



CENTRAL EUROPE



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8.6 m²

Superior Deluxe cabin,
shower room included

12

Superior Deluxe cabins per
departure

1 sitting

Restaurant cars seat every
guest at once

Doctor

A UK-registered doctor
travels on board

12 journeys in this brochure

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ON BOARD

Cabins and suites



MOST SPACIOUS

Superior Deluxe Class

12 cabins per departure · 8.6 m²

- King-size bed made up each evening
- Full-length sofa and two chairs for daytime
- Two large picture windows, one that opens
- En-suite shower room with WC (1.9 m²)
- Double wardrobe, safe, Wi-Fi and USB ports

CLASSIC

Deluxe Class

5 cabins per carriage · 7.74 m²

- Two lower beds made up during dinner
- Two armchairs and a free-standing chair
- Large picture window that opens partially
- En-suite shower, washbasin and WC, heated towel rail
- Toiletries, dressing gown and hairdryer provided

Every cabin has its own private shower room, individually controlled air-conditioning and a dedicated cabin attendant.



The Bar Lounge Car

The Bar Lounge Car is the social heart of the train: a relaxed place to watch the scenery, play cards, read or get to know fellow travellers. A resident pianist plays in the evenings, and the bar stays open until the last guest goes to bed.

This is also where the Tour Manager briefs you on the programme. Printed daily itineraries give train timings, the weather at the next stop and details of the following day's excursions, and talks on local history and culture or language lessons are held along the way.

Dining on board

The restaurant cars seat every guest in a single sitting with open seating, so you can dine with whoever you like. The Executive Chef and his team cook with local ingredients wherever possible, and menus take their inspiration from the regions the train passes through.

Breakfast is a buffet of fruit, cereals and cold plates, with cooked dishes served at the table. Lunch and dinner are accompanied by wines chosen from around the world, plus beer, soft drinks and bottled water. Dress is informal throughout, and vegetarian and other dietary needs are catered for.





JOURNEY 1 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

Balkan Explorer: Venice to Istanbul

12 days 11 nights Venice to Istanbul

Twelve days from the Venetian lagoon to the Bosphorus, through Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Bulgaria.

This journey links Venice and Istanbul through seven countries. After two nights in Venice, the train heads for the Postojna Caves, Roman Pula and Rijeka, then on to Sarajevo and Mostar, a night at a historic Belgrade hotel, Sofia and Plovdiv, before two final nights in Istanbul.

Route · Venice → Trieste → Postojna → Pula → Rijeka → Sarajevo → Mostar → Belgrade → Sofia → Plovdiv → Istanbul

- A gondola ride and guided walk in Venice
- Riding a cave train deep into the Postojna Caves
- A gladiator show inside Pula's Roman Arena
- A guided tour of Sarajevo's wartime history
- Mostar's Old Bridge and the Ottoman hill town of Počitelj
- An overnight stay at Belgrade's historic Hotel Bristol
- Plovdiv's Roman Forum and Amphitheatre
- A Bosphorus cruise and Hagia Sophia in Istanbul

Day by day

Day 1 **Arrive in Venice** · Night: Venice

You are met on arrival and taken to a central five-star hotel for two nights. In the evening a welcome drinks reception and dinner introduce you to your fellow travellers.

Day 2 **Venice** · Night: Venice

Choose how to spend the day: a guided walk from the Rialto Bridge with a short gondola ride, lunch and St Mark's Square, or a trip to Murano for glassblowing and colourful Burano for its lacemaking. An optional private evening visit to St Mark's Basilica is offered.

Day 3 **Venice → Trieste → Postojna** · Night: On board the Danube Express

A boat takes you down the Grand Canal to Santa Lucia station, where the train is waiting. After lunch on board there is a short guided stop in Trieste around the sea-facing Piazza Unità d'Italia, and in the evening you ride a cave train into the vast Postojna Caves.

Day 4	Pula & Rijeka · Night: On board the Danube Express A guided tour of Pula takes in the old centre and its Roman Arena, where a gladiator performance brings the past to life. Lunch with a tasting of Istrian produce follows at a rural estate, then a guided walk in Rijeka along the Korzo promenade before rejoining the train.
Day 5	Sarajevo · Night: On board the Danube Express An early arrival in Sarajevo, a city of mosques, an old bazaar and a Turkish quarter. A guided tour explores the city's long wartime siege, and after lunch you can ride the cable car up Mount Trebević or visit the Tunnel of Hope.
Day 6	Mostar & Počitelj · Night: On board the Danube Express A guided walk through Mostar's old town includes a traditional Turkish house, a mosque and the bazaar lanes beside the rebuilt Old Bridge. Lunch overlooks the bridge, then you follow the Neretva River to the fortified Ottoman town of Počitelj.
Day 7	Belgrade · Night: Belgrade In the Serbian capital you leave the train for a night at the historic Hotel Bristol. A guided tour covers the Old Town and Kalemegdan Fortress above the meeting of the Sava and Danube, followed by a tasting of Serbian wines and a visit to the Church of Saint Sava.
Day 8	Belgrade · Night: On board the Danube Express Today focuses on Tito's Belgrade, with a visit to his museum complex and former residence, a traditional bread-and-salt welcome and a Serbian folk-dance performance. You then rejoin the train and head south-east across Serbia towards Bulgaria.
Day 9	Sofia & Plovdiv · Night: On board the Danube Express A morning tour of Sofia takes in Roman walls, the Church of St George, the golden-domed Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the Banya Bashi Mosque. In Plovdiv, one of Europe's oldest continuously inhabited cities, an early-evening tour visits the Roman Forum and Amphitheatre and the cobbled Old Town.
Day 10	Istanbul · Night: Istanbul On arrival your luggage goes straight to the five-star Four Seasons Hotel. A walk leads to the Spice Market and a traditional Turkish lunch, followed by a Bosphorus cruise; the evening brings a visit to one of the city's ancient cisterns before dinner.
Day 11	Istanbul · Night: Istanbul Choose between Topkapi Palace with its courtyards, harem and treasury, or a guided tour of the Grand Bazaar including a walk along its rooftop. After lunch you visit Hagia Sophia, and the journey closes with a farewell dinner at the hotel.
Day 12	Depart Istanbul After breakfast you are transferred to the airport, or you can extend your stay in Istanbul.

