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ORIENT EXPRESS RETURNS TO ITALY WITH LA DOLCE VITA

In Spring 2025, La Dolce Vita Orient Express embarks on a new era, unveiling a journey where timeless elegance meets the soul of Italy.

With eight iconic itineraries, La Dolce Vita Orient Express will welcome its first passengers on April 4, 2025, weaving a journey of elegance through 14 regions, from the Alpine north to the sun-drenched shores of the south.

This is a journey designed to captivate the senses. Step aboard, and let La Dolce Vita Orient Express transport you to a world where beauty, history, and indulgence merge into an unforgettable journey.



LA DOLCE VITA ORIENT EXPRESS TRAIN

6 Trains
12 Cars per train
12 Deluxe Cabins
18 Suite Cabins
1 La Dolce Vita Suite
62 Passengers
14 Regions and 131 Cities
across Italy

LA DOLCE VITA: A LOVE LETTER TO ITALY

A tribute to an era, a philosophy, and a country synonymous with style, La Dolce Vita Orient Express is an ode to the golden age of Italian glamour.

Inspired by the cultural fervour of the 1960s, this new rail adventure channels a time when Italy stood at the crossroads of art, design, fashion, and cinema, captivating the world with its effortless sophistication.

Evoking the enchantment of Fellini's Rome, the languid allure of Sophia Loren, Marcello Mastroianni, and Anita Ekberg, the artistic competition, and the artistry of Italian cuisine, this train reimagines a period of boundless creativity.

Today, La Dolce Vita Orient Express invites travellers to experience Italy in all its complexity, radiant and contemplative, at a leisure-pace.





A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND BEAUTY

The La Dolce Vita Orient Express train traverses Italy's most evocative landscapes, offering a curated expedition into the country's artistic, architectural, and gastronomic splendour.

Every itinerary is a seamless exploration of the country's hidden roads, forgotten villages, and timeless masterpieces.

From the hills of Piedmont to the rugged Sicilian coast, each route is an immersion into the finest expressions of 'Made in Italy', where culture, design, and tradition intertwine.

This is Italian rail travel reimaged: an unhurried adventure where the journey is as mesmerizing as the destination.





DIMORESTUDIO REDEFINES ITALIAN TRAIN TRAVEL

Design is the silent narrator of every great journey. For La Dolce Vita Orient Express, the internationally acclaimed Dimorestudio, founded by Emiliano Salci and Britt Moran, has envisioned a tribute. Steeped in Italy's rich design references, the train's interiors pay homage to the avant-garde spirit of the 1960s and 1970s. Influences from Cini Boeri, Claudio Salocchi, and Mario Marengo meet the artistry of Giuseppe Capogrossi, Agostino Bonalumi, and Enrico Castellani, forming a dialogue between form and emotion.

Crafted with exquisite materials, walnut wood, polished brass, and jewel-toned velvet, the train's interiors exude the artistic fervour of 1960s Italy. The train's interiors are a testament to Italian craftsmanship, showcasing the use of exquisite materials like walnut wood, polished brass, and opulent velvet in deep, jewel-line tones.

Custom-destined lighting fixtures, inspired by mid-century aesthetics, enhance the ambiance, while bespoke furnishings and tactile textiles echo the richness of Italian heritage.

"Our vision for La Dolce Vita Orient Express was to create a design that feels inherently timeless an understated blend of Italian history with the contemporary, without losing its authenticity," explain Britt Moran and Emiliano Salci. "Each space is curated to feel as though it has always belonged, with subtle details and layers that invite discovery and to evoke exclusivity."

The result: an exquisite blend of heritage and modernity, where past and present exist in perfect equilibrium.







