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La Dolce Vita Orient Express: Venice & Tuscany

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Overview

A fascinating roundtrip journey from Rome, revealing the wonders and secrets of Venice and Siena.

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

ROME

A private transfer from your hotel or the airport brings you to the La Dolce Vita Orient Express lounge at Rome Ostiense, where a warm welcome awaits.

The train departs in the evening, gliding through the gentle Roman countryside as you settle into the refined comfort of your cabin. and be enchanted by the breathtaking landscapes unfolding through the Bar Car windows.

Dinner is served on board, an elegant culinary experience crafted by 3-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck, transforming seasonal Italian ingredients into a contemporary interpretation of Italy's finest flavors, perfectly paired with exceptional wines.

Later in the evening, the Bar Car comes alive with music, featuring a pianist, musician, and singer, providing the perfect accompaniment to a magical night on the rails before the next destination: Venice.

VENICE

Awaken to a delightful breakfast, served either in the privacy of your cabin or in the elegant Restaurant Car, as the train glides through the morning landscapes of northern Italy.

By late morning, you arrive at Venezia Santa Lucia, where local hosts greet you and accompany you by private water taxi into the very heart of the city. Spend the afternoon discovering Venice at your own pace, its enchanting canals, lively piazzas, and hidden corners. You can also choose one of our curated à la carte experiences to enjoy this magical place at its best.

In the afternoon, return to the train and settle back into its luxurious embrace. As the journey continues, indulge in an evening of fine dining, followed by live music in the lounge, where pianist, musician, and singer weave an intimate and atmospheric setting to accompany the night.





DAY 3

SIENA AND ROME

An exclusive journey into the very heart of Venice, where art, tradition, and eternal beauty are woven together in a tapestry of wonder. Guided by a local connoisseur, you will step into the storied Orsoni Venezia 1888 glassworks—the last active furnace of its kind, a sanctuary normally hidden from the public eye. Within its luminous walls, still alive with the spirit of creation, the secrets of mosaic-making unfold before you: fragments of glass transformed into shimmering jewels, the ancient glow of Venetian gold dancing in the light, and kilns that whisper tales of centuries past.

From here, a private water taxi glides across the lagoon, carrying you into the beating heart of the city. A guided walk reveals Venice at its most enchanting: intimate calli and quiet courtyards where time seems suspended, and the grandeur of the Rialto, rising proudly above its bustling waters.

An exclusive experience through the wonders of the Venetian Lagoon, where beauty, tradition, and centuries-old craftsmanship come together in a journey like no other. Aboard a private boat, glide across shimmering waters and panoramic canals to reach Murano, legendary for its master glassmakers. Step into a prestigious atelier, witness a live demonstration of age-old techniques, and admire exquisite collections that embody Venetian artistry.

The voyage continues to Burano, instantly recognizable for its brightly painted houses and authentic island charm. Stroll along its picturesque streets and canals. Afterwards, visit a lace workshop to uncover the delicate secrets of a craft patiently handed down through generations.



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.

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.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Venice and Tuscany journey on La Dolce Vita Orient Express?

It is a three-day, two-night round trip that begins and ends in Rome. You spend both nights in your cabin on board the train, with the days given to Venice and to the Tuscan leg of the route before the train returns to Rome Ostiense on the final morning.

Where does the journey start and finish?

Both ends are at Rome Ostiense station, where the train has its own private lounge. A private transfer from your hotel or the airport brings you to the lounge on day one, and on the last morning you step off in the same place, back in the centre of Rome.

What cabin categories are offered?

The itinerary is sold in Deluxe Cabin and Cabin Suite categories. The train carries 12 Deluxe cabins, 18 suites and the single La Dolce Vita Suite, so capacity is small and cabins sell out well ahead. The current fare for each category is shown on this page.

What does the fare include?

The price covers accommodation on board in your chosen cabin category, all meals from breakfast through dinner with menus curated by three-Michelin-starred chef Heinz Beck, selected beverages on board including drinks served with meals, the off-train excursions described in the itinerary, live entertainment in the Bar Car and a dedicated cabin steward.

