



## **Guide to the Venice Simplon Orient Express**

### **Why a Venice Simplon Orient Express Holiday?**

The Venice Simplon Orient Express train was just made for special occasions and features in the Top 10 Experiences, with good reason! With beautiful scenery as you travel through the Majestic Alps, you can easily feel like the UK has been left far behind, and begin your holiday early, from the moment you board the British Pullman at London Victoria. With airports and Security being often stressful, take the hassle out of travel with this fantastic iconic train.

Return to refined dressing in style for your time on board. The train carriages have been lovingly restored from the original Roaring Twenties creation, and now have 3 restaurant cars for you to sample, including a small dance floor. There is even a Breakfast Bar!

The Venice Simplon Orient Express begins your luxury trip, but then you can choose from staying on the lagoon in Venice, take in an opera in Verona, some time in the arts capital Florence, or maybe explore further afield with several days in Prague and/or Vienna. The only problem is choosing which one!

### **Why us?**

All of the above trips can be tailored to suit you, whether you wanted to upgrade your Venice Simplon Orient Express cabin, hotel room, extend your stay or a specific tour that had always ranked high on your to do list.

Once you arrive in Venice, your 5 Star experience continues! Stay in some of the most distinguished hotels only within a short walk to the main sights, or maybe add on one of our optional island tours or a night at the opera.

We can provide part or your full trip, and even an overnight sleeper train back from Venice if a flight back is unappealing.

Benefit from our local expert knowledge and recommendations, where we aim to make the trip specialised to you. We regularly book these trips for all age ranges, so if travel insurance for an older age group or airport special assistance are barriers to your travel, don't worry, we can help you in all of this.



### **Our Top Tip?**

For making this trip extra special, fly out to Venice and take the Venice Simplon Orient Express back from Venice to the UK. This way you get to experience your Venice Simplon Orient Express holiday with more daylight, so you don't miss a moment of travelling through the scenic, majestic Alps. It also extends your holiday until you alight in London Victoria, rather than spending the last day transferring to the airport and waiting for your flight.

Click here to find out more about our Luxury Venice Simplon Orient Express trip – [italian-short-breaks.co.uk/italian-short-breaks/venice-simplon-orient-express/luxury-train/](http://italian-short-breaks.co.uk/italian-short-breaks/venice-simplon-orient-express/luxury-train/)

### **How to choose which cabin?**

The Venice Simplon Orient Express has three room configurations. You can either go for the standard twin cabins in which your steward will transform the seating arrangements by day into bunk beds by night, or you can upgrade to the twin cabin suites. With the suites you can choose whether to keep the bunk bed options and have one room for sleeping and one for relaxing, or alternatively have one bed in each room on the floor.

New for 2018 is the Grand Double Suites. With double bed, relaxing area and your own ensuite bathroom complete with shower, these come at a price, but are well worth the expense. These rooms have complimentary free-flowing Champagne to see you through your journey!

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### **Dress Code**

The dress code is the smarter the better! There will be people dressed in anything from cocktail dresses to flapper dresses, with the men in full tuxedos and looking rather dapper!

### **Travel Information**

Leave London Victoria on the British Pullman which will transfer you to Folkestone. Sit back as you travel through the Kent countryside enjoying your lunch. Then at Folkestone luxury coaches will take

you through the tunnel, where the Venice Simplon Orient Express is waiting for you on the other side. Your journey continues through Paris and the Alps, into Verona, before arriving into Venice.

Date permitting these trips can be done either departing or returning by Venice Simplon Orient Express, or if you are really spoiling yourself, both journeys to avoid the airports completely!

**Duration**

Currently you board the British Pullman around 10.45am and arrive into Verona around 4pm the following day. Venice is around 6.30pm on day two. Please note these times do vary and can only be confirmed one month prior to travel. They are to be used as a guideline only.

**Packing List**

Space is at a premium on this iconic train so for this reason you need to have an overnight bag for your night on board. Your suitcases will be taken from you at London Victoria and go on ahead to your Venice/Verona hotel as applicable.