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Guests can order a freshly prepared omelet, sausage, bacon, mushrooms or roasted tomatoes. Tables set for breakfast in the dining car. After our meal, we make a beeline for the observation car. An excited crush of guests fills the observation car to witness the spectacle. Angela Walker and other Rovos guests keep their eyes peeled for flamingos. The mine is a yawning crater lake. After a quick to visit the Diamond Mine Museum, we rejoin the train. Back on board, we make for the dining car and lunch. Outside our window, the scenery is changing. After another wonderful meal, we drift back to our cabins for a nap. Others head to one of the public cars to read or simply gaze at the African scenery flashing past. But how often do I have afternoon tea? I especially eye the scones. Rachel and Angela dressed for dinner. Dinner is yet another lavish affair. Sure enough, the observation car is full and lively. The bartender offers an array of drinks: Pride of Africa outside Matjiesfontein. Its dramatic desert hills are dotted with brush. Pride of Africa on the Matjiesfontein platform. Too soon, we pull into the station. There to welcome us is Mr. Rohan Vos, owner and mastermind of Rovos Rail. We pose for a quick photo with Mr. We look forward to welcoming you aboard! She is a luxury travel advisor and VP, Operations. Both are based in our Louisville, KY headquarters. They have just returned from a month-long study tour examining trains, hotels and experiences in Europe and South Africa.

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Chapter 2 : The Orient Express | Agatha Christie Wiki | FANDOM powered by Wikia

Possibly the first luxury train in the world, the Orient Express combines a refined heritage, elegant carriages and the highest class of on board service to offer passengers a once-in-a-lifetime experience on history's greatest rail journey.

In North America, the American Orient Express, formerly the American European Express, operated several train sets in charter service between and In popular culture The glamour and rich history of the Orient Express has frequently lent itself to the plot of books and films and as the subject of television documentaries. Literature Edit Dracula by Bram Stoker: It takes place on the Simplon Orient Express. The Case by Zizou Corder. Charlie Ashanti was stowing away on the train on his way to Venice when he meet King Boris of Bulgaria. The Orient Express appeared as a technologically advanced for its time train in the book Behemoth, by Scott Westerfeld. Film Edit Orient Express Germany; released on March 8, , likely the last date a new movie was shown in Nazi Germany. Sleeping Car to Trieste Film by the Rank Organization, story by Clifford Grey, a stolen diplomatic document is the quest of some various groups on the Orient Express from Paris to Trieste. Orient Express , whose plot revolves around a two-day stop at a village in the Alps by passengers on the Orient Express. From Russia with Love Travels with My Aunt The two board the Orient Express in Paris; the train takes them to Turkey though they disembark briefly at the Milan stop. Murder on the Orient Express , , and Film adaptations of the Agatha Christie novel. Romance on the Orient Express TV movie with Cheryl Ladd. Fogg rides aboard the train to Istanbul. Mystery on the Orient Express: During the special, Copperfield rode aboard the train and, at its conclusion, made the dining car seemingly disappear. Travel journalist Alan Whicker joined the inaugural service of the Venice-Simplon Orient Express to Venice in , interviewing invited guests and celebrities along the way. As the title suggests it is primarily based on the train. The episode "Emergence" of the science fiction television series Star Trek: It was also where it was revealed that Angie was lying about her illness, preceding the ultimate storyline in Christmas In one episode of the British cartoon series Dangermouse, called "Dangermouse on the Orient Express" a parody of Murder on the Orient Express , Dangermouse and Penfold travel on the train on their way back to London from Venice. The integral symphonic version was released on CD in , a 26 minute Suite for Concert Band was published in Musical group from Turkey who combine traditional Turkish music with elements of electronica. The Jean Michel Jarre album The Concerts in China has a track entitled "Orient Express" as track 1 of disc 2, though the relation to the train is unknown. A concert band piece, Orient Express is written by Philip Sparke. Heart of China has a final sequence in the Orient Express. An action scene takes place on the roof. The Orient Express plays host to an adventure game by Jordan Mechner: The Last Express is a murder mystery game set around the last ride of the Orient Express before it suspended operations at the start of World War I. Robert Cath, an American doctor wanted by French police as he is suspected of the murder of an Irish police officer, and becomes involved in a maelstrom of treachery, lies, political conspiracies, personal interests, romance and murder. The game has 30 characters representing a cross-section of European forces at the time. Murder on the Orient Express. The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles cartoon spent the better part of an episode on the train. The Orient Express was featured in two scenarios in the Railroad Tycoon series: In Railroad Tycoon 3 you need to connect Vienna to Istanbul. In the game Crash Bandicoot 3:

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Chapter 3 : Luxury Trains From the Orient Express to the TGV (trains a grande vitesse) | eBay

That year, , the Simplon Orient Express was at the top of it's fame. Behind me I overheard two gentlemen talking enthusiastically about the upcoming adventure and about the trains' history. Behind me I overheard two gentlemen talking enthusiastically about the upcoming adventure and about the trains' history.

