

Eternal Stones of Matera on La Dolce Vita Orient Express

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Overview

The Highlights

- Accommodation for two nights on *La Dolce Vita Orient Express*;
- Gourmet meals designed by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck;
- Picturesque views of Italy while relaxing in luxury;
- Matera and its UNESCO World Heritage sites;
- Optional excursion of Matera including lunch in the cave restaurant;

- Optional visit to Sulmona with special excursion to Pescocostanzo by Transiberian of Italy historic train;
- 24-hour onboard service from your butler;
- Onboard entertainment;
- All meals and a selection of beverages onboard the train (top shelf drinks at additional cost);
- Private transfers from your Rome hotel to/from the train station;
- Luggage handling throughout.

The Tour

Beginning in Rome, join *La Dolce Vita Orient Express* on this 3-day voyage through Italy and discover the wonders of Matera and Sulmona.

Savor delicious meals carefully curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck while you enjoy live entertainment and drinks throughout your journey.

Begin Day 2 in Matera, where you can either explore the city on your own or reserve the special excursion of a guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage site. Learn about the city's rich history before enjoying lunch in a cave restaurant.

Rejoin the train to head towards the next destination: Sulmona. Here, you can enhance your experience by joining the historic Transiberian of Italy train to visit Pescocostanzo. Walk the ancient streets and enjoy lunch before boarding the *La Dolce Vita Orient Express* back to Rome.

Itinerary

Day 1: Rome – Matera

Board *La Dolce Vita Orient Express* in the afternoon and depart from Rome Ostiense train station.

In the evening, enjoy a special curated dinner menu by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck.

Enjoy live entertainment and drinks in the bar lounge car before settling into your cabin for the night.

Overnight on the train in your cozy cabin.

Day 2: Matera

Begin your morning with an Italian breakfast in the dining car before arriving in Matera.

Disembark and take time to explore Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its ancient cave dwellings.

You can also reserve an optional curated excursion to explore the city's rich history and have lunch in a unique cave restaurant.

Rejoin the train for drinks, live entertainment and dinner onboard.

Overnight on the train.

Day 3: Sulmona – Rome

Enjoy breakfast as the train arrives in Sulmona.

Disembark to tour the city at your leisure, or enhance your experience with the curated excursion to Pescocostanzo.

On this excursion, you will board the historic Transiberian of Italy train for drink and entertainment as you journey to the medieval city of Pescocostanzo. Lunch is served here.

Rejoin the *La Dolce Vita Orient Express* in the afternoon to return to Rome, where your journey on *La Dolce Vita* comes to an end. Your butler and the Orient Express team will manage your luggage and your included private transfer to your Rome hotel.

Dates & Prices

2025 Dates

- September 26 - September 28
- October 10 - October 12
- October 16 - October 18
- October 20 - October 22
- December 3 - December 5
- December 13 - December 15

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Deluxe Cabin	€5,100 - €6,560	€7,650 - €11,152	25%
Suite Cabin	€7,500 - €8,960	€11,250 - €15,232	25%

Please note prices are in Euro. View approximate exchange rates.
All prices are per person.
Pricing varies based on travel date. Contact us to confirm pricing and availability for your desired departure.

2026 Dates

May 9 - May 11
June 23 - June 25
July 5 - July 7
August 13 - August 15
September 12 - September 14
October 17 - October 19

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Deluxe Cabin	€6,560 - €7,440	€9,840 - €12,648	25%
Suite Cabin	€8,960 - €9,840	€13,440 - €16,728	25%

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The train journey includes private transfers to/from the train station, where you will be escorted to the fabulous private *La Dolce Vita* lounge. Your bags are whisked away to be stowed in your cabin on the train before you board.

We recommend the Orient Express La Minerva Hotel in Rome, the perfect match for the train, and just 10 minutes from the station. This stylish new hotel, the first in the Orient Express brand, is located in the heart of Rome on a quiet piazza but just steps from the Parthenon. Contact us for more information about our concierge service to make your arrangements and to secure your Virtuoso amenities for your VIP stay.