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# HAND PICKED JOURNEYS

Some rail journeys are electrifyingly fast, others take their time to roll through beautiful or exotic landscapes. And then there are those that take their passengers to another world, ones in which the glamour, elegance and romance of rail's golden age still lives on.

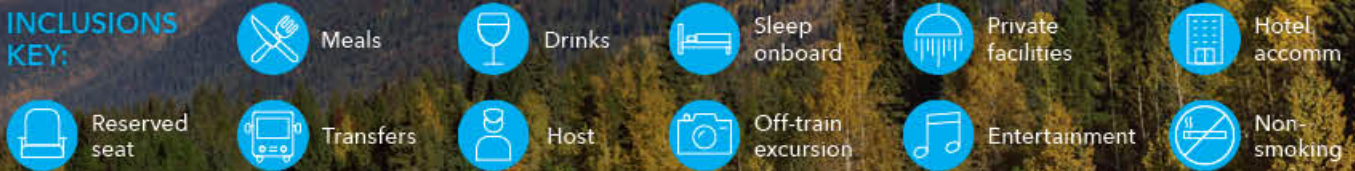
Each of the voyages in this collection of Great Train Journeys - from the fabled Venice Simplon-Orient-Express and the legendary Trans-Siberian Railway to the breathtaking Rocky Mountaineer and the opulent 'Pride of Africa' - offer something magical and unique.

All of these journeys have one thing in common - they have been hand-picked by our team of rail experts to meet the highest standards of travel, from comfortable cabins with outstanding views to first-class service and the finest cuisine.

Like all Great Train Journeys they also offer the traveller exceptional convenience. Unpack just once, then sit back and relax as you effortlessly travel between unforgettable destinations.

Welcome to the 2018 edition of Great Train Journeys. Enjoy the ride.

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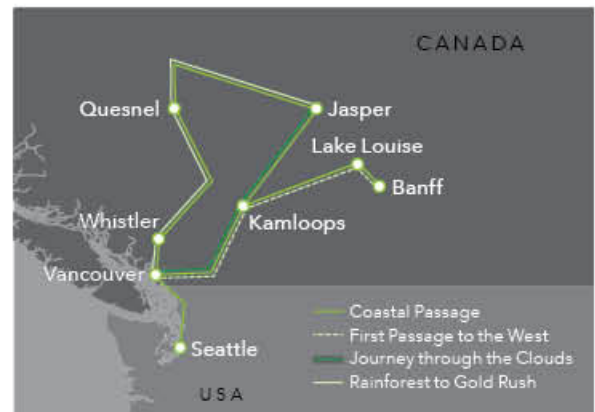
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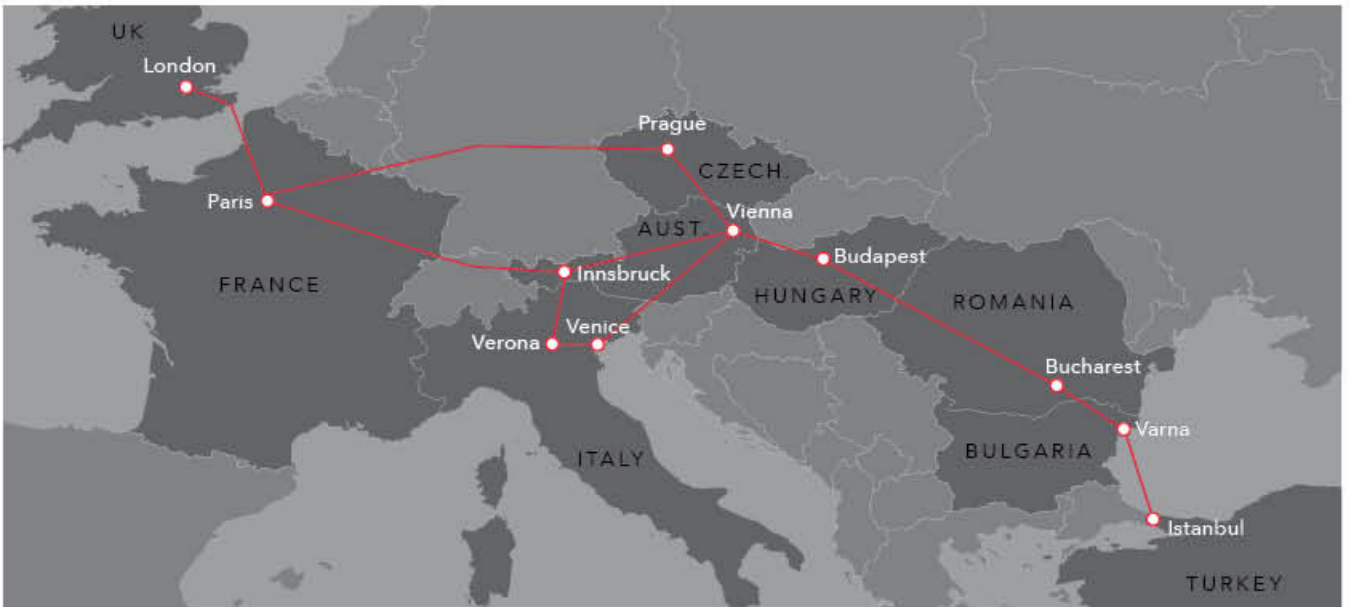


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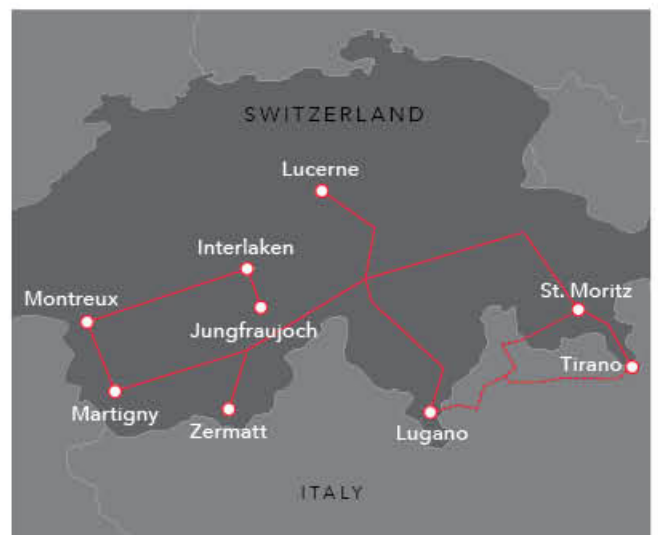
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# ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

CANADA

Each of Rocky Mountaineer's four routes has one very distinct feature in common and that is, of course, their utter uniqueness. Regardless of which journey you embark on, their all-dome fleet will move you in ways you never dreamt possible.





The knowledgeable Host offer insight as to what you see outside



Following the transcontinental rail line, the **'First Passage to the West'** route is the most popular route retracing the steps of the 19th century explorers – famous for uniting the country and connecting British Columbia to Canada over 125 years ago. Experience the natural wonders of the West on the **'Journey through the Clouds'** route, between Vancouver and Jasper. Witness unparalleled natural beauty including Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, and breathtaking Pyramid Falls.

Enjoy some of the most breathtaking and varied rail scenery found anywhere in the world on Rocky Mountaineer's three-day route, **'Rainforest to Gold Rush'**\*. Enjoy diverse and extreme landscapes like BC's coastal rainforest, the largest temperate rainforest in the world, as well as the desert-like conditions of the Fraser Canyon and the ranchlands of the historic Cariboo Gold Rush region. The **'Coastal Passage'** route seamlessly connects the hustle and bustle of Seattle, WA, USA with any of Rocky Mountaineer's routes through the Canadian Rockies.

## ROCKY MOUNTAINEER & ALASKAN CRUISE PACKAGES

Choose one of the many Rocky Mountaineer packages featuring two to four days onboard the train as well as local sightseeing tours and your choice of accommodation. Combine any rail package with an Alaskan cruise with Holland America line. Cruises depart from Vancouver, BC whether you decide to add it to the beginning or end of your Rocky Mountaineer experience.



### INCLUSIONS

Your 2 day/1 night journey onboard Rocky Mountaineer tour includes train travel in your choice of GoldLeaf or SilverLeaf Service, one night moderate accommodation in Kamloops or Quesnel, and breakfast and lunch daily. Rocky Mountaineer inclusions vary with each itinerary.

\*Rainforest to Gold Rush route is a 3 day/2 night train journey with overnight stays in Whistler and Quesnel.

### DEPARTURES

There are multiple departures every week between April and October 2018. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



GoldLeaf Service Meal



Seton Lake



GoldLeaf Service Dining Room



# VIA RAIL: THE CANADIAN

## CANADA

VIA's flagship train, The Canadian, takes four nights to travel between Vancouver and Toronto and lets you see the breadth of the country like never before.

The Canadian features all the elements of a classic train trip with a dining car, glass viewing domes and your own private cabin where one falls asleep to the gentle rocking of the rails. This "land - cruise" experience between Vancouver and Toronto is considered a "must - do" journey.

Savour your meals in the dining car, where breakfast, lunch and dinner are prepared for you by our onboard chefs. Dine in elegance with china and linen while you admire the breathtaking scenery, as our attentive staff attends to your every need.

**Sleeper Touring Class** exemplifies classic train travel where passengers are pampered with superb dining, cosy accommodations and attentive service, along with the use of the panoramic car with 360° views, art deco-style Bullet lounge and more.

**Prestige Sleeper Class** provides an exciting new level of comfort and service for travellers. From the spacious cabins to your personal concierge and turn down service to the relaxing laid-back atmosphere in the Prestige Park Car. Indulge in this refined comfort as you watch the Canadian countryside pass you by.



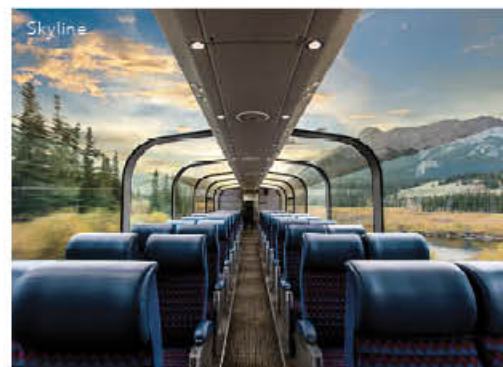
### INCLUSIONS

Choose the relaxing ambience and attentive service of budget travel in Economy class (meals available for purchase), or upgrade to the pleasures of a cosy bed, gourmet meals and exclusive access to stylish lounges in Sleeper Touring class.

### DEPARTURES

There are multiple departures every week operating all year round.

For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



# TRANS-CANADA

## CANADA

Discover the Rockies and travel onto Toronto with one of our packages, including travel onboard Rocky Mountaineer and VIA Rail's 'The Canadian'.

Start your epic coast to coast journey in Vancouver when you board Rocky Mountaineer and embark on their most popular route, First Passage to the West. Travel on the only passenger rail service on the historic Canadian Pacific track, which is famous for uniting the country and connecting British Columbia to Canada.

Spend a few days enjoying the sights that Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper have to offer, including ascending Sulphur Mountain in Banff Gondola, taking a hike around Lake Louise or visit the Columbia Icefield. Next you will board VIA Rail's 'The Canadian' in Jasper for the famous train journey across the prairies to Toronto. By day, sit back in comfortable seating and enjoy the stretch out comfort of your very own accommodation.

Relax as you witness the change of scenery from the mountains to the prairies and the great plains of Canada. As your journey comes to a close you will disembark in Toronto, Ontario.

Packages start in SilverLeaf Service onboard Rocky Mountaineer\*, an Upper/Lower semi private berth on VIA Rail's The Canadian and standard rooms for all other hotel accommodation. Alternatively, upgrade to enjoy a higher standard of hotel rooms, private sleepers onboard The Canadian and GoldLeaf Service onboard Rocky Mountaineer (Deluxe Grade only).

\*Options to upgrade train only are available.



### INCLUSIONS

The package includes Rocky Mountaineer Train between Vancouver and Banff, VIA Rail The Canadian onboard accommodation for 3 nights, 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners across the 12 day package and a number of sightseeing and tours as per the itinerary.

### DEPARTURES

There are multiple departures from Vancouver departing Sundays 15 April to 7 October, or Toronto departing Fridays 13 April to 9 October. **For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)**

Note, there are multiple Trans-Canada itineraries available. Please visit our website for detailed itineraries.



Guest taking photos from the GoldLeaf Service vestibule



VIA Rail's sleeping car by night

### WANT SOMETHING MORE PERSONAL?

Speak with one of our friendly agents in the Great Train Journey's department who will be able to create/tailor your very own Canadian itinerary.



# CANADA WINTER PACKAGES

## CANADA

Experience the Canadian Rockies like never before, journey from Vancouver to Calgary v.v in those winter months to be transported through a winter wonderland in the Canadian Rockies.

Beginning your journey in Vancouver you will travel on The Canadian overnight to Jasper, as you enjoy breakfast be surrounded by the beautiful scenery as you follow the banks of the North Thompson River through the Cariboo Mountains. Other highlights of this itinerary is the Maligne Canyon Ice walk or a Wildlife Discovery Tour depending on the time, an evening sleigh ride in Lake Louise and ample opportunity to enjoy each city at your own pace.

Packages start in a Moderate Grade bracket which includes an Upper/Lower semi private berth on VIA Rail's The Canadian and standard rooms for all other hotel accommodation. Alternatively, upgrade to Superior or Deluxe Grade and enjoy a higher standard of hotel rooms, private sleepers onboard The Canadian. \*Options to upgrade train only are available.

There is no time like the present to start planning your semi-guided rail tour today.



### INCLUSIONS

The Snow Train to the Rockies package includes VIA Rail between Vancouver and Jasper onboard accommodation for 1 night, 1 breakfast, 1 lunch and a number of sightseeing tours as per the itinerary. Accommodation in Jasper (1), Lake Louise (1) and Banff (2).

### DEPARTURES

There are multiple departures from Vancouver departing Tuesdays and Fridays and from Calgary departing Thursdays and Sundays, January to April 2018. Reverse itinerary is available. **For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)**





# ALASKA RAILROAD

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Alaska speaks to you like no other place can. The charm and scenic appeal of this great and vast land is amplified through panoramic windows and underscored by the historical narratives of the Railroad's Alaskan tour guides. With over 500 miles/800 kilometres linking many of Alaska's most popular destinations - the Alaska Railroad is your ticket to adventure.

The Alaska Railroad can take you to Anchorage, Seward, Denali National Park, Fairbanks and a host of destinations in between and features two classes of service: Adventure Class or GoldStar Service.

**Adventure Class** guests enjoy breathtaking images of iconic Alaska along the Railbelt. Comfortable, forward facing seats provide plenty of legroom to stretch, while the grand picture windows on the train cars are ideal for photographers. Adventure Class passengers will want to have their cameras ready for sweeping mountain vistas, colour-brushed tundra, and chance glances at moose, bear, eagles, and the occasional fox.

Where Adventure Class service is excellent, the Alaska Railroad's **GoldStar Service** truly shines. GoldStar guests enjoy forward-facing seats on the upper level of a two-story, glass-domed railcar, accompanied by a knowledgeable Alaskan tour guide and full-time bar attendant.

Become part of a moving picture show, traversing mountain passes, ancient glacial river valleys, dramatic coastlines and ever changing stretches of colour-drenched landscape, an experience only on the Alaska Railroad.



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard the Alaska Railroad includes assigned forward-facing seating, large picture windows and open air vestibules and dining service. Tour guides are seasonally available.

### DEPARTURES

Daily mid-May through mid-September 2018, or visit Alaska during Winter - weekends mid-September to mid-May. Selected mid-week services in December 2017, January, February and March 2018.

For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)

Coastal Classic Train - Seward



Photo: Glenn Aronwita © GA Digital Photos

Aurora Winter Train



Photo: Christie Wozniak

GoldStar Platform



Photo: Glenn Aronwita © GA Digital Photos



# AMTRAK VACATIONS

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

With Amtrak Vacations, you can reach almost every part of America by train. These independent itineraries are perfect for travellers who want to do their own exploring whilst still benefiting from the stress-free nature of pre-planned travel. Sit back, relax and get ready to see stunning scenery and meet some interesting people along the way.

Wander freely and get lost with the security and ease of a planned itinerary. Servicing over 500 destinations in the United States with 34,000 km of track, Amtrak trains are the perfect way to explore America's legendary landscapes.

We have carefully crafted vacations that showcase the incredible variety that North America has to offer. We will plan your itinerary to make sure you get the most out of every destination, and so the hardest decision you will have left to make will be choosing when to leave!

Ever wanted to take in all the grand natural beauty of Americas three most beloved nations parks? Then the **Grand National Parks** itinerary is for you, visiting the Grand Canyon, Yosemite National Park and Glacier National Park over 14 days/13 nights. Or are you a music lover? The **Jazz, Blues and Rock 'N' Roll** itinerary is the one for you. Begin in Chicago to explore its famous blues scene. Stop at Memphis, the birthplace of Rock 'N' Roll and visit Graceland. Your last stop will be New Orleans where you will treat your ears and palate to Jazz.

Rail travel played a hugely important role in making America the country it is today, so it makes sense that the best way to take in America, with all its contrasts and charms, is by train.



### INCLUSIONS

Each Amtrak Independent Rail Journey offers a choice of 2 standards of accommodation: Moderate (equivalent to 3 star hotel) and Deluxe (equivalent to 4 star hotel). Where the hotels are the same across the city for both standards, a high-room category will be offered within the accommodation for Deluxe.

Additionally, you can choose to upgrade your overnight rail services for an extra fee to either a private roomette or bedroom on-board.

### DEPARTURES

There are multiple departures weekly throughout the year. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)





# GRAND TRAIN TOUR OF SWITZERLAND

## SWITZERLAND

The Grand Train Tour of Switzerland links the country's highlights along one spectacular route: from glaciers to palm trees, from traditional mountain villages to buzzing cities. This 10-day/ 9-night rail and hotel package combines the GoldenPass Line, Glacier Express, Bernina Express, Gotthard Panorama Express, and the Jungfrauoch. Choose between 3 and 4 star accommodation to complete your Grand Train Tour of Switzerland.

### GRAND TRAIN TOUR OF SWITZERLAND IN 10 DAYS

- DAY 1** Arrive Interlaken
- DAY 2** Interlaken - Jungfrauoch - Interlaken
- DAY 3** Interlaken - Montreux
- DAY 4** Montreux - Martigny - Zermatt
- DAY 5** Zermatt
- DAY 6** Zermatt - St. Moritz
- DAY 7** St. Moritz
- DAY 8** St. Moritz - Lugano
- DAY 9** Lugano - Lucerne
- DAY 10** Depart Lucerne

Please note that this is an independent package and therefore tour guides are not included. Itinerary available in the reverse direction and additional nights can be added. The basic package does not include seat reservation. Seat reservations are compulsory on the Gotthard Panorama Express, Bernina Express, GoldenPass Line and Glacier Express. Seat reservations are additional to the price of the package and can be booked approximately 90 days in advance.



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey in Switzerland includes 9 nights in 3 or 4 star accommodation including breakfast. Swiss Transfer Ticket Combi in 1st or 2nd class with 8 transfers including excursion to the highest railway station in Europe, the Jungfrauoch.

### DEPARTURES

The Grand Train Tour of Switzerland departs daily from April to October 2018. Please note the itinerary may change slightly with updates available early 2018. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)

Swiss Travel System: Gotthard Panorama Express at Flueelen, Central Switzerland



Photo: swiss-image.ch/Dominik Bau

Swiss Travel System: The Glacier Express near Hospental in the Urseren valley.



Photo: swiss-image.ch/Christoph Guedenberger

### DID YOU KNOW?

- All your hotels are located within walking distance from most railway stations.
- Itineraries can be extended, upgraded and can be booked in the reverse direction.
- You will visit all 4 distinctive cultural areas of Switzerland.



# VENICE SIMPLON-ORIENT-EXPRESS

## EUROPE

Embark on a voyage aboard the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express and become part of its glorious, ever-changing history. You need only glimpse its gleaming carriages and be greeted by the steward in his distinctive uniform to know that the most memorable journey of your life has begun.

The golden age of travel may have been in the Roaring Twenties, but the art of voyaging in style is still alive and well today. That sense of wonder can still be felt on board this iconic train, where travel is about relishing the experience.

Savour the beautiful surroundings - the opulent interiors, three art deco restaurant cars, the Bar Car '3674', sparkling crystal, plush fabrics, and polished woods. Relax in your private cabin, anticipating a delicious continental breakfast served as you gaze out over exciting new panoramas.

The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express offers a variety of journeys including the classic two day journey from London across Northern France to Paris and then on through majestic Swiss and Austrian Alpine lakes and mountains, before arriving in Venice. Throughout the season, the train travels to many of Europe's greatest cities including Vienna, Budapest, the medieval splendour of Prague and Berlin.

Embark on the signature journey to and from Istanbul which happens once a year. Departing from Paris, experience the dramatic landscapes of Eastern Europe, the mountainous Austrian Alps and the cities of Budapest and Bucharest before reaching cosmopolitan Istanbul. This is a true taste of the golden age of travel experiencing the colourful city of Istanbul.



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express includes on-board accommodation, dedicated steward service, all meals as described in each itinerary and music played by the resident pianist in the Bar Car.

### DEPARTURES

Venice Simplon-Orient-Express offers a variety of journeys ranging from 1-5 nights. The train departs London or Paris to Venice on selected Thursdays and Sundays and returns from Venice on selected Wednesdays and Saturdays between 21 March and 01 November, 2018. Paris to Istanbul departs 24 August and returns from Istanbul to Venice 31 August, 2018.

For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



Grand Suite Istanbul



One of the three Art Deco restaurant cars





# BELMOND LUXURY UK DAY TRAINS

UNITED KINGDOM

## BELMOND BRITISH PULLMAN

Step back in time as you board the Belmond British Pullman 1920's vintage carriages in London. Dine on gastronomic cuisine, enjoy silver service and fine wines as you travel to stately homes, castles, glorious gardens or great British sporting events.

You will want to dress to impress on this journey in keeping with the theme of the carriages. Each has been beautifully restored to reflect their individual histories including welcoming royalty aboard.

Belmond British Pullman has regular departures out of London Victoria Station to a wide selection of fantastic destinations such as Historic Bath, Canterbury, Chatsworth House and Blenheim Palace or experiences including Valentine's Day, Murder Mystery Lunches and 'The Dinner.'

## BELMOND NORTHERN BELLE

Celebrate British heritage when you board these heritage carriages on Belmond Northern Belle. Travelling through the gorgeous countryside you will enjoy fine gastronomy and wines as you make your way to some of Britain's famous cities.

Departing from regional stations throughout the UK, it is the perfect luxury train journey that visits magnificent castles, vibrant cities and major sporting events. Select an exciting day trip, a short break, lunch, dinner or even afternoon tea journeys as you discover the English countryside.

Belmond Northern Belle is the perfect way to discover some of Britain's best cities while travelling in luxury and enjoying fine dining.



## INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard Belmond British Pullman includes meals, beverages and entertainment described in each itinerary.

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Both trains are day trips within the United Kingdom.

## DEPARTURES

Belmond British Pullman departs year round from London Victoria. Belmond Northern Belle departs all year from across the UK.

For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



Belmond Northern Belle



Belmond Northern Belle



Belmond British Pullman



# BELMOND ROYAL SCOTSMAN

## SCOTLAND

Traditional style and elegant comfort provide an unparalleled way to explore the very best of Scotland and the Highlands. As the Belmond Royal Scotsman train draws out of Edinburgh's Waverley Station, your journey into a magical place of history, nature and romance begins.

With a maximum of just 40 guests on board, Belmond Royal Scotsman allows the privileged few to travel straight to the heart of Scotland, passing by rugged castles, picturesque villages, landscapes of sweeping glens, towering peaks and mirror-calm lochs as the train weaves through wild countryside and along virgin stretches of coast.

Guests disembark daily to visit exceptional places of interest, such as private residences, romantic castles and whisky distilleries. Life on the train is relaxed and indulgent, with the freshest, finest local produce served in the Dining Cars. Indulge in afternoon tea while sharing stories with fellow guests as the train journeys on.

After a day exploring the delights of Scotland, unwind in the most unique spa in Scotland - The Bamford Haybarn Spa is the perfect pampering retreat.

There are 15 twin, three double and four single cabins on board the train's Sleeping Cars, each lined with rich marquetry. All have a private bathroom with shower, washbasin and toilet, constant hot water, high-quality toiletries and fresh towels every day.

Belmond Royal Scotsman is an experience to be treasured. It may have a beginning and an end but the memories will be valued forever.



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard Belmond Royal Scotsman includes a state cabin with twin or single accommodation, private ensuite facilities, all meals and beverages, on board hosts throughout plus visits and entertainment as described in each itinerary.

### DEPARTURES

Belmond Royal Scotsman offers a variety of journeys ranging from 2 - 7 nights between 16 April and 14 October 2018.

For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)





# BELMOND GRAND HIBERNIAN

## IRELAND

The first luxury rail experience of its kind in Ireland, Belmond Grand Hibernian traverses the sprawling countryside, dramatic coasts and fascinating cities that define this captivating land.

Step aboard to enter a shimmering world of indulgence – contemporary carriages inspired by Dublin’s architecture, fine cuisine enhanced with local delicacies and an ever-changing backdrop of Ireland’s celebrated landscapes admired in the Observation Car.

Belmond Grand Hibernian boasts accommodation for up to 40 guests in elegant, private en-suite cabins, each named after an Irish county decorated to match their traditional tartan. Offering 16 twin and 4 double cabins that are equipped with a wardrobe, writing desk and chair. Gaze out from your large window to admire the flourishing landscape as it unfolds.

The two dining cars onboard rival some of the best restaurants in Dublin by creating an authentic Irish fare. Indulge in the wonderful artisan cheeses, superb smoked fish and seasonal vegetables whilst tasting all the finest ingredients the chef has selected from the regions the train travels.

Belmond Grand Hibernian offers a selection of two, four and six night journeys all departing from Dublin and encompassing the highlights of both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Island. You will explore ancient castles, spot rare wildlife, sample famous whiskies and leave with a host of magical memories.



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard Belmond Grand Hibernian includes a private en-suite twin or double cabin, all meals, beverages, host/private guide and excursions as described in each itinerary.

### DEPARTURES

Belmond Grand Hibernian offers 2, 4 and a 6 night journey between 17 April and 20 October, 2018.

For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)





# AL ANDALUS & EL EXPRESO DE LA ROBLA

## SPAIN

### AL ANDALUS

Enjoy the Spanish scenery on the Al Andalus as you journey through the country's southernmost territory. Guest have the options of 4 itineraries ranging from 3 to 6 nights as they are whisked away to experience Spain.

The 'Andalusia itinerary' travels through Andalusia in Southern Spain, with visits to (amongst other places) Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Ronda and Cadiz. Be transported through stunning scenery from the mountains of the Sierra Nevada to the Atlantic Ocean. The train then returns to Seville.

### EL EXPRESO DE LA ROBLA

Discover the North of Spain - El Expreso de La Robla offers two distinct routes: La Robla Route, which is available in August and September through Bilbao and León and the Green Paradise Route, which traverses Cantabria and Asturias in the summer months. Two appealing routes, each offering their own unique experience over 4 days/3 nights.

'La Robla' route departs Bilbao and visits León - a city founded by the Romans, full of culture and art. Visit San Isidoro, León Cathedral, the old town and San Marcos. This journey also available in the reverse direction.

The green route itinerary departs from Bilbao onto Oviedo. Off-train excursions include coach transfers to Laredo, boat rides to the village of Santoña as well as travelling to Santander where you can take part in a panoramic tour.

Whichever journey you choose, you are certain to be mesmerised and pampered in style.



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey includes accommodation onboard the train, with private ensuite facilities, beverages, full breakfast served each day on the train.

Lunches and dinners are mostly taken at local restaurants, unless on the train travelling between destinations. Programmed excursions, onboard hosts throughout plus visits and entertainment as described in each itinerary

### DEPARTURES

La Robla itinerary has two departures in August and one in September. The Al Andalus departs on various dates between April - October 2018. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



### DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME?

Choose between a 6 days/5 night journey from Seville to Madrid or a 4 day/3 night itinerary from Seville - Granada. These historic routes offer a unique combination of historical heritage sites and unforgettable landscapes.



# EL TRASCANTÁBRICO

SPAIN

El Transcantábrico, Spain's first Luxurious Train, has been delighting guests by making travelling through Spain an even greater experience than ever before.

All the magic of Northern Spain awaits guests aboard two amazing itineraries. Spend 8 days/ 7 nights on either the route between Santiago de Compostela to León or the route from Santiago de Compostela to San Sebastian. Both itineraries are available in the reverse direction.

Throughout your journey the train will become your living room, your transportation, your meeting place, your bar, your bedroom: a hotel on wheels in which you sleep and wake up in a different place every day. The landscape passing by the window of your suite or the lounge where you are having a coffee is never the same.

The El Transcantábrico provides an opportunity to sample some of Spain's exceptional cuisines. Breakfast is served onboard, whilst all other meals, with the exception of one; will be served in local restaurants. To facilitate a good night's sleep, the train will remain parked at a station at night.



## INCLUSIONS

Your journey includes 7 nights' accommodation in a suite onboard the train with ensuite facilities, all meals and beverages including wine and spirits, programmed excursions, onboard hosts throughout plus visits and entertainment as described in each itinerary.

## DEPARTURES

There are several departures between April-October, 2018. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



El Transcantábrico Clasico Salon



## SHORTER ITINERARIES

Range between three to four nights of luxury on board the train. A 5 days/ 4 nights itinerary takes you from Santiago de Compostela - Santander. If you have only 4 days/3 nights then why not board the train and travel from Leon - Santander. Itineraries are also available in the reverse direction.



# GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS

## EUROPE

Travel in some of the finest rail accommodation available in Europe. The Danube Express is a truly unique train offering a magical combination of modern amenities and traditional style, gently oozing nostalgia as it transports you back in time. All journeys feature scenic daytime travel, stopping en route in intriguing places where local expert guides will bring the destination to life during the sightseeing program.

Uncover the treasured relics of Eastern Europe in the **Treasure of Eastern Europe (14 days/13 nights)** itinerary or experience the Balkans from Venice to Budapest v.v on the **Balkan Odyssey (11 days/10 nights)**. Or indulge in the beauty and romance Italy has to offer on the **Sicilian Odyssey (12 days/11 nights)**. All itineraries are onboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express.

### DELUXE CABINS

Each deluxe sleeping car has just five spacious yet intimate en-suite cabins offering every convenience and comfort so you can sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as it rolls by.

### HERITAGE CLASS

Each carriage has eight sleeping cabins with an upper and lower bed and converts to a full length couch during the day.

### SUPERIOR DELUXE

A limit of 4 cabins per departure the new superior deluxe cabins includes private ensuite facilities, king size double bed and the ultimate space in European rail travel.



### INCLUSIONS

Your tour includes accommodation onboard the train, hotel accommodation as described in each itinerary, all meals, complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks are served in the Restaurant and Lounge cars, off-train tours with experienced guides, gratuities, services of an onboard doctor, cabin attendants and airport transfers.

### DEPARTURES

There are 8 departures, Northbound or Southbound, between 8 June and 25 September, 2018. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)





# THE TSAR'S GOLD

TRANS-SIBERIAN BY PRIVATE TRAIN - RUSSIA, MONGOLIA & CHINA

Experience Russia, Mongolia and China in the safest, most comfortable and fascinating manner. The historic route between Moscow, Lake Baikal and Beijing is the heart of most journeys: Your exciting days deliver three of the world's largest countries directly to your compartment. Lean back to enjoy the dramatic changes of scenery and savour a choice of Europe and Asia's most superb and splendid landscapes!

Your 15 day/14 night\* journey starts when you arrive into Beijing. Highlights include Beijing's most stunning sights: the Temple of Heaven as well as the famous Tiananmen Square. Visit The Great Wall of China - the 8th Wonder of the World; and your chance to experience it up close.

Other highlights of the journey will be relaxing whilst you watch the Gobi desert pass, city tours of Ulaan Bataar and Yekaterinburg, a dip or boat trip on Lake Baikal and ending the tour in Russia's capital Moscow.

This grand private train journey from Beijing to Moscow Via Mongolia and Lake Baikal is your chance to fulfil the dream of a lifetime.

\* Tours also operate in the opposite direction from Moscow to Beijing (16 days/15 nights).

## VISAS

Visas are required for Mongolia, Russia and China. Full visa guidelines will be provided (additional costs will apply).



## INCLUSIONS

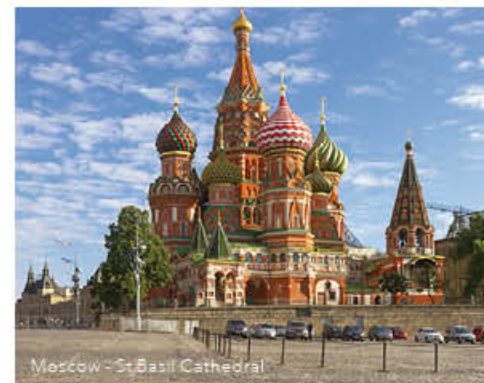
Your itinerary includes hotel accommodation, travel in private trains with your choice of 4-5 levels of accommodation onboard, selected transfers, meals and excursions as per itineraries. There is a possibility to experience an overnight stay in a real Mongolian yurt during the stop in Ulaan Bataar (pre-booking is required)

Please note: Beverages and tipping not included.

## DEPARTURES

There are 12 Tran-Siberian departures, Eastbound or Westbound, between 5 May - 16 September, 2018.

For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



Moscow - St Basil Cathedral



The Tsar's Gold Bolshoi Platinum by Day



Dinning Cart

# TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAYS ONBOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE

## ASIA/EUROPE

The longest and the most famous railway journey in the world, the Trans-Siberian Railway traverses the whole expanse of Russia from Europe to the Orient. Experience this legendary journey like never before, in the elegance and comfort of a private luxury train.

The Golden Eagle is Russia's only private train with private ensuite facilities. Tours onboard the Golden Eagle include the iconic Trans-Siberian route; the Silk Road through Central Asia; and many other remarkable journeys to some of the world's most remote and fascinating regions. Follow the classic route - with itineraries departing from either Moscow or Vladivostok, you can experience the legendary Trans-Siberian Railway over 15 days, in comfort and style.







Departing from Moscow in the evening, the train's first stop is the historic city of Kazan – the capital of Tatarstan. The train crosses through the Europe/Asia divide before arriving into the capital of the Urals-Yekaterinburg. The train then travels through Siberia, guests get to relax onboard and experience ever-changing views before arriving into Irkutsk the 'Paris of Siberia'. Day eight, the train winds its way by steam through tunnels along cliff hugging tracks along the shores of Lake Baikal – the world's largest freshwater lake. The train will branch off the Trans-Siberian main line to take a trip into Mongolia for a visit to Ulaan Bataar. After travelling through 8 time zones and over 6,600 miles (10,600kms) along this epic route to the end of the Trans-Siberian line, the Golden Eagle pulls into Vladivostok where guests are transferred to the four-star Hotel Hyundai, Vladivostok for the final evening and a Farewell Dinner.

## THE NAADAM FESTIVAL

For a full insight to life in Mongolia, why not experience a Naadam Festival Trans-Siberian departure – a journey across Russia onboard the Golden Eagle Private Train combined with a visit to the lively Mongolian National Festival. Be among the few non-Mongolians to experience this spectacular but little known festival and soak up the exciting atmosphere of this National holiday. Westbound departs 10th July 2018.

## VISAS

Visas are required for Mongolia and Russia (double entry). All required visa invitation letters and guidelines will be provided.



## INCLUSIONS

Your Trans-Siberian Railway tour includes accommodation onboard the train, hotel accommodation as described in each itinerary, all meals, alcoholic beverages with lunch and dinner, off-train tours with experienced guides, gratuities, services of an onboard doctor, 24 hour cabin attendants and airport transfers.

## DEPARTURES

There are 9 departures, eastbound or westbound, between 6 May and 2 September, 2018. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



Silver Class (Day)

## SHORTER ITINERARIES

Experience a taste of the Trans-Siberian Railway with our short tour options. Travel onboard the "Golden Eagle" between Moscow and Irkutsk (9 days) on the Baikal Express itinerary – tour not available in the opposite direction. Itineraries include 1 night in Moscow, 6 nights onboard the Golden Eagle and 1 night in Irkutsk



# JOURNEY THROUGH CENTRAL ASIA

ALONG THE SILK ROAD - FROM TURKMENISTAN TO KAZAKHSTAN

Stretching from the Caspian Sea to the Tien Shan Mountains, the Central Asian countries of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan are richly endowed with history and culture, a flavour of which you will sample on this exciting journey by Private Train from Ashgabat to Almaty.

