



ITALY

LA DOLCE VITA ORIENT EXPRESS: 2026 VENICE & PORTOFINO

(TOUR CODE: 15109)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Rome

TRAVEL PERIODS

30 Apr 26 - 16 Oct 26

EXPERIENCE

Luxury
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

A legendary voyage to uncover the wonders and secrets of Venice, followed by an exploration of Portofino, a picturesque village along the Italian Riviera, before returning to Rome.

Highlights

- Explore Venice with a range of Optional Off-Board Experiences*
- Savour a Michelin-starred lunch curated by Chef Heinz Beck with Italian-inspired, seasonal dishes
- Explore the picturesque town of Portofino with a range of Optional Off-Board Experiences*

Set-off on an unforgettable journey aboard La Dolce Vita Orient Express, where luxury meets culture. Enjoy a gourmet lunch curated by 3-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck as you travel from Rome to Venice and Portofino. Explore historic treasures, savour Ligurian cuisine, and experience exquisite dining, all while indulging in Italy's breathtaking landscapes.

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ROUTE

LA DOLCE VITA - VENICE & PORTOFINO

ROME - VENICE - PORTOFINO - ROME



INCLUSIONS

- Two nights private ensuite accommodation onboard the train in a Deluxe Cabin
- 24-hour onboard service and entertainment
- Table d'hôte meals featuring innovative Italian cuisine with beverages, including selected wines, spirits, mineral water, soft drinks, tea and coffee
- Round-trip transfers to and from the train station in Rome

ITINERARY

Day

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Portofino

A leisurely morning unfolds with breakfast served either in the elegant Restaurant Car or in the privacy of the cabin. As the journey continues, the train approaches the Ligurian coast, with arrival at Santa Margherita Ligure in the late morning. From there, guests are transferred to the picturesque harbour town of Portofino. A short drive followed by a scenic boat transfer offers breathtaking views of the coastline upon approach.

Please note: Guests will have to remove shoes before stepping aboard the private boat.

Time in Portofino allows for either guided Off-board experiences* or relaxed enjoyment of its charm and natural beauty. Smart casual attire and comfortable footwear are recommended for the day's activities.

In the late afternoon, a return journey is arranged, leading back to the station for re-embarkation. The evening onboard features a multi-course dinner in the Restaurant Car, accompanied by an expertly curated wine selection.

As the night unfolds, the Bar Car hosts live music once again, setting a delightful tone for the final evening of the journey.

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Breakfast, Dinner



Day 3

Journey back to Rome

The final morning is spent enjoying breakfast on board while travelling south through the Italian landscape. By late morning, the train returns to Rome Ostiense Station. Upon arrival, private transfers are arranged to ensure a smooth and comfortable continuation to the next destination, marking the close of an unforgettable journey through some of Italy's most iconic cities and coastal treasures.

Breakfast



Day 1

Rome Venice

The day begins in Rome with a private transfer to La Dolce Vita Orient Express Lounge for a smooth and elegant start to the journey.

After a warm welcome, guests board the train at Ostiense Station, setting off towards Venice. Late morning gives way to a refined lunch experience in the Restaurant Car, where a gourmet menu by acclaimed chef Heinz Beck is served against a backdrop of rolling Italian countryside.

During the afternoon, there is time to relax in the comfort of a private cabin or enjoy signature cocktails, premium teas, and light entertainment in the Bar Car.

As evening approaches, the train glides into Venice Santa Lucia station. From there, guests are escorted on an exclusive boat ride along the Grand Canal, taking in the splendour of "La Serenissima."

The evening is free to explore Venice through curated Off-board experiences* or personal discovery, with a formal dress code recommended for the Gala evening.

Later in the evening, a return boat journey leads back to the station, where the train awaits. The day concludes with live music in the Bar Car, offering a perfect finale before retiring for the night.

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Lunch, Dinner



OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Scala del Bovolo: Venice's Hidden Treasure

Embark on an intimate evening journey through **Venice's** quiet canals and hidden alleyways, revealing secret corners and a magical atmosphere. The highlight of the experience is a visit to Scala Contarini del Bovolo, a Gothic-Renaissance architectural gem offering panoramic views over the illuminated city. As the tour continues through silent courtyards, local legends and historic mysteries bring the city's past to life. The evening culminates in an exclusive dining experience within the opulent halls of a noble Venetian palace. Surrounded by frescoes, candelabras, and refined dishes inspired by traditional local cuisine, this is a true taste of the Serenissima in its most enchanting form.

Starting from \$3,470 per person, with pricing subject to availability and confirmation.

Culinary Venice Uncovered

This exclusive guided tour is a celebration of Venice's culinary heritage, featuring a curated selection of cicchetti (small tastings) and traditional flavours. As the journey unfolds through the enchanting calli, the vibrant backdrop of the city becomes the stage for an extraordinary gastronomic experience. The tastings include local delicacies such as sarde in saor and baccalà mantecato, as well as contemporary bites showcasing regional innovation. Thoughtfully paired wines accompany each dish, enhancing every flavour and revealing the artistry of Venetian cuisine. This immersive experience highlights the perfect balance between tradition and creativity, offering a multi-sensory journey through the spirit of the city, where each cicchetto pays tribute to generations of culinary mastery.

