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La Dolce Vita Orient Express: From Rome to Istanbul

4 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

The journey that takes La Dolce Vita Orient Express beyond Italy: five days and four nights from Rome to Istanbul across the heart of Europe. You leave Rome Ostiense in the evening after time in the private lounge, with dinner by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck on board.

Day two is spent in Venice, reached by private water taxi. Day three brings Budapest, with its bridges, boulevards and grand cafes. On day four the train climbs into the Carpathians to Brasov, where a private guide takes you to Bran Castle and the royal palace of Peles in Sinaia. The final day ends in Istanbul, where the Orient Express story has always reached its finale. A rare chance to make one of rail travel's legendary routes in Italian style.

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

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

ROME

Your journey begins with a private transfer from your hotel or the airport to the La Dolce Vita lounge at Rome Ostiense, which opens three hours before departure, offering a calm, refined space to relax and prepare for your journey. In the evening, the train departs from Rome, and you settle into your private cabin, letting the Italian countryside drift past your window. Dinner is served in the Restaurant Car, crafted by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, offering a first taste of the culinary excellence to come.

After dinner, enjoy live music performed by a pianist and vocalist, setting a warm, elegant atmosphere as the train glides toward Venice.

DAY 2

VENICE

In the morning of the second day, the train arrives in Venice, where the city's shimmering canals, ornate palaces, and narrow alleys welcome you. Local assistants greet you on the platform and accompany you by private water taxi to the heart of the city. Spend the day wandering freely or choose from curated experiences, each designed to reveal Venice's history, art, and hidden corners.



In the late afternoon, return to the station to rejoin the train. Onboard, a dinner in the Restaurant Car, crafted by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, is served as the city's lights fade behind you. Afterward, a pianist and vocalist perform live music, creating a warm, intimate atmosphere as the train continues its journey eastward, carrying you toward new discoveries.



DAY 3

BUDAPEST

Wake to the sight of Budapest on the third day: upon arrival, local assistants welcome you and accompany you by private transfer into the heart of the city. Spend the day exploring its elegant streets, iconic bridges, and hidden squares, or choose from curated experiences designed to reveal the city's art, history, and cultural treasures.

In the late afternoon, return to the train, where a dinner in the Restaurant Car, crafted by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, awaits. As the train continues eastward, live music performed by a pianist and vocalist fills the carriage, creating an intimate, refined atmosphere.

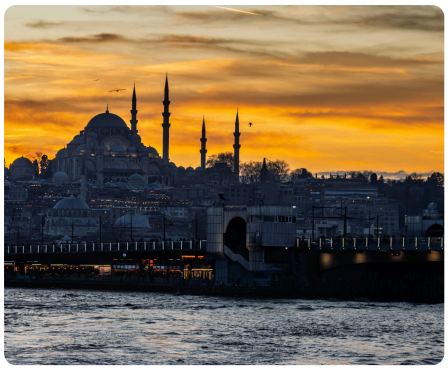
DAY 4

THE CARPATHIANS



The fourth day, the train winds through the Carpathians and arrives in Braşov, a town of medieval streets and charming squares nestled in the mountains. Here, a private guide and a luxury transfer take you into the heart of Transylvania, where legends and history intertwine. Your first stop is the dramatic Bran Castle, famously known as "Dracula's Castle," its towering battlements and secret passages whispering tales of myths and intrigue. The journey then winds to Sinaia, revealing the breathtaking Peles Castle, a jewel of Neo-Renaissance architecture set against the majestic Carpathian Mountains—a fairy-tale palace where history meets elegance. oaking in the atmosphere of cobbled streets and centuries-old architecture,

After lunch in the afternoon, return to the train. Onboard, an aperitif precedes a dinner in the Restaurant Car, crafted by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck. As a pianist and vocalist perform live music, the train departs eastward, leaving the Carpathians behind and carrying you toward the anticipation of Istanbul.



DAY 5

ISTANBUL

On the fifth and final day, the train arrives in Istanbul, a city of domes, minarets, and vibrant streets unfolding like a living tapestry. Onboard, a final lunch in the Restaurant Car, created by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, offers one last refined culinary experience.

Upon arrival, local hosts welcome and bid you farewell, marking the conclusion of a journey that has followed the legendary path of the Orient Express, crossing Central Europe to the very threshold of the East.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Tips & Travel Guide

Extend your journey

You can add days in Rome before the train and in Istanbul 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: Istanbul

- **Day 1:** Transfer privately to your hotel in Istanbul. The evening is at leisure.
- **Day 2:** Visit Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome and Topkapi Palace with a private guide.
- **Day 3 (5- and 6-day options):** Explore the Grand Bazaar and the Spice Bazaar, then take a cruise on the Bosphorus.
- 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)
Oct 20, 2027	Cabin Suite	**€52,920**	**€29,400**
	Deluxe Cabin	**€34,000**	**€20,000**
	Cabin Suite Early Bird	**€52,670**	**€29,150**
	Deluxe Cabin Early Bird	**€33,750**	**€19,750**

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 €250

per person

3 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE

Save €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	**€29,400**	**€29,150** save €250	**€29,250** save €150
Deluxe Cabin	**€20,000**	**€19,750** save €250	**€19,850** save €150

Double fares per person, two sharing. 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-rome-to-istanbul 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

What is the route of the Rome to Istanbul journey?

> It is a 5-day, 4-night one-way journey running Rome - Venice - Budapest - the Carpathians - Istanbul, with all four nights spent on board. It ends at the legendary eastern terminus that made the Orient Express name famous. Along the way it takes in Venice's canals, Budapest's boulevards and the mountain towns of Transylvania.

