

## Saudi Railway teams up with Italy's **Arsenale** to launch region's first luxury trains

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**Arsenale**, an Italian company active in luxury hospitality, and Saudi Arabia Railways, the national railway company of Saudi Arabia, yesterday signed the memorandum of understanding for the development of the first luxury train in the Saudi Kingdom. The agreement, signed in Riyadh, on the occasion of the Saudi Forum of Tourism, by Paul Barletta CEO of **Arsenale**, e Bashar Al Malik CEO of SAR, is part of the project Dream of the Desert, in response to the new trend of slow tourism and experiential travel, which will bring a train with 40 luxury cabins on Saudi railways by 2025 with a journey that will cross the country from the capital Riyadh to Qurayyat, in the north of the country and on the border with Jordan. The project has a value of 51 million of train manufacturing and 10 million of further investments in Italy. "The signing of this MoU between SAR and **Arsenale** is to be considered a first step towards the introduction of a new offer within the tourism market with an experience of luxury travel by train" commented Al Malik. Trains built in Italy This agreement is part of

**Arsenale**'s international expansion plan to build the largest fleet of luxury cruises on rail. Italy, in particular the South, thus returned to producing trains, after the last one built in 1989 by Fiat Ferroviaria. The first six trains will see around 160 million investments in the Italian supply chain. The development of the plan will then lead overall to an impact on the Italian market of over 500 million over the next 7 years. «The carriages will be made in Southern Italy and this will result in the creation of jobs and will relaunch companies heavily burdened by the covid and by the low activity of the Italian railway manufacturing activity» comments Barletta. Find out more The project in Saudi Arabia «The Italo - Saudi partnership establishes the union of intents of the two companies for an innovative and revolutionary project that will guarantee Saudi Arabia the expansion of its tourist offer and confirms how much luxury tourism in the Arab country is full of new opportunities. A new frontier of travel in a place where the railway has ancient origins and has been present for over one

hundred years» reads the joint press release.

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LONDON: Saudi Arabia is set to host the Middle East's first luxury train, after Saudi Arabia Railways signed a memorandum of understanding with Italy's **Arsenale** Group. The MoU comes amid efforts to boost the Kingdom's tourism sector in line with the goals of the Vision 2030 reform plan to diversify its economy away from reliance on fossil fuels. The agreement was signed by SAR's chief executive officer, Bashar Al-Malik, and **Arsenale** Group chairman, **Paolo Barletta**. When launched, the train will aim to provide a unique, luxury way for domestic tourists and international visitors to explore Saudi Arabia's attractions.

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## Saudi announces luxury train tours

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Saudi Arabia will soon see luxury train tours in the Kingdom, according to the state-run news agency SPA. Saudi Arabia Railways (SAR) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Italy's **Arsenale** Group to launch the Middle East region's first luxury train in the Kingdom. The MoU was signed by Bashar bin Khaled Al-Malik, CEO of SAR, and **Paolo Barletta**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of **Arsenale** Group. Luxury Saudi train The so-called Dream of the Desert train tour will launch in 2025 and will transport luxury travellers in style from Riyadh to Qurayyat. The agreement reflects SAR's commitment to promoting tourism and cultural affairs in the Kingdom and aims to boost national tourism goals. The luxury train will offer visitors and residents of the Kingdom a unique opportunity to explore a range of tourist attractions within a framework of integrated luxury transportation services. For all the latest business news from the UAE and Gulf countries, follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn, like us on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube

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## Saudi Arabia gets its own 'Orient Express' trains across the desert

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Saudi Arabia's national railway has partnered with the Italian development and management firm behind Orient Express to launch "five-star luxury" trains across the Kingdom's desert. The trains launch in 2025, taking travellers from Riyadh to Qurayyat, with AlUla along the way. Saudi Arabia Railways (SAR) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Italy's **Arsenale** Group, the latter of which develops the Orient Express in Italy. The project has a value of \$51 million in train manufacturing, and \$10 million in further investments in Italy. "The signing of this MoU between SAR and **Arsenale** is to be considered a first step towards the introduction of a new offer within the tourism market with an experience of luxury travel by train," said SAR's CEO Dr Bashar bin Khaled Al Malik. The Saudi Press Agency said in a release: "The agreement reflects SAR's commitment to promoting tourism and cultural affairs in the Kingdom and aims to boost national tourism goals. The luxury train will offer visitors and residents of the Kingdom a unique

opportunity to explore a range of tourist attractions within a framework of integrated luxury transportation services." The train service will be called "Dream of the Desert."

## Arsenale signe un accord avec Saudi Arabia Railways

**Arsenale**, une société italienne active dans l'hôtellerie de luxe, et Saudi Arabia Railways, la compagnie nationale des chemins de fer d'Arabie saoudite, ont signé hier le protocole d'accord pour le développement du premier train de luxe du Royaume saoudien. L'accord, signé à Riyad, à l'occasion du Forum Saoudien du Tourisme, par Paul Barlette PDG d'**Arsenale**, et Bachar Al Malik PDG de SAR, fait partie du projet Rêve du désert, en réponse à la nouvelle tendance du tourisme lent et du voyage expérientiel, qui amènera un train de 40 cabines de luxe sur les chemins de fer saoudiens d'ici 2025 avec un voyage qui traversera le pays de la capitale Riyad à Qurayyat, dans le nord du pays et à la frontière avec la Jordanie. Le projet a une valeur de 51 millions de fabrication de trains et 10 millions d'investissements supplémentaires en Italie. "La signature de ce protocole d'accord entre la SAR et l'**Arsenale** doit être considérée comme un premier pas vers l'introduction d'une nouvelle offre sur le marché du tourisme avec une expérience de voyage de luxe en train", a commenté Al Malik. Trains construits en Italie Cet accord fait partie du plan d'expansion internationale d'**Arsenale** visant à construire la plus grande flotte de croisières de luxe sur rail. L'Italie, en particulier le Sud, est ainsi revenue à la production de trains, après le dernier construit en 1989 par Fiat Ferroviaria. Les six premiers trains verront environ 160 millions d'investissements dans la chaîne d'approvisionnement italienne. Le développement du plan conduira alors globalement à un impact sur le marché italien de plus de 500 millions au cours des 7 prochaines années. «Les voitures seront fabriquées dans le sud de l'Italie, ce qui entraînera la création d'emplois et relancera les entreprises lourdement grevées par le covid et par la faible activité de l'activité de fabrication ferroviaire italienne», commente Barletta. En savoir plus Le projet en Arabie Saoudite «Le partenariat italo-saoudien établit l'union des intentions des deux sociétés pour un projet innovant et révolutionnaire qui garantira à l'Arabie saoudite l'expansion de son offre touristique et confirme à quel point le tourisme de luxe dans le pays arabe regorge de nouvelles opportunités. Une nouvelle frontière du voyage dans un lieu où le chemin de fer a des origines anciennes et est présent depuis plus de cent ans» lit-on dans le communiqué de presse conjoint.

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## Saudi Railways to sign MOU with Italian company to launch a luxury tourist train

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Saudi Railways (SAR) signed a memorandum of understanding with the Italian **Arsenale** Group, on Wednesday, with the aim of launching luxury tourist trains for the first time in the Kingdom. The Italian company said on its Twitter account that the aim of launching the trains is to "contribute to enriching the tourism sector and providing new travel options for different customer segments." The Italian company explained that the new train, which was called "Desert Dream", provides an opportunity for visitors and residents of Saudi Arabia to get acquainted with the Kingdom's landmarks, which contributes to supporting tourism goals in accordance with the Saudi Vision 2030. Passenger & Mineral Transport The SAR train is 2,750 km long and is intended for passenger and mineral transport. It consists of 6 passenger stations in the North Train project distributed along the track, which are King Khalid Airport, Al Majmaah, Al Qassim, Hail, Al Jouf, and Al Haditha. The operation of the industrial part of the project began in the last quarter of 2010. It aims to

transfer minerals from the Hazm Al-Jalamid mine and the Al-Zubaira mine to the refineries in Ras Al-Zour, north of Jubail. It contains 9 stations for freight services distributed along the track, which are Riyadh, Sudair, Qassim, Hail, Al-Jawf, Al-Basita, Ras Al-Zour, Jubail, and Al-Haditha, and transporting phosphate and bauxite ores from the north and center of the Kingdom to processing and mining facilities in Ras Al-Khair on the Arabian Gulf. Haramain Express Train The length of the Haramain Express Train in Saudi Arabia is 450 km for passenger transportation. It connects Jeddah and Makkah with a double line of 78 km, which shortens the distance between the two cities to less than half an hour. The length of the line linking Jeddah and Madinah is 410 km and shortens the distance to about two and a half hours. It has a passenger station in the center of Jeddah and another at Jeddah Airport, in addition to a station in Medina and two stations in Makkah Al-Mukarramah. The next stages include establishing a station in King Abdullah Economic City. It has a high speed of

more than 300 kilometers per hour. Short link : <https://www.leaders-mena.com/?p=22930>

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## Just like the iconic Orient Express, Saudi Arabia is all set to get its first luxury train which will take passengers on a 1300 km journey across the Kingdom.

LINK: <https://luxurylaunches.com/travel/saudi-arabia-luxury-train.php>

It seems there is nearly nothing iconic left in the rest of the world that doesn't or won't exist in Saudi Arabia. From a year-round ski village to an insanely ambitious linear city called The Line to OTT airports and gravity-defying skyscrapers, it is all in the pipeline. Still, it sounds like something is amiss. Perhaps adding a luxury train will complete this oasis of opulence perfectly. With that thought in mind, Saudi Arabia is set to host the Middle East's first luxury train, adding yet another jewel to the ever-glistening and growing crown of Saudi Arabia. National Railways has signed a memorandum of understanding with Italy's **Arsenale** Group. The agreement was signed by SAR's chief executive officer, Bashar Al-Malik, and **Arsenale** Group chairman, **Paolo Barletta**. The 'Dream of the Desert' luxury train will service from Riyadh to Qurayyat in 2025. Passengers will enjoy the natural beauty and habitat exclusive to Saudi Arabia. Along the way, the luxury train will cross AlUla, an ancient oasis city in Medina province. The train will set

Saudi Arabia back by \$51 million as the train manufacturing cost, a mere drop in the unending ocean of wealth found in the region. "The signing of this MoU between SAR and **Arsenale** is to be considered a first step towards the introduction of a new offer within the tourism market with an experience of luxury travel by train," said SAR's CEO Dr. Bashar bin Khaled Al Malik. In a release, the Saudi Press Agency said: "The agreement reflects SAR's commitment to promoting tourism and cultural affairs in the Kingdom and aims to boost national tourism goals. The luxury train will offer visitors and residents of the Kingdom a unique opportunity to explore a range of tourist attractions within a framework of integrated luxury transportation services." Earlier this month, Saudi Crown prince MBS announced a new national airline with the ambition of making it bigger than the legendary airline, Emirates.

## Saudi teams up with Italy's **Arsenale** to start region's first luxury train

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## Dream of the Desert cruise train planned for Saudi Arabia

LINK: <http://www.railpage.com.au/news/s/dream-of-the-desert-cruise-train-planned-for-saudi-arabia>

A Dream of the Desert five-star luxury cruise train service on the North South Railway from Riyadh to Al Qurayyat on the border with Jordan is planned to launch in 2025. <https://youtu.be/6oNAins941I> A memorandum of understanding for the project was signed at the Saudi Tourism Forum in Riyadh on March 15 by CEO of Saudi Arabia Railways Bashar Al Malik and **Paolo Barletta**, CEO of Italian high-end hospitality company **Arsenale** which is working with Accor to launch **Orient Express La Dolce Vita** slow travel cruise trains in Italy next year. Production of the Dream of the Desert train is to begin this year, using Z1 coaches similar to those used for the Italian project. The work will be undertaken in Puglia and Sicily. The train will have 40 cabins, with the styling inspired by Saudi heritage, while the 'craftsmanship, quality of onboard services, interior design and know-how' will be 'proudly Italian'. SAR will provide traction and maintenance services, replicating the partnership between **Arsenale** and Italy's FS Group. Al Malik said he train would 'enrich the tourist experience in

Saudi Arabia', offering a luxurious option for local and international tourists. Barletta said the project would 'promote the discovery of a magical and exciting territory'. He said 'rail cruising is the future of tourism and **Arsenale** wants to make it available in the world's most beautiful places, introducing this fascinating and sustainable new way of travelling. 'We are glad to say that Saudi Arabia is the first country outside of Europe in which we are bringing our luxury train expertise. This partnership proves that there are no limits to passion and no barriers capable of stopping the will to go beyond the imaginary.' Subscribers can read a Railway Gazette International interview with Saudi Arabia Railways CEO Bashar Al Malik which covered plans to expand the network, develop a regional supply sector and prepare for privatisation as part of the national Vision 2030 strategy.

