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GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS: NEW YEAR IN VIENNA

(TOUR CODE: 12632)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in Budapest	28 Dec 2027 & 28 Dec 2028	Luxury Rail	Rail Journeys

Celebrate New Year in style on board the Golden Eagle Danube Express with a special festive departure across Central Europe.

Highlights

- Champagne reception on departure with a military brass band performance
- Learn how to dance the Viennese Waltz at the prestigious Elmayer Dance School
- VIP tickets to an exclusive New Year's Eve Gala featuring the Wiener Hofball Orchestra
- See Vienna by horse-drawn carriage on route to a private New Year's Day brunch at Palais Coburg
- Enjoy a vintage tram ride through the historic centre of Prague
- Private classical concert at Prague's impressive Municipal House

Mark the turn of the year with an indulgent exploration of the extravagance of Central Europe. Journeying aboard the ornate Danube Express, magnificent panoramas of Austria's snow-capped mountains melt into Budapest's mesmerising neo-gothic cityscape. The regal splendour continues as the train traces along the captivating spires of Prague, through to the cobble clad, grandiose of Slovakia. Finally, the voyage concludes in the City of Dreams, Vienna, at the most magical time of the year.



INCLUSIONS

- Private ensuite accommodation on the Golden Eagle Danube Express train
- Five-star pre and post tour accommodation
- Freshly prepared meals on board, using the finest local ingredients
- Authentic dining experiences in local restaurants
- Inclusive alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Expertly guided off-train excursions
- VIP tickets to the Hofburg Silvester New Year's Eve Gala Ball, Vienna
- Cabin attendant service including evening turndown
- Experienced Tour Management team
- Services of a UK-registered Doctor and medical facilities on board
- All gratuities - on and off the train
- Luggage porterage throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Day 1 Budapest, Hungary

On arrivals day in **Budapest**, you will be met and transferred to the Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace for a two-night stay.

Enjoy a welcome reception dinner in the elegant surrounds of this art nouveau landmark where you can meet your fellow travellers on this highly anticipated celebratory journey over the New Year holidays.

Dinner



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GRESHAM PALACE

Day 2 Budapest, Hungary

Budapest is two cities separated by the River Danube. The old city of Buda and the imposing Royal Palace dominate the city with stunning views across the Danube to the commercial heart of Pest. Today, the panoramic city tour includes the Castle District, St. Mathias Church and Fishermen's Bastion. We will also see the Parliament, Opera House, St Stephen's Cathedral, Heroes Square and the City Park.

After lunch, visit the Hungarian State Opera House and learn about the building's history and view the stunning interior. This evening guests have 'dine around' options in the hotel for dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Day 3 Keszthely, Hungary

After breakfast transfer from your hotel to board the *Golden Eagle* Danube Express. Enjoy a morning drinks reception in the impressive Royal Waiting Room at Budapest Nyugati station before boarding the private train. After settling into your luxurious en-suite cabin, make your first journey through the winter landscapes of Hungary to Balaton Uplands National Park.

Emerging from the National Park, arrive in **Keszthely** perched at the very western end of Lake Balaton. This picture-postcard town is filled with grand town houses and famously the site of Festetics Palace, a lavish baroque home fit for royalty. After a tour of the palace - continue into Austria overnight by train.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



FESTETICS PALACE, KESZTHELY

Day 4 New Year's Eve in Graz & Vienna, Austria

Arriving into Austria this morning, begin your exploration of the fantastic city of Graz at the foot of the Austrian Alps. You will

be transfered by coach to the city centre and have a short walking tour of Graz's range of renaissance courtyards and provincial baroque palaces. As part of the *Freedom of Choice* programme you can choose to take free time or enjoy a pumpkin seed oil tasting, complete with traditional, locally made bread and wine.

Leaving Graz late morning will be one of the real highlights of the journey. Cameras at the ready as the train will climb over the stunning Semmering Pass with its 16 viaducts and 15 tunnels. This UNESCO World Heritage Site provides an unrivalled panorama from the train, a spectacle that transcends ordinary views. After a gourmet lunch on board the train you'll arrive to Vienna to begin the New Year's Eve celebrations.

This afternoon, you will have the opportunity to join in with an atmospheric Viennese waltz lesson for the group ahead of this evening's festivities. No experience necessary!

Tonight, a special New Year's Eve Gala Dinner will be served inside the beautiful City Hall, Rathaus Vienna accompanying a performance by the renowned Wiener Hofball Orchestra. Music and waltzing will take you through to midnight.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



NEW YEAR'S EVE IN GRAZ

Day 5 New Year's Day in Vienna, Austria

Happy New Year!

After brunch and a leisurely morning onboard the Danube Express you'll be offered Freedom of Choice options with either a visit to the Schönbrunn Palace for a guided tour, then have time at the Schönbrunn Christmas Market.

Alternatively select a visit to Heiligenkreuz Abbey, situated into the Austrian countryside (approx. 45 minutes) and have a guided tour of the second-oldest Cistercian monastery in the world and the oldest continuously active and inhabited one, founded in 1133, nestled in the Vienna woods.

