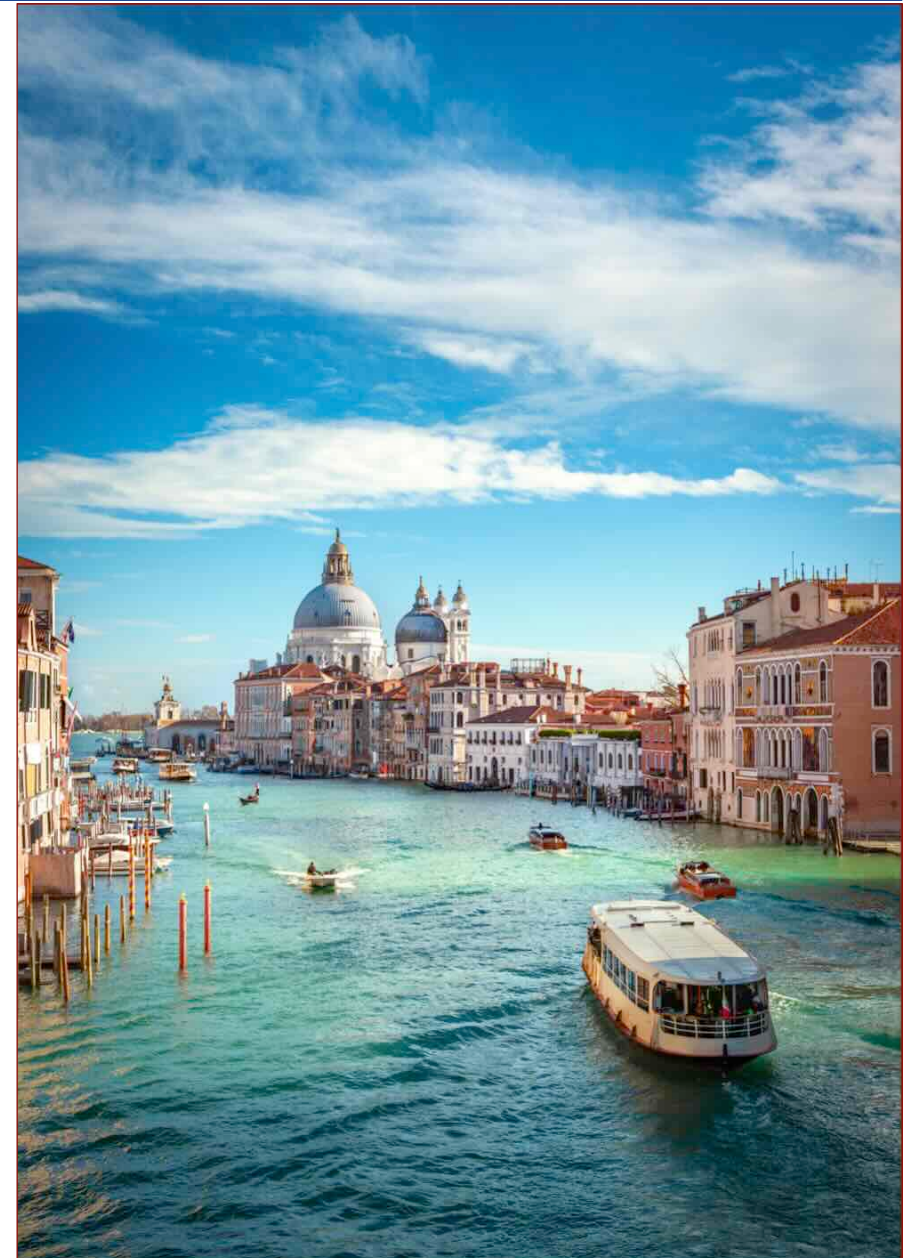
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HIGHLIGHTS - PLEASE BOOK WELL IN ADVANCE

- Visit the thrilling Ferrari factory in nearby Maranello, complete with a museum tour and driving simulator experience
- Travel up the slopes of Mount Vesuvius to visit a family-run vineyard nestled in the volcanic soils – later enjoy a tasting of their acclaimed wines and delicious local specialities.
- Explore UNESCO-listed gems – including the Valley of the Temples, Alberobello, and the San Marino Old Town – one of the world's oldest sovereign states.
- Enjoy a concert at the grand Teatro Massimo, Italy's largest opera house.





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 BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1

VENICE

ARRIVAL & A WELCOME RECEPTION & DINNER

Begin your voyage in the enchanting city of Venice, where timeless beauty and romance are woven into every canal and cobblestone. You'll enjoy two nights at one of the city's most iconic five-star hotels, a perfect base from which to explore La Serenissima.