What is not included in the price?

Travel to Rome and home again is not included, nor are personal expenses, gratuities, travel insurance or anything not expressly listed in the itinerary. Optional a la carte experiences in Venice are arranged separately. We are happy to quote hotel nights in Rome before or after the journey.

How much does this journey cost?

Fares begin from around EUR 7,880 per person based on two people sharing a cabin, and vary with cabin category and departure. The exact fare for each departure is shown on this page, which is the figure to rely on, since rates for a train with this few cabins move with demand.

Can I book a cabin for single use?

Yes, sole occupancy is available on request and carries a supplement over the per-person sharing fare. With only 30 or so cabins on the whole train, single-use space is limited, so it is best requested as early as possible for the date you want.

What deposit is required and when is the balance payable?

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.

What happens on the first evening out of Rome?

The train leaves Rome Ostiense in the evening and you settle into your cabin as the Roman countryside slips past. Dinner is served in the Restaurant Car, then the Bar Car comes alive with a pianist and vocalist, which is very much the character of this train after dark.

How do we get into Venice from the train?

The train reaches Venezia Santa Lucia by late morning on day two, where local hosts meet you and take you by private water taxi into the heart of the city, which is the most memorable way to arrive. The afternoon is yours in Venice before you return to the train.

What is the Orsoni Venezia 1888 glassworks visit?

It is a guided visit to the last working furnace of its kind in Venice, normally closed to the public, where mosaic glass and Venetian gold leaf are still made by hand. A local expert shows you how fragments of glass become the shimmering tesserae used in mosaics across the city.

Does the itinerary include Siena?

Yes, the route covers both Venice and the Tuscan city of Siena, which is why the journey is sold as Venice and Tuscany. The day-by-day itinerary on this page sets out exactly which experiences fall on which day, and we can confirm the running order for your chosen departure.

What is the food and drink on board like?

The Restaurant Car menus are curated by three-Michelin-starred chef Heinz Beck and built around seasonal Italian ingredients, served with matching beverages included in the fare. Breakfast can be taken in your cabin or in the Restaurant Car, and lunch and dinner are served on board except where the itinerary places a meal ashore.

Can dietary requirements be accommodated?

In most cases yes, but the galley is small and the menus are set for each departure, so tell us about allergies, intolerances or dietary preferences when you book rather than on the day. We will pass the details on so the kitchen can plan for you in advance.

What should I wear on board?

Daytime dress is relaxed, and evenings in the Restaurant and Bar Cars lean towards smart, in keeping with the 1960s Italian style of the interiors. Bring comfortable walking shoes for the Venice excursion, where you will be on foot over bridges and stone paving for much of the afternoon.

Which departure dates are available?

The dates currently loaded for this itinerary appear in the departure list on this page, starting from 24 September 2026, and can be booked directly. Because the train carries so few cabins, the calendar for each itinerary is short and

Is this a good journey for a first visit to Italy?

It works well as a short, high-comfort introduction, since you see Venice and a Tuscan city without changing hotels or handling luggage, and you begin and end in Rome. Many guests add nights in Rome at either end to see the city properly, which we can arrange for you.

How much walking is involved?

The time on board is entirely relaxed, but the excursions involve walking in cities built long before cars. Venice in particular means bridges, steps and stone paving, and there is no vehicle access in the historic centre. Comfortable shoes matter more than anything else you pack.

Can children travel on this itinerary?

Children can be booked, with reduced rates in two bands, under 5 and 5 to 12, and the age counted at the departure date. The atmosphere on board is adult and the cabins are compact, so it tends to suit older children. Please speak to us before booking as a family.

How do I ask a question or book the Venice and Tuscany journey?

Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at <https://wa.me/17864080610> and a travel specialist or our AI assistant will help. The departures listed on this page can be booked directly, and we can quote hotel nights in Rome before or after your journey.

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