

Rome to Istanbul on La Dolce Vita Orient Express

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Overview

The Highlights

- Four nights aboard *La Dolce Vita Orient Express* in your luxurious private cabin;
- Gourmet meals curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck;
- Visit Venice, Budapest, Brasov & Istanbul;
- Exclusive optional experiences in each destination, allowing you to curate your own experience;
- 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 from your Rome hotel to the Ostiense station to begin your journey;

- Luggage handling.

The Tour

Arrive in Rome and board *La Dolce Vita Orient Express* for an extraordinary 5-day journey to Istanbul. Along the way, you'll stop in Venice to explore its canals and palaces, enjoy a full day in Budapest with time to wander the city, and experience the scenic Carpathian region in Brasov. Each day includes refined dining and live music on board, while evenings and days in port cities let you soak in local culture and history, culminating in your arrival in the vibrant, historic city of Istanbul.

Itinerary

Day 1: Rome – Venice

Enjoy a private transfer from your hotel to the exclusive lounge at Rome Ostiense train station, where you can relax and have a drink and snack before boarding *La Dolce Vita Orient Express*.

Settle into your cabin this evening as the train departs for Venice. Enjoy the views of the Italian countryside as your savor dinner crafted by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck.

After dinner, join your fellow guests in the Bar Car for evening live entertainment. Overnight on the train.

Day 2: Venice

The train arrives in Venice this morning, where the city's shimmering canals and narrow alleys welcome you.

Board a private water taxi to the heart of the city, where your day awaits. Spend the day wandering freely or choose from curated experiences that are designed to reveal Venice's rich history.

In the late afternoon, rejoin the train for dinner, drinks, and live entertainment as the train continues to the next destination.

Day 3: Budapest

This morning, wake to the sight of Budapest.

Disembark and enjoy the day exploring the elegant streets, iconic bridges, and hidden squares. Or, opt to experience Budapest through one of the carefully curated excursions designed to showcase Budapest's art, history, and cultural treasures.

Return to the train in the late afternoon, where dinner awaits. Enjoy drinks and entertainment in the Bar Car as the train travels eastward towards for tomorrow's stop: Brasov.

Day 4: Brasov

Wake this morning to the dramatic landscapes of the Carpathian Mountains as the train arrives in Brasov.

Disembark to explore this medieval town of cobbled streets, storybook squares, and centuries-old architecture, either at your leisure or through a curated excursion highlighting the region's history and charm.

In the afternoon, rejoin the train in Sinaia. An aperitif is served onboard, followed by dinner in the Restaurant Car, created by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck.

Settle in for an evening onboard as the train departs eastward toward Istanbul.

Day 5: Istanbul

Awake this morning as the train arrives in Istanbul. Savor a final lunch onboard before being welcomed by local hosts.

Bid farewell to the train and its crew, bringing to a close an unforgettable journey.

Dates & Prices

2026 Dates

October 22 - October 26

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Deluxe Cabin	€20,000	€34,000	25%
Suite Cabin	€27,200	€46,240	25%

Please note prices are in Euros. View approximate exchange rates
All prices are per person.

Contact us to confirm pricing and availability for your desired departure.

More

The train journey includes a private transfer to 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.