Vienna remained the terminus until October 4, The train was officially renamed Orient Express in At Giurgiu, passengers were ferried across the Danube to Ruse, Bulgaria , to pick up another train to Varna. They then completed their journey to Constantinople by ferry. Istanbul remained its easternmost stop until May 19, The eastern terminus was the Sirkeci Terminal by the Golden Horn. They resumed at the end of hostilities in , and in the opening of the Simplon Tunnel allowed the introduction of a more southerly route via Milan , Venice , and Trieste. The service on this route was known as the Simplon Orient Express, and it ran in addition to continuing services on the old route. The Treaty of Saint-Germain contained a clause requiring Austria to accept this train: During this time, the Orient Express acquired its reputation for comfort and luxury, carrying sleeping-cars with permanent service and restaurant cars known for the quality of their cuisine. Royalty , nobles , diplomats , business people , and the bourgeoisie in general patronized it. Each of the Orient Express services also incorporated sleeping cars which had run from Calais to Paris, thus extending the service right from one edge of continental Europe to the other. During the war, the German Mitropa company had run some services on the route through the Balkans , [12] but Yugoslav Partisans frequently sabotaged the track, forcing a stop to this service. That border re-opened in , but the closure of the Bulgarian " Turkish border from to prevented services running to Istanbul during that time. As the Iron Curtain fell across Europe, the service continued to run, but the Communist nations increasingly replaced the Wagon-Lits cars with carriages run by their own railway services. This was replaced in by a slower service called the Direct Orient Express, which ran daily cars from Paris to Belgrade, and twice weekly services from Paris to Istanbul and Athens. In , the Wagon-Lits company stopped running carriages itself and making revenues from a ticket supplement. Instead, it sold or leased all its carriages to the various national railway companies, but continued to provide staff for the carriages. However, a through sleeping car from Paris to Bucharest " and even eastwards from Vienna " was only operated until , and also a through seating car was only operated seasonally. This meant, that Paris"Budapest and Vienna" Bucharest coaches were running overlapped, so a journey was only possible with changing carriages " despite the unchanged name and numbering of the train. In the Budapest-Bucharest leg of the train was canceled, the new final station has become Budapest. In the summer season of and a sleeping car from Bucharest to Paris reappeared twice a week " now operated by CFR. This continued until , when the service was cut back to just Paris" Vienna , already in EuroNight quality " but in both cases the coaches were in fact rather attached to a Paris" Strasbourg express. This service continued daily, listed in the timetables under the name Orient Express, until June 8, In the last years through coaches between Vienna and Karlsruhe continuing first to Dortmund , then to Amsterdam , and finally " partly from Budapest " to Frankfurt were attached. The very last train with the name Orient-Express now with a hyphen has departed from Vienna at the 10th December , and one day later from Strasbourg. Route legacy[edit] Though the final service ran only from Strasbourg to Vienna , it was possible to retrace the entire original Orient Express route with four trains: The luxurious dining car, where scenes for Murder on the Orient Express and other movies were filmed, is now in the OSE museum of Thessalonica. The local authorities plan to refit the train to make it available for tourist use around the Balkans in the near future. In the th anniversary of the Orient-Express was celebrated by a trip of this train from Paris to Istanbul, and in it was run to Hong Kong via the Soviet Union and China. From there it was transferred by ferry to Japan , and used there for some excursions after regauging. The sleeping cars and some other coaches Pullmans, dining cars, luggage vans were transferred to Russia and used between Moscow and the Mongolian-Chinese border. Since then the trains have been standing unused in different countries, as the new owners sort out problems

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with operations due to a lawsuit about the usage rights of the name Orient Express. In , the Venice-Simplon Orient Express was established as a private venture, running restored s and s carriages from London to Venice. Two or three times a year Prague or Vienna and Budapest are also accessed, starting from Venice, and returning to Paris and London. Every September the train also goes from London and Paris to Istanbul via Budapest , Sinaia , and Bucharest â€”in the last three cities a sightseeing and in the two capitals an overnight in hotel also takes placeâ€”the return trip on the same route ends up in Venice. While the above-mentioned routes are available almost every year, some seasons have also included unique destinations, among them Cologne , Rome , Florence , Lucerne , the High Tatras , Cracow , Dresden , Copenhagen , and Stockholm. Such a journey is provided currently to Berlin. Venice-Simplon Orient Express in Poland , in The company also offers a similarly themed luxury train in Singapore , Malaysia , and Thailand called the Eastern and Oriental Express , and operates other luxury overnight trains in Scotland , Ireland , and Peru. This train has only Pullman and dining cars, but no sleepers. Orient Express poster CIWL phototheque and historical archives[edit] The CIWL archives contain more than years of posters, photos, plans, and communication material that represents a tremendous interest for cultural, academic, or commercial projects. Creators and artists have been hired by CIWL since in order to create luxury conditions and comfort in travel, as well as a particular graphic style that is now recognized worldwide by its quality. Great efforts have been made to digitalize images photos, plans, and posters , although vast paper archives remain preserved, waiting to be sorted and classified in the future. As of today, available digital archives consist of more than CIWL posters, PLM posters, and more than 6, archive photos, representing probably one of the most extensive poster collections in the world with works dating from the end of the 19th century to the late s. These archives are regularly used for all types of publishing and media projects, all over the world, as well as cultural events see below: Literature[edit] Dracula by Bram Stoker:

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Chapter 4 : Orient Express - Wikipedia

The Orient Express was a long-distance passenger train service created in by Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits (CIWL).. The route and rolling stock of the Orient Express changed many times.

