

TOUR CODE : GEDE/11D – GRAND ALPINE EXPRESS

**Package validity : May - August
2027**



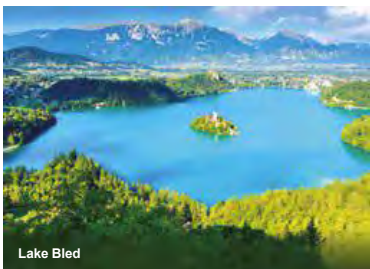
GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS

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HUNGARY – AUSTRIA – SWITZERLAND – ITALY – SLOVENIA



Verona



Lake Bled



Innsbruck



Zurich

Dramatic mountain scenery, alpine meadows and beautiful lakes provide the continual backdrop for this magnificent tour by rail.

BUDAPEST – VENICE

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Tour Accommodation

2 hotel nights in Budapest · 6 nights on board the Golden Eagle Danube Express · 2 hotel nights in Venice
(11 days / 10 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 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 an alliance of two cities separated by the River Danube. The old city of Buda and the imposing Royal Palace, dominates the city with stunning views across the Danube to the commercial heart of Pest. Our panoramic city tour includes the Castle District, St. Mathias Church and Fishermen's Bastion. We will also see the Parliament, Opera House, St Stephen's Cathedral, Heroes Square and the City Park.

The rest of the day is at leisure where you can stroll along the banks of the Danube or head to one of the city's famous thermal baths for a rejuvenating dip. Alternatively, you can relax at the hotel and indulge in the hotel's luxurious spa with infinity-edge pool or make use of the state-of-the-art fitness centre.



DAY 3 VIENNA

We enjoy a drinks reception at Budapest Nyugati station before boarding the Golden Eagle Danube Express for our morning departure. Settle in to your cabin and later enjoy lunch as the train heads to **Vienna**.

The stunning capital city of Austria enthral visitors with its rich heritage. A seductive metropolis of elaborate palaces, renowned coffee houses, classical music and enchanting opera. Today's programme will include a horse-drawn carriage ride through the cobbled streets of the Old Town, the famous Schönbrunn Palace, or free time to explore yourself.

This evening, we will enjoy a private concert featuring the Vienna Supreme Orchestra.

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DAY 4 SEMMERING PASS, LAKE ACHEN & INNSBRUCK

Today will be one of the real highlights of the journey as we depart from Vienna in the morning and travel across central Austria and into the Alps on an incredibly scenic morning.

Cameras at the ready as we climb over the **Semmering Pass** with its 16 viaducts and 15 tunnels, through the famous skiing village of Kitzbuhel to Jenbach, where after lunch we take a scenic drive to the picturesque **Lake Achen** (Achensee) for a cruise on the water.

From here we will travel by bus the short distance to **Innsbruck**, capital of Austria's western state of Tyrol, a city in the Alps that's long been a destination for winter sports. Innsbruck is also known for its Imperial and modern architecture. The Nordkette funicular, with its futuristic stations designed by architect Zaha Hadid, climbs up to 2,256m from the city centre for stunning bird eye views of the surrounding Alpine terrain.

**DAY 5 ZÜRICH**

Another fantastic morning on board the *Golden Eagle* Danube Express to simply sit back, relax and watch the scenery of the Vorarlberg unfold in front of your eyes as we pass through St. Anton before crossing through Liechtenstein and then into Switzerland where we run along the whole of the Lake of Zürich before arriving in the city itself.

The city of **Zürich**, a global centre for banking and finance, lies at the north end of Lake Zürich in northern Switzerland. The picturesque lanes of the central Altstadt (Old Town), on either side of the Limmat River, reflect its pre-medieval history. Waterfront promenades like the Limmatquai follow the river toward the 17th-century Rathaus (Town Hall). Whilst in the city we will enjoy a traditional Swiss fondue tasting.

DAY 6 ST GOTTHARD PASS & LAKE COMO

Today is one for the cameras! Upon leaving Zürich we pass along the shorelines of Lakes Zug and Lucerne before starting the very scenic climb to the St Gotthard Pass. Once through the old St Gotthard tunnel we descend through Lugano towards Lake Como in Italy.

We enjoy a private boat cruise across the serene water and visit the beautiful lakeside town of Bellagio, where we stop for a scenic lunch and an opportunity for souvenir shopping. Lake Como is surrounded by high mountains and dramatic cliffs, so it is quite different from the other Italian lakes. A narrow road runs up its western coast towards Switzerland and sits up high above the water, with the towns dropping down beneath it. Renowned for its beautifully kept public gardens and historic villas, it is easy to see why so many celebrities love Lake Como.



