

TRAIN : The Danube Express

JOURNEY : Istanbul to Paris

Journey Duration : Upto 8 Days

Day 1 ISTANBUL

On arrivals day in Istanbul, you will be met and transferred to the five-star Four Seasons Sultanahmet hotel for a luxurious one-night stay. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception dinner with your fellow guests.

DAY 2 ISTANBUL

Our extraordinary rail odyssey commences in the fabled city of Istanbul, spanning both Asia and Europe. Guests will be chauffeured this morning to Istanbul Halkali Station, where the indulgence begins with a sophisticated drinks reception before stepping into the lap of opulence aboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express. The day unfolds as a seamless indulgence in the finer aspects of luxury train travel, traversing through the picturesque landscapes of Turkey and seamlessly crossing borders into Bulgaria. Onboard, immerse yourself in the epitome of luxury, surrounded by exquisite comforts and attentive service, as the Golden Eagle Danube Express becomes your sanctuary on wheels.

As night descends, the enchantment continues with a sumptuous Welcome Dinner served aboard the train. Delight your palate with a carefully curated menu, complemented by a selection of the finest wines, creating a gastronomic experience that perfectly mirrors the unparalleled luxury that defines every moment on this extraordinary rail journey.

DAY 3 SOFIA

Today step inside the heart of Bulgaria's vibrant capital, Sofia, nestled at the base of majestic Mt Vitoshka. Delve into the rich history of this ancient city, tracing its origins back to the fearless Thracian tribe of Serdica.

Our adventure begins amidst the captivating ruins of the Roman city of Serdica, where echoes of a bygone era whisper tales of glory and conquest. Wander through the enchanting City Garden, home to the prestigious National Theatre Ivan Vazov, and marvel at the opulent façade of the Presidential Palace and other iconic landmarks that adorn Sofia's skyline.

But the excitement does not end there. Brace yourself for an exclusive, once-in-a-lifetime experience as we descend into the hallowed Crypt of the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Here, in this sacred space, we'll be enraptured by the mesmerising melodies of the "Cosmic Voices" a transcendent vocal masterpiece that stirred hearts at the opening of the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Enchanting and evocative, this private performance by the renowned Vanya Moneva Choir promises to transport you to realms of sublime beauty and spiritual awakening.

DAY 4 BELGRADE

Embark on an exhilarating journey as you greet the dawn in Belgrade, the vibrant heart of Serbia and a melting pot of cultures. Nestled at the confluence of the majestic Danube and Sava Rivers, this city boasts a rich tapestry of history, from ancient Celtic fortifications to medieval marvels and opulent Turkish baths.

Today, our adventure immerses us in the hidden treasures of Belgrade, beginning with an exclusive exploration of Tito's legendary blue train, a relic of Yugoslavia's storied past. Indulge your senses with a sumptuous traditional Serbian feast, tantalizing your taste buds with flavours as bold and diverse as the city itself. Prepare to savour the essence of Serbian hospitality as we delve into the world of Rakija, Serbia's beloved elixir. At the city's oldest brewery, we'll sample an array of Rakija varieties, all while regaling in captivating tales and anecdotes that breathe life into Belgrade's spirited history.

Before we board the train, seize the opportunity to wander through Belgrade's bustling streets, where every corner reveals a new facet of its vibrant culture. Join us as we unravel the secrets of this dynamic city, where luxury meets adventure at every turn.

DAY 5 POSTOJNA & VIENNA

Embark on a day of refined exploration as we venture into the enchanting depths of Postojna Caves. Aboard an underground train, we delve into a subterranean world of magnificence, wandering through a network of grand halls adorned with a myriad of intricate cave formations and inhabited by mysterious creatures. Immerse yourself in the atmospheric ambiance, heightened by the soulful notes of a saxophonist echoing through the cavernous spaces.

Later in the afternoon, cameras poised, we ascend the breathtaking Semmering Pass, renowned for its architectural marvels of 16 viaducts and 15 tunnels. This UNESCO World Heritage Site provides an unrivaled panorama from the train, a spectacle that transcends ordinary views.

As twilight descends, we gracefully arrive in the imperial city of Vienna, where the evening unfolds into a crescendo of sophistication. Indulge in a sumptuous dinner and experience the pinnacle of cultural delight with a private classical concert featuring the illustrious Vienna Supreme Orchestra. Tonight, revel in the harmonious convergence of exquisite cuisine and timeless melodies, creating an evening that transcends the ordinary and stands as a testament to the art of refined travel.

DAY 6 VIENNA

This morning, our exploration of the refined splendors of Vienna continues. Austria's stunning capital, steeped in a rich heritage, casts its enchanting spell on visitors. With its elaborate palaces, iconic coffee houses, and a cultural tapestry woven with classical music and captivating opera, Vienna stands as a seductive metropolis that beckons to be explored.

Embark on a splendid afternoon journey through the breathtaking Austrian countryside, traversing the majestic Alps as we make our way into Switzerland. Whether you choose to unwind in the privacy of your cabin, where your dedicated cabin attendant is ready to cater to your every need, or opt for the sophisticated ambiance of the bar car, reveling in the enchanting melodies of our resident pianist and savoring the exquisite array of cocktails meticulously crafted by our world-class bar staff – every moment promises an indulgent fusion of spectacular views and refined relaxation.

DAY 7 CHAMPAGNE & PARIS

Renowned for producing the world's finest sparkling wines, Champagne's lusciously manicured vineyards, draped over rolling hills, present a captivating tapestry of green and gold. Beyond the effervescent nectar that bears its name, the region boasts historic cathedrals and regal architecture, narrating tales of medieval grandeur. Our adventures through this land will reveal a symphony of flavors, history, and elegance, making Champagne an unparalleled destination for the senses.

As the day progresses, we reboard our private train, resuming our journey across the serene French countryside. The final destination awaits, and as the sun sets, we arrive in the iconic city of Paris. This evening is adorned with a special reference to our Farewell Dinner, a celebration of the exquisite experiences shared and the enchanting landscapes traversed throughout our luxurious voyage.

DAY 8 PARIS, FRANCE

This morning, after an overnight stay at a centrally located five-star hotel, we enjoy our final breakfast on the tour.

Why not extend your stay in Paris to explore the French capital at your leisure? Please contact us for hotel options and rates

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