

Discover everything the enchanting Balkan region has to offer on this unforgettable 14-day luxury rail adventure.

Season: 2020

Offering a magical combination of modern amenities and traditional style, gently oozing nostalgia as it transports you back in time.

This Exclusive rail cruise vacation travels through the lush Balkan landscapes and along turquoise coastlines, providing passengers the opportunity to explore some of Europe's most fascinating ancient cities and civilizations in unquestionable comfort. Holidays such as this are the once in a lifetime trips' that can only be enjoyed by train.

Golden Eagle Danube Express Information

Inclusions

- Full sightseeing as described
- Accommodation on board the Danube Express.
- Hotel accommodation as listed in the itinerary.
- Transfers as per the itinerary
- All meals and complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks
- Services of a Train Manager throughout
- Gratuities

Exclusions

- Turkish Visa charges
- Russian Visa charges
- Cancellation, travel and medical insurance

Golden Eagle Danube Express On-board Information.

ON-BOARD

All these exciting Journeys feature scenic daytime travel with stops en route in intriguing places. Wake each morning ready to discover a new destination where you can opt to join the included sightseeing tour, explore on your own or simply linger on board.

Return to a freshly cooked meal, served as the train continues to its next port of call. All meals are included during your Danube Express Journey and complementary wine, beer and soft drinks are served in the

Restaurant and Lounge.

From your first encounter with The Danube Express to your return home, you are assured of personal service and, whatever your question, we will always strive to find the answer. Nothing is more important to us than providing your perfect holiday - a quality experience that we hope you will be happy to recommend to family and friends.

CABINS

Superior Deluxe Cabin

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

Limited to just 4 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.

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.

Specification

- 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 Cabin

Introduction

Travel in some of the finest rail accommodation available in Europe. 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.

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.

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.

Specification

- 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

Heritage Cabin

Introduction

Each Heritage sleeper carriage has nine sleeping cabins with an upper and lower bed. A shared toilet is available at one end of the carriage and a shared shower at the other end. Each cabin has wood-panelled walls, air-conditioning, power sockets and hanging space. A range of toiletries and a dressing gown are provided.

A full length couch provides daytime seating. The large picture window will open for fresh air and for that perfect photo opportunity. During dinner each evening the cabin is converted into two comfortable beds (upper & lower berth) by your attendant who is also on hand to bring early morning tea or coffee.

Specification

- 9 x 2-bed cabins per carriage
- Cabin size: 194cm x 158cm
- Cabin area: 3.06 m² (33 ft²)
- Upper bed size: 176cm x 74cm (5'10" x 2'5")
- Lower bed size: 185cm x 75cm (6'1" x 2'5.5")
- Shared toilet facility and shower facility available at opposite ends of the carriage
- Air-conditioned
- Full length couch provides daytime seating
- Large picture window - opens partially, perfect for photograph opportunities
- Clothes hanging storage and power sockets

RESTAURANT CAR

One of the highlights of a journey on the Danube Express is the experience of dining well on a train and in good company.

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.

LOUNGE CAR

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.

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- **Taste of Italy**

Taormina to Budapest

[5 Day Itinerary](#)

Tour Schedules: Oct 14 - Oct 18, 2020

- **Balkan Odyssey**

Budapest to Venice

[10 Day Itinerary](#)

Tour Schedules: Jun 17 - Jun 26, 2020

- **Balkan Explorer**

Venice to Istanbul

[11 Day Itinerary](#)

Tour Schedules: Jun 23 - Jul 3, 2020

- **Grand Alpine Express**

Budapest to Venice

[11 Day Itinerary](#)

Tour Schedules: May 8 - May 18, 2020

- **Sicilian Odyssey**

Budapest to Taormina

[11 Day Itinerary](#)

Tour Schedules: Oct 6 - Oct 16, 2020

Payment & Ticketing

Conditions:

Deposit and Full Payment Details:

A non-refundable deposit is required within 5 days of confirmation, with the full balance payable 75 days prior to departure. Bookings made within 75 days of departure date will require full payment prior to confirmation.

Heritage - \$2500.00 per person

Deluxe & Deluxe Superior - \$4000.00 per person

Travel Insurance:

It is a condition of your booking and your responsibility to ensure that you have current and valid Travel Insurance to cover your booking with us. Cover can be arranged on your behalf however if you take an alternative policy coverage it must be the maximum available, with a minimum of US\$50,000 or equivalent for medical expenses.

We reserve the right to decline to accept a booking if adequate proof of such current and valid Travel Insurance is not provided to us if requested. If requested, you must supply us with the name, address and telephone number of your insurers, your policy number and the 24 hour medical emergency telephone number. Any pre-existing medical conditions must be declared to us and to your insurer; failure to do so may invalidate your travel insurance policy. It is very important that we have all insurance and emergency contact details prior to departure. Please note that we do not check individual policies for suitability. Please remember to bring with you either the original or a copy of your travel insurance policy, stating clearly the company, policy number and 24 hour medical emergency telephone number.

If in the reasonable opinion of any person in authority (including the Tour Manager acting in accordance with the opinion of a medical practitioner) your physical and or mental condition means that you should not continue with the tour we may require that you leave the tour as soon as possible. In such circumstances, we will not be liable for any refund, compensation or costs incurred by you whatsoever.

Passport & Visa Information:

A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity is required for all tours. Visas may be required for some itineraries. We do not take any responsibility for passengers in possession of incorrect and invalid visas. Our reservations department is able to provide support and advice regarding visa requirements.

Minimum Passenger Requirements:

All tours require a minimum passenger number to operate. Should this not be reached, we will offer possible alternatives. If an alternative is not suitable, a full refund may be offered. Rail Europe will not issue a refund unless and until Rail Europe receives the refunded sum in full from the supplier.

Cancellations & Amendments

Conditions:

Days prior to departure	Cancellation fees per person
75+ days	Loss of deposit
75 days or less	100% of the total

Amendments:

If you wish to alter your booking (eg, a change of date or transfer details) we may allow this at our reasonable discretion. It may not be possible to make changes close to the departure date and no changes can be made or accepted within 50 days of departure. An amendment fee may be charged to cover any fees or costs incurred.

Golden Eagle Danube Express Fact Sheet

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