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Golden Eagle Danube Express: A Luxurious Italian Rail Journey

5 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

You step aboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express, leaving behind the mundane and entering a realm where every glance out the window paints a landscape of dreams. This journey is more than travel; it's the unfolding of a story where Italy's heart beats in sync with your own. Each city whispers tales of ancient ruins, baroque elegance, and the romance of bygone eras, enriching your soul with vibrant histories and future dreams.

From the captivating Sicilian shores to the enchanting canals of Venice, the journey is an orchestration of cultural discovery and personal transformation. As you traverse these iconic landscapes, each stop imprints a memory, every encounter weaves a deeper connection, and by the journey's end, you carry with you the soul of Italy, forever a cherished companion.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

TAORMINA

You arrive in Taormina, ready to shed the weight of everyday worries. As you explore, ancient streets echo with stories, and the distant hum of the Greek theatre ignites your imagination. Tonight, with new companions, you raise a glass, the first of many toasting unforgettable adventures.

With each step, you absorb the warmth of Sicilian hospitality, igniting a sense of anticipation and curiosity for the wonders to come.

DAY 2

RAGUSA

The train carries you through dreamlike landscapes, each moment inviting deeper reflection and a richer embrace of the journey ahead. As Ragusa unveils its baroque beauty, you're captivated by a sense of wonder and creativity.

In the kitchen, your hands work dough and sauce, blending tradition with discovery. Every flavor savored metaphorically ties a thread between you and Sicily's culinary soul.





DAY 3

PALERMO

Navigating Palermo, your senses are alive with sight and sound. The city is a vivid tapestry, each thread an invitation to explore layers of history. Monreale's golden mosaics fill you with a sense of awe and timeless beauty.

At Teatro Massimo, every note of the evening aperitif weaves into your soul, enriching your journey with art's echo of Palermo's lively spirit.

DAY 4

MARATEA



The morning light bathes Maratea in serenity. Here, where mountains meet the sea, you're drawn into nature's embrace. As you reach for the sky atop Christ the Redeemer, the vastness mirrors your growing connection with Italy.

The art of pizza-making blends laughter with heritage, transforming a simple dish into a personal celebration of flavors and friendship.



DAY 5

VERONA / VENICE

In Verona, you trace the footsteps of timeless lovers, each corner tinged with echoes of romance. The city's history weaves into your story, enriching your own narrative with its illustrious past.

Arriving in Venice, a sense of magic envelops you. As dusk blends into night, the farewell dinner becomes a celebration of bonds formed and the journey's indelible marks on your heart.

DAY 6

VENICE



The morning in Venice whispers of farewells. As you stroll along the canals, the city's reflections echo the beauty of a journey well-traveled. Departure brings promises — of return, of memories as eternal as Venice's waves.

The choice to linger, to lose yourself in Venice's alluring embrace, offers an open-ended chapter to your story, written with dreams and discoveries.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Tips & Travel Guide

Prepare for diverse weather conditions across Italy. Comfortable footwear is advised for walking tours in historic cities. Consider extending your stay in Venice to further explore its unique charm.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Sep 7, 2027	Deluxe Class	**€24,800**	**€14,000**
	Superior Deluxe Class	**€29,500**	**€17,500**
	Deluxe Class Early Bird	**€24,550**	**€13,750**
	Superior Deluxe Class Early Bird	**€29,250**	**€17,250**
Sep 19, 2028	Deluxe Class	**€26,500**	**€14,700**
	Superior Deluxe Class	**€31,000**	**€18,400**
	Deluxe Class Early Bird	**€26,250**	**€14,450**
	Superior Deluxe Class Early Bird	**€30,750**	**€18,150**

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
Deluxe Class	**from €14,000**	**from €13,750** save €250	**from €13,850** save €150
Superior Deluxe Class	**from €17,500**	**from €17,250** save €250	**from €17,350** save €150

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/golden-eagle-italy-2027 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 best time to take this tour?

> The tour operates in September. This time is ideal due to moderate weather, enhancing the scenic beauty and comfort during excursions.

What should I pack for this journey?

> Pack comfortable clothing for walking tours, with layers to adjust to varying climates, including the possibility of rain. Evening attire is recommended for dinners.

Are meals included on the tour?

> Yes, all meals are included, featuring local specialties prepared with authentic ingredients. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are covered.

What is the cancellation policy?