## Saudi Arabia to launch Middle East's first luxury train in efforts to boost tourism sector

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(MENAFN) Saudi Arabia Railways (SAR) has signed a memorandum of understanding with Italy's **Arsenale** Group to develop the Middle East's first luxury train. The move is part of Saudi Arabia's efforts to boost its tourism sector in line with the goals of the Vision 2030 reform plan, which aims to diversify the country's economy away from its reliance on fossil fuels. The agreement was signed by SAR's chief executive officer, Bashar Al-Malik, and **Arsenale** Group chairman, **Paolo Barletta**. The luxury train is expected to provide a unique new way for domestic and international tourists to explore Saudi Arabia's attractions. The train will offer a luxury experience that has not been seen before in the Middle East. The aim is to provide a high-end service that will attract visitors from around the world and help to showcase the country's rich history and culture. The train will be designed to offer a comfortable and luxurious way to travel to some of Saudi Arabia's most popular tourist destinations. The partnership between SAR and the **Arsenale** Group is a

significant step towards achieving the objectives set out in the Vision 2030 reform plan. The plan aims to boost the country's tourism sector and create new opportunities for investment and job creation. The launch of the luxury train is part of a wider strategy to attract more visitors to the country and promote tourism as a key driver of economic growth. The agreement with the **Arsenale** Group is a significant milestone for SAR, as it marks the first time the company has partnered with an international firm to develop a luxury train. The partnership will bring together the expertise of both companies to provide a unique and innovative service that will help to put Saudi Arabia on the map as a top tourist destination. The launch of the luxury train is expected to have a significant impact on Saudi Arabia's tourism sector, providing a boost to the country's economy and creating new job opportunities. The train will offer a unique and luxurious experience that will be unmatched in the Middle East, providing a new way for visitors to explore the

country's rich cultural heritage and natural beauty. Overall, the launch of the luxury train is a major step forward for Saudi Arabia's tourism sector, and a significant achievement for SAR and the **Arsenale** Group. MENAFN190320230000450 14228ID1105809212

## Italian travel company to invest \$75m in Saudi luxury train

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**Paolo Barletta**, CEO of **Arsenale**, with Saudi Arabia Railways chief Bashar Al Malik **Arsenale** Group and Saudi Arabia Railways link up to offer 'rail cruising' Dream of the Desert service scheduled to start in November 2025 An Italian hospitality company is investing around €70 million (\$75 million) to develop the first luxury train for "rail cruising" across Saudi Arabia. **Arsenale** Group has signed an agreement with Saudi Arabia Railways to introduce the train on a 770-mile route from Riyadh to the northern city of Al Qurrayat, close to the border with Jordan. CEO **Paolo Barletta** told AGBI the Dream of the Desert train would provide Orient Express-style luxury travel. Riyadh Air set to spark price war among regional rivals Saudi outpaces neighbours as prime tourist destination "The Orient Express told us back in the days what a train could do, what a train could mean for tourism. Unfortunately, for many years the rail network has been abandoned from the investment and luxury tourism side as people preferred planes," Barletta said. In Italy, **Arsenale** is

working with Accor, which owns the Orient Express brand, and the country's rail operator to develop a service called the **Orient Express La Dolce Vita**. Its six trains are due to start running in 2024. The Dream of the Desert train, which will have 40 luxury cabins and a maximum capacity of 80 passengers, is due to arrive in Saudi Arabia in the summer of 2025, with the first paying guests scheduled to depart in November 2025. **Arsenale** will invest €50 million in the engine and carriages. "The heaviest investment is of course the train," said Barletta. A further €20 million will be spent on setting up in Saudi, including hiring and launching commercial operations. **Arsenale's Orient Express La Dolce Vita** train **Arsenale's Orient Express La Dolce Vita** **Arsenale** is also developing a European luxury service called the **Orient Express La Dolce Vita**, with six trains. Pictures: **Arsenale** The route will take passengers from the capital through Al Qassim and the historic Hail, skirting the King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Royal National Reserve to Al Qurrayat. "We believe this

train will give the people in Saudi Arabia and international tourists the chance to visit one of the most beautiful parts of the kingdom," he added. "This is the reason why one of the first countries we targeted was Saudi Arabia." "It's a challenging project but the rail network is there," said Barletta. Bashar Al Malik, CEO of Saudi Arabia Railways, said the agreement was "a first step towards debuting another unique tourism solution". Tourism is a key plank of the Saudi Arabia Vision 2030 strategy. By the end of the decade, the kingdom wants the sector to contribute more than 10 percent of gross domestic product, provide 1.6 million additional job opportunities and attract 100 million visitors each year.

## Etihad Rail aims to bring luxury railway service to UAE to boost tourism

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A luxury train service is set to bring a new golden age of rail travel to the UAE. The country's railway operator, Etihad Rail, and Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** on Tuesday signed an agreement at Abu Dhabi's Middle East Rail conference to establish the service. A launch date was not revealed but the service, which has been called a "rail cruise", is expected to cross the UAE from Fujairah in the east down to the historic Liwa desert in Abu Dhabi. The train will consist of 15 luxury carriages and work on them is being undertaken in Puglia and Sicily, **Arsenale** said. It brings to mind the great railway journeys of yesteryear such as the famed Orient Express. More details are expected in the coming months but **Arsenale** said the carriages will reflect Emirati heritage, while the "production, craftsmanship, quality of on-board services, interior design and know-how will be Italian, and the 'made in Italy' signature branding will be the basis on which the entire project will be developed". It comes as developments on the UAE-wide railway network move

full steam ahead. The network was formally opened in February with a freight service now operating. A passenger service is also advancing rapidly. Etihad Rail and **Arsenale** signed the memorandum of understanding at Middle East Rail. Photo: **Arsenale** Etihad Rail and **Arsenale** signed the memorandum of understanding at Middle East Rail. Photo: **Arsenale** "Our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network," said Shadi Malak, chief executive of Etihad Rail, in statement released on Wednesday. "By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region and contributing to boosting the tourism sector in the UAE. "Furthermore, we will be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the world." READ MORE Etihad Rail will enhance the UAE landscape It is **Arsenale**'s second international luxury train project following the recent announcement of The

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## UAE: Etihad Rail to launch luxury train experience connecting Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, and Oman

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RIYADH: Travelers will have access to a luxury train service in the UAE after national railway network operator Etihad Rail partnered with Italian hospitality firm **Arsenale** Group in a move to boost tourism and showcase the country's heritage and scenic attractions. The firms signed a memorandum of understanding during the two-day Middle East Rail Exhibition and Conference in Abu Dhabi to roll out the 15-carriage transit option that will travel throughout the UAE toward the border with Oman. The project will see the Italian company completely refurbishing carriages in specialized factories located in Puglia and Sicily, Italy. The UAE will be among the first countries in the world to have a luxury cruise service with a fully customized train, **Arsenale** Group said in a press statement. "By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region and contributing to boosting the tourism sector in the UAE. Furthermore, we will be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the world," Shadi

Malak, CEO of Etihad Rail said.. There are plans to extend the service to the wider Gulf Cooperation Council region once the railway project becomes operational. This is **Arsenale**'s second project in the region after it signed an MoU with Saudi Arabia Railways in March to launch the Middle East's first luxury train service in the Kingdom. A part of the project "Dream of the Desert," the deal involves bringing a train with 40 luxury cabins on Saudi railways by 2025 that will pass through the country from Riyadh to Qurayyat. "The railway cruise is the present and the future of tourism, and **Arsenale** wants to make it available in the most beautiful places in the world, introducing this new fascinating and sustainable way of traveling. This partnership demonstrates that there are no limits to passion and no barriers that can stop the desire to go beyond the imaginary," said **Paolo Barletta**, CEO of **Arsenale**. During the conference, Etihad Rail signed a total of seven agreements to advance rail passenger and freight development.

## UAE luxury train: Etihad Rail partners with Italy's **Arsenale** for passenger service

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Luxury passenger train carriages will run along the UAE's Etihad Rail line between Fujairah and the Liwa desert in Abu Dhabi as part of a new agreement with Italy's **Arsenale** Group. The agreement, signed on Tuesday between Etihad Rail CEO Shadi Malak and **Arsenale** CEO **Paolo Barletta**, is expected to bring an Orient Express-style service within the Gulf country and later extend throughout the GCC. PUBBLICITÀ For the latest headlines, follow our Google News channel online or via the app. **Arsenale** is behind The **Orient Express La Dolce Vita** project, which is expected to begin taking passengers across Italy in 2024. "In the presence of H.E Lorenzo Fanara, Ambassador of Italy to the UAE, #EtihadRail signed an MoU with **Arsenale**, an Italian luxury hospitality company, to establish a luxury train experience," an online statement said. "Through this agreement, Etihad Rail will contribute to driving economic and social growth and boosting the tourism sector in the UAE," it added. "By providing a luxurious train travel experience, we provide a unique global model for the

region, contribute to supporting the national tourism sector, and will also be able to highlight the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from all over the world..." Shadi Malak, CEO of Etihad Rail was quoted as saying by the state-run WAM news agency. "As part of our work to introduce new and innovative railway concepts to the UAE, we look forward to partnering with **Arsenale** S.p.A to provide one of the first luxury train cruises in the world, ensuring a unique and enjoyable passenger experience," Malak said in a statement shared with Al Arabiya English. The 15 luxury coaches will feature designs from Emirati culture and will be built in the south of Italy. The train, once operational, will travel through Abu Dhabi and Dubai, extending to Fujairah, with a mountain view overlooking the sea, towards the border with Oman, and passing through Mezeira'a and the Liwa Desert, Etihad Rail confirmed in a statement to Al Arabiya English. Etihad Rail signed seven MoUs at the Middle East Rail Conference in Abu Dhabi, including with **Arsenale**.

Global cargo company DHL and ride-hailing service Uber were among the companies with which the UAE rail firm signed agreements. **Arsenale** also signed an MoU with Saudi Arabia Railway (SAR) to launch a luxury train service - titled 'The Dream of the Desert' in the Kingdom this week, making the Etihad Rail agreement the Italian company's second international luxury train project. Read more: Oman and Etihad Rail signs MoU with Vale to transport products from Sohar Port Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed launches UAE's Etihad Rail freight train network Dubai's ruler, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince launch UAE Rail Program to connect major cities

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of Oman and the Liwa desert. Luxury train tours in UAE **Arsenale** said the carriages will reflect Emirati heritage, while retaining "Italian production, craftsmanship, quality of on-board services, interior design and know-how". A statement from Etihad Rail said: "Our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network. "By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region and contributing to boosting the tourism sector in the UAE. "Furthermore, we will be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the world." **Arsenale** said the UAE will be among the first countries in the world to have a luxury cruise service with a fully customised train. **Paolo Barletta**, CEO of **Arsenale**, said: "We are thrilled to partner with Etihad Rail on a unique project that promotes the discovery of a magical and exciting territory outside the renowned destinations of Abu Dhabi and Dubai. "The

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## Etihad Rail announces ultra-luxury trains to travel across all UAE

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The highly-anticipated Etihad Rail has announced it will offer ultra-luxury carriages, akin to the original Orient Express, for customers across the entire UAE. The national rail has teamed with Italian hospitality firm **Arsenale** on the project, for a luxurious rail experience right from Fujairah to the Liwa Desert in Abu Dhabi. 15 such carriages are being built in Italy to later send to the UAE. "Our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network," said Shadi Malak, chief executive of Etihad Rail, in statement released on Wednesday. "By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region and contributing to boosting the tourism sector in the UAE. "Furthermore, we will be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the world." Bringing Orient Express expertise to the Gulf **Arsenale** has been entrusted with a similar project in Saudi Arabia, working with the Kingdom's

national rail on the 'Dream of the Desert' line, shooting ultra-luxury trains across the desert. The trains launch in 2025, taking travellers from Riyadh to Qurayyat, with AlUla along the way. Saudi Arabia Railways (SAR) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Italy's **Arsenale** Group, the latter of which develops the Orient Express in Italy. The project has a value of \$51 million in train manufacturing, and \$10 million in further investments in Italy. "We are thrilled to work together with Etihad Rail on this ground-breaking project that will promote the discovery of a magical and exciting territory outside of the renowned destinations of Abu Dhabi and Dubai," said **Paolo Barletta**, chief executive of **Arsenale**. "Railway cruising is the future of tourism and **Arsenale** wants to make it available in the world's most beautiful places, introducing this fascinating and sustainable new way of travelling," he said. "We are delighted to announce that UAE will be one of the first countries in the world to launch this unique service with us. I want to thank

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ETIHAD Rail (ER), operator of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) national rail network, has signed seven agreements furthering rail passenger and freight development at this week's Middle East Rail 2023. The exhibition and conference, hosted by ER at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC) for the second consecutive year in partnership with the UAE's Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, the Department of Culture and Tourism and the GCC Railways Authority, welcomed over 10,000 attendees, including eight ministers from Europe, Britain, North Africa and the GCC, 300 exhibitors, and 600 VIPs, with 30 countries represented in total. The most significant of the agreements was a the finalising of a 20-year strategic partnership agreement with freight carrier DHL Global Forwarding to form a joint venture that will enable DHL to use Etihad Rail's network to conduct its main operations within the UAE. Under the terms of the agreement, DHL will adopt rail as one of its major modes of transport to distribute goods throughout

the country via the National Rail Network that links key industrial hubs. The agreement and the new joint venture's focus on rail is expected to significantly reduce pressure on road transport and boost trade, commerce and logistics in the UAE, while also playing a key role in helping the UAE meet its environmental commitments. Etihad Rail says it is committed to contributing to the UAE's Net Zero by 2050 programme, under which the UAE National Rail Network will help to reduce carbon emissions from road transport by 21% by 2050, with each freight train removing up to 300 trucks from the roads. "The UAE's increasing focus is on infrastructure investment in the logistics sector, and DHL Global Forwarding is excited to be part of this journey to support growing capacity requirements through rail freight," says DHL CEO Middle East and Africa, Mr Amadou Diallo. "Our decades of expertise in rail and multimodal transport solutions, providing fast, secure, and cost-effective connections, make us the right partner to support the development of the railway industry in

the UAE." "Etihad Rail is pleased to introduce further sustainable transport models within the UAE and continue to stimulate economic growth and sustained social development in the region," says CEO of Etihad Rail Freight, Mr Gottfried Eymmer. The other six agreements signed by ER at the event were expanded on by ER CEO Mr Shadi Malak, who delivered the keynote address at the Middle East Rail event, and comprised: a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** with the aim of establishing a luxury train experience in the UAE that will help to boost tourism and showcase the country's heritage and scenic attractions an agreement with MICCO, an integrated logistics provider and part of AD Ports Group, that will see the establishment of an intermodal freight solution "allowing customers to use their time and resources more efficiently and focus on their core objectives" an MoU with Moroccan National Railways (ONCF) to share knowledge and best practice as ER develops its network an MoU with global



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## UAE is building its very own Orient Express! Etihad Rail is planning a first-of-its-kind luxury train that will connect Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Fujairah, and Oman.

