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GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS: PARIS TO ISTANBUL

(TOUR CODE: 13905)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Paris to Istanbul	22 May 27 - 25 Oct 28	Luxury Rail	Rail Journeys

Begin an unforgettable journey, travelling through renowned cities across the continent aboard the esteemed Golden Eagle Danube Express.

Highlights

- Discover the spectacular Postojna Caves by guided tour
- Ascend the breathtaking Semmering Pass, renowned for its 16 viaducts and 15 tunnels
- Immerse yourself in a private classical concert showcasing the renowned Vienna Supreme Orchestra
- Savour a magnificent Farewell Dinner on the enchanting banks of the Bosphorus

Embark on an iconic voyage, traversing legendary cities across the continent aboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express. This extraordinary journey unfolds from the magical metropolis of Istanbul to the very heart of Europe, Paris – promising an unparalleled experience with signature Golden Eagle experiences throughout.



INCLUSIONS

- Private ensuite accommodation on the Golden Eagle Danube Express train
- Quality pre and post tour accommodation in Paris and Istanbul
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Authentic dining experiences in local restaurants
- Freshly prepared meals on board
- Inclusive alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Cabin attendant service including evening turndown
- Experienced Tour Management team
- Expertly guided off-train excursions
- Luggage porterage throughout the journey
- Services of a UK-registered Doctor and medical facilities on board
- All gratuities - on and off the train

ITINERARY

Day 1 Paris, France

On arrivals day in Paris, you will be met and transferred to a centrally located five-star hotel for a one-night stay. Enjoy a welcome reception dinner with your fellow guests.

Dinner


EIFFEL TOWER

Day 2

Champagne, France

Commencing your extraordinary rail odyssey from Paris, guests will be escorted this morning to Paris Gare de Lyon Station. The journey unfolds with a champagne drinks reception before boarding the elegant Golden Eagle Danube Express. Settle into life onboard the private train as the journey traverses the tranquil French countryside towards the first destination – Champagne.

Renowned for producing the world's finest sparkling wines, Champagne's meticulously tended vineyards, draped over undulating hills, form a captivating mosaic of green and gold. Besides the renowned bubbly, the region showcases historic cathedrals and majestic architecture, recounting stories of medieval splendour. Your explorations through this region will uncover a rich blend of flavours, history, and refinement, rendering Champagne an unmatched destination for the senses.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


CHAMPAGNE

Day 3

Vienna, Austria

Embark on a splendid afternoon journey through the awe-inspiring Austrian countryside, crossing the majestic Alps en route to Switzerland. Whether you prefer to relax in the comfort of your cabin, attended to by your dedicated cabin attendant, or opt for the elegant ambiance of the Bar Lounge Car, where you can enjoy the captivating melodies of the resident pianists and savour a selection of expertly crafted cocktails by renowned bar staff – every moment promises a luxurious blend of breathtaking scenery and sophisticated leisure.

As twilight descends, you will gracefully arrive in the imperial city of Vienna, where the evening unfolds into an epitome of refinement. Indulge in a lavish dinner and immerse yourself in the height of cultural splendor with a private classical concert featuring the prestigious Vienna Supreme Orchestra. Tonight, relish in the seamless fusion of fine dining and timeless music, creating an evening that transcends the ordinary and embodies the essence of refined travel.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


VIENNA CONCERT

Day 4

Vienna to Postojna, Slovenia

This morning - arrive in Postojna, home to one of Europe’s most spectacular cave systems. You'll venture deep into the enchanting Postojna Caves aboard a unique underground train, descending into a breathtaking subterranean world. As you explore a series of vast chambers and dramatic caverns, marvel at the extraordinary stalactites, stalagmites, and other intricate limestone formations, while learning about the rare and mysterious creatures that inhabit this hidden realm.

Following the cave exploration, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the Golden Eagle Danube Express in the afternoon. From here, continue your rail journey southward as the train travels towards Serbia.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



POSTOJNA CAVES

Day 5

Belgrade, Serbia

Today, your journey leads you into the hidden gems of Belgrade. Delight in a lavish traditional Serbian feast, treating your palate to bold and diverse flavours reflective of the city's vibrant character.

Prepare to embrace Serbian hospitality as you delve into the world of Rakija, Serbia’s cherished elixir. At the city’s oldest brewery, sample a variety of Rakija blends while immersing yourself in captivating stories that bring Belgrade's spirited history to life.

Before you board the train, take the opportunity to explore Belgrade's lively streets, each corner unveiling a new aspect of its dynamic culture. Uncover the mysteries of this captivating city, where luxury and adventure intersect at every juncture.

Tonight, you are invited to embark on a culinary odyssey with an exquisite Gala Dinner, crafted by esteemed Head Chefs. Each meticulously prepared dish offers a sensory experience, capturing the essence of the journey through the art of gastronomy. Drawing inspiration from local ingredients and flavours encountered along the way, Chef Csaba and Pavel transforms each course into a symphony of taste and culture.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



BELGRADE

Day 6 Sofia, Bulgaria

Guests can enjoy a morning of relaxation in the Bar Lounge Car as the journey progresses towards Bulgaria. Soak up the sophisticated ambiance while being serenaded by the dulcet tones of the resident pianist, creating a symphony of relaxation. Savour the luxury of time as you recline, observing the world gracefully unfold outside the window.

Sofia, one of the oldest cities in Europe dating back around 7,000 years, lies at the foot of Mount Vitosha, providing a stunning backdrop to the explorations. The city boasts magnificent architecture, showcasing a blend of Western and Central European influences, particularly evident in many of the Orthodox churches. The adventure commences amidst the captivating ruins of the Roman city of Serdica, where echoes of a bygone era whisper tales of glory and conquest. Guests can wander through the enchanting City Garden, home to the prestigious National Theatre Ivan Vazov, and admire the opulent façade of the Presidential Palace and other iconic landmarks that grace Sofia's skyline.

A highlight of the day is a visit to the awe-inspiring Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, one of the largest Orthodox cathedrals in the world and a defining symbol of Sofia. Its striking neo-Byzantine architecture, magnificent domes, and richly decorated interior make it one of Bulgaria's most treasured monuments.

Later, enjoy a truly special cultural experience with a private concert at the National Gallery, set within an atmospheric historic venue. This exclusive performance offers a memorable introduction to Bulgaria's artistic and musical heritage in an intimate and elegant setting.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



SOFIA

Day 7 Istanbul, Turkey

Today marks the culmination of your European rail odyssey as you reach the legendary city of Istanbul, straddling both Asia and Europe. The remainder of the day is yours to discover the charms of this captivating city at your own pace before guests gather for a magnificent Farewell Dinner along the enchanting banks of the Bosphorus.

Overnight stay in a centrally located five-star hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


ISTANBUL

Day 8

Istanbul

This morning, after an overnight stay at your centrally located five-star hotel, enjoy your final breakfast on the tour.

Why not extend your stay in Turkey and explore enchanting Cappadocia on a 4 day tailor made short-break? Please contact us for tour options and rates.

Breakfast


ISTANBUL

ACCOMMODATION

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 2027:

- 22 May - 29 May, 2027
- 06 Oct - 13 Oct, 2027

Departure dates 2028:

- 28 May - 04 June, 2028
- 25 Oct - 01 Nov, 2028