Shweta Luxury Train India , Luxury Vacations India with its diversity has a bit of everything for everyone, be it romantic travel destinations, thrilling and adventurous escapades in the jungle, relaxing ayurveda resorts and rejuvenation centers or the bustling metro cities for shopping sprees and culture walks. In this post we will cover luxurious experiences that one can indulge in while in India. Often times we desire a little more from life than the ordinary, to treat ourselves. A splurging meal at a 5 Star restaurant or a stay for a few days in a suite in a lavish hotel is all it takes after tireless hard work and contemplation. So, here are the most luxurious experiences India has to offer: Guests here can enjoy unique experiences of staying at a palatial hotel with old worldly charm and royal hospitality. But even if you are not put up at the Oberoi Rajvilas, you can still experience its luxury with a lavish dinner at either of the two grand dining spaces within the property. Dinner at Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur Guests looking for luxury dining in Jaipur , invariably find themselves at the Oberoi Rajvilas, where they can either indulge in the regular fine dining experience laid out at their restaurant Surya Mahal with international menu. Or for more special seasonal dinner spreads one can find themselves at the specialty restaurant Raj Mahal. Surya Mahal Both the restaurants feature indoor covered seating areas, with a large hall that runs alongside the main hall, but there is also an outdoor space for folk music and dance. While Surya Mahal is open throughout the year with an extensive menu serving international cuisine, Raj Mahal is open during the cooler winter months serving rare Indian delights. Beside the restaurants is the Rajwada Library Bar with a large collection of imported wines and liquors, excellent range of single malts and all the classic cocktails. Rajwada Library Bar You can sit by the pool for a candlelight dinner, or get an exclusive table-side cooking by their in-house master chefs. Another special experience offered by the Oberoi Rajvilas is the breakfast by the herb garden. The bar is a great place to enjoy a nightcap or an aperitif or indulge in a game of chess with a friend or discuss history. This camping at its most lavish avatar with luxury tents decked out with all the amenities. The campus hosts 10 Mughal inspired luxury tents, with round the clock butler service and great cuisine with a chance of spotting the Bengal beast in the wild. Apart from the luxury tents for accommodation there is also a spa tent for massages, facials and scrubs and other treatments to rejuvenate you. A well-stocked lounging tent features the best of liquors and wines at your disposal by the central outdoor pit. The area has high speed Wi-Fi, tents are fitted with king size beds, attached baths with rain showers and soaking tubs and personal sitting and dining spaces. The hotel also features a pool with the traditional step wells and old worldly irrigation tanks that add a touch of the past to the sparkling waters of the modern design. The treatments at Jiva will ease you in to a state of calm and rejuvenate your soul by bidding all kinds of stresses goodbye. The Jiva Spa welcomes you with a host of different treatments and therapies, starting from their signature collections to traditional Indian therapies, aroma therapies, yoga and meditation and Ayurvedic treatments. Taj Green Cove in Kerala The spa is located at the beautiful Taj Kovalam with state-of-the-art amenities and a decor that instantly offers calming vibes. The relaxation area includes a steam, a shower, and a hot-and-cold Jacuzzi open to the sky, with a panoramic view of the ocean. There are separate locker rooms and changing rooms for men and women with robes, slippers, towels and personal services, to take care of you. Every room at the property offers an unprecedented view of the beautiful monument, perfect for a honeymoon destination. The sweeping driveway of the hotel welcomes you into the grand property. The reception area welcomes guests with a Mughal style quadrant that is further accentuated with cascading fountain and framed with beautiful traditional arch way passages with gold leaf frescos keeping the old worldly charm alive. There is a large pool in the property where guests can swim and then unwind pool-side for a signature Oberoi cocktail, this is the only bar in the area with views of the Taj Mahal. There is also a fine dining restaurant with Indian and international specialty cuisines serving delicious meals from the master

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chefs at Oberoi. The private spa suite offers relaxing massages and therapies with views of the Taj as you rejuvenate your body and mind. The history of a bygone era lives through the walls of the Taj Lake Palace as the property was built in as the entertainment palace for Maharaja Jagat Singh II. It has enjoyed its fair share of cinema popularity as it has featured several times in the silver screen for Hollywood and Bollywood movies like Octopussy and The Jewel in the Crown. There are 66 rooms and 17 suites at the Taj Lake Palace, each designed with the distinct theme to capture a distinct mood. The rooms offer views of the lake, the city, and the mountains that surround the city of Udaipur. To experience royal and opulent accommodation with the best in class hospitality a visit to the Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur is a must for those looking for some lavish getaways. **Luxury Resort for Gaming:** They offer massive rooms and suites for guests to relax and unwind starting from square feet. There are terrace lagoons or premiere conservatory rooms with great panoramic views. Moreover, the property features 5 restaurants with all day fine dining facilities, namely "the Riverside, The Restaurant, Jamavar, Susegao beach side Aqua, The Pool bar and Yali Lounge. This is also a great for celebrations as it has some of the largest banquet halls and celebration areas in the city. **Memorable Stay at Kumarakom Lake Resort Kottayam, Kerala** Featured as one of the most luxurious resorts in the world by BBC, this is a place to be for indulgent relaxation surrounded by luxury. The rooms and villas as well as the suites at the resort are a perfect blend of traditional Keralite architecture coupled with the luxury and charm of modern comforts. Each structure is a well thought out recreation of 16th century Kerala homesteads called Manas. Some are even the original structures transplanted and preserved with care to bring back the good old charm of homestead living. The modern yet traditionally designed open roofed bathrooms are a special feature of every villa in the property that makes bathing that much more fun. There are also plenty of dining options at the venue with 4 restaurants offering special menus to the guests. Ettukettu is their in-house specialty restaurant, Vembanad is the seafood bar serving fresh sea food, and there is a pool-side eatery for lounging while sipping cocktails which is the Poolside Pavilion and they also have a charming in-house tea shop Thattukada, designed in traditional Keralian style of architecture. **A Luxurious Tiger Safari: Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan** Spotting the royal beast in its prowl is a unique experience and what better place to glimpse the tiger than the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, one of the largest tiger sanctuaries. This is a must seek experience for every nature lover who loves to explore wildlife, has a keen eye for wildlife photography, bird watching and simply loves the smell of the forest. **Ranthambore National Park** The safari offers a detailed tour of the reserve starting early in the morning, you will witness the tigers basking under the sun. To further experience the jungle and the natural beauty surrounding the area you may choose to spend a few nights at the lavish Sher bagh Ranthambore, which is located just at the periphery of the tiger reserve. **Stay at Sher Bagh Ranthambore** The jeep safaris through the national park and in the tiger machan is a must do when visiting this place. There are other nearby popular wildlife reserves as well and the popular tourist cities of Bharatpur and Alwar. **Go Luxury Yachting in Goa** What could be more luxurious than partying aboard a personal yacht in the sparkling waters of the Arabian Sea? You can do that and much more with a luxurious yacht rental available from numerous providers in Goa. While it may not possible for many to have their own private yachts for luxury sailing and partying in the middle of the sea, but Goa is making it possible for the common man to experience this unique indulgence. One can also arrange for hostess and dancers to breathe life into the party. There are high speed yachts and catamarans and even sail boats available for rent on the Goan seas and the river. They offer their signature Oberoi spa treatments along eastern and western massages, Ayurvedic therapies, Aroma therapies and other treatments for skin nourishment and radiance. The best place to revitalize your mind and rejuvenate your body and spirit surrounded by opulence and luxury in its most calming form. There are these beautiful whirlpools open to the air where you can soak while taking in the beautiful sights of the Himalayas, the indoor pool is equally breath taking with overhead crystal lights and chandeliers, with temperature controlled water for complete comfort. **Travel through Rajasthan with Luxury Trains India** has its fair share of luxury trains that runs along the Golden triangle of Indian tourism and covers a large part of Rajasthan which one of the most popular tourist states in the country in northern India. Dotted

