Great Train Journeys of the World 2015

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Some rail journeys are electrifyingly fast, others take their time to roll through beautiful or exotic landscapes. And then there are those that take their passengers to another world, ones in which the glamour, elegance and romance of rail's golden age still lives on.

Each of the voyages in this collection of Great Train Journeys – from the fabled Venice Simplon-Orient Express and the legendary Trans-Siberian Railway to the breathtaking Rocky Mountaineer and the opulent ‘Pride of Africa’ - offer something magical and unique.

You can glide through the Namibian desert, cross the Siberian steppes, scale the Southern Alps or soak up the colour of majestic Rajasthan. And along the way you can tour whisky distilleries, visit African game parks or travel through jungle to discover ancient Asian temples.

You can choose to reflect on the journey in your own private quarters or you can share the adventure with fellow travellers as you mix in stylish dining cars and chic lounges.

All of these journeys have one thing in common – they have been hand-picked by our team of rail experts to meet the highest standards of luxury travel, from comfortable cabins with outstanding views to first-class service and the finest cuisine. Like all Great Rail Journeys they also offer the traveller exceptional convenience. Unpack just once, then sit back and relax as you effortlessly travel between unforgettable destinations.


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DEPARTURES

Venice Simplon-Orient-Express offers a variety of journeys ranging from 1-5 nights. The train departs London or Paris to Venice on selected Thursdays and Sundays and returns from Venice on selected Wednesdays and Saturdays between 18 March and 5 November, 2015. Paris to Istanbul departs 28 August and returns from Istanbul to Venice 4 September, 2015. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz

INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard Venice Simplon-Orient-Express includes onboard accommodation, meals and entertainment as described in each itinerary.

BELMOND BRITISH PULLMAN, LONDON

Step on board the Belmond British Pullman, sister train to Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, and you are back in the heyday of great train travel. Experience a magnificent five-course lunch, accompanied by Champagne, as you travel on a circular tour of the British countryside. This is the perfect day-trip extension from London Victoria station.
Belmond Royal Scotsman, Edinburgh

Traditional style and elegant comfort provide an unparalleled way to explore the very best of Scotland and the Highlands. As the train draws out of Edinburgh’s Waverley Station, your journey into a magical place of history, nature and romance begins.

With a maximum of just 36 guests onboard, Belmond Royal Scotsman allows the privileged few to travel straight to the heart of Scotland, passing through rugged castles, picturesque villages, landscapes of sweeping glens, towering peaks and mirror-calm lochs as the train weaves through wild countryside and along virgin stretches of coast.

Guests disembark daily to visit exceptional places of interest, such as private residences, romantic castles and whisky distilleries. Life on the train is relaxed and indulgent, with the freshest, finest local produce served in the Dining Cars. Indulge in afternoon tea while sharing stories with fellow guests as the train journeys on.

The Observation Car provides a wonderful vantage point from which to enjoy the spectacular Highlands scenery. Settle down in a comfortable sofa or armchair as you glide past castles, villages and glens. For open-air views, step out onto the veranda to appreciate the wild beauty of the countryside and coast. The perfect setting to enjoy an aperitif or after-dinner drink, sit back and enjoy the conviviality, conversation and relaxed country-house atmosphere. Nightly entertainment creates a memorable Scottish ambiance.

Nightfall brings cocktails and candlelit dinners before sinking into your comfortable cabin to dream of the next day’s adventures.

There are 14 twin, two double and four single State Cabins onboard the train’s Sleeping Cars, each lined with rich marquetry. All have a private bathroom with shower, washbasin and toilet, constant hot water, high-quality toiletries and fresh towels every day.

Rooms have been designed to offer the ultimate in luxury travel. Facilities include lower beds, a dressing table, a full-length wardrobe, individually controlled heating, ceiling fans, opening windows and a cabin service call button.

On each bed there is a foam pillow, a hypoallergenic duvet and quilted cotton bed covers. With the train stabled at night in a quiet siding or station, a good night’s sleep is guaranteed.

Belmond Royal Scotsman is an experience to be treasured. It may have a beginning and an end but the memories will be valued forever.

INCLUSIONS
Your journey aboard Belmond Royal Scotsman includes a state cabin with twin or single accommodation, private ensuite facilities, all meals and beverages, onboard hosts throughout plus visits and entertainment as described in each itinerary.

DEPARTURES
Belmond Royal Scotsman offers a variety of journeys ranging from 2 – 7 nights between 20 April and 16 October, 2015. For specific itineraries and departure dates visit please our website
www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz
El Transcantàbrico, Spain’s first Luxurious Train, has been delighting its guests by making travelling through Spain an even greater experience than ever before.

All the magic of Northern Spain awaits guests aboard two amazing itineraries. Spend 8 days/7 nights on either the route between Santiago de Compostela to León or the route from Santiago de Compostela to San Sebastian. Shorter itineraries are also available and range between two to five nights of luxury on board the train.

Each suite compartment is elegantly furnished with a double bed or the option of an independent upper bunk, luggage space, wardrobe, private bathroom facilities and large picture windows allowing guests the opportunity to rest in the privacy of their room with a constantly changing view.

The El Transcantabrico also provides an opportunity to sample some of Spain’s exceptional cuisines. Breakfast is served onboard, whilst all other meals, with the exception of one; will be served in local restaurants.

There is a luxury coach on standby to visit some of the sights along the journey which are not accessible by train; to make sure that even the most remote, fascinating places of this beautiful region can be visited.

INCLUSIONS
Your journey includes 7 nights’ accommodation in a suite onboard the train with ensuite facilities, all meals and beverages including wine and spirits, programmed excursions, onboard hosts throughout plus visits and entertainment as described in each itinerary.

DEPARTURES
There are several departures all year round between March–October, 2015. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz
EL EXPRESO DE LA ROBLA

Discovering the North of Spain has never been more nostalgic – now with the option of two distinct itineraries to choose from, each offering their own unique experience over 4 days / 3 nights.

The ‘Infinite Paradise’ itinerary is a round-trip departing from Bilbao on Thursdays. Off-train excursions include stops at Carranza and Unquera where guests will be visiting the Monastery of Santo Toribio – a Roman Catholic monastery located in the district of Liébana. Guests then head back to the train in the evening and travel onto Ribadesella. After a delicious breakfast on day three passengers will be escorted off the train and onboard a coach to visit the splendid city of Gijon. The train will then make its way back to Bilbao where your journey will end.

The ‘La Robla’ route departs every Thursday from Bilbao and visits León – a city founded by the Romans, full of culture and art. Visit San Isidoro, Léon Cathedral, the old town and San Marcos. On the last day, passengers will visit the cities of Espinosa de los Monteros and Medina de Pomar with their remarkable monuments such as the Alcazar de los Condestables and its old quarters. The train then arrives back into Bilbao where passengers bid farewell to the train and fellow passengers.

Whichever journey you choose, you are certain to be mesmerized and pampered in style.

AL ANDALUS

A luxury train trip combining attentive service, lush décor and elegant cuisines - Enjoy the Spanish scenery on the Al Andalus as you journey through the country’s southernmost territory.

Guests are whisked away on board one of two 6 day/5 night itineraries. The ‘Andalusia itinerary’ travels through Andalusia in southern Spain, with visits to (amongst other places) Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Ronda and Cadiz, taking in an extensive sweep of Southern Spain, whilst being transported through stunning scenery from the mountains of the Sierra Nevada to the Atlantic Ocean.

