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— C. Stover, S. Africa 2013

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NEW FOR 2014 & 2015

• Orient-Express: The Orient-Express changed its name to Belmond. The company operates several of our World’s Top 25 Trains as well as cruises and hotels. This does not change its standards of excellence.

• Central Asia: Begin in Armenia, in the shadow of Mt. Ararat. Continue around the shores of the Caspian Sea. Join IRT’s Angela Walker and our group on the October, 2014 "Caspian Odyssey" luxury tour on the Golden Eagle.

• Central Europe: Danube Express is upgrading to luxury status in 2015, sources tell us. The Budapest-based train plans an enticing mix of new tours. Top trip picks are on pp. 78-81.

• India: The Maharajas’ Express returns to our “Top 25” last after a brief hiatus due to a change in management. The Maharajas Express and Deccan Odyssey both run fabulous programs and offer many new tours.

• Sea Cloud: We blocked space on the most popular itinerary of the Sea Cloud, the Dalmatian Coast to Athens (pp. 40-41).

• France: We have charted a French Country Waterways canal cruise Sept. 6-12, 2015. The ship has just six double suites. So call us ASAP.

• Canada: We love the Royal Canadian Pacific. But it no longer runs public tours, just charters (and thus not featured here). So call us, charter it, and throw the party of your life.

• Australia: Sadly, we bid the Outback goodbye from our “Top 25” list. Queensland service is being retired at the end of 2014.

• Japan: Kyushu’s push Seven Stars train is too new to vie for “Top 25” status. But it’s “One to Watch” (pp. 98-99). Try it with us on our new Japan tour.

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Pride of Africa: Cape Town to Dar es Salaam

**THE TRAIN:** Pride of Africa • **TRAIN TYPE:** Luxury

Rovos Rail’s Pride of Africa is one of the world’s top five trains. And considering it runs over sometimes rickety track through the wilds of S. Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania and Namibia, its service, cuisine and on-board comforts, it’s a miracle-worker, too. Add to that a comfy rear-end, open-air deck, genuinely posh accommodations and an all-inclusive price. The company recently re-introduced Edwardian-stye “pillared” dining cars. It’s restoring five diesel locomotives so it’s not dependent on contracted engines. Want more nostalgia? This friendly, family-owned business celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2014. Here’s to another 25!

**SLEEPING CARS**

Three types of accommodation, among the most spacious in the industry, accommodate 72 people. All cabins offer a writing surface, a personal safe and complimentary mini-bar. All have en-suite bathrooms; original fittings combine with the modern technology of hot showers, hair dryers and shaver plugs. All have a plethora of windows that open—a vital feature, in our opinion, for experiencing the African countryside. Windows can be securely locked.

*Pullman Suites* are the most “spartan.” Book early if you want one. There are just 15 Pullman compartments, and they sell out a year in advance. They are 76 feet square, ideal for single travelers. A comfortable, daytime sofa-seat converts to double or twin beds (one up, one down) for evening. Deluxe cabins are huge (108 square feet), with just three per carriage; there are 22 on board. Deluxe suites feature either two twins or king-size bed and a small lounge area.

*Royal Suites* take up half a train car at 172 square feet; most departures have four Royal Suites. Special features include en-suite bathroom with Victorian bathtub (you can soak and watch the world go by) and shower, and a separate, private lounge. Live it up and have dinner served privately in your Royal Suite.

**DINING & LOUNGE CARS**

The two restaurant cars feature delicious meals. All food and drinks, from cocktails to excellent South African wines, are included. Fresh local ingredients and traditional dishes such as game are highlights. Every morning, a made-to-order breakfast and cereal/fruit buffet is served. Lunch and dinner are multi-course affairs on lovely china, silver and linen.

Of the two lounge cars, our favorite is on the back end: it has an open-air “patio” in the rear for wind-in-the-face viewing. IRT offers a hostess chimes you to lunch and dinner; you’ll likely spot animals galore for a full board, two-night stay.

**THE TOUR**

*2015 Dates*

**NB:** June 28 – July 11; Sept. 27 – Oct. 10

**SB:** July 14 – 27; Oct. 13 – 26

**2016 Dates**

**NB:** July 4 – 18; Sept. 26 – Oct. 10

**SB:** Feb. 3 – 17; July 21 – Aug. 4; Oct. 13 – 27

**NEW:** Beginning 2015, an extra day and night, with a game drive (time permitting) in Tanzania’s Selous Game Reserve, has been added to the itinerary.

**The Pride of Africa** runs between Cape Town and Dar es Salaam several times annually. This 14-day tour (15 days in 2015) takes in major portions of South Africa, Zambia and Tanzania, while touching parts of Botswana and Zimbabwe. From Kimberley’s diamonds to Africa’s Great Rift Valley, every day is unique. Highlights include a two-night stay at a four-star game lodge and one overnight at Victoria Falls. There’s also plenty of time to enjoy the train’s lovely ambiance and African countryside.

**THE ITINERARY**

**Day 1: Cape Town**

Depart Cape Town on Rovos Rail’s Pride of Africa and settle in to your private cabin. Soon, a hostess chimes you to lunch featuring South African wines paired with delicious food. Arrive Matjiesfontein and explore the tiny Victorian village. Dinner, overnight on board.

**Day 2: Kimberley**

Breakfast and lunch on board. Afternoon arrival in Kimberley to visit Big Hole and Diamond Museum. Return to train for dinner and overnight.

**Day 3: Pretoria**

Arrive Pretoria this afternoon. A light lunch is followed by a city tour. Explore Capital Park, Rovos Rail’s unique headquarters, filled with locomotives, carriages and lots of pet animals. Dinner and overnight on the train.

**Day 4: Tau Game Lodge**

Arrive Zeerust and transfer to the four-star Tau Game Lodge for a full board, two-night stay. You’ll likely spot animals galore just on the drive to the lodge. Lunch is followed by a game drive. Sip cocktails as you watch the sun set—a tradition you’ll grow to love. Head back to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

**Day 5: Tau Game Lodge**

Optional early morning game drive, evening game drive or other activities. Overnight at lodge. If you wish, indulge in the spa facilities. Or enjoy a drink and watch the waterhole by the
Pride of Africa: Cape Town-Dar es Salaam Continued

Day 6: Tau; Botswana
Early morning game drive. By this time, most of our group in July 2011 had seen all the “Big Five,” from lions to leopard, and everything in between. Motorcoach transfer to Gaborone, Botswana for border formalities before rejoining the train.

Day 7: Zimbabwe
Travel through Zimbabwe, with lectures by a historian in the morning and afternoon. Learn about Cecil Rhodes, Victoria Falls, David Livingstone and more. Don’t miss the lectures; they greatly enhance the tour experience. All meals on board.

Day 8: Victoria Falls
Arrive Victoria Falls. Check into the “Grand Lady” Victoria Falls Hotel. Enjoy lunch at ‘Jungle Junction,’ a lovely open-air dining area with delicious, fresh buffet. There’s time for a hike, nap, or just gazing at the miracle before you. Enjoy a sun-set cruise on the Zambezi River. Dinner, overnight at the hotel.

Day 9: Victoria Falls
Day at leisure. Optional activities (additional cost) include tour of the Falls, round of golf, helicopter tour of the Falls, more. Depart Victoria Falls late afternoon and complete border formalities for entry to Zambia.

Day 10: On board
Pass through Lusaka, Zambia. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board; morning and afternoon lectures. As you pass into Zambia, you will notice many small villages of circular thatched huts. When the children hear the train, they dash to wave.

Day 11: On board
Day at leisure as the train continues through Zambia. All meals on board, with morning and afternoon lectures. Our group enjoyed passing time on the back deck, spotting villages, animals and baobab trees.

Day 12: Chisimba Falls
Disembark in Kasama for an excursion to Chisimba Falls. This experience is more subtle than Victoria Falls, but still magical. There’s a path for travelers of all walking abilities, and Novus staff sets up a bar of refreshments. Return to the train and cross into Tanzania. All meals on board.

Day 13: Dar es Salaam
Arrive Dar es Salaam.

Day 14 (2015 tours): On board
Game drive in Selous Game Reserve, largest in Africa (time permitting). Continue descent into Rift Valley towards Dar es Salaam.

Arrive Dar es Salaam.

Please note: Due to rough track and delays, the train often arrives very late into Dar es Salaam. We will book your overnight and transfers in Dar (not included in tour cost).

The Highlights
• Ten nights (11 in 2015) on board one of world’s top luxury trains, all meals and drinks included
• Two-night stay at Tau Game Lodge with four game drives
• Victoria Falls Hotel overnight with plenty of time and options to explore the Falls
• Hippo sightings from Zambezi River sunset cruise
• Victorian Matjiesfontein
• Chisimba Falls outing
• Sunning Makambako-Kiduna Tanzania rail descent into pass
• Kimberley Diamond Mine and Museum

“I was combining two fantasies—a very long train trip and an African Safari. The trip is perfect for me.”

“I’ll tell you this: There’s no way I would have seen the amount of the world I’ve seen without you.”
— L. Williams, Four IRT trips

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“The upgrade at Victoria Falls Hotel was more than expected... we had the three-bedroom Presidential Suite! They told us that the Queen Mother had stayed in that very room when she visited in 1947. Very neat! And the river cruise was a great way to wrap up the trip... elephants playing in the river... and a yawning hippo!”

— B. Stover, African Collage, 2013
THE TOUR

2014 Dates
Nov. 6-14 (WB); Nov. 17-25 (EB)
2015 Dates
May 21-29 (WB); Nov. 5-13 (WB);
Nov. 16-24 (EB)
2016 Dates
May 19-27 (WB); Nov. 14-22 (EB)

This is the tour many Rovos Rail staff rank number one: a panoramic 2,300-mile, nine-day South African sojourn. Enjoy game drives in Kruger Park, Mkhaya Reserve and Hluhluwe Game Reserve; spend an evening in Durban and visit Addo Elephant Park as well as an ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn. Travel a spectacular rail descent down the Montagu Pass into George, from Knysna the train travels the scenic Garden Route to Cape Town. Golfers have the option of playing five challenging courses, including Ernie Els’ Oubaai Golf Club.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1: Pretoria
Morning departure from Rovos Rail’s private station in Pretoria. Enjoy lunch and dinner on board as the train travels toward Kruger Park.

Day 2: Game drives
Early morning game drive in Kruger Park in open vehicles.


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Look for Africa’s “Big Five.” Return to the train where brunch is served in the dining car while we travel through Komatipoort to the Swaziland border. This afternoon we arrive at Mkhaya Reserve for another game drive. The train departs for the overnight journey to Hluhluwe. Golfers’ Option: Tee off at Leopard Creek Estate before returning to the train at Swaziland.

Day 3: Hluhluwe; Durban
Early morning game drive in the Hluhluwe Reserve. The train then departs for Durban. Spend the evening in the city.

Day 4: On board
Depart Durban en route to Hluhluwe. Disembark for a visit to the the famous Ardmore ceramic gallery. Lunch on board while traveling to Kroonstad. Golfers’ Option: Morning tee-off at Durban Beachwood Country Club, followed by a scenic drive to rejoin the train at Lions River.

Day 5: Bloemfontein
Morning tour of Bloemfontein. Train departs this afternoon for Port Elizabeth.

Day 6: Addo Elephant Park
Morning tour of Addo Elephant Park near Port Elizabeth. Addo is home to over 450 elephants, as well as Cape buffalo, black rhino and a variety of antelope species. Afternoon train departure to Oudtshoorn.

Golfers’ Option: Tee off at Oubaai Golf Club, Ernie Els’ first signature course in South Africa.

Day 9: Worcester / Cape Town
Morning arrival in Worcester and tour KWV Brandy Distillery. Arrive Cape Town around 5 p.m.

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• Oudtshoorn ostrich farm visit
• Visit to the KWV Brandy Distillery in Worcester
• Tours of Durban, Bloemfontein and Knysna

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Pride of Africa: African Collage

THE TRAIN: Pride of Africa • TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

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Pride of Africa: Namibian Safari

THE TRAIN: Pride of Africa • TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

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Formerly German Southwest Africa, Namibia retains much of its colonial heritage—it’s well known for its great lager beers. But it’s also a desert land well worth exploring, especially by luxury train. The Fish River Canyon is second only to the Grand Canyon in size. Sossusvlei’s brilliant red dunes are captivating. Top your tour off with game viewing in Etosha National Park.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart Pretoria
Depart Pretoria on the Pride of Africa. Settle into your private compartment and enjoy lunch and dinner on board.

Day 2: Kimberley
Arrive in Kimberley. Tour the Big Hole diamond mine and city of Kimberley. Continue train journey west this afternoon.

Day 3: Upington
Walking tour of Upington, oasis town on the Orange River, surrounded by the Kalahari Desert and famous for its wine. Cross into Namibia.

Day 4: Fish River Canyon
Visit to gigantic Fish River Canyon. Later, walking tour in Keetmanshoop, with its well-preserved German influences. Depart for Windhoek early evening.

Day 5: Windhoek
City tour of Windhoek, Namibia’s capital. Depart city in light aircraft for short scenic flight to Sossusvlei for lunch, desert drive, bush dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Sossusvlei
Early desert drive and breakfast in Sossusvlei. Mornings and evenings offer rich photo opportunities of the brilliant red dunes. Depart Sossusvlei for one hour flight to Windhoek and rejoin the train.

Day 7: Mokuti Lodge
Arrive in Tsumeb. Transfer to Mokuti Lodge and stop for lunch, game drive and overnight in Etosha National Park, home to 114 mammal species, including the rare and endangered black rhino and black-faced impala.

Day 8: Etosha National Park
Early morning game drive in the Etosha, where blue wildebeest, mountain and plains zebra, giraffe, hyena, lion, cheetah, leopard and 340 species of birds may be spotted. Depart from Tsumeb early afternoon.

Day 9: Swakopmund
Arrive in Swakopmund midday.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

• Six nights on Pride of Africa, one of the world’s finest trains with all meals and drinks included
• The Big Hole in Kimberley, site of one of the world’s most famous diamond rushes
• Visit Fish River Canyon, second largest canyon in the world
• Tour of Windhoek, a cosmopolitan city with a strong German influence
• Game drive and overnight at Mokuti Lodge, located in the game-rich Etosha National Park
• Overnight excursion to the world-famous Sossusvlei, a stunning dry lake in the Namib Desert surrounded by massive red sand dunes

“They (IRT) constantly followed up with emails or calls to make sure everything was going as promised and that we were enjoying it. We are already planning our next trip using their excellent services!”
— Virtuoso.com review, Rovos Rail Namibia, 2013

“I was extremely happy with all aspects of the journey… especially the train journey itself. I met some very wonderful people…and lo and behold, we are planning to meet up on another Rovos train journey in 2014.”
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Blue Train: Southern Africa Safari

THE TRAIN: Blue Train • TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

No visit to South Africa is complete without a trip on the iconic Blue Train, one of the world’s great luxury trains. It runs once weekly in each direction between Pretoria and Cape Town. The 27-hour journey of 994 miles includes one sightseeing stop. With its distinctive “B” logo, the train is gorgeous. Improvements are never-ending.

New in 2014: wifi. Also, if you want only the Blue Train, we can arrange a complimentary hotel night in either Pretoria (Sheraton or Castello di Monte) or in Cape Town (Westin or Taj) through the end of 2015. (Hotel includes breakfast and a one-way transfer to or from the station.) Shoppers love the Blue Train boutique and its smart clothing, jewelry and accessories. Service is friendly, yet professional. Our chef from a previous trip warmly greeted us—she was still serving her famous “Mandela” chocolate pot de crème, beloved by its namesake. In fact, our butler from a recent trip, Jan September, counts Mandela, Desmond Tutu and Margaret Thatcher among his guests during his 30-year career.

SLEEPING CARS

There are two consists; one carries 74 passengers, the other 58. Cabins vary, so pay close attention! All have private bathrooms and are air-conditioned.

All cabins have television, CD and DVD systems. Windows do not open.

Deluxe Suites: These are 84.5 square feet. Some have twin beds; others have a double bed. The double bedded-suites have a bathtub, twin-bedded suites have showers. There are four of these per car.

Luxury Suites: These are 106.5 square feet. Some have double beds; some have twins. The double bed is 6.2 feet long and 4.3 feet wide. Each consist carries two luxury suite carriages with 3 suites per carriage. These en suite bathrooms have tub and shower.

Double beds and luxury suites are hard to get so book at least a year in advance.

DINING & LOUNGE CARS

Dining is in the 42-seat diner in two seatings and includes delicious African and continental cuisine. The wine list is spectacular and is included in your train fare. Breakfast or dinner can be served either in your cabin or in the dining car.

Each Blue Train set has classic lounges in warm shades of brown with large picture windows. Afternoon tea is served daily in the lounges. Our favorite perch: the rear lounge with its gigantic back window to view the receding scene as you sip your drink.

“Our Blue Train dining experience was divine, from our first morsel served in the train’s VIP lounge—a perfectly flaky ham croissant and a hot apricot tart—to our last dessert, a succulent dark chocolate ‘pot’ with alternating fillings nicknamed the ‘Mandela Microwave’ after the famous passenger, who requested it after every meal.” — O. Hardy, IRT CEO, Blue Train, 2011
“Our steward, Mr. Jan September, regaled my wife Eleanor and me with stories of the famous personages he’d served over the years: Margaret Thatcher (you could tell she was a very powerful person, but she made me feel very comfortable), Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former South African President Nelson Mandela, American musician Quincy Jones, British runway model Naomi Campbell, and African President Nelson Mandela, American musician comfortable’), Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former South was a very powerful person, but she made me feel very

THE TOUR
Tour can be taken throughout the year.
IRTs owners Owen & Elea-

nors loved this itinerary

much, we wanted to share

it with you. It includes many

unique experiences, from the

luxurious Blue Train, to beautiful

Cape Town, to fantastic safari
camps in Botswana. All hotels
and camps are IRT Virtuoso
partners: This means valuable,
exclusive and complimentary
amenities for you, an added
value of thousands of dollars.

THE ITINERARY
Day 1: Cape Town
VIP Meet and greet at Cape
Town airport and transfer to
the Mt. Nelson, a legendary Bel-
mund (Orient Express) hotel.

