



## FRANCE

**VENICE SIMPLON-ORIENT-EXPRESS: ISTANBUL TO PARIS**

(TOUR CODE: 13568)

**STARTS AND ENDS**Istanbul to  
Paris**TRAVEL PERIODS**

07 Jun 24 &amp; 30 Aug 24

**EXPERIENCE**

Rail

**TRAVEL STYLE**

Rail Journeys

From the colourful bazaars of Istanbul to the enchanting lights of Paris, embark on a breathtaking adventure across Europe aboard the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express.

**Highlights**

- Enjoy a three-night journey aboard the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express
- Immerse yourself in Budapest's rich history with expert tour guides, followed by a delectable lunch featuring Hungarian culinary delights
- Explore the mesmerizing Peles Castle, a fairy-tale palace commissioned by Romania's King Carol
- After dinner, stride through to Bar Car '3674' for an evening of cocktails and conviviality
- After a night of revelry, retire to your private cabin, each lovingly restored to full 1920s grandeur

Embark on a mesmerizing European journey, from the vibrant bazaars of Istanbul to the captivating lights of Paris, all while traveling on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express.

Every moment aboard the train promises memories to last a lifetime. Dine sensationally in the beautifully restored restaurant carriages on board the luxury train. Trade stories with fellow travellers as the pianist plays. Or simply sit back in your elegant cabin, take a deep breath, and watch the scenery unfold.

This classic train route spirits you through some of the continent's most enchanting sights. Lose yourself to the fairy-tale wonder of Peles Castle, take a fascinating cruise along the Danube, and enjoy indulgent overnight stays in Bucharest and Budapest.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 3-nights aboard Venice Simplon-Orient-Express
- Overnight hotel accommodation in Bucharest and Budapest
- Complimentary transfer from your Istanbul accommodation and transfer to the train station for check-in and departure
- Complimentary transfer on arrival into Paris – guests will be transferred from the station to accommodation in the city
- A city tour in Bucharest and Budapest, a Danube cruise and a visit to Peles Castle in Romania
- Lunch and dinner in Budapest
- Dinner in Bucharest
- A sumptuous four-course dinner – Each night you are aboard the train, feast on a seasonal table d'hôte menu which includes biscuits, cheeseboard and chutney
- All table d'hôte meals include sommelier's selection of wines when served in the restaurant cars
- Enjoy a sumptuous three-course lunch as the world passes by your window
- French breakfast served in your cabin each morning
- Dedicated steward service to attend to your every request as you unwind in style

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

### Adventure awaits

Step aboard the gleaming blue-and-gold carriages of the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express and settle into your cabin as the train departs for the first leg of your historic journey to Paris.

Dinner is a sumptuous affair, prepared on board by skilled chefs and served in one of the beautifully restored dining cars. As you dine, soothing classic tunes from the resident pianist will delight your senses. Later, you may wish to linger in Bar Car '3674', listening to the resident pianist play the baby grand and chatting to fellow passengers before you retreat for the night. When you are ready, retire to your cabin, which has now been transformed into a cosy bedroom. Overnight, the train crosses into Bulgaria.

Dinner

Day **2**

### Arrive in Bucharest

Your steward serves French breakfast in your cabin as the train winds its way to Romania. Soak up the scenery through the windows before enjoying a delicious lunch. Soon you arrive in Bucharest and alight.

Local guides accompany you by coach directly to your hotel. Dinner with musical entertainment this evening is in a private venue.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day

3

## Stunning Sinaia

This morning, rejoin the train and relax over a delicious brunch in one of the elegant dining cars as you journey towards the mountain town of Sinaia. Board a coach for the short journey to Peles Castle, the fairy-tale palace built by Romania's King Carol as his summer retreat. The very first Orient Express passengers visited this beautiful residence in October 1883, at the King's personal invitation.

Return to the train in the late afternoon for a leisurely journey towards Hungary. Enjoy another delectable dinner and relaxing night on board.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day

4

## Queen of the Danube

On arrival in Budapest, enjoy a short orientation coach ride through the city followed by a panoramic cruise along the River Danube, soaking up the city's graceful architecture and timeless beauty. Arrive at your hotel after lunch.

Enjoy time at leisure to explore the Hungarian capital before preparing for a delightful evening at a nearby private venue, where you'll be served a feast of local specialties.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day

5

## Final celebrations

The day starts with a guided tour of the Hungarian Parliament Building, which was famously inspired by London's Houses of Parliament. Re-board the train in the late morning. Linger over lunch as you glide through the picturesque Hungarian countryside. A final fabulous dinner is served to celebrate your last night on board. As the pianists entertains on the baby grand, carouse with your fellow guests and new friends.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day

6

## Farewell

Enjoy French breakfast in your cabin as the train travels through Switzerland prior to entering France. Early morning, alight to take a stroll around a celebrated champagne house. Re-board the train in time for a delicious farewell lunch prepared by skilled chefs. All too soon, the train arrives in Paris, your journey's end.

Breakfast, Lunch

## ACCOMMODATION

### Venice Simplon-Orient-Express

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Historic Cabins are a luxurious place to rest after a day's adventure on the rails.

Whether it's unwinding as Europe passes your window, or retreating after an evening in the bar car, even the most convivial traveller will require a quiet space to retire. And where better than your own private cabin.

Lay amid plush furnishings, fresh linens, and handcrafted furniture in our magnificently restored 1920s cabins. Order morning coffee to your

bed, or a cocktail while you dress for dinner. Our stewards are only ever a short call away.

Take in Europe from the romantic setting it deserves with your own private historic twin cabin. Banquette seating offers the perfect vantage point to watch the landscape by day, while convertible sleeping berths — with soft, luxurious bedding — transform the cabin into an intimate retreat by night. Morning breakfast can even be served to your bed, should you desire.



- Day time sofa setting
- Small table and lamp next to the window
- Wash basin and mirror concealed inside a vanity unit (no ensuite shower)
- Plug sockets (European adaptor required) and razor point
- Complimentary leather amenity kit
- Complimentary bottled water
- Brass luggage rack to pop your overnight bag on
- Velvet hangers to hang your black tie and dress on
- Upper and lower berth bunk beds (night-time configuration)
- Wooden ladder for the upper berth occupant
- Robes and slippers

## Room Upgrades

### Suites

Each of our suites is inspired by a fusion of the landscape our train travels through and design from the Art Deco period.

Each will immerse guests in diverse European scenery through glorious colours, patterns and textures. Plush fabrics and furnishings channel famed Art Deco designers, such as Dufrene and Lalique.

These reimagined suites were fully restored by expert craftsmen in France and complement the existing Grand Suites and Historic Twins that make up our sumptuous on board experience.

- Double bed or twin beds
- Private marble en-suite bathroom with shower, basin and WC
- 24-hour steward service
- Lounge area by day, as your bed converts to seating area
- Complimentary amenities including a kimono and slippers to take home



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

### Grand Suites

Encounter the decadent world of Grand Suites — where handcrafted interiors and free-flowing champagne are simply a way of life — and be swept away in an indulgence known only to the royalty of travel's golden age.

Inside, the Grand Suites' living quarters allow you to dine in private, should you wish. Meanwhile, marbled en-suite bathrooms mean you can refresh in style. For any craving that strikes, a 24-hour butler service is on hand to make your dreams a reality.

- Double queen-sized bed or Twin beds
- Private en-suite bathroom with shower, washbasin and WC
- Plush lounging area with sofa
- 24-hour steward service
- Guaranteed table for two at guest's chosen sitting time for lunch and dinner in preferred dining car; option of private in-suite dining
- Champagne celebration breakfast in your suite and free-flowing champagne throughout
- Caviar on arrival
- Complimentary bathrobes and slippers
- Exclusive turndown gift
- Exclusive car or boat transfers between station and city centre accommodation (or v.v) at the start and end of your train journey



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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

## LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

- You can never be overdressed on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express.

For dinner, we ask for formal evening attire and many guests like to don black tie and wear their most glamorous finery for the occasion. Smart daywear is appropriate during the day. At lunch, for example, a jacket/tie or equivalent is suitable. Jeans are not acceptable at any time.

- If a detailed request is made at the time of booking, special dietary needs such as vegetarian or vegan can be accommodated. If a special request has not been made, the chefs will endeavour to prepare a dish with the ingredients available on board. We do, however, regret that we are unable to provide meals requiring strict religious observance in the preparation.
- Istanbul and Paris accommodation is under guests own arrangement and not included in price of package.

### Departure dates:

- 07 June 2024
- 30 August 2024

### 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.),
- 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