



Golden Eagle Danube Express

# A Grand Rail Adventure: Milan, The Alps & Vienna

*Across the Alps via private luxury train – a new classic for Tauck guests only*

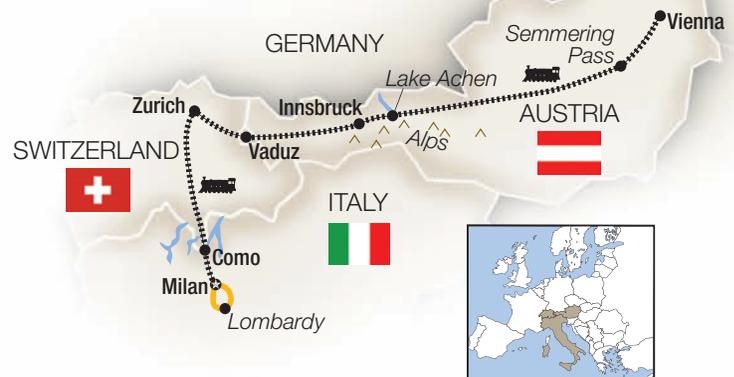
8 DAYS FROM \$12,690

## 1. Arrive Milan

Tour begins 6:00 PM, Excelsior Hotel Gallia. A transfer is included from Milan Malpensa Airport to the Excelsior Hotel Gallia in the heart of the city, opposite the Central Station and close to the fashion district. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

## 2. The Ambrosiana & Milan sights

Enjoy an exclusive early-opening guided visit at the Ambrosiana, one of Milan's most acclaimed art galleries, before the day's crowds arrive. Continue exploring city sites with a local guide. See the Milan Cathedral (the Duomo),



Maximum Elevation: 3,776 ft.

## Uniquely Tauck

- Relive the Golden Age of European rail travel with a three-night journey across Central Europe aboard your private train, Golden Eagle Luxury Trains' *Danube Express*, for Tauck guests only
- Step back in time to the days of the old Habsburg Empire with an after-hours tour of Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace and dinner at Café Residenz
- Immerse in the joys of Italian cuisine and pick up secrets from the chef with a hands-on cooking lesson at a working farm (*cascina*) outside Milan
- Attend a private organ concert for Tauck guests only at magnificent 14th-century Como Cathedral, decorated with tapestries, paintings and frescoes
- Enjoy an exclusive early opening visit to the historic Ambrosiana Museum in Milan to see masterpieces by da Vinci, Caravaggio, and Titian without crowds



A private, after-hours tour of Schönbrunn Palace provides an opportunity to see the opulent art and architecture, unhurried.

built with Candoglia marble shipped from quarries around Lake Maggiore, and visit the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, a 19th-century shopping arcade under a monumental glass and ironwork ceiling, housing a busy warren of boutiques, restaurants, bars and cafés, and view Piazza Scala and Piazza Belgioioso. Drive outside the city for a visit to a working farm, or *cascina*, where you'll enjoy a walking tour and a hands-on cooking lesson in local cuisine, followed by lunch. Return to the city for free time, then join us for dinner at a local restaurant. **Meals BLD**

### 3. All aboard the *Danube Express*

Depart for Milan Central Station and settle in aboard the *Danube Express*, your hotel on wheels for the next three nights. An hour later, you'll arrive in Como for a walking tour of its charming narrow streets and pastel houses beside enchanting Lake Como, lined with stately villas, terraces and promenades, against a dramatic backdrop of snow-capped mountains. Visit the 14th-century marble Duomo, decorated with tapestries, frescoes, and paintings, for an exclusive organ concert for Tauck guests only. Then have lunch aboard the train as you head for the St. Gotthard Pass en route to Zurich. A spectacular landscape

of rugged granite mountains, plunging valleys, and mountain lakes, the St. Gotthard Pass links northern and southern Switzerland, making it historically and culturally significant as well as a breathtaking scenic journey. You'll also glide past stunning Lake Lucerne, where Alpine mountains, meadows and forests roll down to meet its wandering shores. Enjoy dinner aboard the train. **Meals BLD**

### 4. Art in Zurich & Vaduz

Sightseeing in Zurich begins with a guided tour of the Kunsthaus Museum of Art, whose collections of 4,000 paintings, sculptures, and installations include works by Monet, Munch, Picasso, and van Gogh, as well as works dating back to the Middle Ages, with an emphasis on Swiss masters. Then explore Zurich's captivating Old Town with a local guide. Lunch on the train as you ride through scenic landscapes of mountains, farms, and villages to Vaduz in Liechtenstein. Nestled beside the Rhine, Vaduz, the nation's capital, is a fascinating city of art, eclectic architecture, and vantage points for panoramic views. A walking tour of the town's historic center is followed by an opportunity to view



