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La Dolce Vita Orient Express: The Truffle Route

2 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

A two-night round trip from Rome into Piedmont, the land of white truffles, the Langhe hills and some of Italy's most celebrated food. The train leaves Rome in the afternoon and dinner by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck sets the tone for the evening as you head north.

Day two is spent in Alba, the medieval capital of the Langhe. Local hosts meet you on arrival; explore the old town and its markets at your own pace or choose a curated experience devoted to truffles and Piedmontese tradition. Your final morning is a slow one, with breakfast on board as the train returns to Rome Ostiense. Best suited to autumn travellers and anyone who plans a trip around a great table.

Hotel on us: book this journey with Palace Tours and choose a hand-picked hotel in Rome before and/or after your journey.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

ROME

Your journey begins in Rome, where you are welcomed into the refined atmosphere of La Dolce Vita Orient Express. As the train departs in the afternoon, settle into the comfort of your cabin and allow the landscape to unfold beyond the windows.

As evening approaches, the Restaurant Car becomes the heart of the experience. A sophisticated dinner awaits, crafted by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, whose cuisine celebrates Italian excellence with elegance and precision. Each course is designed to harmonize with the rhythm of the journey, offering a refined interpretation of seasonal flavors.

After dinner, continue the evening in the Bar Car, where live music creates an intimate and relaxed ambiance. Let the melodies, the gentle motion of the train, and the understated glamour of the setting accompany you into the night, before retreating to your cabin for a restful sleep as the train travels north.

DAY 2

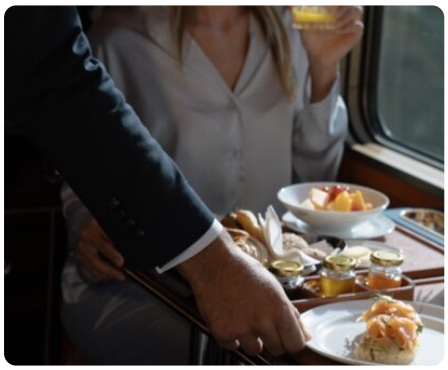
ALBA



The day begins gently with breakfast served in the privacy of your cabin or in the elegant Restaurant Car, as the train arrives in Alba, at the heart of the Langhe, where rolling vineyards, historic villages and Piedmont's celebrated gastronomic traditions shape the landscape. Upon arrival, local assistants welcome you and accompany you into town. Enjoy its historic streets at your own pace, or choose an optional visit to a celebrated local winery, where you can experience the character of the Langhe through its wines and elusive truffle, its terroir and the generations of craftsmanship behind them.

In the afternoon, return on board as the train begins its journey back toward Rome. As dusk settles, a second exquisite dinner is served in the Restaurant Car, once again curated by Chef Heinz Beck. The evening unfolds with musical entertainment, offering a refined yet convivial atmosphere that invites conversation, reflection, and quiet indulgence.

Later, the Bar Car provides a final space to unwind before the train gently carries you through the night, wrapping the day in comfort and calm.



DAY 3

ROME

Awaken to a serene final morning on board, accompanied by an Italian breakfast served in your cabin or in the Restaurant Car. As the train approaches Rome Ostiense, take a moment to savor the last views from the window and the quiet luxury of the journey.

Upon arrival, disembark with the sense of having experienced Italy from a rare and privileged perspective. Though the journey concludes, the memories remain: landscapes shaped by history, flavors defined by excellence, and moments of refined elegance that linger long after your return.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Tips & Travel Guide

Extend your journey

You can add days in Rome before the train and in Florence and Tuscany after it. Here are three suggested lengths:

- **4 days:** 2 days before the train and 2 days after
- **5 days:** 2 days before and 3 days after
- **6 days:** 3 days before and 3 days after

Before the train: Rome

- **Day 1:** Arrive in Rome and transfer privately to your hotel. In the evening, walk to Piazza Navona, the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain.
- **Day 2:** Visit the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica with a private guide, then spend the afternoon at the Colosseum and the Roman Forum.
- **Day 3 (6-day option):** See the Borghese Gallery in the morning, then spend the afternoon and evening in Trastevere.
- The next morning, transfer to the station to board La Dolce Vita Orient Express.

After the train: Florence and Tuscany

- **Day 1:** Take the fast train from Rome to Florence, about an hour and a half. In the afternoon, visit the Duomo and the Baptistery.
- **Day 2:** See the Uffizi Gallery and Michelangelo's David at the Accademia with a private guide.
- **Day 3 (5- and 6-day options):** Spend a day in the Chianti hills, visiting wine estates and stopping for lunch in a village. Afterwards, leave from Florence or take the train back to Rome.
- The next day, transfer to the airport or your onward train.

We arrange the hotels, private transfers and guides around your train dates, and we can change any day to suit you. Prices are on request, and we have special offers on add-ons for this journey.