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UAE is taking another step forward in an endeavor to boost tourism- the rail cruises. Like the iconic Orient Express, Etihad Rail's new high-end train cars aim to bring a new golden age of rail travel to the UAE. To put plans into action, Etihad Rail has partnered with Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** to roll out "a luxury train experience that pays homage to Emirati culture and heritage." With a unique natural environment to revel in, the luxury train will travel throughout the UAE, passing through Mezeira'a, along the Liwa Desert and its famous oasis. **Arsenale** has earlier worked on another luxury train, The Dream of the Desert project in Saudi Arabia. Shadi Malak, CEO of Etihad Rail, said: "Our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network." He added, "By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region and contributing to boosting the tourism sector in the UAE. Furthermore,

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Abu Dhabi: Etihad Rail, United Arab Emirates (UAE) National Rail Network, has partnered with Italian luxury hospitality company, **Arsenale**, to create a new luxury train experience promoting Emirati culture and heritage. Etihad Rail and **Arsenale** on Tuesday signed an agreement at Abu Dhabi's Middle East Rail exhibition and conference 2023 to establish the service. ALSO READ: Explainer: The Etihad rail project in UAE The luxury train will travel across the UAE to the Omani border, passing Al Muzairah and the Liwa desert and its famous oasis. MS Education Academy As per media reports, the train will feature 15 luxury coaches and work on them is being undertaken in Puglia and Sicily. This comes as developments on the UAE-wide rail network are moving full steam ahead. The network was formally opened in February with a freight service now operational. Passenger service is also progressing rapidly. "Our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the

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## Orient Express-style train planned for Etihad Railway

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When it comes to luxury, the UAE knows a thing or two. And there are plans in the works for the highly-anticipated Etihad Railway, which is already fully functional for freight, to have its own Orient Express-style automobile to ferry passengers across the UAE. You might also like: Etihad Rail chief predicts impact on road traffic Planned to be the height of sophistication, Etihad Rail has signed a contract with Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** to head up the project. Sharing details on what is in the works, Etihad Rail has revealed that the posh passenger travel experience will be a unique world-class offering. Etihad Rail update: Al Qudra Bridge Etihad Rail Al Qudra Bridge Sure to make it on many bucket lists, it is hoped that the automobile will boost the UAE's tourism sector. An Etihad Rail statement reads: "Our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network. By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region

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## Etihad Rail aims to bring luxury railway service to UAE to boost tourism

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with Etihad Rail on this ground-breaking project that will promote the discovery of a magical and exciting territory outside of the renowned destinations of Abu Dhabi and Dubai," said **Paolo Barletta**, chief executive of **Arsenale**. "Railway cruising is the future of tourism and **Arsenale** wants to make it available in the world's most beautiful places, introducing this fascinating and sustainable new way of travelling," he said. "We are delighted to announce that UAE will be one of the first countries in the world to launch this unique service with us. I want to thank Etihad Rail for believing in this project since the beginning. With this signing, we are ready to work tirelessly to enable travellers to soon come on board of our train, discovering the enchanting natural wonders of UAE." The Orient Express was established in 1883 and ran from Paris to Istanbul. It became synonymous with sophistication and glamour. Source: The National

## All aboard: A luxurious new 'rail cruise' will soon take you across the emirates

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It's giving Orient Express energy... All aboard! Just when we thought we couldn't get more excited for the launch of the Etihad Rail passenger service, plans are unveiled for a luxurious new rail cruise across the UAE. Etihad Rail and Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** signed an agreement on Tuesday, May 17 that will see the two create luxury train ride experiences across the emirates. Derailing the details PUBBLICITÀ While the launch date has not been announced yet, the project has been labelled as a luxury "rail cruise." The luxury train is expected to travel from Fujairah all the way down to the majestic Liwa Desert in Abu Dhabi, along the Etihad Rail network. Just imagine the views. It is expected that the train will have 15 luxury carriages and will be built in Puglia and Sicily, according to **Arsenale**, as quoted by The National. Turn of the century carriages **Arsenale** are behind the new La Dolce Vita train experience, which, through a collaboration with Orient Express, will bring a luxurious new train travel experience to Italy in 2024.

So, we can hope for a similar level of lavish decor and attention-to-detail for the **Arsenale** x Etihad Rail project. As per The National, The carriages will reflect Emirati heritage, and the production and craftsmanship will be expertly handled by **Arsenale**. Now approaching, the Saudi line This will be the second international luxury train project in the region from **Arsenale**, as the brand is already working on a similar project in Saudi Arabia. This announcement has been labelled the Dream of the Desert project. Could the two connect someday? We can only hope...



## Etiha d Rail y Arsenal Spa desarrollarán la línea ferroviaria de lujo de Emiratos Arabes Unidos

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La constructora de la red ferroviaria de Emiratos, Etiha d Rail, ha firmado un acuerdo con la empresa italiana de hospitalidad de lujo **Arsenale** para lanzar "una experiencia de tren de lujo que rinde homenaje a la cultura y el patrimonio emiratí" El tren de lujo viajará por Emiratos Árabes Unidos hacia la frontera con Omán, pasando por Mezeira'a a través del desierto de Liwa y su espectacular oasis. Este será el segundo proyecto internacional de trenes de lujo de **Arsenale** en la región del golfo, luego del reciente anuncio del proyecto The Dream of the Desert en Arabia Saudita. PUBBLICITÀ El acuerdo se firmó durante la Exposición y Conferencia Ferroviaria de Medio Oriente en Abu Dhabi, donde Etiha d Rail ratificó un total de siete acuerdos más, además de impulsar el desarrollo de sus servicios de carga y pasajeros. "Nuestra colaboración con **Arsenale** es un testimonio del compromiso de Etiha d Rail de impulsar el crecimiento económico y social en Emiratos Árabes Unidos a través de la Red Ferroviaria Nacional", señaló Shadi Malak, CEO de Etiha d Rail.

El tren constará de 15 vagones de lujo que pasarán por las cosmopolitas ciudades de Abu Dhabi y Dubai, hasta los destinos naturales de Fujairah, con sus escarpadas montañas justo en la frontera con Omán, y el desierto de Liwa con su mundialmente famoso oasis cerca de la estación de tren de Mezeira'a. Los vagones serán completamente renovados en fábricas especializadas ubicadas en Puglia y Sicilia, Italia. La producción, la artesanía, la calidad de los servicios a bordo, el diseño de interiores y el saber hacer serán italianos, señaló **Arsenale**. **Paolo Barletta**, CEO de **Arsenale SpA**, dijo: "Estamos encantados de asociarnos con Etiha d Rail en un proyecto único que promueve el descubrimiento de un territorio mágico y emocionante fuera de los destinos de renombre de Abu Dhabi y Dubai. "El crucero ferroviario es el presente y el futuro del turismo, y **Arsenale** quiere que esté disponible en los lugares más hermosos del mundo, introduciendo esta nueva forma fascinante y sostenible de viajar. Esta asociación demuestra que

no hay límites para la pasión y no hay barreras que puedan detener el deseo de ir más allá de lo imaginario", agregó. Por su parte, Etiha d Rail también firmó otros seis acuerdos en la 17.ª edición de Middle East Rail, incluido el establecimiento de una empresa conjunta con DHL Global Forwarding; un acuerdo con el proveedor de logística integrada MICCO; un memorando de entendimiento con el operador ferroviario nacional de Marruecos ONCF; un memorando de entendimiento con la empresa global de tecnología Uber; un memorando de entendimiento con el especialista en carga de drones SkyGo; y un acuerdo con la Corporación de Recursos Naturales de Fujairah (FNRC), una entidad gubernamental independiente establecida para supervisar y controlar las instalaciones mineras especializadas en la extracción de recursos naturales en Fujairah. La Red Ferroviaria Nacional, que se inauguró en febrero de este año, ahora une todos los emiratos, conectando centros residenciales, industriales y

comerciales con cuatro  
puertos clave en Emiratos.

## UAE to Launch Luxury Train Connecting Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, and Oman

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Etihad Rail, UAE's national railway operator, has partnered with Italian luxury hospitality company, **Arsenale**, to create a new luxury train experience promoting Emirati culture and heritage. Advertisement The luxury train will journey across UAE to the Omani border, passing through Mezairaa, Liwa Desert, and its renowned oasis. Once the GCC Railway is operational, the train will also travel to other Gulf countries. Advertisement: 0:12 Close Player ALSO READ Saudi Arabia Expands Road-to-Makkah Project to More Pakistani Cities In addition to the recently announced "Dream of the Desert" project in Saudi Arabia, this will be **Arsenale**'s second luxury train initiative. Advertisement In a statement, **Arsenale** remarked that UAE will be one of the first countries in the world to have a customized luxury train. The train will have 15 luxury carriages that will travel through Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, and the Liwa desert, near Mezairaa train station. ALSO READ UAE's Travel Industry Workforce to Reach 758,000 in 2023 Etihad Rail

and **Arsenale** signed the agreement in the presence of the Italian Ambassador to the UAE, Lorenzo Fanara, during the Middle East Rail Exhibition and Conference held in Abu Dhabi. Etihad Rail signed seven agreements at the conference to develop its freight and passenger services. CEO of Etihad Rail, Shadi Malak, expressed his commitment to the development of the National Rail Network as a means to drive economic and social growth in the country.

## UAE: Etihad Rail to launch luxury train experience connecting Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, and Oman

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The locomotive will consist of 15 luxury carriages and passengers will experience Emirati culture and heritage through the scenic journey. Etihad Rail, the UAE National Rail Network developer, and operator, has signed an agreement with Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** to roll out "a luxury train experience that pays homage to Emirati culture and heritage." The luxury train will travel throughout the UAE towards the border with Oman, passing through Mezeira'a, along the Liwa Desert and its famous oasis. It will extend to the wider GCC, once the GCC Railway is operational. This will be **Arsenale**'s second international luxury train project, following the recent announcement of The Dream of the Desert project in Saudi Arabia. The deal was signed in the presence of Lorenzo Fanara, Ambassador of Italy to the UAE, on the sidelines of the recently concluded two-day Middle East Rail Exhibition and Conference in Abu Dhabi, where Etihad Rail signed a total of seven agreements "further to drive the development of its freight and passenger

services." Shadi Malak, CEO of Etihad Rail, said: "Our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network. "By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region and contributing to boosting the tourism sector in the UAE. Furthermore, we will be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the world." Fully customized train In a press statement, **Arsenale** said, "The UAE will be among the first countries in the world to have a luxury cruise service with a fully customized train." The train will consist of 15 luxury carriages that will pass through the cosmopolitan cities of Abu Dhabi and Dubai, to the nature destinations of Fujairah, with its sheer mountains right on the border with Oman, and the Liwa desert, with its world-famous oasis, near Mezeiraa train station. The carriages will be completely refurbished in specialized factories located in Puglia and Sicily, Italy. The production,

craftsmanship, quality of onboard services, interior design, and know-how will be Italian, **Arsenale** noted. **Paolo Barletta**, CEO of **Arsenale** SpA, said: "We are thrilled to partner with Etihad Rail on a unique project that promotes the discovery of a magical and exciting territory outside the renowned destinations of Abu Dhabi and Dubai. "The railway cruise is the present and the future of tourism, and **Arsenale** wants to make it available in the most beautiful places in the world, introducing this new fascinating and sustainable way of travelling. This partnership demonstrates that there are no limits to passion and no barriers that can stop the desire to go beyond the imaginary." Other agreements Meanwhile, Etihad Rail also signed six other agreements at the 17th edition of Middle East Rail, including the establishment of a joint venture company with DHL Global Forwarding; an agreement with integrated logistics provider MICCO; an MoU with Morocco's national railway operator ONCF; an MoU with global technology company Uber; an MoU with drone cargo

specialist SkyGo; and an agreement with the Fujairah Natural Resources Corporation (FNRC), an independent government entity established to supervise and control mining facilities specialized in extracting natural resources in Fujairah. The National Rail Network, which was inaugurated in February this year, now links all emirates, connecting residential, industrial, and commercial centres with four key ports across the UAE.

## Etihad Rail To Bring Luxury Train Experience To The UAE

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Etihad Rail, the UAE's national rail project, has signed an agreement with **Arsenale**, the Italian luxury hospitality company, and is set to bring a luxury train experience to the UAE. The service launching in the UAE will be similar to the Orient Express, which is a long-distance passenger train service travelling through Europe. With 15 luxury carriages, the train experience will show tourists and residents the stunning heritage and landmarks of the UAE. The Etihad Rail passes through the seven Emirates in the UAE. Saudi Arabia Railways and **Arsenale** have signed a similar agreement to bring the luxury train experience called Dream of the Desert to Saudi Arabia by November 2025. The official date for its completion is yet to be announced. Through the agreement, Etihad Rail will help boost tourism in the UAE.

## Etihad Rail launches luxury train connecting UAE cities and Oman border

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Muscat: Etihad Rail, the UAE National Rail Network developer and operator, has signed an agreement with Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** to roll out "a luxury train experience that pays homage to Emirati culture and heritage." The luxury train will travel throughout the UAE towards the border with Oman. PUBBLICITÀ According to Khaleej Times, the train will consist of 15 luxury carriages that will pass through the cosmopolitan cities of Abu Dhabi and Dubai, to the scenic destination of Fujairah, with its sheer mountains right on the border with Oman, and the Liwa desert, with its world-famous oasis, near Mezeiraa train station. A statement issued online by Etihad Rail said: "As part of our efforts to provide the best and enhance cooperation with regional and international entities, Etihad Rail signed an MoU with Morocco's National Railways Office (ONCF), to develop the UAE's railway network through the exchange of knowledge and best practices." The statement pointed out that the agreement was signed by Shadi Malak, CEO of

Etihad Rail, and Mohamed Rabie Khlie, General Director of the National Railways Office, during the Middle East Rial Exhibition and Conference 2023.

