



GOLDEN EAGLE LUXURY TRAINS

VOYAGES OF A LIFETIME BY PRIVATE TRAIN™

Christmas Markets of Central Europe

2025 - 2026 DEPARTURES



The Golden Eagle
Danube Express
offers a truly
luxurious journey



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The Golden Eagle Danube Express is your
luxurious hotel-on-wheels.



Unpack just the once and settle into your well-appointed and comfortable en-suite cabin as you begin this voyage of a lifetime.

One of your cabin attendants, available at all times, will be on hand to look after all of your needs.



Superior Deluxe

Our 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 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. Depending on the number of guests onboard, one or two of our restaurant cars will be on every departure.



Superior Deluxe Dimensions

Cabin Area	93 sq ft (8.6 sqm)
Cabin Length	14ft 9ins (4.5m)
Cabin Width	6ft 2ins (1.9m)
Lower Bed Width	5ft 0ins (1.5m)
Bed Length	6ft 2ins (1.9m)
Cabins Per Car	4

Superior Deluxe Specification

- King size bed
- Private en-suite bathroom with cubicle shower and WC
- Additional daytime seating with table
- Two large picture windows - one opens partially, perfect for photograph opportunities
- Individually controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Adjustable lighting
- Double wardrobe and personal safe
- Wi-Fi and two USB ports

Deluxe

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

Each Deluxe sleeper carriage has just five spacious yet intimate en-suite cabins offering every convenience and comfort so you may sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as it rolls by. 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.



Deluxe Dimensions

Cabin Area	83 sq ft (7.7 sqm)
Cabin Length	13ft 0ins (2.6m)
Cabin Width	6ft 4ins (1.95m)
Bed Width	2ft 7ins (0.8m)
Bed Length	6ft 1ins (1.85m)
Cabins Per Car	5 x two bed cabins per carriage

Deluxe Specification

- Two lower berth single beds
- Private en-suite bathroom with cubicle shower and WC
- Two armchairs and free-standing chair for daytime seating
- Large picture window - opens partially, perfect for photograph opportunities
- Individually controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Full length wardrobe and power sockets
- Wi-Fi available



Dining On Board

A world of culinary delights.

The Golden Eagle Danube Express Restaurant Cars are a delightful venue in which to enjoy meals skillfully prepared by our Executive Chef and his on board restaurant team using the very best in ingredients, locally sourced wherever possible. Depending on the number of guests on board, one or two of our Restaurant Cars will be on every departure.

Enjoy the delights of an on-train breakfast each morning - a wide selection of fruit, cereals, freshly baked pastries, orange juice and cold plates are available from our bountiful buffet. Alternatively, enjoy a cooked breakfast brought to your table by our waiting staff, all complemented by steaming hot tea and coffee.

For lunch and dinner, you will enjoy fine food, great wines and attentive service in the welcoming atmosphere of the Restaurant Car.

We offer a culinary experience that reflects the very essence of the countries we travel through, as well as international cuisine. Vegetarian and other dietary options are also available.

All our meals at lunch and dinner are complemented by an excellent choice of wines from around the world, personally selected by our Company Founder, Tim Littler, along with bottled water, beer and soft drinks. For that special occasion we also have available to purchase a selection of premium fine wines priced between \$50 and \$795 per bottle.

Meals on board are a relaxed affair as the Restaurant Cars can accommodate all our guests in a single sitting. Throughout the journey there is an informal dress code, so you can enjoy our culinary experiences in convivial and relaxed surroundings and with our open-seating policy you can dine wherever, and with whomever, you please.



Relax In Our Bar Lounge Car

The Social Heart of the Golden Eagle Danube Express: The Bar Lounge Car

Indulge in the ultimate luxury and comfort in the Bar Lounge Car, the social heart of the Golden Eagle Danube Express. This elegant haven is the perfect place to relax and embrace the leisurely pace of life on board.

