



JOIN US FOR THE 2017 **GRAND BALL**

NOVEMBER 2, 2017

Venice Simplon-Orient-Express departs London or Paris to Venice. One night on board, including fine dining

NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Arrive in Venice and two-night stay at Belmond Hotel Cipriani, including breakfast

NOVEMBER 4, 2017

Day at leisure in Venice. Costumes and fittings for the masquerade, aperitifs at Belmond Hotel Cipriani, entrance to Grand Ball taking place at the **Palazzi Contarini degli Scrigni e Corfù** on the Grand Canal, including drinks, dinner and entertainment



Prepare for the most intoxicating adventure of your life!

The grand finale to the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express 2017 season is a journey like no other. Depart from London or Paris, with one night stay on board the legendary train, and glide down to Venice. In the City of Bridges, enjoy two indulgent nights at Belmond Hotel Cipriani and a decadent Grand Ball, a chance to dress up like a Venetian courtier and dance the night away.



Dress in your finery for a four-course dinner in one of the three beautiful art deco restaurant cars

DAY 1 - EVENING ON BOARD

NOVEMBER 2, 2017

For passengers departing from London:

Board the sister train, Belmond British Pullman, at London Victoria Station.

Enjoy a sparkling Bellini and a delicious brunch while passing the Kent countryside.

You are escorted across the Channel to Calais, where the magnificent blue and gold carriages of the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express await.

Make yourself comfortable in your private cabin as the iconic train pulls out of the station and makes its way to Paris.

For passengers departing from Paris:

Board the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train in Paris.

Relax in your beautiful cabin. Soon it will be time for dinner.

Your dining experience

Anticipate the sumptuous journey ahead: gastronomic cuisine, prepared on board by Executive Chef Christian Bodiguel and his expert team; enticing cocktails in '3674' Bar Car, relaxing entertainment from the resident pianist and convivial, engaging company.

Dress in your finery for a four-course dinner in one of the three beautiful art deco restaurant cars and perhaps enjoy a relaxing nightcap in '3674' afterwards. Retire to your cabin, which has now been transformed into a cosy bedroom by your steward.



DAY 2 - EN ROUTE TO VENICE

NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Wake to views of towering mountains, vineyard-clad slopes and picturesque villages as the train courses through the Swiss mountains and lakes.

Continental breakfast is served in your cabin.

Later, enjoy an indulgent lunch and afternoon tea.

A delightful delivery—your Venetian masks—is a reminder of the glamorous happening to come.

The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express makes its way across the Venetian lagoon to Santa Lucia Station, the end of one thrilling journey but the start of another.

Awake to views of towering mountains, vineyard-clad slopes and picturesque villages

Board the private launch that whisks you to Belmond Hotel Cipriani on leafy Giudecca Island.

Check-in at the hotel where you will be handed your agenda for the Grand Ball and details of the costume service and gowns included in your adventure. The time and location of the fitting will be given to you at check-in.

Settle into your luxurious room or suite. The evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. You may wish to try one of the hotel's irresistible dining options, from relaxed Cip's, overlooking the lagoon, to the Michelin-star excellence of Oro (evening meal not included). Retire to your room for a restful night's sleep and prepare for the exciting day ahead.



DAY 3 - VENICE & THE GRAND BALL

NOVEMBER 4, 2017

Enjoy a morning exploring Venice or relaxing by the hotel swimming pool—the only Olympic-size outdoor pool in the city.

During the day enjoy your costume fitting. Staff will be on hand to assist as you sip a glass of Prosecco.

As evening descends, guests gather in their lavish ball attire for cocktails at Belmond Hotel Cipriani before boarding a water taxi to the Palazzi Contarini degli Scignì e Corfù, a fittingly dramatic setting for your entrance. >>>



Board a water taxi to the Palazzi Contarini degli Scignì e Corfù (opposite), a fittingly dramatic setting for your entrance





An intriguing 'emotional cocktail reception' and cutting-edge canapés are served by performing waiting staff in flamboyant guises.

Proceed to the dining room and sit down for a sumptuous three-course dinner of Venetian specialities. Musicians and dancers entertain you as you dine.

After dinner, repair to a different glorious space to enjoy a display of Aerial Silk performers, before participating in a traditional minuetto. Dance the night away to a DJ's tunes, finally returning by water taxi to Belmond Hotel Cipriani for a blissful night's sleep.

DAY 4 - ARRIVEDERCI

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Your journey is over and it is time to continue your onward travels. But perhaps you will be able to do it all again next year. Watch this space...

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PRICES

GRAND BALL PACKAGE

FROM LONDON

Based on a Double Room at Belmond Hotel Cipriani: **£5,370 per person**

Based on a Junior Suite at Belmond Hotel Cipriani: **£5,745 per person**

Based on a Suite at Belmond Hotel Cipriani: **£6,495 per person**

FROM PARIS

Based on a Double Room at Belmond Hotel Cipriani: **£5,070 per person**

Based on a Junior Suite at Belmond Hotel Cipriani: **£5,445 per person**

Based on a Suite at Belmond Hotel Cipriani: **£6,195 per person**

BOTH INCLUDE:

A journey aboard the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express in a private
Twin Cabin* with one night and meals on the train

Two nights at Belmond Hotel Cipriani, breakfast on both days, transfer
from the train station to the hotel, return transfer to the Grand Ball from
Belmond Hotel Cipriani

Costumes and fittings at Belmond Hotel Cipriani

Evening aperitifs at Belmond Hotel Cipriani prior to the Grand Ball

Entrance to the Grand Ball including drinks, dinner and entertainment

*Supplement for a Cabin Suite on board the train available on request

TO BOOK

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