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La Dolce Vita Orient Express: Whispers at Midnight

2 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Ring in the New Year on board. This three-day round trip from Rome links Tuscan wine country with Venice and returns to the Eternal City on New Year's Day. On day one the train heads into Tuscany, where a fleet of vintage cars drives you along the famous cypress avenue to Bolgheri and a private wine estate, before dinner by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck and live music in the Bar Car.

On New Year's Eve the train arrives in Venice, and a boat transfer through the canals brings you into the heart of the city for the day. Back on board in the afternoon, the celebration begins: a burlesque performance, a gourmet New Year's Eve dinner by Chef Heinz Beck, toasts at midnight and a DJ set to welcome the New Year. On 1 January you wake to a leisurely breakfast and arrive at Roma Ostiense at 11am. One of the most sought-after departures of the year.

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

La Dolce Vita Orient Express departs in the morning for Tuscany, where rolling hills, vineyards and open landscapes accompany the Voyage towards Bolgheri. In the afternoon, a fleet of vintage cars awaits at the station, ready to take you through the Tuscan countryside along the celebrated Viale dei Cipressi. The road leads to Bolgheri, through quiet lanes and landscapes that gradually reveal themselves.

The experience continues at a local winery, set within a private estate. A guided visit takes you through the cellars and production spaces, unveiling the story and savoir-faire of the estate, before a tasting of selected wines in the heart of the Tuscan countryside. Afterwards, the vintage cars bring you back to La Dolce Vita Orient Express.

In the evening, dinner crafted by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck invites you to explore Italian flavors through an elegant cuisine deeply rooted in tradition. As the train moves through Tuscany, the Bar Car comes to life with live entertainment. The melodies of a pianist and singer accompany the final hours of the day, before the rhythm of the rails lulls you into the night, with a new day of discoveries ahead.

DAY 2

VENICE - NEW YEAR'S EVE



Start the last day of the year with breakfast served either in the privacy of your cabin or in the elegant dining car.

In the morning, the train arrives at Venezia Santa Lucia. As you disembark, our local assistants will welcome you and guide you to a boat transfer through the city's iconic canals, bringing you directly into the heart of Venice.

Enjoy the city at your own pace or opt for curated à la carte experiences: your time in Venice will be filled with the city's unmistakable charm.

In the afternoon embark the train, where the atmosphere shifts into something entirely new.

As a prelude to the evening, a burlesque performance will welcome you into a world of playful elegance and vintage glamour. Afterwards, a gourmet New Year's Eve dinner awaits in the restaurant car: an exquisite culinary experience, crafted by three Michelin starred Chef Heinz Beck that blends refinement and creativity.

As midnight approaches, elegant toasts and festive touches make this dining experience truly unforgettable. The Bar Car transforms once again for a final burlesque show followed by a second live music set featuring a singer and piano accompaniment.

And as midnight strikes, welcome the New Year in unforgettable style with a DJ set that transforms the train into a vibrant celebration. This New Year's Eve becomes a crescendo of joy, the perfect finale to a day where every detail has been thoughtfully designed to enchant and inspire.



DAY 3

RETURN TO ROME - NEW YEAR'S DAY

The first day of the year begins in serenity, with a leisurely breakfast served in the privacy of your cabin or in the elegant restaurant car, as the train approaches the Eternal City.

At 11am, the train arrives at Roma Ostiense station. Upon disembarkation, you will be welcomed into the comfort of the La Dolce Vita Lounge, where you can relax and reflect on the journey just completed. Take your time, enjoy a final moment of calm, and prepare for the transition back into the world beyond the rails.

Though the journey comes to an end, its spirit continues: a collection of moments filled with beauty, discovery, and celebration that will remain with you long after the train has come to a gentle stop.

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 30, 2026	Cabin Suite	**€20,128**	**€11,840**
	Deluxe Cabin	**€15,096**	**€8,880**
Dec 30, 2027	Cabin Suite	**€20,128**	**€11,840**
	Deluxe Cabin	**€15,096**	**€8,880**
	Cabin Suite Early Bird	**€19,878**	**€11,590**
	Deluxe Cabin Early Bird	**€14,846**	**€8,630**

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	**€11,840**	**€11,590** save €250	**€11,690** save €150
Deluxe Cabin	**€8,880**	**€8,630** save €250	**€8,730** 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-whispers-at-midnight 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 Whispers at Midnight on La Dolce Vita Orient Express?

> It is a 3-day, 2-night New Year journey that starts and finishes in Rome, taking in the Tuscan village of Bolgheri and the city of Venice. The heart of it is New Year's Eve on board, with a burlesque performance, a gourmet dinner by Chef Heinz Beck, toasts at midnight and a DJ set to welcome the New Year. It is a round trip, so you end where you began.

Which dates does the New Year journey depart?

