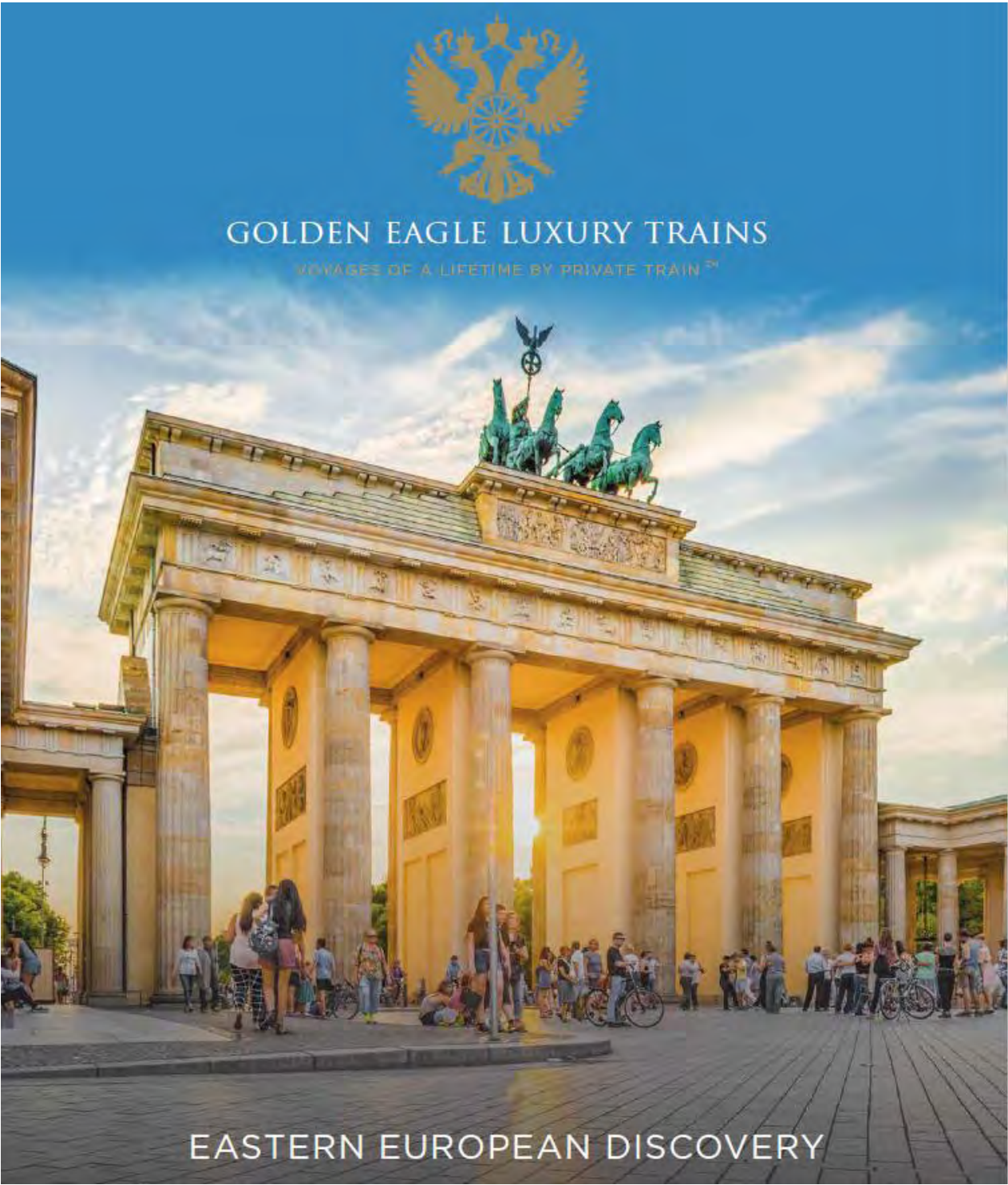


**TOUR CODE : GEDE/12D – Eastern Europe Discovery**

**Package validity :  
August 2025 - August 2026**



Our 12-day voyage is enriched with ancient architectural masterpieces, encompassing the medieval splendour, baroque elegance, and gothic grandeur of some of Europe’s most spectacular cities.





### Tour Accommodation

2 hotel nights in Budapest · 8 nights on board the Golden Eagle Danube Express · 1 hotel night in Vienna (12 days / 11 nights)



### DAY 1 BUDAPEST

On arrivals day in Budapest, you will be met at the airport, train station or river ship landing stage and transferred to the Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace (or similar) for a two-night stay.