This 14 day tour begins in Ashgabat- board your Private Train and start your journey through the infamous Karakum Desert. Visit the colourful Tolkuchka Bazaar, a typical oriental market, one of the largest in Central Asia, where in addition to camels one can also buy precious silver jewellery and valuable carpets. After lunch, take a city tour and become acquainted with today's capital Ashgabat.

Other highlights of the tour include the Bukhara - The City with the Desert Lighthouse, a guide to Mire-e-Arab Madrasah where you will see the most beautiful and precious building in Central Asia, the Samanid Mausoleum. A tour of the fortress Ark, visit the only women's mosque in the world, a silk carpet factory in Samarqand and finally Almaty where your epic journey comes to an end.

This journey makes you familiar with the manifold cultures along the legendary Silk Road and number of localities that made history, among them no less than 7 UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Itinerary also available in the reverse direction.

## VISAS

Visas are required for Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. Full visa guidelines will be provided (additional costs will apply).



## INCLUSIONS

Your itinerary includes hotel accommodation, travel in a Private train with your choice of 4 levels of accommodation onboard, selected transfers, meals and excursions as per itineraries.

## DEPARTURES

There are 4 departures between 29 March and 16 October 2018. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



Samarqand Alley



Restaurant



Bukhara - Kalon Mosque courtyard



# THE SILK ROAD

CHINA, RUSSIA, KAZAKHSTAN, UZBEKISTAN AND TURKMENISTAN

Retracing one of the most important trading routes of ancient civilisation, the Silk Road follows in the footsteps of such legendary figures as Alexander the Great and Marco Polo. For centuries, merchants and adventurers journeyed to and from China on ancient routes through some of the most testing landscapes in the world trading silk, spices and perfumes. These 'highways' - stretching some 4,000 miles (6,400 km) - collectively came to be called the 'Silk Road'.

Crossing both Russia and China as well as some of the remotest former Soviet Republics our epic journey onboard the Golden Eagle through Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan and the Shangri-La Express from the Kazakh border to Beijing across the Gobi Desert and through an ever-changing landscape, will take in some of the most magnificent yet little visited sites and oasis cities from the ancient world.

Travel a total of 6,800 miles (11,000 kilometres) across five countries and six time zones through areas only accessible by train. Whilst the journey may present great difficulties for the independent traveller, our tour provides the opportunity to travel in comfort and safety.

A true feeling of adventure and pioneering awaits on this unique tour by private train.

## VISAS

Visa are required for China, Russia and Turkmenistan. Double entry visa are required for Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. All required visa invitation letters and guidelines will be provided.



## INCLUSIONS

Your Silk Road tour includes accommodation onboard the Golden Eagle and the Shangri-La Express in a twin cabin, hotel accommodation as described in each itinerary, all meals, alcoholic beverages with lunch and dinner, off-train tours with experienced guides, gratuities, services of an onboard doctor, 24 hour cabin attendant & airport transfers.

## DEPARTURES

There is 1 departure; Westbound April 16 - May 6, 2019. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



The Great Wall of China



Restaurant Car



Silver Class (Night)



# BELMOND ROAD TO MANDALAY & BELMOND ORCAELLA

## MYANMAR

Myanmar continues to capture the hearts and minds of travellers as it has done for centuries. Its unique ambience harks back to more tranquil times. Ox-drawn carts trundle along dusty roads, monks worship at revered shrines and the charming locals greet travellers with warm and generous smiles.

The best vantage point from which to glimpse the country is a journey onboard one of our two intimate river cruises: Belmond Road to Mandalay and Belmond Orcaella.

Onboard both cruises you will find a range of facilities to ensure your journey is indulgent and comfortable. Sun-splashed observation decks complete with cooling swimming pool, are perfect places to sit and watch the scenery unfold.

Each day will be full of exciting activities and excursions. Along with visits to historic sites and local villages, you'll enjoy fascinating lectures, demonstrations and parties on board. In the evenings you can enjoy live music from resident and visiting musicians, as well as special entertainment including local acrobats and dance troupes.

Our expert crew is on-hand to ensure that your time in Myanmar is unforgettable. From waiters and guides to resident musicians and a fully-qualified doctor, warm and attentive service will be yet another highlight of your trip.



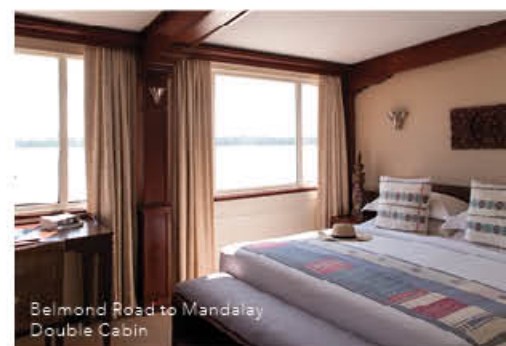
### INCLUSIONS

Both river cruises offer cabins with ensuite facilities, featuring a personal safe, telephone, satellite television.

All table d'hôte meals (Eastern and Western choices available), complimentary soft drinks and local beer available all day, house wine with lunch and dinner and daily guided excursions on land as outlined in each itinerary.

### DEPARTURES

Both river cruises offer a variety of journeys. Belmond Orcaella offers a luxurious 7-12 night cruises. Belmond Road to Mandalay cruises range between 2 to 4 nights. There are several departures all year round. **For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)**



Belmond Road to Mandalay Double Cabin

### SPECIAL OFFER

Combine a journey on the Eastern & Oriental Express with Belmond Road to Mandalay or Belmond Orcaella voyage and receive a 15% reduction on the train fare and cruise.



# EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

Discover the mystery and magic of Asia onboard a unique journey that will leave you with memories to last a life time. As the scenery unfolds, experience a panoramic view of the mystical landscapes of Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia onboard Eastern & Oriental Express.

The majesty and splendour of Eastern & Oriental Express, with its comfortable and elegant compartments, gourmet cuisine and superb service, combined with the adventure of a journey through the heart of Asia, is a truly unique way to experience the full wonder of this remarkable region.

The Eastern & Oriental Express offers a choice of itineraries including the classic 3 day journey linking Singapore and Bangkok, including a tour of Kuala Kangsar and a cruise along the River Kwai. The reverse itinerary from Bangkok is a 4 day journey.

This is a truly unique way to explore Southeast Asia and a remarkable celebration of any special occasion. A quarter of a mile in length, the Eastern & Oriental Express luxury train recaptures the golden age of rail travel through one of the world's most beautiful and exotic regions.



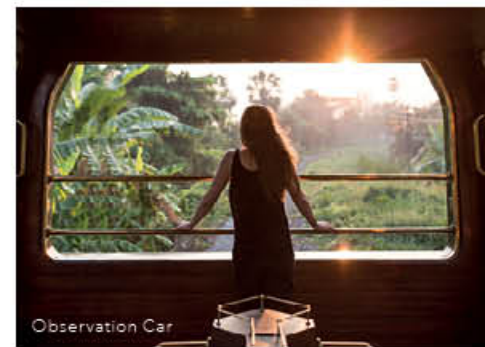
### INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard Eastern & Oriental Express includes accommodation in your choice of 3 cabin types; Pullman, State and Presidential, each offering ensuite facilities, all meals, visits and entertainment as described in each itinerary.

### DEPARTURES

Journeys aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express range from two to three nights. There are several departures between Singapore and Bangkok or vice versa all year round.

For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



Observation Car



Restaurant Car

### SPECIAL OFFER

Combine a journey on the Eastern & Oriental Express with Belmond Road to Mandalay or Belmond Orcaella voyage and receive a 15% reduction on the train fare and cruise.