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with palaces and forts and other architectural marvels, breathing a nostalgic air of the bygone era of kings and princes with a unique culture of folklore, dance and performance and equally charming stories, Rajasthan offers something for everyone. The best way to tour the state is aboard one of the most celebrated trains in the country. Decorated with inspirations from the palaces of the kings of Rajasthan, each cabin of the trains are comparable to palatial rooms fit for the kings.

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Chapter 5 : calendrierdelascience.com: Orient Express (Express train) - International Shipping Eligible: Bo

Over time, air travel and high-speed trains made these slow luxury trains less popular and by only the Direct Orient Express route was being run. Its last trip from Paris to Istanbul was on May 19,

France created modern railway networks in Algeria and Tunisia, standard gauge and east of Tunis meter gauge. In Morocco initially only 0. On the other side of the Mediterranean, the ships connected with the specials at Marseille Joliette, Port-Vendres, the expresses at Algeciras and the Sud-Express at Lisbon. Under political pressure a service Tunisia - Algeria was established by the de-Luxe Tunis - Constantine - Oran with old Orient-Express type sleepers, now painted white. That unpopular express, known as "le Train blanc", vanished after a few months. Another tourist train is shown on a well-known postcard: In the standard gauge between Algeria and Morocco was completed. After interruption, in the night expresses Oran - Alger and Alger - Constantine started again. The Wagons-Lits timetable e. Equipped also with a sleeping-car, they were intended for services Casablanca - Oran, with boat connection to Port Vendres, thus providing a fast link with Paris. The isolated railway at Ceuta had German railcars. In summer started the Transmaghreb, proudly announced as "liaison rapide Tunis - Alger - Casablanca". American diesels hauled the stainless Inox cars which did run from Tunis to Alger. Traffic from Algeria to Oujda, the border station of Morocco, however was interrupted soon and ten hours late-running was reported. In a Transmaghreb really ran from Alger to Oujda, consisting of a blue General Motors diesel and 11 grey cars, including even a diner. Then it was interrupted again and also the services from Tunisia to Algeria were stopped. Only the night express from Oujda to Casablanca port still carried the proud name "Al Maghreb al Arabi". Quite another train was created on Tunisian meter gauge: For ferries crossing the Strait of Gibraltar see www. Alger - Oran completed, to Oujda Algeria connected with Tunisia at Ghardimaou Tunis - Sfax completed, 1 m gauge Casablanca - Oudja completed, 0. Tanger - Casablanca completed, to Marrakech Transmaghreb Tunis - Alger, until c. Oran - Oujda stopped, in resumed, towards stopped again. WR 6-wheeler with center-located kitchen, details not known. A 6-wheeled WR burnt out at Oran in The other cars of this Rathgeber series , painted white for Algeria? Could the destroyed have been built-up for the Tunis-Oran-Express? Vans F, , 4-wheelers ex-PLM. The only pictures show tank engine no. Traction Expresses between Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco: Diesel from , partial electrification started in , initially Midi type BB, then 3kV dc.

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Chapter 6 : Schedule of the main tourist trains around cities of Uzbekistan, Trains, Tours to Uzbekistan

The Orient Express was the name of a long-distance passenger train service created in by Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits (CIWL). The route and rolling stock of the Orient Express changed many times.