This evening, gather with fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner at the hotel – a chance to savour fine Italian cuisine and cheers to the unforgettable journey that awaits.

 **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

SAN CLEMENTE PALACE



Offers luxury on a private island, featuring elegant rooms, gourmet dining, and breathtaking lagoon views all a short ride from the sights.



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

YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 2

VENICE

FULL DAY EXPLORING THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY

Today, immerse yourself in the magic of Venice with a guided walking tour of its most iconic landmarks, including the magnificent St Mark's Basilica and the bustling Rialto Market. Alternatively, enjoy the day at leisure – perhaps opt for a romantic gondola ride across the lagoon or shop for unique souvenirs.

As the sun sets, the evening begins with a spectacular private concert in the historic San Zaccaria church, followed by a sumptuous dinner at the renowned Ristorante Carpaccio.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

A FULLY CATERED EXPERIENCE

Guests can relax completely as they are fully catered for whilst off the train; a complimentary Golden Eagle backpack is provided to carry personal incidentals together with the free mineral water provided. All entrance fees are included as well as gratuities, and a delicious 3 course lunch with wine is served at a good local restaurant. In fact, there's so much included that our guests could easily explore each day without the need for cash.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

VENICE



CREMONA



BOLOGNA



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 3

CREMONA

JOIN THE DANUBE EXPRESS & STOP IN CREMONA

This morning, bid farewell to Venice in true style with a private boat transfer from your hotel to Santa Lucia station, gliding along the Grand Canal to where the Golden Eagle Danube Express awaits. Settle into the comfort of your private cabin as we depart across the iconic causeway that spans the Venice Lagoon, beginning our journey along the Po River and ever-changing landscapes of northern Italy.

Our first stop is the enchanting city of Cremona – this charmingly quaint and understated city carries itself with impressive architecture and deep musical heritage and is almost completely off the major tourism radar. Here, we will explore the impressive 13th century piazza and enjoy a private tour of the fabled Stradivari Museum, delving into the city's centuries-old connection with master violin craftsmanship. This evening, a gourmet welcome dinner will be served onboard, celebrating the flavours of the region as we continue our journey south.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

GUIDED STOPOVERS ALONG THE WAY

We usually arrive into a new destination after a hearty breakfast, breaking off into groups of 20-25 people and exploring with local guides for the day. Each guest has their own personal headset, wirelessly connected to the guide for ease and convenience.

OVERNIGHT



VENICE - CREMONA



DAY 4

BOLOGNA, RIMINI & SAN MARINO

TOUR THESE THREE ICONS OF ITALY

Awake to a delicious breakfast served onboard as we arrive in Bologna, Italy's revered culinary capital. Famed for its rich gastronomy, medieval towers, and endless porticoes, Bologna is a feast for the senses. A guided morning tour reveals the city's charming character, from its historic university to the many famous arches that line its streets. We'll raise a glass atop the Torre di Prendiparte, offering panoramic views of the red-roofed skyline, before travelling onwards to the beautiful seaside city of Rimini.

This afternoon, enjoy the freedom to tailor your experience with one of two exclusive touring options. Motoring enthusiasts may opt to visit the thrilling Ferrari factory in nearby Maranello, complete with a museum tour and driving simulator experience. Alternatively, ascend to the Republic of San Marino, one of the world's oldest sovereign states, to explore its UNESCO-listed Old Town and the breathtaking heights of Mount Titano. Tonight, unwind with a refined dinner served aboard the elegant Golden Eagle Danube Express, as we continue our voyage in comfort and style.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

