

GOLDEN EAGLE LUXURY TRAINS



TREASURES OF UZBEKISTAN

OCTOBER 20 - OCTOBER 30, 2023



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Answer the siren call of the Silk Road and immerse yourself in the gilded oases of a thousand shrines, Uzbekistan. A once pivotal, cultural crossroad of the emerging empires, Uzbekistan continues to shine bright as the jewel of Central Asia.

With their iconic blend of all-inclusive luxury and enthralling adventure, Golden Eagle Luxury Trains have designed an exclusive itinerary to experience all that this magical country has to offer. Travelling aboard the opulent Golden Eagle, dive deep into Uzbekistan's spectacularly global cultural identity. Bustling bazaars, imposing Soviet monoliths, and sumptuous Islamic architecture collide on this magical route as we explore a land, where East meets West in the most picturesque and electrifying visual utopia.

With this brand-new rail journey, venture beyond the boundaries of traditional tours and step inside the electrifying buzz of Uzbekistan's most exhilarating cities. Discover Samarkand's vital role in the development of modern astronomy with a visit to largest observatory in the pre-modern era. Learn the ancient art of paper making with an up-close lesson at the Meros Paper Mill. And create memories that will last a lifetime with an interactive cooking class, so you can treat your friends to the delicious dish of "Plov" on your return.



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Tour Schedule

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Daily Tour Itineraries

DAY 1	Tashkent	DAY 7	Bukhara
DAY 2	Tashkent	DAY 8	Bukhara
DAY 3	Fergana Valley	DAY 9	Samarkand
DAY 4	Navoi	DAY 10	Samarkand
DAY 5	Nukus	DAY 11	Tashkent
DAY 6	Khiva		

Accommodation

 $\ensuremath{\,\widehat{}}\xspace$ 1 hotel night in Tashkent at the start of the tour

9 nights on board the Golden Eagle

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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
- No tipping policy
- Arrival and departure transfers
- High quality Golden Eagle embroidered backpack (one per cabin)
- Detailed Golden Eagle route map
- Stimulating on board talks with our special Guest Lecturer, Major Gordon Corrigan

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





Upon arrival at Tashkent Airport, you will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel for a one-night stay. This evening we will enjoy a welcome reception and dinner, giving you the opportunity to meet your fellow travellers.

^{DAY} **TASHKENT**

After a leisurely morning and refreshing lunch, we will begin our touring of the Uzbekistan capital. The 2,200 year old city of Tashkent is a magnificent modern metropolis which beautifully blends decadent medieval structures and minimalistic modern edifices. Our sightseeing tour will include the awe-inspiring Khast-Imam Complex, the culturally momentous Independence Square, and the Applied Arts Museum (situated in the extravagant former home of Imperial Russian diplomat, Alexander Polovtsev). Early evening, we will enjoy a champagne reception and Karnay Surnay performance (a musical ensemble of the national wind instrument) on the platform as we are welcomed aboard the *Golden Eagle*. Toast to the Voyage of a Lifetime with a sumptuous Welcome Dinner in the ornate Restaurant Car as we depart towards the Fergana Valley.

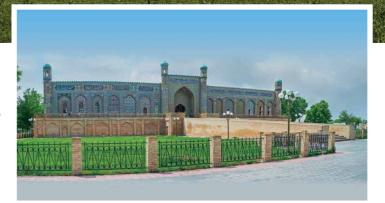




FERGANA VALLEY

In the morning, we arrive in Kokand, situated within the Fergana Valley region. The city is one of the most ancient cities of Uzbekistan and served as a critical trade centre on the Silk Road.

After breakfast onboard, we will begin with a tour of the majestic Palace of Khudayar Khan – aptly known as the Pearl of Kokand. One of the most visited moments in the Fergana Valley, the palace was constructed in 1870s, and covers an impressive four hectares. The entire façade is opulently tiled with multi-coloured geometric patterns, arabesques, and floral motifs- creating a truly spectacular sight. Additionally, we will visit the Jami Mosque – Kokand's most impressive Mosque.



Erected in 1812, the colourful construct features a 100m long portico, supported by 98 Indian red-wood columns and beautifully adorned in traditional Fergana carvings. Our visit will include the opportunity to sample the local delicacy – Halva – a unique confectionary said to have numerous health benefits.

We will then make the short drive to Rishtan, home to the world-famous ceramics centre. Here we will discover the





secrets of the state-of-the-art techniques of the ancient craft from the prominent local artisan Rustam Usmanov.

After a traditional lunch our next stop today is Fergana City. With Tsarist-era buildings and expansive boulevards – the city has a distinctly different feel from the wider region. Here we will visit the home of the famous Russian General – Mikhail Skobelev – and the Russian Army Assembly Hall. Revered by the Russian people, the formidable General was ominously known as 'Bloody Eyes' by his opponents.

