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EASTBOUND

YEREVAN - LAKE SEVAN - DILIJAN - TBILISI - TELAVI - GORI - UPLISTSIKHE - MTSKHETA - BAKU - CROSS THE CASPIAN SEA
ASHGABAT - DARVAZA GAS CRATER - KHIVA - BUKHARA - SAMARKAND - TASHKENT - ALMATY







Explore the countries on both the eastern and western shores of the Caspian Sea - Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

With their location at the crossroads of trade, religion, language and the arts, these countries are home to fascinating modern cultures as well as some of the world's most ancient and timeless architecture.

From our starting point in the historic Armenian capital of Yerevan, we begin our captivating exploration of two halves by exploring the beauty and rich history of the South Caucasus as we weave through Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan. Bounded by the Black Sea to the west and Caspian Sea to the east and the Caucasian Mountains to the north with stunning scenery all around, this journey promises to be a unique adventure, all experienced from the comfort of our private luxury train. From the South Caucasus we then cross the Caspian Sea from Baku and continue along the great trading posts of the Silk Road in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, before arriving into our final destination of Almaty.

The Caspian Odyssey is a breathtakingly beautiful and remarkable journey as we discover the mysteries, diversity and traditions of this part of the world.

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Tour Schedules

EASTBOUND TOUR SCHEDULE

September 21 - October 6, 2024

Accommodation

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- 1 night in Yerevan
- 10 nights on board the Golden Eagle
- 2 nights in Baku
- 1 night in Ashgabat
- 1 night in Almaty

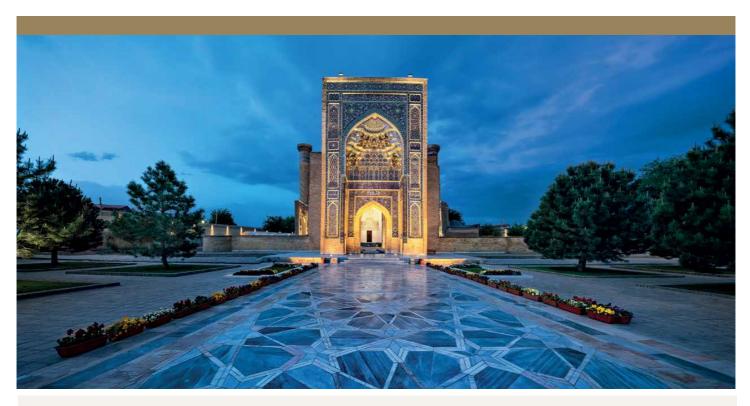
Daily Tour Itineraries

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DAY 1	Arrive Yerevan	DAY 8	Cross the Caspian Sea
DAY 2	Yerevan	DAY 9	Ashgabat
DAY 3	Lake Sevan & Dilijan	DAY 10	On board
DAY 4	Tbilisi	DAY 11	Darvaza
DAY 5	Tbilisi & Telavi	DAY 12	Bukhara
DAY 6	Gori, Uplistsikhe	DAY 13	Samarkand
	& Mtskheta	DAY 14	Tashkent
DAY 7	Baku	DAY 15	Almaty
		DAY 16	Depart Almaty



WHAT'S INCLUDED



Finest Rail Accommodation

- Private en-suite accommodation
- 24-hour cabin attendant service
- Evening turndown service
- Complimentary tea, coffee and bottled water in-cabin 24 hrs a day
- Robes, slippers and luxury toiletries in-cabin
- Complimentary bottle of vodka in your cabin

Off Train Excursions Programme

- Full guided off-train excursions programme
- Personal Headsets to hear the professional guide's commentary
- Bottled water during excursions
- Authentic dining experiences in local restaurants with a generous drinks allowance, including international wines

Golden Eagle Difference

- Experienced Tour Manager
- On board Doctor English speaking
- Luggage porterage from the time you are met at the airport until your departure
- W No tipping policy
- Arrival and departure transfers
- W High quality Golden Eagle embroidered backpack (one per cabin)
- Detailed Golden Eagle route map

On-Board Inclusions

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily starting with dinner on first day and finishing with breakfast on last day
- Generous drinks allowance, including international wine, with lunch and dinner
- Gala Caviar Dinner on board the Golden Eagle
- In-cabin breakfast option to start the day
- Afternoon tea and cakes on board the Golden Eagle
- In-suite dining option for Imperial Suite guests
- Inclusive drinks packages for Gold Class & Imperial Suite guests
- Tea, coffee, bottled water, soft drinks and local beer in the Bar Lounge Car
- Stimulating on board talks
- Resident pianist in Bar Lounge Car



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The Yerevan skyline is dominated by Mount Ararat in nearby Turkey, with its snow-covered peak towering in the distance. Yerevan has a rich history and was occupied as early as 6,000 BC. The fortress of Erebuni was erected there in the 8th century BC. Seized by a succession of conquerors, the city later passed back and forth between the Turks and the Persians until 1827, when it was taken by Russia. It became the capital of Soviet Armenia in 1920 and following the demise of the Soviet Union, the capital of the new nation of Armenia.