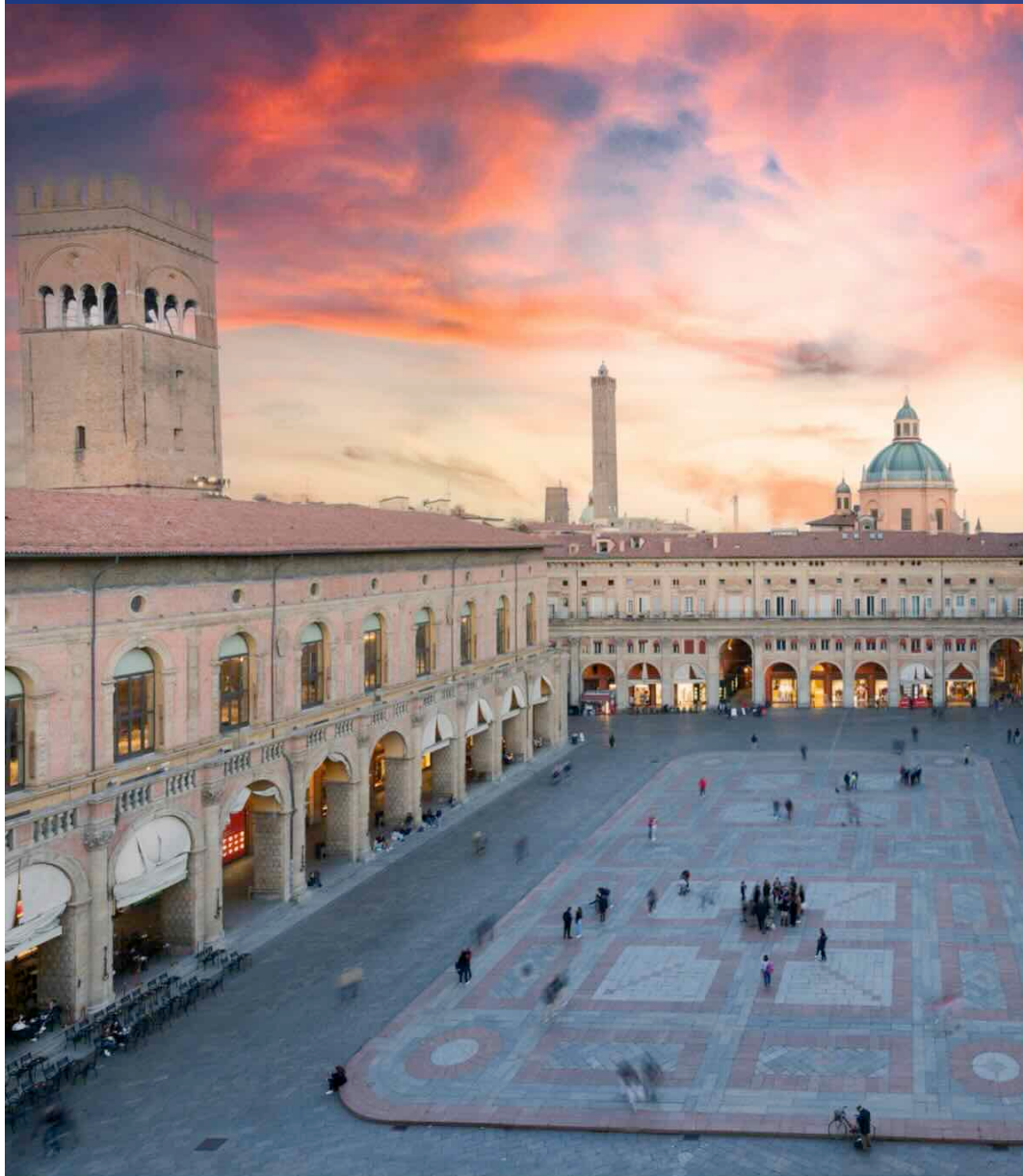


SAN MARINO - POMPEII



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

BOLOGNA



RIMINI



SAN MARINO



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 5

POMPEII

VISIT THE EXTRAORDINARY RUINS OR POMPEII

Today, step back almost two millennia as we uncover the haunting ruins of Pompeii – the once-thriving Roman town dramatically frozen in time by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Carefully preserved beneath layers of ash, this archaeological site offers a rare and evocative glimpse into daily life from bygone times. In our behind-the-scenes tour, we will take a look at how crucial preservation work is a continuous race against time to protect the original splendour for future generations.

Following our exploration, we continue to the slopes of Mount Vesuvius itself to visit Casa Setaro, a family-run vineyard nestled in the volcanic soils of the region. Here, we will enjoy a tasting of their acclaimed wines and delicious local specialities – a perfect way to toast the rich flavours and heritage of Campania.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



POMPEII - ALBEROBELLO



DAY 6

ALBEROBELLO & LECCE

TOUR THIS UNIQUE VILLAGE THIS MORNING & ELEGANT LECCE

Begin the day in Alberobello, a UNESCO-listed gem in Puglia known for its charming Trulli – conical-roofed stone house that bring a fairytale quality to the landscape. A guided tour will reveal their unique construction and cultural significance, with time to enjoy a tasting of local wine or olive oil.

This afternoon, visit elegant Lecce, the baroque heart of southern Italy. Known for its golden limestone facades and flamboyant sculptural details, explore the city's stunning churches including the Duomo and Santa Croce, showcasing the rich artistry of Lecce Baroque.