Request seats in your favourite Pullman car Before you book, read the brief history of each unique and individual Pullman car at www.vsoe.com. Personally, I think Ibis has the nicest interior decor, but Winston Churchill fans might prefer Perseus, and so on. Request a coupe or saloon seat on the Pullman Though personally I like the convivial open saloons best. After your meal on the British Pullman, take your camera and walk through the train admiring the different decor in each car. Ask for your favourite restaurant for dinner - and a different one for lunch next day. There are three restaurants on the VSOE continental train, each unique. Next day, request a table in one of the other two, to experience a different car. Are there power sockets? Not on the British Pullmans, no. But there are UK-style 3-pin sockets under the tables on the Folkestone-Calais road coaches, and each sleeper compartment on the VSOE Continental train has two European-style 2-pin sockets, one under the sink, one under the window. You can request these when you book, yes. The VSOE trains are all non-smoking, as is the road coach. Though ardent smokers may find a place for a quick smoke outside the train at Calais and in Paris. The fare includes service, although you can always tip a member of staff who gives particularly good service. The dress code is smart casual during the day, and at least dark suit with tie for men in the evening. One large suitcase per person can be checked in to your final destination, and one item of hand luggage plus a suit carrier or overnight bag can be taken into your sleeper compartment. There are small luggage racks above your seat in the British Pullman cars and a reasonably large luggage rack in your sleeping-car compartment. Can children travel on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express? Yes they can, of any age, see the fares section above. Do you have to go from London to Venice? You may have to contact them for prices, though. Is a northbound or southbound trip best? See my answer here. Does the train go across the Channel? No, and the Orient Express never did. The only passenger train ever to be physically ferried across the Channel on board a ship were the London-Paris and later, London-Brussels sleeping-cars of the Night Ferry, which start in and was discontinued in , see [http: Is this the original Orient Express? See the Orient Express history page](http://www.vsoe.com) No. Because there is no such thing as the original Orient Express. The Orient Express was a service, not one specific set of coaches. They were relatively short trains of individual sleeping-cars from different starting points to different destinations, with cars switched between trains at key interchange points such as Vienna or Belgrade. Restaurant cars would be attached for all main sectors, but there would not have been any bars, lounges or pianos. More work-a-day than most people imagine. To give you a flavour of what it was really like, in the s the Orient Express would leave Istanbul Sirkeci station at 10pm consisting of just 4 sleeping-cars and 2 baggage vans fourgons in French. No restaurants, no bars, no lounges nor seats cars, just those 4 sleeping-cars and two fourgons, nothing more. Again depending on the day of the week, the fourth sleeping-car was for either Prague or Berlin via the Balt-Orient Express. A restaurant car was added at the Bulgarian border where it had been detached from an eastbound Orient Express a few hours previously in time to serve breakfast. Still no lounges or pianos! In addition to the various Orient Express routes, the Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits the company which ran the Orient Express operated sleeping-cars and restaurant-cars all over Europe, both as all-luxury trains such as these and providing the sleeping- and restaurant-car service attached to regular trains in many countries. Cutting a long story short, the CIWL handed over responsibility for the sleeping- and dining-cars to the various national rail operators themselves in , but the company still exists. VSOE own a couple of S-type cars which they tend to use for solo travellers because of their smaller compartments. Again, this is some way from the truth. The Simplon Orient Express which ran daily, with direct sleeping-cars from both Calais and Paris to Istanbul was replaced in by a slower train called the Direct Orient Express, which included one direct sleeping-car from Paris to Istanbul just three times a week.

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Chapter 7 : VENICE SIMPLON-ORIENT-EXPRESS | London to Venice dates, prices, tickets

A very good book covering the history of luxury express train travel. The main concern is the service of the Wagon-Lits company from its inception to its decline, but there are chapters about other express trains worldwide such as the Japanese Bullet Train and the trains of North America.

The original Orient Express train service ran from to , and its name became associated with glamour, luxury, intrigue, and even murder! The VSOE makes regular luxury train journeys across Europe, offering gourmet meals, private overnight cabins, and attentive staff within its wonderfully restored historical train carriages. The signature trip is the hour luxury train journey from London to Venice which has to be one of the most elegant ways to arrive in Venice! Why is the Orient Express so Famous? Orient Express is probably the most famous name associated with any train in history, its mystique glorified by books and films. However, it was not always as romantic as people think as it was the primary way to travel through the Balkans at the time and it operated through some pretty turbulent political times in Europe. Throughout its history, the train was robbed, bombed, shot at, and one of the train cars was even used as a location by both the French and the Germans to sign armistice agreements in the World Wars. As early as , Bram Stoker would use the Orient Express train to transport Johnathan Harker, Van Helsing, and the other members of their party across Europe in their race to get to Dracula as he sailed back to his castle in Transylvania. Dracula remains one of my favorite classic novels! I would definitely recommend reading or re-reading some of these books prior to your journey or bringing one aboard with you! If you prefer movies, the book has been made into a number of movies in several languages. The simple answer is no. There is no specific train that was called the Orient Express which used a rotating and often changing set of rolling stock locomotives, carriages throughout its long history. Instead Orient Express was the name of a long-distance train service and train route. The Orient Express was operated by the famous Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits which also produced the luxurious train cars used in the Orient Express trains. Over time, air travel and high-speed trains made these slow luxury trains less popular and by only the Direct Orient Express route was being run. Its last trip from Paris to Istanbul was on May 19, For many people, this was considered the end of the Orient Express; however a much truncated train route called the Orient Express existed until December , with a train making its final run on the route from Strasbourg to Vienna on December 12, Originally the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express actually ran through the Simplon Pass, but it now typically uses a different route through Switzerland to reach Venice but retains the name. It has expanded its routes to include a number of cities throughout Europe. As noted earlier the train got its name based on the historical train route called the Simplon-Orient-Express that ran from Paris to Istanbul via the Simplon Pass. The most popular and frequent journeys are from London to Venice and vice versa along with shorter journeys from London to Paris and Paris to Venice. The 6-day iconic trip from Paris to Istanbul and back is typically offered once a year. The Belmond British Pullman makes regular day trips within the United Kingdom, which are recommended for those wanting to experience the train within a smaller budget. The train journey to and from London to Venice is the most popular journey offered on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express. Some guests choose to do the full round-trip experience, but many want to just do it one-way and might wonder if it is better to go southwestbound or northeastbound? That said, we found that there was more availability going from Venice to London and that the cost is sometimes a bit lower going that direction. You also get a more substantial British afternoon tea going in the Venice to London direction since it is served aboard the British Pullman. If you choose to book a one-way trip, you can easily go the other direction by using Eurostar and a continental rail service, or by flying. Note that if you book a trip on the VSOE with Belmond, they can help you book flights, hotel accommodation, and transfers around your journey. Passports and Visas for Riding the VSOE Train passengers must have all necessary passports and visas, and must comply with any customs, health, or vaccination policies for all countries they travel through even if they do not disembark the train in these