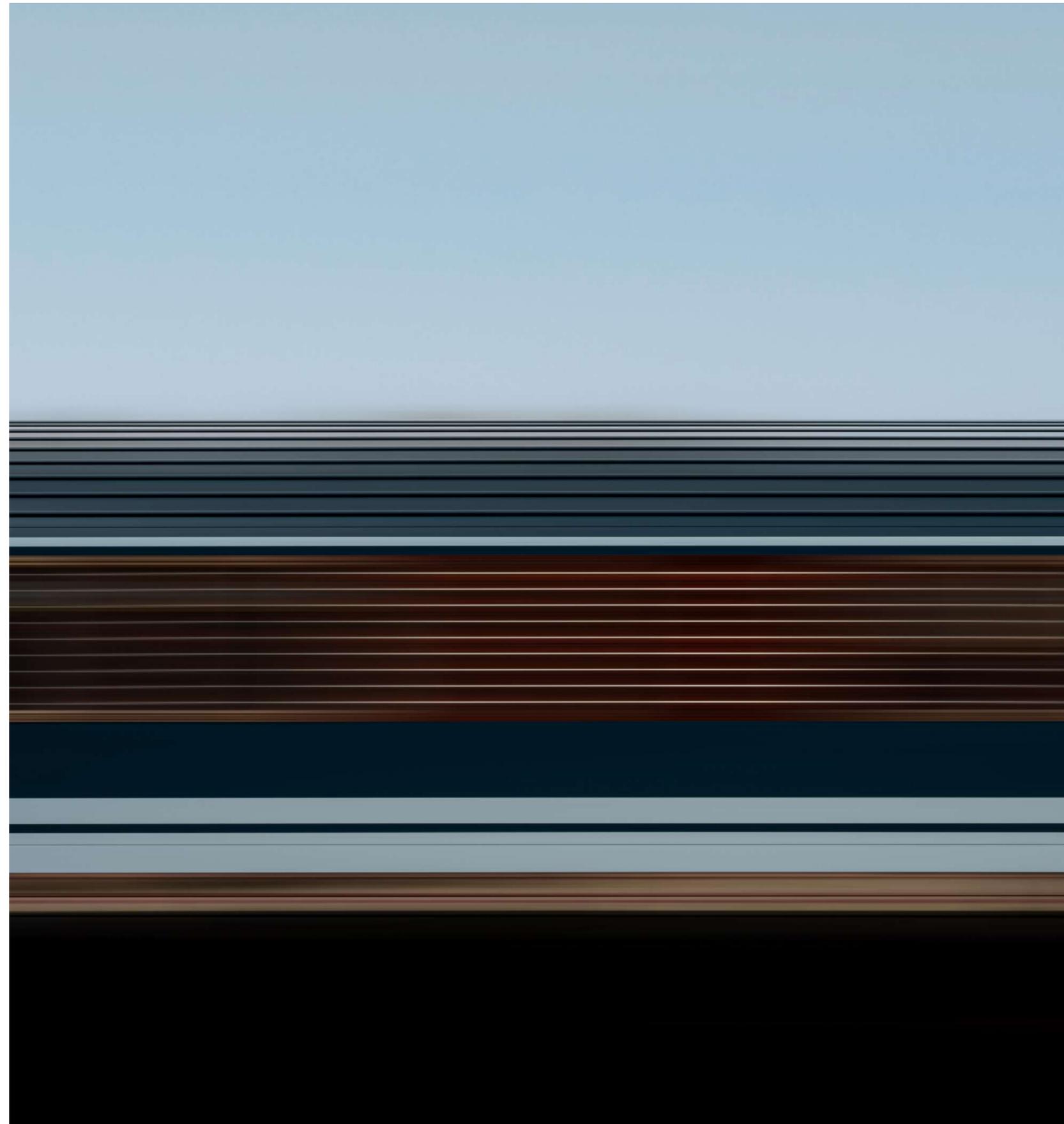


SUSTAINABLE LUXURY: A NEW WAY TO TRAVEL

Italy boasts over 16,000 km of railway lines, many of which trace centuries-old trade and travel routes. Thanks to partnerships with Trenitalia - Gruppo Ferrovie dello Stato, Fondazione FS Italiane, and TTI Treni Turistici Italiani, La Dolce Vita Orient Express now extends beyond the well-trodden paths.