What is included

- Hotel stays in Venice, Belgrade and Istanbul as shown in the itinerary
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary
- Freedom of Choice touring options on selected days
- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 11 dinners

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JOURNEY 2 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

Castles of Transylvania: Istanbul to Budapest

7 days 6 nights Istanbul to Budapest

A week from Istanbul to Budapest through Bulgaria and Romania, with Peleş and Bran castles and the medieval towns of Transylvania.

Starting with a night in Istanbul, this journey crosses Bulgaria to Veliko Tarnovo, then climbs into the Carpathians for Peleş Castle and a private dinner at Bran Castle. Medieval Sighișoara and Saxon Sibiu follow, then a horse show on the Hungarian plain and a final night in Budapest.

Route · Istanbul → Veliko Tarnovo → Sinaia → Braşov → Sighișoara → Sibiu → Kecskemét → Lajosmizse → Budapest

- Walking tour of Istanbul with a choice of the Blue Mosque or Hagia Sophia
- Tsarevets Hill and Castle in Veliko Tarnovo
- Peleş Castle, the royal summer palace at Sinaia
- A gala dinner inside the walls of Bran Castle
- The UNESCO-listed citadel of Sighișoara
- A traditional Puszta horse show at Lajosmizse
- A night at the Four Seasons Gresham Palace in Budapest

Day by day

Day 1 **Arrive in Istanbul** · Night: Istanbul

You are met and transferred to a five-star hotel. A welcome dinner in the evening is your chance to meet fellow travellers.

Day 2 **Istanbul** · Night: On board the Danube Express

A walking tour of the old central quarters is followed by a choice of the Blue Mosque, with its six minarets and thousands of Iznik tiles, or Hagia Sophia with its Byzantine mosaics. In the early afternoon you board the train and set off towards Bulgaria.

Day 3 **Veliko Tarnovo** · Night: On board the Danube Express

The train climbs over the Shipka Pass to Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria's old capital, where stone houses cling to the banks of the Yantra River. A tour covers Tsarevets Hill and Castle with free time in the old lanes, and dinner is served as the train heads for Romania.

Day 4	Sinaia & Braşov · Night: On board the Danube Express After crossing the Carpathians overnight, you tour Peleş Castle in Sinaia, the former royal summer residence with 160 lavishly decorated rooms. Lunch is back on board on the way to Braşov, then you visit Bran Castle, tied to the Dracula legend, and enjoy a gala dinner inside its walls.
Day 5	Sighişoara & Sibiu · Night: On board the Danube Express A walking tour of Sighişoara, one of Europe's best-preserved fortified medieval towns and said to be Vlad the Impaler's birthplace. After lunch on the train you explore Sibiu's Saxon old town and Council Tower, then enjoy a farewell dinner on board crossing the Great Hungarian Plain.
Day 6	Kecskemét, Lajosmizse & Budapest · Night: Budapest Explore Kecskemét in the centre of Hungary, then watch a Puszta horse show at Lajosmizse. You reach Budapest in the late afternoon for a night at the Four Seasons Gresham Palace (or similar), with a farewell dinner that evening.
Day 7	Depart Budapest Enjoy a final breakfast at the hotel before your onward journey, or extend your stay in Budapest.

What is included

- Five-star hotel nights in Istanbul and Budapest
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary
- Freedom of Choice touring options on selected days
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 6 dinners

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JOURNEY 3 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

Grand Alpine Express: Budapest to Venice

11 days 10 nights Budapest to Venice

Eleven days from Budapest to Venice through the Austrian Tyrol, the Swiss Alps, the Italian lakes and Slovenia's Lake Bled.

After two nights in Budapest, the train crosses Austria over the Semmering Pass into the Tyrol, then Switzerland and the Gotthard route to Lake Como. Verona, Lake Bled, Ljubljana and the Postojna Caves follow before two nights in Venice.

Route · Budapest → Vienna → Semmering Pass → Jenbach → Innsbruck → Zürich → Como → Verona → Lake Bled → Postojna → Venice

- Crossing the Semmering Pass with its 16 viaducts and 15 tunnels
- A private concert by the Vienna Residence Orchestra
- Europe's oldest steam cog railway and a cruise on Lake Achen
- A Swiss fondue lunch in Zürich
- A boat cruise on Lake Como with lunch in Bellagio
- The Roman Arena in Verona
- A pletna boat to the island church on Lake Bled
- A private visit to the Postojna Caves

Day by day

Day 1 Arrive in Budapest · Night: Budapest

You are met and taken to the Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace for two nights. A welcome reception dinner in this Art Nouveau landmark overlooks the Danube.

Day 2 Budapest · Night: Budapest

A guided visit to the Hungarian Parliament is followed by a coach tour across the river to Buda's old town and Fisherman's Bastion. The rest of the day is free for the thermal baths, a walk by the Danube or the hotel spa.

Day 3 Vienna & the Semmering Pass · Night: On board the Danube Express

A drinks reception at Nyugati station precedes the morning departure, with lunch on board to Vienna. A horse-drawn carriage ride through the Old Town is followed by a classical concert at Palace Daun Kinsky, then the train climbs over the UNESCO-listed Semmering Pass as evening falls.