> The 30 percent deposit is non-refundable. Cancellations made 125 days or more before departure forfeit the deposit; within 125 days of departure, 100 percent of the tour price is charged. We strongly recommend travel insurance with cancellation cover.

Is this tour suitable for travelers with mobility issues?

> Limited accessibility accommodations are available. Please notify us of any specific requirements in advance to ensure a comfortable journey.

How long is the Golden Eagle Danube Express Italy journey and where does it start and end?

> It is a 6-day, 5-night journey that begins in Taormina, Sicily, and ends in Venice. The first night is spent in a five-star hotel in Taormina, you board the Golden Eagle Danube Express on day 2, and after breakfast on day 6 you are transferred to the airport in Venice.

When does the Golden Eagle Danube Express Italy journey depart?

> The journey on sale departs on Tuesday 7 September 2027, with arrival in Taormina on that day. It is a single departure, so cabins are limited, and live availability for each cabin class is shown on this page.

Which places does the Italian journey visit, and in what order?

> The route runs Taormina, Ragusa, an overnight crossing of the Straits of Messina, Palermo, Maratea on the Tyrrhenian coast, Verona and finally Venice. Each stop combines time aboard the train with a guided visit or a hands-on experience ashore.

What is the difference between Deluxe Class and Superior Deluxe Class?

> Both have a private en-suite bathroom with shower and WC, individually controlled air-conditioning and heating, and a picture window that opens. A Deluxe cabin (7.7 m^2) has two armchairs by day and two lower single beds at night. A Superior Deluxe cabin (8.6 m^2) is larger, with a full-length sofa and two chairs by day, a king-size bed at night, two picture windows, a double wardrobe and a safe. There are only 12 Superior Deluxe cabins on each departure.

How much does the Golden Eagle Danube Express Italy journey cost?

> Per person sharing, Deluxe Class is EUR 14,000 and Superior Deluxe Class is EUR 17,500. The exact fare in your currency for this departure is shown on this page.

Is there a single fare on the Italy journey?

> Yes, single occupancy fares are published for both classes: EUR 24,800 for a Deluxe Class Single and EUR 29,500 for a Superior Deluxe Class Single. Single cabins are few, so it is best to secure one early.

What does the fare include on the Golden Eagle Danube Express Italy journey?

> The fare includes all meals, the excursions in the itinerary, gratuities and transfers, plus your compartment on the train and the first night's hotel in Taormina. Travel insurance and personal expenses are not included, and neither are flights to Sicily or home from Venice.

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.

What will I see in Palermo on this journey?

> After crossing the Straits of Messina overnight, you arrive in Palermo for a guided tour of its Arab-Norman treasures, followed by an evening gathering at the Teatro Massimo opera house. Free time lets you visit Monreale Cathedral or the city's Anti-Mafia Museum.

Are there cooking experiences on the Italian itinerary?

> Yes, two. In Ragusa, known for its baroque architecture, you join a cooking demonstration of Sicilian traditions such as hand-rolled pasta and sauces. In Maratea there is a pizza-making class where you craft and taste your own pizza looking over the Tyrrhenian Sea.

What is special about the stop in Maratea?

> Maratea sits between the mountains and the Tyrrhenian Sea on Italy's southern coast. You ascend to its Christ the Redeemer statue for panoramic views of the coastline, then spend time at a hotel by the sea for the pizza-making class.

How does the journey finish in Verona and Venice?

> On day 5 the train arrives in Verona for a guided tour of its Roman remains and Renaissance streets, famous as the setting of Romeo and Juliet. It then continues to Venice, where a farewell dinner closes the journey before your

How do I get to Taormina, and can I stay longer in Venice?

> Taormina is usually reached by flying into Catania in eastern Sicily. Flights are not included, but transfers are, so share your arrival details with us. Many guests add a few nights in Venice after the journey, and we can help plan the extra time.

Are child fares available on the Golden Eagle Danube Express Italy journey?

> Child pricing uses two bands based on age at departure: from 0 to 5 years and from 5 to 12 years. The itinerary is paced for adults with gourmet dinners and guided walks, so please contact us before booking with children so we can confirm the fare and compartment arrangement.

How do I ask a question or book the Golden Eagle Danube Express Italy journey?

> The departure listed on this page can be booked directly online. For questions about cabins, flights or extra nights in Venice, 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 answer.

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