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JOURNEYS THROUGH EUROPE BY PRIVATE TRAIN

ABOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS
MAY, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026



NOBLE CALEDONIA



DEAR TRAVELLER

We are delighted to have joined forces with Golden Eagle Luxury Trains, the world's leading operator of luxury 'rail cruises', to bring you some of the most spectacular private rail journeys through Europe aboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express. Travelling by private train is a unique way to absorb the rich culture and cinematic landscape of a country and Golden Eagle Luxury Trains have carefully designed a range of itineraries which combine iconic cities with stunning scenery and include a good balance of both relaxation and exploration.

Established over thirty years ago by Tim Littler, we have been associated with Golden Eagle Luxury Trains for many years. Tim and his team meticulously design and research their unique itineraries with the ultimate aim to seamlessly blend the excellent onboard experiences with fascinating off-train excursions. Journeys include an array of cultural and scenic highlights with the choice to travel from Budapest to Venice visiting Zurich, Lake Como, Verona and Lake Bled along the way. Alternatively, journey from romantic Venice to captivating Istanbul with stops in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia and Bulgaria. Finally, there is the iconic route across the continent from Paris to Istanbul. Whichever itinerary you select, there will be a diverse collection of included guided tours available and at the beginning and end of each journey, there are hotel stays included in the iconic cities where you will be based at five-star, centrally located hotels.

The Golden Eagle Danube Express is a luxurious hotel-on-wheels and whilst on board you can enjoy a 'room with a view' that constantly changes. No matter which of the fascinating itineraries you choose, you can be assured of first-class service, welcoming and well-appointed cabins, fine dining, a convivial atmosphere, and elegant surroundings. With decades of experience, the attentive staff members on board are dedicated to ensuring every moment of your journey is enjoyable. From the skilled bar car and restaurant car staff, each team member is meticulously trained to cater to your every need. When you embark on a journey with Golden Eagle Luxury Trains, your experience is elevated by the presence of a dedicated cabin attendant and these consummate professionals are committed to your comfort and well-being, ensuring that your time on board is an exceptional experience.

Culinary excellence is an important part of the onboard experience, and you can expect an array of exquisite dining adventures, where the culinary team prepares sumptuous meals inspired by the regions you traverse. The onboard chefs source ingredients from local markets and take influence from regional culinary traditions – creating a unique insight into your destinations. Guests can watch the daily morning parade, as locally sourced, seasonal supplies are loaded onto the train. All food and drinks on board are included, featuring a curated selection of wines and beverages that perfectly complement the meals.

We hope you enjoy browsing through this collection of remarkable journeys and that we can look forward to welcoming you on board the Golden Eagle Danube Express.



Tim Cochrane
Managing Director



Golden Eagle Danube Express



Bar Lounge Car



GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS

We are delighted to be working with Golden Eagle Luxury Trains in offering a selection of cabins aboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express which was specially built to cater for the demands of today's most discerning traveller; accommodating a maximum of 62 guests. Carefully designed with comfort and enjoyment in mind, the Golden Eagle Danube Express provides the ideal base for a series of spectacular private rail journeys through Europe, combining iconic cities with stunning countryside. On board, the spacious and comfortable cabins, the high-quality dining and the attention to detail of the staff combine to create what is effectively a rolling luxury hotel.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Unpack just once and settle into your well-appointed cabin as you begin your voyage of a lifetime. Your cabin attendant will be on hand to look after all of your needs.

SUPERIOR DELUXE CLASS

The Superior Deluxe Class cabins, with private en-suite facilities, offer the ultimate in European rail accommodation in terms of space, facilities and comfort. Each of the 12 cabins 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 can be opened to add to the bright and airy feel of the interior. Each evening the cabin is transformed into a luxurious bedroom with a 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.

DELUXE CLASS

Each Deluxe sleeper carriage has just five spacious yet intimate en-suite cabins offering every convenience and comfort. Private bathrooms feature a shower with constant hot water, washbasin and toilet. Cabins feature 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 along with a free-standing chair. Cupboards and a full length wardrobe provide ample storage whilst the large picture window and full length mirror enhance the spacious feel. There is also a second window which can be opened for fresh air. 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.