Starting from \$1,044 per person, with pricing subject to availability and confirmation.

Opening Doors to Venetian Palaces

A luxurious journey begins with a Grand Canal tour leading to Piazza San Marco, where the city reveals its splendour in one of its most iconic cafés. Meandering through historic calli and campielli, fascinating tales emerge, unveiling the lesser-known side of Venice. The experience continues with exclusive after-hours access to the Doge's Palace, an enduring symbol of Venetian power. In the stillness of the night, explore its silent corridors and magnificent halls, fully immersed in the palace's grandeur. The evening concludes within the refined setting of a noble Venetian palazzo, where an intimate, private dinner is served. Rooted in tradition and steeped in elegance, this final chapter offers a taste of

timeless sophistication.

Starting from \$3,227 per person, with pricing subject to availability and confirmation.

Love in Portofino

This enchanting experience begins in the iconic Piazzetta of Portofino, unfolding through the scenic alleyways of this charming fishing village. The walk leads to Castello Brown, a historic residence perched in a commanding position above the bay. Reserved exclusively for this visit, the castle provides a striking setting for an aperitivo overlooking the harbour. Within its ancient walls and gardens, discover the rich history and art of the estate. The day continues with a refined lunch at a traditional local restaurant, where Ligurian specialities are served in a warm and inviting atmosphere. This perfect blend of culture, natural beauty, and gastronomy offers an unforgettable exploration of Portofino's timeless elegance.

Starting from \$1,673 per person, with pricing subject to availability and confirmation.

The Pesto Experience

Immerse yourself in the rich culinary tradition of Liguria with a hands-on cooking class in one of Portofino's most picturesque settings. Under the guidance of a master pesto maker, learn the art of crafting fresh pasta and preparing traditional Pesto alla Genovese. From selecting fragrant basil to achieving the perfect balance of extra virgin olive oil, pine nuts, and a blend of Parmigiano and Pecorino cheeses, every element is explored with care. The experience continues with a relaxed lunch, featuring regional specialities made from the freshest ingredients. Set against a backdrop of coastal beauty, this culinary journey is a celebration of taste, tradition, and local craftsmanship.

Starting from \$1,949 per person, with pricing subject to availability and confirmation.

Portofino: Eco-Luxury on the Horizon

This immersive experience takes place at La Portofinese eco-farm, where sustainable farming and traditional methods combine to create a unique vision of eco-luxury. Explore the grounds with a guided walk through lush gardens and animal enclosures, learning about responsible agriculture and the preservation of local products. Fresh ingredients can even be handpicked directly from the land. The visit concludes with an aperitivo and a farm-to-table lunch at Osteria dei Coppelli. Every dish reflects a respect for regional flavours, crafted from locally sourced produce. This is a refined yet grounded celebration of heritage, gastronomy, and the serene beauty of the Portofino countryside.

Starting from \$2,251 per person, with pricing subject to availability and confirmation.

ACCOMMODATION

La Dolce Vita Orient Express

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Choose from two categories on board the Orient Express: **Deluxe** and **Suite** Cabins. Each cabin radiates sophistication and offers thoughtful amenities and traditional room service.

The room service menu offers a tempting selection of savoury Italian delights, such as olives, fennel taralli, Italian cheese platters and breadsticks. Simply place your order with the steward via the in-room call button, and your chosen dishes will be served on trays, either at your bedside or table, allowing you to enjoy them while admiring the stunning views.

DELUXE CABIN

The 12 Deluxe Cabins are designed to help you unwind and disconnect. With carpeted floors and wood-beamed ceilings, each cabin offers a refined ambiance that sets the tone for a captivating journey. For added comfort, every cabin includes a private ensuite bathroom. As night falls, experience the “Great Transformation,” where the cabin seamlessly converts into a cozy bedroom. The sofa transforms into a double bed, and the footstools turn into coffee tables and stools. The room, measuring 7 m² (75 sq ft), offers a truly enchanting experience.



Room Upgrades

Suite Cabins

Choose from one of 18 Suites, each offering an exquisitely designed bedroom that also offers the option for a twin room layout, furnished with a sofa, table, two armchairs and a private ensuite bathroom. Measuring 11 m² (118 sq ft), these Suites boast vibrant hues of orange, terracotta, and purple, creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Brass accents, reflective smoked mirrors, glossy lacquered "burnt sienna" ceilings, and sumptuous carpets and curtains, along with lighting fixtures by renowned 20th-century designers, infuse the space with timeless elegance and charm.



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Italian	EURO

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2026 departure dates:

- 30 April
- 11 June
- 24 July
- 29 September
- 16 October

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals & Off-board experiences other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package