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GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS: ISTANBUL TO PARIS

(TOUR CODE: 13968)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Istanbul to Paris	11 Oct 26 - 16 May 27	Luxury Rail	Rail Journeys

This remarkable journey takes you from the enchanting metropolis of Istanbul to the heart of Europe, Paris, ensuring an unparalleled experience with signature Golden Eagle offerings at every step of the way.

Highlights

- Explore the spectacular Postojna Caves by guided tour
- Embark on a breathtaking journey through the magnificent Semmering Pass, celebrated 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

Experience an unforgettable journey from the enchanting metropolis of Istanbul to the heart of Europe, Paris, with signature Golden Eagle experiences at every turn. Indulge in expertly curated excursions complemented by tranquil afternoons aboard your private, five-star hotel on rails. Immerse yourself in breathtaking views and personalised service, epitomizing the essence of luxurious travel.

INCLUSIONS

- Private ensuite accommodation on the Golden Eagle Danube Express train
- Five-star pre and post tour accommodation in Istanbul and Paris
- 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 Istanbul, Turkey

On arrivals day in Istanbul, you will be met and transferred to a five-star hotel for a luxurious one-night stay.

Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception dinner with your fellow guests.

Why not extend your stay in Istanbul to explore at your leisure? Please contact us for hotel options and rates.

Dinner

ISTANBUL

Day 2

Istanbul, Turkey

Your extraordinary rail odyssey commences in the fabled city of Istanbul, spanning both Asia and Europe. Guests will be chauffeured this morning to Istanbul Halkali Station, where the indulgence begins with a sophisticated drinks reception before stepping into the lap of opulence aboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express.

The day unfolds as a seamless indulgence in the finer aspects of luxury train travel, traversing through the picturesque landscapes of Turkey and seamlessly crossing borders into Bulgaria. Onboard, immerse yourself in the epitome of luxury, surrounded by exquisite comforts and attentive service, as the Golden Eagle Danube Express becomes your sanctuary on wheels.

As night descends, the enchantment continues with a sumptuous Welcome Dinner served aboard the train. Delight your palate with a carefully curated menu, complemented by a selection of the finest wines, creating a gastronomic experience that perfectly mirrors the unparalleled luxury that defines every moment on this extraordinary rail journey.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

ISTANBUL

Day 3

Sofia, Bulgaria

Today step inside the heart of Bulgaria's vibrant capital, Sofia, nestled at the base of majestic Mt Vitosha. Delve into the rich history of this ancient city, tracing its origins back to the fearless Thracian tribe of Serdica.

Your adventure begins amidst the captivating ruins of the Roman city of Serdica, where echoes of a bygone era whisper tales of glory and conquest. Wander through the enchanting City Garden, home to the prestigious National Theatre Ivan Vazov, and marvel at the opulent facade of the Presidential Palace and other iconic landmarks that adorn 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 4 Belgrade, Serbia

Today, your adventure immerses you in the hidden treasures of Belgrade, beginning with an exclusive exploration of Tito's legendary blue train, a relic of Yugoslavia's storied past. Indulge your senses with a sumptuous traditional Serbian feast, tantalizing your taste buds with flavours as bold and diverse as the city itself.

Prepare to savour the essence of Serbian hospitality as you delve into the world of Rakija, Serbia's beloved elixir. Sample an array of Rakija varieties, all while regaling in captivating tales and anecdotes that breathe life into Belgrade's spirited history.

Before boarding the train, seize the opportunity to wander through Belgrade's bustling streets, where every corner reveals a new facet of its vibrant culture.

Tonight, you're invited to experience an immersive culinary journey – with an indulgent Gala Dinner – presented by the revered Head Chefs. With each meticulously crafted dish, Head Chefs offers a sensorial voyage, capturing the essence of our destinations through the artistry of gastronomy. Drawing inspiration from local ingredients and flavours encountered along the way, the Chefs transform each course into a symphony of taste and culture.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Postojna, Slovenia and Vienna, Austria

Embark on a day of refined exploration as you venture into the enchanting depths of Postojna Caves. Aboard an underground train, delve into a subterranean world of magnificence, wandering through a network of grand halls adorned with a myriad of intricate cave formations and inhabited by mysterious creatures.

Later in the afternoon, cameras poised, ascend the breathtaking Semmering Pass, renowned for its architectural marvels of 16 viaducts and 15 tunnels. This UNESCO World Heritage Site provides an unrivalled panorama from the train, a spectacle that transcends ordinary views.

As twilight descends, arrive in the imperial city of Vienna, where the evening unfolds into a crescendo of sophistication. Indulge in a sumptuous dinner and experience the pinnacle of cultural delight with a private classical concert featuring the illustrious Vienna Supreme Orchestra. Tonight, revel in the harmonious convergence of exquisite cuisine and timeless melodies, creating an evening that transcends the ordinary and stands as a testament to the art of refined travel.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

POSTOJNA CAVES

Day 6 Vienna, Austria

This morning, exploration of the refined splendors of Vienna continues. Austria's stunning capital, steeped in a rich heritage, casts its enchanting spell on visitors. With its elaborate palaces, iconic coffee houses, and a cultural tapestry woven with classical music and captivating opera, Vienna stands as a seductive metropolis that beckons to be explored.

Embark on a splendid afternoon journey through the breathtaking Austrian countryside, traversing the majestic Alps as the train makes its way into Switzerland. Whether you choose to unwind in the privacy of your cabin, where your dedicated cabin attendant is ready to cater to your every need, or opt for the sophisticated ambiance of the bar car, reveling in the enchanting melodies of our resident pianist and savoring the exquisite array of cocktails meticulously crafted by world-class bar staff – every moment promises an indulgent fusion of spectacular views and refined relaxation.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

VIENNA

Day 7 Champagne and Paris, France

Renowned for producing the world's finest sparkling wines, Champagne's lusciously manicured vineyards, draped over rolling hills, present a captivating tapestry of green and gold. Beyond the effervescent nectar that bears its name, the region boasts historic cathedrals and regal architecture, narrating tales of medieval grandeur. Your adventures through this land will reveal a symphony of flavours, history, and elegance, making Champagne an unparalleled destination for the senses.

As the day progresses, guests reboard the train, resuming the journey across the serene French countryside. The final destination awaits, and as the sun sets, arrive in the iconic city of Paris. This evening is adorned with a special reference to a Farewell Dinner, a celebration of the exquisite experiences shared and the enchanting landscapes traversed throughout this luxurious voyage.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

CHAMPAGNE

Day 8 Paris, France

This morning, after an overnight stay at a centrally located five-star hotel (Paris Le Grand or similar), enjoy your final breakfast on the tour. Later, bid farewell to the friends you have made aboard.

Why not extend your stay in Paris to explore the French capital at your leisure? Please contact us for hotel options and rates.

Breakfast

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

Departure dates 2026 & 2027:

- 11 Oct - 18 Oct, 2026
- 16 May - 23 May, 2027

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing, and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package