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La Dolce Vita Orient Express: Jingle Route

2 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

A festive-season round trip from Rome to Venice and Florence, timed for December when Italy's cities glow with lights and markets. The journey starts in the La Dolce Vita Lounge at Rome Ostiense, and lunch by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck is served as the winter countryside unfolds.

Its highlight is an exclusive evening at Orient Express Venezia, the group's newly opened palazzo hotel in Venice, where guests of the train gather for a festive celebration. On day two there is time to relax on board before an afternoon in Florence, with its decorated streets and a guided evening walk through the historic centre, before the return to Rome. A memorable way to spend the run-up to Christmas.

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 VENICE

Your festive 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 welcoming space to relax before boarding. As La Dolce Vita Orient Express departs Rome, settle into your private cabin and watch Italy's winter landscapes unfold while enjoying a lunch in the Restaurant Car, crafted by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck.

In the early evening, arrive in Venice, where local hosts welcome you and escort you by private boat through the city's canals to the newly opened Orient Express Venezia.

Here, the highlight of the journey awaits. For one unforgettable and exclusive evening, the hotel opens its doors for guests of La Dolce Vita Orient Express. Once home to Venetian nobility and now the newest jewel in the Orient Express collection, the palace provides the setting for a festive celebration with live music and an exceptional multi-course dinner, celebrating the warmth, flavours and traditions of the Italian festive season.

Later that evening, return by private boat to Santa Lucia Station. Shortly after midnight, La Dolce Vita Orient Express departs Venice, as the celebrations continue on board.

DAY 2

FLORENCE



Wake to breakfast served in your private cabin or in the Restaurant Car as the train journeys through the Italian countryside. Spend the morning unwinding on board or enjoy a special festive activity before gathering once again for lunch, crafted by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck.

In the afternoon, arrive in Florence, where the city welcomes you with beautifully decorated streets, festive markets and Renaissance landmarks. Enjoy time at leisure to explore at your own pace or join an optional guided walking experience through the historic centre, discovering local traditions, artisan stalls and seasonal flavours.

As evening falls, return to the train for another memorable night aboard. Dinner, once again created by Chef Heinz Beck, is followed by an evening of entertainment featuring a magician, a DJ and live saxophone as La Dolce Vita Orient Express begins its journey back towards Rome.



DAY 3

ROME

As dawn gently breaks, enjoy a peaceful breakfast served in the serene comfort of your private cabin or within the elegant embrace of the onboard restaurant. The morning unfolds slowly as the train carries you back toward Rome.Here, your enchanting Festive journey draws to a close, but the memories linger, wrapped in the soft glow of winter lights and the warmth of shared moments.

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 19, 2026	Cabin Suite	**€15,232**	**€8,960**
	Deluxe Cabin	**€11,152**	**€6,560**

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.

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Visit https://www.palacetours.com/tour/ldv-jingle-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

What is the Jingle Route on La Dolce Vita Orient Express?

> It is a 3-day, 2-night festive journey that starts and ends in Rome, calling at Venice and Florence. Both nights are spent on board, and the itinerary is built around the Christmas season in two of Italy's most atmospheric cities. The routing is Rome - Venice - Florence - Rome.

When does the Jingle Route depart?

> The departure currently loaded is 19 December 2026, timed for the run-up to Christmas. It is listed on this page with its fare and cabin availability. Because it is a single seasonal departure on a train with very few cabins, it is one to enquire about early.

What is the exclusive evening in Venice?

> On the first evening, guests of the train are welcomed into the newly opened Orient Express Venezia, one of the city's most remarkable palazzi, for a festive celebration held for this journey alone. You arrive by private boat through the canals after local hosts meet you at the station. It is the centrepiece of the itinerary and is included in the fare.

How does the first day from Rome work?

> 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 so you can settle in before boarding. The train leaves Rome and Italy's winter landscapes unfold as lunch is served in the Restaurant Car with a menu by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck. In the early evening you arrive in Venice.

What is planned for the Florence day?