Day 4	Lake Achen & Innsbruck · Night: On board the Danube Express Passing Kitzbühel, the train reaches Jenbach. After lunch you ride the Achenseebahn steam cog railway up to Lake Achen and cruise the lake with coffee and strudel, then take a guided walk through Innsbruck.
Day 5	Zürich · Night: On board the Danube Express The train runs through the Vorarlberg and Liechtenstein and along the length of Lake Zürich. After a Swiss fondue lunch, choose a guided walk of the Old Town with the Fraumünster Church or a visit to the Kunsthaus art museum, before dinner on board heading for Italy.
Day 6	Gotthard & Lake Como · Night: On board the Danube Express Along Lake Zug and Lake Lucerne, the train climbs to the Gotthard and descends through Lugano into Italy. A private boat cruise on Lake Como brings you to Bellagio for lunch and free time, then a guided tour of Como before dinner on board.
Day 7	Verona · Night: On board the Danube Express After running along Lake Garda's southern shore, the morning centres on Verona's Roman Arena. A traditional Italian lunch is followed by a guided walk through the historic centre and free time.
Day 8	Lake Bled & Ljubljana · Night: On board the Danube Express The train climbs through the Julian Alps to Lake Bled, where you can take a pletna boat to the island church and climb to Bled Castle, or circle the island and visit Radovljica for a chocolate tasting. Lunch at Tito's Villa is followed by a guided walk and river boat trip in Ljubljana.
Day 9	Postojna & Venice · Night: Venice A private morning visit to the Postojna Caves is followed by the run to Venice across the lagoon causeway, arriving at Santa Lucia in the late afternoon. A private boat takes you to your central hotel for two nights, and after dinner there is a private evening tour of St Mark's Basilica.
Day 10	Venice · Night: Venice Choose a guided walk from the Rialto Bridge with a gondola ride and lunch, or an excursion to Murano and Burano. The afternoon is free or can include a walking tour of St Mark's Square, and the day ends with a farewell dinner at the hotel.
Day 11	Depart Venice After breakfast you are transferred to the airport, or you can extend your stay in Venice.

What is included

- Hotel nights in Budapest and Venice
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary
- Freedom of Choice touring options on selected days
- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners

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JOURNEY 4 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

Christmas Markets of Central Europe: Budapest to Munich

8 days 7 nights Budapest to Munich

Eight festive days from Budapest to Munich, with the Christmas markets of Vienna and Salzburg and a private Silent Night performance.

Two nights in Budapest open this Advent journey. The train then visits Vienna for an after-hours tour of Schönbrunn Palace and a private concert, crosses to Salzburg for its famous Christkindlmarkt and the Silent Night Chapel at Oberndorf, and ends with two nights in Munich.

Route · Budapest → Vienna → Salzburg → Munich

- A drinks reception in Budapest's Royal Waiting Room with a brass band send-off
- An after-hours private tour of Schönbrunn Palace
- A private classical concert at Palais Daun-Kinsky in Vienna
- Fortress Hohensalzburg and Salzburg's Christkindlmarkt
- A private Turmblasen brass performance from Salzburg Cathedral's towers
- A private Silent Night performance at the Stille Nacht Chapel
- A brewery tour with a Bavarian dinner in Munich
- Munich's Christmas market on Marienplatz

Day by day

Day 1 **Arrive in Budapest** · Night: Budapest

You are met and taken to the Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace (or similar) for two nights. A welcome reception dinner introduces you to your fellow travellers.

Day 2 **Budapest** · Night: Budapest

A panoramic tour covers the Castle District, St Matthias Church and Fishermen's Bastion, passing the Parliament, Opera House, St Stephen's and Heroes' Square. The rest of the day is free for the Christmas markets, the Great Market Hall or a thermal bath.

Day 3 **Budapest → Vienna** · Night: On board the Danube Express

After a drinks reception in the Royal Waiting Room at Nyugati station, a brass band plays as the train departs. Lunch is served on the way to Vienna, where an exclusive after-hours guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace awaits, followed by dinner on board.

Day 4	Vienna · Night: On board the Danube Express A private concert by the Vienna Residence Orchestra at Palais Daun-Kinsky starts the day, followed by a panoramic city tour with the option of the Museum of Fine Arts. Alternatively, visit the Christmas market at Maria-Theresien-Platz or the Hofburg, before dinner on the train.
Day 5	Salzburg · Night: On board the Danube Express A tour starts at Mirabell Palace, then continues to Fortress Hohensalzburg above the city. After free time at the Christkindlmarkt and lunch in a local restaurant, you visit the Residenzgalerie, then the cathedral organ gallery for a private Turmblasen brass performance from the towers.
Day 6	Salzburg → Munich · Night: Munich A coach tour reaches Hellbrunn Palace and its Christmas market and the famous gazebo, then Oberndorf for a private performance of Silent Night in the Stille Nacht Chapel. Lunch on board carries you into Bavaria, and in the evening you tour a historic Munich brewery with a tasting and traditional dinner.
Day 7	Munich · Night: Munich Visit Motorworld Munich, a showcase of classic and luxury cars, before lunch and time at Munich's Christmas markets, including Marienplatz. The evening ends with a farewell dinner.
Day 8	Depart Munich After breakfast at the hotel you are transferred to the airport.

What is included

- Five-star hotel nights in Budapest and Munich
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary

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JOURNEY 5 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

New Year in Vienna: Budapest Round Trip

9 days 8 nights Budapest to Budapest

Ring in the New Year in Vienna on a nine-day round trip from Budapest via Graz, Český Krumlov, Prague and Košice.