Later, our scenic rail journey continues through the wild natural beauty of Cilento National Park, as we make our way to the southern tip of the mainland.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



LECCE - PALERMO



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

LECCE



POMPEII



ALBEROBELLO



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 7

PALERMO

VISIT THE GRITTY & ATMOSPHERIC CAPITAL OF SICILY

Wake up to a gourmet breakfast in the elegant dining car of the Golden Eagle Danube Express, as we roll into Sicily following a rare overnight train crossing of the Straits of Messina – a unique and memorable moment of the journey. Framed by the panoramic windows, the island's rugged hills and olive groves offer a spectacular welcome.

Our first stop is the lively Sicilian capital, Palermo. A gentle walking tour through its vibrant old town reveals a captivating blend of architectural styles. We conclude with an aperitif and concert at the grand Teatro Massimo, Italy's largest opera house.

This afternoon, choose to delve deeper into Palermo at your own pace: visit Corleone to explore its Anti-Mafia Museum and enjoy breathtaking mountain views, or head to Monreale to admire the golden mosaics of its world-famous Norman Cathedral.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



PALERMO - AGRIGENTO



DAY 8

AGRIGENTO & RAGUSA

EXPLORE THE VALLEY OF TEMPLES & HILLTOP RAGUSA

Wake in Agrigento, gateway to one of Italy's most extraordinary archaeological treasures. While the modern town may be unassuming, our focus is the awe-inspiring Valley of the Temples. On a privately guided tour, explore this UNESCO World Heritage site, where the remains of ancient temples rise majestically against the Sicilian sky.

This afternoon, we continue to Ragusa, a hilltop town bursting with Baroque charm. With its honey-hued churches and grey-stone houses tumbling down the hillside, it's a photographer's dream. Later, enjoy a fun cooking demonstration, where we'll get hands-on with regional flavours and learn the secrets of traditional Sicilian cuisine.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



RAGUSA - SYRACUSE



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

PALMERO



AGRIGENTO



RAGUSA



DAY 9

SYRACUSE & CALTAGIRONE

BOAT TOUR AROUND THE ISLAND OF ORTIGIA & HILLTOP CALTAGIRONE

This morning, we arrive in Syracuse, once a flourishing centre of the Byzantine Empire. We will escape the hustle and bustle of the city itself and enjoy a peaceful boat tour around the Island of Ortigia, offering a unique perspective of this ancient coastal gem.

After lunch back on board the train, we journey to Caltagirone, a picturesque hilltop town famed for its exquisite ceramics – a tradition dating back to the 10th century. Visit a local artisan workshop to see this heritage brought to life before continuing to the Villa Romana del Casale, one of the best-preserved Roman villas in the world, where intricate mosaics tell stories of the ancient civilisations that once ruled the island.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



CALTAGIRONE - CATANIA



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 10

CATANIA & TAORMINA

FREE MORNING IN CATANIA & COOKING EXPERIENCE

Following a leisurely breakfast onboard, take in the rolling Sicilian countryside as we arrive in Catania, nestled at the foot of Mount Etna. Spend the morning at your own pace, discovering the city's characterful squares and richly storied churches.

Later, enjoy a delightful hands-on Sicilian pastry class at either the Società Storica Catanese or the elegant Palazzo Biscari, where your culinary experience will be guided by the palace's owner, adding an extra touch of grandeur. In the afternoon, we rejoin the train for the final leg of our journey as we glide towards our last destination: the cliffside jewel of Taormina.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OFF TRAIN EXCURSIONS

Our "Freedom of Choice" excursion program includes a selection of land-tours in each location visited on every departure, formulated by our experienced train management team to get the very best out of each and every destination. Passengers may choose from our most popular excursion programs featuring historic and cultural highlights.

OVERNIGHT



TAORMINA



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS JOURNEY

SYRACUSE



CATANIA



TAORMINA



DAY 11

TAORMINA

A FINAL DAY EXPLORING THIS CLIFF TOP CITY & FAREWELL DINNER

Perched above the glittering Gulf of Naxos with panoramic views of Mount Etna, Taormina provides a breathtaking finale to our Sicilian Odyssey. The day begins with a private visit to the Mount Etna Museum, guided by a local volcanologist who brings this formidable natural wonder to life.

We then head to the slopes of the volcano itself for an indulgent lunch and wine tasting amongst the vineyards at a traditional Sicilian Palmento, where the region's volcanic soil gives its wines a distinct character. This afternoon, take time to wander through Taormina's medieval streets, visit its iconic Greek Theatre, and soak up the old-world charm at your leisure.

As evening falls on our final night, we will gather for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate our unforgettable journey – complete, of course, with champagne and a toast to cherished new memories made.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

SAN DOMENICO PALACE



A Four seasons hotel set in a reimagined 14th-century convent, featuring clifftop infinity pools, Michelin-starred dining & panoramic views.