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**DAY 7 VERONA & TRIESTE**

This morning after running along the south shore of Lake Garda we arrive in Verona. Famous for being the setting of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet', we enjoy an informative walking tour of Verona's famous sites, including the first century Roman Amphitheatre in Piazza Bra.

We lunch on board and later in the afternoon we arrive into Trieste, the Italian port for a short tour. We stop at the imposing Miramare Castle and visit the vast Piazza Unita d'Italia, the main town square. Alternatively, visit the famous 13th century Church of San Giusto, built around a medieval complex overlooking Trieste. We can go inside the church for a close-up view of the splendid Byzantine-style architecture enriched with precious mosaics.

DAY 8 LAKE BLEED & LJUBLJANA

This morning be awake early as our train climbs away from Trieste and heads over the border into Slovenia and continue climbing through the Julian Alps to **Lake Bled** which, with its island, church and castle is an incredibly picturesque alpine lake situated at the foothills of the Alps in north-western Slovenia.

From here we travel onto **Ljubljana** as we have lunch on board and discover a delightful combination of ancient architecture and a youthful culture. Our afternoon tour includes visits to Preseren Square, Three Bridges and Dragon Bridge.

**DAY 9 POSTOJNA & VENICE**

As the train stays overnight in **Postojna**, we include a private visit to Postojna Caves in the morning. We then head south towards Mestre where our train curves to the left onto the 3-mile causeway across the Venice Lagoon and into Venice Santa Lucia station located on the Grand Canal, arriving after lunch.

We say farewell to our train crew and transfer to the San Clemente Palace Kempinski for a two-night stay, a five-star luxury urban resort on a private island, just minutes from Piazza San Marco via regular complimentary boat. Offering impressive views of Venice Lagoon, the 900-year-old property features a 12th century chapel and expansive stately gardens and courtyards.



ITINERARY**DAY 10 VENICE**

Venice is a truly captivating and romantic city; its unrivalled beauty takes away the breath of first-time visitors and regulars alike. Today, enjoy a walking tour around the highlights of this spectacular city. Walk through the winding lanes beside the Grand Canal to St. Mark's Square, which for 1,000 years was the heart of Venetian life. We also see St. Mark's Basilica and can choose to stroll through the Rialto Market. A trip to Venice would not be complete without a gondola ride along Venice's famous canals (we include a 30-minute gondola in the programme).

Alternatively enjoy the city at your own pace today. Perhaps stroll through the artists' district of Dorsoduro, stopping to take in the city's most breath-taking views from the Accademia Bridge.

In the evening, we will enjoy a farewell reception dinner, giving you the opportunity to reflect on your journey through this beautifully scenic part of Europe.

**DAY 11 VENICE**

On the final morning following breakfast in the hotel you will be transferred to the airport for onward departures. There is also an option to extend your stay in Venice for additional nights to explore more of this fascinating city.

TOUR INCLUSIONS**Accommodation**

- ✓ Five-star pre and post tour 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 portage throughout the journey

Excursions

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

Dining

- ✓ Freshly prepared meals on board, using the finest local ingredients
- ✓ Authentic dining experiences in local restaurants
- ✓ Inclusive alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- ✓ 10 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 10 Dinners



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Private concert at Vienna’s Palais Auersperg featuring the Vienna Supreme Orchestra
- ❖ Travel over the spectacular Semmering Pass with its 16 viaducts and 15 tunnels
- ❖ Take in the breathtaking beauty of Lake Bled on a special boat experience
- ❖ Visit stunning Lake Como and enjoy a boat excursion
- ❖ Explore the ethereal Postojna Cave network of limestone caverns and monuments
- ❖ Enjoy a gondola ride through the iconic waterways of romantic Venice



DATES & PRICES

All prices are per person

| EUR (€) | Deluxe Class | | Superior Deluxe Class | |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | TWIN (€) | SINGLE (€) | TWIN (€) | SINGLE (€) |
| 2027 | | | | |
| Apr 30 – May 10 | 21,600 | 32,300 | 27,700 | 46,300 |
| Aug 22 – Sep 01 | 21,600 | 32,300 | 27,700 | 46,300 |
| Deposit | 30% | | 30% | |

Remarks:

1. Prices quoted are based on **EURO (EUR)**; 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.