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TAILOR MADE RAIL

Post-Cruise: Budapest to Venice

From \$1,699 per person // 9 days



Following your river cruise that ends in Budapest, take the train west to Vienna and then down to beautiful Lake Bled in Slovenia. Then, cross into neighbouring Italy and spend two nights in the magical city of Venice.

The Essentials

- Enjoy a night in Budapest back on dry land
- Take high-speed Austrian RailJet trains through to Vienna and down to Bled.
- A full day to explore Vienna in more detail
- A relaxing stay at magnificent Lake Bled in Slovenia
- End the holiday in Venice, or extend your stay elsewhere in Italy
- Reverse the itinerary (Venice to Budapest) if you prefer to arrange a pre-cruise holiday

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel, with reservations as required
- 8 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- City maps and comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

Tailor make your holiday

- Add extra nights & destinations
- Choose alternative hotels
- Upgrade your rail journey to First Class
- Let us suggest the most scenic routes

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - Arrive In Budapest

Arrive in Budapest off your river cruise. Whether or not you have enjoyed a final night in dock on board the ship, we have included a night at the Adina Apartment Hotel, in the city centre. If you have already been staying in Budapest a while, we can organise a rail transfer straight to Vienna for you, depending on the time that you disembark the ship.



Day 2 - Budapest To Vienna

Make your way to Keleti station in Budapest this morning for your 3-hour journey to Vienna. On arrival, check in at the Zeitgeist Hotel (or similar) opposite the station, for a 2-night stay. One of Europe's most famous imperial cities, Vienna is chock-full of grand palaces and historic museums, many set around the elegant boulevard known as the Ring.



Day 3 - Vienna

Enjoy a day at leisure in Vienna today. Take time to visit the Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the famous State Opera House, or take in a performance at the Spanish Riding School. You can also just have a tour of the Spanish Riding school if you would prefer. We can arrange this in advance for you – please call for details.



Day 4 - Vienna To Lake Bled

Take a lunchtime RailJet this lunchtime which takes you south over the Semmering Pass, right at the eastern end of the Alps. Make an easy platform-change at the town of Villach and connect onto another train to Bled. On arrival check in at the Rikli Balance Hotel (or similar) for a 3-night stay.



Days 5 & 6 - Lake Bled

Nestled in Slovenia's Julian Alps, Lake Bled is an absolute gem. The blueish-green lake contains an idyllic island which is home to a beautiful church. You can walk around the entire circumference of the lake in just over an hour. If you fancy a scenic rail journey, you can take a day trip on the picturesque Bohinj Railway which runs southwest from Bled.



Day 7 - Lake Bled To Venice

Make an early start this morning on your train back into Austria, where you once again change at Villach. Here, you pick up a direct train that takes you through the mountainous terrain of north east Italy, and eventually over the causeway into Venice. Check in at the 4-star Hotel Bisanzio (or similar) for a 2-night stay.



Extend Your Holiday

Once you are in Venice, you have the whole of Italy open to you! You can reach Rome (pictured) in just over 3 hours, the Amalfi Coast in 4 hours, Lake Como in 3 hours and the Cinque Terre in just under 4 hours... the whole of holiday Italy is within easy reach.

Pricing

From \$1,699 per person

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