Two nights in Budapest lead into a winter circuit by private train: Lake Balaton's Festetics Palace, Graz and the Semmering Pass, then New Year's Eve in Vienna with a gala dinner and waltzing to midnight. Český Krumlov, Prague and Košice follow before a final night in Budapest.

Route · Budapest → Keszthely → Graz → Semmering Pass → Vienna → Český Krumlov → Prague → Košice

- A tour of Festetics Palace in Keszthely
- Crossing the Semmering Pass by train
- A Viennese waltz lesson before New Year's Eve
- A New Year's Eve gala dinner with the Wiener Hofball Orchestra
- A horse-drawn carriage ride through Vienna on New Year's Day
- A vintage tram to Prague Castle and a Vltava river cruise
- A private classical concert in Prague

Day by day

Day 1 Arrive in Budapest · Night: Budapest

You are met and taken to the Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace for two nights. A welcome reception dinner opens the celebrations.

Day 2 Budapest · Night: Budapest

A panoramic tour takes in the Castle District, St Matthias Church and Fishermen's Bastion, passing the Parliament, St Stephen's and Heroes' Square. After lunch you visit the Hungarian State Opera House, and dinner is a choice of dine-around options at the hotel.

Day 3 Keszthely · Night: On board the Danube Express

A morning drinks reception in the Royal Waiting Room at Nyugati station precedes boarding. The train crosses winter Hungary through the Balaton Uplands to Keszthely at the western end of Lake Balaton, where you tour the baroque Festetics Palace before travelling into Austria overnight.

Day 4	New Year's Eve: Graz & Vienna · Night: On board the Danube Express A short walking tour of Graz's courtyards and palaces comes with the option of a pumpkin seed oil tasting. The train then climbs the Semmering Pass, with lunch on board, to Vienna for a waltz lesson and a New Year's Eve gala dinner with the Wiener Hofball Orchestra, dancing through to midnight.
Day 5	New Year's Day in Vienna · Night: On board the Danube Express After brunch on board, choose a guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace and its Christmas market, or Heiligenkreuz Abbey in the Vienna Woods. Both groups then enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride and a private concert before dinner on the train towards the Czech Republic.
Day 6	Český Krumlov & Prague · Night: Prague Explore the UNESCO-listed old town of Český Krumlov, with the option of a festive brewery tasting. After lunch on board the train continues to Prague for dinner in the city and a private classical concert.
Day 7	Prague · Night: On board the Danube Express A vintage tram climbs to Prague Castle and St Vitus Cathedral, followed by lunch in the city and a free afternoon for the markets. A cruise on the Vltava shows the illuminated city before dinner on board heading into Slovakia.
Day 8	Košice & Budapest · Night: Budapest A highlights tour of Košice includes its great oval main square. After a final lunch on board the train returns to Budapest for a night at the Four Seasons Gresham Palace (or similar) and a farewell dinner.
Day 9	Depart Budapest After breakfast you are transferred to the airport, or you can extend your stay in Budapest.

What is included

- Five-star hotel nights in Budapest at the start and end
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary
- Freedom of Choice touring options on selected days
- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners
- VIP tickets to the New Year's Eve gala in Vienna

Live dates, fares and online booking: www.luxurytrainvacations.com/train/danube-express/new-year-in-vienna/



JOURNEY 6 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

Eastern Europe Discovery: Budapest to Vienna

12 days 11 nights Budapest to Vienna

Twelve days from Budapest to Vienna through Poland, Berlin, Dresden, Prague and Salzburg, with a private Chopin recital in Warsaw.

After two nights in Budapest the train heads north to Kraków and Auschwitz-Birkenau, Warsaw, Malbork Castle and Gdańsk, then Berlin, Dresden and two days in Prague. Salzburg and a crossing of the Semmering Pass lead to Vienna and a final night at The Ritz-Carlton.

Route · Budapest → Oświęcim → Warsaw → Malbork → Gdańsk → Berlin → Dresden → Prague → Salzburg → Semmering Pass → Vienna

- A guided visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau
- The Wieliczka Salt Mine and its carved Chapel of Salt
- A private Chopin piano recital in Warsaw
- Malbork, the great castle of the Teutonic Knights
- An organ concert at Oliwa Cathedral in Gdańsk
- The option to drive a Trabant through Berlin
- An opera performance and dinner at Prague's Municipal House
- Crossing the Semmering Pass to Vienna

Day by day

Day 1 Arrive in Budapest · Night: Budapest

You are met and taken to the Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace (or similar) for two nights. A welcome reception dinner looks out across the Danube.

Day 2 Budapest · Night: Budapest

A coach tour covers the Castle District, St Matthias Church and Fishermen's Bastion, with an audio-guided visit to the Parliament and a private Opera House tour with drinks. After lunch in a local restaurant the rest of the day is free.