YOUR DINING

Each morning enjoy a bountiful breakfast buffet in the beautifully appointed Restaurant Car offering a wide selection of fruit, cereals, orange juice and cold plates. Alternatively enjoy a cooked breakfast brought to your table by the waiting staff, all complemented by tea and coffee. For lunch and dinner you will enjoy fine food, great wines and attentive service. The meals are skilfully prepared by the Executive Chef and his onboard restaurant team using the very best in ingredients, locally sourced wherever possible. The culinary experience on offer reflects the very essence of the countries you will travel through, as well as international cuisine. Vegetarian and other dietary options are also available. Lunch and dinner are accompanied by an excellent choice of wines from around the world along with bottled water, beer and soft drinks. Meals on board are a convivial affair with the freedom to dine wherever, and with whomever, you please in a single sitting.

LIFE ON BOARD

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 or perhaps read a novel to while away the time. The Bar Lounge Car and Restaurant Cars also host an entertaining and enlightening range of activities and it is here that the Tour Manager will organise a programme of activities for the journey ahead. Daily itineraries detailing train arrival and departure timings and information on the following day's excursions and activities will be provided. As evening falls, you enjoy the sounds of the resident pianist playing on the baby grand piano in the Bar Lounge Car.



Restaurant Car



Dining on the Danube Express



Cabin Attendant



Superior Deluxe Class Cabin – Daytime Configuration



Deluxe Class Cabin – Daytime Configuration



Bar Lounge Car

GRAND ALPINE EXPRESS

FROM BUDAPEST TO VENICE
ABOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS

1ST TO 11TH MAY 2026



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Private concert in Vienna featuring the Vienna Supreme Orchestra.

Travel over the spectacular Semmering Pass with its 16 viaducts and 15 tunnels.

Take in the breathtaking beauty of Lake Bled on a special boat experience.

Visit stunning Lake Como and enjoy a boat excursion.

Explore the ethereal Postojna Cave network of limestone caverns and monuments.

Enjoy a gondola ride through the iconic waterways of romantic Venice.

Private saxophone performance in the spectacular Postojna Cave.

We have joined forces with Golden Eagle Luxury Trains to bring you a spectacular journey by private train through six fascinating countries. From the classic capital cities of Budapest and Vienna, we venture deep into the Austrian Tyrol before heading across the valleys of the Swiss Alps and onwards through the Italian Lake District before arriving into the lesser-known but equally beautiful country of Slovenia and its jewel in the crown, Lake Bled. Traverse some of the most scenic railway lines in the world as the Golden Eagle Danube Express weaves its way through tunnels, across viaducts and over mountain passes. Journey's end will be in the stunning maritime city of Venice, an outstanding mix of Gothic and Renaissance palaces perched on the edge of the Italian coast and a perfect end to a memorable journey of alpine discovery.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Budapest, Hungary. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to the Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace (or similar) for our two night stay. Enjoy a welcome reception dinner in the elegant surrounds of this Art Nouveau landmark with its panoramic views across the River Danube.

Day 2 Budapest. Budapest is an alliance of two cities separated by the River Danube. The old city of Buda and the imposing Royal Palace dominate the city with stunning views across the Danube to the commercial heart of Pest. Our city tour includes the Castle District, 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. The rest of the day is at leisure and you may wish to stroll along the banks of the Danube, visit the historic Great Market Hall with its endless variety of delicious foods and wines or head to one of the city's famous thermal baths for a rejuvenating dip.

Day 3 Budapest to Vienna, Austria. Enjoy a drinks reception at Budapest Nyugati Station before boarding the Golden Eagle Danube Express for our morning departure. Settle into your cabin and later enjoy lunch as the train heads to Vienna, the stunning capital city of Austria which enthralls visitors with its rich heritage. A seductive city, it is known for its elaborate palaces, coffee houses, classical music and enchanting opera. Today's programme will include a horse-drawn carriage ride through the cobbled streets of Vienna's Old Town, the famous Schonbrunn Palace, or free time to explore independently. This evening,

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

Day 4 Semmering Pass, Lake Achen & Innsbruck. Today will be one of the highlights of our tour as we depart from Vienna and make the scenic journey through central Austria and into the Alps. We will climb over the Semmering Pass with its 16 viaducts and 15 tunnels and through the famous skiing village of Kitzbuhel to Jenbach, where after lunch we take a scenic drive to the picturesque Lake Achen (Achensee) for a cruise on the water. From here we will travel by bus the short distance to Innsbruck, capital of Austria's western state of Tyrol, a city in the Alps that has long been a destination for winter sports. Innsbruck is also known for its Imperial and modern architecture. The Nordkette funicular, with its futuristic stations designed by architect Zaha Hadid, climbs up to 2,256 metres from the city centre for stunning bird eye views of the surrounding Alpine terrain.