The ‘Ibérico itinerary’ is Zaragoza to Madrid or Madrid to Zaragoza, with a full programme of visits and a tour to Pamplona, Ávila – City of the Stones and Saints, with thousand-year old city walls and many Romanesque and Gothic churches and Segovia, with Roman architecture.

There are twelve standard suites with two lower beds, a safe, private bathroom and closet space. There are twenty superior suites each of which has a double bed, a mini-bar, safe, closet and a full bathroom with shaving points and a hairdryer.

INCLUSIONS

Your journey includes accommodation on board the train, with private ensuite facilities, beverages, full breakfast is served each day on the train. Lunches and dinners are mostly taken at local restaurants, unless on the train travelling between destinations. Programmed excursions, onboard hosts throughout plus visits and entertainment as described in each itinerary.

DEPARTURES

There are several departures throughout the year. The Infinite Paradise itinerary departs between June – September, 2015 and the La Robla itinerary departs between March – November, 2015. The Al Andalus departs on various dates between March – October 2015. For specific itineraries For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz
Trans-Siberian by Private Train “The Tsar’s Gold”

Experience Russia, Mongolia and China in the safest, most comfortable and fascinating manner. The historic route between Moscow, Lake Baikal and Beijing is the heart of most journeys: Your exciting days deliver three of the world’s largest countries directly to your compartment. Lean back to enjoy the dramatic changes of scenery and savour a choice of Europe’s and Asia’s most superb and splendid landscapes!

Your 15 day/14 night* journey, starts when you arrive into Beijing. Highlights include Beijing’s most stunning sights: the Temple of Heaven as well as the famous Tiananmen Square. Visit The Great Wall of China - the 8th Wonder of the World; and your chance to experience it up close.

Your rail journey begins on the third day onboard a modern Chinese train that pulls out from Beijing’s station, en-route a 16-hour trip to Mongolia. Day four sees you arriving at the Chinese-Mongolian border and a change of trains. All aboard “The Tsar’s Gold”! Your Private Train takes you through the vast expanse of the Gobi desert, then through the great green steppes of Mongolia. Arrive into Ulan Baator on day five- enjoy a tour of the city and see the Choijin Lama temple; in the evening you will have the unique opportunity to watch traditional Mongolian music performances.

Heading towards Ulan Ude your train joins the main route of the Trans-siberian Railroad. Here you can stroll through the city streets or join the guided tour of the city. The next day is dedicated to Lake Baikal. Take a moment to have a dip in the lake, visit a picturesque Baikal village and enjoy a short boat ride on the lake. If the night is warm, your dinner will be served as a picnic on the shores of the spectacular lake before re-boarding the train.

Following cities visited will be Irkutsk and onto Siberia – where the train takes you through the landscapes of Eastern Siberia with its mountains, crystal-clear rivers and verdant slopes. On board the train you enjoy a social get-together complete with Russian speciality and vodka tasting. Following on, the train arrives in Yekaterinburg, the capital of the Ural Mountains and the border between Asia and Europe, where you enjoy a short tour of the city centre which was restored in 2009.

Last stop Moscow - Russia’s capital and one of the world’s richest and most dynamic cities. On a guided tour of Moscow, see the reconstructed Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, the New Virgin Monastery and the Red Square with its colourful St. Basil’s Cathedral. This is where you will bid your fantastic journey farewell before your departure to the airport.

INCLUSIONS

Your itinerary includes hotel accommodation, travel in Private trains with your choice of 4-5 levels of accommodation onboard, selected transfers, meals and excursions as per itineraries. There is a possibility to experience an overnight stay in a real Mongolian yurt during the stop in Ulan Baator [pre-booking is required]

Please note: Beverages and tipping not included.

DEPARTURES

There are 10 Trans-Siberian departures, Eastbound or Westbound, between 10 May – 21 September, 2015. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz

* Tours also operate in the opposite direction from Moscow to Beijing (16 days/15 nights).

VISAS

Visas are required for Mongolia, Russia and China. Full visa guidelines will be provided (additional costs will apply).
The longest and the most famous railway journey in the world, the Trans-Siberian Railway traverses the whole expanse of Russia from Europe to the Orient. Experience this legendary journey like never before, in the elegance and comfort of a private luxury train.

The Golden Eagle is Russia’s only private train with ensuite facilities. Tours onboard the Golden Eagle include the iconic Trans-Siberian route; the Silk Road through Central Asia; and many other remarkable journeys to some of the world’s most remote and fascinating regions. Follow the classic route - with itineraries departing from either Moscow or Vladivostok, you can experience the legendary Trans-Siberian Railway over 15 days, in comfort and style.

Departing from Moscow in the evening, the train’s first stop is the historic city of Kazan – the capital of Tatarstan. The train crosses through the Europe/Asia divide before arriving into the capital of the Urals- Yekaterinburg. The train then travels through Siberia, guests get to relax onboard and experience ever-changing views before arriving into Irkutsk the ‘Paris of Siberia’. Day eight, the train winds its way by steam through tunnels along cliff hugging tracks along the shores of Lake Baikal – the world’s largest freshwater lake. The train will branch off the Trans-Siberian main line to take a trip into Mongolia for a visit to Ulaan Bataar. After travelling through 8 time zones and over 6,600 miles (10,600kms) along this epic route to the end of the Trans-Siberian line, the Golden Eagle pulls into Vladivostok where guests are transferred to the four-star Hotel Hyundai, Vladivostok Burny for the final evening and a Farewell Dinner.

THE NAADAM FESTIVAL

For a full insight to life in Mongolia, why not experience a Naadam Festival Trans-Siberian departure – a journey across Russia onboard the Golden Eagle Private Train combined with a visit to the lively Mongolian National Festival. Be among the few non-Mongolian’s to experience this spectacular but little known festival and soak up the exciting atmosphere of this National holiday. Eastbound departs 1st July, Westbound departs 10th July 2015.

Explore the countries on both the eastern and western shores of the Caspian Sea – Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. With their location at the crossroads of trade, religion, language and the arts, these countries are home to fascinating modern cultures as well as some of the world’s most ancient and timeless architecture. Departing October 15, The Caspian Odyssey is a breathtakingly beautiful and remarkable journey as we discover the mysteries, diversity and traditions of this part of the world.

SHORTER ITINERARIES

Experience a taste of the Trans-Siberian Railway with our short tour options. Travel onboard the “Golden Eagle” between Moscow and Lake Baikal (9 days) on the Baikal Express itinerary – tour not available in the opposite direction. Itineraries include 1 night in Moscow, 6 nights onboard the Golden Eagle and 1 night in Irkutsk.

Included in your itinerary is hotel accommodation in Moscow and Vladivostok.

Marriott Royal Aurora, Moscow ★★★★★
Experience a wonderful mix of traditional and modern Moscow with a one-night stay at the exquisite Marriott Royal Aurora Hotel. Located in Moscow’s city centre, within walking distance of the world-renowned Red Square and Bolshoi Theatre, this is the only hotel in Moscow that offers a butler service for each guest room.

Hotel Hyundai– Vladivostok Burny ★★★★★
Vladivostok is an interesting city blending European and Oriental cultures, and The Hotel Hyundai is well located in the heart of the city. Guests enjoy their stay here for one night and will be conveniently located in the cultural centre. This best-available city hotel is walking distance from the main streets of Vladivostok.

Caspian Odyssey

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DEPARTURES

There are 8 departures, eastbound or westbound, between 17 May and 4 September, 2015. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz.