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countries. The London-Venice passenger will pass through the United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, Austria depends on routing , and Italy and passengers must have all necessary passports and visas. If you are an EU citizen, you should not need any visas; however, citizens of other countries may need visas or health records. On longer journeys that include Romania and Turkey, Belmond will usually make arrangements to help passengers obtain these visas but do inquire about this in advance. Once you arrive on the VSOE continental train, your cabin steward will collect your passport and any visas to be able to address any inspections at border crossings and these are returned to you before you reach your final destination. Note that for United States travelers and other citizens traveling within the Schengen Zone under the Schengen Borders Agreement , it is your responsibility to receive entry and exit stamps when entering or exiting the zone in order to document the amount of time spent within the Schengen Zone up to 90 days in any day period. Without an entry stamp, you may have problems later when exiting the Schengen Zone. I had this problem as even though I asked at the UK-France border, it was only stamped as exiting the UK and it was never stamped with my entry into France first Schengen Zone country or any other countries along the way as we did not go through French immigration. While this is somewhat understandable since most passengers are EU citizens, we were a bit disappointed that none of the staff were able to really help us given that Americans and other non-EU passengers regularly ride this train. If this is an issue for you, be sure to contact Belmond in advance and alert staff at check-in at the beginning of your journey. The dress code is pretty explicitly stated in the VSOE Travel Journal and you can essentially not be overdressed, especially in the evening. However, in the evening guests are expected to change into formal wear. For men, this means a dark suit and tie or a tuxedo and dress shoes, and for women this could be a cocktail or evening dress or a formal pant suit. Just remember to pack everything you need for dinner clothes, accessories shoes, make-up, jewelry in your carry-on baggage before check-in. These are restored vintage train cars although some modern amenities have been added. First, there are no bathtubs or showers aboard the trains with the exception of the three grand suites which will contain showers and will be available starting in March , just toilets, sinks, and washbasins. Coal stoves are used for the main heating in each carriage ask to see one if interested! There is obviously no air-conditioning although the windows can be rolled down for ventilation and there is a small fan on the wall of each compartment. There is also no wireless Internet access aboard either of the trains. There is decent cell phone reception along the route. You are welcome to use electronic devices e. A safe is located in many of the cabins request a cabin with one at the time of booking if this feature is important to you. Since there is no air conditioning aboard, it can at times get quite hot aboard the train in mid to late summer. If you are sensitive to heat, I would avoid the hottest summer months as you will still be expected to dress formally. There was a much wider demographic than we had imagined aboard the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express. Most people were celebrating a significant birthday, anniversary, honeymoon, or other event during their trip and for most people this is a one-time trip of a lifetime. I particularly loved the story from one fellow passenger that her husband had surprised her and it was in celebration of both her birthday and her cancer battle. For some, they had been on the train before or other trains operated by Belmond and loved it, so some were regular VSOE travelers. Most people were British and traveling as married couples although there were a couple of mother-daughter and friend groups as well. You are not likely to be sitting next to a celebrity these days, but we did have one minor actress we did not recognize her or her name on our journey. Most people were happy to strike up conversations and chat especially in the coach and in the Bar Lounge, but since most people were also celebrating with their partner many were also wanting some romantic alone time. Luggage allowance on board is 1 piece of hand luggage carry-on size suitcase or smaller and 1 garment bag or overnight bag per passenger. Each passenger is also allowed one piece of luggage to be checked-in and this luggage should be tagged at the Check-In lounge before departure. All checked luggage will be transferred to a baggage car by Belmond staff for the duration of the journey you will not have access to it until your final destination. You can also pre-arrange with Belmond for your luggage to be transferred directly to your hotel upon your arrival at your destination. Essentially, if you have a physical issue that greatly impacts your mobility, this train journey would be difficult and not

