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PROPOSAL FOR PRIVATE/EXCLUSIVE USE GOLDEN EAGLE TRAIN BUDAPEST

We are pleased to advise you that we have been able to secure the Golden Eagle Budapest return with a choice of either 25th December x 4 nights or 26th December x 3 nights as shown below. We have included a copy of the New Year in Vienna itinerary which provides information about the on-board sleeper cars as well as about the restaurant and bar cars. You can also find the itinerary for the New Year in Vienna tour programme which can give you an idea of the stops and excursions offered for this journey starting and ending in Budapest.

The guide/suggested itinerary for your exclusive hire is as below:

25 Dec - flight arrivals, 1- hotel night in Budapest

26 Dec - train departure from Budapest, Bratislava

27 Dec - Vienna, Graz

28 Dec – Bled, Ljubljana, Postojna (or Predjama castle)

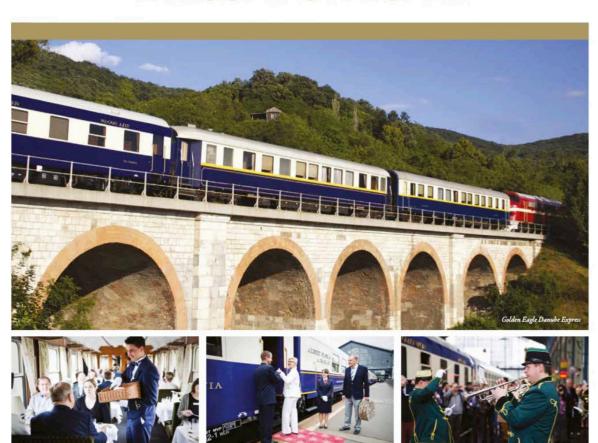
29 Dec - Keszthely, Budapest, 1- hotel night

This is not a final itinerary and may change subject to train timings.





WELCOME ON BOARD



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 of your needs.

The Golden Eagle Danube Express is comprised of Superior Deluxe, Deluxe and Heritage Class sleeper carriages, one or two Restaurant Cars and a Bar Lounge Car. 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, selected drinks from the Bar Lounge Car and on board laundry.



PRIVATE RAIL JOURNEYS THROUGH CENTRAL EUROPE



DAY 6 Cesky Krumlov & Prague

DAY 8 Kosice & Budapest

TOUR ITINERARY				TOUR ITINERARY				
GRAND ALPINE EXPRESS				NEW)	NEW YEAR IN VIENNA			
DAY 2 DAY 3 DAY 4 DAY 5	Budapest Budapest Vienna Lake Achen & Innsbruck Zürich Lake Como & Milan	DAY 9	Verona & Trieste Lake Bled & Ljubljana Venice Venice Venice	DAY 3 DAY 4	Budapest Budapest Keszthely Graz & Vienna Vienna	DAY 7 DAY 8	Cesky Krum Prague Kosice & Bu Budapest	
2020/2021 TOUR SCHEDULES								
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9 DAYS BUDAPEST - PRAGUE

DAY 1: BUDAPEST, HUNGRY

On arrivals day in Budapest, you will be met and transferred to the Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace for a two-night stay. Enjoy a welcome reception dinner in the elegant surrounds of this art nouveau landmark where you can meet your fellow travellers on this highly anticipated celebratory journey.

DAY 2: BUDAPEST, HUNGRY

Budapest is two cities separated by the River Danube. The old city of Buda and the imposing Royal Palace dominate the city with stunning views across the Danube to the commercial heart of Pest. On our first full day, our city tour includes the Royal Palace, St. Mathias Church and a panoramic view of the city from Gellert Hill. We will also see the Citadel, the Opera House, St Stephen's Cathedral, Heroes Square and the City Park. The rest of the day is at leisure where you can 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.

DAY 3: KESZTHELY, HUNGRY

After breakfast we will transfer from our hotel to board the Golden Eagle Danube Express. We enjoy a morning drinks reception in the impressive Royal Waiting Room at Budapest Nyugati station before boarding our private train. After settling into your luxurious en-suite cabin, we will make our first journey through the winter landscape of Hungary to Balaton Uplands National Park. Emerging from the National Park we arrive in Keszthely perched at the very western end of Lake Balaton. This picture-postcard town is filled with grand town houses and famously the site of Festetics Palace, a lavish baroque home fit for royalty. After a tour of the palace we'll continue south-west into Austria overnight by train.

DAY 4: GRAZ & VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Arriving into Austria this morning we begin our exploration of the fantastic city of Graz at the foot of the Austrian Alps. We will transfer by coach to the city centre and have a short walking tour of Graz's range of renaissance courtyards and provincial baroque palaces. As part of our Freedom of Choice programme you can choose to take free time or enjoy a pumpkin seed oil tasting, complete with traditional, locally made bread and wine. After a gourmet lunch on board the train we'll continue to Vienna to begin our New Year's Eve celebrations. This afternoon we will have the opportunity to join in with an atmospheric Viennese waltz lesson for the group. No experience necessary! Tonight, a special New Year's gala dinner will be served inside the beautiful City Hall, Rathaus Vienna, accompanying a performance by the renowned Wiener Hofball Orchestra. Music and waltzing will take us through to midnight before enjoying incredible views of the fireworks from the city hall's balcony.

DAY 5: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

We'll begin the day's programme with a horse-drawn carriage ride along the cobbled streets to Palais Coburg, a stunning former Habsburg Palace, where we enjoy a celebratory brunch. From the Palais we'll be able to take in the live transmission of the New Year concert from the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. If you'd rather see more of the splendid Austrian countryside, as part of our Freedom of Choice programme, you will have the option to visit the delightful Schnbrunn Palace to see the city's famous festive market which will be still be open to enjoy. Alternatively, you may wish to explore the monastery of Heiligenkreuz with us for a guided tour of its 12th century grounds. Later this evening, the group will reconvene on the train.

