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## Alpine Lakes & Mountains and the Orient Express

From £5,199 per person // 9 days



Experience the beauty of the Austrian Alps via Heidelberg, Salzburg and Zell am See, before indulging in the luxurious Venice Simplon-Orient-Express from Verona to London, via Paris.

### The Essentials

- Salzburg – home to Mozart and the Sound of Music
- The beautiful Austrian resort of Zell am See
- Verona with its world-famous Roman amphitheatre
- An unforgettable journey with the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express from Verona back to London

### Tailor make your holiday

- Choose your departure date
- Add extra nights & destinations
- Choose alternative hotels
- Let us suggest the most scenic routes

### What's included

- First Class travel from London to Austria via Germany and Paris back to London (Eurostar Plus on the Eurostar)
- Lounge access in German and Austrian stations
- 7 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Double cabin on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express from Verona to Paris
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

## - Suggested Itinerary -



### Day 1 - London To Heidelberg

Leave London St Pancras late morning via Eurostar and change platforms at Brussels for your German ICE train through to Cologne. After a brief glimpse of the mighty cathedral, which looms over the station entrance, board your InterCity service which runs through one of the most picturesque routes in all of Europe, the Rhine Gorge. As your train twists and turns in time with the river, admire the castles, steep-sided vineyards and charming villages that you pass. In the evening, your train pulls into the riverside town of Heidelberg, where you will stay overnight in the Heidelberger Hof Hotel (or similar).



### Day 2 - Heidelberg To Salzburg

Heidelberg is a historic town with a fabled Schloss (Castle) and a quaint Altstadt (Old Town) that are well worth exploring in the morning. Return to the station at lunchtime to take the direct service through Germany and into Austria. You will roll into Salzburg in the early evening. On arrival, make your way to the famous Sacher Hotel (or similar), where you will have a 2-night stay.



### Day 3 - Salzburg

The birthplace of one of the world's greatest composers, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Salzburg plays host to an array of concerts throughout the year that celebrate his work. In more recent history, Salzburg was, of course, the setting of The Sound of Music, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. There are plenty of tours available if you want to explore the famous filming locations this epic motion picture, or alternatively, you can shop for the renowned local Swarovski Crystal in the various ornamental boutiques.



### Day 4 - Salzburg To Zell Am See

An 'open' ticket covers your onward journey today, from Salzburg to the resort of Zell am See, which means that you can make your way to the station whenever you are ready. Regional trains run every two hours through the most beautiful scenery as the rolling hills of northern Austria give way to the more dramatic scenery of the high Alps. Upon arrival in Zell am See, you will check into the Grand Hotel Zell am See (or similar) for a 3-night stay, including dinner and breakfast.



### Days 5 & 6 - Zell Am See

One of Austria's prime ski resorts in winter, Zell am See is a chocolate-box mountain resort in summertime, alongside a lake and enormous, looming mountains. Bask in the sun and fresh alpine air as you relax in the hotel's extensive outdoor areas, or venture up onto the surrounding mountains with the help of chairlifts or cable cars. Hiking is, of course, plentiful in this area with a large number of marked trails to follow and mountain hut cafes to recharge the batteries as you go. Speckknödel (dumplings with pieces of bacon) is a famed local dish, and you can sample this along with other specialities of the region at Steinerwirt, a fabulous local restaurant that has been serving happy customers since 1493.



### Day 7 - Zell Am See To Verona

After a final morning in Zell am See, board your EuroCity train in the early afternoon heading west. Soak up the scenery as you enter the state of Tyrol and pass through the famous ski resort of Kitzbühel. The large overhanging roofs of the villages give way to a slightly bigger-city feel as you pass the town of Innsbruck, the capital of the Tyrol region. From here continue into Italy and disembark at Verona, where you have an overnight stay at the Hotel Due Torri (or similar).



### **Day 8 - Board The Orient Express**

The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express departs at lunchtime, so you have a free morning to explore Verona. Around 1pm, the famous Wagons Lits coaches of the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express depart Verona, hauled by an Austrian Railways locomotive. Settle into your cabin and then enjoy a leisurely four course meal as you glide along the rails of the western Tyrol, admiring the scenery of the Arlberg Pass and Liechtenstein. After dinner, head for a nightcap in the bar or simply retire to your cabin for the night.



### **Day 9 - Paris To London**

Enjoy a continental breakfast from the comfort of your cabin as you watch the countryside of eastern France pass by. Disembark in Paris where you will transfer to the Gare du Nord for your return Eurostar back to London.

## **Pricing**

From £5,199 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on First Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.