Both groups then return to enjoy a beautiful horse-drawn 'fiaker' carriage ride along the cobbled streets of Vienna. Guests will also enjoy a special private concert featuring the Vienna Supreme Orchestra before returning to the train for dinner as we head to the Czech Republic.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



STREETS OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Day 6 Cesky Krumlov & Prague, Czech Republic

This morning, begin your day in the stunning town of Cesky Krumlov, declared a UNESCO World Heritage destination. The town's old town charm will be only enhanced by a dusting of snow and should make for a beautiful stop on your journey. A short introduction to the town will allow you to explore the town with allocated free time. Perfect to grab a souvenir or two. There is also the option to visit the Budwar Brewery and enjoy a festive beer tasting!

Continue after a lunch on board - the train will travel to one of the most beautifully preserved cities in Europe. Spanning the Vltava River, Prague is dominated by its 9th century castle, a stunning sight that can be seen almost anywhere in the city.

Tonight, have a dinner in the city followed by a private classical concert.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CHARLES BRIDGE, PRAGUE

Day 7 Prague, Czech Republic

A full day to explore the city of Prague awaits today. Begin with a vintage tram to travel through the city up the hill to Prague

Castle and the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. The castle and its surrounding architectural gems occupy a hillside overlooking the city and river.

Lunch will be served nestled in the architectural treasures of this 'City of a Hundred Spires.'

The rest of the day is free for you to visit more festive markets or take in more of the iconic sites of the city all within walking distance of the station. Before returning to the train, take a river cruise on Vltava river, that will allows guests to view the festively illuminated town from different perspective.

Dinner will be served on board the train as it travels into Slovakia.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



GOLDEN HOUR IN PRAGUE DURING NEW YEAR

Day 8 Kosice, Slovakia

The final day begins with a tour of one of the lesser known gems of Central Europe, Kosice. The city was voted European Capital of Culture in 2013 and its medieval-come-cosmopolitan style is slowly drawing more visitors to this former cornerstone of Communist Czechoslovakia. Take a highlights tour of the city, including the vast oval shaped central square, filled with relics from the 15th and 16th century.

This afternoon enjoy the final lunch on the train before arriving to Budapest. Upon arrival evening in Budapest, check back into the Four Seasons Gresham Palace before a celebratory farewell dinner toasting the success of the tour.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



KOSICE, SLOVAKIA

Day 9

Budapest, Hungary

Following breakfast on the final morning you will be transferred to the airport for onward flight departures. There is also an option to extend your stay in Budapest for additional nights to explore more of this fascinating city.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Four Seasons Gresham Palace

Budapest

In the centre of Budapest, our art nouveau royal Hotel captures the glitz and glamour of the city's Golden Age. Enjoy the recognisable wrought-iron peacock gates as you enter, walk through the Lobby's over two million mosaic tiles that are lit up by its eye-catching chandelier, and let inspiration to wash over you. The magnificent Buda skyline and views of the Danube are visible outside. Spend the day sightseeing, rejuvenate in our spa that draws on the city's wellness tradition, and then sip a creative drink in our recently launched lobby bar MÚZSA.



Golden Eagle Danube Express

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

LIFE ABOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS

The Golden Eagle Danube Express is your luxurious hotel-on-wheels. Unpack just the once and settle into your well-appointed and comfortable cabin as you begin this voyage of a lifetime. Your cabin attendant will be on hand to look after all your needs.

In addition to our luxury sleeping cabins, we offer a first class Bar Lounge Car and Restaurant Cars.

DELUXE CABIN

Travel in some of the finest rail accommodation available in Europe.

Private bathrooms feature a shower with constant hot water, washbasin and toilet. There is a heated towel rail, shaver socket and hairdryer. A range of toiletries and a dressing gown are provided. Cabins have individually controlled air-conditioning, lighting with dimmer switches, individual reading lights, power sockets and a safe.

Co-ordinated fabrics complement wood-panelled walls and brass fittings. Two comfortable armchairs provide daytime seating, and a free-standing chair adds flexibility. Cupboards and a full-length wardrobe provide ample storage whilst the large picture window and full-length mirror enhance the spacious feel. A second window will open for fresh air and for that perfect photo opportunity.

During dinner each evening the living room is converted into two comfortable lower beds by your attendant who is also on hand to bring you early morning tea or coffee.

Room Upgrades

Superior Deluxe Cabin

Superior Deluxe cabins, with private en-suite facilities, offer the ultimate in European rail accommodation in terms of space, facilities, and comfort.

With 12 cabins per departure, each cabin offers comfortable daytime seating with a full-length sofa and two additional chairs. The large cabin also benefits from two full-size picture windows, one of which is openable to add to the bright and airy feel of the interior.

Each evening the cabin is transformed into a luxurious bedroom with a UK-standard King Size bed. All cabins have, as standard, a large double wardrobe with excellent storage space, individually controlled air-conditioning, lighting with dimmer switches, individual reading lights, in cabin Wi-Fi and USB ports, power sockets and a safe.



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to Book Now or Contact Us for details.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to **Pricing & Price Conditions** for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.

Departure dates:

- 28 Dec, 2027 - 05 Jan, 2028
- 28 Dec, 2028 - 05 Jan, 2029