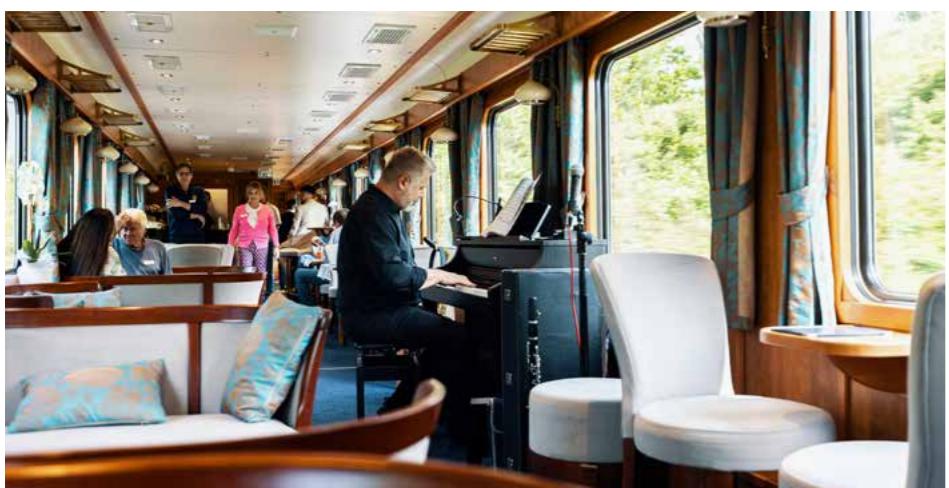
Unwind in sumptuous surroundings as you watch the picturesque landscapes unfold outside your window. Engage in delightful conversations with fellow travellers, fostering new and lasting friendships. Whether you prefer to immerse yourself in a captivating novel or enjoy a friendly game of cards, the Bar Lounge Car offers an inviting ambiance for all. Throughout your journey, you will receive printed daily itineraries detailing train arrival and departure times, the latest weather forecasts for upcoming destinations, and comprehensive information on the next day's excursions.

As evening descends, let the soothing melodies of our resident pianist fill the



air, enhancing the sophisticated atmosphere. The bar remains open until the last guest retires, ensuring that your evenings are filled with camaraderie and elegance.

Experience the perfect blend of relaxation, luxury, and adventure in the Bar Lounge Car of the Golden Eagle Danube Express, where every moment is designed to be unforgettable.



Christmas Markets of Central Europe

HUNGARY • AUSTRIA • GERMANY



Join us on a festive fairy-tale through Central Europe and experience some of Europe's finest Christmas Markets.

A Christmas feast with all the trimmings, this magical tour combines spectacular Alpine scenery with an exploration of the 600-year-old holiday spirit of "Christkindlesmarkts" in Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich.

Journeying aboard the nostalgically appointed Golden Eagle Danube Express, weave through the snow-capped peaks of the Austrian Alps before enjoying the joys of the season with this expertly curated itinerary.

– perfectly designed to indulge the senses at the most wonderful time of the year.

Signature Golden Eagle Luxury Trains experiences include a magical concert of Viennese Christmas folk songs, a traditional 'Fiaker' (horse-drawn carriage) through Vienna's grand boulevard and a tasting session of the traditional Pirker gingerbread in front of the iconic St Stephen's Cathedral.



Tour Includes

- 2 hotel nights in Budapest
- 3 nights onboard Golden Eagle Danube Express
- 2 hotel nights in Munich

Day by Day Schedule

DAY 1	Budapest	DAY 5	Salzburg
DAY 2	Budapest	DAY 6	Salzburg & Munich
DAY 3	Vienna	DAY 7	Munich
DAY 4	Vienna	DAY 8	Munich

Tour Dates

3 December – 10 December, 2025

3 December – 10 December, 2026



1 Budapest
Hungary

Arrivals day in Budapest, where you will be met and transferred to the Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace (or similar) for a two-night stay.

Enjoy a welcome reception dinner in the elegant surroundings of this art nouveau landmark where you can meet your fellow travellers ahead of this highly anticipated journey.

2 Budapest
Hungary

Budapest is an alliance of two cities separated by the Danube. The old city of Buda and the imposing Royal Palace, dominates the city with stunning views across the Danube to the commercial heart of Pest. Our 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.

Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Make sure to take the opportunity to stroll through the many Christmas Markets scattered around the city.



You may want to visit the historic Great Market Hall with its endless variety of delicious foods and wines or warm up and head to one of the city's famous thermal baths for a rejuvenating Christmas dip.



3 Vienna
Austria

Late morning, you will be transferred to Nyugati station to enjoy a drinks reception in the impressive Royal Waiting Room before boarding the Golden Eagle Danube Express. Marking the beginning of your voyage of a lifetime, our private brass band will perform as the train departs from the station, and our uniformed train staff will be there to escort you to your private en-suite cabin.