Enjoy a welcome reception dinner in the elegant surrounds of this art nouveau landmark, with its panoramic views across the River Danube, where you can meet your fellow travellers on this highly-anticipated journey.

### DAY 2 BUDAPEST

Budapest is actually two cities separated by the Danube. The old city of Buda and the imposing Royal Palace, dominates the city with stunning views across the Danube to the commercial heart of Pest. Our panoramic city tour by coach includes the Castle District, St. Mathias Church and Fishermen's Bastion. We will also visit the Parliament with an audio-guided tour and have a private tour of the Opera House with drinks reception.

After lunch in a local restaurant, enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure – stroll along the banks of the Danube or perhaps head to one of the city's famous thermal baths for a rejuvenating dip.







### DAY 3 BUDAPEST

This morning in Budapest is at leisure.

We join our private train, the Golden Eagle Danube Express, for an afternoon departure from Budapest. We enjoy a drinks reception in the impressive Royal Waiting Room at Budapest Nyugati station before boarding our private train.

Marking the beginning of your voyage of a lifetime, our private brass band will perform as the train departs from the station, and our uniformed train staff will be there to escort you to your private en-suite cabin. Settle in to your well-appointed accommodation and later enjoy a Welcome Dinner onboard as the train makes its way towards Poland.

### DAY 4 KRAKOW

Once a royal capital with an extraordinary history, and now a lively university town with fashionable bars and restaurants, Krakow is a fascinating city with beautiful monuments and an exuberant atmosphere.

This morning the train makes a scheduled stop at Oswiecim, the station for Auschwitz-Birkenau where we will make a 2-hour visit to the location of the evocative concentration camp and museum. Declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site we embark upon a deeply moving guided tour which stands as a stark reminder of the horrors that took place here. Today, Auschwitz-Birkenau is preserved as a museum allowing visitors to reflect on the atrocities of the Holocaust and learn of the camp's history. (For ticketing purposes please advise at the time of booking if you wish to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau)

From here we will continue by coach into the centre of stunning Krakow, where we will enjoy lunch in the Old Town.

Also today we will visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a unique venue full of chambers excavated and sculpted in rock salt. Descend the 360 steps in to the mines and be amazed at the devotion of the miners who carved the incredible Chapel of Salt, a well-deserved place on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

For guests not wishing to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau or Wieliczka Salt Mine, a guided walking tour of Krakow's Old Town including Wawel Royal Castle and the Jewish Quarter will be offered.







## DAY 5 WARSAW

This morning we arrive to the Polish capital of Warsaw and where we will appreciate the extraordinary transformation of a place once almost destroyed by war. When you cross the Vistula River and look at the Old Town from a distance, you are struck by how unusual the panorama of the city is – skyscrapers rise above the red roofs of the Old Town. Historical buildings blend in harmoniously with modern architecture, and the city surprises us by revealing its second face.

Our guided tour takes us on a journey through the Old Town and along the Royal Route before heading into the area of the former Warsaw Ghetto. The Old Town boasts a nostalgic charm with its colourful townhouses and the exceptional atmosphere of its narrow streets. Here we will visit the award winning Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews, which showcases the 1,000 year history of the Polish Jews and the contribution of their community to Polish life.

In the afternoon we are privileged to present to our guests a delightful private Chopin piano recital at the Fryderyk Concert Hall.

## DAY 6 MALBORK & GDANSK

This morning we visit Malbork whose castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was the seat of the Teutonic State from 1280. Teutonic Knights originally built a fortified monastery here, later known as the Upper Castle. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century a huge brick fortress was completed and stands overlooking the River Nogat. The museum houses valuable collections of artistic amber wares, old weapons, and military equipment.

We return to the train for lunch and continue our journey through Poland towards Gdansk. The coastal region of Poland has an important place in Polish consciousness as a key location at the start of World War Two in September 1939. This is also where the famous Solidarity independent trade union movement started in 1980 for the protection of worker's rights, which later became the symbol of resistance against the government and where the fall of Communism in Central Europe began.

We spend the afternoon exploring the waterfront shipbuilding city of Gdansk. Our visit will include a tour of the remarkable European Solidarity Centre in Gdansk, which presents the 20th century history of the political changes leading to the collapse of communism and the Soviet Union. We also enjoy a beautiful organ concert at Oliwa Cathedral and a visit to Długi Targ (Long Market), one of the most beautiful streets of old Gdansk.