On arrival we stay for one night at the centrally-located The Alexander Hotel, or similar. Why not extend your stay in Yerevan with additional nights before the tour to explore more of the city at your leisure?

Our touring will take us 23 miles (37 km) out of Yerevan to the ancient Geghard Monastery. The beautiful monastery contains a number of churches and tombs, many of them cut into the rock. The complex of medieval architecture is set into a landscape of great natural beauty, surrounded by towering cliffs at the head of the Azat Valley.

We will also visit the 1st century pagan temple of Garni, built to worship the Sun God Mitra. We will explore the remains of an ancient fortress, palace and baths there. Back in Yerevan city we will visit the Cascade giant stairway and inside it the Casfejian Museum of Modern Art.

In the evening we board our *Golden Eagle* private train and start our adventure to Almaty.



Our train takes a scenic route today around the stunning Lake Sevan and we make a short stop to walk to the beach for a photo opportunity. Along with Lake Van and Lake Urmia, Sevan was considered one of the three great lakes of the historical Armenian Kingdom, collectively referred to as the Seas of Armenia; it is the only one within the boundaries of today's Republic of Armenia.

We will continue to Dilijan to visit the nearby Monastery of Haghpat, built between the 10th and 14th centuries. Its beautiful location in dense wood in the gorges of two small mountain rivers make an atmospheric backdrop for St. Astvatsatsin Church, its most important building. We will have an Armenian cognac reception at Avan Dzoraget Hotel on the Debed River, nestled among the forest-covered hills and rocky slopes of the Caucasus Mountains.

DAYS 4-5

TBILISI & TELAVI

GEORGIA

Heading into Georgia, we visit Tbilisi. Hemmed in by the Surami Range, the city extends for 17 miles (27 km) along the banks of the River Kura. Despite the wars and fires which caused innumerable changes in the topography of Tbilisi, the old part of the city still retains much of its original layout, a spider's web of narrow winding streets and

Historical sites we visit include the 13th century Metekhi church, a cross cupola church which forms part of the Royal Residential complex, and the 5th century Sioni Cathedral, the main church of Tbilisi. We will also visit the recently built Holy Trinity Cathedral, one of the largest Orthodox churches in the world and take a walking tour of the old town

and Rustaveli Avenue. Here we will see the Great Hall of the Georgian Philharmonia, built in 1969-71, which has been acknowledged as one of the finest public buildings since the Second World War. We will see the treasures of the city housed in the Janashia Museum of Georgia.

We also explore the beautiful Kakheti region, which borders the Great Caucasus Mountain range. This region is known as a birthplace of Georgian viticulture and wine-making. We tour the Tsinandali country estate of the Alexandre Chavchavadze family with a marvellous garden, house-museum, park and winery dating back to the 19th century, located near Telavi, a couple of hours' drive from Tbilisi.





Gori is one of the oldest cities in Georgia, founded in the 7th century AD as Tontio. Joseph Stalin, the Soviet leader, was born here in 1879 and he spent his childhood years in the city and later (1888-94) studied at its theological seminary. The small house where Stalin was born is preserved under a canopy outside the huge columned palace-like building that houses the Stalin Museum. To the side of the museum is Stalin's private railway carriage. The museum is filled with interesting photographs of the man responsible for more deaths and suffering than any other human being.

The famous cave city of Uplistsikhe dates from the 6th century BC and is first mentioned in the chronicles of the 1st century AD. Carved into rocky plateau we find huge echoing halls, meandering corridor-streets, chambers for pagan worship and even the remains of Georgia's oldest theatre, complete with auditorium, stage and orchestra pit. Like the other cavetowns of Georgia, it is rooted in the prehistoric traditions of the peoples of the Near East. On one side the fortress was protected by the Mtkvari and an almost vertical rock face, on the other, by powerful fortifications. Its strategic position on the approaches to Gori and, in particular, its strong defences made it possible to control the surrounding terrain. There were numerous attempts to destroy Uplistsikhe. Only in the 13th century, however, did the hordes of Genghis Khan's son Khulagu succeed in doing so, after capturing and destroying many fortresses in Transcaucasia with the help of siege machines. The 5,000 inhabitants of Uplistsikhe perished and life ended forever in the fortress.