INCLUSIONS

Your Trans-Siberian Railway tour includes accommodation onboard the train, hotel accommodation as described in each itinerary, all meals, alcoholic beverages with lunch and dinner, off-train tours with experienced guides, gratuities, services of an onboard doctor, 24 hour cabin attendants and airport transfers.

Imperial Suites are 120 sq. ft in size and are the only cabins that offer a large double bed onboard, ensuite facilities, personal butler service, complimentary full stocked minibar, laundry services, hotel room upgrades to the next available category and all the amenities to make your journey as luxurious as possible. Imperial Suite guests will also benefit from the option of a private guide and car service in most of the places visited along the route.

Gold Class cabins offer a double bed that converts to a sofa during the day, ensuite facilities including power showers and under floor heating, DVD/CD player, LCD screens, audio system, and individual air conditioning.

Silver Class cabins are more compact and have similar facilities as the Gold Class cabins, including ensuite facilities with a ‘wet-room’ style shower and toilet.

All three classes of cabin benefit from an evening turndown service and the services of a cabin attendant who is on call 24 hours a day. Our onboard cabin attendants are highly regarded by our guests for their impeccable service. In each cabin you will also find an excellent selection of L’Occitane shower gels and shampoos, complemented by premium bath robes, slippers and hairdryer.

Dining onboard the Golden Eagle, in one of the beautifully appointed restaurant cars, offers local specialities as well as international cuisine prepared by the onboard chefs. The bar car provides a great place to relax and enjoy the countryside and get to know your fellow passengers.

VISAS

Visas are required for Mongolia and Russia (double entry). All required visa invitation letters and guidelines will be provided.
Retracing one of the most important trading routes of ancient civilisation, the Silk Road follows in the footsteps of such legendary figures as Alexander the Great and Marco Polo. For centuries, merchants and adventurers journeyed to and from China on ancient routes through some of the most testing landscapes in the world trading silk, spices and perfumes. These ‘highways’ – stretching some 4,000 miles (6,400 km) – collectively came to be called the ‘Silk Road’.

Crossing both Russia and China as well as some of the remotest former Soviet Republics our epic journey onboard the Golden Eagle through Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan and the Shangri-La Express from the Kazakh border to Beijing across the Gobi Desert and through an ever-changing landscape, will take in some of the most magnificent yet little visited sites and oasis cities from the ancient world.

We travel a total of 6,800 miles (11,000 kilometres) across five countries and six time zones through areas only accessible by train. Whilst the journey may present great difficulties for the independent traveller, our tour provides the opportunity to travel in comfort and safety.

A true feeling of adventure and pioneering awaits on this unique 21-day tour by private train.

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

During our three-night stay in Beijing we devote a day to the most awe-inspiring site in the whole of China - The Great Wall. This amazing edifice is perhaps the most evocative symbol of Chinese skill and precision. We have the privilege of walking along a portion of the wall - the perfect opportunity to take some memorable photographs with your fellow guests.

INCLUSIONS

Your Silk Road tour includes accommodation onboard the Golden Eagle (refer to page 9 for onboard service levels) and the Shangri-La Express in a twin cabin, hotel accommodation as described in each itinerary, all meals, alcoholic beverages with lunch and dinner, off-train tours with experienced guides, gratuities, services of an onboard doctor, 24 hour cabin attendant & airport transfers.

DEPARTURES

There are 2 departures; Eastbound departs 19 September to 9 October 2015, Westbound departs 23 September to 13 October 2015. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz

VISAS

Visas are required for China, Russia and Turkmenistan. Double entry visas are required for Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. All required visa invitation letters and guidelines will be provided.
Journey through Central Asia along the Silk Road: From Turkmenistan to Kazakhstan

DEPARTURES

There are 4 departures between 02 April and 20 October, 2015. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz

VISAS

Visas are required for Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. Full visa guidelines will be provided (additional costs will apply).

INCLUSIONS

Your itinerary includes hotel accommodation, travel in a Private train with your choice of 4 levels of accommodation onboard, selected transfers, meals and excursions as per itineraries.

Stretching from the Caspian Sea to the Tien Shan Mountains, the Central Asian countries of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan are richly endowed with history and culture, a flavour of which you will sample on this exciting journey by Private Train from Ashgabat to Almaty.

This 14 day tour begins in Ashgabat- board your Private Train and start your journey through the infamous Karakum Desert. Visit the colourful Tolkuchka Bazaar, a typical oriental market, one of the largest in Central Asia, where in addition to camels one can also buy precious silver jewellery and valuable carpets. After lunch, take a city tour and become acquainted with today’s capital Ashgabat.

Dine with folklore and later depart on your Private Train to arrive at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Merv, with its gigantic walls and the impressive ruins of old buildings such as the Mausoleum of Sultan Sanjar and the Virgin Fortress (Kis Kale). Lunch is served in the picturesque courtyard of an artist, before boarding your Private Train heading for Bukhara - The City with the Desert Lighthouse situated in the middle of the Kyzyl Kum desert. Here, you’ll experience the city in an all-day tour program, including lunch. Bukhara is a large, unique and authentic art museum that maintains its old oriental face. In the morning, we guide you to the magnificent Mire-e-Arab Madrasah and the most beautiful and precious building in Central Asia, the Samanid Mausoleum.

Take a tour through the fortress Ark and visit the summer residence of the last Emir. At the end of your stay, we visit the only women’s mosque in the world. Later in the evening your train departs for Khiva and you will spend the night in your compartment. In the morning we arrive in Samarqand - visit a silk carpet factory and an Uzbek craftsman’s family, see paper manufactured from mulberry bark, the observatory of Ulug Beg and the ruins of the Bibi Khanum Mosque. Your private train then heads to Tashkent, Turkestan before arriving into Almaty - situated at the foothills of the northern Tien Shan Mountains. Visit the Zenkov Russian Cathedral, one of the world’s tallest all wood buildings. Almaty is where your epic journey comes to an end.

Itinerary also available in the reverse direction.

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Discover the mystery and magic of Asia onboard a unique journey that will leave you with memories to last a lifetime. As the scenery unfolds, experience a panoramic view of the mystical landscapes of Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Laos onboard Eastern & Oriental Express.

The majesty and splendour of Eastern & Oriental Express, with its comfortable and elegant compartments, gourmet cuisine and superb service, combined with the adventure of a journey through the heart of Asia, is a truly unique way to experience the full wonder of this remarkable region.

Eastern & Oriental Express offers a choice of itineraries including the classic three day journey linking Singapore and Bangkok, including a tour of Georgetown, Penang and a cruise along the River Kwai. The reverse itinerary from Bangkok is a four day journey.

Accommodating 132 passengers in 66 air-conditioned cabins, the Eastern & Oriental Express offers three grades of comfortable, wood-panelled cabins - Pullman, State and Presidential Suites - all decorated with exquisite marquetry.

Each air-conditioned cabin has an ensuite shower and lavatory, and large picture windows.

Pullman Cabins feature upper and lower berths, State Cabins and Presidential Suites offer two lower berths and are more spacious. During the day, berths are converted into comfortable seating.

This is a truly unique way to explore South East Asia and a remarkable celebration of any special occasion. A quarter of a mile in length, Eastern & Oriental Express luxury train recaptures the golden age of rail travel through one of the world’s most beautiful and exotic regions.

INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard Eastern & Oriental includes accommodation in your choice of 3 cabin types; Pullman, State and Presidential, each offering ensuite facilities, all meals, visits and entertainment as described in each itinerary.

DEPARTURES

Eastern & Oriental journeys range from 2-3 nights. There are several departures between Singapore and Bangkok or vice versa all year round. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz

Special offer: Combine a journey on the Eastern & Oriental Express with the Belmond Road to Mandalay or Belmond Orcaella voyage and receive a 15% reduction on the train fare and cruise.

Kuala Lumpur

Bangkok

Singapore

CAMBODIA

VIETNAM

THAILAND

MALAYSIA

INDONESIA
Eastern & Oriental Express introduces two journeys that let you experience Asia in greater depth. Each trip offers a unique opportunity to discover more about this beguiling and beautiful part of the world.

Fables of the Peninsula, this journey takes you back in time while offering thrilling new insights into contemporary life. The itinerary sees the train wind its way between Singapore and Bangkok or vice versa over 5 incredible nights. Before you board the train, passengers overnight in elegant Raffles Hotel.

Day two, we board Eastern & Oriental Express and head to Kuala Lumpur, nestled in the urban sprawl of the Klang Valley. Enjoy this lively city with your choice of morning tours to the markets or be enticed by the city’s history and heritage museums. Return to the train after your selected tour and savour lunch on board as we depart KL, climbing past rubber and oil palm plantations towards Malaysia’s emerald-hued uplands. Upon arriving at Tapah Station, disembark the train for the coach transfer to the Cameron Highlands Resort where you will be treated for 2 nights.

The train also travels to Penang and Huay Yang - a small community 300 kms south of Bangkok, a small fishing town and an idyllic tropical island visit which features stunning scenery of gently swaying coconut palms on miles of white beaches surrounded by majestic mountains.

Disembark in Bangkok after seven glorious days and wave goodbye to the train and fellow guests.

Guests can also extend their journey with a two night experience, ‘The Ancient Kingdom of Lanna’ which leads guests from Bangkok through Thailand’s remote north-east plain, with its exquisite Khmer temples and on to Chiang Mai; including off train local cultural visits and excursions. Guests can take advantage of combining ‘The Ancient Kingdom of Lanna’ with a classic journey on the Eastern & Oriental Express from Singapore to Bangkok, creating a four or five night adventure.

These journeys are a unique opportunity to enjoy stimulating conversations with fascinating people both off and on the train. Meet the elders of tiny villages or the oenologist at a cutting-edge winery then return to the train for an aperitif in the Bar Car as the resident pianist plays.

All too soon the final destination approaches: memories are savoured, goodbyes are said and, perhaps, plans hatched for a future journey East.

**DEPARTURES**

Fables of the Peninsula and ancient Kingdom of Lanna offers journeys ranging from 2-5 nights. There are twelve departures between 18 February and 23 November, 2015. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz](http://www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz)

Combine a journey on the Eastern & Oriental Express with a Belmond Orcaella Cruise and receive a 15% reduction on the train fare and cruise.

**INCLUSIONS**

Your journey aboard Eastern & Oriental combines overnight stays both in hotels and onboard the train in your choice of 2 cabin types; State and Presidential both with ensuite facilities, all meals and beverages onboard with complimentary tea and coffee served in your cabin, sightseeing and excursions as described in each itinerary.
Golden temples, saffron-robed monks, ancient legends and gracious people—Myanmar holds endless wonders, waiting to be revealed.

Myanmar continues to capture the hearts and minds of travellers as it has done for centuries. Its unique ambience harks back to more tranquil times. Ox-drawn carts trundle along dusty roads, monks worship at revered shrines and the charming locals greet travellers with warm and generous smiles.

The best vantage point from which to glimpse the country is a journey on board one of our two intimate river cruises: Belmond Road to Mandalay and Belmond Orcaella.

On board both cruisers you will find a range of facilities to ensure your journey is indulgent and comfortable. Sun-splashed observation decks complete with cooling swimming pool, are perfect places to sit and watch the scenery unfold.

Each cruiser is also set to pamper. Wellbeing areas offer a selection of massages and treatments. There is also a fitness area for those who wish to stay in shape, and a delightful boutique to pick up mementos and souvenirs.

Each day will be full of exciting activities and excursions. Along with visits to historic sites and local villages, you’ll enjoy fascinating lectures, demonstrations and parties on board. In the evenings you can enjoy live music from resident and visiting musicians, as well as special entertainment including local acrobats and dance troupes.

Our expert crew is on-hand to ensure that your time in Myanmar is unforgettable.

From waiters and guides to resident musicians and a fully-qualified doctor, our warm and attentive service will be yet another highlight of your trip.

DEPARTURES

Both river cruises offer a variety of journeys. Belmond Orcaella offers a luxurious 7- or 11-night cruise. Belmond Road to Mandalay cruises range between 3- to 11-nights. There are several departures all year round. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz

Special offer: Combine a journey on the Eastern & Oriental Express with the Belmond Road to Mandalay or Belmond Orcaella voyage and receive a 15% reduction on the train fare and cruise.

INCLUSIONS

Belmond Orcaella can accommodate up to 50 guests across 2 Balcony Suites, 1 Junior Suite, 13 State and 9 Deluxe Cabins. Five cabin categories are available on Belmond Road to Mandalay. The Governor’s Suite, Superior, State and Deluxe Cabins including Single cabins. Each cabin includes ensuite facilities. Features include a personal safe, telephone, satellite television, en-suite bathroom and shower amenities.

Meals onboard range of dishes, including Burmese, Thai, Indonesian, Indian and European specialities. Early morning tea and coffee is available in your cabin on request, followed by a full breakfast. An extensive buffet-style lunch is served on the observation deck or in the restaurant. Dinners are served in the restaurant and offer a choice of succulent dishes to cater to all tastes. Carefully selected wines are also available to complement your meal.
Palace on Wheels & Maharajas’ Express

**PALACE ON WHEELS**

The Palace on Wheels takes you on a vibrant journey to the royal land of sand dunes and regal palaces. Visit the majestic expanse where Royal Rajputs lived in style. Explore this imperial land on the Palace on Wheels, the luxurious train of India that carries with it an ambience that goes perfectly well with the majestic charm and beauty spread so lavishly in Rajasthan.

The Palace on Wheels offers 8 days of sheer luxury as you take in the sites of historic Rajasthan including the pink city of Jaipur, the jewel of the desert, Jaisalmer, city of lakes and palaces, Udaipur, as well as Agra’s Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world.

Luxurious accommodation is a key element within this royal retreat. The train has two lavish restaurants “The Maharaja” and “The Maharani” where Continental, Chinese and Indian (including Rajasthani) cuisines are served. There is also a well stocked bar, offering the best Indian and international brands of liquor, wine and other spirits.

**MAHARAJAS’ EXPRESS**

Step aboard into a world of red carpets and high teas with maharajas. Rediscover a bygone age of elegance, opulence and romance. With six exclusive itineraries to choose from, the Maharajas’ Express promises to show you Western and Eastern India like never before.

‘The Indian Splendour’ is an incredible 7 night journey of exploration of India’s diversity, beginning in Delhi- The Maharajas’ Express departs this morning to Agra, home to one of the world’s great architectural wonders- the Taj Mahal. Come face to face with a tiger in Ranthambore, visit the Amber Fort in Jaipur and explore the shimmering Lake City of Udaipur with your final stop being the financial capital city of Mumbai. ‘The Heritage of India’ is in the reverse direction, with minor changes in the flow of activities.

