

Shores of Sicily: Palermo & Taormina on La Dolce Vita Orient Express

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Overview

The Highlights

- Accommodation for one night on *La Dolce Vita Orient Express*;
- Gourmet meals curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck;
- Optional experiences like Apecar tours, Sicilian embroidery, and traditional dinner in Palermo;
- Visit to Taormina with an optional masterclass in cannolo making;

- 24-hour onboard service and entertainment;
- All meals and a selection of beverages onboard the train;
- Private transfers from hotel to train station, and train station to hotel;
- Luggage handling.

The Tour

Your adventure of the Shores of Sicily begins in Catania, where you board *La Dolce Vita Orient Express* for this luxurious 2-day voyage.

As you enjoy the carefully crafted menu by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck in the luxurious dining car, admire the breathtaking views as you arrive to your first destination: Palermo.

In Palermo, take time to explore the city's rich history and vibrant culture on your own. You may also opt to include one of the special curated experiences, such as a guided tour in an Apecar, discovering the art of embroidery, or savoring a traditional Sicilian dinner in an exclusive location.

As night falls onboard the train, enjoy drinks and entertainment with your fellow guests as you travel towards Taormina.

Wake up on the second day to the stunning views of Taormina. You can choose to immerse yourself in the hands-on cannoli-making masterclass, celebrating one of the island's iconic desserts.

La Dolce Vita Orient Express returns to Catania in the late afternoon, marking the end of your journey.

Itinerary

Day 1: Catania – Palermo

Begin your journey this morning with a private transfer from your hotel to meet *La Dolce Vita Orient Express*. Depart Catania.

Enjoy lunch in the dining car, featuring a delicious Italian-inspired menu curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck.

Arrive in Palermo in the afternoon, where you can explore the city's rich culture and history.

Enhance your journey with exclusive experiences, such as touring the city with an Apecar, attending an embroidery workshop, or savoring a traditional Sicilian dinner.

Return to the train in the evening as you travel overnight towards Taormina.

Day 2: Taormina – Catania

Wake up to the beautiful coastal views of Taormina.

Disembark the train to immerse yourself in the local culture by joining an optional masterclass of cannolo making, a signature Sicilian dessert.

Rejoin the train and enjoy your final scenic ride as the train travels back to Catania.

Arrive in the late afternoon, where your journey ends with a private transfer to your hotel.

Dates & Prices

2025 Dates

September 7 - September 8
September 21 - September 22

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Deluxe Cabin	€4,720	€8,024	25%
Suite Cabin	€5,920	€10,064	25%

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

2026 Dates

May 18 - May 19
June 4 - June 5
July 18 - July 19
September 5 - September 6

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Deluxe Cabin	€5,000	€8,500	25%
Suite Cabin	€6,200	€10,540	25%

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The train journey includes private transfers to/from the train station, you will receive a personal welcome at the curb when you arrive Rome Ostiense Station - and escorted to the fabulous private *La Dolce Vita* waiting room. 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.