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DAY 12

END OF TOUR

DEPART TAORMINA OR EXTEND YOUR STAY IN ITALY

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

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.



2027

SICILIAN ODYSSEY 2027 - DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN GBP / USD / EURO *

Starts in Venice on the 27th August 2027 & finishes Taormina on the 7th September 2027

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

CABIN	DELUXE			SUPERIOR DELUXE		
	See following pages for cabin description			See following pages for cabin description		
SHARED	£ 23,200	\$ 28,900	€ 27,900	£ 29,100	\$ 36,300	€ 34,900
SINGLE	£ 39,100	\$ 48,800	€ 46,900	£ 48,700	\$ 60,800	€ 58,500
Deposit	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%

* 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.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Five-star pre and post tour hotel accommodation.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Cabin attendant service including evening turndown.
- ✓ Experienced Tour Management team.
- ✓ Services of a UK-registered Doctor and medical facilities on board.
- ✓ Arrival and departure transfers.
- ✓ All gratuities – on and off the train.
- ✓ Luggage portage throughout the journey.
- ✓ Expertly guided off-train excursions as detailed in the itinerary.
- ✓ Freedom of Choice touring options.

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of the trip.
- ✗ Visas - we can advise and partner with [VisaCentral](#).
- ✗ Travel Insurance to cover any medical treatment etc.
- ✗ 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.

WHY BOOK THROUGH US ?

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



"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



"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



"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



"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 memorable train experience."

Bethany Leblanc



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

Tania & Arthur Lindsey



"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

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 your 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

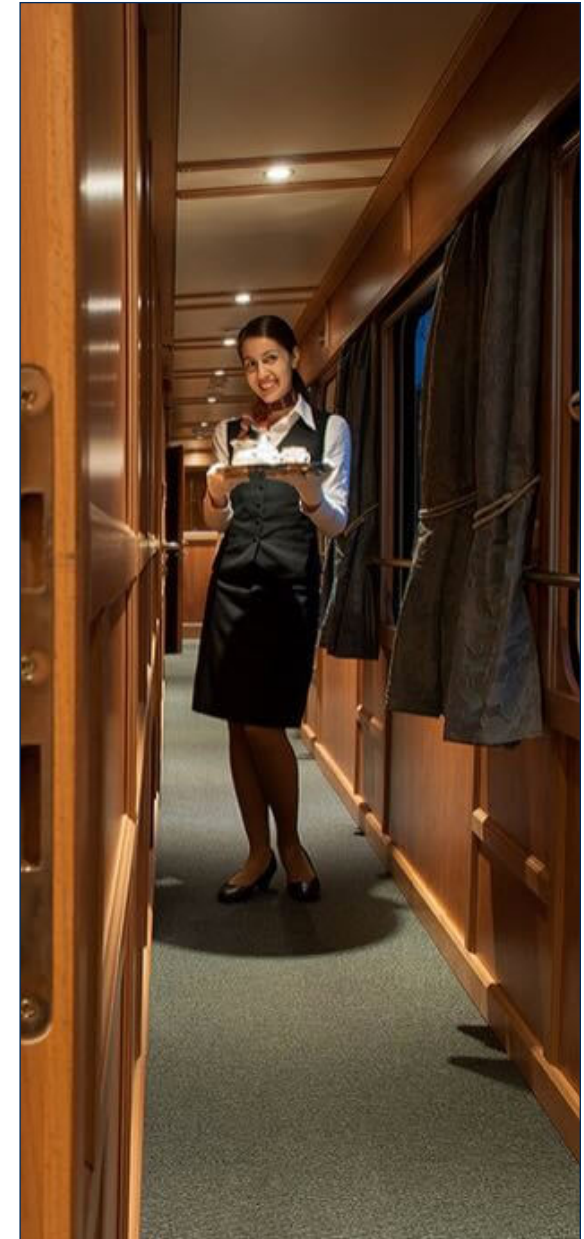
To give you peace of mind our tours are accompanied by a doctor who travels with us for the entire journey; so you can rest assured that medical assistance is always available. On call 24 hours a day, the doctor is on hand to give primary care as required. Normally, the doctor will be English speaking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



ABOUT THE DANUBE EXPRESS TRAIN

The Golden Eagle Danube Express is your luxurious hotel-on-wheels. Unpack just the once and settle into your well-appointed and comfortable cabin as you begin this voyage of a lifetime.



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.





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.