Day 2: Cape Point
Enjoy a private, full-day Cape
Point tour, which includes one
of the world’s most beautiful
coastal drives. Savor lunch in
the lovely cafe and a private
visit to Casa Labia, an Italianate
estate built in 1929. The family
has spent two years restoring
this national monument.

Day 3: Cape Winelands
Take a private Winelands Tour,
with a visit to the Muratie Wine
Estate. Enjoy a private wine
tasting and cellar tour including
a traditional South African lunch
hosted by the owner. This is one
of the oldest traditional wine
estates in Stellenbosch.

Day 4: Blue Train
Transfer to the Blue Train
lounge for morning departure.
Soon it’s time for an elaborate
brunch. The afternoon includes
a 45-minute walk around tiny
Matjiesfontein, afternoon tea
on board and pre-dinner drinks.
Dinner is an elegant occasion;
men are requested to wear
jacket/tie and ladies evening
wear. Overnight on Blue Train.

Day 5: Blue Train; Pretoria
Breakfast is served in the dining
car or in your cabin. Afternoon
arrival at Pretoria Station, where
you are met by your guide,
who will take you on a half-day
Johannesburg tour, with a stop
at the outstanding Apartheid
Museum. Check in to The Saxon
Hotel, legendary and beauti-
ful, with spectacular dining

and service, heated swimming
pools, gardens and meandering
pathways.

Day 6-7: Okavango Delta
Transfer to the airport for short
flight to Maun, then by light
aircraft to Eagle Island Camp in
Okavango Delta. The camp has
12 beautifully appointed luxury
tents. Program includes safaris
by helicopter, boat and foot with
wonderful guides. Also included:
all meals, drinks, game-viewing
activities, even laundry!

Day 8-9: Chobe National Park
Transfer by light aircraft to the
heart of the Chobe National
Park, known as the elephant
capital of the world. It’s a fantas-
tic place for spotting leopards,
lions, wild dogs, cheetahs, hy-
enas, zebras and beautiful birds.
The Savute Elephant Camp
perches on the Savute Channel,
a spectacular base for explor-
ing. Savute has only 12 luxury
tents. Program includes safaris
by helicopter, boat and foot.

Day 10: Johannesburg
Morning transfer by light air-
craft to Maun and connect with
regional flight to Johannesburg.
Check in for your international
flight home or extend your stay.

THE HIGHLIGHTS
• Overnight on Blue Train in a de-
luxe suite, including meals and
all drinks and wine (Luxury Suite
upgrade also available)
• Four nights in five-star hotels
• Four nights in five-star safari
camps in Okavango Delta and
Chobe National Park, including
all meals, drinks, game drives
and laundry service.
• Full-day Cape Point Tour, with
private visit to Casa Labia and
lunch.
• Private full-day Winelands tour
and exclusive lunch with the
owners at Muratie wine estate
• VIP airport assistance in Cape
Town, Maun and Johannesburg
• Spectacular helicopter experi-
ence at Eagle Island
• Virtuoso benefits throughout:
Complimentary room upgrades
(subject to availability), break-
fasts, high tea, sparkling wine,
spa visits
Shangri-La Express/
Golden Eagle: The Silk Road

**THE TRAINS:** Golden Eagle (see page 42) and Shangri-La Express (described below). Passengers change trains at the Kazakhstan/China border. Note that doubles booked in Gold or Imperial Class will get two adjoining double compartments on the Shangri-La Express train.

**TRAIN TYPE:** First Class

The private Shangri-La Express is not a luxury train, but it is at this writing the most modern hotel train in China. It far surpasses regular train service. During our 2013 trip, IRT owners and guests were pleasantly surprised by the train’s comfort. The commodious shower cars feature ample space for changing and water pressure as vigorous as that in a good hotel. The glass-like Chinese rails made for one of the smoothest rides we’ve had anywhere.

**SLEEPING CARS**

The Shangri-La Express is modern and air-conditioned. Its first-class sleeping compartments have bunk-style twin beds, small table and armchair. A small washroom with sink is shared between compartments. Two toilets are down the hall; one is a chemical toilet which can be used when the train is stopped.

The shower car in the middle of the train has individual compartments. Each has shower, mirror, sink, hair dryer, easy chair and changing area. Robes, towels and slippers are provided. An attendant cleans after each use.

Service on board is cheerful; each car has its own attendant who cleans the cabins, makes the bed and is on call to serve tea and coffee 24 hours a day. (The operator of the Silk Road tour hires extra cleaning staff to assure its high standards are maintained.) The young staff speak little English, but they are pleasant and, for the most part, attentive (a translation card in the cabin helps).

**DINING & LOUNGE CARS**

Cereal, fruit, eggs and toast are served for breakfast in the dining car, while the Chinese chefs offer local dishes at lunch and dinner, which we found quite tasty. Wine and beer are included with lunch and dinner, along with soft drinks, tea and coffee. Alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served in the bar car. (Alcohol not included outside meal times.)

**Who should take this train?**

Adventurous travelers who are more focused on the destination and the incredible sights outside the window and the sightseeing at the frequent stops. Do not take this train if you think that it is a Chinese version of the Royal Scotsman. You will be sorely disappointed.

To enjoy this trip fully, be prepared for lots of walking, including on uneven pavement.

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“I can’t say enough, it really was like booking with your best friend. Angela and Jen, everyone was great, personal, fun, just everything you did was so wonderful, took out all the anxiety I might have. I could never have done this on my own.”

— L. Swett, Silk Road, 2013

Owen C. Hardy

Eleanor Hardy
"Walking back from full day of incredible information and sightseeing, I turned to one of the other travelers and said: ‘Another wow day... every day it was opening up a new piece of the world; there's just no better way to do that. It was phenomenal, just phenomenal.’ — L. Swett, Silk Road, 2013

THE TOUR
2014 Dates: Sept. 20-Oct. 10 (EB); Sept. 24-Oct. 14 (WB)
2015 Dates: Sept. 19-Oct. 9 (EB); Sept. 23-Oct. 13 (WB); Oct. 22-Nov. 11 (EB)

IRT Owners Owen and Eleanor Hardy chose this spectacular two-train tour—one of Society members' all-time favorites—for the company's 30th anniversary trip in 2013. It exceeded all expectations. "Wow!" was a frequently heard comment.

Visiting places few Westerners have ventured, this 21-day trek follows along one of the world's oldest and most historic trade routes: through China, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Russia. The great caravan routes, where silks, spices, inventions and traditions were traded, is preserved to a remarkable degree.

THE ITINERARY
Day 1: Beijing, China
Transfer included from airport to five-star Beijing hotel for three-night stay. Meet fellow travelers at welcome dinner.
Day 2: Beijing, China
Full day tour of Beijing, including Forbidden City, Tiantanmen Square and park-like Temple of Heaven. If you've been here before, tour "modern" Beijing, including Olympic Village, stadiums, CCTV Tower.
Day 3: Beijing, China
Morning visit to the Great Wall, a life-changing event. Afternoon includes Olympic Village, stadium, CCTV Tower.
Day 4: Board Shangri-La Express
Afternoon transfer to giant Beijing West station to board Shangri-La Express and begin the 6,835-mile journey to Moscow.
Day 5: Xian, China
Explore Xian's ancient city walls and Great Mosque, one of oldest and largest in China. Tour by bike if you wish. Afternoon visit to world-famous Terracotta Warriors, one of 20th century's greatest archaeological finds. Alternative Han Yingling Museum visit available. Enjoy stunning Tang Dynasty dinner, music, dance show.
Day 6: Lanzhou, China
Morning arrival at this vital city and beginning of the Jianghuai Plain. Afternoon includes Olympic Village, stadium, CCTV Tower.
Day 7: Dunhuang, China
Explore Xian's ancient city walls and Great Mosque, one of oldest and largest in China. Tour by bike if you wish. Afternoon visit to world-famous Terracotta Warriors, one of 20th century's greatest archaeological finds. Alternative Han Yingling Museum visit available. Enjoy stunning Tang Dynasty dinner, music, dance show.
Day 7: Dunhuang, China
Morning arrival at the Great Wall, a life-changing event. Afternoon includes Olympic Village, stadium, CCTV Tower.
Day 8: Turpan; Urumchi, China
The Flaming Mountains create a stunning backdrop in Turpan. Tour the city's ancient underground irrigation system that has supplied water to the surrounding orchards and vineyards for centuries. Next, visit elegantly decaying sand city of Jiaohe, founded in 108 BC. Then motorcoach to Urumchi to see Xinjiang Provincial Museum's renowned mummy exhibition. Train departs for Kazakhstan.
Day 9: China & Kazakhstan
Arrive Alashankou for border control and transfer to Golden Eagle. (Note: border crossing can take hours.) Settle into your private cabin with en suite facilities, and enjoy your first dinner on the Russian train.
Day 10: Almaty, Kazakhstan
Day 11: Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Breakfast and lunch on board, with lectures on region’s history. Arrive Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan. Local tour includes the Old Town, Railway Museum, Museum of Applied Arts.
Day 12: Samarkand, Uzbekistan
Tour Samarkand, and find out first-hand why Alexander the Great admired it and why it was nicknamed “Rome of the East.” Highlights include Bibi Khanum Mosque, Ulug Beg observatory and Registan Square by day and night.
Day 13: Bukhara, Uzbekistan
Morning arrival in oasis city Bukhara. UNESCO funded the city’s renovation for its 2,500-
Shangri-La Express/Golden Eagle: The Silk Road

Day 14: Merv, Turkmenistan
Once an important stopping point on the Silk Road, Merv, during the 12th century, was briefly the world’s largest city. In 1794, tragedy struck after the Emir of Bukhara destroyed the dam which supplied Merv’s population with water.

Day 15: Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
Arrive Ashgabat, capital of Turkmenistan and newly constructed “Las Vegas of the Kara Kum Desert.” The city’s modern layout with thousands of evergreens, fountains, white-marbled new buildings and gilded statues amazes. The center is dedicated to its notorious (and deceased) first president.

Day 16: Khiva, Uzbekistan
Cross back into Uzbekistan and tour Khiva—an important trading center at crossroads of routes between Mongolia, Russia, China and Persia. Khiva’s fabulous buildings, mosques, minarets and bazaars testify to its former wealth. This was a favorite stop for our group.

Day 17: Kara Kum, Kazakhstan
All-train day crossing Kazakhstan’s Kara Kum Desert, stopping briefly at remote villages along way. Evening crossing into Russia.

Day 18: Volgograd, Russia
Stalingrad, as it was known in WWII, was the scene of one of the most horrific battles in human history. Visit sobering war memorial at site where Russia turned back Nazi advance.

Day 19: Moscow, Russia
Arrive Moscow late afternoon. Transfer to five-star centrally located hotel for two-night stay. Evening at leisure.

Day 20: Moscow, Russia
Full day touring in Moscow: St. Basil’s Cathedral, Red Square, Kremlin, Lenin’s Tomb. Alternate touring options abound.

Day 21: Moscow, Russia
Airport transfers included.

THE HIGHLIGHTS
• Grand trek across China, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Russia
• Most stylish and comfortable way to see sights rarely seen by Western travelers
• Terracotta Warriors of Xian
• Beijing’s Temple of Heaven, Forbidden City, Tianshanmen Square, Great Wall
• Viewing Samarkand’s Registan Square beautifully lit at night
• Thousand Buddha Cave Complex of Dunhuang, site of 500 grottoes carved up to 1,700 years ago
• Volgograd, formerly Stalingrad, site of the legendary WWII battle between the Nazis and the Soviet Union
• Exploring Gobi Desert by camel, including Crescent Lake
• Moscow’s Kremlin & Red Square
• Flexible touring options in Beijing, Xian, Moscow
• All meals, wine/beer with lunch and dinner, tours, airport transfers and gratuities included

“You know the ropes…. We trust your judgment. I certainly would book others with you…. Just watching you and Eleanor in action, guiding the customers, taking care of us. Absolutely professional.”
— P. Klopp, Silk Road, 2013

“Fantastic trip! Just fantastic.”
— L. Williams, Silk Road, 2013
Curtains and bedspreads are silk. Each air-conditioned compartment has a private sink, toilet and shower; they also have stereo speakers with a number of music programs available, intercom and wall-to-wall carpeting. Each sleeping car has a cozy lounge at one end, where passengers often socialize over a cup of tea.

DINING & LOUNGE CARS

The train has two restaurant cars; each serves Continental, Chinese and Indian cuisines. Off the train, Indian cuisine buffets are held in beautiful settings such as palace hotels. Dining on board or off-train is plentiful but not gourmet. Our recent travelers gave the experienced on-board staff a 10+. The lounge car’s bar is well-stocked and its small sofas provide a place to socialize over a cup of tea.

THE TOUR

Train departs Delhi each Wednesday from September to April. Board India’s popular Palace on Wheels, and see Rajasthan, “land of the Maharajas.” The tour takes in the remote, otherwise inaccessible region: desolate deserts, hills marked with fort walls, legendary pavilions—even a shimmering white palace set in the middle of a serene lake. The train travels mostly by day; nights are spent at quiet sidings.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1: Delhi A welcome ceremony is followed by dinner on board.

Day 2: Jaipur Full day in “Pink City” of Jaipur— Palace of Winds, City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar Observatory; elephant ride, lunch at Amber Fort.

Day 3: Sawai Madhopur Morning looking for wildlife in Ranthambore National Park. Afternoon tour of Agra Fort and, as your trip finale: the incomparable Taj Mahal.

Day 4: Udaipur Full day in Udaipur with its marble lake palaces. Explore the City Palace, followed by lunch at lavish palace hotel. Take in Crystal Glass museum.

Day 5: Jaisalmer Tour Jaisalmer’s yellow sand-stone fort and grand architecture. Camel ride on sand dunes. Dinner at five-star hotel.

Day 6: Jodhpur Morning visit to bird sanctuary, Bharatpur. Return to the train after lunch.

Day 7: Bharatpur/Agra Early morning arrival in Delhi. Camel ride on the sand dunes near Jaisalmer. Elephant ride to Amber Fort in “Pink City” of Jaipur. Walled “Blue City” of Jodhpur, with its massive Mehrangarh Fort and stunning Umaid Bhawan Palace.

Day 8: Delhi Early morning arrival in Delhi.
Deccan Odyssey: Indian Odyssey

THE TRAIN: Deccan Odyssey • TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

The management of the Deccan Odyssey is changing in 2014 to one of our favorite luxury operators, we are thrilled to report. The on- and off-board experience is expected to improve dramatically. Further, Deccan Odyssey will be offering more itineraries to parts of India not covered by other luxury trains. These include to Gujrat, Hyderabad & Nashik. See our website for other itineraries offered on this train.

SLEEPING CARS
The train has 11 air-conditioned sleeping cars with two cabin types. Deluxe cabins are large at 95 square feet, with four per car. They have twin beds and en-suite shower, sink and toilet. Four Presidential suites (205 square feet) each take up half a train car. These suites have large double bed, separate sitting room and two bathrooms. They can accommodate up to three adults and two bathrooms. They can accommodate up to three adults or two adults and two children. Passengers booked in Presidential suites enjoy private touring along the way. Each sleeping car has a small lounge area at one end. The train takes a maximum of 88 passengers.

 DINING & LOUNGE CARS
The Deccan Odyssey is now being managed by a renowned hospitality company, making for high-quality on-board service. The experienced staff is friendly and professional. A new kitchen car is being purpose-built for the train, scheduled to arrive in late 2014. Lovely meals are served in the two diners, Peshwa I & Peshwa II, with a choice of international and Indian cuisine. Off-train dining is often Indian cuisine. Public spaces abound. There’s a bar car with full-time bartender, and a conference car with plasma-screen TV, library and business center. Unique to this train is the spa car, which offers massage services, sauna, beauty parlour and small workout room.

THE TOUR
2014 Dates: October 18; November 15; December 13
2015 Dates: January 16; February 7; March 6; September 19
Visit some of India’s most iconic landmarks, including many UNESCO World Heritage Sites, while calling the Deccan Odyssey home. Seak in the beauty of Udaipur, the “City of Lakes,” the colorful cities of Jaipur & Jodhpur, and search for tigers in Ranthambore National Park. The breadth of India’s culture, history and incredible spirit come alive as you travel from Delhi to Mumbai.

THE ITINERARY
Day 1: Delhi to Ranthambore
Board the Deccan Odyssey in Delhi and begin your enchantingly beautiful journey, heading east.
Day 2: Ranthambore
Spend an unforgettable day in Ranthambore National Park, once the private hunting ground of the maharajas of Sawai Madhopur, and the famed yet elusive tigers, which call the park home.
Day 3: Agra
Morning arrival in Agra. Disembark to visit the iconic Taj Mahal and other architectural gems of the Mughal Empire, including the Itmad-ud-Daulah and the impressive Agra Fort.
Day 4: Jaipur
Arrive in the historic capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur, the “Pink City.” Explore the city’s forts and palaces, and take a guided walk through the colorful bazaars. This evening, celebrate your arrival in the regal lands of Rajasthan with a special dinner.
Day 5: Jodhpur
Continue your journey to the edge of the Thar Desert and the Blue City of Jodhpur. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Market and the magnificent Meherangarh Fort, famous for its several palaces, with fabulous views of the city.
Day 6: Udaipur
This morning, arrive in Udaipur and bid farewell to the Deccan Odyssey as your royal passage through the grand vistas of India comes to an end.
Day 7: Vadodara
Continue your journey to the royal city of the Gaekwads, Vadodara. Visit the famous UNESCO World Heritage Site of Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park, the magnificent Jama Masjid and the Maharaja Fateh Singh Museum. On your final evening, sample local delicacies from the royal kitchens at the Lavani Palace as you marvel at a mesmerizing folk dance performance.

THE HIGHLIGHTS
• See India from supreme comfort. The train is one of the most comfortable in the world, with its excellent management both on-board and off, two dining cars, lounge, spa car with steam bath, exercise facilities and massage room.

THE TOUR 2014/2015 PRICING
Accommodations 2014/2015
Deluxe Cabin $ 3,675 $ 5,075
Presidential Suite $ 5,513 $11,025
Rates do not include 3.09% government service tax

THEIR CONTACT IN U.S. FOR DECCAN ODYSSEY: Virtuoso.com, 2013

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Maharajas' Express: Indian Splendor

THE TRAIN: Maharajas' Express • TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

The Maharajas’ Express was custom-built to be the most luxurious train in India. Launched in 2010, it offers the largest train compartment in the world, along with state-of-the-art amenities. It carries up to 88 passengers.