To request an extension, send us the enquiry form on this page and tell us which option you would like, or call 800-724-5120 (toll-free in the US) or +1 786-408-0610 from outside the US. You can also message us on WhatsApp at +1 786-408-0610.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Nov 18, 2026	Cabin Suite	**€17,340**	**€10,200**
	Deluxe Cabin	**€11,152**	**€6,560**
Nov 9, 2027	Cabin Suite	**€15,572**	**€9,160**
	Deluxe Cabin	**€11,152**	**€6,560**
	Cabin Suite Early Bird	**€15,322**	**€8,910**
	Deluxe Cabin Early Bird	**€11,002**	**€6,410**

Rates shown in Euro (EUR). Approximate USD equivalents available upon request.

Rates shown are per person. Single rate applies to single occupancy; Double rate applies per person in double occupancy.

EARLY BIRD FARES

Book early, pay less

Plan ahead and you'll pay less for exactly the same journey. Every cabin on this tour has an Early Bird fare. Look for it in the booking calendar, right next to the regular fare: it is labelled "<cabin> Early Bird".

6 MONTHS OR MORE BEFORE DEPARTURE

Save up to €250

per person

3 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE

Save up to €150

per person

INSIDE 3 MONTHS

Regular fare

the Early Bird fare closes

CABIN	REGULAR DOUBLE (PP)	EARLY BIRD, 6+ MONTHS AHEAD	EARLY BIRD, 3–6 MONTHS AHEAD
Cabin Suite	**from €9,160**	**from €8,910** save €250	**from €9,010** save €150
Deluxe Cabin	**€6,560**	**€6,410** save €150	**€6,460** save €100

Double fares per person, two sharing; "from" is the lowest fare across the departures listed above. The saving depends on the cabin's regular price per person: €250 / €150 on journeys from €8,000, €150 / €100 from €5,000, and €50 on shorter trips. It's the same cabin, the same itinerary and everything included as before. The only difference is the price. Early Bird fares are limited to the cabins on each departure and close automatically. If you already know your dates, now is the time to book.

🏷️ **Look for Coupons and Special Rates on our website.**

Visit https://www.palacetours.com/tour/ldv-truffle-route for the latest information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

Booking & Payment

- **Deposit:** 30% of the total tour cost is due at the time of booking. The deposit is non-refundable.
- **Final payment:** the balance is due no later than 125 days before departure.
- Bookings made within 125 days of departure are payable in full at the time of booking.
- Fares are per person. Your written confirmation shows the exact amounts and due dates.

Cancellation

- **125 days or more** before departure: 30% of the total tour cost (the deposit)
- **Less than 125 days** before departure: 100% of the total tour cost

Changes

- **Date change:** free of charge, subject to availability, when requested 125 days or more before departure; after that, a fee of 15% of the total tour cost applies.
- **Cabin upgrade:** only the fare difference between cabin categories applies.
- **Cabin downgrade or passenger name correction:** free of charge up to 35 days before departure; within 35 days, EUR 500 per change.

Changes or cancellation by the train operator

If the train operator cancels or materially changes a departure, you will be offered a new date or an amended booking, a credit toward a future journey, or a refund of the amounts paid.

All cancellation, change, or update requests must be submitted in writing by email to travel@palacetours.com. A request takes effect only once we have received and processed it, and we will confirm the outcome to you in writing. Timeframes are calculated by reference to local time and business days at the destination; a request received outside business hours is treated as received on the next business day.

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance, including cancellation cover, from the moment you pay your deposit. For information on available plans, please visit www.palacetours.com/insurance.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is The Truffle Route and where does it start and end

> The Truffle Route is a 3-day, 2-night round trip that starts and ends in Rome. You board La Dolce Vita Orient Express in Rome in the afternoon, spend the middle day in Alba at the heart of the Langhe, and wake on the final morning as the train returns to Rome Ostiense. One gateway city covers both your arrival and your departure.

What is Alba and why does the journey go there

> Alba sits at the heart of the Langhe in Piedmont, a landscape of rolling hillsides, historic villages and some of Italy's most celebrated gastronomy. It is best known for its elusive truffle, which gives this journey its name. The train arrives in the morning, local assistants accompany you into town, and you explore the historic streets at your own pace.

What is there to do during the day in Alba

> After breakfast on board you are welcomed by local assistants and taken into Alba, where you can wander the historic centre at your own pace. An optional visit to a celebrated local estate is offered, where you can learn about the terroir of the Langhe, its truffle and the generations of craftsmanship behind its produce. You return on board in the afternoon as the train heads back towards Rome.

Which cabin categories are available on The Truffle Route

> This journey is offered in Deluxe Cabin and Cabin Suite. La Dolce Vita Orient Express carries 12 Deluxe cabins, 18 Suites and the signature La Dolce Vita Suite, with interiors inspired by Italian design of the 1960s and a dedicated steward looking after each cabin. Availability and the fare for each category on your chosen date are shown in the departure list on this page.