Embark on ‘Indian Panorama’, an unforgettable escapade over 7 nights that begins in the capital city of Delhi. Witness the splendour of the Taj Mahal in Agra and the magnificent wilderness of the Bandhavgarh National Park. Make your way through the sacred city of Varanasi and cruise on the River Ganges to observe ancient spiritual rites. Experience the elegance and imperial splendour of the Nawabs in Lucknow; your journey ends in Delhi.

For shorter itineraries, ‘The Treasures of India’ and ‘Gems of India’ are round-trips from Delhi over 3 nights. Cities visited are Agra, Ranthambore and Jaipur.

**INCLUSIONS**

Your journey aboard both trains include accommodation onboard with en suite facilities, sightseeing tours including entrance fees as per described itinerary, all meals, bottled mineral water on board, tea and off train guided excursions.

Soft beverages, house brands of Indian wines, beer and spirits are included when travelling onboard Maharajas’ Express.

**DEPARTURES**

There are several departures all year round between September – April 2015. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website

www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz
Deccan Odyssey, Royal Rajasthan on Wheels and the Golden Chariot

DECCAN ODYSSEY
Since the advent of the railways in India, train journeys have been the subject of much fascination and mystery. Today, the Deccan Odyssey continues this legacy of princely sojourns by introducing fascinating journeys covering the length and breadth of the exotic and enchanting landscape of India!

Ripe with romance, adventure and style, each luxury rail tour with the Deccan Odyssey is a once in a lifetime experience. The juxtaposition of the traditional with the contemporary is beautifully presented through vintage cabins, gastronomic cuisines and lively off-board entertainment in each of the deluxe train journeys onboard the Deccan Odyssey.

Departing from Mumbai on a 7 night journey, the Deccan Odyssey is an exploration of India’s diversity, exotic locales and the discovery of timeless traditions; taking one on a flight of fancy as you experience the vibrancy, colours, sounds and visual sensations as the train moves through varying regions and rural countryside.

ROYAL RAJASTHAN ON WHEELS
Departing from Delhi, experience the contemporary regal luxury on a 7 night journey with the new Royal Rajasthan on Wheels. Visit the magical destinations of Jaipur, Udaipur and Agra and unfold the romantic legacies of Chittorgarh, where the land of glory and valour is bound to leave you enchanted. Travel across Jodhpur and do not miss out on the spiritual experience waiting in Varanasi! Discover Bharatpur and Sawai Madhopur all whilst travelling in the luxury of the Royal Rajasthan on Wheels.

THE GOLDEN CHARIOT
This luxurious train offers two unique itineraries, The Pride of the South itinerary and The Southern Splendor. Travel on The Pride of The South itinerary, a round-trip from Bangalore - discover Badami and the famous beach city of Goa. The Southern Splendor voyage covers three states of South India, you will be taken through exotic locales starting from the garden city of Bangalore passing through ancient temple towns of Tamil Nadu and finally ending the journey in the coastal city of Kochi.

INCLUSIONS
Your journey aboard all 3 trains include accommodation onboard the train, ensuite facilities, all meals and sightseeing tours including entrance fees as per described itinerary.

DEPARTURES
The Deccan Odyssey is a 7-night round-trip from Mumbai and runs on selected Wednesdays. Royal Rajasthan on Wheels is a 7 night round-trip departing from New Delhi on Sundays. The Golden Chariot is a 7-night round-trip from Bangalore and departs on selected Mondays. All 3 trains operate during the months of October 2014 – April 2015. Please note, there are no services operating between May – August. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz
The Blue Train has an aura of mystique about it. Weaving a distinctive thread of blue across the tapestry of South Africa’s captivating landscape, The Blue Train has become synonymous with the ultimate in luxury and personal service.

A magnificent five-star hotel on wheels, The Blue Train is a journey that is defined by personal attention and devotion to detail. Relax as you depart on an overnight journey between Cape Town’s monolithic Table Mountain and the jacaranda-lined streets of Pretoria.

Onboard the train, guests indulge in exquisite meals freshly prepared by top chefs and accompanied by some of the best wines South Africa has to offer. Around-the-clock personal Butlers see to the guests’ every need for the duration of their experience; be it in the comfort of their private suites or at any one of our elegant lounges.

The suites on The Blue Train live up to its reputation for magnificence and splendour. The finest bed linen, marble tiles and gold fittings in the bathrooms and sheer opulence all ensure that guests will never forget the time they spend on The Blue Train.

The Blue Train experience is a banquet for all the senses and this is especially true of our dining car. Here the reassuring weight of Sheffield cutlery and crystal glassware on crisp white linen set the tone for the delights to follow.

As the sky darkens over the landscape, the days smart-casual dress code gives way to a parade of elegant eveningwear or traditional attire, in keeping with The Blue Train’s classic livery and earthy African décor. Each meal is scored to a selection of tasteful background music, ranging from smooth jazz to light classical to the mellow tones of the Soweto String Quartet.

A meal on The Blue Train is an experience in itself. Prepared from the freshest produce and ingredients, artfully presented in the finest Silver Service tradition, The Blue Train’s legendary cuisine is an irresistible tribute to culinary mastery.

The Blue Train offers far more than just a journey. It is an all-inclusive experience offering a combination of unsurpassed luxury travel, five star accommodation, fine cuisine, personalised butler service and routes that offer breathtaking views of the countryside. Take a journey into a timeless world of grace, elegance and romance, where spectacular scenery stirs your imagination and luxurious comfort soothes your body and soul.

**INCLUSIONS**

Your journey aboard The Blue Train includes accommodation in your choice of Luxury or De Luxe Suites onboard, ensuite facilities, all meals and beverages and off-train excursions.

**DEPARTURES**

The Blue Train travels between Cape Town and Pretoria and vice versa all year round operating on selected Mondays and Wednesdays. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website [www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz](http://www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz).

Extend your luxurious journey with a complimentary nights’ stay at a top 5 star establishment in either Pretoria or Cape Town on a bed & breakfast basis including transfers between the train and hotel. Valid on all departures in 2015, subject to availability. Conditions apply.
An extravagant world class travel experience awaits when you step aboard The Pride of Africa and begin a train safari through Southern Africa’s most spectacular destinations.

Step aboard the wood panelled coaches – classics remodelled and refurbished to mint condition - and enjoy fine cuisine in five-star luxury as some of the most varied scenery imaginable unfolds beyond the windows.

Recapture the romance and atmosphere of a bygone era, when privileged travellers experienced the magic and mystery of Africa in a relaxed and elegant fashion.

A team of chefs are responsible for overseeing the very important task of ensuring guests’ every need is catered for. Meals are served in the elegant dining cars, each meal complemented by a selection of South Africa’s finest wines.

The trains – which may be hauled by diesel, electric or occasional steam locomotives at various stages of the journey – carry a maximum of 72 passengers in 36 superbly appointed suites.

In a series of train journeys lasting from three days to a fortnight, the Pride of Africa links some of Africa’s greatest destinations from Cape Town, at the tip of Africa, to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, from scenic splendours as diverse as the game reserves of Mpumulanga to the Victoria Falls, from the desert landscapes in Namibia and the stark beauty of the Karoo to the lush cane fields of KwaZulu-Natal and the magnificent Garden Route along the Cape south coast.

PRETORIA – CAPE TOWN

For many visitors to South Africa, there is no finer way to see the country than on the popular 48-hour weekly journeys between Pretoria and Cape Town. This 1,600-kilometre meander is a perfect illustration of South Africa as a world in one country. Travel the grasslands of the gold-rich Highveld to the haunting barrenness of the Great Karoo; trundle through the spectacular mountain ranges and scenic winelands of the Cape. Journeys end is Cape Town, the Mother City of South Africa, cradled by the imposing bulk of Table Mountain, Devil’s Peak and Lion’s Head.

INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard Rovos Rail includes accommodation in your choice of Pullman, Deluxe or Royal suite, all meals and beverages, 24 hr full room service and bar facilities, off-train excursions and entrance fees.

DEPARTURES

Rovos Rail operates a variety of journeys ranging from 2-14 nights. The train departs from Cape Town and Pretoria on a weekly basis all year round. Selected departure dates apply. Other selected itineraries operate annually or bi-annually. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz
CAPE TOWN – DAR es SALAAM

This epic 15-day journey travels through South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania and is one of the most famous train journeys in the world. Starting in Cape Town, this magnificent sojourn will take guests through the historic village of Matjiesfontein, the diamond town of Kimberley and the capital city of Pretoria, then for a two-night stay at the Madikwe Game Reserve. The train then passes through Botswana into Zimbabwe where guests overnight at the Victoria Falls Hotel. After crossing the mighty Zambezi River, the train travels northeast through Zambia where guests can enjoy a bush walk at Chisimba Falls. Early on the last day, the train passes through the Selous Game Reserve – the largest on the continent and a vision of timeless Africa – shortly before the bustling arrival in Dar es Salaam. * Please note that depending upon the railway’s capacity this journey could be routed northwards through Beitbridge and Zimbabwe.

Cape Town to Dar es Salaam departs 5th July and 26th September, 2015

As the evening slips away guests retire to their air-conditioned suites which capture the essence of pre-war luxury travel with every modern convenience and comfort. All suites accommodate two people offering the option of twin or spacious double beds.

The Royal Suites, each of which takes up half a carriage, are spacious and elegant, measuring 16 sq metres in size. Each has its own private lounge area and full bathroom with Victorian bath and separate shower.

The Deluxe Suites, 11sq metres in size, also accommodate two passengers in either twin or double beds and have a lounge area and ensuite bathroom with shower.

The Pullman Suites are 7 sq metres in size and are equipped with a comfortable sofa-seat during the day, with a conversion to double or upper and lower single beds for the evening and ensuite bathroom with shower.

The very spacious suites offer passengers the opportunity to travel in privacy, comfort and luxury, with fittings and facilities that are of the highest standard.
Shongololo’s unique touring concept has given thousands of visitors from around the world the opportunity to enjoy the beauty and the wonders of the southern African continent from an exclusive vantage point.

Eliminate interminable hours travelling long distances in a tour bus. No more packing and un-packing your suitcases every day! Instead, travel comfortably and securely on the train during the night and save precious holiday time, waking up each morning at a new and exciting destination.

Shongololo Express operates four Adventures, each traversing great stretches of Southern Africa to let you experience the wonderful topographic, social, historic, floral and wild-life diversity of these distinctive areas.

Southern Cross is a 16 day adventure that travels across six countries from Zimbabwe to Botswana, Zambia, South Africa, Mozambique and Swaziland. The route is carefully crafted to deliver stunning experiences every day. As the tracks unfurl you’ll gain rare insight into the cultural and geographical cocktail that makes South Africa so vibrant and exciting.

Good Hope is a 13 day journey offering an amazingly comprehensive view of South Africa, taking in most of the 25 highlights that are internationally regarded as “must see” sights. As the train travels the length and breadth of the country, guests can enjoy the great variety of landscapes, shorelines, wildlife, cultures and lifestyles that the “Rainbow Nation” has to offer.

The Dune Express travels north from Johannesburg into the magnificent landscape of Namibia – beautiful country of extreme contrasts from the expanse of colourful arid deserts to the wild vitality of the south Atlantic. The 13 day tour plan overcomes the vastness of Namibia by travelling the long hauls at night, saving guests the time and discomfort of traversing huge distances on dust and gravel roads.

The Dr. Livingstone is a 15 day adventure travelling through East Africa, either from Johannesburg to Dar es Salaam or westbound. Experience Wonders of the world such as Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, the Selous Game Reserve and Bagamoyo. This tour covers terrain seldom traversed by road and explores East Africa’s great wilderness and wildlife.

Each train carries a fleet of air-conditioned Mercedes Benz touring vehicles with professional guides on board who take guests on inclusive scheduled off-rail activities to experience the unique sights of the area. For the more adventurous there are also specialised activities (optional extras) from hot air balloon flights, stays in private game lodges, horse riding, bungee jumping, white water rafting, micro-light or helicopter flights and Elephant back riding.

INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard the Shongololo Express includes train travel, onboard accommodation in your choice of four cabin types (Ivory*, Gold, Commodore and Emerald), arrival & departure transfers to/from the airport - train stations, daily sightseeing tours and meals onboard. Please note. Optional extras are not included in the cost of your package. These tours can be booked and paid for during your journey.

*Shared bathroom facilities only available.

DEPARTURES

The Shongololo Express departs between 04 February and 09 December, 2015. For specific tour itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz
The best way to see Alaska is on the Alaska Railroad, featuring award-winning service, comfortable seating and knowledgeable tour guides, not to mention world-class scenery. Alaska’s abundant wildlife, breathtaking landscapes and multitude of adventures make it a land like no other place on earth.

Alaska speaks to you like no other place can. The charm and scenic appeal of this great and vast land is amplified through panoramic windows and underscored by the historical narratives of the Railroad’s Alaskan tour guides. With over 500 miles linking many of Alaska's most popular destinations – Great Alaskan vacations begin here.

The Alaska Railroad can take you to Anchorage, Seward, Denali National Park, Fairbanks and a host of destinations in between and features two classes of service. Guests can choose Adventure Class or GoldStar Service.

Adventure Class guests enjoy breathtaking images of iconic Alaska along the Railbelt. Comfortable, forward facing seats provide plenty of legroom to stretch, while the grand picture windows on the train cars are ideal for photographers. Adventure Class passengers will want to have their cameras ready for sweeping mountain vistas, color-brushed tundra, and chance glances at moose, bear, eagles, and the occasional fox.

Scenery is not the only highlight Adventure Class passengers will savor. The Wilderness Café provides casual dining with a down home atmosphere. And one of the nicest features of the Alaska Railroad trains is the open-air vestibules between cars that allow guests to capture unobstructed photos and take in the crisp Alaska air. It’s all part of the excellent service found aboard the Alaska Railroad’s Adventure Class.

Where Adventure Class service is excellent, the Alaska Railroad’s GoldStar Service truly shines. GoldStar guests enjoy forward-facing seats on the upper level of a two-story, glass-domed railcar, accompanied by a knowledgeable Alaskan tour guide and full-time bar attendant.

The panoramic views afforded by the glass-dome ceiling may be exceeded only by the views from the private upper-level viewing platform – the only of its kind on any rail service in the world. These double-decker rail cars feature an upper-level glass enclosed dome with forward-facing seats that rotate to accommodate families, a private bar, and an outdoor viewing deck.

On the lower level, guests will find a full-service dining room offering freshly prepared, chef-designed fare. Large picture windows ensure that dining guests won’t miss a moment of the stunning views. Onboard dining is so popular that in summer 2015, the Alaska Railroad will mark the 10th anniversary of GoldStar Service with the introduction of all-inclusive dining for GoldStar passengers. With the new all-inclusive package, a GoldStar passenger ticket will include dining and beverages (unlimited soft beverages, and two adult beverages per trip).