> You wake on day two to breakfast in your cabin or the Restaurant Car as the train runs through the countryside, with the morning free on board or given over to a festive activity, and lunch served before arrival. In the afternoon the train reaches Florence, where decorated streets, festive markets and Renaissance landmarks await. You can explore at your own pace or join an optional guided walk through the historic centre.

What does the optional Florence experience include?

> The optional festive experience is a private guided walk through Florence's historic centre with an expert local guide, taking in the city's celebrated squares and landmarks under their holiday illuminations, followed by a visit to the Christmas market with its decorated wooden chalets. It is an a la carte option, selected and paid for separately from the journey fare. You are equally free to explore Florence independently.

Where does the journey finish?

> The Jingle Route is a round trip, so it returns to Rome on the third day after the final night on board. Ending where you started keeps the logistics simple: one airport for arrival and departure, and one hotel if you want nights either side. We can arrange extra nights in Rome before or after the journey.

Which cabin categories are available on the festive departure?

> The itinerary is sold in two categories: 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 style of the 1960s. What is still open is shown on this page.

How much does the Jingle Route cost?

> Fares start from EUR 6,560 per person based on two people sharing a cabin, which makes this one of the more accessible festive departures. The exact fare by cabin category is shown on this page. All meals, selected beverages, the exclusive Venice evening and the other experiences described in the itinerary are included.

Is there a fare for travelling alone?

> Yes, a cabin can be booked for sole use at a single-occupancy fare. It is higher than the per-person sharing rate because a whole cabin is withdrawn from sale, and the rate is shown on this page. Contact us and we will confirm the single fare and whether a cabin remains open on the festive departure.

What is included in the fare?

> Included are your cabin on board, all meals with menus curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, selected beverages, the off-train experiences described in the itinerary including the exclusive Venice evening, live entertainment in the Bar Car and a dedicated cabin steward. Once aboard, the journey is essentially all taken care of.

What is not included in the price?

> Travel to and from Rome is not included, and neither are personal expenses, gratuities or travel insurance. Optional a la carte experiences, such as the guided Florence walk, are paid separately when selected. Anything not expressly listed in the itinerary falls outside the fare.

Are meals included, and who creates them?

> All meals on board are included - breakfast, lunch and dinner - with menus curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck built on seasonal Italian ingredients. Breakfast can be served in your private cabin or in the Restaurant Car. Dietary requirements can usually be handled if you let us know well ahead of departure.

What happens on board in the evenings?

> Evenings revolve around dinner in the Restaurant Car and then the Bar Car, where live music plays into the night and selected beverages are included. On this departure the mood is festive, with seasonal touches through the journey. A dedicated cabin steward looks after you, so a quiet evening in your cabin is just as easy.

What deposit confirms a booking, 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 festive journey?

> Yes, and the Christmas markets and decorated streets make it an appealing family trip. Reduced rates apply to children under 5 and to children aged 5 up to 12, based on their age at the departure date. Children share the cabin with their accompanying adults, so cabin size sets the practical limit; send us the ages for an exact quote.

Which airport should I use and when should I arrive?

> Flights are not included; Rome Fiumicino is the usual long-haul gateway and the train departs from Rome Ostiense. We recommend arriving in Rome at least a day early in December, when weather delays are more common and a missed connection would mean a missed departure. The lounge at Rome Ostiense opens three hours before departure.

What is the weather like in Italy in December, and what should I bring?

> Mid-December in Rome, Florence and Venice is cool and often damp, with short days and the chance of rain, so a warm coat, layers and waterproof shoes are sensible. Venice in particular can be chilly on the water during the boat transfer. Inside the train you are warm throughout, so pack for the time you spend off it.

How much walking is involved off the train?

> Venice means walking, bridges and steps once you leave the boat, and Florence's historic centre is explored on foot over cobbles. Neither stop is strenuous and local hosts accompany you, but comfortable, warm footwear makes a real difference in December. 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: Jingle Route?

> 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 departure 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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