La Dolce Vita Orient Express will appeal to many passengers as a safe and eco-sustainable way of moving that protects the environment and allows them to rediscover the most fascinating places in our regions.

Through the La Dolce Vita train project, a true commitment to responsible tourism and sustainable development will be seen in part through the refitting of the historic Italian wagons. This commitment reshapes mobility in a meaningful way.





THE LA DOLCE VITA LOUNGE

At Roma Ostiense Station, where rationalist architecture meets modern refinement, artist-architect Hugo Toro has reimagined the La Dolce Vita lounge as a space where history and contemporary design intertwine. Inspired by the 1960s spirit expressed through the essence of La Dolce Vita Orient Express, Toro integrates rich textures, bold contrasts, and a dynamic play of light and reflection.

A striking orange ceiling, both sculptural and luminous, creates a bold focal point, its reflective surface amplifying movement and energy. Tubular neon chandeliers extend this dynamism, casting a soft, diffused glow that guides travellers through the space. Original mosaics by Giulio Rosso and Maria Zaffuto, depicting scenes from Roman mythology and history, have been meticulously preserved, reinforcing the dialogue between past and present.

The space is further enriched by artworks evoking grand voyages, romantic cityscapes, exotic landscapes, a nod to the timeless allure of train travel.

By blending historical grandeur with contemporary sophistication, Hugo Toro creates a sanctuary that captures the romance of Italian travel while honouring Roma Ostiense's architectural codes.



A THREE-MICHELIN-STAR CULINARY ODYSSEY THROUGH ITALY

Aboard La Dolce Vita Orient Express, the spirit of indulgence meets the art of Italian culinary encounters. Three-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck curates an exceptional gastronomic experience, crafting menus that embody Italy's rich culinary traditions while embracing innovation and well-being.

Each meal is an invitation to discover Italy's regions not only through landscapes but through taste. From the delicate morning pastries of a traditional Italian breakfast, like savoury brioche with caponata and salted ricotta while in Sicily, to the refined simplicity of lunch, think Gnocchetti di zita cacio e pepe on herb foam on your way to Portofino, and dinner, Fassona tartare with hazelnuts and Castelmagno shavings when traveling through the Italian Piedmont, every bite tells a story of terroir and tradition.

Sourced from the finest seasonal ingredients, each dish reflects the unique character of the regions traversed, preserving age-old techniques while offering a contemporary touch.

A carefully curated wine selection, featuring prestigious labels from Italy's most renowned vineyards, complements the experience, ensuring a seamless harmony of flavours. For Heinz Beck, a long-standing ambassador of the 'Made in Italy' way, cuisine is also an art form, a delicate balance of taste, well-being, and emotion.

Aboard La Dolce Vita Orient Express, travellers will savour a sensory voyage through the heart and soul of Italian gastronomy.



THE ITINERARIES

The eight itineraries, each a voyage for the senses, are tracing Italy's most cinematic landscapes: from the vineyards of Tuscany to the azure shores of Sicily, from Venice's misty canals to the storied stones of Matera. Romance, adventure, and relaxation will be encompassed in a single experience with reserved routes and onshore services in exclusive locations. Guests can spend between one and two nights in complete comfort in a luxurious setting.

- ✦ VENICE AND PORTOFINO
Rome-Venice-Portofino-Rome
(2 nights)
- ✦ VENICE AND TUSCANY
Rome-Venice-Siena-Rome
(2 nights)
- ✦ TASTES OF TUSCAN VINEYARDS
Rome-Montalcino-Rome
(1 night)
- ✦ THE TRUFFLE ROUTE
Rome-Nizza Monferrato-Rome
(2 nights)
- ✦ ETERNAL STONES OF MATERA
Rome-Matera-Pescocostanzo-Rome
(2 nights)
- ✦ FROM ROME TO SICILY
Rome-Maratea-Taormina-Palermo
(2 nights)
- ✦ SHORES OF SICILY
Catania-Palermo-Taormina-Catania
(1 night)
- ✦ FROM SICILY TO ROME
Palermo-Taormina-Maratea-Rome
(2 nights)





THE SPLENDOR OF ITALY

Venice, the city of enchantment of water and light, where gondolas glide silently between Renaissance palaces. In St. Mark's Square, the golden basilica and the towering campanile overlook the lagoon. Beyond the tourist trails, the labyrinthine calli lead to artisan workshops, where the delicate art of Murano glassblowing and Burano lace-making continues to thrive.

On the Ligurian Riviera, Portofino enchants with its small harbour, where fishing boats and luxury yachts share the water, framed by pastel-coloured houses and lush hills. A refuge for artists and celebrities, this is where the sea meets romance, offering a postcard-perfect setting, with a scent of blooming bougainvillea lingers in the air.

In the heart of Tuscany, Siena preserves its medieval charm. Piazza del Campo, one of the world's most beautiful squares, hosts the Palio, a thrilling horse race that embodies the city's fierce pride and centuries-old traditions.

Maratea, cradled between rugged cliffs and azure waters, is a secret sanctuary along the Tyrrhenian coast. Its wild beaches and hidden sea caves offer an untouched beauty, while high above, the imposing Christ the Redeemer statue watches over the town, arms outstretched as if embracing the entire coastline.

Then there's Matera, a place like no other, where the Sassi, ancient dwellings carved into the rock, tell a story spanning millennia. Once home to early inhabitants, these labyrinthine structures have been lovingly restored and now radiate with culture and timeless allure, making this city a true treasure waiting to be discovered.

Finally, in the rolling hills of Abruzzo, Pescocostanzo is a timeless village. Its cobbled streets and Renaissance homes reflect a rich artistic and cultural heritage. Local artisans preserve age-old traditions of goldsmithing and wool weaving, ensuring that craftsmanship remains at the heart of this charming enclave.



DISCOVERING SICILY

Palermo is Sicily's beating heart, a place where Arabesque domes, Norman palaces, and Baroque facades stand side by side. Its bustling markets (Ballarò, Capo, and Vucciria) overflow with vibrant colours, the scent of citrus and spices filling the air, a testament to the island's rich culinary and cultural history.

Taormina, perched high above the Ionian Sea, is a vision of Sicilian perfection. The ancient Greek Theatre, with Mount Etna as its dramatic backdrop, is a place where art, nature, and history intertwine. After a day of exploring, dinner at a vineyard nestled in Etna's volcanic soil offers a feast for the senses with intense wines, bold flavours, and an endless horizon.



VINEYARDS AND TASTING EXPERIENCES

Italy's wine regions are a journey in themselves, rolling landscapes shaped by centuries of tradition. In Nizza Monferrato, Barbera reigns supreme, its deep ruby hues and velvety texture embodying the region's passion for winemaking. Here, visitors can stroll through sun-drenched vineyards, step into historic wine cellars, and taste voluptuous vintages paired with local delicacies like agnolotti and carne cruda all'albese.

Just a few kilometres away, Canelli, the birthplace of Prosecco, offers a journey beneath the surface, literally. Its famed "Underground Cathedrals", carved from tuff stone, provide a mystical setting where Moscato d'Asti matures to perfection. This delicate, floral wine is best enjoyed with traditional Piedmontese desserts, a pairing that lingers on the palate like a well-kept secret.

Moving to Tuscany. Few wines command the reverence of Brunello di Montalcino. Produced in the rolling hills of Montalcino, this bold yet elegant red is the essence of Tuscan craftsmanship. Visitors are invited to explore ancient vineyards, taste limited-edition vintages, and indulge in rustic feasts of cured meats, aged pecorino, and hand-rolled pici pasta—each bite a tribute to Tuscany's storied terroir.

STEP ABOARD THE ITALIAN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

With La Dolce Vita Orient Express, romance, adventure, and relaxation converge in a single experience, with carefully curated experiences at each stopover with exclusive services in breathtaking destinations.



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