SLEEPING CARS

The train offers four types of compartments. All cabins feature large picture windows, LCD television, DVD players, wardrobe, telephone, digital climate control and wireless internet access (though the connection is spotty). All have full en suite bathroom (sink, shower, toilet) and a full-time butler. Deluxe Cabins are 150 square feet and also come with either double or twin beds. They have a table and two chairs, as well as two windows: great for viewing the passing scenery.

There are two Suites, each of which measures 220 square feet and has a double bed, larger seating area separate from the bedroom, minibar, two windows and a larger bathroom, with shower and bathtub. For the full royal experience, treat yourself to the Presidential Suite—the largest train accommodation in the world. You will have an entire train car (448 square feet) to yourself and private butler. There are two bedrooms (one double bed and one with twin beds), two bathrooms (the master includes a bathtub), and a large seating area with couch, table, chairs and desk. Those in either the Suite or Presidential Suite enjoy touring by private car. Deluxe and Junior Suite guests have group touring by motorcoach.

DINING & LOUNGE CARS

The Rang Mahal (Color Palace) and Mayur Mahal (Peacock Palace) are the two beautiful dining cars. Both seat 42 passengers and offer the same multi-course menu with either Indian or continental cuisine, including a vegetarian option. The Rang Mahal has an elegantly hand-painted ceiling, the Mayur Mahal ceiling is composed of small mirrored tiles. All tableware is emblazoned with the elegant crowned “M.” Recent travelers have given the on-board food and wine good, but not exceptional, ratings. The experienced staff are always on duty. (House wine, a good, but not exceptional, selection, is included in the tour cost; top-shelf liquors, beer and liquor are included in the tour cost.)

THE ITINERARY

Day 1: Delhi to Agra
Board the Maharajas’ Express in Delhi and settle in to your spacious cabin. Dinner on board as the train sets out for Agra.

Day 2: Agra
Dinsehbar, early morning visit to the incomparable Taj Mahal and witness the sun rise over the white marble palace. Enjoy champagne breakfast overlooking the majestic monument. Free time for shopping or optional tour to ruins of Fatehpur Sikri, or Trimad ud-daulah, a Mughal mausoleum. Afternoon visit to Agra Fort. Lunch and dinner on board.

Day 3: Ranthambhore & Jaipur
Early morning safari in Ranthambore National Park, famous for its tigers, sambar, chital, nilgai, chinkara, wild boar, sloth bear, hyena, jackal and leopard. It is also a bird-watcher’s paradise. (Note: Tiger sightings are rare.) Lunch on board while traveling to Jaipur. Begin tour at Amber Fort, see its royal apartments, Chamber of Mirrors and Hall of Victory. Time for shopping. Evening Exhibition Elephant Polo Match (participation encouraged), followed by champagne dinner.

Day 4: Bikaner
Enjoy the desert scenery over breakfast. Arrive medieval city of Bikaner, once a major center in the cross-desert caravan trade. Morning at leisure on the train. Or choose an optional tour to Lalgarh Museum or Karni Mata Temple in Deshnok, where rats are worshipped. Afternoon at leisure on the train. Optional tour to Junagarh Fort, or explore the Rani’s Pleasure Gardens. Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 5: Jodhpur
Early breakfast as you arrive in the Blue City of Jodhpur. Option to visit a local village this morning. Following lunch on board, proceed on a walking tour of Jodhpur’s bustling Old Clock Tower market. Continue to the towering Mehrangarh Fort, with its intricate latticed windows and elaborately carved panels. This evening savor dinner in an exclusive venue.

Day 6: Udaipur
Enjoy a champagne breakfast as you arrive in Udaipur. Optional tour to ruins of Daulah, a Mughal mausoleum. Arrive at the incomparable Taj Mahal; see its royal apartments, Chamber of Mirrors and Hall of Victory. Time for shopping. Evening Exhibition Elephant Polo Match, followed by champagne dinner.

Day 7: Jhalawar
Arrive Jhalawar and transfer to Dinosaur Fossil Park, one of the largest in the world. Visit the Dinosaur Fossil Park. Optional tour to a nearby village to visit the incomparable Taj Mahal.

Day 8: Delhi
Arrive Delhi. Breakfast on board while traveling to Delhi. Arrive Delhi and transfer to your hotel for a post-tour stay.

THE TOUR

2014 dates: Oct 7; Nov 8; Dec 6
2015 Dates: Jan 3, 17; Feb 28; March 28; Oct 17; Nov 14; Dec 12

THE HIGHLIGHTS

• Watch the sunrise over the amazing Taj Mahal, followed by a champagne breakfast
• Travel by camel cart to a special “sundowner” party in the sand dunes, with traditional barbecued and entertainment
• Wildlife of Ranthambore, perhaps even the elusive tiger
• Explore Mehrangarh Fort, with fabulous views of Jodhpur
• Exclusive lunch with Indian royalty
• Dinosaur Fossil Park
• Gorgeous Maharajas’ Express with modern amenities

“I would be hard to conceive of a more relaxed, safe, and pleasurable way of seeing a slice of India.”

— Anthony Lambert, IRT Blog Track 25, 2014

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2014 & 2015 PRICING

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Eastern & Oriental Express: Epic Thailand

THE TRAIN: Eastern & Oriental Express
TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

In 1991, following the success of its European continental train, the Orient-Express company acquired New Zealand’s famed Silver Star, transported it to Southeast Asia and, following refurbishment, re-christened it the Eastern & Oriental Express (E&O). We think this is one of the most beautiful trains in the world, with food and service to match. The heart of the train is its experienced and outstanding staff, some of whom have served on board since it was launched. It regularly runs the 1,262 miles between Singapore and Bangkok, Thailand. We especially recommend the longer journeys, which encourage the sense of traveling in a private club, venturing out by day to the most unusual and wonderful places.

SLEEPING CARS
All cabins are air-conditioned and include private bathroom with sink, shower and toilet. They are paneled with cherry wood and elm burr with marquetry. Beds fold into comfortable seating during the day. There is 24-hour room service. The train has 30 double Pullmans; they are 62 square feet with one upper and one lower berth. There are also six single Pullmans which are 54 square feet and have one lower berth. The 28 State compartments are 84 square feet with two lower berths. Presidential Suites, with a whopping 125 square feet of space, have two lower berths, a lounge area and complimentary mini-bar stocked with your favorite drinks.

DINING & LOUNGE CARS
Breakfast and afternoon tea are served in your cabin; lunch and dinner are served in the two restaurant cars, lavishly decorated with rosewood and elm paneling. Dining on board is a highlight: the French chef well deserves international accolades for his Western-Eastern fusion styles. Dining and service match its sister train, the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express. The Observation Car, with its outdoor deck, is a favorite spot. One-third of the car is an outdoor viewing area decorated with teak. Its interior is the perfect place to enjoy cocktails amidst a veranda ambiance. It has teak wood flooring, paneled walls, rattan furniture and potted plants. The bar is open all day and late into the evening for cocktails. The pianist keeps things lively.

“We’ll be back. After such nice pampering [from IRT], we’re fans!”
Hi Angela, we…wanted to take a moment to thank you for all your efforts which went to make our trip as successful as it was. From the moment we handed our luggage to the driver at the airport in Singapore, we never had to move it again until the driver at the airport in London Heathrow. “we collected it at London Heathrow. “

The moment we handed our luggage to the driver at the airport in Singapore, we never had to move it again until the driver at the airport in London Heathrow.

Day 1: Bangkok
Arrive Bangkok’s lovely Mandarin Oriental Hotel for an overnight stay in a superior room.

Day 2: Depart Bangkok
Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the train station to meet the Eastern & Oriental Express. After a welcome reception, settle in to your private cabin with en-suite facilities, followed by dinner in one of the opulent dining cars.

Day 3: Prasat Sikhoraphum
Following breakfast, you will be escorted to a traditional Isan village to meet the residents. Visit the local temple and school, and see women weaving on home looms. You will be invited to participate in the bai sii (sacred thread) ceremony with local elders. Lunch on board. Late afternoon arrive in the small town of Sikhoraphum where you visit Prasat Sikhoraphum, a beautifully restored 12th-century Khmer temple. Enjoy a sunset cocktail reception in this perfect, tranquil setting. Informal dinner on board.

Day 4: Phanom Rung
This morning visit Phanom Rung, another majestic and highly revered 12th-century Khmer temple, which has been nominated for World Heritage status. After exploring this magnificent complex, visit a nearby village famous for its silk weavers. Return to the train for an afternoon at leisure on board, watching rural Thailand pass by. Enjoy lunch, dinner and entertainment on board.

Day 5: Chiang Mai
After breakfast, continue with your onward arrangements.

The Highlights
- Six nights on board the Eastern & Oriental Express, with exquisite meals in the restaurant cars
- Overnight in five-star Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Bangkok
- Glimpse Isan village life, including sacred ceremony with elders
- Choose your excursion in Chiang Mai
- Carriage ride to Baan Sao Nak for tea at 116-pillared traditional Thai home
- Time to enjoy the open-air observation car on the train, watching rural Thailand pass by
- Cake and “new latitude” wine tasting and lunch in the cool countryside
- Elephant camp, Buddhist temple tour or shopping in city’s best boutiques
- We can arrange anything you wish. Informal dinner on board.

Day 6: Lampang
Pony-carrige tour of Lampang, ending at historic Ban Sao Nak, “house of many pillars.” Built in 1895 on 116 pillars by a local resident, the house is now a museum. Tour the house and garden, and enjoy morning tea. Lunch on board as you travel through the breathtaking countryside. Enjoy the vistas from the open-air car, order a sunset cocktail and move to the dining car for another delicious dinner.

Day 7: Asoke Valley
Morning guided tour of Khao Yai National Park, home to wild elephants, gibbons, deer and fabulous birds. Lunch and tour at celebrated Gran Monte vineyard in scenic Asoke Valley.

Thailand’s first female oenologist, Nikki Visotha Lohitnavy, introduces this family-run estate and presents a selection of her wines. Back on board, toast a wonderful journey with a farewell cocktail party and dinner on board.

Day 8: Bangkok
After breakfast, continue with your onward arrangements.

The Itinerary
Day 1: Bangkok
Arrive Bangkok’s lovely Mandarin Oriental Hotel for an overnight stay in a superior room.

Day 2: Depart Bangkok
Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the train station to meet the Eastern & Oriental Express. After a welcome reception, settle in to your private cabin with en-suite facilities, followed by dinner in one of the opulent dining cars.

Day 3: Prasat Sikhoraphum
Following breakfast, you will be escorted to a traditional Isan village to meet the residents. Visit the local temple and school, and see women weaving on home looms. You will be invited to participate in the bai sii (sacred thread) ceremony with local elders. Lunch on board. Late afternoon arrive in the small town of Sikhoraphum where you visit Prasat Sikhoraphum, a beautifully restored 12th-century Khmer temple. Enjoy a sunset cocktail reception in this perfect, tranquil setting. Informal dinner on board.

Day 4: Phanom Rung
This morning visit Phanom Rung, another majestic and highly revered 12th-century Khmer temple, which has been nominated for World Heritage status. After exploring this magnificent complex, visit a nearby village famous for its silk weavers. Return to the train for an afternoon at leisure on board, watching rural Thailand pass by. Enjoy lunch, dinner and entertainment on board.

Day 5: Chiang Mai
Excursion options in Chiang Mai are many: a visit to an elephant camp, Buddhist temple tour or shopping in city’s best boutiques. We can arrange anything you wish. Informal dinner on board.

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The Highlights
- Six nights on board the Eastern & Oriental Express, with exquisite meals in the restaurant cars
- Overnight in five-star Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Bangkok
- Glimpse Isan village life, including sacred ceremony with elders
- Choose your excursion in Chiang Mai
- Carriage ride to Baan Sao Nak for tea at 116-pillared traditional Thai home
- Time to enjoy the open-air observation car on the train, watching rural Thailand pass by
- Cake and “new latitude” wine tasting and lunch in the cool countryside
- Elephant camp, Buddhist temple tour or shopping in city’s best boutiques
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Eastern & Oriental Express: Bangkok to Singapore

THE TRAIN: Eastern & Oriental Express
TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

Combine the Bangkok-Singapore journey with the Oraella cruise on the Ayeyarwady River (pages 38 & 39).

THE ITINERARY
Day 1: Bangkok
The Eastern & Oriental Express departs Bangkok early evening. Sip a welcome drink, then settle into your private compartment. Dine in one of the lovely dining cars as the train travels into the countryside. Retire to your cozy cabin, transformed into a bedroom by your steward.

Day 2: Wang Po & River Kwai
Awake to the excitement of the train trundling along the wooden trestle viaduct from Wang Po and onto River Kwai Bridge Station. Disembark for a cruise amid the lush greenery of the Kwai Yai River, and learn about the infamous Thailand-Burma Railway and the bridge, built in World War II. Visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre. Rejoin the train for lunch, dinner and overnight on board.

Day 3: Penang
After brunch, the train arrives at Butterworth. Disembark for the crossing to Penang and a guided tour of colonial Georgetown, with pre-World War II mosques, elaborately-roofed temples, churches, bazaars and colorful shophouses. Return to the train for dinner and your final night on board.

Day 4: Singapore
After breakfast, it’s time to leave the train, having crossed the Straights of Johor into Singapore.

THE HIGHLIGHTS
• Three nights in your luxurious Eastern & Oriental Express cabin
• Cruise with local historian to bridge over River Kwai; visit Thailand-Burma Railway Centre
• Tour of colonial Georgetown on Penang Island
• Spectacular meals on the train, which has received international accolades
• Sip cocktails and enjoy the train’s outdoor observation area

THE TOUR
There are many departures of this itinerary throughout 2014 & 2015 in each direction. The reverse itinerary is only three days. See our website for complete list of dates.

Linking Bangkok and Singapore, this Eastern & Oriental Express trip provides a satisfying taste of four great cultures: the glittering Thai temples of Bangkok and Singapore’s exciting mix of Chinese, Indian and Malay architecture and cuisine. The mid-journey visit to the famed bridge over the River Kwai is an added bonus.

2014 PRICING
Bangkok-Singapore journey
Accommodations High Season Low Season
Pullman $2,820 $2,560
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State Cabin $4,110 $3,740
Presidential Suite $6,220 $5,410

2015 PRICING
Bangkok-Singapore journey
Accommodations High Season Low Season
Pullman $2,960 $2,690
Pullman Single $2,960 $2,690
State Cabin $4,320 $3,930
Presidential Suite $6,530 $5,680

See website for full list of dates and Singapore-Bangkok journey pricing.

“Orient-Express has a great attention to detail that puts them a cut above. I think we are up to our 10th property now between trains and hotels, and as usual on this trip, we couldn’t find a nit to pick.”
— D. Allen, Eastern & Oriental Express & Road to Mandalay, 2013
Owen C. Hardy

When IRT owners and Owen & Eleanor Hardy and our group of 27 boarded the Orcaella in early 2014, David Minnerly of Texas was almost speechless. “WOW!” was his main comment. He has been everywhere, on just about every ship and train, and he said it was one of his favorite ships anywhere.

The ship boasts a small pool, fitness room, spa, bar, indoor and outdoor lounges, boutiques, fine dining and service by 40 staff members as only Belmond (Orient-Express) can provide. Accommodating only 50 guests, the four-deck river cruiser has 15 State Cabins, nine Deluxe Cabins and one Junior Suite across the Main Deck and Upper Deck. Most luxurious: two Balcony Suites. All cabins have air conditioning and private facilities. Four cabins can be interconnected.

The cruise north on the Ayeyarwady River; stop in Mingun to visit world’s largest brick-built pagoda. Welcome dinner.

Day 2: Mingun-Nwe Nyein

Disembark at Nwe Nyein for lunch at a local restaurant. Evening tribal dance performance.

Day 3: Kyan Hnyat-Katha

Morning stroll around village of Kyan Hnyat. School children greet you, and the market begins to bustle with activity.

Day 4: Katha-Shwegu

Shwe Paw Island and its ancient pagodas. Witness novitiates’ ceremony at tiny Moe Dar.

Day 5: Zinbon-Kyan Hnyat

Please note: Options of a horse-drawn cart or bicycle. Afternoon, your choice: excursions to Mount Popa—legendary home of animist spirits. Or explore on your own by horse-drawn cart or bicycle. Evening cocktail party, farewell dinner.

Day 6: Shwe Paw-Katha


Day 7: Katha-Kyan Hnyat

Evening option to take a Shwe Paw Island. Visit pagoda of Thihada.

Day 8: Kyan Hnyat-Mogok

Ride meter-gauge train through teak forests of Mogok. See elephants working in the teak forests. Travel through a lush forestry reserve. In Mogok, see elephants working in the teak forests. Visit Mount Popa, legendary home of animist spirits. Opt to hike forest or take meter-gauge train to nearby village of Zinbon. At Bhamo, visit the town center’s vibrant market of George Orwell’s Burmese Days.

Day 9: Mandalay

Mandalay city tour, including lunch at a local restaurant. Evening cocktail party, farewell dinner.

Day 10: Bagan

Day 11: Bagan-Mt Popa

Early morning option to take Shwe Paw Island. Visit pagoda of Thihada.

Day 12: Yangon

Transfer to Bagan airport for included flight to Yangon.
Sea Cloud: Gems of the Dalmatian & Greek Coasts

**THE SHIP:** Sea Cloud • **SHIP TYPE:** Luxury

**THE TOUR 2014 Dates**
All departures sold out 2015 Dates
WB: May 31-June 11; Aug. 21-Sept. 3; EB: June 10-21; Sept. 2-13 (IRT group departure)

**Owner’s Suite $22,190**
Category 1 $17,090
Category 1 Single $11,630
Category 2 $16,710
Category 3 $15,890
Category 4 $13,150
Original/Deluxe Category B $18,180
Original/Deluxe Category A $19,690

THE TITLING
Day 1: In Transit
Depart on an overnight flight*.

Day 2: Dubrovnik/Embark
Arrive in Dubrovnik, Croatia and embark on the Sea Cloud.