Late afternoon we visit the city of Mtskheta, Georgia's Old Capital. Due to its historical significance and numerous ancient monuments, Mtskheta became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994. During today we will also have a private performance of traditional Georgian polyphonic singing.



Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, lies on the western shore of the Caspian Sea and the southern side of the Apsheron Peninsula, around the wide, curving sweep of the Bay of Baku. The bay, sheltered by the islands of the Baku Archipelago, provides the best harbour of the Caspian Sea, while the Apsheron Peninsula gives protection from violent northerly winds. Baku derives its international importance from its huge oil industry. The core of present-day Baku is the Old Town, or fortress, of Icheri-Shekher.

Most of the walls, strengthened after the Russian conquest in 1806, survive, as does the 90 ft (27 m) tower of Kyz-Kalasy (Maiden Tower, 12th century). The walled old town is highly picturesque, with its maze of narrow alleys and ancient buildings. These include the Palace of the Shirvan-Shahs, now a museum, the oldest part of which dates from the 11th century. Also of the 11th century is the Synyk-Kala Minaret and Mosque (1078-79). Other notable historic buildings are the Law Court (Divan-Khan), the Dzhuma-Mechet Minaret, and the mausoleum of the astronomer Seida Bakuvi. Around the walls of the fortress, the regular streets and imposing buildings of modern Baku rise up the slopes of the amphitheatre of hills surrounding the bay.

We will offer an alternative tour to Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape. Located 40 miles (64 km) from Baku on the west bank of the Caspian Sea, Gobustan is an outstanding archaeological site of more than 6,000 pre-historic rock engravings. The area also features the remains of inhabited caves, settlements and burials. We stay for two nights at the five-star Four Seasons, Baku (or similar), while our train is loaded on the ferry and transported across the Caspian Sea to Turkmenistan.



CROSS THE CASPIAN SEA

FROM AZERBAIJAN TO TURKMENISTAN

Early morning our empty train is loaded onto a cargo ferry for a 12-14 hour crossing of the Caspian Sea from Baku to the town of Turkmenbashi. Formerly known as Krasnovodsk, it is the western terminus of oil and natural gas pipelines and of the Trans-Caspian Railway, which links the Caspian region with central Asia. Upon arrival at the port at Turkmenbashi our train will be offloaded and will travel overnight to Ashgabat. Meanwhile we will fly from Baku directly to Ashgabat.



Ashgabat, the capital of Turkmenistan is known as the 'Las Vegas of the Kara Kum'. Situated between the Kara Kum desert and the Kopet Dag mountain range, Ashgabat is a relatively modern city built upon the ruins of the Silk Road city of Konjikala and the Soviet city built after the devastating earthquake of 1948.

The city's extravagant fountains, golden domes and towering modern buildings appear strangely incongruous in this desert setting. Highlights on our visit include a trip to the National Museum and Kipchak Mosque.







The Golden Eagle makes a brief scheduled stop at Ichoguz, where we have the opportunity to leave the train and make a short journey to Darvaza's famous burning gas crater, a spectacular sight best seen at night. Located in the middle of the Kara Kum desert where the area is rich in natural gas, the 70-metre-wide crater is known by the locals as the 'Door to Hell' and has been burning for over 40 years. A unique experience that is not to be missed.



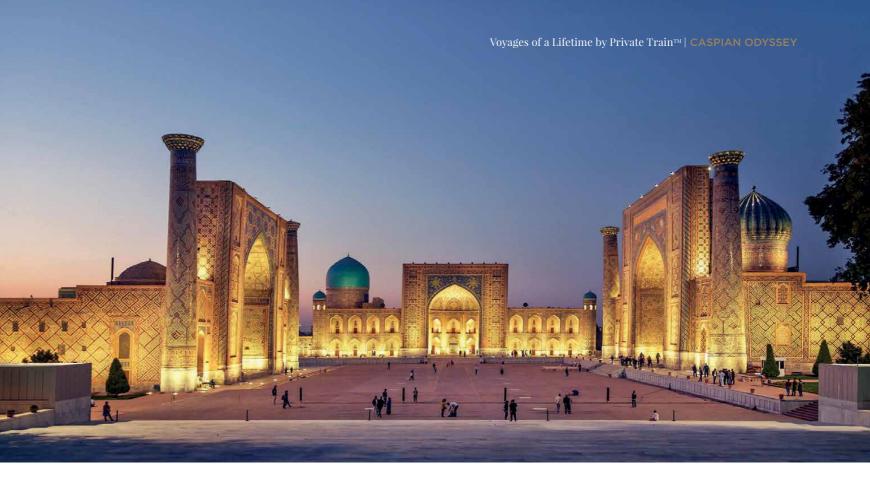
Our train arrives today in the ancient city of Khiva, founded 2,500 years ago. As one of the Silk Road's most important trading posts and now a World Heritage Site, it lies at the crossroads of the routes between Mongolia, Russia, China and Persia.