## Etihad Rail & **Arsenale** Sign Agreement To Introduce Luxury Train Cruise In UAE!

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By Anupriya Mishra  
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Share Can you imagine yourself travelling on a luxurious train, equipped with all the modern amenities and enjoying a sumptuous fair with the love of your life, while you take in the passing beauty of the landscape in the UAE? Doesn't it sound like a blissful dream? Well, this will soon become a reality as Etihad Rail, the UAE's national rail network developer and operator will soon be rolling out, luxury train experiences. Here is all you need to know about this exciting development regarding the railways. Luxury Train Experiences In UAE, Soon? Luxury Train Pic credits: Unsplash Yes, you read that absolutely right, Etihad Rail has announced that they will be rolling out luxury train experiences, which will pay homage to Emirati culture and heritage. According to a news report by Khaleej Times, they have signed an agreement with **Arsenale**, an Italian luxury hospitality company. As it happens, this luxury train will travel across the UAE towards the border with Oman. It will pass through Mezeira'a along the Liwa Desert and

of course its famous oasis. However, it's worth noting that it will also extend to the wider GCC once the GCC railway becomes functional. At this point, it should be noted that this is the second international luxury train project of **Arsenale** after their recent announcement in Saudi Arabia of the Dream of the Desert Project. Also Read: Driving Yourself To The Airport? Here's A Look At The Long-Term Parking Fee At The Airports In UAE What Can Be Expected In The Train? In the report, it was also stated that the CEO of Etihad Rail, Shadi Malak has admitted that this luxury train experience will be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the globe. Not to mention, he also added that it will feature unique, world-class offerings to the region and helps in boosting the tourism sector in the United Arab Emirates. As it happens, **Arsenale** also said that UAE will be among the first countries in the world where a luxury railway cruise service will be available with a fully customised train. Talking about the train, this will comprise 15 luxury

carriages passing through Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, and Oman. As such, the carriages will be renovated in specialised factories in Puglia and Sicily, Italy. So from production and craftsmanship to quality of onboard services and interior design, everything will be Italian. This railway cruise sounds like a dream come true, doesn't it? Well, we for sure cannot wait for this luxury service to begin, what about you? Cover Image Courtesy: Unsplash (Images are for representative purposes only)



## UAE: What you need to know about Etihad Rail's luxury train

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Some details have been shared about Etihad Rail's plan to rollout a luxury train with distinct Emirati culture and heritage that will take passengers on a scenic journey across the UAE. The developer and operator of the UAE National Rail Network signed this week an agreement with Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** to develop the luxury train experience that will operate within the UAE, and extend to the wide GCC region, once the GCC Railway is operational. PUBBLICITÀ Shadi Malak, CEO of Etihad Rail, said: "Our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network. ADVERTISEMENT "By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region and contributing to boosting the tourism sector in the UAE. Furthermore, we will be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the world," he underlined. Advertisement The announcement was met with great excitement by everyone, with strong

anticipation that this will usher in a golden age of railway travel across the country and beyond. Here are the details that we know so far: What is the route? The luxury train will travel throughout the UAE towards the border with Oman, passing through the cosmopolitan cities of Abu Dhabi and Dubai, to the nature destinations of Fujairah, with its magnificent mountains right on the border with Oman, and along Liwa Desert and its famous oasis, near Mezeiraa train station. It will extend to the wider GCC, once the GCC Railway is operational. ALSO READ: UAE: Etihad Rail to launch luxury train experience connecting Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, and Oman Over 2,000km railway on track: GCC train feasibility, traffic studies complete UAE: New agreement allows DHL to use Etihad Rail in country When is the rollout of the luxury train? No date has been announced yet. But following the signing of the agreement on Tuesday, **Paolo Barletta**, CEO of **Arsenale** S.p.A. said: "We are ready to work tirelessly to enable travellers to soon come on board our train to discover the enchanting

natural wonders of the UAE." Who is Etihad Rail partnering with? Luxury design renderings by **Arsenale** for Orient Express. Luxury design renderings by **Arsenale** for Orient Express. **Arsenale** is an Italian company which operates in the luxury hospitality market. It has two main divisions: Hospitality Hotels & Resorts and Luxury Train Cruising. The former develops and manages hospitality structures through partnerships with global luxury brands such as Soho House and Orient Express. The division's pipeline plans strategic operations in Rome, Cortina, Tuscany, and Southern Italy. The latter takes care of the **Orient Express La Dolce Vita**. Born out of the collaboration between **Arsenale** S.p.A., Accor, Trenitalia-Gruppo Ferrovie dello Stato and Fondazione FS, it is the first sustainable railway tourism project that offers luxury accommodations. PUBBLICITÀ Etihad Rail's luxury train will be **Arsenale**'s second international luxury train project, following the recent announcement of The Dream of the Desert project

in Saudi Arabia. How many carriages will there be? Luxury design renderings by **Arsenale** for Orient Express. Luxury design renderings by **Arsenale** for Orient Express. The locomotive will consist of 15 luxury carriages and passengers will experience Emirati culture and heritage throughout the scenic journey. **Arsenale** said: "The UAE will be among the first countries in the world to have a luxury cruise service with a fully customised train." Advertisement Where are the carriages being crafted? Luxury design renderings by **Arsenale** for Orient Express. Luxury design renderings by **Arsenale** for Orient Express. The carriages will be completely refurbished in specialised factories located in Puglia and Sicily, south of Italy. The production, craftsmanship, quality of onboard services, interior design and know-how will be Italian, **Arsenale** noted. What's the purpose of rolling out the luxury train? "The railway cruise is the present and the future of tourism," noted **Arsenale**, adding: "We want to introduce this new fascinating and sustainable way of travelling... There are no limits to passion and no barriers that can stop the desire to go beyond the imaginary. "Furthermore,

we want to be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the world."

## Luxury Railway; The Etihad in agreement with Arsenal

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Abu Dhabi | A luxury train service is set to usher in a new golden age of rail travel in the UAE. The agreement in this regard was signed by the country's railway operator Etihad Rail and Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** at the Middle East Rail Conference. Called a rail cruise, the service is planned to run east from Fujairah to Abu Dhabi's historic Liwa Desert. The train will have 15 luxury coaches. Arsenal said work was underway in Puglia and Sicily. The luxury train is designed in a way reminiscent of the olden railway journeys like the famous Orient Express. But Arsenal said the carts would reflect the Emirati heritage. No further details of the vehicle have been released. The production, craftsmanship, quality of on-board services and interior design will be Italian..and the entire project will be developed based on the Made in Italy signature branding. The luxury carriage also comes at a time when the railway network is going full steam ahead in the UAE. The current cargo service was officially opened in February. Passenger service is also progressing rapidly.

Etihad Rail Chief Executive Shadi Malak said in a statement that the collaboration with Arsenal is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the national rail network. This is Arsenal's second international luxury train project following the announcement of The Dream of the Desert project in Saudi Arabia.

## UAE: Etihad Rail to bring luxury train experience; here's everything to know

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Emirates is set to experience a new golden age of rail journey- all thanks to Etihad Rail. Read also: Lionel Messi transfer: Saudi Arabia reportedly improves contract to 500 million euro Etihad Rail is set to bring a luxury train experience like never before to the United Arab Emirates. As per Khaleej Times, the Emirates' National Rail Network developer and operator, Etihad Rail has joined hands with Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale**. The luxury train experience will offer a scenic journey and promises to pay homage to "Emirati culture and heritage". On Tuesday, Etihad Rail and **Arsenale** signed an agreement at the Middle East Rail Exhibition and Conference 2023 in Abu Dhabi to establish the service. Once the GCC Railway is operational, the luxury train experience will start to operate within the United Arab Emirates and extend to the vast GCC region. The luxury train will connect UAE cities including Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Fujairah along with the Oman border. Here's everything you need to know about Etihad Rail's

luxury train experience: Partner Etihad Rail is partnering with **Arsenale** which is an Italian company that operates in the luxury hospitality market. The luxury train will be **Arsenale**'s second international luxury train project, after the recent announcement of The Dream of the Desert project in the Gulf nation, Saudi Arabia. Route Etihad Rail's luxury train will travel across the UAE towards the border of Oman. It will pass through cities including Abu Dhabi and Dubai with Fujairah. Passengers will be able to experience the beauty of the Emirates to the Omani border passing the Liwa Desert and Al Muzairah. Date No start date has been announced yet. Carriage The locomotive will have a total of fifteen luxury carriages that are completely refurbished in specialized factories located in Puglia and Sicily in the south of Italy.

## Etihad Rail Aims To Bring Luxury Railway Service To UAE To Boost Tourism

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A luxury train service is set to bring a new golden age of rail travel to the UAE. The country's railway operator, Etihad Rail, and Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** on Tuesday signed an agreement at Abu Dhabi's Middle East Rail conference to establish the service. luxury railway UAE internat.sim card A launch date was not revealed but the service, which has been called a "rail cruise", is expected to cross the UAE from Fujairah in the east down to the historic Liwa desert in Abu Dhabi. The train will consist of 15 luxury carriages and work on them is being undertaken in Puglia and Sicily, **Arsenale** said. Emirates Orient Express? More details are expected in the coming months but **Arsenale** said the carriages will reflect Emirati heritage, while the "production, craftsmanship, quality of on-board services, interior design and know-how will be Italian and the 'made in Italy' signature branding will be the basis on which the entire project will be developed". It comes as developments on the UAE-wide railway network move full steam ahead. The

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from Paris to Istanbul. It became synonymous with sophistication and glamour.

## Arsenale SPA

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A luxury rail journey is coming to the United Arab Emirates after Etihad Rail and Italian hospitality company, **Arsenale** SpA, inked an agreement this week for the venture. The Memorandum of Understanding encompasses a train comprised of 15 carriages that will explore destinations in the UAE, including the cities of Abu Dhabi and Dubai, the nature destinations of Fujairah, with its mountains right on the border with Oman, and the Liwa desert with its world-famous oasis, near Mezeiraa train station. Etihad Rail, developer and operator of the United Arab Emirates national railway network, will operate the train. The project will connect all the emirates, as well as the railway network envisaged in the six states of the Persian Gulf reunited in the GCC. The **Orient Express La Dolce Vita**, Lounge © Dimorestudio

Subscribe to LATTE's free eNewsletter to keep up to date with everything in the luxury travel industry. The agreement aims to provide travellers with a unique rail cruising experience, allowing them to discover the Middle Eastern peninsula, from the United

Arab Emirates to Oman and beyond. The UAE will be among the first countries in the world to have a luxury cruise service with a fully customized train. **Paolo Barletta**, Chief Executive Officer of **Arsenale** SpA added: "We are thrilled to partner with Etihad Rail on a unique project that promotes the discovery of a magical and exciting territory outside the renowned destinations of Abu Dhabi and Dubai. "The railway cruise is the present and the future of tourism and **Arsenale** wants to make it available in the most beautiful places in the world, introducing this new fascinating and sustainable way of travelling. We are pleased to announce that **Arsenale** has entered the United Arab Emirates tourism market. "This partnership demonstrates that there are no limits to passion and no barriers that can stop the desire to go beyond the imaginary," Barletta said. The Orient Express La Dolce Rail, Suite © Dimorestudio With the completion of the Etihad Rail network, **Arsenale** will begin the production phase of the train, which will be fully customised in homage to Emirati culture and heritage. The production,

craftsmanship, quality of onboard services, interior design and know-how will be Italian and the "Made in Italy" brand will be the basis on which the entire project will be developed. The carriages will be completely refurbished in specialized factories located in Puglia and Sicily. This is **Arsenale's** second international luxury train deal in the Middle East. It builds on the 'Dream of the Desert' project in Saudi Arabia, struck with Saudi Arabia Railway. That train will offer 40 luxury cabins that will operate between Riyadh and Qurayyat, passing through Al Qassim, Hail and Al Jouf. It is earmarked to launch in 2025. **Arsenale** is also the company behind the ultra-luxury La Dolce Vita luxury rail journey in Italy which is slated to debut in mid-2024. Renders are of the La Dolce Vita rail product.

## Full Steam Ahead For Luxury Rail Travel in The UAE

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The UAE is set to introduce luxury rail journeys inspired by the Orient Express to show off the country's heritage and natural landscapes. National operator Etihad Rail has teamed up with high-end Italian hospitality specialist the **Arsenale** group to announce the introduction of luxury train travel in the country. The plan is for 15-carriage trains to take a scenic tour from Fujairah to Abu Dhabi and also visit Dubai and take in the sights of Oman and the desert close to Liwa. **Arsenale** said the carriages will reflect Emirati heritage, alongside 'Italian production, craftsmanship, quality of on-board services, interior design and know-how'. Inside the opulent bedroom of the luxury rail carrier The Rome-based brand already works with the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express which currently runs: London - Paris - Verona - Venice on the southerly Simplon route and Venice - Verona - Paris - London via Innsbruck on its northern route. Once a year, the train travels from London to Berlin and back. Luxury Rail in the UAE The UAE will be among the first countries in

the world to have a luxury rail cruise service with a fully customised train, offering top facilities for viewing, dining and comfort. Etihad Rail said: 'Our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network. Inside the luxury rail carrier 'By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region and contributing to boosting the tourism sector in the UAE. 'Furthermore, we will be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the world.' While an official launch date for the train has not been announced yet, its creation is aimed at driving the tourism economy and social growth. **Paolo Barletta**, CEO of **Arsenale**, said: 'We are thrilled to partner with Etihad Rail on a unique project that promotes the discovery of a magical and exciting territory outside the renowned destinations of Abu Dhabi and Dubai. 'The railway cruise is the present and the future of tourism, and **Arsenale** wants to make it available in the most beautiful places

in the world, introducing this new fascinating and sustainable way of travelling.' Etihad Rail in Dubai The original Orient Express was established in 1883 and ran from Paris to Istanbul. It became associated with sophistication and glamour, and has appeared in numerous books and films, including an Agatha Christie thriller and a James Bond novel and movie. Rail travel is undergoing a resurgence in Europe with the EU promoting it for its lower levels of emissions. According to the European Environment Agency (EEA), air passenger transport emits 12 times more greenhouse gases per person than rail journeys.



## UAE: Etihad Rail to launch luxury train experience connecting Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, and Oman

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The locomotive will consist of 15 luxury carriages and passengers will experience Emirati culture and heritage through the scenic journey Etihad Rail, the UAE National Rail Network developer and operator, has signed an agreement with Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** to roll out "a luxury train experience that pays homage to Emirati culture and heritage." The luxury train will travel throughout the UAE towards the border with Oman, passing through Mezeira'a, along Liwa Desert and its famous oasis. It will extend to the wider GCC, once the GCC Railway is operational. This will be **Arsenale**'s second international luxury train project, following the recent announcement of The Dream of the Desert project in Saudi Arabia. The deal was signed in the presence of Lorenzo Fanara, Ambassador of Italy to the UAE, on the sidelines of the recently concluded two-day Middle East Rail Exhibition and Conference in Abu Dhabi, where Etihad Rail signed a total of seven agreements "further to drive the development of its freight and passenger services." Shadi Malak, CEO

of Etihad Rail, said: "Our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network. "By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region and contributing to boosting the tourism sector in the UAE. Furthermore, we will be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the world," he added.