Day 5 Zurich, Switzerland. Another fantastic morning on board the Golden Eagle Danube Express to simply sit back, relax and watch the scenery of the Vorarlberg unfold in front of your eyes as we pass through St Anton before crossing through Liechtenstein and then into Switzerland where we run along the whole of the Lake of Zurich before arriving in the city itself. The city of Zurich, a global centre for banking and finance, lies at the north end of Lake Zurich in northern Switzerland. The picturesque lanes of the central Altstadt (Old Town), on either side of the Limmat River, reflect its pre-Medieval history. Waterfront promenades like the Limmatquai follow the river toward the 17th century Rathaus (Town Hall). Whilst in the city we will enjoy a traditional Swiss fondue tasting.



Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



Miramare Castle, Trieste



Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna



Venice

Day 6 St Gotthard Pass & Lake Como, Italy. Upon leaving Zurich we pass along the shorelines of Lakes Zug and Lucerne before starting the very scenic climb to the St Gotthard Pass. Once through the old St Gotthard tunnel we descend through Lugano towards Lake Como in Italy, where we stop for lunch on the Lake. Lake Como is surrounded by high mountains and dramatic cliffs, so it is quite different from the other Italian lakes. A narrow road runs up its western coast towards Switzerland and sits up high above the water, with the towns dropping down beneath it. Renowned for its beautifully kept public gardens and historic villas, it is easy to see why so many celebrities love Lake Como. We will enjoy a cruise on Lake Como and visit the beautiful lakeside town of Bellagio.

Day 7 Verona & Trieste. This morning after running along the south shore of Lake Garda we arrive in Verona. Famous for being the setting of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet', we enjoy an informative walking tour of Verona's famous sites, including the first century Roman Amphitheatre in Piazza Bra. Enjoy lunch on board and later in the afternoon we arrive into the Italian port of Trieste for a short tour. We stop at the imposing Miramare Castle and also visit the vast Piazza Unita d'Italia, the main town square. Standing on a hill overlooking Trieste is the famous Church of San Giusto built around a Medieval complex and dates back to the 13th century. We will go inside the church for a close-up view of the splendid Byzantine-style architecture enriched with precious mosaics.

Day 8 Lake Bled & Ljubljana, Slovenia. Be awake early as our train climbs away from Trieste and heads over the border into Slovenia. Continue climbing through the Julian Alps to Lake Bled which, with its island, church and castle is an incredibly picturesque alpine lake situated at the foothills of the Alps in north-western Slovenia. From here we travel onto Ljubljana as we have lunch on board and discover a delightful combination of ancient architecture and a modern culture. Our afternoon tour includes visits to Preseren Square, Three Bridges and Dragon Bridge.

Day 9 Postojna & Venice, Italy. This morning we enjoy a private visit to Postojna Cave including a saxophone performance in this atmospheric setting. Later we head south towards Mestre where our train curves to the left onto the three-mile causeway across the Venice Lagoon and into Venice Santa Lucia Station located on the Grand Canal. After lunch we disembark the train and transfer to a centrally located five-star hotel in Venice for our two night stay.

Day 10 Venice. Venice is a truly captivating and romantic city. Today enjoy a tour around the highlights of this spectacular city including a walk through the winding lanes beside the Grand Canal to St Mark's Square, which for 1,000 years was the heart of Venetian life. We also see St Mark's Basilica and stroll through the Rialto Market before a gondola ride along Venice's famous canals. Alternatively enjoy exploring the city at your own pace. Perhaps stroll through the artists' district of Dorsoduro, stopping to take in the city's most breathtaking views from the Accademia Bridge. In the evening we will enjoy a farewell reception dinner.

Day 11 Venice to London. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

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CATEGORY	PRICE
Deluxe Class	£14995
Superior Deluxe Class	£19095
Deluxe Class for sole occupancy	£21995
Superior Deluxe Class for sole occupancy	£31495

PRICE INCLUDES: Scheduled air travel • Two nights hotel accommodation in Budapest • Six nights aboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express Train • Two nights hotel accommodation in Venice • All meals • All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages from standard bar list whilst on board the Golden Eagle Danube Express • Wine, beer and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners off the train • Excursions • Hotel Porterage • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes.