A truly magnificent sight to behold, it rises out of the desert to reveal a wealth of impressive architecture. Stepping back in time, we discover the impressive mosques, bazaars and minarets within Khiya's ancient walls.



Bukhara is quite simply outstanding. Like Khiva, UNESCO sponsored the renovation of much of the city for its 2,500th anniversary in 1999. The highlight of this wonderful tour is a visit to The Ark, a fortified residence of the Emirs of Bukhara – the despotic and ruthless leaders who ruled until Soviet times and the Trading Domes, which date back to the 16th century. We then travel out of the city to experience the Emir's enchantingly named 'Palace of the Moon and Stars'. This evening, weather and time permitting, we will enjoy a barbecue on the station platform before our train departs.







Just the mention of Samarkand instantly conjures up evocative images of the Silk Road, more so than any other town. Founded in the 6th century BC, Samarkand's stunning architecture hints at its former status as one of the most important cities in Asia and is particularly noted for its architectural remains from the 14th to the 17th century, when it flourished as the fabled capital of the Mongol empire of Timur and his successors.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Taste Armenian Brandy
- Private performance of Georgian polyphonic singing
- Darvaza Burning Gas Crater lights up the night sky in the Kara Kum desert
- Evening drinks reception on the beautifully lit Registan Square, Samarkand
- 🦞 See the world's oldest Koran in Tashkent

Today we will visit some of its most significant sites including Registan Square, the refined elegance of the beautifully proportioned Bibi Khanum Mosque, the Ulag Beg observatory, one of the earliest Islamic astronomical observatories built in 1428 and Gur Emir, the 15th century mausoleum of the Asian conqueror Timur. Before dinner we will return to the now illuminated and awe-inspiring Registan Square.

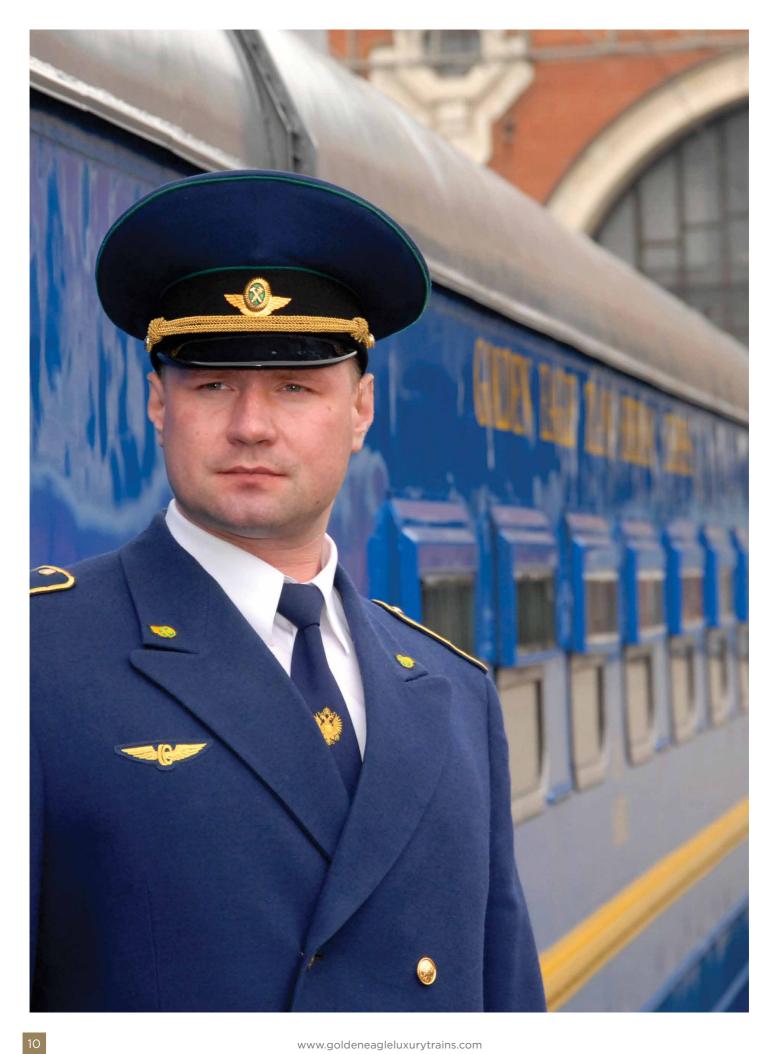


Tashkent is the capital city of Uzbekistan and we spend time touring this modern Soviet-style city which was rebuilt following the devastating earthquake of 1966. Our tour of the city includes the Old Town, where traditional homes and religious buildings line the narrow streets and here in a small library we will be privileged to see one of Islam's most sacred relics – the world's oldest Koran.

This is followed by a visit to the Railway Museum and the Museum of Applied Arts.



We will take a tour of Almaty including a visit to Panfilov Park, located in the heart of the city, and home to the Zenkov Cathedral, a 19th century Russian Orthodox Church made entirely of wood. Overnight we stay in the InterContinental Almaty hotel for one night, before transferring to Almaty Airport to begin your journey home.



WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

As far as possible our tours are all-inclusive with no hidden extras. What follows are all those elements which are included in the tour price.

The only extra items you may need to budget for include personal expenses such as International and Internal flights that are not included in the itineraries, visa costs, insurance, selected drinks from the Bar Lounge Car and laundry.

EXPERIENCED TOUR MANAGERS

Our experienced Tour Managers are selected for their travel knowledge, and their linguistic and organisational abilities allowing you to relax and enjoy your rail cruise. We receive exceptional passenger comments about our Tour Managers and their aim is to ensure you enjoy every minute of your holiday.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival and departure transfers are included.

HOTEL AND ON BOARD ACCOMMODATION

Although you will spend much of your time sightseeing or relaxing in the train's public areas, you will find your cabin a welcome retreat at the end of a rewarding day. All hotels are of five-star standard, or the best available.

DRINKS WITH MEALS

A generous drinks allowance, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, is included with lunch and dinner on and off the train.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER DAILY

All meals are included, starting with dinner on the first day and ending with breakfast on the last day. All departures feature one or two uniquely designed Restaurant Cars where you can enjoy the excellent waiter-served food and wine. Several times during the tour we will also sample authentic local cuisine with wine and a selection of drinks off the train, which is also included in the tour price.

ON BOARD SERVICE

You can expect service which is attentive, friendly and unintrusive. Your car attendants provide 24-hour housekeeping and bedding turndown services, with one attendant always on duty to assist you and to ensure you are comfortable in your cabin. Complimentary tea, coffee and bottled drinking water are available in your cabin 24 hours a day.

GUIDED OFF-TRAIN EXCURSIONS

The history and culture of the places we visit on our rail cruises will come alive through our expert local guides. All our tours include a wide-ranging sightseeing schedule to make the most of the time you have off the train and bring you closer to the culture, people and history of your destinations. We believe it is the special little touches that help create magical memories.

PERSONAL HEADSETS

On all the off-train excursions, to enhance your enjoyment and insights into the places you visit, you will be provided with a lightweight personal headset on which to listen to your tour guide as you take in the sights. The range of the headset means that you do not need to worry about missing any of the guide's commentary on your excursion, even if you prefer to wander away from the group.

ON BOARD DOCTOR AND MEDICAL FACILITIES

To give you peace of mind our tours are accompanied by a doctor who travels with us for the entire journey; so you can rest assured that medical assistance is always available. On call 24 hours a day, the doctor is on hand to give primary care as required. In almost every case, the doctor will be English-speaking and registered with the General Medical Council in the UK.

LUGGAGE HANDLING

As you only have to unpack once your luggage and belongings will stay with you on the train throughout the journey but, wherever necessary, porterage is included between the hotels and stations.

ALL GRATUITIES

You will not have to worry about tipping on or off the train on your rail journey with *Golden Eagle Luxury Trains* as all gratuities are included in the tour price.

DINING ON BOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE







A world of culinary delights.

A particular delight of the *Golden Eagle* is our beautifully appointed restaurant cars, a delightful venue in which to enjoy meals skillfully prepared by our Executive Chef and his on board restaurant team using the very best in ingredients, locally sourced wherever possible. Depending on the number of guests on board, one or two of our restaurant cars will be on every departure.

Enjoy the delights of an on-train breakfast each morning – the wonderful aroma of freshly-baked bread permeates the dining car, a wide selection of pastries, cereals, freshly squeezed orange juice and cold plates are available from our bountiful buffet. Alternatively enjoy a cooked breakfast brought to your table by our waiting staff, all complemented by steaming hot tea and coffee.

If you are in need of a more relaxed start to the day, then opt for our continental breakfast basket with tea or coffee to enjoy at leisure in your cabin.

For lunch and dinner, you will be welcomed by our resident waiting staff and enjoy fine food, great wines and attentive service in the welcoming atmosphere of the dining car. We offer a culinary experience that reflects the very essence of the countries we travel through, as well as international cuisine. Vegetarian and other dietary options are also available.