Day 3: Hvar, Croatia
In Hvar, one of the most attractive and lively of Croatia’s historic towns, a walking tour shows us key sites. You may also hike up to the Citadel.

Day 4: Korcula, Croatia
Sail in the morning, then explore beautiful Korcula. Visit the house believed to be Marco Polo’s birthplace, enjoy free time at Korcula’s cafés and waterfront; see a private performance of the traditional klapa dance.

Day 5: Dubrovnik, Croatia
Sail the ancient city of Dubrovnik and explore Montenegro.

Day 6: Kotor, Montenegro
We anchor off Dubrovnik’s city ramparts. There’s a private ramparts of glorious Dubrovnik. Continue to the top of the fjord for an univaled view.

Day 7: Kruje & Tirana, Albania
Dock in Durrës, drive to the ancient capital of Kruje, and visit the medieval market and Ethnographic Museum. Continue to the contemporary capital, Tirana, scattered with the vestiges of one of the longest dictatorships in Eastern Europe.

Day 8: Butrint, Albania
Visit the ancient city of Butrint, a World Heritage Site. Continue to Lekuris Castle for great views of Albania’s coastline.

Day 9: Ithaca, Greece
Few names elicit the intrigue and sense of adventure as Odysseus’ home of Ithaca. Today, the island remains off the beaten track, with gems of small Ionian villages. We’ll drive to explore the sites that link it to the era described by Homer. Afternoon sailing.

Day 10: Katakolon/Olympia
Explore the ancient site of Olympia, home of the Panhellenic Festival held here beginning in 776 BC. Return to the ship and continue south.

Day 11: Athens, Greece
Be sure to be on deck as Sea Cloud’s sails are hoisted the old-fashioned way: by hand. Sail around the Peloponnesian Peninsula.

Day 12: Athens, Greece
Disembark for flights* home, or to join the optional extension.

PRE-VOYAGE EXTENSION: Visit historic Mostar, then drive along the coast to take in Trogir, Split (4 days).

POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION: Four days dedicated to exploring the sites of Athens.

THE HIGHLIGHTS
- The fabulous Sea Cloud, a masterpiece of shipbuilding, with 30 sails measuring 32,000 sq. ft.
- Two stunning UNESCO World Heritage sites: the ancient ruins of Olympia, Greece, and Albania’s historic city of Butrint.
- Montenegro’s stunning Gulf of Kotor and Our Lady of the Rocks, a tiny islet formed from sunken fishing boats.
- The marble-paved lanes and ramparts of glorious Dubrovnik.
- Wine included with lunch and dinner; gratuities included.

*Flights not included.

“I’ve always wanted to sail on the Sea Cloud. It’s the Orient-Express of the ocean, a 1930s-era grande dame. Eleanor and I look forward to welcoming you aboard.” — Owen Hardy, IRT Founder and CEO

Owen & Eleanor Hardy CORDially Invite You to Join The Legendary Sea Cloud for an Exclusive Owners’ Choice Tour of the Dalmatian & Greek Coasts Sept. 2-13, 2015

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Lindblad Expeditions, are delighted to offer this fabulous journey.

**THE PRICE:**
Sea Cloud was built in Germany in 1931. Reputedly costing $1.2 to $1.5 million—some tens of millions in today’s dollars—she was hailed as the largest private ship ever built.

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Golden Eagle: Trans-Siberian Express

THE TRAIN: Golden Eagle • TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

The Golden Eagle, launched in 2007, earned IRT’s luxury status in 2012 and just keeps getting better and better. With its all-suite cabins, it’s always been the best way to see Siberia. Besides Moscow-Vladivostok, it ranges as far north as Russia’s Arctic and covers the Silk Road tour in Central Asia.

The “Freedom of Choice” off-train touring program continues to expand. Trans-Siberian tours now offer hiking around Lake Baikal, cooking classes in Irkutsk and walking tours of Yekaterinburg. Other tours offer cycling and horseback riding. The program appeals to repeat travelers as well as to guests who simply prefer a range of activities from which to choose.

Summer Trans-Siberian tours are steam-hauled by a P36 4-8-4 locomotive for 100 miles into or out of Moscow. And—new in 2014—the train also is steam-hauled for the side journey around Lake Baikal (conditions permitting).

Just about everything is included: transfers, sightseeing, all meals (with wine and beer)—even gratuities. In all, 58-60 staff members cater to the needs of 90 to 100 passengers.

SLEEPING CARS
All cabins have toilet, sink and shower, individually controlled air-conditioning/ heating, safe, wardrobe, DVD/CD player and TV. Beds fold into comfy seating by day.

Silver Class cabins are 60 square feet, with six compartments per car. There is a small lower double bed and upper twin bed. The Silver Class shower occupies the same space as the sink and toilet; to take a shower, the passenger draws a curtain around him- or herself. It sounds odd, but it works well. Silver is big enough for a solo traveler, but we don’t recommend it for a couple on this long journey.

Gold Class compartments, at 77 square feet, have five cabins per car. Gold Class bathrooms have under-floor heating and separate showers with curved, sliding glass door. The lower bed is double-bed width; the upper bed is a twin.

At 120 square feet, the Imperial Suite is the train’s most spacious accommodation. It has a fixed king-sized bed, dressing table and lounge area as well as a large en-suite shower and under-floor heating. It boasts two large picture windows (Silver & Gold have one). Imperial guests receive complimentary mini-bar, laundry service, dedicated butler and room upgrades at hotels (where available). They can take meals in their cabin upon request. The best perk of all, the private guide and driver dedicated to Imperial guests on most off-train tours.

DINING & LOUNGE CARS
The train has two 64-seat restaurants. The “Gold” diner is decorated with brass, elaborate indirect lighting and gleaming wood. The “White” diner is arrayed in shades of white and cream, with gold medallions and intricate carvings. A maître d’ and executive chef supervise communication and on-board service and food.

The bar car includes a piano and pianist. Bar drinks are included in Gold (standard list) and Imperial Class (premium list); drinks are additional for Silver Class passengers. The bar closes when the last guest leaves. There’s always something hopping in the bar car: a Russian lesson, singing, classical piano concert, perhaps a game of bridge.
Golden Eagle: Trans-Siberian Express Continued

“The trip was excellent. We thoroughly enjoyed it. It was better than what we had hoped for.”
— J. Varadi, Trans-Siberian Express, 2013

The Trans-Siberian Express is the big train ride—an epic 15-day journey spanning two continents and seven time zones. Travel on the world’s most famous railway on the private Golden Eagle. Most days are spent touring cities along the route; there are several wonderful and decidedly not boring all-train days. Nights are spent on board (except in top hotels on first and last nights of the tour).

Day 1: Vladivostok
Transfers included from Vladivostok airport to the Hotel Hyundai. Meet your fellow travelers at a welcome reception dinner.

Day 2: Vladivostok
Today’s city tour includes the major military attractions of this once “closed-to-foreigners” city, including a restored World War II submarine. This afternoon board the Golden Eagle train; settle into your private compartment and enjoy dinner in one of the beautiful restaurant cars.

Day 3: Khabarovsk
Leisurely morning as the train passes directly north of Seoul, Darwin and Osaka. Stop in Khabarovsk, most easterly point of our journey, for a short city tour. Rejoin the train and head west, crossing the Amur River.

Day 4: On board
Our journey today follows the Shilka and Amur Rivers, close to the Chinese border. Relax on board as the Russian scenery unfolds before you. Perhaps attend an on-board lecture or Russian language lesson. These are interesting and fun.

Day 5: On board
Today offers another opportunity to enjoy the train’s service and amenities. Practice your improving Russian or sit back and enjoy a drink (perhaps the local favorite, vodka) in the bar car, where a resident musician entertains. Enjoy all meals in the train’s lovely diners.

Day 6: Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia
Our Trans-Siberian adventure takes us into Mongolia, home of Genghis Khan. The morning trip into Ulaan Baatar is breathtaking. We visit the capital city, taking in the National Museum to learn the country’s history. Lunch is Mongol style in a traditional Ger (Yurt) where we experience an authentic meal, enjoying excellent local dishes and entertainment. Afternoon free to meet a traditional family or ride a Mongolian pony. We board the train and return to Russia.

Day 7: Ulan Ude
Afternoon arrival in Ulan Ude, where you’ll notice a fascinating change of culture and dress. At the Old Believers Village, we have the opportunity to learn about the culture and history of these communities as we are treated to a traditional meal and concert featuring local dancers and musicians.

Day 8: Lake Baikal
Today is a highlight: a fantastic adventure as we wind our way through tunnels and around cliffs along the shoreline of the world’s largest and deepest freshwater lake, Lake Baikal. We stop at one of the bays and have a barbecue at the water’s edge.

2014 Dates:
Eastbound: July 27-Aug. 10; Aug. 24-Sept. 7
Westbound: Aug. 9-23; Sept. 6-20

2015 Dates:
Eastbound: May 5-19; June 5-19; July 26-Aug. 9; Aug. 22-Sept. 5
Westbound: May 18-June 1; June 18-July 2; Aug. 8-22; Sept. 4-18

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Day 9: Irkutsk
Today we arrive in Irkutsk, the “Paris of Siberia.” Admire the city’s classic wooden architecture, and visit the Decembrist House museum, where a private concert will be given. Alternative touring options include a bicycle tour or visit to a traditional Russian dacha (cottage).

Day 10: On board
Full day on board to enjoy the train. All meals served in the restaurant cars.

Day 11: Novosibirsk
Visit the world’s largest Opera House at Lenin Square in this modern city on the River Ob. Also visit the city’s excellent railway museum.

Day 12: Yekaterinburg
Tour Yekaterinburg, last city in Asia and capital of the Urals, including the Romanov execution site and memorial. Or take a walking or cycling city tour, or visit a traditional Russian sauna. Later, the train crosses the Asia/Europe divide.

Day 13: Kazan
Mid-morning arrival in Kazan, beautiful capital of Tatarstan on the Volga River. One highlight of our city tour is Kremlin Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we’ll see the stunning mosque and magnificent onion-domed cathedral.

Day 14: Moscow
Mid-morning arrival in Moscow—the end of our 6,000-mile journey. Full-day touring this vibrant city, including Red Square. Here we see an eclectic mix of fascinating architecture: from the ornate St. Basil’s Cathedral and grand Kremlin to the somber and evocative site of Lenin’s tomb. Alternative Moscow touring options will be available, such as the Tretyakov Gallery (fine art) or excursion to Sergiev Posad. Transfer to a five-star hotel, and enjoy a farewell gala dinner.

Day 15: Moscow
Early-morning Kremlin visit if your journey arrived in Moscow on a Thursday, when the Kremlin museums are closed. Transfers to Moscow airport included.

THE HIGHLIGHTS
- Guided tours in Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Ulan Ude, Lake Baikal, Irkutsk, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg, Kazan and Moscow
- Afternoon barbecue on shore of Lake Baikal, largest freshwater lake in the world (weather permitting)
- Dinner, concert and dancing provided by the Old Believers, breakaway Eastern Orthodox sect living outside Ulan Ude
- Irkutsk, elegant home of the upper-class “Decembrist” revolutionaries exiled by Tsar Nicholas I in 1825
- Yekaterinburg, infamous execution site of Tsar Nicholas II, his wife Alexandra, their son, daughters and servants, by the Bolsheviks in 1918
- Grand Moscow’s Red Square, the Kremlin and Kremlin museum, with its Imperial jewels and Fabergé eggs
- All meals, fine wine with lunch and dinner, hotels, gratuities, off-train tours and arrival/departure transfers included
- Summer tours will be steam-hauled in or out of Moscow

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Extensions galore:
- St. Petersburg with special sightseeing and Virtuoso partner hotels with complimentary breakfast, spa visits, and upgrades
- Moscow to St. Petersburg by river cruise with our Virtuoso partners, AMA or Viking

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### Day 3: Lake Sevan & Dilijan
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### Day 4 & 5: Tbilisi & Telavi
Head from Georgia, arriving Tbilisi. The Old City of Tbilisi, or Tiflis, is the oldest part of the city containing much of its original layout, a web of winding streets and alleyways. Sites include ruins of the ancient fortress Narikala and the 13th-century Metekhi castle and cathedral. Also visit beautiful wine area in Telavi.

### Day 6: Gori & Mtskheta
Gori is one of the oldest cities in Georgia, founded in the 7th century. Joseph Stalin was born here in 1878. Visit the Stalin Museum, which includes his private railway carriage. Then on to Uplistsikhe for a barbecue lunch on the banks of the Mtkvari River with traditional music. This famous cave city dates from the sixth century BC. Late afternoon we visit the city of Mtskheta, Georgia’s old capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Golden Eagle: Caspian Odyssey

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— Virtuoso.com review, 2014
The Royal Scotsman: Classic & Western Tours

THE TRAIN: The Royal Scotsman • TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

One of the most delightful and jolly rail experiences we’ve ever had was aboard The Royal Scotsman. We love it for so many reasons: It’s a small venue—just 36 passengers. This makes you feel at home, and so pampered. The food is fabulous, as is the wine selection. And its collection of Scotch (and other spirits) in the bar is awe-inspiring. The outings range from the sublime to the challenging. Most of the train’s cars are of 1960s vintage, but they have been recast into an Edwardian confection of varnished woods, polished brass and fine fabrics. IRT guests love the open-air back deck and that the tour cost covers almost everything.

SLEEPING CARS
The five sleeping carsriages provide 16 double and four single cabins, beautifully designed with rich inlaid wood. The twin compartments are 85 square feet with two lower single beds positioned in an “L” shape; two cabins have double beds, large enough for only the most slim of couples. Four compartments are for single travelers, great news because they do not require a single supplement—a rarity on luxury trains. These 66 square feet and contain one twin bed. All cabins have large en-suite bathrooms with sink, toilet and shower. They also feature dressing table, full-length wardrobe, ceiling fans, opening windows and individually controlled heating, polishing brass and fine fabrics. Service is friendly.

DINING CARS & LOUNGE
Dining is elegant. Meals are served in the grand sweep of the moors and the gorges. The Royal Scotsman Classic Tour is a journey straight to the heart of the Scottish Highlands. Life on the train is indulgent, with the freshest, finest local produce served in the dining cars. Two highlights: a private tour and tasting at Glen Ord Distillery, and a personal tour of the magnificent Ballindalloch castle and gardens. Utterly recommend accompanying the Classic with the Western journey. These are just two of the seven immersive itineraries on this train.

THE CLASSIC TOUR ITINERARY
Day 1: Edinburgh-Keith
Check in for The Royal Scotsman at the Balmoral Hotel, located next to Waverley Station. Depart Edinburgh this afternoon, traveling north across the magnificent Forth Railway Bridge—one of the first cantilever bridges. Afternoon tea is served before arriving in the market town of Keith. Enjoy a leisurely dinner on board and perhaps a night-cap with your fellow guests in the observation car.

Day 2: Glen Ord; Plockton
First, a leisurely breakfast on board (try the haggis—at least the vegetarian haggis!). Then, visit Glen Ord Distillery, one of Scotland’s oldest, for a private tour and tasting. Continue west from Inverness to Kyle of Lochalsh, one of the most scenic lines in Britain. The line passes Loch Luschart and the sumptuous Achnashellach forest, descends to Strathcarron and runs along the edge of stunning Loch Carron. At Plockton, take a boat trip to view seals and the Isle of Skye; or enjoy a dram at the Plockton Hotel. A formal dinner is followed by entertainment on board.

Day 3: Ballindalloch
Optional visit to Eilean Donan castle before the train departs Kyle. It retraces its legendary route to Inverness, then heads south for a visit to Ballindalloch, one of Scotland’s most romantic castles. Tour the 16th-century home and gardens of the Macpherson-Grant family. Golfers can play on the estate’s course; clubs are available for rent. Return to train at Boat of Garten on private Strathspey Railway for overnight. After a formal dinner, a Highland storyteller entertains.

Day 4: Rothesmurchus; Glamis
Morning excursion to Rothesmurchus Estate; choose from activities such as fishing, clay pigeon shooting or a tour of the estate. Rojen for an informal dinner on board.

Day 5: Edinburgh
Arrive Edinburgh mid-morning.

THE WESTERN TOUR ITINERARY
The Western tour runs on Scotland’s scenic West Highland Line.

Day 1: West Highland Line
The Royal Scotsman departs Edinburgh early afternoon and heads west, skirting Glasgow before reaching Craigendoran, the starting point for the magnificent West Highland Line. Enjoy afternoon tea as the train passes Loch Lomond and Glen Falloch, with views of waterfalls, lochs and mountains. A formal dinner, then entertainment on board.

Day 2: Arisaig: Fort William Breakfast is served as train retraces its route back to Fort William. This afternoon, a Highland adventure awaits you! Meet the owners as tour guides to Glenfinnan Monument to explain the history of the famous Glenfinnan Monument and Inverlochy Castle. Energetic guests can walk to beautiful Steall Waterfall. Informal dinner on board, followed by entertainment.

Day 3: Isle of Bute
Enjoy breakfast while traveling south. At Wemyss Bay, board the ferry to Isle of Bute. View sea-shore, moorland, farmland and forest— and visit Mount Stuart, Britain’s most spectacular Victorian Gothic house. Learn about the fine private portrait collection of the MacLaine family and the grounds with the ranger. Return to the train for formal dinner.

Day 4: Edinburgh
Arrive Edinburgh mid-morning.

THE HIGHLIGHTS
• Before dinner drinks in the cozy lounge car, all included
• Wind-in-your-face viewing from the open-air platform
• Breathtaking views of moors, mountains, lakes and sea!

• Intimate setting with just 36 passengers total
• Highest levels of dining and service on board
• Fabulous off-train tours to distilleries and castles, often with the owners as tour guides
• Inspiring dramatic and musical events by Highlanders
• IRT Vantage Difference: Private transfers, sightseeing and The Balmoral with complimentary breakfast, upgrades (average added value $450 per booking)

THEMED TOURS
Country Houses & Gardens, Golf and Whisky tours on The Royal Scotsman. See appendix or website for dates/pricing. Or call IRT for details.

2014 & 2015 PRICING
• Classic Tour: $6,530 per person, double or single
• Western Tour: $5,180 per person, double or single
• Grand North West tour (both itineraries): $10,540 per person, double or single
• Save $1,170 per person when booking both tours!