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BALKAN EXPLORER

FROM VENICE TO ISTANBUL ABOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS

8TH TO 19TH MAY & 5TH TO 16TH OCTOBER 2026



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

The iconic European Grand Tour journey between Venice and Istanbul visiting nine countries in twelve days.

Enjoy a gondola ride through the waterways of romantic Venice.

Explore the ethereal Postojna Cave network of limestone caverns and monuments.

Discover Sarajevo's poignant history through a truly absorbing guided tour of the city.

Explore Montenegro's beautiful coast and the capital of Podgorica.

Visit one of the world's best preserved Roman amphitheatres in ancient Plovdiv.

Tour Istanbul's magnificent Sultan Ahmet Mosque (the Blue Mosque).

At the crossroads of East and West and with a history forged over the centuries and influenced by so many, the Balkans has always had an allure for the genuine traveller. There is a wealth of fascinating cultural sites and natural world marvels to discover and with the Golden Eagle Danube Express as our luxury 'hotel on wheels' we will journey from the enchanting city of Venice and meander through the captivating Balkan region to Istanbul, the jewel of the Byzantium Empire. Evocative of the refinement and sumptuous elegance of a bygone era, our journey by train captures the vintage charm of the golden era of travel and whilst moving between our destinations we will witness some of the most beautiful scenery Europe has to offer with mountains that sweep down to lakes covered in rich vegetation.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Venice, Italy. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to a centrally located five-star hotel for our two night stay. This evening enjoy a welcome reception and dinner.

Day 2 Venice. Venice is a truly captivating and romantic city. Today enjoy a tour around the highlights of this spectacular city including the winding lanes beside the Grand Canal to St Mark's Square, which for 1,000 years was the heart of Venetian life. We also see St Mark's Basilica and stroll through the Rialto Market. Alternatively enjoy the city at your own pace today. Perhaps stroll through the artists' district of Dorsoduro, stopping to take in the city's most breathtaking views from the Accademia Bridge.

Day 3 Venice to Trieste. This morning we transfer from the hotel, by boat, directly to Santa Lucia Station on the Grand Canal to embark our private train, the Golden Eagle Danube Express. Mid-morning the train will thread its way out of the station onto the three mile causeway over the Venice Lagoon and on to our first stop at the Italian port city of Trieste. On an afternoon tour we stop at the imposing Miramare Castle and also visit the vast Piazza Unità d'Italia, the main town square. Standing on a hill overlooking Trieste is the famous Church of San Giusto built around a Medieval complex and which dates back to the 13th century. We will go inside the church for a close up view of the splendid Byzantine-style architecture enriched with precious mosaics.

Day 4 Postojna & Ljubljana, Slovenia. Arriving into Slovenia we visit Postojna Cave as we ride an underground train deep into the cave and

tour the network of magnificent halls, a myriad of cave formations and mysterious animals. After the visit to the caves we continue to Ljubljana which is the delightful capital city of Slovenia offering a combination of ancient architecture and modern culture. Our afternoon walking tour of Ljubljana's Old Town includes a visit to Preseren Square, the Three Bridges, Dragon Bridge and Plecnik Market.

Day 5 Sarajevo & Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina. In the early morning we arrive into the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo which is an intriguing blend of Eastern and Western culture; it has mosques and minarets, an ancient bazaar and an atmospheric old Turkish quarter. Discover the city's poignant history through a guided tour detailing the horrors of the Balkan War. The scars of war are still evident as we travel past war-torn buildings and we make a special visit to the Tunnel Museum under Sarajevo Airport. Our guide, who lived through the 1992-1996 conflict, brings to life the struggles the citizens of Sarajevo faced during the siege of the city. Following lunch on board our private train, this afternoon we travel along a very scenic line to the historic city of Mostar, the crossroads of many civilisations, cultures and three religions. Mostar was one of the most important cities of the Ottoman Empire. The town's renowned stone arch bridge linking the Christian and Muslim areas was re-built in the summer of 2004. We also visit Turkish House and the mosque before walking through the narrow, bazaar streets, where you can shop for traditional souvenirs and handicrafts.

Day 6 Belgrade, Serbia. Arrive this morning in the Serbian capital, Belgrade, the former Yugoslavian capital. Located at the strategic meeting



Postojna Cave



Montenegro

point of the Danube and Sava Rivers, this truly cosmopolitan city has fortifications from Celtic times, Medieval tombs and Turkish baths. We spend a full day here and our city tour includes the 'House of Flowers' –the mausoleum of Josip Tito, the Town Hall, Republic Square and Knez Mihajlova Street, as well as 'Varos' Gate and a visit to the mighty Kalemegdan Fortress.

Day 7 Bar & Podgorica, Montenegro. Today we cross the border into Montenegro, still one of Europe's largely undiscovered locations. Blessed with glorious beaches and spectacular landscapes of rugged mountains, gentle lakes and Medieval towns, Montenegro has a combination of incredible natural beauty and captivating history that makes it a fascinating place to visit. This morning we arrive into Bar where we enjoy a short sightseeing tour of the coastal town. During lunch on board our private train we travel onto the capital city of Podgorica. The city has passed through the empires of the Romans, Ottomans and the Austro-Hungarians. Its streets are an interesting hotchpotch of Ottoman oddments, Austrian shopfronts, communist tower blocks and modern shopping malls.

Day 8 Skopje, Macedonia. Today we arrive in little-visited Skopje and discover a city where the Ottoman influences are still strong. Explore the narrow streets of the Old Town with tiny shops and mosques with ceramic-tiled interiors. Meander through the Old Bazaar area, brimming with things to buy, and cross the 15th century Stone Bridge which links the bazaar to the modern town.

Day 9 Sofia & Plovdiv, Bulgaria. The site of Bulgaria's modern capital, at the foot of Mount Vitosha, Sofia was first occupied by the Thracian tribe of Serdi. On our morning tour we will visit sections of the Roman wall, admire the ancient Church of St George, the golden domed Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the Turkish Bashi Mosque. We enjoy lunch on the train as we travel to Plovdiv. The second largest city in Bulgaria after Sofia, 'The City of Seven Hills' is one of the oldest cities in Europe with more than 200 known archaeological sites. We spend the afternoon here exploring the Roman Forum and Amphitheatre and we also visit the charming Old Town including its Medieval walls and Ottoman baths.

Days 10 & 11 Istanbul, Turkey. Disembark the Golden Eagle Danube Express for a two night stay in Istanbul, the fabled city that spans Asia and Europe. During our time in the city we will visit the crown jewel of the Ottoman Empire, Topkapi Palace. This stunning palace is the largest and oldest in the world and was the primary residence of the Ottoman



Mostar



Blue Mosque, Istanbul

Sultans from 1465 to 1853. Hagia Sophia was built in the 6th century by the Emperor Justinian and was one of the largest basilicas in the Christian world. After the Ottoman conquest, it was converted to a mosque and is today one of the most magnificent Grand Mosques in the world. One of the most famous monuments in both the Turkish and Islamic worlds, the Sultan Ahmet Mosque (the Blue Mosque) is a superb creation in the classical Ottoman style. We will have time to marvel at the exterior of the building which features six towering minarets and 260 windows illuminating its vast main chamber. We will also enjoy an afternoon cruise on the legendary Bosphorus and a visit to the Grand Bazaar.

Day 12 Istanbul to London. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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Deluxe Class	£15995
Superior Deluxe Class	£20295
Deluxe Class for sole occupancy	£23495
Superior Deluxe Class for sole occupancy	£33795

PRICE INCLUDES: Scheduled air travel • Two nights accommodation at Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal in Venice (or similar) • Seven nights aboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express Train • Two nights accommodation at the Four Seasons Sultanahmet in Istanbul (or similar) • All meals • All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages from standard bar list whilst on board the Golden Eagle Danube Express • Wine, beer and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners off the train • Excursions • Hotel Portage • All Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes.

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23RD TO 30TH MAY & 12TH TO 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Private saxophone performance
in the spectacular Postoina Cave.

Ascend the breathtaking
Semmering Pass, renowned for
its 16 viaducts and 15 tunnels.

Experience a private classical concert featuring the illustrious Vienna Supreme Orchestra.

Enjoy a splendid farewell dinner
on the atmospheric banks of the
Bosphorus.