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recommended. Because of the dimensions of the historical trains, they are not able to accommodate a wheelchair. Passengers with mobility issues interested in this journey should contact Belmond staff in advance of booking to discuss possible accommodations and staff recommendations. Or consider booking one of the new and much more spacious Grand Suites. Yes, children of all ages are welcome aboard the VSOE and children under 12 receive a discounted fare if sharing a compartment with an adult. However, the VSOE experience is not necessarily the best fit for many children, especially younger children, and parents should take that into consideration. There were several children on the British Pullman part of our journey as a day trip, but only two very well-behaved older children on the full overnight trip. Tipping on the VSOE? The cost of your train journey is inclusive of all service charges, and any gratuities are at your own discretion. You can tip as you go e. Cost of the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express? Discounts are available for children under age 12 sharing a compartment with an adult, and children under 2 sharing a berth with an adult travel for free. If you are traveling solo, the price for 1 person is generally provided for a double cabin single occupancy on the website. However, there are typically single cabins available for a lower price so you will need to contact Belmond for their price and availability. You can read our full review of the British Pullman and see tons of photos from that portion of our trip in our other article. Your overnight accommodations in a private cabin, your meals brunch, lunch, dinner, afternoon tea , and the service is included in your fare. For instance our trip included a Bellini cocktail with brunch on the British Pullman and a demi bottle of prosecco in our cabin. You can also make reservations directly by phone U. We hope you enjoy coming along with us on our VSOE journey! What Happens Before Your Trip After you have made your booking either online or by phone, you will be contacted by a Belmond agent to go over the details and any available options. Before your journey, you will also receive a package in the mail containing your Travel Journal and some beautiful VSOE luggage tags. The Travel Journal is personalized with your train journey route, name, dates, and contains your tickets in the front along with information about check-in, your itinerary, the train amenities, other Belmond products, and a section for your to write your own thoughts during the trip. I really loved receiving this package in the mail as you so rarely receive tickets in the mail these days. Upon booking, you will want to talk to Belmond about any special requests, mobility issues, dietary restrictions, luggage transfers, etc. For instance, if you want to arrange for a bottle of champagne or a gift to be in your train compartment upon arrival to surprise your partner, do this in advance. Also if you have cabin preferences e. We spoke to Belmond staff specifically a friendly woman named Heather before our trip about both a dining car preference as well as asked for advice about what to do with my wedding dress since it was extra baggage but something that would need to be handled with care. They were great at noting our dining car preferences with our reservation and in helping us decide what option may be best with the wedding dress. Also, you are asked to call to re-confirm your booking approximately 48 hours in advance of the start of your journey and the phone number is provided in the journal. There is also a hotline number that provides up-to-date information about the schedule. Belmond will also collect your contact information upon booking and will inform you if there are any delays or changes. At Victoria station, we made our way to the train platform level and then asked a staff member about how to get to the lounge. The lounge opens up a couple of hours prior to departure, and guests are recommended to arrive for check-in at least 45 minutes prior to departure. Please be sure that all your important documents passport, visas, travel journal , your evening wear, and overnight items are with you in your hand luggage before checking your luggage.

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Chapter 8 : Majestic Imperator Train de Luxe | Booking Agent for Majestic Imperator

The new Eastern & Oriental Express uniforms contribute to this out-of-this-world experience. The artwork depicts an ethereal world of princes & princesses, adorned with beautiful flowers, travelling in their joyful fantasy world for eternity - celebrating the Art of Living Well.

Orient-Express, O train de luxe! There we were, on the platform of the Gare de Lyon in Paris. And I was allowed to go too! All the way from Paris to Cairo in just 6 days! I was terrified but extremely excited as well. Although the railways were invented in Europe, sleeper trains were conceived in America. Following their success the genius Belgian engineer Georges Nagelmackers launched them here too, but he made them far more luxurious! To do so he set up the Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits. From on, it was possible to travel from Paris to Istanbul twice a week in 3 nights. Istanbul was still called Constantinople at the time. In 1901, the Simplon tunnel was opened, allowing trains to cross the Alps and to travel thus from Switzerland to Italy. All this seemed unbelievable to me at the time. It was busy on the platform, but that was quite alright. Even the most imaginative among you would not believe what was going on there. Such a varied range of people! There were diplomats and state leaders, stars and aristocrats, artists and writers, even traders from the East and Indian Maharajas on their way home. Our baggage was stored in the luggage van and an attendant showed us to our compartments. We were ready to go! As governess to a rich family I had witnessed considerable luxury before. But this was something else. The attention to detail was quite amazing. I shared a compartment with the daughter, while the mother and father each had their own. There were two beds, one above the other, and we had our own washbasin. The walls were decorated with marquetry, turning each compartment into a work of art. There were starched sheets and woollen blankets. And even a button to summon the butler! The train was made up of 5 sleeper carriages, a dining car and two luggage vans. There was no saloon car. Fortunately we could fold up the beds in the daytime, giving us a small lounge area with a sofa and small table. Only the richest passengers could afford a compartment with one bed, as did the family I was working for at the time. Other passengers shared a compartment with a stranger of the same sex. A meal fit for a queen The first night went by. I slept extremely well. We got ready and went to the dining car for an extensive breakfast. Once again the luxury was a feast for the eyes. Colourful carpets, white table linen, champagne buckets, crystal glasses and carafes, silver cutlery and bone china plates. Someone told me that the metal dining cars were built in and decorated in art deco style, with geometric, floral and animal patterns. The marquetry consisted of wooden panels, inlaid with tropical woods, ivory, mother of pearl and precious metals. The comfortable chairs were upholstered in real leather. The Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits was well known for its sumptuous food. Gastronomic and the best of French cuisine. We had a real chef on board. In the evening he served an excellent menu: It makes my mouth water just remembering it. Across 7 countries The journey from Paris to Istanbul lasted just 3 days. That was made possible by the fact that the train kept going day and night. I had expected it to be a tiring experience but after the first night I was pleasantly surprised at the ease and comfort of the trip. The train attendant collected all documents when we set off. It was exciting to watch the changing landscape. The further we went, the more exotic the surroundings became. The two carriages for that destination were uncoupled in Belgrade. Straightaway they were replaced by two other carriages: This gave us some time to admire the magical views in Belgrade. Sirkeci station in Istanbul. This stunning station was built in by the German architect August Jachmund especially for the Orient Express. It was a magical blend of elements from east and west. Because this train had two destinations, Baghdad and Cairo, it was split in Aleppo. I have to admit that our journey from Istanbul to Cairo was far less of a pleasure than the part from Paris to Istanbul. It also took about as long. But we were swept away by the foreign and exotic culture, so I really had no reason to complain. Rolls Royce buses drove us on to Haifa, Palestine. Then we got back on the train to Kantara on the Suez Canal, where we boarded a ferry. One last train brought us to Cairo. So the whole journey from Paris to our final destination took 4 trains, 2 ships, one bus and 6 days. This day and age that

