



## **Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* Itineraries**

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### **2-Day Montalcino, En Route to Fine Wines:**



*Discover the great vineyards in the heart of Tuscany*

#### **Day 1: Rome to Montalcino**

**11:30 AM.** Boarding at Rome Ostiense station. Check-in and luggage drop. The cabins and suites are prepared. Meet in the Dining Car for a lunch serving the best of Italian gastronomy.

**3:30 PM.** Arrival in Torrenieri-Montalcino, an enchanting village surrounded by vineyards, where you can enjoy a magical experience. Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* brings you to a prestigious winery with 16 centuries of history where you can taste Homeric wines.

**8:00 PM.** The adventure continues aboard Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* with a night of music and dinner. Goodnight!

#### **Day 2: Montalcino to Rome**

**9:00 AM.** After the breakfast ritual, take another tour of beautiful Rome and keep the dreamy escape going.

## **2-Day Wonders of the Tyrrhenian Sea: Rome to Palermo (or vice versa):**



*A journey along the coast of Sicily including Maratea, the "City of 44 churches", its Mediterranean Sea and its dream beaches. All before a stop in Messina, the gem of the island.*

### **Day 1: Rome to Maratea**

**11:00 AM.** Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* travels along the coast. It kicks off with lunch in the Dining Car to discover the most delectable flavors of Italian gastronomy.

**4:00 PM.** Destination: Maratea, where you can experience "The Wonders of the Tyrrhenian Sea". Discover the "City of 44 Churches" overlooking the sea, followed by a magical stop in front of the 2nd largest statue of Christ in the world and a pizza tasting at the Santavenere Hotel alla the famous pizzaiolo, chef Pier Danilo Seu.

**7:30 PM.** Ciao Maratea. This trip reaches its magical conclusion with Le Grand Soir aboard the train featuring dinner, music and an enjoyable evening.

### **Day 2: Messina, A Sicilian Gem**

**7:30 AM.** Arrival at Villa San Giovanni. Transfer by ferry to Messina. And enjoy breakfast to start the day.

**8:45 AM.** Messina: a true Sicilian gem. Take a memorable photo and gaze at the most beautiful panoramas of Italy as you ride by.

**2:00 PM.** Experience all the beauty of Palermo.

### **3-Day ROME, VENICE & PORTOFINO: A MAJESTIC JOURNEY:**



*An epic trip to discover the wonders and secrets of Venice. An immersion into Portofino, a charming village on the Italian Riviera before returning to Rome, the Eternal City.*

#### **Day 1: Rome to Venice**

**10:30 AM.** Meet at Rome Ostiense Station. Hop aboard the legendary Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* train, admire the Dimorestudio decorations, enjoy an Italian-style gourmet lunch in the Dining Car followed by a traditional gourmet Tea Time. Savor every moment and get lost in your thoughts.

**6:00 PM.** Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* makes a stop in Venice at the Santa Lucia Station for an exclusive "Private Palace in Venice" experience. On the agenda: private visits to the historic sites of the Serenissima and an exclusive boat trip on the canals. When night falls, enjoy a solo visit to Saint Mark's Basilica, a majestic temple – this time without any tourists!

**12 AM** When the clock strikes midnight, head from Venice to Portofino.

#### **Day 2: Portofino**

**9:30 AM.** After a pause for breakfast, Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* arrives at the Santa Margherita Ligure station. Transfer there for Portofino, a magical village filled with fishermen and pastel colors where happiness is in the air. The program includes an aperitif in one of Portofino's picturesque bars overlooking the bay, followed by a lunch in a landmark address from the Dolce Vita era. Return on Orient Express and observe the view of the Gulf of Tigullio and its magical landscapes.

**4:30 PM.** Ciao Portofino. The journey continues aboard the train. From the Dining Car, the musical notes of the piano resound. Cocktails and Italian wines enliven the evening.

#### **Day 3: Rome**

**8:30 AM.** Breakfast is served. Take your last photos before arriving at Rome San Pietro station then a final stop at Rome Ostiense station.

## **ROME, VENICE, SIENA, THE JOURNEY OF SPLENDOR:**



*An epic journey to the wonders and secrets of Venice. An immersion in Siena, another Tuscan gem, before returning to Rome, the Eternal City.*

### **Day 1: Rome to Venice**

**11:00 AM.** Meet at Rome Ostiense Station. Welcome to Orient Express *La Dolce Vita*. Marvel at the sumptuous decorations designed by Dimorestudio, enjoy a gourmet Italian lunch in the Dining Car followed by the traditional gourmet Tea Time.