This extraordinary journey takes us from the very heart of Europe, Paris, to the magnificent city of Istanbul and promises to be an unparalleled experience traversing the enchanting cities of Vienna, Belgrade and Sofia as well as time spent in France's renowned Champagne region. Expertly curated excursions are accompanied by relaxing afternoons on board your private, hotel on rails, the Golden Eagle Danube Express, on which our long-term associates at Golden Eagle Luxury Trains have offered us a selection of cabins. Every moment aboard the train promises to be memorable. Unwind and watch the stunning scenery unfold along this fabled route which was made famous by the historic Orient Express whilst enjoying the personalised and attentive service that is the epitome of luxurious travel.



Vineyards in the Champagne region of France



Vienna

Day 1 London to Paris, France. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to our centrally located five-star hotel for an overnight stay. This evening enjoy a welcome reception and dinner.

Day 2 Champagne. This morning we transfer to Paris Gare de Lyon Station where the indulgence begins with a champagne drinks reception before stepping aboard the stylish Golden Eagle Danube Express. Settle into life on board your private train as we journey across the serene French countryside towards our first stop – Champagne. Renowned for producing the world's finest sparkling wines, Champagne's manicured vineyards, draped over rolling hills, present a captivating tapestry of green and gold and the region boasts historic cathedrals and regal architecture.

Day 3 Vienna, Austria. Embark on a splendid journey through the breathtaking Austrian countryside, traversing the majestic Alps. Whether you choose to unwind in the privacy of your cabin or opt for the Bar Lounge Car, every moment promises spectacular views combined with refined relaxation. As twilight descends, we arrive in the imperial city of Vienna where we will enjoy a sumptuous dinner and experience a private classical concert featuring the Vienna Supreme Orchestra.

Day 4 Vienna & Postojna, Slovenia. This morning, our exploration of Vienna continues. With its elaborate palaces, iconic coffee houses, and a cultural tapestry woven with classical music and captivating opera, Vienna is a seductive city that beckons to be explored. After lunch we will enjoy an exclusive confectionary masterclass on board. Tonight, we will venture



Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Sofia



Kalemegdan Fortress, Belgrade

into the enchanting depths of Postojna Cave. Aboard an underground train, we delve into a subterranean world, wandering through a network of grand halls adorned with a myriad of intricate cave formations and inhabited by mysterious creatures. Immerse yourself in the atmospheric ambience, heightened by the soulful notes of a saxophonist echoing through the cavernous spaces.

Day 5 Belgrade, Serbia. Today, our adventure immerses us in the hidden treasures of Belgrade, beginning with an exclusive exploration of Tito's legendary blue train, a relic of Yugoslavia's storied past. We will then enjoy a sumptuous traditional Serbian feast before we delve into the world of Rakija, Serbia's beloved elixir. At the city's oldest brewery, we will sample an array of Rakija varieties, all while regaling in captivating tales and anecdotes of Belgrade's spirited history. Before we reboard the train, take the opportunity to wander through Belgrade's bustling streets where every corner reveals a new facet of its vibrant culture. Tonight, we will experience an immersive culinary journey – the Gala Dinner - presented by the Head Chef, Ramon Batta, who has drawn inspiration from local ingredients and flavours encountered along the way.

Day 6 Sofia, Bulgaria. Enjoy a morning of relaxation in the Bar Lounge Car watching the world gracefully unfold outside your window as we head towards Bulgaria. Sofia is one of the oldest cities in Europe dating back around 7,000 years and sitting at the foot of Mount Vitosha, which offers a stunning backdrop to our explorations. The city has some magnificent architecture, with a mixture of Western and Central European influences, especially many of the Orthodox churches. Our adventure begins amidst the captivating ruins of the Roman city of Serdica, where echoes of a bygone era whisper tales of glory and conquest. Wander through the enchanting City Garden, home to the prestigious National Theatre Ivan Vazov, and marvel at the opulent façade of the Presidential Palace and other iconic landmarks. We will then descend into the hallowed Crypt of the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral where we will enjoy a private performance of "Cosmic Voices" by the renowned Vanya Moneva Choir, a vocal masterpiece that stirred hearts at the opening of the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Day 7 Istanbul, Turkey. Disembark for an overnight stay in Istanbul, the fabled city that spans Asia and Europe. Enjoy a day at leisure to explore this fascinating city before we meet for the splendid farewell dinner on the atmospheric banks of the Bosphorus.

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Topkapi Palace Istanbul



Banks of the Bosphorus, Istanbul

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Booking conditions apply to all reservations and are available on request.
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