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seems unthinkable, but at the time it was really fast! I could have met Agatha Christie! That particular train got stuck kilometres from Istanbul in a heavy snowstorm. The train remained there for 5 days, until a snow clearance team turned up. With a bit of luck I might even have met her! Agatha Christie was not the only famous person to travel with the Orient Express. None other than Marlene Dietrich went aboard in She was discovered on the train, when she sat down at the piano in the dining car and began to sing. Leon Trotsky also travelled on this train several times, after being exiled from Russia, whilst looking for support for the communist revolution. Apparently the Orient Express was also popular with spies. Mata Hari and Lawrence of Arabia were often to be found there. Maybe because it was an easier way to get across the border? Or perhaps because it was the fastest way to travel that kind of distance? In any case, I will always remember that journey as the greatest adventure of my life. I can still picture every minute as if it were a film. I had the time of my life aboard the Simplon Orient Express.

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Chapter 9 : Venice Simplon Orient Express Train: A Luxury Train Journey from London to Venice

The maximum train speed - km / h, the train will cover the distance from Tashkent to Samarkand in km for 2 hours. Engine drivers and the staff of the high-speed train have been trained mainly at the factory of "Talgo" and "RENFE" (Spain) companies.

For other uses, see Orient Express disambiguation. Several routes in the past concurrently used the Orient Express name, or slight variants thereof. Although the original Orient Express was simply a normal international railway service, the name has become synonymous with intrigue and luxury travel. The two city names most prominently associated with the Orient Express are Paris and Constantinople Istanbul, [1] [2] the original endpoints of the timetabled service. CIWL soon developed a dense network of luxury trains all over Europe, whose names are still remembered today and associated with the art of luxury travel – the Blue Train, the Golden Arrow, North Express and many more. In 1914, the Orient Express stopped serving Istanbul. Its immediate successor, a through overnight service from Paris to Vienna, ran for the last time from Paris on Friday, June 8, 1914. The new curtailed service left Strasbourg at 10:00 on 14 December 1914, the Orient Express ceased to operate and the route disappeared from European railway timetables, reportedly a "victim of high-speed trains and cut-rate airlines". The return trip left Vienna on Friday, October 13, 1914, at Georges Nagelmackers was the founder of Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits, which expanded its luxury trains, travel agencies and hotels all over Europe, Asia and North Africa. Its most famous train remains the Orient-Express. The train was composed of: Baggage car Sleeping coach with 16 beds with bogies Sleeping coach with 14 beds 3 axles Restaurant coach nr. Vienna remained the terminus until October 4, 1914. The train was officially renamed Orient Express in 1914. At Giurgiu, passengers were ferried across the Danube to Ruse, Bulgaria, to pick up another train to Varna. They then completed their journey to Constantinople by ferry. Istanbul remained its easternmost stop until May 19, 1914. The eastern terminus was the Sirkeci Terminal by the Golden Horn. They resumed at the end of hostilities in 1918, and in the opening of the Simplon Tunnel allowed the introduction of a more southerly route via Milan, Venice and Trieste. The service on this route was known as the Simplon Orient Express, and it ran in addition to continuing services on the old route. The Treaty of Saint-Germain contained a clause requiring Austria to accept this train: During this time, the Orient Express acquired its reputation for comfort and luxury, carrying sleeping-cars with permanent service and restaurant cars known for the quality of their cuisine. Royalty, nobles, diplomats, business people and the bourgeoisie in general patronized it. Each of the Orient Express services also incorporated sleeping cars which had run from Calais to Paris, thus extending the service right from one edge of continental Europe to the other. During the war, the German Mitropa company had run some services on the route through the Balkans, [12] but Yugoslav Partisans frequently sabotaged the track, forcing a stop to this service. That border re-opened in 1918, but the closure of the Bulgarian – Turkish border from 1914 to 1918 prevented services running to Istanbul during that time. As the Iron Curtain fell across Europe, the service continued to run, but the Communist nations increasingly replaced the Wagon-Lits cars with carriages run by their own railway services. This was replaced in 1947 by a slower service called the Direct Orient Express, which ran daily cars from Paris to Belgrade, and twice weekly services from Paris to Istanbul and Athens. In 1954, the Wagon-Lits company stopped running carriages itself and making revenues from a ticket supplement. Instead, it sold or leased all its carriages to the various national railway companies, but continued to provide staff for the carriages. This continued until 1962, when the service was cut back to just Paris – Vienna, the coaches for which were attached to the Paris – Strasbourg express. This service continued daily, listed in the timetables under the name Orient Express, until June 8, 1973. The trains operated daily. Orient Express in Poland, in Route: