

VENICE SIMPLON-  
ORIENT-EXPRESS

A BELMOND TRAIN  
EUROPE

*An artwork in motion*  
**L'OBSERVATOIRE**



Embark on an unparalleled journey of luxury  
as *L'Observatoire*, the masterpiece created by

JR, graces the rails in March 2025.  
Immerse yourself in JR's creative world

and experience for the first time what it  
means to live within a piece of art that ignites  
your curiosity, sense of adventure, and

introspection. As a distinguished member of  
the Belmond family, we are delighted to offer  
you an exclusive preview of the most opulent  
suite aboard the legendary Venice Simplon-  
Orient-Express train.

**The Most Outstanding Suite**  
*A One-of-a-Kind Space*

**Inclusions and Pricing**  
*A Legendary Journey*

# The Most Outstanding Suite



*A Timeless Voyage*

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# CURIOSITY, ADVENTURE & CREATIVITY



Unfolding across an entire carriage on board the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, L'Observatoire is a one-of-a-kind space to embrace curiosity, adventure and creativity.

Inspired by astronomical observatories, world acclaimed artist JR has designed a suite that encourages you to gaze up, out, and beyond – harmonizing with stunning craftsmanship from both old masters and up-and-coming trailblazers.

## SPECIFICATION:

- Size: 31 SQ\_M
- Views: French, Swiss, Italian and European vistas of cities, countryside, lakes, mountains and forests
- Location: At the end or head of the train (depending which way the train is travelling)
- Bedrooms: 1
- Max Occupancy: 2



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# A STUDIO ON WHEELS



JR is the creative mind behind several monumental works that take buildings and cities as their canvas, from Paris' Palais Garnier to the Great Pyramids of Giza. Tasked with transforming a carriage for the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, he sought to create a 'studio on wheels' – a creative cocoon filled with micro-environments.

## SPECIAL FEATURES:

- An impressive oculus at the top of the bedroom that opens and closes, allowing you to admire the sky
- Free standing bath in the bedroom
- Private dining area in the lounge
- Ample wardrobe and multiple storage spaces
- Ensuite marble bathroom with shower
- Secret tearoom with fireplace and miniature model of the train
- Corridor with gallery of JR's photography
- Bespoke marquetry throughout, crafted from JR's own designs and drawings
- Library with hundreds of Gallimard books
- Record player with a vinyl collection curated by JR
- JR's special touches, props and gifts

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# TIMELESS ARTWORK



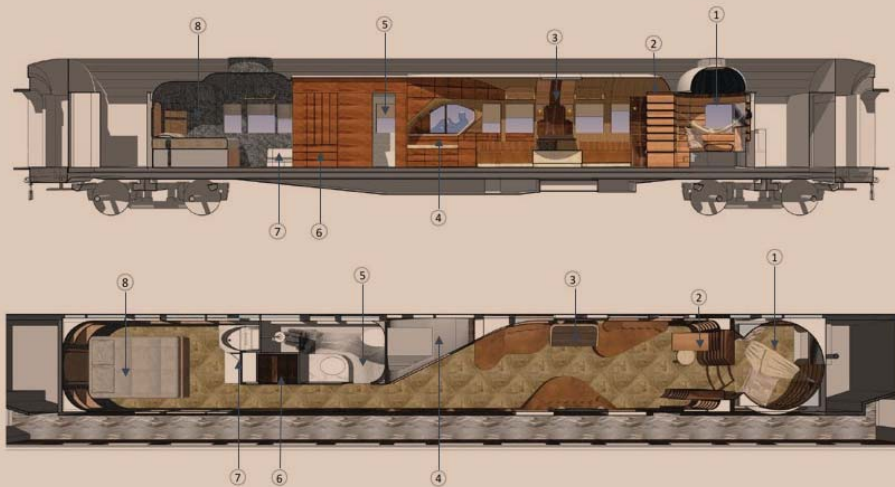
The carriage expands for 23 metres, and its interiors unfold through several environments, featuring a bedroom with double bed, bathroom, freestanding bathtub, wardrobe, reclining day bed, lounge area, library and secret tearoom with fireplace.

Steeped in history and inspired by Renaissance cabinets of curiosity and astronomical observatories, JR worked with artisans to inject a level of detail never-before-seen in the design of a train carriage.

*"Working with artisans and choosing woods and materials and discovering motifs that respect the era was not a constraint, because I was interested*

*in making this a timeless artwork – as if I was an artist from the 1920s."*

This took form through solid collaborations with old masters of marquetry like Philippe Allemand or handmade stained-glass by Micheal Mayer, while introducing some new artisans to the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express such as a model-train master from Switzerland. This miniature is one of the most intriguing details in the carriage – not only is it hidden in a secret room, but for curious guests who peer closer, they will discover a world of revellers inside. Running on tiny screens inside the model, this JR film also has secrets to discover, but only for those who linger for long enough...



1. *Secret Tea Room*

2. *Library*

3. *Lounge Area*

4. *Reclining Daybed*

5. *Bathroom*

6. *Wardrobe*

7. *Freestanding Bath*

8. *Bedroom*







# Inclusions and Pricing



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# BON VOYAGE



The carriage will be available for booking upon request as part of the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express journeys in 2025. Guests can experience it on classic routes such as Paris-Venice and Venice-Paris throughout the year, the exclusive Paris-Alps trips in March, Paris-Portofino in June, or the legendary Paris-Istanbul and Istanbul-Paris voyages in May and June.

OCCUPANCY: 2 guests

BED TYPE: Double

PRICING: From £80,000 for two adults

## INCLUSIONS:

- 24-hour Cabin Steward dedicated service
- All beverages included (L'Observatoire guests can indulge in any wine, champagne and premium spirits at no additional cost)
- Complimentary luxury amenities including fine loungewear and toiletries
- Exclusive gifts specially curated by JR
- Private in-suite dining
- Seamless private transfers to and from the VSOE train and your accommodation within a 300km radius









Please note that bookings for L'Observatoire require a 50% deposit at the time of reservation, with the remaining balance due 180 days prior to travel.

Cancellation Policy:

180 days or more before travel: 35% cancellation fee  
179 to 120 days before travel: 50% cancellation fee  
119 to 90 days before travel: 80% cancellation fee  
89 days or less before travel: 100% cancellation fee

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