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La Dolce Vita Orient Express: The Carnival Party

1 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

A two-day journey from Rome to Venice timed for Carnevale, when the city's masks, costumes and festivities are at their most spectacular. The train departs Rome Ostiense in the late morning and lunch by Chef Heinz Beck is served as you head into Tuscany.

The afternoon is spent in Bolgheri, with its cypress-lined roads and wine country; one experience takes you there by vintage car to a private estate. The celebration continues on board in the evening, and the next day the train arrives in Venice for Carnival. A one-off departure for travellers who want to arrive at the festival in style.

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

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

ROME AND BOLGHERI

Your experience begins with a private transfer to the La Dolce Vita Orient Express lounge at Rome Ostiense Station. In the late morning, the train departs toward Tuscany, where a Michelin-starred lunch designed by Chef Heinz Beck awaits.

In the afternoon, discover the timeless charm of Bolgheri, wandering through its picturesque cypress-lined roads, quaint village streets, and renowned wine country landscapes, or choose from a curated experience celebrating Tuscan heritage and local traditions.

It is time to embark for an exclusive dinner crafted by Chef Heinz Beck. As night falls, the train transforms into a stage for an exclusive Carnival masquerade evening. Guests are invited to don their masks and step into an atmosphere of elegance and festivity, where the spirit of Venice comes alive long before arrival.

The Bar Car is filled with refined music from a live pianist and singer. Conversation sparkles, laughter dances through the air, and the gentle motion of the train adds its own rhythm to the celebration.

DAY 2

VENICE



Awaken to the gentle rhythm of the train as dawn light filters through the windows. A leisurely breakfast is served in the privacy of your cabin or in the Restaurant Car, while the landscapes of northern Italy unfold outside.

By mid-morning, the train glides into Venezia Santa Lucia Station, offering a spectacular arrival directly into the heart of the floating city. Stepping onto the platform, you are immediately embraced by the festive spirit of Carnival: the shimmer of masks, the colors of costumes reflected in the canals, and the unmistakable hum of celebration in the air.

From this moment, Venice itself becomes your stage. Whether you choose to lose yourself among its labyrinthine calli, admire the pageantry in St. Mark's Square, or join an opulent masquerade ball, the city welcomes you into its most enchanting season.

Your journey ends, but the magic of Carnival continues: an experience begun aboard the train and now fully alive in Venice.

Tips & Travel Guide

Extend your journey

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

- **Day 1:** Take a private water taxi from the station to your hotel. Spend the evening in St Mark's Square.
- **Day 2:** Tour the Doge's Palace and St Mark's Basilica with a private guide, then take a gondola ride through the canals.
- **Day 3 (5- and 6-day options):** Take a boat to the islands of Murano and Burano.
- 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)
Feb 8, 2027	Cabin Suite	**€10,472**	**€6,160**
	Deluxe Cabin	**€7,992**	**€4,440**

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-carnival-party 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 Carnival Party journey on La Dolce Vita Orient Express?

> It is a two-day, one-night journey from Rome to Venice built around Carnevale. The first day runs up through Tuscany with an afternoon in Bolgheri, and the night on board becomes a masquerade evening, before the train delivers you to Venice, the city where Carnival tradition is at its strongest.

Where does this journey start and finish?

> It starts at Rome Ostiense, where the train has its own private lounge and a transfer brings you in from your hotel or the airport, and it finishes in Venice. Because it is a one-way itinerary, plan your travel home from Venice rather than from Rome.

When does the train leave Rome?

> Departure is in the late morning, so you settle into your cabin and then go straight to the Restaurant Car for lunch as the city gives way to countryside. That timing means you see the whole run north through Tuscany in daylight rather than passing it overnight.

What is the masquerade evening on board?

> After dinner the train becomes a stage for a Carnival masquerade, with guests invited to wear masks and dress for the occasion as the Bar Car fills with music. It is the heart of this particular itinerary and the reason many guests choose the February departure over any other date.

Should I bring a costume or mask?

> Guests are invited to join the masquerade, so bringing a mask and something festive to wear adds a great deal to the evening. Cabin storage is limited, so keep the outfit compact. Venice itself is full of mask makers if you would rather buy yours once you arrive.

What is there to see in Bolgheri?

> Bolgheri is a small Tuscan village reached along a famous cypress-lined avenue, with narrow streets, a quiet pace and celebrated vineyard country all around it. You can wander the village at leisure in the afternoon or take one of the curated experiences built around Tuscan heritage and local traditions.

What cabin categories are available?

> Deluxe Cabin and Cabin Suite are both offered. The train carries 12 Deluxe cabins, 18 suites and one La Dolce Vita Suite in total, all en-suite with a dedicated steward, so there are very few of each category on a single departure. Current fares are shown on this page.

How much does the Carnival journey cost?

Fares start from around EUR 4,440 per person based on two people sharing a cabin, and vary by category. As this is a one-date-a-year itinerary, the exact fare and remaining categories for the departure are shown on this page, which is the figure to work from.

Which date does this journey run?

The departure currently on sale leaves Rome on 8 February 2027, timed to the Venice Carnival season. It is a single annual date on a train with fewer than thirty cabins, so it is one of the first itineraries in the collection to sell out each year.

What is included in the fare?

Included are your cabin for the night, all meals on board with menus curated by three-Michelin-starred chef Heinz Beck, selected beverages including drinks served with meals, the off-train experiences described in the itinerary, the live entertainment in the Bar Car and a dedicated cabin steward throughout.

What is not included?

Travel to Rome and home from Venice is not included, nor are personal expenses, gratuities, travel insurance or anything not expressly listed in the itinerary. Hotel nights in either city are quoted separately, and we are happy to arrange them together with transfers.

What are the meals like on board?

Lunch and dinner are both served in the Restaurant Car on day one, with menus curated by a three-Michelin-starred chef and built on seasonal Italian ingredients, and breakfast follows the next morning in your cabin or the Restaurant Car. Selected beverages are included with meals.

Can dietary requirements be handled?

Usually yes, but the galley is small and menus are planned ahead for each departure, so tell us about allergies, intolerances or preferences when you book rather than on the day. We will pass everything on so the kitchen can prepare for you in advance.

Can I book a cabin for single use?

Sole occupancy is offered on request with a supplement, since the headline fare assumes two guests sharing. Single-use cabins are limited on a train this small and especially so on the Carnival date, so ask as early as possible and we will confirm the rate.

What are the deposit and balance terms?

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.

Are there child rates on this itinerary?

Yes, two reduced bands apply, under 5 and 5 to 12, with age taken at the departure date. The masquerade evening and the dining are very much adult in character and the cabins are compact, so it suits older children best. Please

How much time do I get in Venice?

> The train arrives in Venice on the second day, so the city is the destination rather than a stop, and you are free to stay on for Carnival once you disembark. Most guests book several nights in Venice afterwards, which we can arrange along with the transfer from the station.

What is Venice like during Carnevale?

> Very busy and very theatrical: masked costumes in the streets, events in the squares and long queues at the main sights, with cold, often damp February weather. It rewards warm clothing, waterproof shoes and a willingness to explore the quieter districts away from the crowds.

Can I combine this with another La Dolce Vita itinerary?

> Yes. Since most routes in the collection start or end in Rome or Venice, this one-way journey pairs naturally with a return itinerary a few days later, and we offer the complete collection. Tell us your dates and we will put together the combination that works.

How do I ask a question or book The Carnival Party journey?

> 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 help. The departure listed on this page is bookable directly, and we can add hotel nights in Rome or Venice at either end.

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