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The Royal Scotsman: Grand Tour of Great Britain

THE TRAIN: The Royal Scotsman • TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

Day 1: Depart Edinburgh
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Day 2: Rothiemurchus; Strathisla Distillery
Morning at Rothiemurchus Estate. Options abound: clay pigeon shooting to wildlife walks. Rejoin the train and head north, soon arriving Culloden Battlefield, where the last battle on mainland British soil took place in 1746. This afternoon, whisky connoisseurs can visit Strathisla Distillery, home of one of Scotland’s most famous malts, Chivas Regal, for a tasting and tour. Dinner on board and overnight stabling in Dundee.

Day 3: Chester; Llanrwst
Enjoy breakfast and lunch on board as the train rolls into England, past the fringes of Lake District National Park, with its stunning scenery and abundant wildlife. Afternoon walking tour of the beautiful walled city of Chester, ending with a drinks reception at the magnificent Chester Cathedral. Re-join the train and cross into Wales. The train wends its way through Welsh valleys to Llanrwst, where you disembark for a visit of Gwydir Castle, a fine example of a Tudor courtyard house, built around 1500. See the paneled dining room dating from the 1640s following its repatriation from the New York Metropolitan Museum.

Day 4: Portmeirion; Ffestiniog
Visit the walled town of Caernarfon, with its picturesque castle. Transfer to the quaint Ffestiniog Railway, and enjoy a ride on the oldest independent railway company in the world. This narrow-gauge railway was built in the 19th century and travels past the edge of Snowdonia National Park from Porthmadog. Dinner is served back on board The Royal Scotsman as it returns to England.

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2014 Dates
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Day 7: York
Breakfast served en route to the Roman walled city of York, where you have a guided tour or free time to explore. Take in the splendor of York Minster, the largest Gothic Cathedral in Northern Europe; or admire the 700-year-old timber-frame houses on The Shambles. Railway enthusiasts should visit the National Railway Museum, home to the UK’s rail collection, including the famous Flying Scotsman locomotive. Enjoy coffee at Fairfax House, regarded as the finest Georgian townhouse in England. The train departs York traveling through Northumberland into Alnmouth, where we disembark for a private viewing of Alnwick Castle followed by an exclusive farewell dinner. The glorious medieval castle dates to 1096; Harry Potter or gardening fans will love it. Rejoin the train for your final night on board.

Day 8: Edinburgh
Tour ends upon arrival in Edinburgh mid-morning.

THE HIGHLIGHTS
• Clay pigeon shooting or a nature walk at Rothiemurchus
• Whisky tasting at Strathisla
• Walking tour of Chester; cocktail reception at Chester Cathedral
• Gwydir Castle tour with tales of its history and “hauntings”
• Narrow-gauge Ffestiniog Railway ride, the world’s oldest independent railway company
• Leisurely morning in the spa city of Bath, a UNESCO Site
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For discriminating travelers, we recommend booking a cabin suite (two double cabins connected to make 72 square feet). This way, both members of a couple get lower beds, double the space and two sinks. Important to note: on some departures, there’s no single supplement.

**DINING & LOUNGE CARS**

There are three gorgeous dining cars: one with marquetry, another with Chinese lacquered walls with brightly colored animals; and a third with Lalique crystal insets. The management of the dining cars is superb. For starters, a maitre d’ visits you during the day to reserve your table; seatings are staggered, allowing the staff to properly welcome and serve each diner. The dining experience is five-star both in food quality/variety and service. The lounge car is decorated in the Art Nouveau style. Fresh flowers adorn the tables, and a pianist entertains in the evening. It’s a perfect place to read, relax or meet fellow passengers. Later, beautiful scenery, or chatting over a glass of champagne is served at English tea accompanied by a selection of fine French pastries. Enjoy a drink in the bar car before retiring.

**Sleeping Cars**

Sleeping compartments have Pullman-style beds (one up, one down) that fold into a comfortable sofa during the day. A sink enclosed in a lovely vanity fits into the corner. All amenities are supplied. Itineraries are designed to dodge the reality that there are no showers. Do what Agatha Christie did: stop at fabulous hotels along the way.

**The ITinerary**

**Day 1: Depart Venice**

Board the splendid Wagon-Lits carriages of the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express in Venice. After settling into your cabin, sip an aperitif in the bar car and listen to the sounds of the baby grand piano before dinner in one of the beautiful restaurant cars.

**Day 2: Arrive Prague**

Breakfast is served in your cabin. Spend the morning relaxing, gazing at the beautiful scenery, or chatting with fellow passengers. Later, enjoy a three-course lunch on board. The train pulls in to Prague this afternoon. Transfer to your chosen hotel for two nights. (Hotel/transfer not included. IRT will arrange for you.)

**Day 3: Prague**

Enjoy the many attractions of one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. The medieval streets of the Old Town and Hradcany Castle contrast distinctively with the 20th-century buildings of Wenceslas Square. Take a guided tour or explore on your own.

**Day 4: Depart Prague**

Morning at leisure before rejoining the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express to Paris. Afternoon tea is served in your compartment. A leisurely four-course dinner is prepared on board by skilled French chefs. Enjoy a drink in the bar car before retiring.

**Day 5: Arrive London**

Continental breakfast is delivered to your cabin. You can disembark in Paris, but oh what a shame! If you stay on board, enjoy a delicious brunch as you continue to the French coast. After the Channel crossing, board the stately British Pullman for the trip to London. A traditional English tea accompanied by a glass of champagne is served at your table. Arrive Victoria station early evening.

**The Highlights**

- The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express itself, with lovingly restored 1920s-era cars and stellar service
- Afternoon tea on the British Pullman while traveling through the English countryside
- Free time in Prague to explore this European capital
- Delicious on-board meals
- IRT Virtuoso package Prague with transfers, special castle tour, complimentary breakfast

**2015 Pricing**

**Venice-Prague-Paris-London**

$4,080 per person, double or single
$6,340 cabin suite, per person, double

**Venice-Prague-Paris**

$3,560 per person, double or single
$5,820 cabin suite, per person, double

**2015 Pricing**

**Venice-Prague-Paris-London**

$4,200 per person, double or single
$7,000 cabin suite, per person, double

$3,670 per person, double or single
$6,470 cabin suite, per person, double

**2014 Dates**

June 6–8, Oct. 1–3

**2015 Dates**

May 20–24, Sept. 30–Oct. 4

Venice, Prague and Paris or London are yours on this fabulous journey offering two nights on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express and a glorious afternoon on the British Pullman. Two nights in Prague allow time to explore at your leisure. Solo travelers: no single supplement.
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The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express trips in and out of Istanbul are so popular, they sell out more than a year in advance. Traveling through Europe like a period Broadway musical on wheels, there’s palpable excitement at every stop. Spend three nights on board paired with two nights in five-star hotels. Food, wine, service, off-train tours, atmosphere: everything is over-the-top.

This is one of Europe’s most popular journeys. Call to be waitlisted or book now for 2015 and 2016.

THE ITINERARY:

PARIS TO ISTANBUL

2014: Aug. 29-Sept. 3

2015: Aug. 28-Sept. 2

2016: Aug. 26-31 (tentative)

Day 1: Board VSOE in Paris

Board the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express in Paris mid-afternoon. After being greeted by your steward, settle into your private cabin and relax with afternoon tea. Enjoy a gourmet dinner and overnight on board.

Day 2: Hungary

Relax and enjoy the sublime scenery as the train travels into Hungary. Continental breakfast is served in your cabin, and lunch is served in the opulent dining cars. On arrival in Budapest transfer to your luxury hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: Budapest

Enjoy a private guided tour of Budapest, with lunch at a local restaurant included. Rejoin the train late afternoon, and perhaps enjoy an aperitif in the Bar Car before dinner as the train travels into Romania.

Day 4: Sinaia; Bucharest

After breakfast, the train arrives at the mountain town of Sinaia. Disembark for a visit to beautiful Peles Castle, which was also

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— B. Segel, VSOE London-Venice, 2013

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“Your service is beyond my wildest dreams. We had not planned to spend a whole week in Turkey. I am so thrilled I’m going to be able to spend the time there. We are thrilled with all you have done for us.” — B. McCuskey, VSOE Paris-Istanbul, 2013

visited by the very first Orient-Express passengers in 1883. Rejoin the train to complete the short journey to Bucharest. On arrival transfer to the Athenée Palace Hilton Hotel where lunch is served. In the afternoon there will be a short city tour. Dinner and overnight on board the train.

Day 2: Bucharest
Continental breakfast is served in your cabin as the train travels through Bulgaria and on to Romania. After lunch onboard, VSOE arrives in Bucharest. Enjoy a tour of the city. Dinner and overnight in Bucharest at the Athenée Palace Hilton Hotel.

Day 3: Sinaia
Depart Bucharest for the short journey to the mountain town of Sinaia. Transfer to a local restaurant for buffet lunch. Then it’s on to Peles Castle, the summer home of the former King Carol. Return to the train for dinner and overnight in Bucharest at the Athenée Palace Hilton Hotel.

Day 4: Budapest
Arrive Budapest this morning. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of this city split into two parts by the Danube River. Lunch is provided before transferring to the Sofitel Hotel for an overnight stay. Dinner and overnight in Budapest.

Day 5: Venice
Rejoin the VSOE mid-morning. Lunch is served as the train crosses into Austria, arriving Vienna, where you disembark for a visit to this beautiful city. Return to the train for dinner and your final night on board.

Day 6: Venice
Enjoy breakfast while traveling through Italy. Arrive in Venice and disembark into the sparkling city. Travel by boat to Burano for an included lunch. Transfers included to Venice hotel of your choice.

THE HIGHLIGHTS
• The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express itself, with lovingly restored 1920s-era cars, five-star dining and stellar service
• Romania’s Peles Castle, one of Europe’s finest royal palaces
• A perfect mix of three overnights on the train and two nights in five-star hotels
• Musical events throughout. Examples: red-jacketed Hungarian military band greeting you at the station; charming soprano, violinist and pianist in a royal residence on the Black Sea

2014 PRICING
$ 9,000 per person, double occupancy
$17,320 single occupancy
$17,320 cabin suite, per person, double occupancy

2015 PRICING
$ 9,270 per person, double occupancy
$17,840 single occupancy
$17,840 cabin suite, per person, double occupancy
Venice Simplon-Orient-Express: Istanbul Journeys

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THE IRT VIRTUOSO DIFFERENCE

• Great boutique or fab five-star Virtuoso hotels in Paris, Istanbul or Venice with many complimentary and valuable extras

• Enjoy a custom-designed program in any of these cities just for you, with skip-the-line sightseeing and museums with expert guides

• Explore hidden neighborhoods of Paris, Istanbul or Venice

• Visit Cappadocia, Ephesus, or rent a gulet on the coast of Turkey

• Special on-board complimentary surprise from all of us at IRT
Venice Simplon-Orient-Express & British Pullman:
Romantic Italian Holiday

THE TRAIN: Venice Simplon-Orient-Express (see page 56),
British Pullman

TRAIN TYPE: Both luxury

The British Pullman is a luxury, vintage day train that completes the British leg of Orient-Express journeys between Paris and London. Passengers from the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express disembark in Calais, France, and board a special Orient-Express bus for the short “piggyback” train ride through the Eurotunnel to Folkestone. There, they board the British Pullman for the ride to London’s Victoria station.

The British Pullman, along with its “sister” train the Northern Belle, also operates a full array of day trips, many of them with themes such as castles, gardens, historic houses, romance and Christmas. Of special interest to railfans are the train’s steam-hauled trips. Call for details.

DINING CARS
The British Pullman comprises 11 lovingly restored luxury cars from the 1920s and 1930s, all sporting an elegant cream and burnt umber livery. Each car seats 20-26 passengers; the train’s total capacity is 226. Passengers are seated at tables for two or four, although one car has a limited number of single tables and tables for three. Several have private “saloons.”

Each car has its own name, décor and history. “Minerva” and “Perseus,” for example, were used to bring foreign dignitaries to Queen Elizabeth II’s coronation in 1953. “Perseus” also was used in Winston Churchill’s funeral train in 1965. The Queen Mother used “Phoenix” on many occasions, while “Audrey” was regularly used by members of the Royal Family between 1951 and 1964. “Zena,” meanwhile, was a star in the 1976 film “Agatha.” Dining is high art on the train. Tables are set with starched white cloth, shining silverware and glittering crystal. Each meal is accompanied by fine wines and champagnes selected by the train sommelier. A typical luncheon menu: seasonal soup served with chive crème fraîche; seared fillet of herb-encrusted salmon, braised broad beans and smoked bacon; baby new potatoes with a Noilly Prat sauce; chocolate Jaffa Cake tart. A typical tea menu might include finger sandwiches, warm scones with Devonshire clotted cream and strawberry jam; afternoon tea pastries; a broad selection of tea and Colombian coffee.

“Nestled on a hilltop surrounded by trees and terraced gardens, the Villa San Michele overlooks the city of Florence spread out before you like a sepia-toned Renaissance map.” — Owen Hardy, IRT CEO, VSOE Romantic Italian Holiday
THE TOUR

Day 1: Florence
Private transfer included from Florence airport or rail station to the Villa San Michele. Dating from the 15th century, with a façade attributed to Michelangelo, the hotel must be one of the most romantic places in the world. Afternoon at leisure—stroll the Italian gardens or relax in your reserved, first-class suite. We will arrange your private transfer by boat to the legendary Cipriani, one of the world’s most famous hotels. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore the grounds. Enjoy the swimming pool, tennis courts and the Casanova Beauty & Wellness center, offering a range of services. Stroll the gorgeous garden, blooming with roses. The hotel offers several dining venues—our favorites were the formal dining, now called Ozo, and the very popular and informal “Cip’s Club.” A great spot at sunset. (Please let us reserve for you well in advance.)

Day 2: Florence
Start your day with a sumptuous breakfast alfresco; an incredible buffet of Italian delicacies awaits you. Then spend the day exploring Florence. A private car and guide are at your disposal for a personal, four-hour tour. Visit the Duomo, made of green, pink, and white marble; the Ponte Vecchio, bridging the River Arno, built in 1345; the Pitti Palace, Florence’s largest palace; the Uffizi Gallery, the world’s top repository of Renaissance masterpieces; Boboli Gardens, or the Galleria dell’Accademia, which houses Michelangelo’s “David.”

Day 3: Venice
Morning transfer to the railway station. Board the high-speed Eurostar Italia to Venice and relax in your reserved, first-class seat. We will arrange your private transfer by boat to the palatial Cipriani Hotel in Venice. The gardens, pool and dining at the Cipriani Hotel is one of the world’s most famous hotels. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore the grounds. Enjoy the swimming pool, tennis courts and the Casanova Beauty & Wellness center, offering a range of services. Stroll the gorgeous garden, blooming with roses. The hotel offers several dining venues—our favorites were the formal dining, now called Ozo, and the very popular and informal “Cip’s Club,” a great spot at sunset. (Please let us reserve for you well in advance.)

Day 4: Venice
Today is reserved for your personal half-day tour of Venice. Perhaps you would like a walking tour of "La Serenissima"—the Most Serene Republic of Venice. Or take in the city’s most famous sights: the Piazza San Marco, Accademia Gallery, St. Mark’s Cathedral and Doge’s Palace. IRT guests have loved visiting Murano with its guide to shop for special glass. The rest of your day is at your leisure. Nothing beats a ride on an ordinary "vaporetto"—water taxi—to take in the sights. Highly recommended is the Café Florian, on St. Mark’s Square, founded in 1720. Return to the Cipriani via the 24-hour vintage speedboat shuttle, docked right by San Marco’s Square.

Day 5: Venice Simplon-Orient-Express
After breakfast, transfer by boat to Santa Lucia Station. Proceed to the waiting Venice Simplon-Orient-Express and settle in to your compartment. Soon, you will make your way to one of the dining cars for a sumptuous lunch. Enjoy your leisure day on board as the train travels through the beautiful scenery of the Italian Dolomites and the Swiss Alps. Afternoon tea is served in your compartment. After an exquisite four-course dinner, you may want to relax in the lounge car, while conversing with other guests and listening to the strains of Cole Porter or George Gershwin, courtesy of the on-board pianist.

Day 6: British Pullman
Continental breakfast is served in your compartment. A delicious brunch is served in the dining car as you travel onwards to London. At Calais Ville, coaches shuttle you through the tunnel and on to Folkstone, where you will join the British Pullman train for the trip to London. Enjoy afternoon tea with wine and a glass of champagne. The train arrives into London’s Victoria station early evening.

THE HIGHLIGHTS
- The gardens and pool of the five-star Villa San Michele, a former monastery overlooking the Mediterranean
- The gardens, pool and dining at the palatial Cipriani Hotel in Venice, blissfully removed from crowds
- Watching the mountain scenery pass by from your cozy compartment on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express
- Afternoon tea, wine and champagne on the British Pullman to London
- Five-star dining on the trains
- Private guide/driver for half-day each in Florence and Venice
- Note: All attractions subject to closing days
- IRT Virtuoso Difference: We can extend number of nights, add London, get timed tickets to popular museums, order a sunset gondola—take advantage of our access!
The 52-passenger El Transcantábrico Clásico train started in 1983. In April 2011, Gran Lujo, a brand-new Transcantábrico, was added. It features all Deluxe Suites, each occupying half a train car. Due to the size of the large suites, the Gran Lujo takes only 28 passengers. Both trains traverse Northern Spain along narrow-gauge tracks and are operated by RENFE (Spanish Railways). Overnights are spent at quiet sidings on both trains.

SLEEPING CARS

Clásico Train: This train set has six sleeping cars, each with four double compartments at 65 square feet. Each has en suite toilet, sink and shower (with sauna-hydro massage), mini-bar, closet and desk. All rooms have double beds (not queen size); three also have a small upper bunk. This is a narrow-gauge train, making onboard accommodations tiny. Gran Lujo Train: Compartments are 129 square feet and have private, en suite toilet, sink and shower (with sauna-hydro massage), minibar, safe, closet and desk. Each has double bed (four have two twins) and separate lounge area with long sofa, lots of storage, flat-screen television and computer with wi-fi access (accessibility limited).

DINING & LOUNGE CARS

The focus of both El Transcantábrico journeys is Northern Spain’s food and wine. IRT’s Owen & Eleanor Hardy and Angela Walker loved both trains, staff, and the towns visited, not to mention the dining (and Spanish wines!). Our advice: pace yourself with all the food, wine and sightseeing. Skip a meal and have soup in a small café and go to bed early. Most of the dining is very late and meals are long. Some meals are on board, others in local restaurants. All meals and wine are included; bar drinks are additional.

El Transcantábrico has four public cars where you can relax, enjoy the scenery, socialize, read or play one of the many board games. There are two handsome salon cars, where a buffet breakfast is served, as well as a bar car and pub car with dance floor; entertainment is provided nightly. El Transcantábrico is flat and level, making it a great train for wheelchair passengers. The main complaint: too much food! Days can be long with a considerable amount of walking. Tours are conducted in several languages.

“I loved breakfasts on board the El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo, with offerings such as made-to-order crepes and delicious, fresh Iberian ham!”
— Angela Walker, IRT

We recommend couples book two rooms on the Clásico so you can spread out. The earlier you book, the closer you are to dining and lounge cars.

THE IRT VIRTUOSO DIFFERENCE

• Virtuoso partner hotels in Santiago, Leon and in San Sebastian with great pricing, and complimentary and exclusive benefits including breakfast, dining credit, access to the Cathedral, upgrades
• River cruise with our Virtuoso partner AMA or Viking on the Douro River
• Ocean cruises with Regent in/out of Barcelona
“It is a first-class operation. The train is very well done. The accommodations are very comfortable… On-board service was excellent. The scenery was very pleasant, and the bus tours very well run… we very much enjoyed the cosmopolitan nature of the passengers.”
— J. West, El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo, 2013

El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo: Northern Spain, Santiago-San Sebastian

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2014 & 2015 Pricing - Gran Lujo

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Enjoy breakfast as the train enters Cantabria. Our motorcoach takes us along the gorge of La Hermida, the Cantabrian peaks surrounding us, to the monastery of Sant Toribio de Liébana. The monastery is one of only five places of Christianity that has the privilege of perpetual indulgences, possessing the largest surviving piece of the True Cross. Time to visit charming Potes followed by lunch. Continue to Cabezón de la Sal for dinner and overnight.

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Morning and lunch in medieval Santillana del Mar including Altamira Cave and Museum. The site features a reproduction cave with wall paintings done 14,000 years ago. Train to Santander for dinner, tour and optional visit to local casino.

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El Transcantábrico Clásico: Northern Spain: Santiago-León

THE TRAIN: El Transcantábrico Clásico

TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

"It was truly a wonderful trip. I absolutely loved the train...the guide you got for us in Madrid: She was excellent." — R. Menzies, El Transcantábrico Gran Lujo, 2013

Owen C. Hardy

2015 PRICING - CLÁSICO

HIGH SEASON (MAY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER)

Accommodations Booked 6+ Booked 4-6 Regular

| Double Cabin | €2,822 | €2,578 | €2,850 |
| Single Cabin | €4,213 | €4,668 | €4,703 |

LOW SEASON (MARCH, APRIL, JULY, AUGUST, OCTOBER)

| Double Cabin | €2,565 | €2,708 | €2,850 |
| Single Cabin | €3,848 | €4,062 | €4,275 |

Tour price in Euro (€). Please call for approximate U.S. dollar price. Call or see website for 2015 pricing.

THE TOUR 2014 & 2015 Dates

Departs most Saturdays, late March through October in either direction between Santiago and San Sebastián. See website for complete list of dates.

El Transcantábrico Clásico narrow-gauge train pokes along 400 miles of incredible scenery across northern Spain, skirting coastline, meandering among mountains, following rivers and running along deep canyons. Program includes onboard buffet breakfast and day touring by motorcoach to restaurants and sites not reachable by train. This itinerary uses the Clásico train set.

THE ITINERARY

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Day 4: Gijón-Llanes Travel to Picos de Europa National Park, a tour highlight. Visit the Neo-Caves of Altamira with its impressive museum. Continue on to Santillana del Mar for lunch and walking tour of this medieval city. Train to Santander, dinner, city tour and optional visit to local casino.

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Day 7: Mataporquera-Cistierna Enjoy a walk on Cathedral’s Beach among the giant rock formations. All meals and off-train tours included except where noted; gratuities not included. IRT Virtuoso Difference: Let us book your extensions pre- and post in historic Paradors with complimentary add-ons.

Day 8: Cistierna-León Enjoy final breakfast on board as the train travels to León. Our city tour includes San Isidro, the Cathedral, Botines, Old Quarters and San Marcos. The program is over by about 2 p.m.
Al-Andalus: Andalusia by Train

THE TRAIN: Al-Andalus • TRAIN TYPE: Luxury

Southern Spain’s opulent, broad-gauge Al-Andalus returned to the rails May, 2012, and IRT’s Angela Walker gave it a great rating. With its 1920s-era cars newly renovated, the Al-Andalus includes bar, lounge and two dining cars, as well as all-ensuite cabins. The train combines stellar service, exquisite Art Deco styling and excellent cuisine for a unique tour of Andalusia.

SLEEPING CARS

The Al-Andalus has seven recently remodeled all en-suite sleepers, five of which were built in France in 1929. Those carriages were used by the British Royal Family on their journeys from Calais to the Cote d’Azur. The train’s Belle Epoque decoration has been enriched by several recent additions, with cutting-edge technical upgrades.

Each standard suite has two twin lower beds, safe, closet and private bathroom with shower, sink and toilet. The superior suites have a double bed, minibar, safe, closet, and full bathroom. During the day, the beds can be folded into comfortable couches, offering a space for reading or to enjoy the landscape in a private lounge. All suites are separately air-conditioned. Most nights the train is stabled.

DINING & LOUNGE CARS

The Al-Andalus has four railway gems: its lounging dining cars from 1928 and 1930. These common spaces are devoted to the leisure and comfort of train travel.

The two dining cars have tables for two or four. A buffet breakfast is served on board daily; one lunch and two dinners are also served on board. Service and meals are top-notch, featuring local specialties and Spanish wines.

The bar car has a dance floor, bar and armchairs. It features live entertainment two nights during the journey. The lounge car, in beautiful light greens and grays, has large couches, tables and chairs. Games and books are provided, and there is a computer with internet connectivity for guest use.

“Oh, the places you go! It’s so fantastic. The places you go are wonderful...

“I highly recommend it. We were able to get into places, where ordinarily there are so many lines, such as the Alhambra. Each place we stopped at was so interesting.” — M.A. Hall, Al-Andalus, 2013

High-speed AVE trains (above) connect Seville to Madrid in only 2.5 hours or to Barcelona in 5 hours.
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Tour priced in Euro (€). Please call for approximate U.S. dollar price.

THE TOUR

2014 & 2015 Dates
Departs most Mondays, mid-March through October. See website for full list of dates.

Day 1: Seville & Cadiz
Board the Al-Andalus at Seville’s Santa Justa Station. After onboard welcome reception, tour Seville including the Cathedral, largest Gothic building in Europe. Lunch in Seville; return to the train and travel to Cadiz, where you can enjoy free time before dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner, the train travels to Jerez for overnight.

Day 2: Jerez
Breakfast on board, followed by a visit to a winery in Jerez, the birthplace of Sherry. Then visit the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art, where you will enjoy the “Andalusian Horse Dancing” show. Lunch in Jerez, followed by free time. Enjoy the lush beauty of the Sherry region as the train arrives in Ronda. This amazing and picturesque city clings to the edge of a huge escarpment known as El Tajo, and is joined by a bridge that crosses the canyon. It is the birthplace of bullfighting, with a history dating back to Roman times. Enjoy free time after your included lunch in Ronda. Return to the train for dinner while traveling to Granada, where the train stops overnight.

Day 3: Ronda
Enjoy the Mezquita, or Great Mosque.

Day 4: Granada
Morning dedicated to visiting the incomparable Alhambra and its captivating “Generalife” Gardens. Described by Moorish poets as “a pearl set in emeralds,” the Alhambra’s Moorish palaces were built for the last Muslim Emirs in Spain. After Ferdinand and Isabella conquered this fortress, they were shocked to experience the astounding beauty of architecture, the spirituality of the writings on the walls, not to mention the amazing fountains and baths fed by five miles of conduit from the river. Plenty of time to explore the Alhambra, followed by lunch in the palace grounds. In the afternoon, enjoy free time in Granada, the beautiful city at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains and at the confluence of three rivers. Also visit the quarters of Albaicín, Sacromonte and its Cathedral, the first Spanish Renaissance church. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, followed by a stirring flamenco performance.

Day 5: Baeza & Úbeda
After breakfast, arrive in Renaissance city of Baeza, whose province, Jaen, is the center of the world’s olive oil industry. Travel by coach to visit the world’s olive oil industry in Jaen province, Jaen, is the center of the world’s olive oil industry. Travel by coach to visit the Olive Oil Museum, followed by a history dating back to Roman times. Enjoy free time after your included lunch in Ronda. Return to the train for dinner while traveling to Granada, where the train stops overnight.

Day 6: Córdoba- Seville
This morning take in Córdoba, wandering its labyrinthine alleys and visiting the famous Mezquita, or Great Mosque.
THE TRAIN: Danube Express • TRAIN TYPE: First Class

THE TOUR May 6-12, 2015

The Society of IRT was among the first to celebrate the union between the Danube Express and its new operator, Golden Eagle Luxury Trains. Space on this Seasonal Sale is all-inclusive and culturally rich. A fascinating journey through an enthralling history of the Ottoman Empire. See the renowned stone arch bridge, rebuilt in 2004, linking the ancient town centers. For a thrilling ride into the Puszta, visit the Cave Temple and the famous rose oil production. Visit Shipka Memorial and a Thracian tomb. Visit the ancient town of Belgrade. Enjoy a farewell dinner and overnight at the Four Seasons Gresham Palace.}

Day 7: Brasov and Sighisoara

Overnight on board en route to Romania. Day 8: Bratislava and Sighisoara

Overnight the train twists and turns as it climbs over the Carpathian Mountains. Arrive in Brasov for a tour of Bran Castle (‘Dracula’s Castle’). This beautiful 14th-century building is situated amongst stunning mountain scenery. After lunch on board, take a walking tour of Sighisoara, a World Heritage site and one of the best preserved fortified medieval towns in Europe. Burgher houses and oriel windows dot its cobblestone streets.

Day 9: Budapest

Transfer to Budapest airport or train station included. SPECIAL VISIT TO THE TUNNEL MUSEUM UNDER THE PUSZTA

• Steam haulage (conditions permitting)
• Traditional Puszta Horse Show
• Excursion to Dracula’s Castle
• Kazanlak tour including visit of a Thracian tomb
• Mighty Kalemgasan Fortress
• The Romantic Hungarian Capital

St. Matthias Church and city view from Gellert Hill. Enjoy a farewell dinner and overnight at the Four Seasons Gresham Palace.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

• Travel through eight European countries, with seven nights on board the Danube Express
• Special visit to the Tunnel Museum under Sarajevo Airport with a guide who lived through the siege of the city
• Walking tour of Zagreb’s ‘Kaptol’
• Mighty Kalemgasan Fortress in Belgrade
• Kazanlak tour including visit of a Thracian tomb
• Traditional Puszta Horse Show
• Overnight at the five-star Four Seasons Gresham Palace
• Steam haulage (conditions permitting)
You’ll visit some of Europe’s most fascinating and unexplored places. The Venice hotel is one of our favorites, and the Pera Palace in Istanbul is historic and recently renovated.

**Days 1 & 2: Venice**

Arrive Venice. Private transfer included to magnificent Belmond Hotel Cipriani for two-night stay. Walking tour of major Venice highlights included.

**Day 3: Trieste**

Board the Danube Express at Santa Lucia Station. Spend a relaxing day on board as the train skims Italy’s eastern edge. Arrive Trieste mid-afternoon and tour the main town square. Cross into Slovenia after dinner on board.

**Day 4: Ljubljana & Zagreb**

Arise early to experience the scenic stretch of railway to Ljubljana. Morning in this grand old city and depart for Zagreb, Croatia for an afternoon tour. Evening departure for Bosnia.

**Day 5: Sarajevo & Mostar**

Tour beautiful, tragic Sarajevo this morning. Continue to Mostar, a small medieval town in northern Herzegovina. A fascinating day exploring this beautiful yet war-torn region.

**Days 6 & 7: Dubrovnik**

Morning arrival in Culapina, where we board a motorcoach for two-hour scenic drive across the border into Croatia and Dubrovnik, a stunningly intact walled city on the Adriatic Sea coast where you’ll spend the rest of the day.

**Day 7: Belgrade**

Following an overnight trip on the train from Culapina, cross the border into Serbia and arrive in lively Belgrade. Spend the day touring this cosmopolitan capital city, including the mighty Kalemegdan Fortress. Depart early evening for Macedonia.

**Day 8: Skopje**

Morning tour of Skopje, which Lonely Planet describes as “among Europe’s most entertaining and eclectic small capital cities.” Return to the train, with afternoon stop in Thessaloniki, Greece. Continue to Bulgaria.

**Day 9: Sofia & Plovdiv**

Arrive Sofia early morning, and spend a half day exploring this charming Eastern European capital city. Early afternoon arrival Plovdiv, a picturesque town, with many gardens, museums and archaeological monuments.

**Days 10 & 11: Istanbul**

Cross the Turkish border in the wee morning hours and arrive Istanbul mid-morning. Spend two nights in Istanbul at Pera Palace Hotel, built in 1892 to cater to Orient Express guests.

**Day 12: Depart Istanbul**

Airport transfers included.

**THE TOUR: VENICE-ISTANBUL**

**2015 Dates**

July 3-14 (Istanbul-Venice) July 11-22 (Venice-Istanbul)

This brand-new Danube Express itinerary is so exciting, we know IRT travelers will love it. You’ll visit some of Europe’s most fascinating and unexplored places. The Venice hotel is one of our favorites, and the Pera Palace in Istanbul is historic and recently renovated. Tour operates in both directions. We show it here starting in Venice because so many IRT travelers like to add extensive sightseeing in Turkey post-train. Please call our IRT Concierge Desk to find out more.

Add the British Pullman & Venice Simplon- Orient-Express overnight service London-Venice or vice versa. What a way to go!

**THE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Eight countries, six capitals
- Tour by survivor of 1990s Bosnian war in Sarajevo, which endured the longest siege in modern warfare
- Dubrovnik, fabled 700-year-old city on the Mediterranean
- Belgrade, former Yugoslavian capital, with its medieval tombs, Turkish baths and Celtic fortifications
- Dinner in Thessaloniki’s Aristotelous Square
- Plovdiv, Bulgaria, one of Europe’s oldest cities

**THE TOUR: ISTANBUL-BUDAPEST**

**2015 Dates**

June 10-17 (Istanbul-Budapest) June 29-July 6 (Budapest-Istanbul)

Explore Eastern Europe on this week-long itinerary from Istanbul to Budapest (or reverse) taking in Bulgaria and Romania. Travel through the dramatic Carpathian Mountains, visit an ancient tomb and see Dracula’s Castle.

**Day 1: Istanbul**

Included transfer from Istanbul airport to iconic Pera Palace Hotel for a two-night stay.

**Days 2 & 3: Istanbul**

Sightseeing in Istanbul: Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque and Grand Bazaar. Late afternoon of Day 3, depart Istanbul on the Danube Express.

**Day 4: Kazanlak; Veliko Turnovo**

Train to Kazanlak, situated in the Valley of Roses. Visit ancient vaulted Thracian tomb dating to 4th century BC. Lunch on board while driving over the Shipka Pass to Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria’s ancient capital. Tour superbly preserved medieval Tsarevets Hill and Castle. Dinner on board.

**Day 5: Brasov & Sighisoara**

Overnight on the train as it climbs over the Carpathian Mountains. Arrive in Brasov for a tour of the Bran Castle, “Dracula’s Castle.” Lunch on board as we continue to Sighisoara, where we have a walking tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, one of the best-preserved fortified medieval towns in Europe. Dinner, overnight on the train.

**Day 6: Kecksenet & Budapest**

Arrive Kecksenet, geographical center of Hungary. A steam engine is scheduled to be added for travel to Lajosmizse for spectacular puszta horse show. Afternoon arrival in Budapest; welcome reception in the Royal Waiting Room at the station. Transfer for two-night stay at fabulous Four Seasons Gresham Palace.

**Day 7: Budapest**

See highlights of Budapest on half-day sightseeing tour. Afternoon at leisure. Farewell dinner.

**Day 8: Depart Budapest**

Airport transfers included.

**THE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Two nights at Budapest’s Pera Palace, built for Orient-Express guests such as Agatha Christie
- Bran Castle, reputed castle of Count Dracula
- Sighisoara, one of Europe’s best-preserved medieval towns
- Steam-hauled train ride (conditions permitting)
- Hungarian puszta horse show
- Two nights Budapest’s five-star Four Seasons Gresham Palace

**2015 PRICING: VENICE TO ISTANBUL**

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The spectacular Bernina line was completed in 1910 and is run by Rhätische Bahnen. Beginning in Chur, St. Moritz or Davos, it passes the glaciers of Piz Bernina, making it the highest railway crossing in the Alps. It travels over 38 miles, climbing grades of up to 7%—without rack and pinion—to more than 7,391 ft at the Bernina Pass summit, and drops down to just 1,408 ft at Tirano, Italy. One minute, it seems, you’re above the treeline in a frozen wasteland; the next, you’re zooming to a landing, like in an airplane, into a subtropical Italian paradise.

Bernina Express trains have spacious first- and second-class Panorama cars. You won’t be sitting long, however. The train passes over viaducts as high as 295 ft, twists through the Alps for 186 miles, and soars over 80 bridges, through six tunnels and rich alpine flora. (Optional train de pot tour, engineer course.) Or venture to the highest railway station in Europe aboard the world-famous Jungfrau Railway. Views of Eigerg, Monch, Jungfra peaks from 13,198 ft station.

Super Panoramic Express trains also have a special, eight-passenger viewing area in the front of the train, above the driver, for the ultimate in ringside seats.