# PALACE ON WHEELS & MAHARAJAS' EXPRESS

INDIA

## PALACE ON WHEELS

The Palace on Wheels takes you on a vibrant journey to the royal land of sand dunes and regal palaces. Visit the majestic expanse where Royal Rajputs lived in style. Explore this imperial land on the Palace on Wheels, the luxurious train of India that carries with it an ambience that goes perfectly well with the majestic charm and beauty spread so lavishly in Rajasthan.

The Palace on Wheels offers 8 days of sheer luxury as you take in the sites of historic Rajasthan including the pink city of Jaipur, the jewel of the desert, Jaisalmer, city of lakes and palaces, Udaipur, as well as Agra's Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world.

## MAHARAJAS' EXPRESS

Step aboard into a world of red carpets and high teas with Maharajas. Rediscover a bygone age of elegance, opulence and romance. With six exclusive itineraries to choose from, the Maharajas' Express promises to show you Western and Eastern India like never before.

Maharajas' Express offers 3-7 night itineraries crisscrossing some of the most vibrant destinations, significant attractions and offering a vista of breathtaking landscape, culture and heritage of India.



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard both trains include accommodation with ensuite facilities, sightseeing tours including entrance fees as per described itinerary, all meals, bottled mineral water onboard, tea and off train guided excursions.

Soft beverages, house brands of Indian wines, beer and spirits are included when travelling onboard Maharajas' Express

### DEPARTURES

There are several departures between September 2017 - April 2018. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



Palace on Wheels Deluxe Suite



Maharajas' Express Presidential Suite



Palace on Wheels



# DECCAN ODYSSEY & GOLDEN CHARIOT

INDIA

## DECCAN ODYSSEY

Since the advent of the railways in India, train journeys have been the subject of much fascination and mystery. Today, the Deccan Odyssey continues this legacy of princely sojourns by introducing fascinating journeys covering the length and breadth of the exotic and enchanting landscape of India! Ripe with romance, adventure and style, each luxury rail tour with the Deccan Odyssey is a once in a lifetime experience. The juxtaposition of the traditional with the contemporary is beautifully presented through vintage cabins, gastronomic cuisines and lively off-board entertainment in each of the deluxe train journeys onboard the Deccan Odyssey.

\* Note there are multiple itineraries available for travel on the Deccan Odyssey. Please visit our website for detailed itineraries.

## THE GOLDEN CHARIOT

This luxurious train offers two unique itineraries, The Pride of the South itinerary and The Southern Splendor. Travel on The Pride of The South itinerary, a round-trip from Bangalore - discover Badami and the famous beach city of Goa. The Southern Splendor voyage covers three states of South India, you will be taken through exotic locales starting from the garden city of Bangalore passing through ancient temple towns of Tamil Nadu and finally ending the journey in the coastal city of Kochi.



## INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard both trains include accommodation, ensuite facilities, all meals and sightseeing tours including entrance fees as per described itinerary.

## DEPARTURES

The Deccan Odyssey is a 7-night round-trip from Mumbai and runs on selected Wednesdays. The Golden Chariot is a 7-night round-trip from Bangalore and departs on selected Mondays. Both trains operate during the months of September 2017 - April 2018. No services operating between May - August.

For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)





# THE BLUE TRAIN

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

The Blue Train has an aura of mystique about it. Weaving a distinctive thread of blue across the tapestry of South Africa's captivating landscape, The Blue Train has become synonymous with the ultimate in luxury and personal service.

A magnificent five-star hotel on wheels, The Blue Train is a journey that is defined by personal attention and devotion to detail. Relax as you depart on an overnight journey between Cape Town's monolithic Table Mountain and the jacaranda-lined streets of Pretoria.

Onboard the train, guests indulge in exquisite meals freshly prepared by top chefs and accompanied by some of the best wines South Africa has to offer. Around-the-clock personal Butlers see to the guests' every need for the duration of their experience; be it in the comfort of their private suites or at any one of the elegant lounges.

The suites on The Blue Train live up to its reputation for magnificence and splendour. The finest bed linen, marble tiles and gold fittings in the bathrooms and sheer opulence all ensure that guests will never forget the time they spend on The Blue Train.

The experience is a banquet for all the senses and this is especially true of our dining car. Here the reassuring weight of Sheffield cutlery and crystal glassware on crisp white linen set the tone for the delights to follow.



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard The Blue Train includes accommodation in your choice of Luxury or Deluxe Suites onboard, ensuite facilities, all meals and beverages and off-train excursions.

### DEPARTURES

The Blue Train travels between Cape Town and Pretoria and vice versa all year round operating on selected Mondays and Wednesdays. **For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)**



### SPECIAL OFFER

Extend your luxurious journey with a complimentary nights' stay at a top 5 star establishment in either Pretoria or Cape Town on a bed & breakfast basis including transfers between the train and hotel. Valid on all departures in 2018, subject to availability. Conditions apply.





# ROVOS RAIL

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

An extravagant world class travel experience awaits when you step aboard The Pride of Africa and begin a train safari through Southern Africa's most spectacular destinations.

Step aboard the wood panelled coaches – classics rebuilt and refurbished to mint condition – and enjoy fine cuisine in five-star luxury as some of the most varied scenery imaginable unfolds beyond the windows.

Recapture the romance and atmosphere of a bygone era, when privileged travellers experienced the magic and mystery of Africa in a relaxed and elegant fashion.

In a series of train journeys ranging from three days to a fortnight, the Pride of Africa links some of Africa's greatest destinations from Cape Town, at the tip of Africa, to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, from scenic splendours as diverse as the game reserves of Mpumalanga to the Victoria Falls, from the desert landscapes in Namibia and the stark beauty of the Karoo to the lush cane fields of KwaZulu-Natal and the magnificent Garden Route along the Cape south coast.

Pretoria - Cape Town

Pretoria - Durban

Pretoria - Victoria Falls

Cape Town - Dar es Salaam

Cape Town to Dar es Salaam departs 13 January, 24 February, 30 June, 18 August and 29 September, 2018

Dar es Salaam to Cape Town departs 30 January, 13 March, 17 July, 4 September and 16 October, 2018



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard Rovos Rail includes accommodation in your choice of Pullman, Deluxe or Royal suite, all meals and beverages, 24 hour full room service and bar facilities, off-train excursions and entrance fees.

### DEPARTURES

Rovos Rail operates a variety of journeys ranging from 2-14 nights. The train departs from Cape Town and Pretoria on a weekly basis all year round. Selected departure dates apply. Other selected itineraries operate annually or bi-annually. **For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)**



Observation Balcony



Dining Pull



Kalahari, Namibia



# PERURAIL

PERU

## BELMOND HIRAM BINGHAM Full Day Tour to Machu Picchu

For many visitors a trip to Machu Picchu is a once in a lifetime experience. Explore the land of the Incas from the elegant surroundings of the luxury Hiram Bingham train. Departing from Poroy Station near Cusco at 09h05, the Hiram Bingham offers a more leisurely start to the day than traditional departures. Brunch is served onboard and guides are present to explain points of interest enroute, as well as in the remains at Machu Picchu on arrival at the ancient citadel. An afternoon tea is served in the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge located just steps from the entrance to the citadel, and once back onboard for the 17h50 departure, pre-dinner cocktails are served, accompanied by live entertainment, and afterwards a 4 course, à la carte dinner is presented in the dining cars.

## VISTADOME

The Vistadome is the ideal train for those who want to be in contact with the environment and appreciate the wonderful journey to Machu Picchu.