## DAY 7 BERLIN

Whilst enjoying breakfast on board, we will arrive in Berlin for a full day's programme with a number of options to choose from.

After years of division, Berlin has risen once again to become one of Europe's most glamorous capital cities, with superb museums, fine churches, wide boulevards, and a thriving cultural life. Today we will see the highlights of both East and West Berlin including the Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag, the famous Renaissance style building that once again houses Germany's parliament.

Our Freedom of Choice options today include the opportunity to drive a VEB Trabant, your very own authentic East German vehicle. Travel through the middle and the former east part of the city along the Karl-Marx-Allee and East Side Gallery, over Oberbaumbridge and through the quarter Kreuzberg. A unique hands-on experience across the once-divided city of Berlin!

For guests who opt not to participate in the driving experience, the day offers an opportunity to explore Berlin's rich cultural heritage at leisure. Discover the renowned Checkpoint Charlie Museum, a powerful testament to the city's divided past, or immerse yourself in history and art at Museum Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that houses five world-renowned museums within an extraordinary architectural ensemble.

Following lunch, enjoy further free time to embrace the vibrant atmosphere of this captivating city, perhaps enjoying a leisurely stroll or a luxury shopping experience along the iconic Kurfürstendamm.

## DAY 8 DRESDEN & PRAGUE

This morning we arrive in the city of Dresden, located in the region of Saxony. Following its destruction in World War Two and stagnation behind the Iron Curtain, Dresden has now been restored to its former enchanting glory, with baroque architecture, rococo palaces and an amazing array of Renaissance art. As part of our morning city tour, we delve into the 700-year history of the iconic Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady), a symbol of Dresden's remarkable rebirth. This architectural masterpiece stands as a testament to resilience, its stunning Baroque design meticulously restored to its former glory.

Our journey through Dresden's rich heritage continues with a visit to the magnificent Dresden Castle, an extraordinary landmark steeped in history and grandeur. For those who wish, there will also be an opportunity to pause for a refreshment at the elegant Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski Dresden, where a warm beverage can be savoured in an atmosphere of timeless sophistication.

We return to the train for a late lunch as we head to the Czech Republic for a late afternoon arrival in Prague.

Prague is one of the most beautifully preserved cities in Europe. It spans the Vltava River and is dominated by the 9th century Prague Castle, a stunning sight that can be seen almost anywhere in the city. Our tour takes in the Old Town Square with its many historic buildings and Astronomical Clock, the historic 14th century Charles Bridge and the Jewish Quarter.

Early evening, we will visit the stunning art nouveau Municipal House where there will be chance to experience a spectacular opera performance followed by a sumptuous dinner in the restaurant.







## DAY 9 PRAGUE

Today we join a vintage tram to travel through the city up the hill to Prague Castle area and a visit to the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. The castle and its surrounding architectural gems occupy a hillside overlooking the city and river.

Following lunch there will be the opportunity for free time in the Old Town district, before returning to the train.

## DAY 10 SALZBURG

Today we explore Salzburg, starting at Mirabell Palace located in the heart of the city. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the baroque 17th century palace is easily one of the most stunning landmarks in the city and made famous in more modern times as a location used in The Sound of Music.

A short distance from the palace on Market Square (Marketplatz) we will see the former Mozart Residence, now a museum. From here we will cross the Makartsteg bridge into the Old Town and walk along the Getreidegasse, Salzburg's most famous street which is renowned for its wrought-iron trade signs and the birthplace of Mozart.

For more than 400 years Hellbrunn Palace has enchanted its visitors with its 'trick' fountains. The idyllic location in the south of Salzburg served as a summer retreat for the Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg. Its baroque exterior conceals an exuberant interior made for entertaining, though the real draws are the whimsical trick fountains (Wasserspiele) in the gardens, which spew water from unexpected places.



