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La Dolce Vita Orient Express: Venice & Tuscany in Winter

2 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

A winter round trip from Rome that pairs the Tuscan coast with Venice and Florence, at a time of year when each is at its quietest and most atmospheric. The train leaves Rome Ostiense in the late morning and lunch by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck is served on the way to Bolgheri, the cypress-lined wine village near the Tuscan coast.

Day two is spent in Venice, with a private transfer from Santa Lucia into the city and an afternoon to explore or join a curated experience. On day three the train stops in Florence, where local guides introduce the cathedral, the piazzas and the Arno before the return to Rome. Three cities in three days, without packing a suitcase twice.

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 AND BOLGHERI

Your experience begins with a private transfer from your hotel or the airport to Roma Ostiense station, where the La Dolce Vita lounge welcomes you into a calm and elegant setting before departure.

Late in the morning, La Dolce Vita Orient Express leaves Rome behind. Once on board, enjoy a gourmet lunch created by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, inspired by the flavours and traditions of the region.

In the early afternoon, the train arrives in Bolgheri, a small medieval village surrounded by the Tuscan countryside, known for its vineyards, cypress-lined roads, and quiet atmosphere. Spend time exploring at your own pace or select from a range of carefully curated à la carte experiences.

Back on board, the evening unfolds in the Restaurant Car, where dinner is served as the landscape slowly fades into night. Later, the Bar Car comes alive with live music, as singers and musicians accompany the journey in a warm and relaxed atmosphere.

DAY 2

VENICE



The second day on board begins slowly, with breakfast served in your private cabin or in the Restaurant Car, as the train makes its way towards Venice.

Upon arrival at Venezia Santa Lucia station, a private transfer takes you into the heart of La Serenissima, where canals, historic palaces, and reflections on the water shape the rhythm of the city. Spend the afternoon exploring at your own pace or choose from a selection of à la carte experiences designed to discover Venice from a different perspective.

In the evening, you board the train once again. Dinner is served in the Restaurant Car with a menu created by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck. The night then continues in the Bar Car, where live music with piano and vocals accompanies the journey into the night.



DAY 3

FLORENCE AND ROME

The third day begins gently, with breakfast served in your private cabin or in the Restaurant Car, as the Tuscan landscape unfolds outside your window.

Upon arrival in Florence, local guides welcome you to the city, where art, history, and daily life come together in a natural rhythm. From its cathedral and historic piazzas to its quiet streets and river views, Florence reveals itself step by step, shaped by centuries of creativity and culture. You may explore independently or choose from a selection of à la carte experiences tailored to your interests.

As the afternoon light softens over Tuscany, you return on board and continue south through central Italy, retracing part of the route taken earlier in the journey.

The experience comes to an end in Rome, the Eternal City, where the journey gently concludes.

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)
Dec 9, 2026	Cabin Suite	**€16,048**	**€9,440**
Mar 29, 2027	Cabin Suite	**€18,700**	**€11,000**
	Deluxe Cabin	**€11,900**	**€7,000**
	Cabin Suite Early Bird	**€18,550**	**€10,850**
	Deluxe Cabin Early Bird	**€11,800**	**€6,900**
Nov 17, 2027	Cabin Suite	**€16,048**	**€9,440**
	Deluxe Cabin	**€9,248**	**€5,440**
	Cabin Suite Early Bird	**€15,798**	**€9,190**
	Deluxe Cabin Early Bird	**€9,098**	**€5,290**

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 €9,440**	**from €9,190** save €250	**from €9,290** save €150
Deluxe Cabin	**from €5,440**	**from €5,290** save €150	**from €5,340** 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-venice-and-tuscany-in-winter 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 Venice and Tuscany in Winter, and how long is it?

> It is a 3-day, 2-night round trip that starts and finishes in Rome, calling at Bolgheri in Tuscany, then Venice, then Florence. Both nights are spent on board in your cabin. Because it returns to Rome, you only need one city for your arrival and departure flights.

How does the first day from Rome to Bolgheri unfold?

> A private transfer brings you from your hotel or the airport to Roma Ostiense station, where the La Dolce Vita lounge offers a calm place to wait before boarding. The train leaves late in the morning and a gourmet lunch created by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck is served on board. In the early afternoon you arrive at Bolgheri.

What is Bolgheri like?

> Bolgheri is a small medieval village set in the Tuscan countryside, known for its cypress-lined roads, its surrounding vineyards and its unhurried atmosphere. It is the kind of place that rewards slow wandering rather than a checklist of sights. You can explore at your own pace or pick from curated a la carte experiences arranged locally.