DAY 6: CESKY KRUMLOV, CZECH REPUBLIC & PRAGUE

This morning we begin our day in the stunning town of Cesky Krumlov, declared a UNESCO World Heritage destination. The town's old town charm will be only enhanced by a dusting of snow and should make for a beautiful stop on our journey. A short introduction to the town will allow you to explore the town with allocated free time. A perfect opportunity to grab a souvenir or two. We continue after a scenic lunch on board the train to Prague, one of the most beautifully preserved cities in Europe. Spanning the Vltava River and dominated by the 9th Century Prague Castle, a stunning sight that can be seen almost anywhere in the city. Our introductory tour takes in the Old Town Square with its many historic buildings and Astronomical Clock, the historic 14th Century Charles Bridge and the Jewish Quarter. Tonight we have a dinner followed by a private concert.

DAY 7: PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

A full day to explore the city of Prague awaits today. We'll begin with a vintage tram to travel through the 'City of a Hundred Spires' up the hill to Prague Castle and the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. The castle and its surrounding architectural gems occupy a hillside overlooking the city and river. Lunch will be served at the 16th century Lobkowicz Palace, which is situated within Prague Castle and has breathtaking panoramic city views from the terrace. The rest of the day is free for you to visit more festive markets or take in more of the iconic sites of the city all within walking distance of the station. Dinner will be served on board our train as we start to journey back towards Hungary.

DAY 8: KOSICE & BUDAPEST, SLOVAKIA & HUNGARY

We start our final day of touring in one of the lesser known gems of Central Europe, Kosice. The city was voted European Capital of Culture in 2013 and its medieval come cosmopolitan style is slowly drawing more visitors to this former cornerstone of Communist Czechoslovakia. We will take a highlights tour of the city, including the vast oval shaped central square, filled with relics from the 15th and 16th century. This afternoon we will enjoy our final lunch on board the train before arriving into Budapest. On our arrival evening we check back into the Four Seasons Gresham Palace for a one-night stay before a celebratory farewell dinner toasting the success of the tour.

DAY 9: BUDAPEST, HUNGRY

Following breakfast on the final morning you will be transferred to the airport for onward flight departures. Why not extend your stay in Budapest to explore the Hungarian capital



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE







EXPERIENCED TOUR MANAGERS

Our experienced Tour Managers are selected for their travel knowledge and their 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 AND DEPARTURE AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival transfers from the international airport to our tour hotel, and departure transfers from our tour hotel to the airport 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 hotel room or cabin a welcome retreat at the end of a rewarding day. All hotels are of five-star standard, or the best available.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER DAILY

All meals are included, starting with dinner on the first day and ending with breakfast on the last day, unless otherwise stated. All departures feature one or two 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.

DRINKS WITH MEALS

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

ON BOARD SERVICE

You can expect service which is attentive, friendly and unintrusive. Your car attendants provide housekeeping and bedding turndown services to assist you and to ensure you are comfortable in your cabin. Complimentary tea, coffee and bottled drinking water are served to you in your cabin.

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 be registered with the General Medical Council in the UK.

PORTERAGE

As you only have to unpack once, your luggage and belongings will stay with you on the train throughout the journey but, wherever necessary, porterage 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.



Danube Express – Cabin layout and dimensions

Superior Deluxe Cabins





Cabin Area: 8.6m² (93 ft²) Bed size: 190cm x 152cm (6ft 2in x 5ft)

- 4 cabins per carriage
- Private en-suite bathroom with cubicle shower and WC
- · Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Full length sofa and two additional chairs with table for daytime seating
- Two large picture windows one of which opens partially, perfect for photograph opportunities
- Full length large double wardrobe
- Individual reading lights
- Power sockets, USB ports and in-cabin Wi-Fi
- Personal safe

Deluxe Cabins





Cabin Area: 7.74m² (83 ft²) Bed size (each): 185cm x 80cm (6ft 1in x 2ft 7.5in)

- 5 x 2-bed cabins per carriage
- Private en-suite bathroom with cubicle shower and WC
- Remote controlled air-conditioning
- Two armchairs and a free standing chair for daytime seating
- Large picture window opens partially, perfect for photograph opportunities
- Full length wardrobe and power sockets







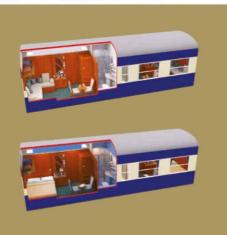






SUPERIOR DELUXE CABINS

- Cabins per car: 4
 Cabin length (inc. en-suite): 454cm (14'9")
 Cabin width: 190cm (6'2")
 Cabin area (inc. en-suite): 8.6 m² (93 ft²)
 Bed size: 190cm x 152cm (6'2" x 5'0")
 King Size bed (UK standard)
 Additional daytime seating with table
 Individually controlled air-conditioning and heating
 Two large picture windows
 Adjustable lighting
 Double wardrobe and Personal safe
 Wi-Fi & two USB ports
 Private en-suite bathroom with cubicle shower and WC









DELUXE CABINS SPECIFICATION

- 5 x 2-bed cabins per carriage
 Cabin size (inc. en-suite): 397cm x 195cm (13'0" x 6'4")
 Cabin area (inc. en-suite): 7.74m² (83 ft²)
 Bed size (each): 185cm x 80cm (6'1" x 2'7½")
 Private en-suite bathroom with cubicle shower and WC 77cm x 195cm 1.5m² (16 ft²)
 Remote controlled air-conditioning
 Two armchairs and a free-standing chair for daytime seating
 Large picture window opens partially, perfect for photograph opportunities
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