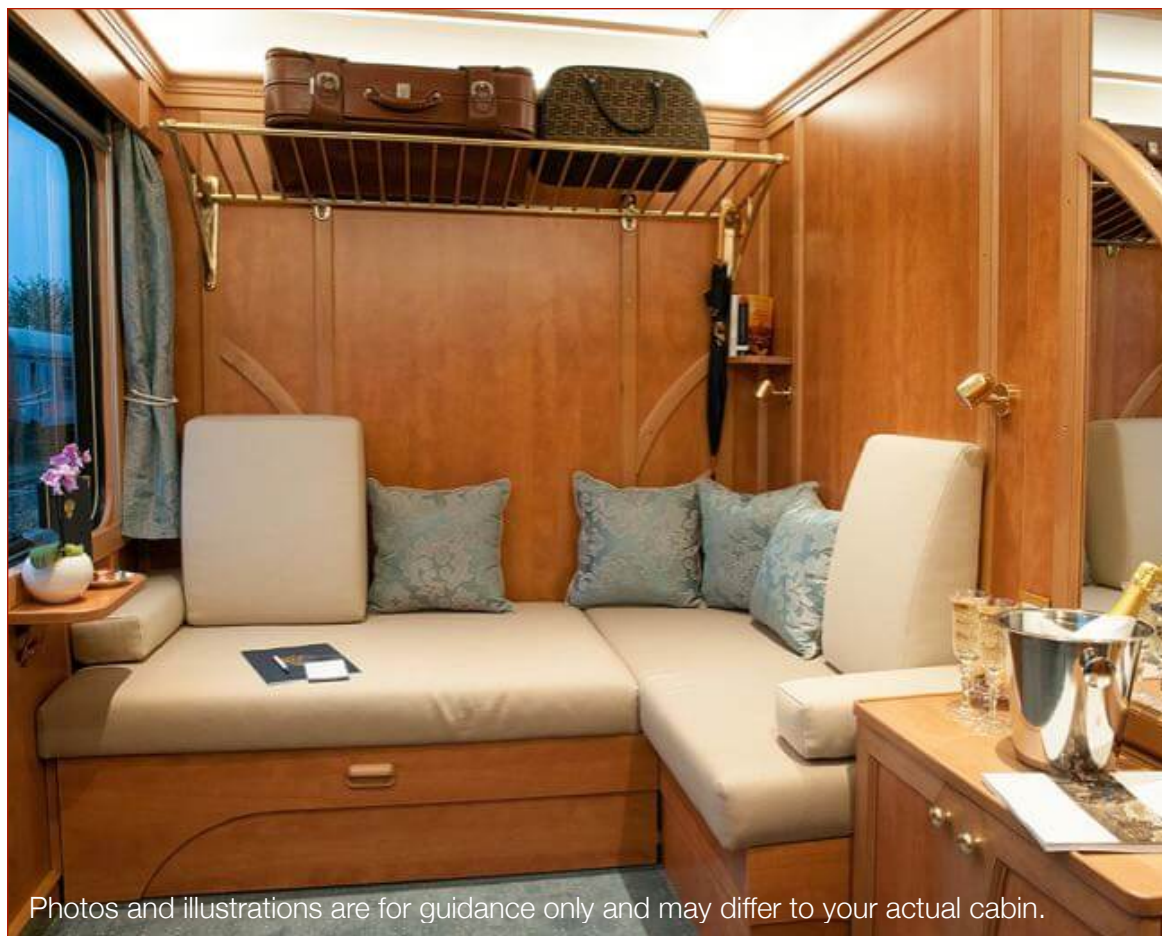


Photos and illustrations are for guidance only and may differ to your actual cabin

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.