All our meals at lunch and dinner are complemented by an excellent choice of wines from around the world, personally selected by our Company Founder, Tim Littler, along with mineral water, beer and soft drinks as well as – naturally – vodka. For that special occasion we also have available to purchase a selection of premium fine wines priced between \$50 and \$795 per bottle.

Meals on board are a relaxed affair as the restaurant cars can accommodate all our guests in a single sitting. Throughout the journey there is an informal dress code, so you can enjoy our culinary experiences in convivial and relaxed surroundings and with our open seating policy you can dine wherever, and with whomever, you please.

RELAX AND UNWIND IN OUR BAR LOUNGE CAR





The social heart of the *Golden Eagle* is the Bar Lounge Car, a great place to relax and settle into the unhurried pace of life on board.

Unwind in comfortable surroundings and watch the world go by as you get to know your fellow passengers and begin long-lasting friendships. Perhaps read a novel from our library to pass away the time or challenge your friends to a game of bridge.

Enjoy the delights of morning or afternoon tea in the Bar Lounge Car with delicious cookies freshly baked by our chefs.

It is also here that our Tour Manager will also organise a programme of activities. Passengers will receive printed daily itineraries throughout the tour detailing train arrival and departure timings, latest weather forecasts for the next destination and information on the following day's excursions and activities. The occasional day will be spent entirely on board and the Bar Lounge Car and Restaurant Cars will host an entertaining and enlightening range of activities such as popular local folk songs and engaging talks by expert lecturers on local history and culture.

In the evening enjoy the sounds of the resident pianist playing on the baby grand piano in the Bar Lounge Car. From time to time we also host special concerts and every night the bar stays open until the last person leaves.



























YOUR ON BOARD ACCOMMODATION

The Golden Eagle is your luxurious hotel-on-wheels.

Unpack just the once and settle into your well-appointed and comfortable en-suite cabin as you begin this voyage of a lifetime. One of your cabin attendants, available at all times, will be on hand to look after all of your needs.

The Golden Eagle, comprising three categories of cabins, featuring state-of-the-art amenities, and all offering en-suite facilities, is the only private train of its kind operating in this part of the world. All cabins have been fully refurbished in 2018.

Our Imperial Suites are the most spacious cabins on the *Golden Eagle* and on any train. The Gold and Silver Class accommodation has been cleverly designed to maximise the available space as cabins convert from a sitting area by day into comfortable sleeping accommodation by night.

On the occasions where we travel by day, your cabin provides a calm, personal space in which to read,

enjoy a movie or simply watch the landscape unfold through the large picture window with the facility to adjust the air-conditioning for your own personal comfort.

All three classes of cabin benefit from an evening turndown service and the services of a cabin attendant who is on call 24 hours a day.

The on board cabin attendants are highly regarded by our guests for their impeccable service. In each cabin you will also find an excellent selection of luxury shower gels and shampoos, complemented by premium bath robes, slippers and a hairdryer.



IMPERIAL SUITES



Exemplary service starts with a complimentary bottle of Dom Perignon champagne when you board the train to toast the start of your wonderful adventure.

Imperial Suites are the most spacious cabins available on board the *Golden Eagle* measuring 120 sq ft (11.1 sq metres) and benefiting from a large and luxurious UK King Size bed as well as a lounge area with dressing table.

Imperial Suite facilities include a private en-suite bathroom with power shower and the luxury of underfloor heating, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe, DVD/CD player with LCD screen, complimentary fully stocked minibar, safe, small library and two large picture windows to watch the world go by.

Imperial Suite guests will also benefit from the option of a private guide and chauffeured car service in most of the places

we visit along the route. However, in locations where there are a limited number of experienced and qualified tour guides available, we may offer a shared car service among Imperial Suite guests. Guests also benefit from the inclusion of drinks from the Standard and Premium Bar List (excluding premium wines) in the Bar Lounge Car, a laundry service and upgraded room types at the hotels which are featured in the itinerary.