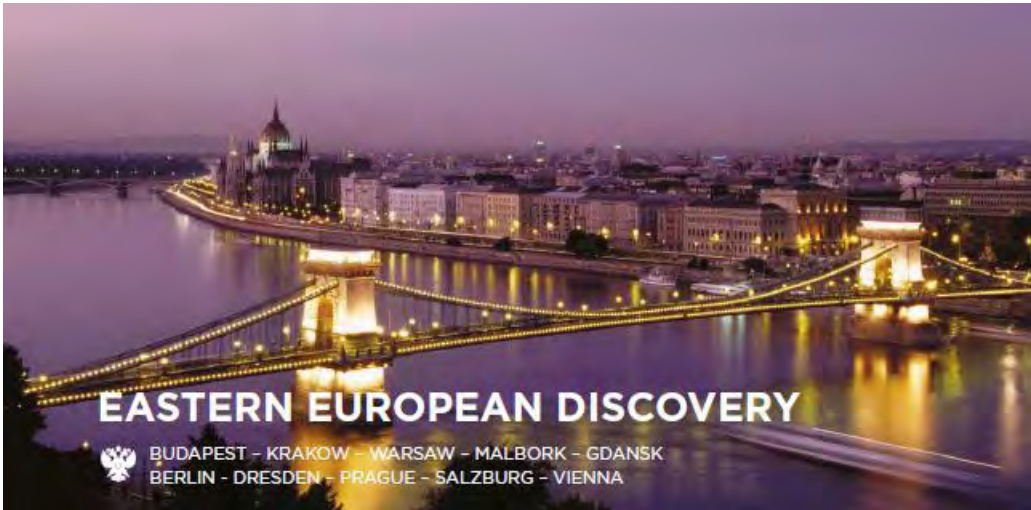
## DAY 11 VIENNA

This morning we enjoy our final meal onboard as we leave Salzburg on a majestic morning's journey over the breathtaking Semmering Pass before our lunchtime arrival into Vienna.

The stunning capital city of Austria enthralls visitors with its rich heritage. A seductive metropolis of elaborate palaces, renowned coffee houses, classical music and enchanting opera. This afternoon's programme will include a private concert featuring the Vienna Supreme Orchestra and a visit to the famous Schönbrunn Palace, or free time to explore yourself.

This evening, we retire to the exquisite Ritz-Carlton, a masterpiece of hospitality set within four meticulously restored 19th-century palaces, just moments from the heart of the city. Indulge in the serenity of the hotel's opulent spa or bask in breathtaking panoramic views from the eighth-floor roof terrace. As the night unfolds, join your fellow guests for a Farewell Dinner, a perfect conclusion to your extraordinary journey.





**DAY 12 VIENNA**

Following breakfast on the final morning you will be transferred to the airport for onward flight departures. There is also an option to extend your stay in Vienna for additional nights to explore more of this fascinating city.



**TOUR INCLUSIONS**

**Accommodation**

- ✓ Five-star pre and post tour hotel accommodation
- ✓ Private en-suite accommodation on the Golden Eagle Danube Express train

**Service**

- ✓ Cabin attendant service including evening turndown
- ✓ Experienced Tour Management team
- ✓ Services of a UK-registered Doctor and medical facilities on board
- ✓ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✓ All gratuities - on and off the train
- ✓ Luggage portorage throughout the journey

**Dining**

- ✓ Freshly prepared meals on board, using the finest local ingredients
- ✓ Authentic dining experiences in local restaurants
- ✓ Inclusive alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages

**Excursions**

- ✓ Expertly guided off-train excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- ✓ Freedom of Choice touring options

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Enjoy riveting lectures and fascinating insights from our guest speaker – Major Gordon Corrigan MBE
- ❖ Poignant visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau, a deeply moving experience
- ❖ Private Chopin recital in a historical palace, Warsaw
- ❖ Drive a VEB Trabant through the streets of East Berlin, a unique hands-on experience



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DATES & PRICES

All prices are per person

| USD (\$)        | Deluxe Class |             | Superior Deluxe Class |             |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 2025            | TWIN (\$)    | SINGLE (\$) | TWIN (\$)             | SINGLE (\$) |
| Aug 18 – Aug 29 | 19,395       | 28,795      | 24,895                | 41,595      |
| Deposit         | \$2,200      |             | \$2,700               |             |

| USD (\$)        | Deluxe Class |             | Superior Deluxe Class |             |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 2026            | TWIN (\$)    | SINGLE (\$) | TWIN (\$)             | SINGLE (\$) |
| Aug 19 – Aug 30 | 19,900       | 29,700      | 25,600                | 42,900      |
| Deposit         | \$2,200      |             | \$2,700               |             |

Remarks:

1. Prices quoted are based on **US Dollar (USD)**; payment in Ringgit Malaysia subject to prevailing currency exchange rate upon booking.
2. Prices quoted are based on minimum of 01 adult travelling
3. Peak season or special event surcharge & block out date are subject to change without prior notice.
4. A non-refundable deposit is required upon booking request. Full payment once booking confirmed.
5. Cancellation : Non-Refundable
6. Prices are subject to change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of reservation.
7. We reserved the right to alter, amend, delete or to add to the conditions or withdraw the package at any time without prior notice.
8. Other terms and conditions apply.