The Swiss proudly hail the Glacier Express as the world’s slowest express train. It takes almost eight hours and the services of two private, narrow-gauge railroads to traverse the 200 miles of tracks, and mastering the 6,660-foot pass ending in Zweisimmen. The so-called “Golden Pass Route” continues on the standard-gauge Bern-Litzelsberg-Simplon railway to Spiez, and then on to Interlaken, over the Brünig Pass, to the shores of Lake Lucerne. Covering a distance of almost 150 miles, it is one of the world’s most scenic railway journeys. Besides its regular passenger services, the MOB runs the plush Golden Pass Panoramic Express and ultra-modern Golden Pass Super Panoramic Express. The latter boasts vista-dome cars for maximum viewing of the spectacular mountain scenery. Super Panoramic Express trains also have a special, eight-passenger viewing area in the front of the train, above the driver, for the ultimate in ringside seats.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1: Zurich-Lucerne

Day 2: Lucerne, Mt. Rigi
Train to Goldau, then take Mt. Rigi cogwheel train for round trip to summit for great views (weather permitting). Optional train depot tour*. Lake Lucerne boat cruise. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 3: Mt. Pilatus
Cruise Lake Lucerne to Alp-nachstad for trip up Mt. Pilatus via world’s steepest cogwheel railway. Descend mountain via gondola, cable car.

Day 4: Furka Steam train
Regular train to Realp. Board Furka Steam Railway for two-hour trip to Gletsch. (Optional train depot tour*). Travel behind 80-year-old steam engine via railcayway—over bridges, along rushing waters and finally, down valley with views of Rhone Glacier. Board postal bus to Mergingen and change for train to Interlaken.

Day 5: Interlaken
Interlaken day at leisure. Opt for train excursion at additional cost. Brner Rothorn steam train covers 4.6 miles, passing through six tunnels and rich alpine flora. (Optional train de pot tour, engineer course.) Or venture to the highest railway station in Europe aboard the world-famous Jungfrau Railway. Views of Eigerg, Monch, Jungfra peaks from 13,198 ft station.

Day 6: Centovalli Train
Regular train Interlaken to Domodossola via Spiez. Change to Centovalli Railway for scenic ride through Italy to Locarno. Centovall—a “hundred valleys”—offers views of spectacular waterfalls, vineyards, palm tree-lined lakes below. Continue to Italian-influenced Lugano. Enjoy alpine scenery in pedestrain-only historic city center.

Day 7: Lugano
At leisure in Lugano. Suggest excursion: Mt. Generoso cogwheel railway for mountain views (steam train on select Sun-days); stop off at Melide for Swiss Miniature, where 127 miniature Swiss buildings are on display, along with over two miles of railway track and model trains, funiculars and cable railways.

Day 8: Bernina Express
Return to Zurich for flight home if taking only 9-day tour. Postal bus transfer to Montreux. Board Bernina Express for dazzling, four-hour trip to Chur. Cross 196 bridges, travel through 55 tunnels. Spectacular glacier, forest scenery, including Illinioos’s Circular Viaduct, Land.; wasser Viaduct. Overnight Chur.

Day 9: Chur

Day 10: Glacier Express
Ride entire Glacier Express route Chur-Zermatt. Take in Alpine scenery from large picture window and enjoy lunch served at your seat. Overnight Zermatt.

Day 11: Gornegrat/Matterhorn
Ride Gornegrat Railway to summit. View breathtaking, circular panorama of 12,000-foot mountains within 9-mile radius. Admire Alp in all their majesty, including world-famous Matterhorn (weather-permitting). Optional train depot tour*.

Day 12: Zermatt-Martigny
Car train/postal bus excursion to train depot tour*.) Or optional Blanchin/Praz de Volpey trip to Europe’s highest rail station.

Day 15: Zurich
Take one of many trains from Zurich to airport for flight home.

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THE TOUR

Available year round. May & September are recommended.

Note some trains or excursions may be changed during the winter.

These independent journeys include four of Switzerland’s most scenic train routes. A steam railway adds a historic element, and the mountain railways are impressive engineering feats. You’ll never stop looking out your train window or taking photos! Available as an 8-day or a 15-day tour.

PART II: Bernina Express
(Repeat the tour for 14- or 21-day tour)

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THE HIGHLIGHTS

• famed Glacier and Bernina Express rides over scenic routes
• Golden Pass Line, running along six lakes from Spiez to Lucerne
• Rigi and Pilatus mountain views
• Furka Steam trip behind 80-year-old locomotive
• Gornegratbahn, with views from 10,000 feet above sea level
• Scenic Centovalli trip into Italy
• Mt. Blanc Express into France or St. Bernard Express to 8,000-foot pass
• Numerous shop/depot visits available upon request

*Optional Blanchin/Praz de Volpey trip to Europe’s highest rail station.
The Flåm Railway is one of the world's steepest railway lines on normal gauge. The gradient is 55/1000 on almost 80% of the line—a gradient of 1:18. The twisting tunnels that spiral in and out of the mountain are manifestations of the most daring engineering in Norwegian railway history. Pass through 20 tunnels—18 of which were drilled by hand. The railway recently underwent a face-lift; its new fleet of trains, in forest green livery, comprises five new interiors and a unique guide and loudspeaker service.

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The Flåm Railway

**THE TRAIN**

Flåm Railway

**TRAIN TYPE**

First Class & Standard Class

With the Flåm Railway, you're what you see outside that counts. In about an hour, the line climbs some 2,833 feet from Flåm station, nestled in the innermost corner of the Aurlandfjord, to the mountain station at Myrdal on the Bergen Railway. On the 12.4-mile-long ride, you'll see rivers that cut through deep ravines, waterfalls cascading down the sides of steep, snow-capped mountains and fjords clinging dizzyly to sheer slopes. The Flåm Railway is one of the world's steepest railway lines on normal gauge. The gradient is 55/1000 on almost 80% of the line—a gradient of 1:18. The twisting tunnels that spiral in and out of the mountain are manifestations of the most daring engineering in Norwegian railway history. Pass through 20 tunnels—18 of which were drilled by hand. The railway recently underwent a face-lift; its new fleet of trains, in forest green livery, comprises five new interiors and a unique guide and loudspeaker service.

THE TOUR

2014 Dates

June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 4, 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8

2015 Dates

June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7

Travel on some of the most well-maintained railway systems in Europe while witness- ing truly outstanding scenery. Our tour begins in Stockholm, then travels one of the most northerly lines in the world, crossing the Arctic Circle. Then we enjoy an in-depth exploration of southern Norway's fjords and scenic railways, ending in the cultural capital of Oslo. Four includes Flåm, Bergen and Rauma Railways! Note: This is a budget-oriented tour that requires stamina and the ability to carry your own luggage.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1: London to Stockholm Included flight* from London to Stockholm, where you spend two nights at the Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel, close to historic Old Town. Afternoon sightseeing tour of the modern city and the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (the Old Town).

Day 2: Stockholm Today is at your leisure to explore Sweden's lively capital. Perhaps take a boat cruise along its waterways. We particularly recommend visiting the Vasa, a royal flagship recovered from the seabed after sinking in the harbor on her maiden voyage in 1628, now a superb museum.

Day 3: Inland to Östersund Departing Stockholm we head inland by InterCity train to Östersund, nestled on the shore of Lake Storsjön, Sweden’s fifth largest lake. Here we stay for one night at the Best Western Gamla Stanet.

Day 4: The Inlandsbanan, Arctic Circle and Lapland Take the Inlandsbanan tourist train through Sweden’s landscape of lakes and forests to the unmarkt wilderness of Lapland. After crossing the Arctic Circle into the “Land of the Midnight Sun” we enjoy a light dinner with local Sami specialties before transferring to the Hotel Jokkskils, set in the heart of this World Heritage region.

Day 5: The Ofoten Railway Transferring through Laponia to Gallivare, we continue on the Ofoten Railway—one of the most northerly lines in the world—past sheer drops down to fjords and dramatic mountains. We arrive at the port of Narvik for a two-night stay at the Quality Grand Royal Hotel.

Day 6: Narvik Free day in Narvik. You may wish to visit the Ofoten Museum, to discover the cultural history of Narvik, or enjoy a cable car ride to experience breathtaking views or visit the poignant Red Cross War Memorial Museum.

Day 7: South to Trondheim (inland) today with a coach journey along the coast and a beautiful ferry crossing. At Fauske we continue by train, leaving the Arctic Circle and arriving late evening in Trondheim, Norway’s religious capital. Spend two nights at the centrally located Radisson Blu Royal Garden Hotel.

Day 8: Trondheim Explore Trondheim at your own pace. Perhaps visit the fascinating Music Museum at Ringve, specializing in instruments from around the world, and stroll around the Botanical Gardens. Other suggestions: the National Museum of Decorative Art or Nidaros Cathedral, considered to be the most significant cathedral in Norway.

Day 9: The Rauma Railway We leave Trondheim by train for Dombås, where we join the 71-mile Rauma Railway for a journey through jagged mountain peaks and gorges, following the course of the River Rauma to Andalsnes. We transfer by coach to Geiranger for a two-night stay at the Union Hotel, situated at the foot of the fjord. The city's wharf, called Bryggen, is lined with classic wooden buildings and has been deemed a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the Fleibanen funicular railway affords great views of the city and its harbors from the top of Mount Fløien.

Day 10: Geirangerfjord The Geirangerfjord is one of Norway’s most spectacular, and today we enjoy the beautiful scenery during a morning boat cruise. See famed waterfalls, “Seven Sisters” and the “Friar,” set against the sheer mountains, while snow-covered peaks and deep blue waters demonstrate why the site deserves its UNESCO World Heritage status.

Day 11: To Flåm We leave Geiranger by coach and continue through fjord country to Flåm at the head of the Aurlandsfjord. We travel through valleys hemmed in by lofty mountains and along steep-sided fjords, every bend in the road offering a new and interesting perspective. In Flåm we stay at the Fretheim Hotel.

Day 12: The Flåm Railway Today enjoy a superb excursion on the Flåm Railway. Our train journey takes us up into the mountains along one of the steepest lines in the world, twisting and turning to accommodate the extreme terrain. We reach the end at Myrdal and turn to Flåm, where we board the express boat for an after- noon journey along Norway’s longest and deepest fjord, Sognefjord. Navigating coastal islets and skerries, we end the day in Bergen. Stay two nights at Radisson Blu Hotel Norge.

Day 13: Bergen Today is at leisure in Bergen, nestled beneath seven strategic hills and surrounded by fjords. The city's wharf, called Bryggen, is lined with classic wooden buildings and has been deemed a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the Fleibanen funicular railway affords great views of the city and its harbors from the top of Mount Fløien.

Day 14: Bergen Railway to Oslo We leave Bergen by train for a magnificent journey on Norway's highest railway line, the Bergen Railway. The train climbs high above the tree line across some of the most remote areas of western Norway before descending through pastures to the elegant city of Oslo. On arrival we walk the short distance to check in to the central Thon Hotel Opera.

Day 15: Oslo to London Morning free in Oslo before included flight* Oslo to London. *Your available without London flights, approx. £200 p.p. reduction

THE HIGHLIGHTS

- The astonishing Flåm Railway to Myrdal, which climbs 2,800 feet in 12 miles
- Oslo-Bergen Railway, with one of the most spectacular scenic railway journeys in Europe
- Cruise of the Geiranger Fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Sweden’s Inlandsbanan to the Arctic Circle
- The Ofoten Railway, one of the most northerly lines in the world, with dramatic mountain and fjord scenery
- Time to explore Stockholm, Narvik, Trondheim and Bergen

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THE TRAINS: Hiram Bingham, Andean Explorer

TRAIN TYPES: Luxury (BB), First Class (AE)

B elmond (Orient-Express) runs all passenger trains in the region, IRT loves two of them. The narrow-gauge Hiram Bingham is a perfect complement to the Belmond hotels in Peru. This gleaming blue-and-gold train makes the 3.5-hour trip between Cusco and Machu Picchu on a varying schedule. The train has two 42-seat dining cars serving excellent Peruvian specialties (and wine) for brunch on the journey to Machu Picchu, and for dinner on the evening return to Cusco. The overall ambiance is gorgeous, with large windows, beautiful china, silver and linens. There is also a great bar/observation car with outdoor viewing platform—a perfect place to snap photographs.

The Andean Explorer makes the 9.5-hour daytime trek from Cusco to Puno and Lake Titicaca, one of the highest standard-gauge routes in the world, reaching altitudes up to 14,150 feet. Seating on the train is at tables of two and four, and includes three-course lunch served on assigned tables. The coaches are beautifully decorated in soft beiges with red and crisp linens on each table. After-lunch coffee is served in the observation/bar car, which sports a small bar, tables, and plenty of comfortable chairs. The most important feature is the large, glass-walled, observation deck with open platform, great for taking in the incredible scenery. IRT members agree: this amazing trip is over way too soon.

2014 & 2015 PRICING

$ 7,080 per person, double occupancy
Andean Explorer extension: $1,765 p.p., double: $2,150 single occupancy

2015 PRICING (tentative)

$ 7,695 per person, double occupancy
$12,760 single occupancy
Andean Explorer extension: $1,915 p.p., double: $2,335 single occupancy

THE TOUR 2014 & 2015 Dates

This independent tour can be taken throughout the year. The train descends into the Sacred Valley and passes fields and colorful villages in the foothills of the Andes Mountains. Enjoy a tasty brunch, mimosas and views of the mountains and the sparkling Urubamba River. Afternoon arrival in Aguas Calientes. Transfer for a one-night full-board stay at the Sanctuary Lodge just a few steps from the site entrance. Take a free dawn and sunset visits. Add-on tours feature Belmond’s Andean Explorer from Cusco to Lake Titicaca and a visit to Colca Canyon, with its large condors. IRT’s private dining car comes complete: complimentary meals, spa visits, and more at each hotel.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1: Lima
Arrive Lima. Private transfer to the exclusive Miraflores Park Hotel. Check in to Pacific Ocean view Junior Suite.

Day 2: Lima
Morning tour of downtown Lima with private guide. Lunch at Casa García Alvarado, built in 1912, hosted by the owner. Visit Enrico Poli collection, a private art collection rivaling that of most museums. Return to the hotel and enjoy included dinner at its signature Mesa 18 restaurant.

Day 3: Lima-Cusco
One-hour flight to Cusco, then transfer to the stunning Hotel Monasterio, a 300-year-old former monastery. Enjoy a cup of hot coca tea in your deluxe room, equipped with oxygen to help you acclimatize to Cusco’s high altitude (11,000 feet). Afternoon tour of Cusco, including the Cathedral, Temple of the Sun (Qorikancha) and Archbishop’s Palace. Dinner at the hotel’s El Tupay Restaurant.

Day 4: Hiram Bingham to Machu Picchu
Morning transfer to Poroy Station and board the Hiram Bingham, named after the explorer who “rediscovered” Machu Picchu in the 20th century. The train descends into the Sacred Valley and passes fields and colorful villages in the foothills of the Andes Mountains. Enjoy a tasty brunch, mimosas and views of the mountains and the sparkling Urubamba River. Afternoon arrival in Aguas Calientes. Transfer in a two-hour guided tour around one of the most outstanding archaeological wonders of the world. Return to the hotel for an a la carte English style dinner. Check in to one of the hotel’s two luxury suites.

Day 5: Hiram Bingham to Cusco
Experience a magnificent dawn at Machu Picchu. Linger over breakfast at the hotel, watch the sunrise, or hike challenging Huayna Picchu. Lunch at the hotel. Return to Cusco by Hiram Bingham with dinner and entertainment on board. Overnight at Hotel Monasterio.

Day 6: Sacred Valley
Full day tour of the Sacred Valley, with guided visit to Sacsayhuaman fortress, with spectacular views of Cusco. Take in the town of Pisac, with its traditional market of arts and crafts. Lunch stop at Hacienda Huescaran, then continue through to Ollantaytambo, with original Inca houses, natural water canals and ancient terraces. Enjoy a special dinner at the contemporary MAP café, located in the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art.

Day 7: Lima
Fly back to Lima*, and return to Miraflores Park Hotel. Afternoon personalized shopping tour in bohemian district of Barranco, with its antique republican construction and artsy shops. Dinner at Restaurant Huaca Pulciana, located within an archeological compound.

Day 8: Depart Lima
Transfer to airport included.

ANDEAN EXPLORER ADD-ON:

Day 1: Andean Explorer to Puno
Spend the day on the board the Andean Explorer traveling from Cusco to Puno. The scenic journey takes almost 10 hours, and it’s too short! Brief stop en route at La Raya, highest point on the line at 14,150 feet. Delicious lunch is served on board, entertainment in the bar car. Journey ends in Puno where a transfer to Lake Titicaca. Overnight at Hotel Titilaka with lake view.

Day 2: Uros & Taquile Islands
We recommend an early wake-up call to see the sun rising over Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world at 12,500 feet. Full day visit to the Uros & Taquile Islands with boxed lunch. IRT guests say visiting the Floating islands and the families who make their homes there is a highlight of their trip to Peru.

Day 3: Return to Lima
Private transfer to Puno airport with stop at archaeological site of Sillustani (time permitting). Fly to Lima.

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THE HIGHLIGHTS:

• Hiram Bingham luxury train
• Suites and deluxe rooms in Belmond (Orient-Express) hotels: Miraflores Park, Monasterio and Sanctuary Lodge
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• Private touring in Cusco with local guides; private transfers
• A la carte lunches and dinners where specified, buffet breakfast in all properties
• Lunch with Signora Alvarado in her private home
• Enrico Poli private art collection
• Spectacular Andean Explorer add-on with floating islands visit

Ask about Colca Canyon extension, including Arequipa

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Canadian/Rocky Mountaineer: Trans-Canada Adventure

THE TRAINS: Canadian (described below) & Rocky Mountaineer (see page 90)

Train Types: Both First Class

The Canadian’s new tag line is “Beauty Takes No Shortcuts.” VIA Rail Canada’s flagship train, the Canadian, has run the 2,775 miles between Toronto and Vancouver since 1955. VIA recently presented a finished Prestige Class sleeper car and advised bookings will begin in spring, 2015. The Prestige Class roll-out has been delayed in the past, so we aren’t banking on it until we can actually book our guests.