IMPERIAL SUITE DIMENSIONS

CABIN AREA 120 sq ft (11.1 sq m)

CABIN LENGTH 17ft 4ins (5.3m)

CABIN WIDTH 6ft 7ins (2m)

BED WIDTH 5ft (1.5m)

BED LENGTH 6ft 2ins (1.9m)

CABINS PER CAR 1 Imperial Suite

(+ 3 Gold Class Cabins)

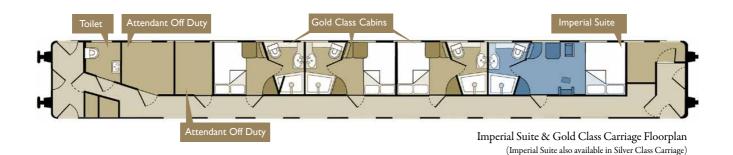
or 1 Imperial Suite (+ 4 Silver Class Cabins)

or 1 Imperial Suite

(Imperial Suite Carriage)







IMPERIAL SUITE SPECIFICATION

- Sleeps 2 in UK King Size bed
- Sitting area
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Dressing table
- Personal safe
- DVD/CD player with LCD screens

- Private en-suite bathroom with full power shower & underfloor heating
- Bathrobes, slippers, hairdryer & luxury toiletries provided
- Towels and linens changed every second day or daily on request
- In-cabin dining available on request
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral Laundry service included water available at all times
- Drinks from the Bar Lounge Car included from the Standard and Premium Bar List (excluding Premium Wine List)
- Private car and guide options in programme



GOLD CLASS

GOLD CLASS DIMENSIONS

CABIN AREA 77sq ft (7sq m)

CABIN LENGTH 11ft 8ins (3.6m)

CABIN WIDTH 6ft 7ins (2m)

LOWER BED

WIDTH 4ft 5ins (1.35m)

UPPER BED

WIDTH 2ft 9ins (85 cm)

BED LENGTH 6ft 2ins (1.9m)

CABINS PER CAR 5

SPECIFICATION

- Sleeps 2 in either standard double bed or upper and lower bunk style
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- · Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Personal safe
- Private en-suite bathroom with full power shower & underfloor heating
- Bathrobes, slippers & luxury toiletries provided
- DVD/CD player with LCD screens
- Towels and linens changed every second day or daily on request
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin available at all times
- Drinks in the Bar Lounge Car included from the Standard Bar List
- Laundry service available at an additional charge

Note: The fifth compartment in Gold Class is of a slightly different layout with an area measurement of 68 sq ft but with all the above facilities. It is usually reserved for single passengers or at a reduced rate for twin share passengers. Late bookings may be allocated this cabin and a reduced rate will be applicable. This information will be advised prior to departure.



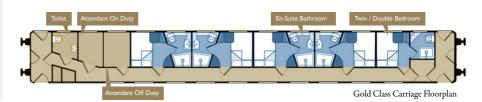
At 77 sq ft (7 sq metres) Gold Class cabins are extremely well-proportioned and have everything from a private bathroom with separate power shower cubicle and underfloor heating to a DVD/CD player, LCD screen, safe, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe, large picture window as well as featuring a double lower bed and a single upper bed.

Guests in Gold Class benefit from complimentary drinks off the Standard Bar List in the Bar Lounge Car.

Configuration and styles of all cabins may vary









SILVER CLASS







Silver Class cabins, which are more compact at 60 sq ft (5.5 sq metres), feature a small double lower bed and a single upper bed as well as DVD/CD player, LCD screen, safe, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe and large picture window.

The Silver Class cabins have a private en-suite wet room with a washbasin, toilet and shower.

Configuration and styles of all cabins may vary



SILVER CLASS DIMENSIONS

CABIN AREA 60sq ft (5.5sq m)

CABIN LENGTH 8ft 8ins (2.6m)

CABIN WIDTH 6ft 7ins (2m)

LOWER BED

WIDTH 3ft 6ins (1.1m)

UPPER BED

WIDTH 2ft 9ins (85 cm)

BED LENGTH 6ft 2ins (1.9m)

CABINS PER CAR 6

SPECIFICATION

- Sleeps 2 in lower small double bed or bunk style
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- · Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Personal safe
- Private en-suite bathroom with 'wet room' style shower and toilet
- Bathrobes, slippers and luxury toiletries provided
- DVD/CD player with LCD screens
- Towels and linens changed every second day or daily on request
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water available at all times
- Laundry service available at an additional charge



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR TOURS



WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

All accommodation as per the itinerary; both on board the train and in hotels; all meals starting with dinner on the first day; a generous allowance of wine, beer, soft drinks and tea and coffee with all lunches and dinners both on and off the train; all arrival and departure transfers; guided off-train sightseeing excursions; the services of experienced tour leaders; complimentary tea, coffee and bottled water 24 hours a day, all gratuities; and in most cases a doctor travelling with the group.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

International and domestic airfares (unless stated as part of the itinerary); visa and excess baggage charges; travel and medical insurance. Personal expenses such as drinks in the Bar Lounge Car or laundry. On some tours there may also be an occasional optional activity that needs to be paid for locally.

PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

It is your responsibility to be in possession of a valid passport and visa for your trip. A passport with a minimum validity of 6 months is required for all our rail tours. Many of the remote and exotic countries we visit require visas. Visa costs are not included in the price of the tour and these must be purchased independently. This can often be an involved and time-consuming process and, as this

is such an important aspect of your holiday, we can assist you with advice and any supporting documentation. Detailed visa advice, specific to your nationality, is issued approximately 4 months prior to departure. We do not take any responsibility for any passengers in possession of incorrect or invalid visas. Please contact our Customer Services department for help and information. For customers in the United Kingdom we can put you in contact with our recommended visa support agency.

ACCESS TO WI-FI

On the *Golden Eagle* there is a Wi-Fi box on board, powered by a 4G sim. Coverage is limited and will usually be available as we pass through larger cities/towns. However, on all tours we aim to provide internet access in a local hotel or restaurant for passengers at least every other day. Our Tour Manager will keep you informed of all the opportunities to use Wi-Fi and provide password access when necessary.

INSURANCE

It is a booking condition that you must be fully insured for any medical expenses that may be incurred whilst travelling. For UK passengers comprehensive travel insurance policies can be obtained from Campbell Irvine.

VACCINATIONS

As our rail journeys visit areas of developing countries, we strongly advise that you consult your doctor or a medical centre for specific health advice.

ON BOARD DOCTOR

We provide a doctor on board all our tours who is available for emergency medical situations 24 hours a day. They carry a fully stocked medical kit but it is your responsibility to ensure that you obtain any vaccinations, prescribed and precautionary medicine for the countries you are visiting before travelling with us.

INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

Flights are not included (unless part of the itinerary) but we can advise fares and book them for you if the flights originate in the UK. Please note that we do not advise that you book flights more than 60 days in advance of the tour departure date (see Booking Conditions).

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodation as described in the tour itinerary is included in the price of the tour. All hotels are of a 5-star standard or best available. Room upgrades are available on request, subject to availability and at an additional cost.

ITINERARIES

Accommodation and tour itineraries, including the provision of guest speakers and steam haulage, are subject to change at any time due to circumstances beyond our control. Every effort will be made to operate tours as advertised and as per the rail timings received. On selected departures where group numbers are small, a shorter formation of the *Golden Eagle* will operate as appropriate to the number of guests. We attach our carriages to the rear of a regular train each day, however your on board experience will be unaffected, there being no connection between our train and the main train.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

We pride ourselves on offering you a personalised and knowledgeable service and will make every effort to meet any of your special dietary, room or travel requests. Also we are very happy to cater for any special occasion or anniversary that you are celebrating whilst you are with us. Please advise us at the time of booking.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS

Many of our guests are single travellers and of course passengers travelling as small groups, families, couples or singles are all equally welcome.

GRATUITIES

All gratuities are included in the tour price and we strongly encourage passengers to refrain from offering gratuities to crew/hoteliers/drivers etc. We would prefer passengers to inform our management of any exceptional service received, and we will reward accordingly.

LANGUAGE

The primary tour language will be English. French and Spanish speaking guides are available on selected departures or on request at an additional cost. Other languages e.g. German may be available on request and at an additional cost. Please contact us for more information.

MEETING POINTS

Details of hotel/airport meeting points will be printed on the tour vouchers and departure packs that will be sent to you one month prior to departure.

MINIMUM PASSENGER REQUIREMENTS

All our rail tours require a minimum number of passengers to operate. Should this not be reached, we will run a modified service of carriages attached to regular service trains to accommodate a smaller group or offer an alternative tour. If no alternative is suitable a full refund will be offered. Reduced numbers mean smaller and more intimate groups, and a shorter train, as we leave unfilled cars behind. On a number of tours we will be combining our *Golden Eagle* carriages with regular trains departing at similar times. The on board experience and off-train tours will be unaffected and, as there will be no connection between our carriages and the regular trains, the *Golden Eagle* carriages will remain totally private and you will not notice any difference to the quality, comfort and enjoyment of your holiday.

TRAVELLER HEALTH CONDITIONS

To get the most out of our tours, passengers must be able to walk at least a mile per day at normal walking speed. The traveller confirms that neither he/she has any physical or mental condition or disability that could create a hazard to him/herself or other members of the tour. We reserve the right to refuse travel to anyone who, in the opinion of the tour doctor or tour manager would be incapable of completing the tour or would cause unacceptable delays to the rest of the group. In these circumstances there would be no refund for any unused part of the tour. We also reserve the right to reclaim any costs incurred as a result of providing additional services to cater for their mobility needs e.g. a wheelchair. If in doubt, please call us for advice.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Our full booking conditions can be found on www.goldeneagleluxurytrains.com

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We believe that your safety and holiday enjoyment are very important, therefore travel insurance is a must whenever you travel abroad.



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