What does the fare cover

> The fare includes accommodation on board in your chosen cabin, all meals on board with menus curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, selected beverages on board, the off-train experiences described in the itinerary, live entertainment in the Bar Car and dedicated cabin steward service. Everything described as included in the itinerary is covered with no further charge on board.

What is excluded from the price of The Truffle Route

> Travel to Rome and home again is not included, nor are personal expenses, gratuities, travel insurance or anything not expressly listed in the itinerary. The optional visit to a local estate in Alba and any purchases you make in town are also outside the fare. We can quote separately for hotel nights in Rome before or after the train.

Where are meals served and who designs the menus

All meals on board are included and the menus are curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck. Dinner is served in the Restaurant Car, which becomes the heart of the evening, while breakfast can be taken either in the privacy of your cabin or in the Restaurant Car. Let us know about dietary requirements when you book so the train can prepare for them.

Are beverages included on board La Dolce Vita Orient Express

Selected beverages on board are included, including those served alongside your meals in the Restaurant Car. After dinner the Bar Car stays open with live music, creating a relaxed setting for the evening. Anything ordered outside the standard list is treated as a personal expense and settled on board.

What is the deposit and when is the balance due

A deposit of 30 percent of the tour price confirms your cabin and is non-refundable. The balance is due 125 days before departure, and bookings made within 125 days of departure are payable in full at the time of booking. Your written confirmation shows the exact amounts and the dates they fall due.

Is the from fare per person or per cabin

The lead-in fare for The Truffle Route is from EUR 6,560 per person based on two people sharing a cabin. Fares differ by cabin category and by departure date, so the exact fare for each departure is shown in the booking list on this page. We always confirm the final figure in writing before taking any payment.

Can I book The Truffle Route as a solo traveller

Yes. A single occupancy fare is published for this journey, reflecting the fact that one guest has a whole cabin. The current single fare for each departure is shown on this page alongside the sharing fare. Contact us and we will check availability in your preferred cabin category for the date you want.

How are children priced on this journey

Child pricing is based on the child's age on the day of departure. There are two bands, 0 to under 5 years and 5 to under 12 years, and anyone aged 12 or over pays the adult fare. Tell us the ages of children in your party when you enquire and we will confirm both the fare and the cabin arrangements that work.

Which dates is The Truffle Route running

Departures currently on sale run from 14 November 2026 through to 9 November 2027, with six dates open at the time of writing. Every available date and its fare appear in the departure list on this page. Truffle season dates in particular tend to sell early, so we suggest enquiring as soon as you have a date in mind.

Is there a best time of year to take The Truffle Route

The autumn departures coincide with the Langhe's truffle season, when Alba is at its liveliest and the hillsides are at their most colourful; the later dates in the year fall in the same window. Any departure gives you the same on-board experience and the same day in Alba. We can tell you what is distinctive about each listed date when you enquire.

How do I get to Rome and what happens on the day of departure

> Flights are not included, so you are free to reach Rome however suits you. On departure day you make your way to the La Dolce Vita lounge inside Rome Ostiense station, where guests are welcomed before boarding and the train leaves in the afternoon. We can arrange extra nights in Rome and can quote for private transfers on request.

What time does the journey finish on the final day

> The last morning is spent on board with an Italian breakfast served in your cabin or in the Restaurant Car as the train approaches Rome Ostiense, where you disembark. We will confirm the scheduled arrival time for your specific departure in your travel documents, and we recommend not booking a tight onward flight connection that morning.

How much walking is involved on The Truffle Route

> The demands are gentle: the time ashore is a stroll through Alba's historic streets at your own pace, with local assistants on hand, and the rest of the journey is spent on board. Historic town centres do have cobbles and some uneven surfaces. If anyone in your party has limited mobility, tell us when you enquire and we will confirm what is practical.

What should I pack for this journey

> Bring comfortable shoes for walking in Alba, a layer for the Piedmont weather in autumn, and something smarter for dinner in the Restaurant Car and the Bar Car in the evening. Cabin space is well designed but compact, so travel light where you can. Current guidance is included in the documents we send before departure.

Do I need travel insurance and are there entry requirements for Italy

> Travel insurance is not included in the fare and we strongly recommend arranging comprehensive cover, including cancellation protection, from the moment you pay your deposit. Italy is part of the Schengen area, so entry requirements depend on your nationality; check with the Italian consulate or embassy covering where you live well before you travel.

How do I ask a question or book La Dolce Vita Orient Express: The Truffle Route

> Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610 - you will reach a travel specialist or our AI assistant. The departure dates listed on this page can be booked directly, and we confirm the cabin, the exact fare and the payment schedule in writing before anything is charged.

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