**6:00 PM.** Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* makes a stop in Venice at the Santa Lucia Station, and offers you an exclusive "Private Palace in Venice" experience. On the agenda: private visits to historic sites in the Serenissima, an exclusive boat trip on the canals. When night falls discover Saint Mark's Basilica, a majestic temple reserved just for you (with no tourists!)

**12 AM.** At midnight, head from Venice to Siena.

### **Day 2: Sublime Siena**

**9:30 AM.** After a pause for breakfast, Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* arrives at the Siena station. Hop off the train to experience the "Medieval Splendors of Siena," a visit to discover the city's charm and an immersion into its traditions, crafts, gastronomy and architecture.

**3:30 PM.** The journey continues aboard the train. Enjoy Tea Time before Le Grand Soir signature evening dinner in the Dining Car. Cocktails, Italian wines, music and surprises await. Buonanotte!

### **Day 3: Rome**

**9:00 AM.** Breakfast is served! Take a few final photos at Rome San Pietro station before the last stop at Rome Ostiense station.

## **MATERA, A JOURNEY TO A LAND OF WONDER:**



*From Rome, set off to discover the splendors of Matera and its UNESCO World Heritage sites.*

### **Day 1: Rome to Palena**

**11:00 AM.** Ready for a trip to a legendary land? Welcome to an iconic train and a fantastic immersion into the world of Orient Express *La Dolce Vita*. But first, enjoy a gourmet lunch in the Dining Car.

**4:00 PM.** Experience "Palena", a marvelous village in the heart of Abruzzo. Embark on an unforgettable adventure surrounded by nature by shuttle or on horseback in search of the most beautiful waterfalls and glorious sunsets.

**8:00 PM.** The magic continues on the train. Enjoy refreshments and a change of clothes before Le Grand Soir signature evening dinner.

### **Day 2: Matera**

**9:00 AM.** After breakfast, stop at Ferrandina Pomarico and transfer to Matera and its famous Sassi. The ancient Prehistoric dwellings listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site offer a unique experience.

**5:00 PM.** Return to Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* and head for the Città Eterna. Enjoy one last dinner, a final toast and a beautiful night of dreaming.

### **Day 3: Rome**

**9:00 AM.** Final breakfast in the cabin and return to beautiful and eternal Rome.

## **SICILY THROUGH ITS MYTHS:**



*From the palaces of Palermo to the treasures of the Valley of the Temples, a Sicilian adventure that leads straight to the famed Mount Etna.*

### **Day 1: Palermo to the Valley of the Temples**

**11:00 AM.** In Piazza Giulio Cesare, at Palermo Centrale station, the doors of Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* open. Hop aboard the iconic train just in time for lunch in the Dining Car.

**4:30 PM.** Experience the "Valley of the Temples". Atop a hill, Agrigento's Doric temples dedicated to Greek deities abound. Experience this corner of paradise between lemon and olive trees that transports you to the heart of history.

**7:30 PM.** Celebrate the wonders of Agrigento with a memorable dinner and music, the perfect gastronomic interlude to experiencing Italy at its finest. Buonanotte!

### **Day 2: Taormina and Mt. Etna Volcano**

**12:20 PM.** After breakfast, uncover the secrets hidden in the heights of Taormina. Enjoy a private experience to discover several cultural sites including the fabulous 3rd century Greek theater. See breathtaking views and explore a vineyard on top of Mt. Etna where you can celebrate the volcano's extraordinary landscapes with a toast.

**6:00 PM.** Say ciao to wonderful Taormina and change your clothes for Le Grand Soir aboard the train. Meet in the Dining Car for a gourmet dinner, a few good glasses of Italian wine and a night of dreaming.

### **Day 3: Palermo**

**9:00 AM.** Arrival in Palermo. Discover the best of the region from its palaces to its magical cathedral and its theaters.

## **MONFERRATO, EN ROUTE TO TRUFFLES AND WINE:**

*From Rome to Monferrato, enjoy a parade of the Italian wonders of Piedmont. And as a final touch, savor the flavor of truffles and fine wine.*

### **Day 1: Rome**

**4:00 PM.** Board in Rome. Orient Express *La Dolce Vita* awaits you for an immersion in the Dimorestudio decor, a musical interlude and a dinner to dream about all night long.

### **Day 2: Monferrato**

**11:30 AM.** Arrive in Nizza Monferrato, the pearl of Piedmont, renowned for its UNESCO World Heritage vineyards. Enjoy an extraordinary experience complete with delicious cuisine, fine wines and truffles. Visit a private castle and its centuries-old cellars and stroll through the aisles of a traditional and authentic market.

**5:00 PM.** The magic continues aboard Orient Express *La Dolce Vita*. Enjoy a memorable dinner and music. Bona note.

**9:15 AM.** After the traditional breakfast, arrive in Rome Ostiense station.

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