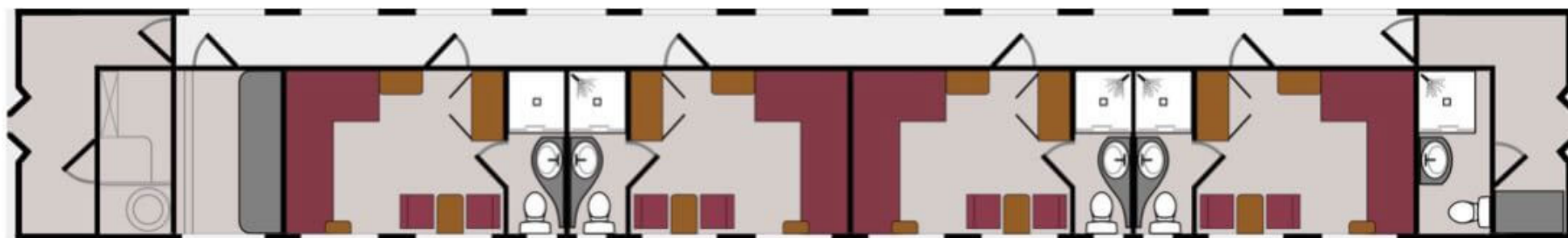
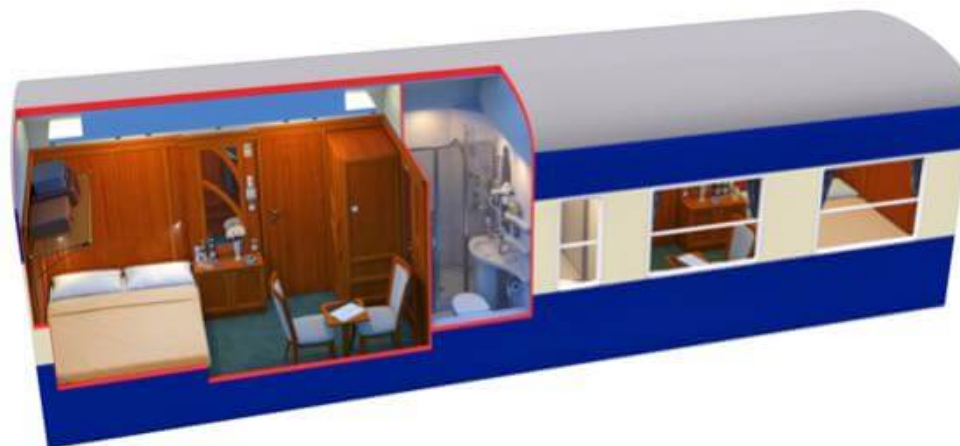
Each evening the cabin is transformed into a luxurious bedroom with a UK-standard King Size bed. All cabins have, as standard, a large double wardrobe with excellent storage space, individually controlled air-conditioning, lighting with dimmer switches, individual reading lights, in cabin Wi-Fi and USB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



SUPERIOR DELUXE

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- 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



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.



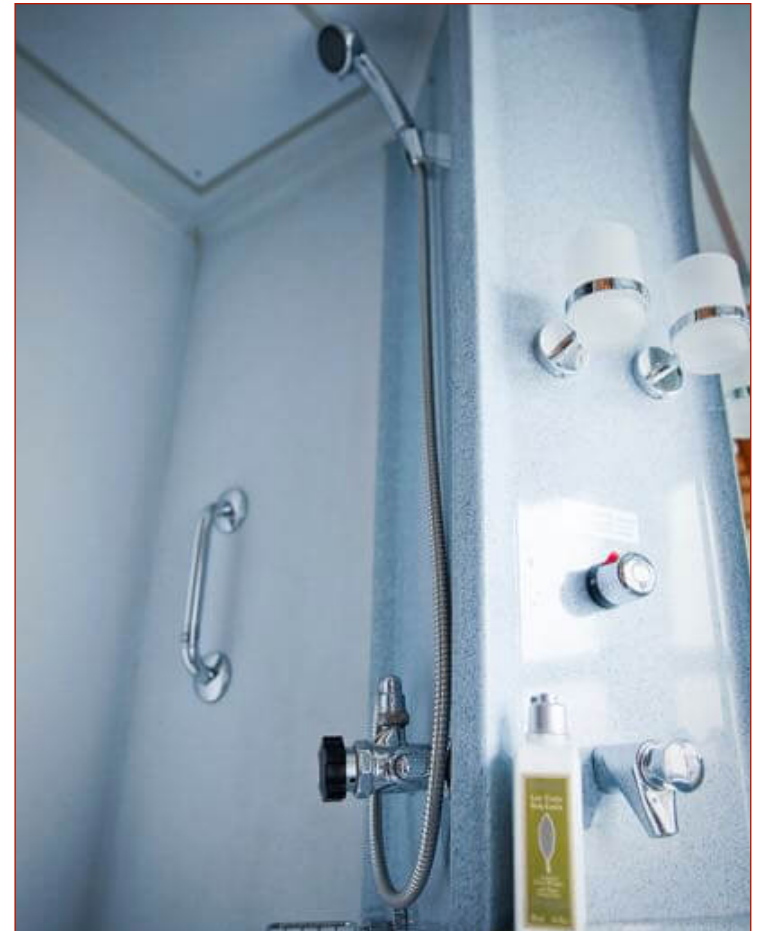
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DELUXE

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 air-conditioning, 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.