Our touring concludes with a visit to Margilan. Once a vital, ancient caravan route for Chinese and Western trade, the city is renowned for its beautiful, handmade silk products. We will learn the art of silk weaving with a visit to a craftsman's workshop and studio.

In the early evening we return to board the *Golden Eagle* private train now waiting for us in Margilan, from where we continue our rail adventure onwards to Navoi.





^{DAY} **NAVOI**

Located in the southern region of the Karatau Mountain range, the Sarmish-Say Gorge is said to be the largest gorge for Stone Age petroglyphs and pictographs. The petroglyphs vary in accordance with their origin. Those from the early Iron Age feature a more 'animalistic' style. Whilst those from the Neolithic and Mesolithic age feature images of the local rituals and routines of the prehistoric times.

After a visit to these historical monuments, we will enjoy an open-air barbeque and a Kazakh folklore performance. The folklore of the country is a wonderful representation of the cultural dynamism of Central Asia. Beautifully lyrical, with a hauntingly ritualistic melody, the opportunity to watch a folklore performance is a magical experience.

5 NUKUS

Located in the north-west of Uzbekistan, the city of Nukus is surrounded by three deserts - the Kara Kum, Kyzyl Kum and Ustyurt. As such, the city has a beautiful, undisturbed landscape – featuring endless sandy scenery, deep dunes, and towering peaks. Following breakfast, we will visit the Igor Savitsky State Museum of the fine arts, regional archaeology and studies in Nukus. Known as the 'Louvre in the Sands', the museum features the largest art collection in Central Asia – with over 100,000 exhibits. The museum was founded by renowned scientists, artist and collector – Igor Savitsky – and includes an eclectic collection of avante-garde pieces and crafts from the Karakalpak region.

Enjoy a more leisurely pace this afternoon back on board our private train. Maybe take time to sit in the Bar Lounge Car enjoying afternoon tea and watch the Uzbek landscapes that unfold outside our windows as we continue our voyage to Khiva.

Alternatively, you will have the option to travel by road to visit the 'Valley of Fifty Fortresses'. Uzbekistan's ancient desert castles date back more than 2,000 years and were originally built to protect locals from nomadic raids. Feel like an archaeologist as we explore 'Toprak Kala' (the 'Dusty Fortress', I-IV century AD) and Ayaz-Kala (the 'Windy Fortress', III-II century BC).

In the evening, the train arrives in Khiva (those who took the additional trip by road will rejoin the train upon arrival to Khiva).



Our day begins in the ancient city of Khiva. Traced back to the 10th century, Khiva is a "city-museum", magnificently adorned in majestic buildings, spiraling columns and beautifully carved doors.

Rooted in its ties with the Silk Road, Khiva has an eclectic culinary identity - heavily influenced by Chinese, Turkish and Persian traditions. After a walking tour of the city, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and taste the Khorezmian cuisine. We recommend the famous green pasta 'shivit oshi', tuhumbarak (a fluffy dough-filled dish) and fresh fish sourced from the Amu Darya river with freshly baked bread.



After lunch, we will continue explore Khiva – including a visit to the Palace of Nurullah Bai. Built in 1912, the Palace is extravagantly bedecked with bronze chandeliers, crystal pendants, and Venetian mirrors.

Before returning to the train, we will visit the Photography Museum. Along with other artists, the museum features the work of Khudaibergen Devanov – the pioneering photographer and cinematographer of Uzbekistan.



BUKHARA

According to legend, the city of Bukhara was founded by the Persian Prince, Siyavush, in the 5th century B.C. The city is a treasure trove of historical buildings and architectural monuments – many of which are excellently preserved. Our tour of the area will begin with a visit to the Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa Palace (translating to 'a palace-like stars and moon'). The grand palace offers an insight into local life with displays featuring regional clothing, traditional embroidery, and ceramic creations.

From the palace, we will visit Chor Minor Madrasa. Translating to 'Four Towers', the Chor Minor continues to create architectural interest with its creative and unique design. Interestingly, each of the 17-metre towers feature a different design – said to represent the four different religions.

Our morning of architectural exploration concludes with the other-worldly Ismail Samani mausoleum and the Baland Mosque. The Ismail Samani is the oldest building in Bukhara. Believed to have served as the family tomb for the Samanid dynasty (819-1005), the mausoleum features an intricate



baked brick, wickerwork pattern. Whilst the Baland Mosque represents a distinctly different style – modest white exteriors and interiors adorned with floral patterns and gilded tiles.

After a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, we visit Shukhov Tower – a water tower erected in 1929. We will ascend by lift to reach the top of the observation tower and enjoy the best view of the Old Town of Bukhara. Our afternoon concludes with a trip the breath-taking Ark Fortress. This "Noble Abode" perfectly captures the oriental exoticism of Uzbekistan.

In the evening, sample the finest Bukharian cuisine as we dine in the rooftop restaurant of the Minorai Kalon Hotel. From this magnificent spot, we will enjoy the best views of the Kalyan Square at sunset.



BUKHARA

Bukhara is a magical city; whereby modern life entwines with archaic architecture and an otherworldly allure. Our morning begins with a visit to the Lyabi Hauz Square. Translating as 'around the pool', Lyabi-Hauz is a square built around a pool, shaded by lush mulberry trees and local tearooms. Here we will see the fascinating blend of old and new – local tea rooms stand next to evening jazz bars and western-style coffee shops.



To the west of the square stands the oldest mosque in Bukhara - Magoki Attori. Constructed in 714, the mosque represents the emergence of Islam in this region. The UNESCO site boasts an incredibly grand exterior, with carved columns, intricate decorative trimmings, and imposing arches.

Our explorations bring us to Kalyan Square and the iconic Kalyan Mosque. Featuring a traditional design – large maksura rooms, pillar-domed galleries and deeply recessed niches – a walk around the site will transport you back to a long-gone era.

After lunch in the Lyabi-Hauz area, there will free time to explorer Bukhara further at your own pace. Take the time to visit the beautiful bazaars which decorate the Lyabi-Hauz Square, or maybe stop to sample the produce from the "Chaihanas" tearooms.

In the evening, enjoy the unique experience of a traditional Uzbek BBQ on the train platform by the *Golden Eagle*. It is hard to miss the aromatic aromas of fresh BBQs as we have been exploring the streets of Uzbekistan, and now is the chance to sample some of these delicious dishes. Succulent meats, richly marinated and flamed grilled on an open fire... these melt in your mouth dishes are the perfect end to a day of adventure. We re-board the train as we head for our final destination of Samarkand arriving late evening.

SAMARKAND

Samarkand, the 'Crossroad of Culture', has an awe-inspiring history of over two and a half millennia. Fascinatingly, the town is a living museum to the famous dynasties who have passed through – including Genghis Khan, Temurids, and Russians. As such, mudbrick houses shoulder structured neighbourhoods of painted and decorated homes, whilst opulently bedecked Mosques loom on the horizon.

Fascinatingly, such influences span beyond architecture to astronomical discovery. Ulugh Beg, the Ruler of Transoxiana (1409-49) had been interested in astronomy from childhood, continuing to build the largest Observatory in the premodern era, to support his studies. The incredible feat of engineering centres of a huge sextant (40m radius), embedded in a 2m trench. The magnificence of this construct is not limited to its interiors - spanning three stories, the exterior is exquisitely decorated with glittering, glazed tiles, mosaics and majolica.

From a study of the stars, we then move to the Shakhi Zinda Necropolis – a building framed by a constellation of glimmering turquoise domes. The necropolis consists of 11 mausoleums, individually decorated with majolica tiles, carved mosaics, and porticos. As we wander through the gilded avenues, it is clear to see why the site has served as an important pilgrimage centre.

Before lunch we will gain further insight into the intertwining identity of the 'Crossroad of Culture', Samarkand.

Until the Middle Ages, Samarkand served as the main supplier of paper to the Arab world and Europe. With a visit to the Meros Paper Mill, we will learn about this ancient art with an up-close lesson of the laborious process, ancient machines, and centuries old methods.

Cuisine is at the very core of a culture. Continue your immersion into Uzbek identity with an interactive cooking class and Plov lunch. Considered Uzbekistan's national dish, Plov is intrinsic to the national identity and a staple dish at social gatherings. Representative of Uzbekistan's rich history, Plov is shaped by the Mediterranean, Chinese and Russian cultures who have settled in the region.

After lunch there will be the opportunity to explore Samarkand at your leisure before returning to the train to make preparations for the spectacular evening that lies ahead.

Evening celebrations begin with cocktails and dinner at the Oriental Sweets Caravan Sarai. The 300-year-old restaurant boasts a beautiful open air dining space, shaded by lush mulberry trees, and framed by ornate arches.

After dinner we will cross over to the famous, now illuminated, Registan Square to enjoy a fabulous gala dance performance and fashion show. Soak up the magical atmosphere as the setting sun seeps down the world's most recognised Mosque.

SAMARKAND

Registan Square is the main square in Samarkand – constructed by the Turkic-Mongolian leader, Timur (of the Timurid dynasty). To stand in the tiled expanse is a breathtaking experience – ethereally ornate portals, intricate minarets and glimmering cupolas loom above. As we explore the revered site, it is easy to see why the Viceroy of India, George Curzon, described it as "the noblest public square in the world".

Our second day in Samarkand continues with a visit to the Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum. Serving as the resting place of Leader Timur, the beautiful building features a uniquely fluted azure dome and magnificent portal. The interiors are an exquisite example of medieval craftmanship -bedecked in gilded mosaics, the lofty ceilings imitate a starry sky.

Following lunch, test your local knowledge and try your hand at bartering at the famous Siab Bazaar. A mustsee spot, the bustling oriental market is a thriving, and exhilarating hive of activity. Featuring 5 hectares of trade rows and over 17 variations of Samarkand bread.... you will most certainly be spoilt for choice.

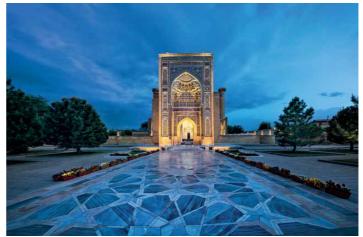
Close by stands the majestic Bibi-Khanym. Impressive in both its size and beauty, the structure is oft compared the gates of heaven. Boasting carved marble structures, elegant minarets, and glistening gold walls, such a comparison is understandable.

Return to the train in the late afternoon and enjoy our onboard Gala Farewell Dinner as the train departs Samarkand for Tashkent.

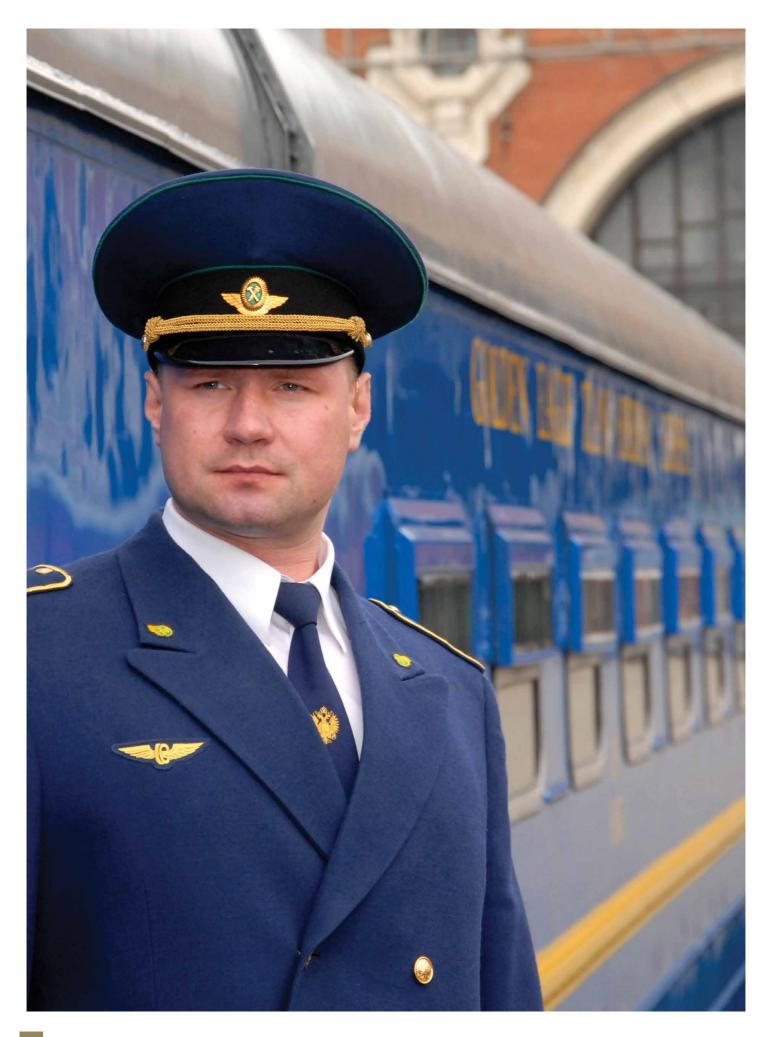
TASHKENT

After our arrival in Tashkent, your private transfer will be waiting to transfer you to Tashkent airport for your return flights 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.





























GOLDEN EAGLE LUXURY TRAINS

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 & Gold Class Carriage Floorplan (Imperial Suite also available in Silver Class 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
- & 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.



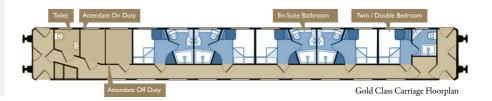
At 77 sq ft (7 sq metres) Gold Class cabins are extremely wellproportioned and have everything from a private bathroom with separate power shower cubicle and underfloor heating to a DVD/CD player, LCD screen, safe, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe, large picture window as well as featuring a double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

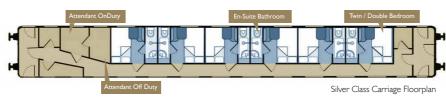




Silver Class cabins, which are more compact at 60 sq ft (5.5 sq metres), feature a small double lower bed and a single upper bed as well as DVD/ CD player, LCD screen, safe, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe and large picture window.

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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