Day 3 Budapest → Poland · Night: On board the Danube Express

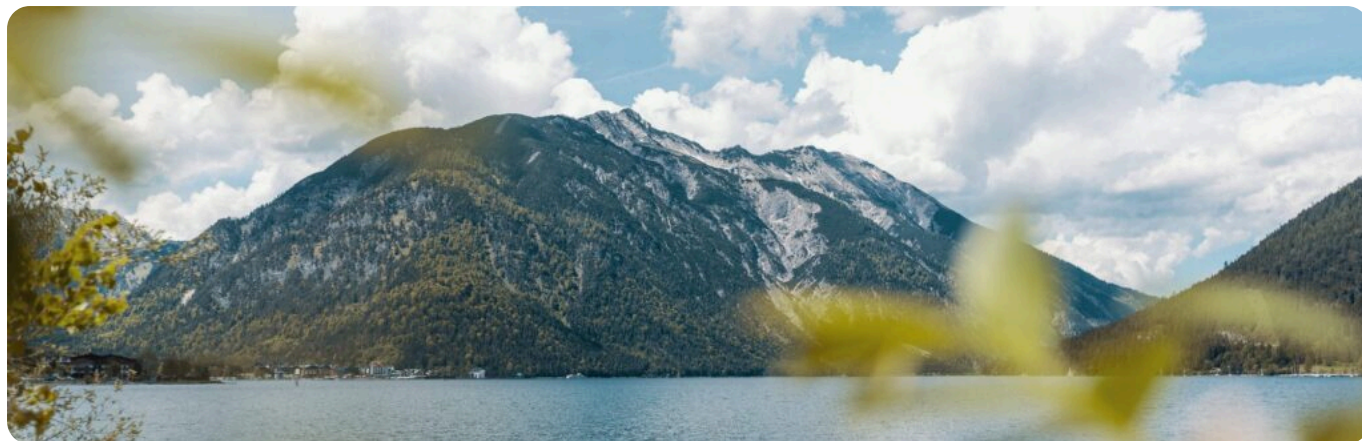
The morning is at leisure. After a drinks reception in Nyugati station's Royal Waiting Room, a brass band sees the train off in the afternoon, and a welcome dinner is served on board on the way to Poland.

Day 4	Auschwitz-Birkenau & Kraków · Night: On board the Danube Express The train stops at Oświęcim for a guided visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau (please tell us at booking if you wish to attend). Lunch is in Kraków's Old Town, followed by the Wieliczka Salt Mine; a walking tour of the Old Town, Wawel Castle and the Jewish Quarter is offered instead.
Day 5	Warsaw · Night: On board the Danube Express A guided tour of the rebuilt Old Town and the Royal Route leads to the area of the former Ghetto and the Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews. In the afternoon you attend a private Chopin piano recital.
Day 6	Malbork & Gdańsk · Night: On board the Danube Express Visit Malbork Castle, the vast brick seat of the Teutonic Knights. After lunch on board, Gdańsk brings the European Solidarity Centre, an organ concert in Oliwa Cathedral and a stroll along the Long Market.
Day 7	Berlin · Night: On board the Danube Express Arrive over breakfast for a full day seeing the Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag. Options include driving a Trabant through the former East, or visiting the Checkpoint Charlie Museum or Museum Island, with free time after lunch.
Day 8	Dresden & Prague · Night: On board the Danube Express A morning tour of Dresden visits the rebuilt Frauenkirche and Dresden Castle. After a late lunch on board you reach Prague to tour the Old Town Square, Charles Bridge and Jewish Quarter, then attend an opera performance and dinner at the Municipal House.
Day 9	Prague · Night: On board the Danube Express A vintage tram climbs to the Prague Castle area and St Vitus Cathedral. After lunch there is free time in the Old Town before returning to the train.
Day 10	Salzburg · Night: On board the Danube Express Explore Mirabell Palace, the Mozart Residence and Getreidegasse, where Mozart was born. In the afternoon visit Hellbrunn Palace and its playful trick fountains.
Day 11	Semmering Pass & Vienna · Night: Vienna A final morning on board crosses the Semmering Pass to Vienna for lunchtime. The afternoon offers a private concert and Schönbrunn Palace or free time, and the evening brings a farewell dinner at The Ritz-Carlton, where you spend the night.
Day 12	Depart Vienna After breakfast you are transferred to the airport, or you can extend your stay in Vienna.

What is included

- Five-star hotel nights in Budapest and Vienna
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary
- Freedom of Choice touring options on selected days

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JOURNEY 7 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

Sicilian Odyssey: Venice to Taormina

12 days 11 nights Venice to Taormina

Twelve days from Venice down the length of Italy and across the Strait of Messina by train ferry to Sicily, ending in Taormina.

Two nights in Venice begin a journey south through Cremona, Bologna and Rimini to Pompeii, Alberobello and Lecce. The train is then shunted onto a ferry across the Strait of Messina for Palermo, Agrigento, Ragusa, Syracuse and Caltagirone, ending beneath Mount Etna in Taormina.

Route · Venice → Cremona → Bologna → Rimini → Pompeii → Lecce → Palermo → Agrigento → Ragusa → Syracuse → Caltagirone → Catania → Taormina

- A private concert in Venice's San Zaccaria church
- The Stradivari Museum in Cremona
- A choice of San Marino or a sports-car factory and museum at Maranello
- A behind-the-scenes tour of Pompeii
- The trulli of Alberobello and baroque Lecce
- Crossing the Strait of Messina with the train on a ferry
- The Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
- Mosaics of the Villa Romana del Casale

Day by day

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| Day 1 | <p>Arrive in Venice · Night: Venice</p> <p>Two nights at one of the city's five-star hotels begin the journey, with a welcome dinner at the hotel in the evening.</p> |
| Day 2 | <p>Venice · Night: Venice</p> <p>Join a guided walk taking in St Mark's Basilica and the Rialto Market, or spend the day at leisure. In the evening there is a private concert in the church of San Zaccaria followed by dinner in a well-known Venetian restaurant.</p> |
| Day 3 | <p>Venice → Cremona · Night: On board the Danube Express</p> <p>A private boat carries you along the Grand Canal to Santa Lucia station to board the train. In Cremona you explore the medieval piazza and take a private tour of the Stradivari Museum, then enjoy a welcome dinner on board as the train heads south.</p> |