> The departures currently on sale are 30 December 2026 and 30 December 2027, each running three days over the New Year. Both are listed on this page with their own fares and cabin availability. Because there is only one New Year departure a year, cabins go early.

What actually happens on New Year's Eve on board?

> The evening of 31 December is spent on the train as it travels through the night. It opens with a burlesque performance in a spirit of playful, vintage elegance, followed by a New Year's Eve dinner curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, then a DJ set that carries the celebration past midnight. It is a party on rails rather than a formal gala in a ballroom.

What happens on the first day between Rome and Bolgheri?

> The train leaves Rome in the morning and heads into Tuscany. In the afternoon a fleet of vintage cars meets you at the station and drives you along the famous Viale dei Cipressi, the cypress avenue, to Bolgheri and a private country estate for a guided visit. The cars bring you back to the train for dinner crafted by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck and live music in the Bar Car.

What is Bolgheri and why is it on the itinerary?

> Bolgheri is a small medieval village near the Tuscan coast, reached by a five-kilometre avenue of cypress trees that is one of the most photographed roads in Italy. Its estates and gentle countryside are a striking contrast to Rome and Venice on either side of it, and the vintage-car drive makes the first afternoon of the journey something special.

How is the Venice day arranged?

> On the morning of 31 December the train arrives at Venezia Santa Lucia, where local assistants meet you and take you by boat through the canals into the heart of the city. You have the day to explore at your own pace or choose curated a la carte experiences. In the afternoon you return to the train, where the New Year celebration begins.

How does the journey end on New Year's Day?

> The first day of the year starts gently with a leisurely breakfast in your cabin or in the restaurant car as the train

Is this a round trip that returns to Rome?

> Yes. The routing is Rome - Bolgheri - Venice - Rome, so you start and end at Roma Ostiense, arriving back at 11am on New Year's Day. That makes the logistics simple: one city for both your arrival and departure flights, and one hotel if you want nights either side. Many guests add a night in Rome before boarding and another after disembarking.

What cabin categories can I book for the New Year departure?

> The journey is sold as Deluxe Cabin and Cabin Suite. The train carries 12 Deluxe cabins, 18 Suites and the signature La Dolce Vita Suite, with interiors inspired by Italian design of the 1960s. Current availability by category is shown on this page.

How much does the New Year journey cost?

> Fares start from EUR 8,880 per person based on two people sharing a cabin, reflecting the New Year programme on board. The exact fare for each departure and cabin category is shown on this page. All meals including the New Year's Eve dinner, selected beverages and the described experiences are included.

Can I book a cabin for myself on the New Year departure?

> Yes, solo travellers are welcome and a single-occupancy fare applies. It is higher than the sharing rate because a whole cabin is taken out of inventory, and the rate for each departure is shown on this page. Given how few cabins exist on a single New Year departure, it is worth asking early.

What is included in the fare for Whispers at Midnight?

> The fare covers your cabin on board, all meals with menus curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck including the New Year's Eve dinner, selected beverages, the off-train experiences described in the itinerary, live entertainment in the Bar Car and a dedicated cabin steward. The New Year celebration on board is part of the journey, not an add-on.

What is not covered by the price?

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

Are all meals included over the New Year?

> Yes. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board are included throughout, with menus curated by three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, and New Year's Eve dinner is the centrepiece of the programme. Breakfast can be served in your cabin or in the restaurant car. Tell us about dietary requirements in advance so the galley can plan.

What is the Bar Car like on this journey?

> The Bar Car is where the train's social life happens, with live music running through the night and selected beverages included. On the New Year departure it carries the celebration forward after dinner with a DJ set past midnight. If you would rather step away, your cabin and its steward are a few steps down the corridor.

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 join the New Year journey?

Children are welcome, with reduced rates for those under 5 and for those aged 5 up to 12, based on their age at departure. They share the cabin with their accompanying adults. Bear in mind the New Year's Eve programme runs late into the night, so it suits older children better; talk to us and we will advise on the fit.

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

Flights are not included; most guests fly into Rome Fiumicino, Italy's principal long-haul gateway. Because the train leaves Rome on the morning of 30 December, we strongly suggest arriving at least the day before so a delay cannot cost you the departure. Disembarkation is at 11am on 1 January, so book a late afternoon or evening flight home if you fly out that day.

How much walking is involved off the train?

The Bolgheri afternoon is mostly by vintage car, with a short walk around the estate, while Venice means walking, bridges and steps once you step off the boat. Neither is strenuous, transfers are arranged and local assistants are with you, but comfortable shoes and a warm coat matter at the end of December. Let us know about any mobility needs when you book.

How do I ask a question or book La Dolce Vita Orient Express: Whispers at Midnight?

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 New Year departures listed on this page can be booked directly. We can also hold a cabin for a short time while you confirm your flights.

Ready to Book Your Journey?

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