Rome to Sicily (or vice versa) 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 curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck;

- Scenic train ferry crossing over the Strait of Messina;

- Visit to Maratea (with optional Christ the Redeemer statue visit);

- Visit to Taormina with optional Mt. Etna excursion;

- 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);

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Private transfer to the train station;

- Luggage handling.

The Tour

Board *La Dolce Vita Orient Express* for an incredible three-day voyage from Rome to Sicily, or reverse.

Uncover the beauty of Southern Italy along the way, with stops in Maratera and Taormina. At each destination, experience optional curated excursions to discover the rich culture and history of these cities.

Cross the scenic Strait of Messina by ferry and explore the charm of Taormina and Mt. Etna.

Whether you begin in Rome or Palermo, this journey offers exquisite onboard dining curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck paired with stunning views of Italy's coastlines and countryside.

Also available: Rome to Sicily (or reverse) via Naples -- contact us for information.

Itinerary

Day 1: Rome – Maratea

This morning, enjoy your private transfer to Rome Ostiense Station, where you are met curbside and your luggage whisked away by staff. You are escorted to the luxurious private waiting room as await your train's arrival. The excitement begins when the luxurious *La Dolce Vita Orient Express* arrives at the station.

Settle into the comfort of your cozy cabin before savoring lunch designed by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, showcasing Italy's vibrant culinary heritage.

In the afternoon, the train arrives in the small town of Maratea, your first destination on this luxurious voyage.

Enjoy free time to explore this colorful village on your own, or reserve an optional excursion to

visit the Christ the Redeemer statue and the Basilica of San Biagio.

Return to the train in the evening for dinner, drinks, and entertainment onboard as you embark towards your next stop.

Overnight on the train.

Day 2: Maratea – Taormina

Enjoy breakfast on board while gazing at the picturesque landscapes.

In the afternoon, enjoy the unique experience of the train being loaded onto the ferry to cross the Strait of Messina. The actual ferry crossing only takes 15 minutes, but preparing the train to board the ferry, by splitting it into half, and then taking it off and putting the two sections of the train back together on the other side, takes about 45 minutes total.

Once in Sicily, the train continues to Taormina, where you have free time. Or, you can opt to reserve one of the curated experiences such as an exploration of Mount Etna followed by dinner at a local winery.

In the evening, rejoin the train as you set off towards your final destination, Palermo.

Overnight on the train.

Day 3: Taormina – Palermo

After a beautiful breakfast, disembark in Palermo, where you journey ends.

We recommend extending your stay in Palermo (we love Villa Igiea, a Rocco Forte Hotel).

Reverse itinerary

Day 1: Palermo – Taormina

Your journey begins this morning with your private transfer from hotel to train station in Palermo, where you board the luxurious *La Dolce Vita Orient Express*.

Settle into the comfort of your cabin before savoring lunch curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, showcasing Italy's vibrant culinary heritage.

In the afternoon, arrive in Taormina, where you have free time. Or, you can opt to reserve one of the curated experiences such as a guided tour of Mount Etna and dinner at a local winery.

In the evening, rejoin the train as you set off towards Maratea.

Overnight on the train.

Day 2: Taormina – Maratea

Enjoy breakfast on board as the train prepares for a unique ferry ride across the Strait of Messina towards Maratea.

Upon arriving in Maratea, disembark to explore the city on your own, or reserve an optional excursion to visit the Christ the Redeemer statue and the Basilica of San Biagio.

Return to the train in the evening for dinner, drinks, and entertainment onboard as you embark towards your final stop.

Overnight on the train.

Day 3: Maratea – Rome

After breakfast, your journey ends as the train arrives in Rome Ostiense train station.

Dates & Prices

2027 Dates

April 25 - April 27
May 20 - May 22
May 23 - May 25
June 18 - June 20
June 21 - June 23
July 8 - July 10
July 11 - July 13
September 1 - September 3
September 4 - September 6
October 5 - October 7
October 8 - October 10

Accommodation	Double	Single	Depost
Deluxe Cabin	€7,880 - €10,000	€13,396 - €19,000	25%
Suite Cabin	€10,280 - €12,840	€17,476 - €23,560	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.
Pricing for Sicily to Rome direction is slightly less expensive than the reverse.

More

The train journey includes a private transfer to the train station. If beginning in Rome, you will be escorted to the fabulous private *La Dolce Vita* lounge at Ostiense Station before boarding the train. 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.