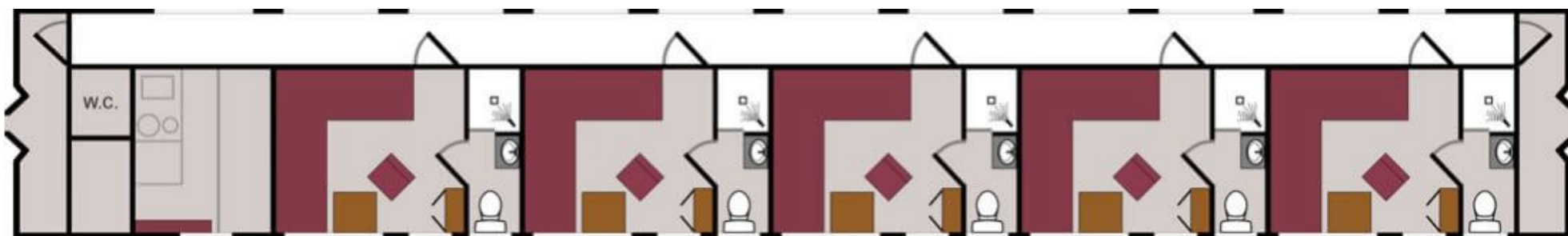
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DELUXE

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- 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 1ins 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-to-date 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.

• 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

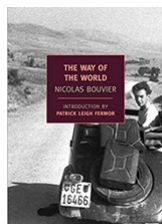
To get the most out of our tours, passengers must be able to walk at least a mile per day at normal walking speed. The traveller represents that neither he/she has any physical or mental condition or disability that could create a hazard to him/herself or other members of the tour. We reserve the right 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

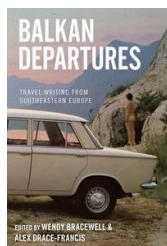
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THE WAY OF THE WORLD

NICHOLAS BOUVIER

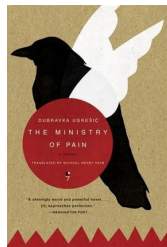
A well-written travelogue, and one of only a handful that deserves to still be read today, both for its style, as well as its unsurpassed account of the regions traveled. From the Balkans to Turkey, 2 artists bumble slowly across Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan in the early 50's.



BALKAN DEPARTURES

WENDY BRACEWELL & ALEX DRACE-FRANCIS

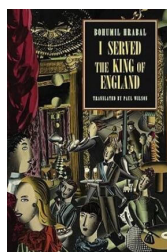
The Balkan region's writers have given accounts of their travels in the West and elsewhere, saying something in the process about themselves and their place in the world. This book challenges assumptions of Western discursive hegemony, while at the same time exploring Balkan 'Occidentalisms'.



THE MINISTRY OF PAIN

DUBRAVKA UGREŠIĆ

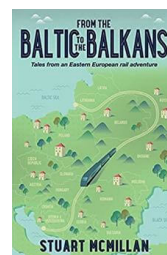
The Ministry of Pain is a historical book on the convoluted past of Yugoslavia, as well as a realistic, comic, and heart-felt chronicle of the lives of a group of Balkan refugees who study in the Netherlands, guided by their young teacher Tanja Lucić.



I SERVED THE KING OF ENGLAND

BOHUMIL HRABAL

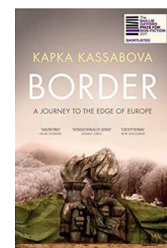
In The Grand Budapest Hotel film takes Bohumil Hrabal's fluid whimsy and reduces it to the consistency of syrupy, saccharine quirkiness. I Served the King of England gets its dues in Paul Wilson's light-handed translation. This is one of Central Europe's great hotel novels, witty and deep, set in Prague,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



FROM THE BALTIC TO THE BALKANS

STUART MCMILLAN

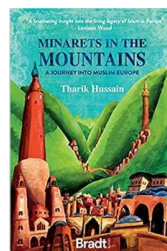
Inspired by a life-long passion for travel, Stuart McMillan embarked on a journey of over 2,000km, crossing the continent from the Baltic Sea to the Balkan coast. The book provides personal observations and reflections on a fascinating world hidden for decades behind an Iron Curtain.



BORDER: A JOURNEY TO THE EDGE OF EUROPE

KAPKA KASSABOVA

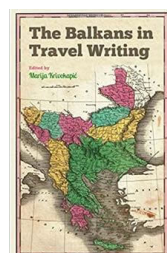
When Kapka Kassabova was a child, the borderzone between Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece was rumoured to be an easier crossing point into the West than the Berlin Wall so it swarmed with soldiers, spies and fugitives. Border is a sharply observed portrait of a little-known corner of Europe.



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 twentieth-century travel writing that vividly mirrors the turbulent changes that the region went through.