How does the first evening from Rome begin?

> A private transfer brings you from your hotel or the airport to the La Dolce Vita lounge at Rome Ostiense, which opens three hours before departure. The train leaves in the evening and you settle into your private cabin as the Italian countryside drifts past. Dinner is served in the Restaurant Car by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, followed by live music from a pianist and vocalist.

How much time do I have in Venice?

> The train arrives in Venice on the morning of the second day, where local assistants meet you on the platform and accompany you into the city by private water taxi. You have the day to wander freely or take one of the curated experiences. In the late afternoon you rejoin the train for dinner as the city's lights fade behind you.

What curated experience is offered in Venice?

> One a la carte option explores the Venice of Casanova, walking the calli and campielli of the city of masquerade balls and noble intrigue. Guided by expert historians, it includes the hidden passages of the Doge's Palace, moving through concealed doors to see the private side of the Serenissima. It is chosen and paid for separately from the journey fare.

What is planned for the Budapest day?

> You wake to Budapest on the third day, where local assistants welcome you and a private transfer takes you into the centre. The day is yours among elegant streets, iconic bridges and quiet squares, or you can choose a curated experience focused on the city's art and history. In the late afternoon you return to the train for dinner and live music as the journey continues eastward.

What do I see in the Carpathians?

> On the fourth day the train winds through the Carpathian mountains to Brasov, a town of medieval streets and squares. A private guide and luxury transfer take you into Transylvania to Bran Castle, widely known as Dracula's Castle, with its battlements and passages, and then on to Sinaia for Peles Castle, a Neo-Renaissance jewel set against the mountains. It is the most cinematic day of the journey.

Where does the journey end?

> The journey ends in Istanbul on the fifth day, the city of domes, markets and endless stories, and the historic eastern terminus of the original Orient Express route. Many guests stay on for a few nights to explore, which we are glad to arrange. Ending there also makes the journey a natural one-way pairing with the Istanbul to Rome itinerary.

How many countries does this journey pass through?

> The route crosses Italy, Hungary, Romania and Turkey, along with the countries it transits on the way, so your passport should be to hand throughout for border formalities. Entry requirements depend on your nationality, and Turkey's rules are separate from the European ones. Check with the relevant consulates well ahead and tell us your nationalities so we can flag anything unusual.

Which cabin categories can I book?

> The itinerary is sold as Deluxe Cabin and Cabin Suite. The train comprises 12 Deluxe cabins, 18 Suites and the signature La Dolce Vita Suite, with interiors inspired by Italian design of the 1960s. Availability for each departure is shown on this page.

How much does the Rome to Istanbul journey cost?

> Fares start from EUR 20,000 per person based on two people sharing a cabin, making this the flagship journey of the La Dolce Vita collection. The figure reflects four nights on board and a private guided programme across several countries. The exact fare for each departure and cabin category is shown on this page.

Is single occupancy possible on this journey?

> Yes, a cabin can be booked for sole use at a single-occupancy fare, which is higher than the per-person sharing rate because the entire cabin leaves inventory. The rate is shown for each departure on this page. With only four departures on sale, we suggest asking about single availability as early as you can.

What does the fare include?

> The fare covers four nights in your chosen cabin, all meals on board with menus curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, selected beverages, the off-train excursions described in the itinerary, live entertainment in the Bar Car and a dedicated cabin steward. The private guide and transfers in Transylvania are part of that programme.

What is not included?

> Travel to Rome and onward travel from Istanbul are not included, nor are personal expenses, gratuities or travel insurance. Optional a la carte experiences, such as the Casanova walking tour in Venice, are paid for separately. Anything not expressly listed in the itinerary lies outside the fare.

Are all meals included?

> Yes. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board are included throughout the four nights, with menus curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck. Breakfast can be served in your cabin or in the Restaurant Car, and some meals are taken off the train as part of the day's programme. Dietary requirements can usually be arranged with advance notice.

What happens on board in the evenings?

> Each evening follows a similar rhythm: dinner in the Restaurant Car, then live music from a pianist and vocalist, with selected beverages included. The atmosphere is warm and intimate rather than showy, well suited to a journey of this length. You are free to join or to retire to your cabin.

What deposit is required 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.

Can children travel on the Rome to Istanbul journey?

> Children are permitted, with reduced rates for those under 5 and those aged 5 up to 12 based on their age at departure, sharing the cabin with their accompanying adults. In practice this is a long journey with four nights on board and full days of guided touring, so it suits older children and teenagers better. We are happy to advise on whether it fits your family.

Which departure dates are on sale?

> Departures currently run from 22 October 2026 to 20 October 2027, with four dates on sale. It is an autumn journey that operates roughly once a season in each direction. All available dates and their fares are listed on this page, and they are usually booked far in advance.

How active is this itinerary?

> It is the most demanding of the La Dolce Vita journeys in terms of time on foot. Venice means bridges and steps, Budapest involves city walking, and the Transylvania day includes castle visits with stairs and uneven ground at Bran and Peles. Private transfers and guides keep the pace comfortable, but reasonable mobility makes the days far more enjoyable; tell us about any limitations when you book.

How do I ask a question or book La Dolce Vita Orient Express: From Rome to Istanbul?

> Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610 or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will reply. The departures listed on this page can be booked directly. We can also hold a cabin briefly while you arrange your flights.

Ready to Book Your Journey?

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