Day 4	Bologna, Rimini & San Marino · Night: On board the Danube Express Breakfast on board brings you to Bologna for a guided tour of its university, towers and porticoes and a drink atop the Torre di Prendiparte. From Rimini, choose a visit to a famous sports-car factory and museum at Maranello, or San Marino's UNESCO-listed old town on Mount Titano.
Day 5	Pompeii · Night: On board the Danube Express A behind-the-scenes tour of Pompeii shows how conservation protects the buried Roman town. You then visit a family vineyard on the slopes of Vesuvius for a tasting of wines and local specialities.
Day 6	Alberobello & Lecce · Night: On board the Danube Express A guided tour of Alberobello's trulli houses includes a tasting of local wine or olive oil. In the afternoon you explore baroque Lecce and its churches, then the train continues through the Cilento National Park towards the toe of Italy.
Day 7	Strait of Messina & Palermo · Night: On board the Danube Express Early in the morning the train is divided and rolled onto a ferry across the Strait of Messina; stay aboard or watch from the top deck. In Palermo a walking tour ends with an aperitif and concert at the Teatro Massimo, and the afternoon offers Corleone's Anti-Mafia Museum or Monreale Cathedral's golden mosaics.
Day 8	Agrigento & Ragusa · Night: On board the Danube Express A private guided tour of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento. In the afternoon you continue to baroque Ragusa for a hands-on Sicilian cooking demonstration.
Day 9	Syracuse & Caltagirone · Night: On board the Danube Express A boat tour circles the island of Ortigia in Syracuse. After lunch on board you visit a ceramics workshop in hilltop Caltagirone and the mosaics of the Villa Romana del Casale.
Day 10	Catania & Taormina After breakfast on board, explore Catania at your own pace, then join a Sicilian pastry class, possibly at Palazzo Biscari with the palace's owner. The train then makes its final run to Taormina.
Day 11	Taormina · Night: Taormina A volcanologist guides a private visit to the Mount Etna museum, followed by lunch and a wine tasting at a traditional palmento on Etna's slopes. Free time in Taormina's medieval streets and Greek Theatre is followed by a farewell dinner with champagne.
Day 12	Depart Taormina After breakfast at the hotel you are transferred to the airport, or you can extend your stay in Taormina.

What is included

- Five-star hotel nights in Venice and Taormina
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary
- Freedom of Choice touring options on selected days

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JOURNEY 8 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

A Taste of Italy: Taormina to Venice

6 days 5 nights Taormina to Venice

Six days from Sicily to Venice: baroque Ragusa, Palermo, the Strait of Messina by train ferry, coastal Maratea and Verona.

A short Italian journey that starts with a night in Taormina, explores Ragusa and Palermo, then crosses the Strait of Messina with the train on a ferry. Maratea on the Tyrrhenian coast and Verona follow before a final night in Venice.

Route · Taormina → Ragusa → Palermo → Maratea → Verona → Venice

- A hands-on Sicilian cooking demonstration in Ragusa
- An aperitif and private concert at Palermo's Teatro Massimo
- Crossing the Strait of Messina with the train on a ferry
- The Christ the Redeemer statue above Maratea
- A pizza-making class at the Santavenere Hotel
- Verona's Roman Amphitheatre in Piazza Bra

Day by day

Day 1 Arrive in Taormina · Night: Taormina

You are met and taken to a central five-star hotel for one night, with time permitting a wander through the medieval streets or to the Greek Theatre. A welcome dinner with champagne opens the journey.

Day 2 Ragusa · Night: On board the Danube Express

After breakfast you board the train and watch Sicily roll past on the way to baroque Ragusa. Later you join a hands-on cooking demonstration of traditional Sicilian dishes.

Day 3 Palermo · Night: On board the Danube Express

Breakfast in the dining car as the train reaches Palermo. A walking tour of the old town ends with an aperitif and private concert at the Teatro Massimo; after lunch, choose Corleone's Anti-Mafia Museum or Monreale's Norman cathedral.

Day 4 Strait of Messina & Maratea · Night: On board the Danube Express

Early in the morning the train is rolled onto a ferry across the Strait of Messina; stay aboard or watch from the top deck. In Maratea you visit the Christ the Redeemer statue for views along the coast, then join a pizza-making class at the Santavenere Hotel.

Day 5 **Verona & Venice** · Night: Venice

A guided walk in Verona includes the Roman Amphitheatre in Piazza Bra. In the afternoon you continue to Venice for a night in a central hotel and a farewell reception dinner.

Day 6 **Depart Venice**

After breakfast at the hotel you are transferred to the airport, or you can extend your stay in Venice.

What is included

- Five-star hotel nights in Taormina and Venice
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary
- Freedom of Choice touring options on selected days

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JOURNEY 9 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

Turkish Treasures: Istanbul to Cappadocia

9 days 8 nights Istanbul to Cappadocia

Nine days across Türkiye from Istanbul to Cappadocia, with Ephesus, Hierapolis, Laodicea and Ankara along the way.

Two nights in Istanbul with its mosques, palaces and a Bosphorus cruise are followed by four nights on the train to Izmir and Ephesus, Hierapolis and Laodicea, and Ankara. The journey ends with two nights in Cappadocia among the fairy chimneys and rock-cut churches.

Route · Istanbul → Izmir → Denizli → Ankara → Kayseri

- The Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace
- A private Bosphorus cruise
- The marble streets and Library of Celsus at Ephesus
- Hierapolis and Laodicea from Denizli
- The Museum of Anatolian Civilisations in Ankara
- Ozkonak Underground City in Cappadocia
- Göreme Open Air Museum and its frescoed rock churches
- An optional sunrise hot-air balloon flight

Day by day

- Day 1** **Arrive in Istanbul** · Night: Istanbul
You are met and taken to the Four Seasons Sultanahmet (or similar). A welcome reception dinner introduces you to your fellow travellers.
- Day 2** **Istanbul** · Night: Istanbul
Visit the Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia, then after lunch Topkapi Palace and the Basilica Cistern. A private Bosphorus cruise and the Spice Market lead to dinner with views over the Golden Horn.
- Day 3** **Istanbul → on board** · Night: On board the Danube Express
After a relaxed lunch you are transferred to the train, where your cabin awaits for a restful afternoon and evening as the journey begins.
- Day 4** **Izmir & Ephesus** · Night: On board the Danube Express
Wake in Izmir and visit its Roman-era Agora. You then walk the marble streets of ancient Ephesus, past temples, theatres and the Library of Celsus, before rejoining the train.