## Etihad Rail to Launch Luxury Train Connecting Abu Dhabi Dubai, Fujairah and Oman

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Etihad Rail, in partnership with **Arsenale**, is set to introduce a train journey that celebrates Emirati culture and heritage. The agreement was signed during the Middle East Rail Exhibition and Conference in Abu Dhabi. The Etihad Rail made significant strides in enhancing its freight and passenger services. Traversing the UAE by connecting Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, and Beyond The train will traverse the UAE connecting Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Fujairah, and extending to Oman once the GCC Railway becomes operational. This partnership underscores Etihad Rail's commitment to driving economic and social growth in the UAE. The train will boast 15 refurbished carriages. These carriages will undergo a transformation in specialized factories located in Puglia and Sicily. The result will be exceptional quality, exquisite interior design, and impeccable onboard services. **Paolo Barletta**, Arsenal CEO expressed excitement about the collaboration, highlighting the opportunity to explore regions. Barletta believes that railway cruises

represent the present and future of tourism. The partnership between Etihad Rail and **Arsenale** shows their shared passion and determination to transcend boundaries. In addition to this collaboration, Etihad Rail sealed several other agreements during the Middle East Rail events. These agreements include establishing a joint venture with DHL Global Forwarding. And partnering with integrated logistics provider MICCO, signing an MOU with Morocco's national railway operator. Moreover, ONCF, collaborating with global technology company Uber, entering into an MOU with drone cargo specialist SkyGo, and securing a deal with the Fujairah Natural Resources Corporation (FNRC) to supervise mining facilities in Fujairah. The inauguration of the National Rail Network earlier this year marked a significant milestone in revolutionizing travel within the UAE. It has connected all emirates, facilitating seamless journeys between residential, industrial, and commercial centers, as well as providing convenient access to key ports. The upcoming luxury train

experience will further elevate the UAE's travel offerings, embodying the essence of Emirati heritage and delivering unparalleled luxury to discerning travelers.

## Etihad Rail closes 7 major deals at top Mideast transport event

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Etihad Rail, the developer and operator of the UAE National Rail Network, concluded its participation at the 17th edition of Middle East Rail, the largest transport event in the region, today (May 17) in Abu Dhabi with the closing of seven major agreements. Hosted by Etihad Rail for the second consecutive year, the event was held under the patronage of Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, UAE Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of the Presidential Court, and in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, the Department of Culture and Tourism, and GCC Railways Authority. The exhibition and conference welcomed over 10,000 attendees, including eight ministers from Europe, the UK, North Africa, and the GCC, 300 exhibitors, and 600 VIPs, with 30 countries represented in total. On the strategic deals, Etihad Rail said these were mainly aimed at driving the development of the rail freight and passenger services. The first agreement inked was for the establishment of a joint venture company with DHL

Global Forwarding - a division of Deutsche Post DHL that provides air and ocean freight forwarding services. The deal with the Germany-based group that undertakes major logistics projects under the brand name DHL Industrial, is mainly aimed at strengthening Etihad Rail's sustainable freight offering within the UAE. This was followed by an MoU with Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** to establish a luxury train experience, in addition to a deal with MICCO, an integrated logistics provider and part of AD Ports Group as well as Uber. The other big deals signed at the event were with Morocco's national railway operator ONCF as well as drone cargo specialist SkyGo; and an agreement with the Fujairah Natural Resources Corporation (FNRC), an independent government entity established to supervise and control mining facilities specialised in extracting natural resources in Fujairah. Etihad Rail also had an active presence as part of the conference agenda, where Shadi Malak, its CEO, delivered a keynote address during the opening

ceremony of the event. "We are proud to have been the name host for Middle East Rail once again, which is aligned with the UAE leadership's vision, their recognition of the significant advantages of rail, and the importance of relying on trains for freight and passenger transportation," stated Malak. "This year's event was the largest on record, and we are delighted to build on our commitment to partnerships, participating alongside leading entities across the global railway sector," he added. Commenting on the agreements, Malak said: "These are testament to Etihad Rail's efforts to consistently identify partnerships that improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the UAE National Rail Network, as we strive to develop a country-wide network that serves the needs of the UAE and benefit customers in every sector and passengers across the country." "The joint venture with DHL Global Forwarding reinforces the reputation of Middle East Rail, with Etihad Rail as its sponsor, as a platform for forming commercial partnerships

with global companies for the benefit of the UAE. This partnership will strengthen our sustainable freight offering within the UAE, and further drive economic growth in the country," he stated. "We will work with ONCF - operators of one of the continent's oldest railways - on knowledge sharing and best practice learnings as we develop our network," he added. On the MICCO deal, Malak said it have a proven track record in the UAE, and this agreement will see the establishment of an intermodal freight solution. "As a result, our customers will be able to use their time and resources more efficiently, allowing them to focus on their core business objectives," he added. On its collaboration with **Arsenale**, Malak said it was a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network. "By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region and contributing to boosting the tourism sector in the UAE. Furthermore, we will be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the world" he stated. "The agreement with Uber is in line with Etihad Rail's efforts to

improve the quality of life of people around the country, by supporting our ability to provide accessible transportation across the UAE, including in areas with limited accessibility. We look forward to working closely with Uber and hope to benefit from their expertise in the global transportation space," he added. On its tie-up with drone cargo expert SkyGo, Malak said: "We are collaborating on freight train drone inspection, utilising the company's technology to benefit from data services, and the agreement is yet another example of our drive to innovate, establish new processes, and build on our existing digitalisation efforts." "Finally, the agreement with the FNRC reinforces our ability to offer our customers a comprehensive end-to-end solution that combines reliability, sustainability, and speed to market - and is, most importantly, competitive. By providing an integrated transportation service, we ensure our partners' supply chains, like FNRC, remain agile and adaptable," he added. - TradeArabia News Service

## Etihad Rail to redefine luxury travel across the Emirates

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Picture glamorous train carriages with Emirati and Italian designs. Get ready for an exciting new era of luxury travel in the UAE. Etihad Rail has partnered with Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** to introduce a magnificent luxury train service that will redefine the way you explore the Emirates. We're talking about a "rail cruise" experience that will transport passengers from Fujairah in the east to the breathtaking Liwa desert in Abu Dhabi. With its 15 luxurious carriages, this remarkable train journey evokes the grandeur and elegance of legendary rail trips such as the renowned Orient Express. The carriages will be meticulously crafted in Puglia and Sicily, reflecting both Emirati heritage and Italian design expertise and ensuring an unparalleled travel experience. The introduction of this luxury train service also aligns perfectly with the ongoing development of the UAE-wide railway network. Etihad Rail has already opened the network for freight services and the passenger service is progressing rapidly. The luxury train experience

aims to boost the tourism sector and showcase the country's diverse heritage and natural beauty to visitors from around the globe. It also promises to evoke a similar sense of elegance and adventure. The UAE's venture into luxury rail travel follows a global trend of renewed interest in railway journeys, driven by the desire for sustainable travel and the convenience of avoiding airports. It's time to bid farewell to air travel and shift your gears to the right track. With a growing focus on sustainable travel and the allure of scenic rail routes, the introduction of a luxury train service in the UAE marks an exciting development for tourism and transportation. As plans for the Etihad Rail passenger service and other international rail projects progress, travellers can anticipate a bright future for rail travel that combines timeless charm with modern luxury. PUBBLICITÀ All aboard for an unforgettable journey across the majestic landscapes of the Emirates. GO: Visit [www.etihadrail.ae](http://www.etihadrail.ae) for more information.

## UAE's Etihad Rail aims to boost tourism by bringing luxury railway services

LINK: <https://www.dubaivibesmagazine.ae/uaes-etihad-rail-aims-to-boost-tourism-by-bringing-luxury-railway-services/>

Etihad Rail, the UAE's railway operator, and Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** have signed an agreement to establish a new luxury train service called "rail cruising". The service is expected to cross the UAE from Fujairah to the historic Liwa desert in Abu Dhabi and will consist of 15 luxury carriages reflecting Emirati heritage. **Arsenale** said that the production, craftsmanship, quality of onboard services, interior design, and know-how will be Italian, with the "made in Italy" signature branding being the basis for the entire project. The launch date for the service has not been revealed yet. Etihad Rail also signed seven other agreements during the Middle East Rail conference to drive the development of its freight and passenger services.

## Etihad Rail to launch luxury train experience connecting cities including Dubai

LINK: <https://dubai.newswire.lk/2023/05/19/etihad-rail-to-launch-luxury-train-experience-connecting-cities-including-dubai/>

Etihad Rail, the UAE National Rail Network developer and operator, has signed an agreement with Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** to roll out "a luxury train experience that pays homage to Emirati culture and heritage." According to Khaleej Times, the luxury train will travel throughout the UAE towards the border with Oman, passing through Mezeira'a, along Liwa Desert and its famous oasis. It will extend to the wider GCC, once the GCC Railway is operational. This will be **Arsenale's** second international luxury train project, following the recent announcement of The Dream of the Desert project in Saudi Arabia. The deal was signed in the presence of Lorenzo Fanara, Ambassador of Italy to the UAE, on the sidelines of the recently concluded two-day Middle East Rail Exhibition and Conference in Abu Dhabi, where Etihad Rail signed a total of seven agreements "further to drive the development of its freight and passenger services." Fully customised train The train will consist of 15 luxury carriages that will pass through the cosmopolitan cities of Abu

Dhabi and Dubai, to the nature destinations of Fujairah, with its sheer mountains right on the border with Oman, and the Liwa desert, with its world-famous oasis, near Mezeiraa train station. The carriages will be completely refurbished in specialised factories located in Puglia and Sicily, Italy. The production, craftsmanship, quality of onboard services, interior design and know-how will be Italian, **Arsenale** noted. (NewsWire)

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## Etihad Rail Teams Up With **Arsenale** Group For The Ultimate Luxury Train Experience

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All aboard the luxury UAE train! For the ultimate luxury sightseeing experience, Etihad Rail has teamed up with Italy's **Arsenale** Group to launch the beginning of upscale travel. Here's all you need to know about traveling in style. Across 15 carriages, you're in for a journey that will take a picturesque tour from Fujairah to Abu Dhabi in addition to also passing by Dubai where you'll be able to spot some beauty such as Oman's and the Liwa Desert. Via The National READ MORE: 'Riverman' Action Film Set To Be Shot At Saudi... May 21, 2023 The new carriages are inspired by Emirati heritage while upholding the Italian craftsmanship quality. Commenting on the novel collaboration, Etihad Rail said, "our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etihad Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network." The luxury experience comes with the hope of creating a unique world-class experience to boost the tourism experience.

## Etiha d Rail aims to bring luxury railway

LINK: <https://www.ttoscanadinavia.com/etiha d-rail-aims-to-bring-luxury-railway/>

A luxury train service is set to bring a new golden age of rail travel to the UAE. The country's railway operator, Etiha d Rail, and Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** on Tuesday signed an agreement at Abu Dhabi's Middle East Rail conference to establish the service. A launch date was not revealed but the service, which has been called a "rail cruise", is expected to cross the UAE from Fujairah in the east down to the historic Liwa desert in Abu Dhabi. The train will consist of 15 luxury carriages and work on them is being undertaken in Puglia and Sicily, **Arsenale** said. It brings to mind the great railway journeys of yesteryear such as the famed Orient Express. More details are expected in the coming months but **Arsenale** said the carriages will reflect Emirati heritage, while the "production, craftsmanship, quality of on-board services, interior design and know-how will be Italian, and the 'made in Italy' signature branding will be the basis on which the entire project will be developed". It comes as developments on the UAE-wide railway network move full steam ahead. The

network was formally opened in February with a freight service now operating. A passenger service is also advancing rapidly. "Our collaboration with **Arsenale** is a testament to Etiha d Rail's commitment to drive economic and social growth in the UAE through the National Rail Network," said Shadi Malak, chief executive of Etiha d Rail, in statement released on Wednesday. "By establishing a luxury train experience, we are introducing a unique world-class offering to the region and contributing to boosting the tourism sector in the UAE. "Furthermore, we will be able to showcase the country's diverse heritage and beauty to visitors from around the world." It is **Arsenale**'s second international luxury train project following the recent announcement of The Dream of the Desert project in Saudi Arabia. And it is envisaged the UAE service will eventually extend into the GCC. **Arsenale** is also planning to operate a luxury train service called "La Dolce Vita" in Italy. "We are thrilled to work together with Etiha d Rail on this ground-breaking project that will promote the

discovery of a magical and exciting territory outside of the renowned destinations of Abu Dhabi and Dubai," said **Paolo Barletta**, chief executive of **Arsenale**. "Railway cruising is the future of tourism and **Arsenale** wants to make it available in the world's most beautiful places, introducing this fascinating and sustainable new way of travelling," he said. "We are delighted to announce that UAE will be one of the first countries in the world to launch this unique service with us. I want to thank Etiha d Rail for believing in this project since the beginning. With this signing, we are ready to work tirelessly to enable travellers to soon come on board of our train, discovering the enchanting natural wonders of UAE." The Orient Express was established in 1883 and ran from Paris to Istanbul. It became synonymous with sophistication and glamour.