## Golden Eagle Danube Express

### 100% Private for Tauck Guests Only

This exclusive journey is limited to no more than 58 Tauck guests, accompanied by two Tauck Directors! Travel aboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express (operated by Golden Eagle Luxury Trains,) your luxurious “hotel on wheels.” Each evening, your cabin is transformed by your attendant into a well-appointed bedroom. Danube Express’ new Superior Deluxe Cabins (93 sq. ft.) offer two full-size picture windows; daytime seating including a full-length sofa converts to a sumptuous bedroom with a roomy 6’2” x 5’ bed. In Deluxe Cabins (83 sq. ft.), two armchairs provide daytime seating; during dinner, the living room is converted into two comfortable lower beds. All cabins have private bathrooms with shower; individually controlled AC; and in-cabin WiFi and USB ports.



the clifftop medieval castle that is still the residence of the royal family; trails and overlooks offer stunning, princely views of the valley, the imposing mountain range, and the entire city. Dine aboard the train tonight. **Meals BLD**

## 5. Innsbruck & Lake Achen

Beside the striking Nordkette mountain range, Innsbruck is known as the Capital of the Alps, once a favorite retreat of the Habsburgs, who kept a lavish imperial residence here. Take a walking tour of Innsbruck’s medieval Old Town with a local guide; after lunch the *Danube Express* travels the Semmering Pass through some of the most scenic landscapes in central Austria to Jenbach. Cruise the lake to a forested spit of land that can only be reached by boat or on foot; then make your way via coach back to your private train. Enjoy a farewell dinner during your last evening aboard *Danube Express* as you travel in luxurious style to Austria’s beautiful capital city, Vienna, once the center of the old Habsburg Empire. **Meals BLD**

## 6. A grand day in Vienna

Begin your day in Vienna with an exclusive concert with sparkling wine (or soft drinks) in an intimate setting, then return to the train for lunch. After checking into your hotel in the heart of the city, join us for a private, after-hours tour of Schönbrunn Palace, the opulent Habsburg summer residence inspired by Versailles. The rooms in the Baroque palace are ornate and beautiful, with a highlight being the magnificent Imperial apartments of Emperor Franz Joseph



Biblioteca Ambrosiana in Milan houses the Pinacoteca Ambrosiana, an art gallery; visit it in the early opening hours, before the crowds.



The city of Zurich, Switzerland is renowned as a financial center – but you'll discover fabulous art and architecture on city sightseeing.

and his wife Sisi. Dinner tonight is at the Café Residenz, a classic Viennese café on the palace grounds. **Meals BLD**

## 7. The Hofburg & Belvedere Palace

Today's sightseeing in Vienna includes a walking tour featuring views of the Hofburg, the Habsburgs' Imperial Palace for over 600 years. Once the royal residence of Emperor Franz Joseph and Empress Elisabeth ("Sisi"), the opulent Hofburg is now the official home of Austria's president and various government offices. You will have the opportunity to go inside a lavish royal palace when you join us for a guided visit to Baroque-inspired Belvedere Palace, really two palaces in one and the former residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy, now a museum housing important collections of Austrian art from the Middle Ages to the present, works by famed artists such as Claude Monet and Vincent van Gogh, and the world's largest collection of Gustav Klimt paintings, including *The Kiss*. Spend free time exploring Vienna on your own, then join us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals BD**

## 8. Journey Home

**Tour ends: Vienna.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Hotel Bristol to Vienna International Airport. Allow at least three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

## 2022 DATES

**Eastbound: Milan to Vienna**

May 11 Sep 17, 25 Oct 3 **/= Sold Out!**

**Westbound: Vienna to Milan**

May 7 Sep 13, 21, 29

Go to [tauck.com](http://tauck.com) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

## 2022 PRICE PER PERSON

### Deluxe Cabin

Double \$ 12,690 Single \$ 19,171

### Superior Deluxe Cabin

Double \$ 13,890 Single \$ 21,571

## 2022 PRICE INCLUSIONS

19 meals (7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides.

## 2022 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	<b>EXCELSIOR HOTEL GALLIA</b>	Milan, Italy
Night 3-5	<b>GOLDEN EAGLE DANUBE EXPRESS</b>	Rail Journey
Night 6,7	<b>HOTEL BRISTOL VIENNA</b>	Vienna, Austria

International airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates on air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (\*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Guest Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.**

**Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2**



FEATURED HOTEL

### Hotel Bristol Vienna

An Art Deco gem set adjacent to the Vienna State Opera, the Hotel Bristol Vienna has been a living example of Viennese charm and personalized service since 1892. Its elegant, exclusive guest rooms feel like turn-of-the-century apartments, and offer spectacular views of the city.