Sleeping Cars: Sleeper Plus Class cabins are 35 square feet and have bunk-style beds that make into seating. IRT couples have loved booking a suite: two connecting double beds (5 feet, 11 inches by 5 feet, 2 inches) and a room size of 72.5 square feet. The upgrade can add a few thousand dollars to your trip. Both services have private toilet and sink; shower is down the hall. (Please see IRT website for other classes of service.) This itinerary includes Sleeper Plus Class.

Dining & Lounge Cars: All meals are included in the newly renovated diner. Dinner is served with china, silver and linen—featuring Canadian wines. IRT travelers have given the service high marks. Sleeper passengers have exclusive access to the renovated Skyline and Park cars (Fall, 2011).


Departure Dates: Sundays and Thursdays, late-April to mid-Sept. (Reverse itinerary, which is one night shorter, departs Vancouver Sundays and Thursdays.)

Day 1: Banff Tour Banff: Bow Falls, Banff Gondola, Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner, the Hoo-doos. Continue to Kananaskis for the highlight of today’s adventure—a 12-minute Summit Helicopter Tour over the remarkable landscape of the Rockies. Overnight at leisure in Banff. Overnight Banff hotel.

Day 2: Kamloops Board the Rocky Mountaineer for daytime trip to Kamloops. Travel between high peaks of Canadian Rockies, over mountain passes through tunnels, along rocky lake shores and across ranchlands. Experience the Continental Divide, Spiral Tunnels, Kicking Horse Canyon, Rogers Pass, Craigellachie, glaciers and snow-capped peaks. Dine in the lovely restaurant (GoldLeaf only) for breakfast and lunch. Most exciting spot on the train: the large open air observation platform (GoldLeaf only). Overnight in Kamloops.

Day 3: Kamloops-Vancouver Reboard the Rocky Mountaineer for another full day on board, including breakfast and lunch. Scenery changes to desert interior through winding river canyons and pristine forests, to the Coast and Cascade Mountains and lush green fields of Fraser River Valley. Look for eagles, osprey from trains’ domes—big-horned sheep, elk, black bears, bald eagles, osprey. Riding VIA Rail’s Canadian, with overnights in your private compartment.

Day 12: Kamloops-Vancouver

Arrive in Kamloops. Designate for VIA Rail’s first-class trains: the Canadian, with two separate services: the Rocky Mountaineer Railtours and the Prestige Class. Take meals in the lovely diners of the Canadian. Take meals in beautiful diner, toast your vacation under the stars in famous domed Park car, and overnight in your cozy private cabin.

Day 6: Jasper Afternoon arrival in Jasper, surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery and teeming with wildlife. Overnight in Jasper.

Day 7: Jasper National Park is a World Heritage Site and Canada’s largest National Park. Today you will enjoy a short scenic tour including the many natural attractions, rugged peaks, and perhaps even glimpse wildlife. Remainder of the day free to explore. Overnight in Jasper.

Day 8: Icefields Parkway Travel to Lake Louise via one of the most scenic highways in the world, the Icefields Parkway. Stop at Athabasca Falls and Columbia Icefield for ride on “Ice Explorer” vehicle to Athabasca Glacier to learn more about its geological features. Brief stop at Bow Lake before arriving Lake Louise for overnight at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

Day 9: Lake Louise to Banff Free morning in Lake Louise, followed by a half-day tour into Yoho National Park. See Spiral Tunnels, Emerald Lake and natural rock bridge spanning Kicking Horse River. Overnight in Banff.

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THE HIGHLIGHTS

• Spotting Canadian wildlife from trains’ domes—big-horned sheep, elk, black bears, bald eagles, osprey.

• Riding VIA Rail’s Canadian, with overnight in your private compartment.

• Tasty meals in the lovely dining cars of Canadian and Rocky Mountaineer.

• Tours of Banff, Yoho National Park, Icefields Parkway and Niagara Falls.

• Time to explore Lake Louise, Banff and Jasper and Victoria.

• Riding in the Rocky Mountaineer’s GoldLeaf service, the double-decked dome cars with open-air platform.

“*The Rocky Mountaineer was splendid. We enjoyed every minute of it. On the Canadian, having the joined double bedroom worked out wonderfully. I liked it very much... Had we not upgraded, I don’t think we would have enjoyed it anywhere near as much. It was absolutely worth it.”— G. Holbrook, celebrating 50th anniversary on board Trans-Canada Rail Adventure, 2012

THE VIRTUOSO EXPERIENCE

• Complimentary limo airport transfer

• Adventure lodge in British Columbia with complimentary add-ons

• Regent Cruise of the Inside Passage

• Amtrak to/from the U.S.

• Virtuoso partner Lindblad adventure cruise in Alaska

• Extend to Victoria, stay in our Virtuoso partner hotel, the Fairmont Empress, with special amenities

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THE TRAIN: The Royal Scotsman • TRAIN TYPE: First Class

The Rocky Mountaineer explores Western Canada in comfort and class and runs by daylight only. Routes abound: Vancouver to Banff, Lake Louise or Calgary; Vancouver to Jasper; and Seattle to Vancouver, expanding to 18 departures each way in 2015. A sister train, the Whistler Mountaineer, travels Whistler to Jasper via Quesnel. Our passengers love them all, and all can be customized to fit your time and budget. IRT recommends GoldLeaf service. When you get on board, you will agree. It has a beautiful bi-level dome coach, is fully air-conditioned with full-length windows, and assigned seating that can accommodate groups of four. The main benefit, from our point of view, is GoldLeaf passengers’ exclusive access to the large open-air observation deck. (SilverLeaf has a tiny one.) In GoldLeaf Service, walk down a spiral staircase or take the elevator from the dome level to the diner where the full galley kitchen prepares remarkable multi-course breakfasts and lunches. Alcoholic beverages are complimentary throughout. The diner can seat 36 in tables for four. GoldLeaf service includes upgraded hotels for packages with overnights, in most cases five-star Fairmont hotels. SilverLeaf Service, started in 2011, offers seating in reclining chairs in a single-level dome coach with panoramic views. It includes hot meals at your seat and overnights, in most cases five-star Fairmont hotels. SilverLeaf service includes upgraded hotels for packages with overnights, in most cases five-star Fairmont hotels.

IRT does not book Red Leaf.

"Our trip was wonderful! The Rocky Mountaineer days were beyond our expectations, and we look forward to enjoying all the RMR routes."
— G. Campbell, Rocky Mountaineer, 2011

THE ITINERARY

Day 1: Vancouver
Arrive Vancouver. Enjoy IRT complimentary limo transfer to your hotel. Overnight.

Day 2: Vancouver-Kamloops
Board Rocky Mountaineer. View green fields of Fraser River valley, forests, winding river canyons, wildlife, rushing waters of Hell’s Gate, steep slopes and rock sheds along Thompson River. Overnight in Kamloops.

Day 3: Kamloops-Jasper

Day 4: Jasper-Lake Louise
Tour of Jasper National Park, a World Heritage Site and the Canadian Rockies’ largest national park. See the area’s many natural attractions, rugged peaks and wildlife. Afternoon free and overnight in Jasper.

Day 5: Lake Louise-Banff
Enjoy a motorcoach tour along the Icefields Parkway and visit the Columbia Icefield. Ride “Ice Explorer” to Athabasca Glacier; continue to Bow Lake and Lake Louise. Overnight Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

Day 6: Lake Louise-Banff
Afternoon tour of Yoho National Park. View such wonders as Emerald Lake and natural rock bridge spanning Kicking Horse River. See famed Spiral Tunnels. Overnight Banff.

Day 7: Banff-Calgary
Full-day tour of Banff area: Bow Falls, Banff Gondola, Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner, the Hoodoos. Summit helicopter “flightseeing” tour over the Rockies included. Tour ends in Calgary. Overnight Calgary.

Day 8: Calgary
Tour ends in Calgary.
Thank you for the upgrade to the USA by train. I would a destination throughout the world, and this is the first time we had spent on the train. It was a wonderful trip on Amtrak…

"Just a short note to tell you that my husband and I had a wonderful trip on Amtrak… We have traveled all over the world, and this is the first time we had spent on the train. It was a wonderful trip on Amtrak.

The northern U.S. boasts some of the country’s last truly wide-open spaces, and Amtrak’s Empire Builder is a fabulous way to see them. The long-distance train plies the northern route to the West Coast between Chicago and Seattle or Portland. Begin in Chicago’s grand Union Station, head to the unspoiled country of Montana. Spend four nights in Glacier National Park and continue west to Seattle, passing through the seven-mile Cascade Tunnel, forests of fir trees and along Puget Sound.

Passenger Train Types:

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- Helena to Williston
- Williston to Grand Forks
- Grand Forks to Minneapolis
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Ghan & Indian Pacific: 
Australian Rail Extravaganz

THE TRAINS: Sunlander & The Ghan

TRAIN TYPE: Both First or Luxury Class

Austrailia's transcontinental Indian Pacific offers a once-weekly service between Perth and Sydney, via Adelaide, across more than 2,704 miles, in both directions. It adds a second departure from late August to mid-November. Almost 300 miles of it is across the longest straight track in the world, the Nullarbor Plain. The journey takes three nights.

Meanwhile, The Ghan takes 48 hours—two nights on board—to travel from Adelaide to Darwin over 1,852 miles of track. There is one departure weekly in each direction, with one more late May to late August. The Ghan and the Indian Pacific both offer Platinum luxury-class service. In 2009, The Ghan kicked off its new Platinum service, featuring 24 luxury class cabins twice the size of Gold Service. Each cabin has private, en-suite showerooms. Meals are served on board, and all drinks are included with a Platinum or Butler service. IRT guests highly recommend Platinum.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart Sydney Board Indian Pacific. Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 2 & 3: Indian Pacific

Full train days. Pause in Broken Hill and Adelaide, with time for a tour at each. Enter salt lake country and vast Nullarbor Plain, stop at Cook, one of the world's most isolated outposts. Evening stop at Kalgoorlie with tour option. Meals and overnight on the train.

Days 4 & 5: Arrive Perth


Day 6: Perth to Darwin

Fly to Darwin*, check into Crowne Plaza Darwin. Afternoon at leisure; optional tours available.

Days 7 & 8: Kakadu National Park

Two days in Kakadu National Park. Jumping Crocodile cruise, Bowali Visitor Center, rock art site at Ubirr, Aboriginal art site at Nourlangie. Cruise on Yellow Water Bilabong.

Day 9 & 10: Katherine

Day 11: Board The Ghan

Board The Ghan, travel south past lush tropical scenery to Katherine. Enjoy a tour at Katherine Gorge.

Day 12: The Ghan-Alice Springs

Arrive Alice Springs; transfer to Alice Springs Resort.

Day 13: Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Cruise to Uluru (Ayers Rock); stop at camel farm. Travel to 26 rock domes of Kata Tjuta, and explore Walpa (Olga) Gorge.

Day 14: Uluru & Olgas

Rise early for sunrise and tour Uluru base. Take Mutitjulu Walk to view aboriginal rock paintings.

Day 15: Kings Canyon

Scenic walk to discover Kings Canyon, with towering orange walls. Return to Alice Springs.

Day 16: The Ghan-Adelelaide

Morning free in Alice Springs. Board The Ghan south to Adelaide. Overnight on board.

Day 17: Arrive Adelaide

Arrive Adelaide around noon.

Suggested add-on: Lindblad Darwin-Broome expedition cruise. Call for details.

2014/2015 PRICING

$ 9,685 AUD per person, double (Gold Service) $16,657 AUD single (Gold Service)

Upgrade to Platinum service: $1,775 AUD per person, double, Indian Pacific; $1,350 AUD per person, double, The Ghan

Single pricing includes single occupancy of twin share cabin on the train. Tour priced in Australian dollars. Call for approximate U.S. dollar price. Rates vary based on season and special events.

Regional/Price (s)/Train/Itinerary Dates Pricing per person (Double/Single)

Africa

P 4-9 Pride of Africa (Rovos Rail) Cape Town to Dar es Salaam (NB), or Dar es Salaam to Cape Town (SB), 14 days Note tour will be noted in 2015 2014: NB: Sept. 27-Oct.10 SB: Oct. 13-26 2015: NB: July 4-18, Sept. 26-Oct. 10 SB: Feb. 3-17, July 21-Aug. 4 2013-27

Africa

P 10-11 Pride of Africa (Rovos Rail) African College: Pretoria- Cape Town (WB) or Cape Town to Pretoria (EB), 9 days 2014: NB: May 6-14, EB: Nov. 17-25 2015: WB: May 21-29, Nov. 5-13 EB: Nov. 16-24

Afica

P 12-15 Pride of Africa (Rovos Rail) Nambija: Pretoria-Sowekosmund (WB); or Sowekosmund-Pretoria (EB), 9 days 2014: May: April 9-17, April 30-May 8 EB: April 19-27; May 10-18

Africa


Asia

P 20-25 Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express/Shangri-La Express The Sikh Road: Moscow-Beijing (EB); or Beijing- Moscow (WB), 21 days Moscow-Almaty*, 13 days 2015: Sept. 19-9 (EB); Sept. 23-Oct. 13 (WB); Oct. 22-Nov. 11 (WB)

Asia

P 26-27 Palace on Wheels India's Rajahstan by Private Train Delhi-Delhi, 8 days 2014 & 2015: Departs Wednesdays, September through April 2014 & 2015: $7,985-$11,280/$11,330-$17,530

Asia


Asia


Asia

P 32-35 Eastern & Oriental Express Epic Thailand: Bangkok-Chiang Mai-Bangkok, 8 days 2014: Nov. 14-20

Asia


Asia

P 32 Eastern & Oriental Express Ancient Kingdom of Laos: Bangkok-Chiang Mai-Bangkok, 3 days 2015: Feb. 18; March 20; April 21; May 7; June 10; Oct. 15

Asia

P 34-35 Eastern & Oriental Express Bangkok to Singapore (SB); 4 days, or Singapore to Bangkok (WB), 8 days 2014 & 2015: 4-8 departures, Jan.-Dec. 18 departures, Jan.-Dec.

Asia

P 38-39 Orcaella (ship) Gorges of the Far North, Yangon-Mandalay-Bagan-Yangon, 12 days Other itineraries available. See our website for details.

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KEY: EB-Eastbound; WB-Westbound; NB-Northbound; SB-Southbound

Some prices are given in local currency. Australian Dollars (AUD), South African Rand (R), Euro (€), Swiss Francs (CHF), British pounds (£) and Japanese Yen (¥). The U.S. dollar price will be determined based on the rate of exchange when payments are made. Red=2014 dates/pricing.

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## Japan’s Exclusive Seven Stars

### The Train: Seven Stars • Train Type: Luxury

**The Train**

The Japanese cruise train Seven Stars in Kyushu is the world’s only luxury rail service that holds lotteries to decide who gets to go. Then the privileged few have the opportunity of paying as much as $7,000 per person for a four-day, three-night trip.

The train has been a smash hit in Japan. It debuted in October, 2013, and immediately sold out to Japanese travelers for the next eight months. Bookings were opened to non-Japanese guests in January, 2014. According to press reports, the Seven Stars takes luxury to a new level.

"Appropriately the train’s designer, Eiji Mitooka, drove his team mad by insisting on such details as irregular-sized windows to make each carriage different," said Bee Rowlett, writing in the Telegraph following a pre-inaugural press trip for European journalists.

"Mr. Mitooka’s face was among the crowds on the platform as the Seven Stars pulled out of the station, with the wistful look of someone sending their child off to university."

### The Itinerary

#### Day 1: Hakata-Yufuin

Seven Stars departs Hakata Station mid-morning and travels to Yufuin Station, where passengers enjoy a welcome ceremony. Free time to walk around this popular tourist town or enjoy tea time on the train. Dinner served on board.

#### Day 2: Miyazaki-Hayato

Enjoy fresh vegetables for breakfast while watching the changing tropical views of the sea and sky unfold before your eyes.

From Hayato station, board the Seven Stars bus and head for your chosen accommodations, while enjoying views of Mount Kinshma. Tonight you will stay at your chosen ryokan, sample the local cuisine and have the opportunity to bathe in a soothing hot spring. Overnight in traditional Japanese ryokan.

#### Day 3: Hayato-Kagoshima

After breakfast at your ryokan, take a relaxing stroll at the beautiful "Tenku no mori" private resort. Here passengers have the opportunity to plant a memorial tree, and enjoy a specially prepared lunch. In the afternoon, the train heads for Kagoshima-Chuo station.

Disembark and admire the "Sengan-en" Japanese garden residence, once the home of the Shimazu clan, who ruled the Satsuma domain (present day Kagoshima). Alternatively, passengers can experience Satsuma ware painting at the Chin Jukan kiln, then experience a tea ceremony at an exclusive teahouse.

#### Day 4: Aso-Hakata

Breakfast of fresh vegetables will be served in a special room at Aso station, with scenic views of Kumamoto and Aso. The train then heads for Oita, and lunch is specially prepared lunch. In the afternoon the train heads for Kagoshima-Chuo station.

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#### Departure Dates

Departure dates are not available at press time.

**Suite:** ¥430,000
**Deluxe Suite A:** ¥600,000
**Deluxe Suite B:** ¥700,000

### Luxury Off-train Excursions

- **Optional visit to traditional Japanese gardens**
- **Optional visit to painters of Satsuma ware**
- **Delight in the dining car chef’s array of seasonal delicacies, and further explore Kyushu’s cuisine off-train at included restaurant visits**

### The Highlights

- **Enjoy Kyushu’s dazzling sunlight, towering mountains and glittering sea through the train’s immense picture windows**
- **Delight in the dining car chef’s array of seasonal delicacies, and further explore Kyushu’s cuisine off-train at included restaurant visits**

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### Inaugural Journalists

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The train normally carries 28 passengers. Fourteen guests rooms (12 suites and 2 exclusive deluxe suites), a dining car, and a lounge with bar are all fitted with exquisite woods, fabrics and beautifully decorated with magnificent ceramics from Kyushu. Guests dine on locally sourced cuisine freshly prepared on board.

Off-train excursions include visits to Mount Aso, the largest active volcano in Japan, located in Aso Kuju National Park. Another is to Yufuin, a town famous for its natural hot spring spas.

The itinerary we offer here is the longer of the two (the other is two days, one night). IRT has developed a two-week Japan tour that incorporates the Seven Stars train trip. Please call if this intrigues to get on the list.

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