## Etihad Rail Is Bringing Orient Express-Style Luxury Trains To The UAE

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Next station: Romantic railroad journeys chugging along through Abu Dhabi's Liwa desert, Fujairah's rugged mountains and beyond! Yes, the UAE's on track for an epic passenger train service resembling the fabled Orient Express. And we're sure the likeness to the glamorous train carriages (whose elegance Agatha Christie swore by) will be extremely close. That's because Etihad Rail has roped in luxury Italian hospitality company **Arsenale** to construct these elegant trains. The very same Aresenale who are part of the Orient Express' relaunch with fabulous new trains and scenic routes. Classic carriages Photo: Orient Express This exciting deal between Etihad Rail and **Arsenale** was struck during the Middle East Rail Conference in Abu Dhabi on May 17. There's no launch date yet, but we do know that there'll be 15 coaches with lavish interiors reflecting Emirati heritage. Gauging by the opulent images of **Arsenale's 'Orient Express La Dolce Vita'** set to launch in Italy, the upcoming UAE locomotives will have some loco features. Photo: Orient Express Expect plush

carpets, wood-panelled walls, and elegant dining cars with food and ambience to match Michelin-starred restaurants. Imagine high-tech comforts and grandeur of a fancy hotel suite on wheels. Golden era of rail travel Railroad travel is seeing a resurgence across the world. While it's a nostalgic throwback for regions like Europe, this mode of transport is just now gathering steam in the GCC where it's new. The UAE jumped on the wagon with the Dubai Metro, trams and monorail services and a 1,200km National Railway Network completed in February 2023. Etihad Rail passenger trainPhoto: Etihad Rail Passenger trains connecting all seven emirates to each other and Oman will roll out only in 2030. Then there's Saudi Arabia's luxury 'Dream of the Desert' trains (another Aresenale-helmed project). You bet we'll be daydreaming of these sophisticated new trains during our next rush-hour metro commute

## Best Middle East Country To Visit. Stretching from the depths

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Hurghada city in Egypt best place to visit in the Middle East. This week, the country's railway operator Etihad Rail and Italian hospitality company **Arsenale** signed an agreement at Abu Dhabi's Middle East Rail conference that puts plans for a new luxury . Guilin and Lijiang River National Park. However, investments in war-torn ... Israel is a good start but it is very developed and expensive. A great imperial capital for almost sixteen centuries, this is old Constantinople, still filled with architectural splendor. Guilin and Lijiang River . 9 hours ago · Itamar Ben Gvir, Israel 's far-right national security minister, declared "we're in charge here" as he and a group of supporters entered Al-Aqsa Mosque on Sunday morning. And it's generally a lot safer than ... Get inspired by our take on the top 5 safest places to visit in the Middle East (based on the Global Peace Index 2018 report) and see why tourists are flocking to the region. 5: Finland. Autumn in the Middle East. Iran is definitely well above Egypt. Here are a few other universities we recommend: TED University. citizens should not travel to any country to participate in armed conflict. The best time to travel to the Middle East is between March and

May, or September through November. " Ahmet Davutoglu "Among all of the nations, the most honorable and the most friendly people are only the Turks. This Post Has 2 Comments. Best places to visit in the Middle East, best Middle East country to visit, ... On 12th June 2023, the Finnish city of Turku will play host to this year's MICHELIN Guide Ceremony for the Nordic Countries. The visit to the site . Smoke from wildfires in Canada is moving into parts of the central US and could linger in the . getty. . The countries included in the selection are ... 6 Best Travel in Turkey Quotes "Turkey is a European country, an Asian country, a Middle Eastern country, a Balkan country, a Caucasian country, a neighbor to Africa, Black Sea country, Caspian Sea, all these. Middle East Technical University. There's the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia and other great cultural attractions, but today Istanbul is . 2. Best Middle Eastern countries to visit. Day 2: Petra, Jordan - Hike through a 2000 year old city carved into red cliff faces by a former Arab kingdom. The capital has rebuilt itself from the days of the Lebanon War. You can go visa-free in a Saudi Arabian airport for 24 hours . It's

also one of the 3 Middle East countries in the top 10 safest countries in the world (a top 10 that includes 0 countries in the Americas by the way for those who make generalizations about a whole region). Dubai is a case in point with temperatures still reaching the high 30 degrees Celsius until the ... Yet for all the buildup in England, there is just as much pride and excitement in Paraguay, the South American country of 6. 7 million people, the majority of whom are ... Are you planning to visit the best Middle East country in 2022-2023? These Middle East countries can give you the most unforgettable adventure of your life. Istanbul Technical University. Another small country, you can see a lot in Jordan in just 7 days, so if you've still got . 1 day ago · Denmark. Dubai. Rekindling a Love of Travel on a Grand Tour of Egypt. Formerly known as the Paris of the Middle East, Beirut is still one of the best travel destinations in the region. Nestled between the Arabian Gulf and the sands of the Arabian Desert, Dubai in the United Arab Emirates is a city like no other and is one of the best ... Here are some of the best universities in Turkey, according to international rankings: Koc University. It ... Here are the top 11

countries in Middle East 1. In late April, the agency said, an American couple were caught, each carrying a suitcase filled with more than 185 pounds of Fruit Roll-Ups, part of a haul of nearly 375 pounds. The safest countries in the Middle East to go right now are the Gulf Monarchies in the Arabian Peninsula. Visit the souks and you'll find expensive jewellery shops and an opulent-looking mall which wouldn't look out of place in Beverly Hills. Tel Aviv is an amazing city and Jerusalem is one of the coolest places in the world in my opinion. Day 1: Amman, Jordan - Taste and experience true Arabian Culture. The renewed Saudi-Iran ties are expected to have positive effects on Middle East countries where the two support rival groups. Besides modern civilization, in some Arab countries. Tanzania. Zanzibar. From medieval bazaars and historic mosques to vast deserts, the random tool lists 15 of the most beautiful Middle Eastern countries that are ideal travel destinations. After his meeting with senior Biden administration officials, Levy also met . Saudi Arabia. #17 in Best Places to Visit in Asia. Jordan is generally considered the No. Although most people think of Europe when

looking for a winter getaway, the Middle East is filled with perfect destinations for the chillier months. These enclosed suites are often considered among the best business-class seats in the world. But the country only entered the top 10 for the first time . All of them are incredibly rich (except for Saudi Arabia ), two of them having the highest GDP per capita in the world. The Pyramids of Giza are probably one of the single greatest manmade marvels on the planet. Marrakech and Chefchaouen in particular are popular destinations here, however Casablanca is also worth a quick stop because of its impressive mosque: Hassan II, one of the largest mosques in the world. 2 days ago · A day after the visit of Israel's Foreign Ministry Director General Ronen Levy to Washington, . S. What Are The Middle East Countries? Bahrain. 1 - Extremely safe countries in the Middle East to travel to. Kuwait. Bilkent University. Great culture and great food loads to do and see. 1 safest place for tourists to visit in the Middle East, though you. Japanese and Korean restaurants are taking over Copenhagen at the moment, fusing New Nordic philosophies ... One particularly great option is to redeem AA miles for

Qatar Airways' award-winning Qsuites business class on flights to the Middle East or India for 70,000 miles. Bahrain. So, here's which countries made it to the top ten. Marrakech. Embassy or consulate or call the following numbers: 1 (888) 407-4747 (toll-free in the United States and Canada) or 1 (202) 501-4444 from other countries. Victoria Falls. However, investments in war-torn Syria are unlikely as crippling Western sanctions against Assad's government remain in place and could prevent oil-rich Arab countries from rushing to release reconstruction funds. Rental cost per month for a one-bed city apartment: 344 BHD/ £648. Petra- the stunning archaeological city of Jordan allures travellers from all over the world and tops the list. In addition, thousands of tourists visit ... The country has great ski resorts making it one of the best places to travel in the Middle East for those wanting to ski on a budget. Morocco is one of the places in the Middle East that is very popular for travellers to visit. 7 million people, the majority of whom are football fanatics. The flights take around 5 to 6 hours; try the experience of a lifetime discovering the ancient history and cultures of one of East Africa's most



intriguing regions. Dubai, a city in the United Arab Emirates is definitely one among the best places to visit in the Middle East. The Tax Authority . Deborah November 25, 2022 Reply. Opened in 2018 . As ... The Middle East is located at the cultural crossroads between east and west, the region nowadays tends to make headlines for wars and religious conflicts. It is the second time in the survey's history that a city in western Europe has beaten an eastern European city to first place. Egypt you will get a lot of hassle/groping. In addition, thousands of tourists visit ... The 2022 Best Countries to Travel Alone rankings are drawn from a global survey of more than 17,000 people and highlight countries based on . One particularly great option is to redeem AA miles for Qatar Airways' award-winning Qsuits business class on flights to the Middle East or India for 70,000 miles. Located 10 km from the Turkish ... In late April, the agency said, an American couple were caught, each carrying a suitcase filled with more than 185 pounds of Fruit Roll-Ups, part of a haul of nearly 375 pounds. The countries included in the selection are ... So, here's which countries made it to the top ten. Qatar is very safe for women when it

comes to public order. The countries included in the selection are ... Yet for all the buildup in England, there is just as much pride and excitement in Paraguay, the South American country of 6. At £225, Lisbon's barometer cost was just 2% higher than last . It features a lot of block-buster resorts and attractions like the Burj Khal-i-fa, which is the 830-meter structure that dominates the Dubai skyline. Photo via Disha of Disha Discovers. Jordan. ... The Bald Mountain Wildfire burns in the Grande Prairie Forest Area in Alberta on Friday, May 12, 2023. Most of the Middle East ... In recent times, Oman has seen a sudden jump as a place to visit in Middle East tourism. Kruger National Park. Mauritius. When to Go. This national park is so loved and respected, its image is featured on China's paper currency. Sabanci University. 15 Places To Visit In Middle East 1. The countries on this list are perfect opportunities for tourists to safely visit some of the most beautiful and historical sites in the entire world. The bus system is great and most everyone speaks English. Cairo. Generally speaking, autumn is deemed to fall between the months of September to November in the Middle

East but some countries experience a much shorter shoulder season while the desert heat continues to blaze. Private U. Driving the news: White House National Security adviser Jake Sullivan, who is expected to arrive in ... One particularly great option is to redeem AA miles for Qatar Airways' award-winning Qsuits business class on flights to the Middle East or India for 70,000 miles. Giza. Dubai (United Arab Emirates) Dubai Marina. Best Places to Visit in Africa in 2023-2024. The 7 Safest Countries in the Middle East For Americans to Visit 1. Turkey. It is the best country in the Middle East as it has the best weather besides amazing nature. Bogazici Universitesi. The countries included in the selection are ... 1 day ago · Denmark. Day 3: WadiRum, ... 2. Driving the news: White House National Security adviser Jake Sullivan, who is expected to arrive in Saudi Arabia on Saturday, will meet with his Saudi, Emirati and Indian counterparts on Sunday to discuss the project and other regional issues, the two sources said.

## Mapa ferroviário da Etihad Rail: Dentro da rede ferroviária de US\$ 3 bilhões dos Emirados Arabes Unidos

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A rede Etihad Rail é um sistema de transporte transformador nos Emirados Árabes Unidos, projetado para conectar as principais cidades e zonas industriais e serve como um elo vital para o crescimento econômico e a sustentabilidade do país. O mapa da Etihad Rail mostra uma extensa rede que se estende por mais de 1.200 quilômetros, conectando grandes centros urbanos como Abu Dhabi, Dubai e Al Ain, bem como centros industriais e portos. A linha férrea também se conectará a Omã e à Arábia Saudita, melhorando assim as capacidades logísticas e comerciais. Essa moderna infraestrutura ferroviária também ajudará a reduzir o congestionamento rodoviário, promovendo ainda mais a sustentabilidade ambiental. Com seus serviços eficientes e confiáveis, a rede Etihad Rail revoluciona o transporte nos Emirados Árabes Unidos, promovendo o desenvolvimento econômico e a conectividade em toda a região. Mapa ferroviário da Etihad A linha ferroviária que liga Abu Dhabi e Dubai foi unida em março de 2022 e posteriormente expandida

para incluir Ras Al Khaimah e Sharjah em outubro do mesmo ano. A linha abrange 256 quilômetros entre Abu Dhabi e Dubai e incorpora 29 pontes, 60 travessias e 137 canais de drenagem. Em Sharjah, a linha tem uma extensão de 45 quilômetros, enquanto a extensão de Ras Al Khaimah tem 5,7 quilômetros e liga o emirado às principais vias férreas do projeto. Os trens de passageiros operarão a velocidades de até 200 quilômetros por hora, conectando 11 cidades e regiões. Cada trem terá capacidade para aproximadamente 400 passageiros. Os vagões do trem serão equipados com comodidades como Wi-Fi, sistemas de entretenimento, pontos de carregamento e restaurantes. Diferentes opções de assentos, incluindo primeira classe, classe executiva e econômica, estarão disponíveis. O tempo de viagem entre Abu Dhabi e Dubai é estimado em cerca de 50 minutos, reduzindo significativamente o tempo de deslocamento. A viagem de Abu Dhabi a Fujairah levará aproximadamente 100 minutos. Veja: Etihad

Rail anuncia nova grande parceria Até 2030, o serviço ferroviário está projetado para transportar mais de 36 milhões de passageiros anualmente. Ele conectará os principais centros comerciais, áreas industriais, centros de fabricação, instalações de logística e os principais pontos de importação e exportação nos Emirados Árabes Unidos, formando parte integrante da rede ferroviária do GCC. Embora a rota possa sofrer acréscimos ou modificações no futuro, a Etihad Rail anunciou que 70% da rede já foi construída. O estágio um do projeto, um serviço de frete que conecta os campos de gás de Shah e Habshan a Ruwais, iniciou suas operações em 2016. Ele transporta até 22.000 toneladas de enxofre granulado diariamente para a Abu Dhabi National Oil Company. O estágio dois liga Ghuwaifat, no oeste, a Fujairah, no leste. As etapas de construção, também conhecidas como embalagens, estão representadas nos mapas. Etihad Rail 100% concluído Em março de 2023, foi anunciado que a Etihad Rail havia concluído com sucesso a Rede Ferroviária

Nacional dos Emirados Árabes Unidos, um grande projeto de 900 km que liga todos os sete emirados com uma ferrovia primária. A rede dos Emirados Árabes Unidos conectará quatro portos e centros de logística, servindo como parte vital de sua infraestrutura de transporte e logística. O anúncio da Etihad Rail disse que contará com um total de 593 pontes e travessias, uma frota de 38 locomotivas e seis túneis, conectando todos os sete emirados. Essa rede aumentará a competitividade do país e promoverá a união entre os emirados. Embora os serviços de trens de carga já estejam operacionais, os trens de passageiros serão introduzidos posteriormente. Etihad Rail faz parceria com o **Arsenale** Group da Itália para passeios de luxo. Na quinta-feira, a Etihad Rail e o grupo **Arsenale** fizeram uma parceria para lançar cruzeiros ferroviários de luxo para passageiros nos Emirados Árabes Unidos. Esses trens de luxo oferecerão um passeio panorâmico de Fujairah a Abu Dhabi, incluindo paradas em Dubai e visitas a Omã e ao deserto de Liwa, lembrando a icônica viagem no estilo Expresso do Oriente.



A rendering of a suite cabin on the Orient Express La Dolce Vita Train service. The most exclusive accommodations will cost at least €25,000 per night. *Source: Dimore Studio/Arsenale Spa*

Pursuits

## Italy's Latest Night Train Is a €25,000 Luxury Getaway on Rails

Exclusive trips from Rome and through Sicily aim to pamper with less climate guilt

By Flavia Rotondi and Chiara Remondini

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On Italy's newest rail service, trains will take days to reach their destinations and tickets will cost thousands of euros. Such an experience isn't for everyone, and that's exactly the point.

Beginning next year, La Dolce Vita trains will offer a selection of one- to three-night trips from Rome and through Sicily for a starting price of €6,000 (\$6,500) for two people. Routes snake through destinations like Palermo, Venice and Portofino. The most exclusive cabins will cost at least €25,000 per night.

