

Uniworld Cruise and Rail Journeys Offer a Deeper Dive into Europe

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Cruise and rail combinations are growing in popularity with river cruise lines as some begin to expand their itineraries to include the classic way of traveling.

Uniworld is one of the latest river cruise lines to offer a new cruise and rail program to its lineup of cruise offerings but instead of offering a rail journey as only a pre- or post-river cruise extension, the company includes a rail journey as part of the entire trip.

Italy and Switzerland Itinerary

The 12-day Venice & the Swiss Alps itinerary is Uniworld's first cruise and rail program with its partnership with Golden Eagle Luxury Trains. The itinerary includes four nights traversing through Western Europe aboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express before ending in Venice, where guests embark the S.S. La Venezia to sail the Venetian Lagoon for seven nights.

This cruise and rail itinerary begins with an overnight stay in Zurich, Switzerland's largest city. Zurich's Old Town offers aged Gothic church spires, stone bridges stretching over canals and its cobblestone streets filled with pockets of alleyways, open squares and a thriving tourist scene. Guests will see the fairytale-esque castles and landscapes of Liechtenstein, the alpine resort towns of Austria and the up-and-coming destinations of Slovenia.

Eastern Europe Itineraries

Uniworld launched a new itinerary this year, **Castles of Transylvania & Enchanting Danube**, with two departures that enable guests to explore parts of Eastern Europe. The 13-day version of the company's newest Cruise & Rail itinerary begins with an overnight stay in Budapest, followed by four nights on the Golden Eagle train and then a return to Budapest to embark on a seven-day river cruise on the Danube through Austria and before ending in Passau, Germany. The 12-day Enchanting Danube & Castles of Transylvania travels in the opposite direction and does not include an overnight stay in Budapest.



The Bar Lounge Car onboard the Golden Eagle Danube Express. Photo Credit: Nicole Edenedo

All aboard for nostalgia

Anyone who loves an old fashioned train trip, enjoys the nostalgia of a night in a sleeper cabin rail car or has a penchant for binge-watching good whodunits would love Uniworld's cruise and rail offerings. The Golden Eagle is truly five-star, with impeccable service offered by a highly skilled staff, superb cuisine crafted with such precision that it's hard to believe the chef had the patience to create such beautifully delectable dishes onboard a moving train three times a day.

Uniworld CEO Ellen Bettridge said its partnership with Golden Eagle was a fresh, new way to give guests the opportunity to explore a variety of destinations across several countries in one trip with various modes of transport.

Luxury long-distance rail travel blended with a river cruise offers adventurous travellers a unique opportunity to visit some of the world's most memorable places in comfort and style.

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