Day 5	Denizli: Hierapolis & Laodicea · Night: On board the Danube Express A full day from Denizli exploring Hierapolis, the UNESCO-listed Greco-Roman spa city above the hot springs, with its necropolis and theatre. Laodicea, an early Christian city known for its wealth and textiles, follows.
Day 6	Ankara · Night: On board the Danube Express Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations and the hilltop Mausoleum of Atatürk. Lunch is in a historic inn before you rejoin the train.
Day 7	Kayseri & Cappadocia · Night: Cappadocia After a final breakfast on board you arrive in Kayseri and transfer to Cappadocia. Visit the Ozkonak Underground City, then after lunch the fairy chimneys of Paşabağ and Devrent valleys, before checking into your hotel.
Day 8	Cappadocia · Night: Cappadocia Start with an optional sunrise hot-air balloon flight, or watch the balloons from the ground. Then visit the Göreme Open Air Museum, Pigeon Valley, Uçhisar and Ortahisar, ending with a farewell dinner.
Day 9	Depart Cappadocia After breakfast you are transferred to the airport.

What is included

- Two hotel nights in Istanbul and two in Cappadocia; four nights on the train
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary
- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners
- A private Bosphorus cruise

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JOURNEY 10 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

Aurelian Odyssey: Paris to Cappadocia

14 days 13 nights Paris to Cappadocia

Fourteen days from Paris to Cappadocia: Champagne, Vienna, Postojna, Belgrade and Sofia, then Istanbul and across Anatolia.

This is the longest journey on the train: Paris to Istanbul through Champagne, Vienna, the Postojna Caves, Belgrade and Sofia, then a night in Istanbul before continuing across Anatolia to Ephesus, Hierapolis, Ankara and two final nights in Cappadocia.

Route · Paris → Champagne → Vienna → Postojna → Belgrade → Sofia → Istanbul → Izmir → Denizli → Ankara → Kayseri

- A champagne reception before leaving Paris
- A private Vienna Supreme Orchestra concert
- A cave-train ride through the Postojna Caves
- Tito's Blue Train and a rakija tasting in Belgrade
- A private Cosmic Voices choir performance in Sofia
- Ephesus, Hierapolis and Laodicea
- Göreme Open Air Museum and an optional balloon flight in Cappadocia

Day by day

Day 1 **Arrive in Paris** · Night: Paris

You are met and taken to a central five-star hotel for one night, with a welcome reception dinner.

Day 2 **Paris → Champagne** · Night: On board the Danube Express

A champagne reception precedes boarding, then the train crosses the French countryside to Champagne, with its vineyards, cathedrals and wine heritage.

Day 3 **Vienna** · Night: On board the Danube Express

Enjoy the scenery from your cabin or the Bar Lounge Car as the train travels east. You reach Vienna at twilight for dinner and a private classical concert by the Vienna Supreme Orchestra.

Day 4 **Postojna** · Night: On board the Danube Express

A relaxed morning on board, then after lunch a confectionery masterclass with the head pastry chef. In the evening you ride an underground train deep into the Postojna Caves.

Day 5	Belgrade · Night: On board the Danube Express Explore Tito's famous Blue Train, enjoy a traditional Serbian feast and a rakija tasting, and stroll the city's streets. Back on board, the chefs present a gala dinner.
Day 6	Sofia · Night: On board the Danube Express A morning in the Bar Lounge Car to the sound of the pianist, then a tour of Sofia's Roman ruins of Serdica, the City Garden and the Presidential Palace. A private performance by the Cosmic Voices choir follows.
Day 7	Istanbul · Night: Istanbul Arrive in Istanbul and check into the Four Seasons Hotel for one night. The rest of the day is free, followed by dinner together.
Day 8	Istanbul → on board · Night: On board the Danube Express Visit the Hippodrome, the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia, then after lunch the Spice Market. In the afternoon you rejoin the train for the journey into Anatolia.
Day 9	Izmir & Ephesus · Night: On board the Danube Express Visit Izmir's Roman Agora, then walk the marble streets of Ephesus to the Library of Celsus before returning to the train.
Day 10	Denizli: Hierapolis & Laodicea · Night: On board the Danube Express A full day exploring the UNESCO-listed spa city of Hierapolis, with its necropolis and theatre, and the early Christian city of Laodicea.
Day 11	Ankara · Night: On board the Danube Express Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations and the Mausoleum of Atatürk, with lunch in a historic inn before reboarding.
Day 12	Kayseri & Cappadocia · Night: Cappadocia After a last breakfast on board you transfer from Kayseri to Cappadocia for the Ozkonak Underground City and the fairy chimneys of Paşabağ and Devrent valleys, then check into your hotel.
Day 13	Cappadocia · Night: Cappadocia Begin with an optional sunrise balloon flight, then visit the Göreme Open Air Museum, Pigeon Valley, Uçhisar and Ortahisar, ending with a farewell dinner.
Day 14	Depart Cappadocia After breakfast you are transferred to the airport.

What is included

- Five-star hotels: one night in Paris, one in Istanbul and two in Cappadocia; nine nights on the train
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches and 13 dinners

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JOURNEY 11 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

Paris to Istanbul

8 days · 7 nights · Paris to Istanbul

Eight days from Paris to Istanbul by private train, through Champagne, Vienna, the Postojna Caves, Belgrade and Sofia.