"It's like a luxury cruise but on rails," said Paolo Barletta, chief executive officer of luxury travel group Arsenale SpA, which will operate the service in association with the famed Orient Express brand. "The train is a means of transport that is a passion of many. It is romantic and has very special charm."



Paolo Barletta *Photographer: Stephanie Gengotti/Bloomberg*

The service – affiliated with the Orient Express brand – springs from two key trends: the post-pandemic travel revival and renewed interest in trains in connection with the climate crisis. After being cooped up under Covid-19 lockdowns, people are on the road again. That’s especially true of the wealthy, which want to get off the beaten track but in style and with less guilt.

Italy is a sought-after destination for its food, culture and history. There were over 3 million upscale visitors to Italy in 2022, spending an average \$4,000 each, according to tourism board ENIT. The group expects revenue from high-end international travelers to grow 31% between 2020 and 2024.

“Luxury tourists are looking for something different, as cruises are kind of been there, done that,” said Dina Ravera, founder and chairwoman of upscale tour operator Destination Italia SpA.

“Sustainable, slow travel on alternative routes and panoramic roads across Italy is in high demand by high-spending tourists.”

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The luxury segment is unaffected by the inflation pressure and economic anxiety hitting most consumers. A survey by payments company Flywire Corp. found that 83% of upscale travelers plan to spend more in 2023 than last year.

To tap into the demand, Arsenale is investing €240 million to start the service, including converting aging trains from national operator Trenitalia into rolling luxury transport. Amenities include fine dining at brass-trimmed tables and suites with wood paneling and sitting rooms.



A rendering of a deluxe cabin on the Orient Express La Dolce Vita Train service. *Source: Dimore Studio/Arsenale Spa*



A rendering of a restaurant carriage. Source: Dimore Studio/Arsenale Spa



A rendering of a lounge carriage. *Source: Dimore Studio/Arsenale Spa*

Interiors are inspired by 20th century Italian design, combining muted shades of orange, terracotta and purple. The deluxe cabins will feature carpeted floors and wood slats on the ceiling as well as private bathrooms. Suites will be equipped with a sofa, a table and two armchairs to take in the landscape.

Within the glossy lacquer walls of the dining car, Italian aperitivo and local wines will be served, and delicacies will include sea urchin and truffles. During Le Grand Soir evening dinners, a photographer will take vintage Polaroids for the guests. As many as 62 passengers will be able to travel in the 12-coach trains.

The routes at times will use secondary tracks close to the mountains and the seaside. Travelers will be able to hop on and off for events, such as nighttime visits to St. Mark's Basilica in Venice or performances at Milan's La Scala opera house. There will also be options to stay at Arsenale-owned Orient Express hotels in Rome and Venice, which are also set to open in 2024.

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The first two trains will start service embarking from Rome to northern and southern Italy, along with tours through Sicily. Four more will follow in 2025, adding routes throughout the country.

There are plans to extend the concept to the Arabian peninsula after Arsenale signed agreements with Etihad Rail and Saudi Arabia Railways to develop similar services in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.



Pre-registrations for the first La Dolce Vita trips are already open, and enough people have paid €500 deposits to take up all of the available spots for 2024, if passengers and routes can be matched, according to Barletta, who founded Arsenale in 2020 in partnership with Annabel Holding, the company owned by billionaire Nicola Bulgari. Official booking starts after this summer.

Most of the customers will likely come from the US, Europe and the Middle East, alongside domestic Italian travelers, Barletta said, adding that Asia is lagging behind.

For Dolce Vita passengers, price isn't an issue. "Buying a top-brand bag may cost the same as a tailor-made journey, but it doesn't give the same emotional experience," he said.

– *With assistance by Alessandro Speciale*

## Uzbekistan to launch tourist train from Tashkent in 2026

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SAMARKAND (Uzbekistan), October 17 - RIA Novosti. A luxury tourist train connecting Tashkent with Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva will start running at the end of 2026, a memorandum on this was signed by Uzbek Railways JSC, the Italian **Arsenale** and the State Committee for Tourism of Uzbekistan, RIA Novosti correspondent reports. The memorandum was signed on the sidelines of the investment forum within the framework of the 25th session of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in Samarkand. In accordance with the document, the Italian company will develop and build a luxury train, which from the end of 2026 will start running on the route Tashkent - Samarkand - Bukhara - Khiva. Such high-speed trains operate in Europe, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. In August, Uzbekistan Railways reported that it would also consider the proposal of the Italian **Arsenale** Group to launch a high-speed tourist train from Europe to China through Russia.

## UTY and Italy's **Arsenale** plan to launch a luxury train in 2026

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The tourist train will run between Tashkent and the main historical cities. Uzbekistan Railways and Italy's **Arsenale** S.p.A. plan to work on a tourist train project, the state-owned company's press service said. The parties signed a memorandum of cooperation at the investment forum held within the framework of the session of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in Samarkand. Also, the head of the Tourism Committee, Ulugbek Shadiev, left his signature on the document. The memorandum outlines plans for the development and construction of a Luxury Train Cruising. It is expected that it will start running between the historical cities of Uzbekistan at the end of 2026. The carriages are planned to be equipped with all modern amenities. Passengers are promised to be provided with maximum comfort during trips. Hikmatulla Rakhmetov, First Deputy Head of UTY, called the memorandum "the first step on a long and exciting path" of cooperation. He noted that rail cruises will draw

attention to the cultural heritage of Uzbekistan and are consistent with the trend of sustainable development. Cooperation with Uzbekistan will be a "unique project," said **Paolo Barletta**, CEO of **Arsenale** Group. The top manager also highlighted the sustainability of rail tourism and indicated that the company intends to make this experience available "in the most exciting corners of the world." For **Arsenale** Group, Uzbekistan has become the third market country in Asia. Prior to that, the company announced plans to launch luxury trains in Saudi Arabia and the UAE. Negotiations between UTY and **Arsenale** Group started in July. As reported then, the future train will be able to transport up to 66 passengers between Tashkent and Khiva through Samarkand and Bukhara. Earlier, Spot wrote that the Czech Skoda agreed to supply 30 electric trains to Uzbekistan.

## Railway cruises on luxury trains to be launched in Uzbekistan

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Uzbekistan, Tashkent - Academy of Sciences Podrobno.uz. Uzbekistan will develop the concept of railway cruises. The beginning of its implementation will be the launch of the luxury train Luxury Train Cruising between the historical cities of the country, the correspondent of Podrobno.uz reports. Today, on October 17, a memorandum on the launch of this tourist train was signed by Uzbekistan Railways and the Italian company **Arsenale** Group. According to the document, a luxury train will be designed and built, which will start running between the historical cities of Uzbekistan from the end of 2026.

## Railway cruises will be launched in Uzbekistan. Italy to design and build luxury trains

LINK: <https://nuz.uz/sport/1287691-zheleznodorozhnye-kruizy-zapustyat-v-uzbekistane-italiya-razrabotaet-i-postroit-poezda-klassa-lyuks.html>

On October 17, 2023, within the framework of the 25th anniversary session of the General Assembly of the UN World Tourism Organization, held in Samarkand from October 16 to 20, 2023, a Memorandum was signed between Uzbekistan Railways JSC and the Italian company **ARSENALE S.p.A.** on mutual understanding and cooperation on the first project to launch the Luxury Train Cruising tourist train in Uzbekistan. According to the Memorandum, a luxury train will be developed and built, which will start running between the historical cities of Uzbekistan from the end of 2026. The project is being implemented under the auspices of the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan. This Memorandum was signed by the First Deputy Chairman of the Board of Uzbekistan Railways JSC H. Rakhmetov, the General Director of **ARSENALE S.p.A.** P. Barletta and the Chairman of the Tourism Committee under the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change U.

Shadiev. "We are very pleased to start cooperation with **Arsenale** Group," says Rakhmetov. "This cooperation involves the implementation of a grandiose project with one goal - acquaintance with the rich cultural and historical heritage of Uzbekistan. The concept of launching rail cruises as the future of tourism aligns perfectly with our commitment to innovation and sustainability. The signing of this Memorandum is the first step on a long and exciting path that we have to go through. The partnership with **Arsenale** Group once again confirms our commitment to overcoming any barriers, Expand the horizons of the value proposition for tourists. "Our cooperation with Uzbekistan Railways JSC is a unique project aimed at the development of a territory with a rich history and culture," P. Barletta said. "We are pleased to announce our presence in the Asian tourism market, following Europe, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and to do so in Uzbekistan, a country rich in interesting architectural

and artistic heritage. Rail cruises are the future of tourism, a new and sustainable way to travel: **Arsenale's** mission is to make this experience possible in the most exciting corners of the world, proving that there are no barriers, capable of stopping the desire to explore new horizons. With the signing of this partnership, we are ready to work tirelessly to ensure that travelers can board our train and discover the historical and cultural riches of this wonderful country. It is expected that the launch of the "Luxury Train Cruising" tourist train will be an important event for Uzbekistan and the entire Central Asian region. The project will attract the attention of tourists from all over the world and allow them to enjoy the unique beauties of the historical cities of Uzbekistan, such as Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva. The train will be equipped with all modern amenities to provide passengers with maximum comfort during the journey.

## O'zbekistonda Luxury train cruise sayyohlik poyezdi ishga tushiriladi

LINK: <https://daryo.uz/2023/10/17/ozbekistonda-luxury-train-cruising-sayyohlik-poyezdi-ishga-tushiriladi>

The Luxury Train Cruising tourist train will be launched in the country. The press service of JSC "Uzbekiston temir yullari" reported on this. A memorandum of understanding and cooperation was reportedly signed between **Arsenale** S.p.A. of Italy on the first project. According to the memorandum, starting in late 2026, a luxurious train route will be developed and built throughout historic cities in Uzbekistan. The project is being implemented under the auspices of the Ministry of Investments, Industry and Trade. The launch of the Luxury Train Cruising tourist train is expected to be a milestone for the U.S. and the entire Central Asian region. The project attracts the attention of tourists around the world and allows them to enjoy the unique beauty of historical cities of Uzbekistan, such as Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva. The train will be equipped with all modern facilities to provide passengers with maximum comfort during travel. The launch of the Luxury Train Cruising travel train has been supported by the U.S. government, which sees

tremendous potential for tourism development and attracting foreign investment in this project. Uzbekistan is seeking to become the main tourist destination in Central Asia, and the launch of this train will be an important step in achieving this goal. The train is proposed to be routed on the Tashkent-Samarkand-Bukhara-Khiva-Tashkent route.

## Luxury Train Cruising to be launched between historical cities of Uzbekistan

LINK: <https://uz24.uz/ru/articles/luxury-train-cruising>

Within the framework of the session of the UNWTO General Assembly, the Chairman of the Tourism Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan U. Chodiev, the First Deputy Chairman of the Board of Uzbekistan Railways JSC Kh. Rakhmetov and the Italian **Arsenale** Group signed an Agreement of Understanding. In accordance with the document, from the end of 2026, the Luxury Train Cruising tourist train will be launched between the historical cities of Uzbekistan. "The purpose of this cooperation is to familiarize the whole world with the rich cultural and historical heritage of Uzbekistan, as well as the further development of domestic and foreign tourism," Umid Chodiyev said. It should be noted that Uzbekistan aims to become a major tourist destination in Central Asia. The launch of Luxury Train Cruise is the next major step in achieving this goal. "Uzbekistan has interesting architectural monuments and valuable historical heritage, so we have chosen your country for cooperation," said P. Barletta, General Director of **Arsenale** Group.

## Railway cruises on luxury trains to be launched in Uzbekistan

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Uzbekistan, Tashkent - Academy of Sciences Podrobno.uz. Uzbekistan will develop the concept of railway cruises. The beginning of its implementation will be the launch of the luxury train Luxury Train Cruising between the historical cities of the country, the correspondent of Podrobno.uz reports. Today, on October 17, a memorandum on the launch of this tourist train was signed by Uzbekistan Railways and the Italian company **Arsenale** Group. According to the document, a luxury train will be designed and built, which will start running between the historical cities of Uzbekistan from the end of 2026. The project is implemented under the auspices of the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade of Uzbekistan. "We are very pleased to start cooperation with **Arsenale** Group. This partnership involves the implementation of a grandiose project with one goal - acquaintance with the rich cultural and historical heritage of Uzbekistan. The concept of launching rail cruises as the future of tourism aligns perfectly with our

commitment to innovation and sustainability. The signing of the memorandum is the first step on a long and exciting path that we have to go through. Partnership with **Arsenale** Group once again confirms our desire to overcome any barriers, expand the horizons of the value proposition for tourists," said First Deputy Chairman of the Board of Uzbekistan Railways Kh. Rakhmetov. "Our cooperation with Uzbekistan Railways is a unique project aimed at developing a territory with a rich history and culture. We are pleased to announce our presence in the Asian tourism market following Europe, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and to do it in Uzbekistan, a country rich in the most interesting architectural and artistic heritage," said P. Barletta, General Director of the Italian company. According to him, rail cruises are the future of tourism, a new and eco-friendly way of traveling. "**Arsenale**'s mission is to make this experience possible in the most exciting corners of the world, proving that there are no barriers that can

stop the desire to explore new horizons. With the signing of this partnership, we are ready to work tirelessly to ensure that travelers can board our train and discover the historical and cultural riches of this wonderful country," he stressed. It is expected that the launch of the Luxury Train Cruising will be an important event for Uzbekistan and the entire Central Asian region. The project will attract the attention of tourists from all over the world and allow them to enjoy the unique beauties of the historical cities of Uzbekistan, such as Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva. The train will be equipped with all modern amenities to provide passengers with maximum comfort during the journey. The launch of the tourist train received the support of the government of Uzbekistan, which sees in this project a huge potential for the development of tourism and attracting foreign investment. Uzbekistan aims to become a top tourist destination in Central Asia, and the launch of this train will be an important step in achieving this goal.