GoldStar service is offered on the Denali Star and Coastal Classic Trains, which operate mid-May through mid-September.

Become part of a moving picture show, traversing mountain passes, ancient glacial river valleys and ever changing stretches of colour-drenched landscape, an experience only on the Alaska Railroad.

**INCLUSIONS**

Your journey aboard the Alaska Railroad includes assigned forward-facing seating, large picture windows and open air vestibules and dining service. GoldStar Service includes confirmed seating in the upper level dome car, complimentary non-alcoholic beverages and private bar and second-level outdoor viewing deck. Tour guides are seasonally available.

**DEPARTURES**

Daily mid-May through mid-September, 2015. For specific tour itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz
The breathtaking scenery of Canada’s Rocky Mountains awaits as you board the award-winning Rocky Mountaineer train for an unforgettable journey.

Choose from three 2 day itineraries each featuring stunning scenery and outstanding onboard service, with an overnight stay in comfortable hotel accommodation midway so that you miss none of the spectacular natural beauty that surrounds you.

Following the transcontinental rail line, the ‘First Passage to the West’ route travels from Vancouver to Banff, Lake Louise and on to Calgary. Retrace the steps of 19th century explorers, travel through the legendary Spiral Tunnels and pass by the spot where the last spike on the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven. This is the only passenger rail service on this historic route, and its construction is one of the most important in Canadian history as it united Canada from east to west. You’ll also transverse the Continental Divide and be inspired by spectacular mountains and dramatic canyons. If you’re a history buff, this route is for you.

Experience the natural wonders of the West on the ‘Journey through the Clouds’ route, between Vancouver and Jasper. Travel through scenic valleys, the Coastal Mountain Range and the Fraser Canyon with its spectacular white water and dramatic landscape. You will follow the route of the Fraser River, home of British Columbia’s largest salmon fishing run, pass by the Albreda Glacier and magnificent Pyramid Falls, and hopefully see wildlife on the way. The highlight of this route is majestic Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Enjoy some of the most breathtaking and varied rail scenery found anywhere in the world on the ‘Rainforest to Gold Rush’ route, between Whistler and Jasper. Travel past stunning lakes, through the coastal rainforest and the desert-like conditions of the Fraser Canyon into the vast ranchlands of the Cariboo Plateau. Visit the Gold Pan City of Quesnel, journey through the Rocky Mountain Trench, be awestruck by spectacular Mount Robson, and finish off in Jasper, the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies.

COASTAL PASSAGE

The Rocky Mountaineer is now connecting the “Emerald City”, Seattle, one of the world’s most popular cruise ports, to the Canadian Rockies with the introduction of our beautiful Coastal Passage route. Guests will experience a luxurious three-day, all daylight journey from Seattle – Vancouver – Banff or Jasper with overnight stays in Vancouver & Kamloops. Travel will be onboard the award-winning Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf and SilverLeaf Service.

RAIL & ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

Extend your stay in the Canadian Rockies by choosing one of the many Rocky Mountaineer Packages featuring either two or four days onboard the Rocky Mountaineer as well as local sightseeing tours and your choice of accommodation. Choose from one of the many popular packages or create your own tailor made holiday. No matter which trip you choose, we guarantee you’ll sit nose pressed to the window as the attentive and knowledgeable Rocky Mountaineer Hosts offer fascinating live commentary.
These Rocky Mountaineer rail routes offer three choices of onboard service:

GoldLeaf Service

GoldLeaf Service guests enjoy reserved seating in bi-level, glass dome coaches, featuring panoramic views on the upper level and an elegant private dining room on the main level. Guests will indulge in gourmet, à la carte breakfast and lunch selections featuring the finest and freshest ingredients from two of Canada’s most bountiful regions, British Columbia and Alberta. Guests are served complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and savour gourmet snacks prepared onboard by a team of Michelin-Star trained chefs whilst listening to storytelling from onboard hosts. Luggage will be delivered to your hotel in Kamloops or Quesnel.

SilverLeaf Service

SilverLeaf Service* offers guests seating in a single-level glass dome coach, with oversized windows, hot breakfast and lunch served at your seat with a choice of entrees, a glass of complimentary wine or beer served with lunch and complimentary non-alcoholic beverages and snacks. Luggage will be delivered to guests hotels in Kamloops.

*SilverLeaf Service is not available on the Rainforest to Gold Rush route.

RedLeaf Service

RedLeaf Service provides guests with assigned, spacious, comfortable reclining seats, large picture windows, and at-your-seat meal service and a glass of complimentary wine or beer served with lunch. Guests are reminded to pack an overnight bag as there is no luggage delivery service in Kamloops or Quesnel.

INCLUSIONS

Your journey onboard The Rocky Mountaineer includes train travel in your choice of GoldLeaf, SilverLeaf or RedLeaf Service, one night moderate accommodation in Kamloops or Quesnel, breakfast and lunch daily. Rocky Mountaineer inclusions vary with each itinerary.

DEPARTURES

There are multiple departures every week between April and October 2015. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz
Combine any rail package with a cruise. Classic styling, world class amenities and more of everything the adventurous heart desires.

If you think your Rocky Mountaineer journey couldn’t possibly get any more relaxing that life onboard a luxury train while taking in the sights, think again. After all, life onboard a luxurious ship while taking in the sights is pretty spectacular too. Remote and isolated, Alaska is a land of natural beauty. Glittering forests of ice conceal a hidden world populated by playful seals, lumbering bears and breaching humpbacks.

All the magic of Western Canada and Alaska awaits guests aboard amazing itineraries with a cruise at the beginning or end of your rail vacation.

Guests aboard these spacious ships encounter elegance at every turn, from glittering musical productions to the grandeur of the three-storey atrium, and the signature Holland America Line service. The ms Noordam is graced with small touches like an abundance of fresh flowers and bold strokes like fine art, sculptures and antiques from around the world.

Select from itineraries ranging between 12, 17 and 25 days and experience the Rockies and the Inside Passage comfortably and in style.

All Rail & Cruise packages include a 7 night cruise, departing from Vancouver and along the Inside Passage in Alaska. Enjoy the return sail and disembark the ms Noordam in Vancouver, where guests are transferred to their hotel. Explore the coastal city of Vancouver over two nights before boarding the legendary Rocky Mountaineer. See for yourself why Jasper, Calgary, Banff and Lake Louise are the iconic destinations of the Canadian Rockies.

* Cruises also available ex Seattle (onboard Holland America Line’s ms Westerdam)

DEPARTURES

There are multiple departures between May and September 2015. Tours are available in the reverse direction. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz

INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard the Ms Noordam cruise includes travel in your choice of a Luxurious Verandah (GoldLeaf Service) or Ocean – View (SilverLeaf and RedLeaf Service) Stateroom featuring two beds convertible to one queen size bed, hotel accommodation, sightseeing tours, meals onboard, rail station transfers and a National Park Pass. Please note: Inclusions vary for each itinerary.
Pullman Rail Journeys – An American Icon

Travelling from Chicago to New Orleans you will detour back in time. Renowned for its stylish, streamline moderne design, comfortable accommodations, and superb service from attentive porters and stewards, the Pullman carriages set the standard for American train travel enjoyed by celebrities and everyday travellers alike.

Today, Pullman Rail Journeys revives the iconic spirit of American rail travel with its authentically restored Pullman Rail Cars. In an effort to be as historically accurate as possible, each classic 1950’s Pullman carriage has undergone restoration that reflects the Pullman tradition of style, ambience and comfort in the tradition of the Illinois Central Railroad’s famed Panama Limited service.