How much time do I get in Venice?

> The second day is given over to Venice. The train reaches Venezia Santa Lucia in the morning and a private transfer takes you into the heart of La Serenissima, leaving you the afternoon among canals, palaces and reflections on the water. You explore independently or choose an a la carte experience, then reboard in the evening for dinner in the Restaurant Car.

What happens on the Florence day?

> On the third morning you have breakfast in your cabin or the Restaurant Car as the Tuscan landscape passes, then arrive in Florence, where local guides welcome you. You can take in the cathedral, the historic piazzas, the quiet streets and the river views on your own, or choose a curated experience suited to your interests. As the afternoon light softens you return on board and the train continues south to Rome.

Why is this described as a winter journey?

> The departures fall in the colder half of the year, when Bolgheri, Venice and Florence are quieter and the light is at its most atmospheric. Venice in particular is far less crowded outside the summer months. Pack a warm coat and waterproof shoes, since you are on foot in all three places.

Which cabin categories can I book?

> Two categories are sold on this itinerary: the Deluxe Cabin and the Cabin Suite. The train is made up of 12 Deluxe cabins, 18 Suites and the La Dolce Vita Suite, with interiors inspired by Italian design of the 1960s. What remains

How much does this journey cost?

> Fares start from EUR 5,440 per person based on two people sharing a cabin, which makes this the most accessible way onto La Dolce Vita Orient Express. The exact fare depends on the cabin category and the departure date, and each one is priced on this page. Meals, selected beverages and the described off-train experiences are all included.

Can I book a cabin for myself?

> Yes. A cabin can be taken for sole use at a single-occupancy fare, which is higher than the per-person sharing rate because the whole cabin comes out of inventory. The rate for each departure is shown on this page. Contact us and we will confirm the single fare and current availability.

What is included in the fare?

> The fare covers your cabin on board, all meals 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. Once you have boarded, there is very little else to pay for.

What is not included?

> Travel to and from Rome is not included, nor are personal expenses, gratuities or travel insurance. Optional a la carte experiences in Bolgheri, Venice or Florence are paid separately when you select them. Anything not expressly listed in the itinerary lies outside the fare.

Are all meals on board included?

> Yes: breakfast, lunch and dinner are served on board and included in the fare, with menus curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck around seasonal regional ingredients. Breakfast can be taken in the privacy of your cabin or in the Restaurant Car. Dietary requirements can usually be met if you tell us in good time before departure.

What are the evenings like on board?

> Dinner is served in the Restaurant Car, after which the night continues in the Bar Car with live music and included selected beverages. The mood recalls the golden age of Italian travel and is sociable rather than formal. Your dedicated cabin steward looks after you throughout, so an early night is just as easy.

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 come on this journey?

> Yes. Reduced rates apply for children under 5 and for children aged 5 up to 12, with the age taken at the date of departure. Children share the cabin with the adults travelling with them, so the cabin category sets how comfortably a family fits. Send us the ages and we will quote the exact total.

When does this itinerary run?

> Departures run from 9 December 2026 through to 17 November 2027, with six dates currently on sale. Each is listed on this page with its own fare and cabin availability. With only a handful of departures a year and very few cabins per

Which airport do I use, and when should I arrive in Rome?

> Flights are not included. Rome Fiumicino is the usual long-haul gateway and the train departs from Rome Ostiense, where the lounge welcomes you before boarding. We recommend arriving in Rome at least a day before departure so that a flight delay cannot cost you the journey. You return to Rome Ostiense at the end, so onward flights are straightforward.

Are the stops guided or is it free time?

> It is a mix. Local assistants meet the train and, in Florence, local guides welcome you to the city, but the time itself is largely yours to use as you wish. Curated a la carte experiences are offered at each stop for travellers who want structure or deeper access, and these are booked and paid for separately.

How much walking is involved off the train?

> Each stop is explored on foot: Bolgheri is a small village with uneven lanes, Venice means bridges and steps, and Florence's historic centre is cobbled. Nothing is strenuous and you can set your own pace, but comfortable and warm footwear makes a real difference in winter. Tell us about any mobility needs when you book so we can note them.

How do I ask a question or book La Dolce Vita Orient Express: Venice and Tuscany in Winter?

> 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. Every departure listed on this page can be booked directly. We can also hold a cabin briefly while you confirm your flights.

Ready to Book Your Journey?

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