The classic journey from Paris to Istanbul in eight days. After a night in Paris, the train calls in Champagne, Vienna for a private concert, the Postojna Caves, Belgrade and Sofia, before a farewell dinner and final night in Istanbul.

Route · Paris → Champagne → Vienna → Postojna → Belgrade → Sofia → Istanbul

- A champagne reception before leaving Paris
- A private Vienna Supreme Orchestra concert
- A cave-train ride through the Postojna Caves
- A Serbian feast and rakija tasting in Belgrade
- Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and a private concert in Sofia
- A farewell dinner on the Bosphorus

Day by day

Day 1 · **Arrive in Paris** · Night: Paris

You are met and taken to a central five-star hotel for one night, with a welcome reception dinner.

Day 2 · **Paris → Champagne** · Night: On board the Danube Express

A champagne reception precedes boarding, then the train crosses the French countryside to Champagne, with its vineyards, cathedrals and wine heritage.

Day 3 · **Vienna** · Night: On board the Danube Express

Relax in your cabin or the Bar Lounge Car as the train travels east. You reach Vienna at twilight for dinner and a private classical concert by the Vienna Supreme Orchestra.

Day 4 · **Postojna** · Night: On board the Danube Express

In the morning you ride an underground train into the Postojna Caves, with its vast chambers and limestone formations. After lunch in a local restaurant the train heads south towards Serbia.

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- Day 5** **Belgrade** · Night: On board the Danube Express
- Enjoy a traditional Serbian feast and a rakija tasting, and time to wander the city. Back on board, the chefs present a gala dinner.
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- Day 6** **Sofia** · Night: On board the Danube Express
- A morning in the Bar Lounge Car, then a tour of Sofia's Roman ruins of Serdica, the City Garden and Presidential Palace, and Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Later there is a private concert at the National Gallery.
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- Day 7** **Istanbul** · Night: Istanbul
- Arrive in Istanbul with the rest of the day free to explore, followed by a farewell dinner on the banks of the Bosphorus.
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- Day 8** **Depart Istanbul**
- After a night in a central five-star hotel, enjoy a final breakfast before your onward journey.
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What is included

- Five-star hotel nights in Paris and Istanbul; five nights on the train
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners

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JOURNEY 12 OF 12 · DANUBE EXPRESS

Istanbul to Paris

8 days 7 nights Istanbul to Paris

Eight days westbound from Istanbul to Paris, via Sofia, Belgrade, the Postojna Caves, the Semmering Pass, Vienna and Champagne.

The Paris to Istanbul route in reverse. After a night in Istanbul the train leaves from Sirkeci station for Sofia, Belgrade and the Postojna Caves, crosses the Semmering Pass to Vienna, and ends with Champagne and a farewell dinner in Paris.

Route · Istanbul → Sofia → Belgrade → Postojna → Semmering Pass → Vienna → Champagne → Paris

- Departure from Istanbul's Sirkeci station
- Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and a private concert in Sofia
- A Serbian feast and rakija tasting in Belgrade
- A cave-train ride through the Postojna Caves
- Crossing the Semmering Pass
- A private Vienna Supreme Orchestra concert
- A farewell dinner in Paris

Day by day

Day 1 Arrive in Istanbul · Night: Istanbul

You are met and taken to a five-star hotel for one night, with a welcome reception dinner.

Day 2 Istanbul → Bulgaria · Night: On board the Danube Express

You are driven to Sirkeci station for a drinks reception before boarding. The train crosses Turkey into Bulgaria, with a welcome dinner on board.

Day 3 Sofia · Night: On board the Danube Express

Tour the Roman ruins of Serdica, the City Garden and the Presidential Palace, and visit Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Later there is a private concert at the National Gallery.

Day 4 Belgrade · Night: On board the Danube Express

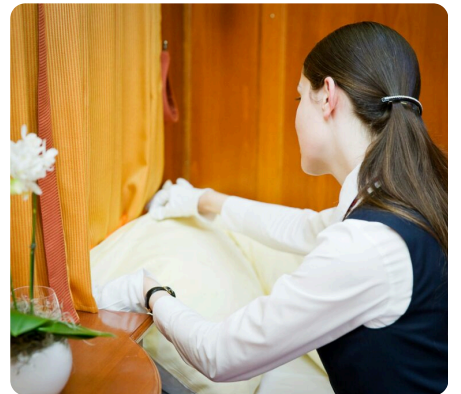
Enjoy a traditional Serbian feast and a rakija tasting, and time to wander the city. Back on board, the chefs present a gala dinner.

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- Day 5** **Postojna, Semmering & Vienna** · Night: On board the Danube Express
- Ride an underground train into the Postojna Caves. In the afternoon the train climbs the Semmering Pass, reaching Vienna at twilight for dinner and a private concert by the Vienna Supreme Orchestra.
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- Day 6** **Vienna** · Night: On board the Danube Express
- A morning to explore Vienna's palaces and coffee houses, then an afternoon on board through the Austrian countryside, in your cabin or the Bar Lounge Car with the resident pianist.
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- Day 7** **Champagne & Paris** · Night: Paris
- Visit the Champagne region, then reboard for the run across France to Paris, arriving at sunset for a farewell dinner and a night in a central five-star hotel.
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- Day 8** **Depart Paris**
- Enjoy a final breakfast, or extend your stay in Paris.
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What is included

- Five-star hotel nights in Istanbul and Paris; five nights on the train
- Private en-suite cabin on the Danube Express
- Cabin attendant service with evening turndown
- An experienced tour management team throughout
- 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
- Freshly prepared meals on board plus dining in local restaurants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Expertly guided off-train excursions as described in the itinerary
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners

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