## Luxury tourist train to be launched in Uzbekistan

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With the support of the Italian company **Arsenale** S.p.A A tourist cruise train Luxury Train Cruising will appear in Uzbekistan, the press service of Uzbekistan Temir Yollari JSC reported. The corresponding memorandum was signed with the Italian company **Arsenale** S.p.A within the framework of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization, which takes place in Samarkand. The luxury train is expected to be designed and built by the end of 2026. Its route will run through the historical cities of our country. The project was supported by the Uzbek government, as Tashkent sees it as an opportunity to attract foreign investors and develop the tourism industry. **Arsenale** S.p.A was established in 2020 by Paolo Barletto, CEO of the **Barletta Group**, together with the Annabel holding. The organization specializes in the provision of tourism services in the railway sector in the ultra-luxury segment. In March this year, **Arsenale** and the Saudi Railway Company signed a memorandum to build the first luxury train under the Desert Dream brand. Earlier, Kursiv wrote

that the Czech group of companies Czech Skoda Group will supply 30 electric trains to Uzbekistan.

## Railway cruises on luxury trains to be launched in Uzbekistan Orient

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Uzbekistan will develop the concept of railway cruises. The beginning of its implementation will be the launch of the luxury train Luxury Train Cruising between the historical cities of the country. On Tuesday, October 17, Uzbekistan Railways and the Italian company **Arsenale** Group signed a memorandum on the launch of this tourist train, [Podrobno.uz](http://Podrobno.uz) reported. According to the document, a luxury train will be designed and built, which will start running between the historical cities of Uzbekistan from the end of 2026. The project is implemented under the auspices of the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade of Uzbekistan. According to the CEO of the Italian company Barletta, rail cruises are the future of tourism, a new and environmentally friendly way of traveling. "**Arsenale**'s mission is to make this experience possible in the most exciting corners of the world, proving that there are no barriers that can stop the desire to explore new horizons. With the signing of this partnership, we are ready to work tirelessly to ensure that

travelers can board our train and discover the historical and cultural riches of this wonderful country," he stressed. It is expected that the launch of the Luxury Train Cruising will be an important event for Uzbekistan and the entire Central Asian region. The project will attract the attention of tourists from all over the world and allow them to enjoy the unique beauties of the historical cities of Uzbekistan, such as Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva. The train will be equipped with all modern amenities to provide passengers with maximum comfort during the journey. Earlier, Barletta also proposed to launch a tourist train from Europe through Uzbekistan to China.

## Uzbekistan to launch tourist train in 2026

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The luxury tourist train will cover Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva. However, the train will start operating only at the end of 2026. JSC "Railways of Uzbekistan" together with the Italian State Committee for Tourism of The Republic of Uzbekistan and the State Committee for Tourism of Uzbekistan signed a memorandum, the Tengritravel.kz correspondent reports, citing RIA Novosti. Such an agreement was signed at the 25th session of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization in Samarkand. According to the document, the Italian company will assemble trains of the category "luxury". Thus, by the end of 2026, the route Tashkent - Samarkand - Bukhara - Khiva will be used. Such fast trains are available in European countries, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. In August, representatives of JSC "Railways of Uzbekistan" reported that the Italian company **Arsenale** Group is considering the proposal to launch a tourist fast train from Europe to China via Russia.

## Luxury rail cruises for tourists will be launched in Uzbekistan

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A luxury train will be developed and built in Uzbekistan, which will begin running between the country's historical cities from the end of 2026, Kazinform agency's own correspondent reports. A corresponding memorandum between Uzbekistan Temir Yollari JSC and the Italian company **ARSENALE SpA** was signed today within the framework of the 25th session of the General Assembly of the UN World Tourism Organization, held in Samarkand. The project is carried out under the auspices of the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan. - This cooperation involves the implementation of a grandiose project with one goal - acquaintance with the rich cultural and historical heritage of Uzbekistan. The concept of launching railway cruises as the future of tourism fits perfectly with our desire for innovation and sustainable development," said Kh. Rakhmetov, First Deputy Chairman of the Board of Uzbekistan Temir Yollari JSC. General Director of **ARSENALE SpA** P. Barletta noted that rail cruises are

the future of tourism, a new and environmentally friendly way of travel. - Our cooperation with Uzbekistan Temir Yollari JSC is a unique project aimed at developing a territory with a rich history and culture. We are pleased to announce our presence in the Asian tourism market, following Europe, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and to do this in Uzbekistan, a country rich in interesting architectural and artistic heritage," said P. Barletta. It is expected that the launch of the Luxury Train Cruising tourist train will be an important event for Uzbekistan and the entire Central Asian region. The project will attract the attention of tourists from all over the world and allow them to enjoy the unique beauty of the historical cities of Uzbekistan, such as Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva. The train will be equipped with all modern amenities to provide passengers with maximum comfort during their journey. The launch of the Luxury Train Cruising tourist train received the support of the government of Uzbekistan, which sees in

this project huge potential for developing tourism and attracting foreign investment. Uzbekistan aims to become a major tourist destination in Central Asia and the launch of this train will be an important step in achieving this goal. It was previously reported that Uzbekistan intends to increase the number of foreign tourists to 15 million people by 2030.

## A luxury tourist train service will be launched in Uzbekistan from the end of 2026

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Italian company **Arsenale** will design and build the 66-passenger tourist train. It will start moving in the Tashkent-Samarkand-Bukhara-Khiva route from the end of 2026. A tripartite agreement on the development and construction of a tourist train was reached between the "Uzbekistan Railways" company, the Tourism Committee under the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change and the Italian company **Arsenale**. "Gazeta.uz" correspondent reports that the document was signed within the framework of the 25th session of the General Assembly of UNWTO in Samarkand. The parties expect that the tourist train will be launched at the end of 2026 and will run along the Tashkent-Samarkand-Bukhara-Khiva route. **Arsenale** is working on the production of a luxury train with 38 compartments and 13 carriages for 66 passengers. The representatives of the company emphasized that the train will be equipped with modern equipment, the quality of service in the carriages and the interior design will be "Italian".

Hikmatulla Rahmetov, deputy head of Uzbekistan Railways joint-stock company, noted that "the concept of launching railway cruises as the future of tourism is very compatible with our pursuit of innovation and stability." The Luxury Train Cruising project, which aims to attract the attention of foreign travelers, is implemented under the auspices of the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade. For **Arsenale**, Uzbekistan has become the third partner country in Asia, writes Spot. Before that, the company announced plans to launch luxury trains in Saudi Arabia and the UAE .

## Uzbekistan, Italy plan to launch a luxury train in 2026

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The tourist train will travel between Tashkent and the main historical cities. Uzbekistan Railways and the Italian **Arsenale** S.p.A. plan to work on a tourist train project, the state company's press service reported. The parties signed a memorandum of cooperation at the investment forum held within the framework of the session of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in Samarkand. The head of the Tourism Committee, Ulugbek Shodiyev, also signed the document. The memorandum outlines plans for the development and construction of a luxury train cruising. It is expected that it will begin running between the historical cities of Uzbekistan at the end of 2026. The carriages are planned to be equipped with all modern amenities. Passengers are promised to be provided with maximum comfort during their trips. The first deputy head of Uzbekistan Railways, Khikmatulla Rakhmetov, called the memorandum "the first step on a long and exciting path" of cooperation. He noted that railway cruises will draw attention to the cultural

heritage of Uzbekistan and are consistent with the trend of sustainable development. Cooperation with Uzbekistan will be a "unique project," said **Arsenale** Group CEO **Paolo Barletta**. The top manager also highlighted the environmental friendliness of rail tourism and indicated that the company intends to make this experience available "in the most exciting places in the world". For **Arsenale** Group, Uzbekistan has become the third market country in Asia. Prior to this, the company announced plans to launch luxury trains in Saudi Arabia and the UAE. Negotiations between Uzbekistan Railways and **Arsenale** Group started in July. As it was reported then, the future train will be able to transport up to 66 passengers between Tashkent and Khiva via Samarkand and Bukhara.

## Luxury Train Cruising tourist train will be launched in Uzbekistan

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Esterday, within the framework of the 25th jubilee session of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) held in Samarkand on October 16-20, 2023, the first cooperation between "Uzbekiston Temir Yollari" JSC and the Italian company "ARSENALE SPA" was held. Memorandum on mutual understanding and cooperation on the project was signed. This was reported by the Information Service of the Ministry of Transport . The launch of the "Luxury Train Cruising" tourist train is expected to be an important event for Uzbekistan and the entire Central Asian region. The train will be equipped with all modern amenities to provide maximum comfort to passengers during their journey.

## A tourist train will be launched between the historical cities of Uzbekistan

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On October 17, within the framework of the session of the UNWTO General Assembly, the Chairman of the Committee on Tourism of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the First Deputy Chairman of the Board of Uzbekistan Temir Yollari JSC and the General Director of the Italian company **Arsenale** Group signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding. According to the memorandum, at the end of 2026, a Luxury Train Cruising tourist train will be launched between the historical cities of Uzbekistan. The Italian company will develop and build a luxury train that will run on the route Tashkent - Samarkand - Bukhara - Khiva. The project is being implemented with the support of the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan. "The goal of cooperation is to familiarize the whole world with the rich cultural and historical heritage of Uzbekistan, the further development of domestic and foreign tourism. The new tourist train will serve to increase tourists in the historical cities of our country," Umid Shodiev. Uzbekistan has

interesting architectural monuments and valuable historical heritage, which is why we chose your country as a partner. I hope we will help reveal its historical and cultural riches," CEO of the Italian company **Arsenale** Group. The train will be equipped with modern amenities to ensure passengers' comfort during the journey.



## A luxury train will start running from Tashkent across Uzbekistan in 2026

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A tourist train, Luxury Train Cruising, will be launched in Uzbekistan between Tashkent and other historical cities of the republic at the end of 2026. A memorandum on this was signed by Uzbek Railways JSC, the Italian **Arsenale** Group and the State Committee for Tourism of Uzbekistan within the framework of the session of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in Samarkand. In accordance with the document, the Italian company will develop and build a luxury train that will run on the route Tashkent - Samarkand - Bukhara - Khiva. "The concept of launching rail cruises as the future of tourism fits perfectly with our commitment to innovation and sustainability. The signing of the memorandum is the first step on a long, exciting path that we have to go through," said Khikmatill Rakhmetov, First Deputy Chairman of the Board of Uzbek Railways JSC. It is expected that the launch of the tourist train will be an important event for Uzbekistan and the entire Central Asian region. The train will be equipped

with all modern amenities to provide passengers with maximum comfort during the journey. Let us recall that in August the Uzbek Railways JSC planned to consider the proposal of the Italian **Arsenale** Group to launch a high-speed tourist train from Europe to China via Russia. ( [ria.ru](#) , [podrobno.uz](#) )

## Luxury cruise train to link Uzbekistan's Silk Road cities

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Luxury cruise train to link Uzbekistan's Silk Road cities By Railway Gazette International 2023-10-18T09:22:00+01:00 Show Fullscreen UZBEKISTAN: Italian luxury hospitality company **Arsenale** has announced plans to launch a luxury cruise train to take tourists between Toshkent, Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva from late 2026. A memorandum of understanding for the project was signed with national railway UTY and the government's Tourism Committee in Samarkand on October 17. The train would comprise 13 Italian coaches which are to be refurbished in Italy and converted to 1 520 mm gauge through a partnership with Italian national railway FS Group and its Treni Turistici Italiani luxury and tourist service division. The train would have 38 cabins for 66 guests, offering a rail cruises on a route with 'a captivating architectural and artistic heritage' at the heart of the Silk Road. 'The concept of launching railway cruises as the future of tourism is perfectly aligned with our aspiration for innovation and sustainable development', said UTY Acting First

Deputy Chairman Khikmatulla Rakhmetov, 'Signing this memorandum is the first step in the long and exciting journey ahead of us.' **Arsenale** is to launch La Dolce Vita luxury 'slow travel' train services in Italy next year, and is developing a Dream of the Desert train in Saudi Arabia and similar service in the UAE. 'Railway cruises are the future of tourism, a new and sustainable way of travelling', said CEO **Paolo Barletta**. 'Arsenale's mission is to make this experience possible in the most captivating places in the world.' Commenting on the project, Sophie Ibbotson, Uzbekistan's Tourism Ambassador and author of the Bradt travel guide to the country, told Railway Gazette International 'rail travel is so critical for sustainable tourism development in Uzbekistan. This is a country the size of Spain. Uzbekistan expects to soon receive more than 10 million international tourists a year, plus twice that number of local tourists. The domestic flight network can't meet that demand, and from an environmental perspective, it shouldn't.' 'At the World Tourism Organization General

Assembly, President Mirziyoyev confirmed that the extension of Uzbekistan's high speed train network is on track to reach Khiva in 2025 and Nukus in 2026. This means that all of the country's major tourist centres will be accessible by rail, using modern electric trains. 'There is great potential for luxury train travel in Uzbekistan. Golden Eagle Luxury Trains entered the market several years ago and there's high demand for their tours, but there's space in the market for several companies with different itineraries and price points.' Topics

## Uzbekistan to launch luxury tourist train linking major cities by late 2026

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Uzbekistan to launch luxury tourist train linking major cities by late 2026 Search Uzbekistan to launch luxury tourist train linking major cities by late 2026 A new luxury tourist train will link the major tourism cities in Uzbekistan by late 2026. / bne IntelliNews By Daniel Rad in Samarkand October 17, 2023 A luxury tourist train is to connect Tashkent with the historical cities of Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva in Uzbekistan by the end of 2026. The project is outlined in a memorandum that was signed by Uzbekistan Railways, Italian luxury hospitality provider **Arsenale** and the Uzbekistan State Committee for Tourism in Samarkand on October 17. The agreement was inked during an investment forum held on the sidelines of the 25th session of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) General Assembly. Bne IntelliNews in conversations with local tourism officials at the UNWTO was told that Uzbekistan has invested significantly in tourism infrastructure in recent years to secure perceived growth potential amid the economic opening up of the country under the

Mirziyoyev administration. "Tourism has become a key area of investment in terms of moving people around the country in an eco-friendly way," said one conference attendee. **Arsenale** will take care of the design and construction of the luxury class train, which will operate along the Tashkent-Samarkand-Bukhara-Khiva route. High-speed trains of the type that will be seen in Uzbekistan are already in service in several European countries, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. In August, Uzbekistan Railways also considered a proposal from **Arsenale** on the proposed launch of a high-speed tourist train service stretching from Europe to China through Russia. In 2017, Uzbekistan upgraded its Soviet-era rolling stock with new high-speed Spanish trains connecting Tashkent to Samarkand as part of the initial round of upgrades planned for the railways. Complete registration process To continue viewing our content you need to complete the registration process. Please look for an email that was sent to with the subject line "Confirmation bne

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