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Venice and Vienna by Rail

From £899 per person // 7 days



Combine two fabulous destinations with the stunning Semmering Pass rail route across the Alps on this 6 night holiday to Venice and Vienna. Our suggested itinerary includes a night en route in Turin and an exciting overnight sleeper journey from Vienna back to Cologne.

The Essentials

- The magic of ethereal Venice
- Two spectacular Alpine crossings, including the Semmering Pass between Villach and Vienna
- The splendour and glamour of Austria's grandiose capital, Vienna
- Sleeper train travel back from Vienna to Cologne

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 5 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast in city-centre locations
- Private two-berth compartment on the overnight sleeper from Vienna to Cologne
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, flight documentation and hotel vouchers
- All credit card surcharges and prompt delivery of your travel documents to your home

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Turin

This morning, embark on your adventure at London St Pancras, Ebbsfleet or Ashford, where you take the Eurostar across to Paris. After an easy crossing between Gare du Nord and Gare de Lyon in Paris, board a TGV train to north-west Italy. This journey starts off on the fast line through French arable farmland, reaching speeds of up to 200 mph, before branching off onto a more twisty and scenic route across the Alps and passing through the Fréjus Tunnel into Italy. Arrive in the cosmopolitan city of Turin in the evening and transfer to the Starhotels Majestic (or similar) for your overnight stay.



Day 2 - Turin To Venice

Make your way to the impressive Porta Nuova station in Turin for your train service through to Venice, taking around 4 hours. Cross the lagoon into Venice Santa Lucia station and check in for 2 nights at the Hotel Bisanzio (or similar). ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: You may also like to travel to Venice via the Swiss Alps, with a stop one of Switzerland's lakeside cities such as Zurich, Lausanne or Lucerne.



Day 3 - Venice

Spend a full day exploring the narrow alleys, pretty squares and wide Grand Canal vistas of Venice. Along with the famous attractions like St Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge, you can also get away from the crowds and discover lesser known wonders like the islands of Murano and Burano or the beautiful Peggy Guggenheim Museum. After a busy day of sightseeing, why not relax as the locals do, with an Aperol Spritz overlooking the Venetian Lagoon.



Day 4 - Venice To Vienna

After breakfast this morning, board the twice-daily train service direct to Vienna. This is an Austrian Railjet train, and the on-board catering is of a good standard, so you can head to the restaurant car for lunch as the scenery becomes more mountainous and you cross into Austria. From here, the train winds its way through the eastern Alps, passing through Klagenfurt and then over the famous Semmering Pass and onwards to the capital city, Vienna. ? On arrival in Vienna, check in at the Parkhotel Schönbrunn (or similar) where you will have a 2-night stay.



Day 5 - Vienna

Elegant boulevards, baroque architecture, imperial palaces and historic Viennese cafés; Austria's capital city is as stately as it sounds. Enjoy a full day at leisure taking in the sights, with plenty of stops for coffee and Sacher Torte. Famous highlights include the stunning Belvedere and Schönbrunn Palaces, the Spanish Riding School and some of the world's oldest and best museums such as the Kunsthistorisches Museum and Museum of Natural History, both built at the same time to house the huge collection amassed by the Habsburg Emperors.



Day 6 - Vienna And Sleeper To Cologne

Spend another day enjoying the best of Vienna. Perhaps pay a visit to St Stephen's Cathedral, take a cruise along the Danube River or discover the colourful architecture of Friedensreich Hundertwasser at the quirky Hundertwasserhaus, and nearby Kunst Haus Wien which also houses a program of temporary exhibitions. In the evening, collect your bags from your hotel and make your way to Vienna's central station for your sleeper service to Cologne.



Day 7 - Cologne To London

You'll arrive at Cologne main station at around 8am this morning. You will usually have received a continental breakfast in your cabin on the train, but you may want to head out of the station for a coffee in the centre of Cologne before your onward journey to Brussels, and from there back to London. **TMR RECOMMENDS:** Upgrade your journey from Cologne to London so that you have free access to the first class lounge in Cologne Station, with complimentary drinks and snacks.

Pricing

From £899 per person

Low season (November-March) **from £899pp**

High season (April-October) **from £1,049pp**

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. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.