Surrounded entirely by glass and wagons with large panoramic windows offering incomparable scenic views and in numerous opportunities to capture amazing pictures, Vistadome travellers feel connected and part of the impressive landscape of Peru. PeruRail provide travellers onboard personalised and first level service to give them an unforgettable life experience.



## INCLUSIONS

The Hiram Bingham includes onboard meals with wine, entertainment, guides, bus transfers, entrance to the citadel, afternoon tea at Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge and pre-dinner cocktails. Transfers between Cusco and Poroy Station are not included. The Vistadome includes an Andean ingredients based snack onboard, and entertainment. Transfers between stations are not included.

## DEPARTURES

The Hiram Bingham departs everyday except the last Sunday of each month and the Vistadome departs every day of the year. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)





# BELMOND ANDEAN EXPLORER

## PERU

Explore the Peruvian Andes on South America's first luxury sleeper train.

The Belmond Andean Explorer journeys through Peru at a slow pace as you pass by some of the world's most breathtaking scenery. Embarking in Cusco, the ancient capital of the Inca Empire, you will scale the highest plains of the Andes as well as travel to the largest lake in South America; Lake Titicaca. The chance to explore Colca Canyon is not to be missed before you head towards to city centre of Arequipa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

At the back of the train you will find the observation car where you can unwind, meet new friends or simply enjoy the scenery as it passes you by. You might even want to gather around the baby grand piano in the Lounge car and share your stories from the day's adventure while enjoying a refreshing drink from the bar.

Treat yourself by visiting one of the two dining cars onboard, where the menus have been skilfully designed by the chef from Belmond Hotel Monasterio in Cusco. Fresh seasonal dishes are served sourcing local ingredients from the Peruvian Andes.

Belmond Andean Explorer offers accommodations for up to 48 guests as the first luxury sleeper train in Peru. Choose from 5 bunk bed cabins, 11 twin cabins, 6 Junior double cabins and 2 deluxe double cabins that are all equipped with an en-suite and wardrobe.



## INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard the Belmond Andean Explorer includes first class travel, gourmet lunch and dinner, afternoon tea and onboard entertainment displaying part of the Andean and High Plateau culture.

Choose from 4 itineraries ranging from 1 to 2 nights.

## DEPARTURES

The Belmond Andean Explorer train will run all year around except February. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



Junior Double Bed Cabin



# INDIAN PACIFIC

## AUSTRALIA

The Indian Pacific represents an epic transcontinental train journey like no other. Travel between the Pacific Ocean in the East to the Indian Ocean in the West on one of the world's longest and greatest rail adventures aboard this magnificent train.

Travel on the mighty Indian Pacific is an epic 4,352km, 4 day trip providing a dramatic array of backdrops including the spectacular Blue Mountains, the Great Dividing Range, the salt lakes and sand dunes of South Australia, the barren Nullarbor Plain and the Darling Ranges.

As well as the spectacular terrain, you will pass through some of Australia's most famous cities, historic towns and well-known landmarks. Included 'Off-Train Excursions' give you the opportunity to explore places throughout your journey. These excursions take place in Kalgoorlie (Eastbound), Adelaide, Broken Hill and the Blue Mountains (Eastbound). 'Outback Experiences' are also included for Platinum and Gold Service guests and include Cook or Rawlinna (Westbound).



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey onboard the Indian Pacific includes accommodation, meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences as described in each itinerary.

### DEPARTURES

The Indian Pacific operates weekly, departing Perth on Sunday, Adelaide on Tuesday (Eastbound) or Thursday (Westbound) and departs Sydney on Wednesday. Refer to our website for timetable information at [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



Indian Pacific, Lake Hart



Queen Adelaide Restaurant



Hahndorf, South Australia



# THE GHAN

## AUSTRALIA

Follow in the footsteps of some of our nation's heroic pioneers when you board The Ghan. Partake in a truly authentic Australian adventure witnessing the ever changing landscape pass your window. Step aboard and discover the great Australian outback.

Boarding The Ghan in Adelaide or Darwin marvel at the spectacular Australian landscapes; from the rusty reds of the MacDonnell Ranges which surround Alice Springs, the gateway to Uluru and the Red Centre, then north to Katherine and the tropical splendour of Darwin. 'Off Train Excursions' take place in Alice Springs and Katherine and 'Outback Experiences' are also included in Manguri (Southbound) or Marla (Northbound).

Alternatively, travel on **The Ghan Expedition** from April through to October and experience an epic four-day journey. Begin your journey by exploring Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, spend a full day touring in Alice Springs including dinner under the stars with an optional upgrade scenic flight to Ayers Rock/Uluru. Discover the opal mining town of Coober Pedy with lunch underground and the majestic Breakaways. The Ghan Expedition is an outback experience that you will never forget.



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey onboard The Ghan includes accommodation, meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences as described in each itinerary.

### DEPARTURES

The Ghan operates weekly, departing Darwin on Wednesday, Alice Springs on Monday (Northbound) and Thursday (Southbound) and Adelaide on Sunday.

The Ghan Expedition operates weekly from Apr - Oct 2018 and Mar 2019 and departs Darwin on Wednesday. This service does not have additional departure points on route. Please note The Ghan does not operate 16 December 2017 - 12 January 2018.

Please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



The Ghan, West MacDonnell Ranges



Gold Service Twin Cabin by night



Simons Gap, Northern Territory



# THE GREAT JOURNEYS OF NEW ZEALAND

## NEW ZEALAND

Discover New Zealand and its true beauty when travelling with The Great Journey's of New Zealand.

The award winning **TranzAlpine** travels 4 hours from coast to coast, departing from Christchurch and is one of the world's greatest scenic railways, with ever-changing vistas of rich farmlands, spectacular gorges and river valleys, the grandeur of the Southern Alps and the lush rainforest of Greymouth where your journey ends.

The **Coastal Pacific** travels between the delightful port of Picton the home of the Interislander Cook Straight ferries and Christchurch in a 5 hour trip. This journey is a scenic feast, with the rugged Pacific Ocean coastline on one side of the train, and mountains on the other. Along the way you pass through the village of Kaikoura, where you can break your journey to take in whale watching or dare to get closer and swim with the dolphins.

\*This service is not operating in 2017 due to earthquake damage to the rail track.

The **Northern Explorer** is a 10½ hour journey through the heart of the North Island, travelling between Auckland - New Zealand's largest city and home of the Sky Tower, to Wellington. You also see fantastic views of New Zealand farmland, the volcanic plateau, Mount Ruapehu, the world famous Raurimu Spiral, and stunning river gorges - all from panoramic windows or open air viewing decks allowing you the best possible views. Your final destination, Wellington is New Zealand's arts and culture capital and the location of our Interislander ferry - the best way to cross between the North and South Island.



### INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard the TranzAlpine, Northern Explorer and Coastal Pacific trains provides you with comfortable carriages with panoramic windows, an open air viewing area, a licensed café (additional), wide chairs, an at seat commentary system and accessible bathrooms.

### DEPARTURES

The TranzAlpine departs daily from Christchurch to Greymouth and the Northern Explorer departs Auckland to Wellington Monday, Thursday and Saturdays, Wellington to Auckland Tuesday, Friday and Sundays. The Coastal Pacific departs daily from Christchurch and Picton.

For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au) or [railplus.co.nz](http://railplus.co.nz)



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Once a booking is confirmed amendment fees apply. Changes are subject to availability. Many products consider a name change to be a cancellation not an amendment and therefore cancellation fees will apply.

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## Travel Insurance

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