As you settle in and enjoy your first delicious lunch onboard, the train will weave its way out of Budapest's Nyugati station, before winding through Hungary's whimsical wintery landscapes, before arriving at our first stop – Vienna.

In the afternoon we will explore this beautiful Austrian city, with a panoramic tour of the breath-taking grand boulevard encircling Vienna's historic quarters. From here we will enjoy a traditional 'Fiaker' (horse-drawn carriage) ride through the charming city streets, before sampling the traditional Pirker gingerbread in front of magnificent St Stephen's. We will

then return to the train to indulge in a decadent dinner – freshly prepared, using the finest local sourced ingredients and local delicacies.

4 Vienna
Austria

A beautiful city to explore at any time of the year, but wintertime in Vienna is an extra special experience. Exquisitely illuminated with hanging lights of the Christmas markets, Vienna's squares are brimming with culinary treats, handmade gifts, and quaint ornaments.

This morning we will visit the Museum of Fine Arts which is the largest art museum in Austria and located right in the heart of the city.

Opened to the public in 1891, the main part of the museum's collection is made up of artworks acquired by the Habsburg dynasty. We will also enjoy a trip to the Christmas market situated on Maria-Theresien Platz.



Hofburg Palace has been the heart of power in Vienna since 1279, so naturally it is rich with history that can't be experienced anywhere else. Once the Habsburg's winter residence, this massive palace complex now serves as the workplace and home of the President of Austria.

During our visit we'll meet a choir who will provide a short concert of traditional Viennese Christmas folk songs.

After lunch we continue to the Schönbrunn Palace, with a tour included.

The palace also provides the perfect backdrop for the Christmas Market and is perhaps the most classically stylish of all the Vienna markets. The exclusive assortment of booths includes traditional handicrafts, pretty Christmas decorations and toys. Sweet, spicy, and hearty temptations are waiting on every corner and enchant the huge square in front of the palace with enticing aromas.



5 **Salzburg**
Austria

Like a picture from the pages of a fairy-tale, Salzburg perfectly captures the charming cosiness of the festive season. The city sits snuggly in the northern foothills of the Alps, set against a backdrop of snow-capped peaks, cut in half by the curves of the Salzach River. The Christmas markets, Advent concerts and local traditions continue to charm visitors in the magical city of Mozart.

This afternoon we explore the heart of the city, starting at Mirabell Palace. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the baroque 17th century palace is easily one of the most stunning landmarks in the city and made famous in more modern times as a location used in *The Sound of Music*. A short distance from the palace on Market Square (Marketplatz) we will see the former Mozart Residence, now a museum. From here we will cross the Makartsteg bridge into the Old Town and walk along the Getreidegasse, Salzburg's most famous street which is renowned for its wrought-iron trade signs and the birthplace of Mozart.



The rest of our time in Salzburg will be spent at the Salzburger Christkindlmarkt, one of the most beautiful and oldest Christmas markets in the world, which is held on Domplatz and Residenzplatz. Its unique location in the middle of the World Heritage Old Town of Salzburg, the traditional stalls and its long history make the Salzburg Christmas market something very special. The Christkindlmarkt offers incomparable holiday ambiance – bells ring out from onion-domed churches, the scent of fresh pine mingles with the aroma of cinnamon-sprinkled mulled wine in the crisp winter air, and cheerful groups huddle around festive market stalls.

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6 Salzburg & Munich Austria & Germany

After a leisurely breakfast onboard our private train, we embark on a visit to the illustrious Fortress Hohensalzburg, one of the most iconic landmarks in Austria and a symbol of Salzburg's rich medieval history.

Perched majestically atop the Festungsberg hill, this formidable fortress has stood for over 900 years, a testament to the city's power and prestige. We travel in style aboard the funicular, bypassing the traditional stairs, to reach this architectural marvel. During our guided tour, we'll delve into the fortress's fascinating

past, from its role as a royal residence to its transformation into a military stronghold. You will also have time to explore at your own pace, taking in panoramic views of Salzburg and its surrounding alpine beauty.

Afterward, enjoy a leisurely afternoon of free time in the centre of Salzburg, where you can stroll through its baroque streets, indulge in fine shopping, or simply relax in one of the city's elegant cafés, soaking in the timeless charm of this UNESCO World Heritage destination.

We return to the train for lunch and from the Restaurant Cars enjoy the spectacular Bavarian scenery as we head across the border into Germany for our final stop in Munich.



7 Munich Germany

Electrified by the indescribable buzz of yuletide cheer, Christmas in Munich is truly magic. One of the most famous of all the city's Christmas markets is located on Marienplatz in the heart of the city. This centuries-old market, which had its beginnings in the 1600s, is a fresh mix of old and new – keeping to older Bavarian traditions, with mouth-watering Brätwurst and freshly roasted chestnuts, presented alongside decadent sweet treats and intriguing electric creations.

Watching over, a majestically illuminated Christmas tree casts a charismatic glow over the bustling square – perfectly adding to the festive feel.

We begin with a guided walking tour of this celebrated market before guests may choose to explore Motorworld Munich, a haven for automotive enthusiasts featuring luxury and classic car showrooms, expert workshops, and immersive exhibition spaces dedicated to the world of motoring. Afterwards, guests may opt to visit Paulaner am Nockherberg, a legendary Bavarian beer hall and brewery renowned for its authentic hospitality.

Here, a selection of Paulaner's finest brews is complemented by traditional Bavarian delicacies, from freshly baked pretzels to hearty bratwurst. For those who prefer to soak in the festive ambiance at their own pace, there will also be an opportunity for leisurely shopping in Munich's elegant boutiques.

This evening, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner and reflect on the memories made from this wonderful winter escapade across Central Europe.

8 Munich Germany

Following breakfast in the hotel you will be transferred to the airport for onward departures.





What's Included in the Tour Price

As far as possible our tours are all-inclusive with no hidden extras.
What follows are all those elements which are included in the tour price.

The only extra items you may need to budget for include personal expenses such as International and Internal flights that are not included in the itineraries, visa costs, insurance and laundry.

EXPERIENCED TOUR MANAGERS

Our experienced Tour Managers are selected for their travel knowledge, and their linguistic and organisational abilities allowing you to relax and enjoy your rail cruise. We receive exceptional passenger comments about our Tour Managers and their aim is to ensure you enjoy every minute of your holiday.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival and departure transfers are included.

HOTEL AND ON BOARD ACCOMMODATION

Although you will spend much of your time sightseeing or relaxing in the train's public areas, you will find your cabin a welcome retreat at the end of a rewarding day. All hotels are of five-star standard, or the best available.

DRINKS WITH MEALS

A generous drinks allowance, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, is included with lunch and dinner on and off the train.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER DAILY

All meals are included, starting with dinner on the first day and ending with breakfast on the last day. All departures feature one or two uniquely designed Restaurant Cars where you

can enjoy the excellent waiter-served food and wine. Several times during the tour we will also sample authentic local cuisine with wine and a selection of drinks off the train, which is also included in the tour price.

ON BOARD SERVICE

You can expect service which is attentive, friendly and unintrusive. Your car attendants provide 24-hour housekeeping and bedding turndown services, with one attendant always on duty to assist you and to ensure you are comfortable in your cabin. Complimentary tea, coffee and bottled drinking water are available in your cabin 24 hours a day.

GUIDED OFF-TRAIN EXCURSIONS

The history and culture of the places we visit on our rail cruises will come alive through our expert local guides. All our tours include a wide-ranging sightseeing schedule to make the most of the time you have off the train and bring you closer to the culture, people and history of your destinations. We believe it is the special little touches that help create magical memories.

PERSONAL HEADSETS

On all the off-train excursions, to enhance your enjoyment and insights into the places you visit, you will be provided with a lightweight personal headset on which to listen to your tour guide as you take in the sights. The range of the headset

means that you do not need to worry about missing any of the guide's commentary on your excursion, even if you prefer to wander away from the group.

ON BOARD DOCTOR AND MEDICAL FACILITIES

To give you peace of mind our tours are accompanied by a doctor who travels with us for the entire journey; so you can rest assured that medical assistance is always available. On call 24 hours a day, the doctor is on hand to give primary care as required. In almost every case, the doctor will be English-speaking and registered with the General Medical Council in the UK.

LUGGAGE HANDLING

As you only have to unpack once your luggage and belongings will stay with you on the train throughout the journey but, wherever necessary, portage is included between the hotels and stations.

ALL GRATUITIES

You will not have to worry about tipping on or off the train on your rail journey with Golden Eagle Luxury Trains as all gratuities are included in the tour price.



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