First-class sleeping cars on board offer cosy accommodation, each with a large picture window offering an exterior view out one side of the train. The Master Room is the largest accommodation offering a full-size double bed with private en-suite facilities. The Bedroom offers lower and upper berths, private washroom with showers located at the end of the carriage. The Roomette for one traveller with lower berth has a private washroom by day and washroom with showers at the end of the carriage.

Socialise with fellow passengers in the Club or Dining Car, and enjoy on board entertainment as you travel on select departures. Order a refreshing cocktail, play board games, write letters or simply relax and enjoy the scenery and friendly company. A selection of books about the history of passenger railroads and Pullman Standard Company are also available at the Pullman Library, located in the Club Car.

We’ve carefully crafted a modern interpretation of delicious selections from original menus of the Illinois Central recipes to help you savour every moment of the journey. Meals are prepared freshly aboard and classic cocktails included throughout the entire journey. With classic American railroad dining, an engaging social setting and first-class, personalised Pullman service this is a trip that will not disappoint.

INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard the Pullman includes accommodation in your choice of Master, Bedroom, and Roomette private accommodations. The Master Room offers a private en-suite; Bedrooms and Roomettes offer private washrooms (Roomette facilities are covered by the berth at night) with showers located at the end of the carriage. Dinner, Breakfast, Lunch and beverages are included no matter which direction of travel. Each car has complimentary Wi-Fi available.

DEPARTURES

Pullman Rail Journeys depart Chicago’s Union Station at 8:00pm every Thursday, and arrive into New Orleans’ Union Station the following day at 3:30pm. Northbound departures from New Orleans will be every Sunday at 1:45pm with arrival into Chicago the following day at 9:00am. The entire journey is 1,500 kilometres and is approximately 19 ½ hours. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz
BELMOND HIRAM BINGHAM, MACHU PICCHU

Full Day Tour to Machu Picchu
For many visitors a trip to Machu Picchu is a once in a lifetime experience. Explore the land of the Incas from the elegant surroundings of the luxury Hiram Bingham train. Departing from Poroy Station near Cusco at 09h05, the Hiram Bingham offers a more leisurely start to the day than traditional departures. Brunch is served onboard and guides are present to explain points of interest enroute, as well as in the remains at Machu Picchu on arrival at the ancient citadel. An afternoon tea is served in the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge located just steps from the entrance to the citadel, and once back on board for the 17h50 departure, pre-dinner cocktails are served, accompanied by live entertainment, and afterwards a 4 course, à la carte dinner is presented in the dining cars.

ANDEAN EXPLORER

Cusco to Lake Titicaca or vice versa
This spectacular 10 hour rail journey begins in historic Cusco and travels south to the beautiful city of Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Unwind in first class onboard an elegantly decorated 1920’s Pullman train. As you relax, the train makes a gentle climb to higher and cooler altitudes with the observation car providing the perfect opportunity to view the beautiful scenery. You will also enjoy a complimentary three course gourmet lunch and afternoon tea onboard.

INCLUSIONS

Your journey aboard the Hiram Bingham includes onboard meals with wine, onboard entertainment, guides, bus transfers, entrance to the citadel, afternoon tea at Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge and pre-dinner cocktails. Transfers between Cusco and Poroy Station are not included.

Your journey aboard the Andean Explorer includes first class travel, gourmet lunch, afternoon tea and onboard entertainment displaying part of the Andean and High Plateau culture. Additional bar and restaurant services are available for an additional cost.

The Vistadome Service includes breakfast and afternoon snack onboard, and entertainment with traditional dances of the Andean Culture. Transfers between stations are not included.

DEPARTURES

The Hiram Bingham and Vistadome Service departs Monday to Saturday all year round. The Andean Explorer departs Monday, Wednesday and Saturday year round, and on Fridays between May and October. For specific itineraries and departure dates please visit our website www.railplus.com.au/railplus.co.nz

VISTADOME

Travel to the Lost City of the Incas
The Vistadome is the ideal train for those who want to be in contact with the environment and appreciate the wonderful journey to Machu Picchu.

Surrounded entirely by glass and wagons with large panoramic windows offering incomparable scenic views and in numerous opportunities to capture amazing pictures, Vistadome travellers feel connected and part of the impressive landscape of Peru. Perurail provide travellers on board personalized and first level service to give them an unforgettable life experience.

The Vistadome has three stations of departure to Machu Picchu: Cusco (Poroy), Sacred Valley (Ollantaytambo) and Sacred Valley (Urubamba) From Poroy station located about 20 minutes from downtown Cusco, the journey to Machu Picchu lasts just over three hours. From the Sacred Valley (Ollantaytambo) this is a journey of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

The Vistadome has a different service, which allows the visitor to be immersed and feel the Andean culture through its landscapes, music, dance and even food carefully prepared with local ingredients.
There’s no other travel experience that compares to seeing this country aboard Australia’s great train journeys; The Ghan, Indian Pacific and The Overland. Welcome aboard and discover Australia from coast to outback.

Choose from two transcontinental journeys; the mighty Indian Pacific from Sydney to Perth or The legendary Ghan from Adelaide to Darwin via Alice Springs.

Boarding The Ghan in Adelaide or Darwin (3 days in either direction), you will experience one of the most fascinating great train journeys of the world. Marvel at the spectacular Australian landscapes; from the rusty reds of the MacDonnell Ranges surrounding a town called Alice, gateway to Uluru and the Red Centre, then north to Tennant Creek, Katherine and the tropical splendour of Darwin.

Travel on the Indian Pacific is a 4 day journey from the Pacific Ocean in the East to the Indian Ocean in the West. This epic 4,352km trip provides a dramatic array of backdrops including the spectacular Blue Mountains, the Great Dividing Range, the salt lakes and sand dunes of South Australia, the barren Nullarbor Plains and the Darling Ranges.

Gold Service onboard The Ghan and Indian Pacific are ideal for guests seeking a great train adventure with style and comfort. You can select to travel in a compact twin cabin which provides an upper and lower sleeping berth and private ensuite or a single cabin which has a lower berth and separate shower and toilet facilities. Onboard meals, served in the elegant Queen Adelaide Restaurant, are included in the fare. All refreshments including soft drinks, beers, high-quality standard wines and base spirits throughout your journey.

Platinum Service onboard The Ghan or Indian Pacific are approximately twice the size of the standard Gold Service Twin Cabins and offer deluxe accommodation including double or twin beds, spacious ensuite facilities and room service. Onboard meals are served in the elegant Queen Adelaide Restaurant and all refreshments including soft drinks, beers, high-quality standard wines and base spirits are included throughout your journey.

In addition to the all-inclusive meals and beverages onboard, our Platinum and Gold Service guests also have ‘Off Train Excursions’ included in their fare. These Off Train Excursions take place in Alice Springs and Katherine on a journey aboard The Ghan and in Kalgoorlie, Adelaide and Broken Hill on an Indian Pacific journey.

RAIL PACKAGES

Each combining a rail voyage with hotel accommodation, meals and sightseeing excursions.

Package itineraries range from 5 to 13 nights and include journeys such as Perth and Margaret River, The Territory Complete, Rock and Rail and a Taste of the Top End.

Experiences include luxury coach journeys, crocodile jumping river cruises, canyon tours, wine region exploration, desert crossings and travel aboard The Ghan and The Indian Pacific.

DEPARTURES

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