





LA MINERVA - ROME







ORIENT EXPRESS

The history of Orient Express is a technical, industrial and legendary artistic tale. A myth that goes back to 1883, the internationally renowned name has always been synonymous with travel and refinement.

The story of a visionary, the Orient Express name was born the wild dream of Georges Nagelmackers, father to the Orient Express.

In 1867, Georges' father, an industrialist and banker, sent him to the United States. During his journey, the young engineer discovered the sleeping and dining cars conceived by G. M. Pullman.

Impressed by their modernity and their potential to influence global geography related to travel, he left business on his return to pursue the project of his life: putting luxury trains on rails that would open the gates of the Orient.



On October 4th, 1883, the most fascinating train in the world left Paris for Constantinople. Embarking with twenty-four passengers on board, its guests were brought to the shores of the Black Sea, with the last part of the journey being completed by steamboat. This single voyage altered the global perception of Europe, and the notion of long-distance travel was completely redefined.



Designed by decorator René Prou and master glassmaker René Lalique, the new Pullman lounge cars inspired a new art of living on board. These masterpieces of refinement and luxury in Art Deco style embodied the excellence of French travel.



Today, Orient Express, Artisan of Travel since 1883; proposes a collection of ultra-luxury travel experiences linking trains, hotels, and sailing yachts around the world for travelers driven by curiosity.

HISTORY OF ORIENT EXPRESS LA MINERVA



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The palace that today houses Orient Express La Minerva was built in 1620 as the home of the aristocratic Portuguese Fonseca family. In 1811 the entire palace became the property of a rich French family, the Sauve, who transformed it into a luxury hotel.

Located in the heart of the eternal city and a few steps from the Pantheon and Parliament, during the 19th century the hotel became a favorite destination for numerous artists, rich aristocrats, churchmen and intellectuals who chose it as a residence during the 'Grand Tour'.



Among Minerva's memories, the visit of Pope Pius IX who came to meet Cardinal Aguirre, bishop of Guayaquil. Given the notable influx of high prelates, the palace was also equipped with a chapel where the priests could celebrate Holy Mass.

The main hall of the hotel is dominated by a statue of Minerva, created by the sculptor Rinaldo Rinaldi, Canova's first pupil. While in the Olimpo Ballroom, again by Rinaldo Rinaldi, 12 splendid statues depicting the four elements, the four seasons and the four continents known at the time.

The history of La Minerva will be revived in Hugo Toro's hands, during this period of renaissance in the city of Rome. It's a chapter of a dynamic global project, connected to the launch of La Dolce Vita Orient Express trains, which will connect the country's cities of art and culture to its small villages through an integrated ultra-luxury experience.

HUGO TORO ARCHITECT & DESIGNER, ORIENT EXPRESS LA MINERVA

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Born on the French-German border to a Mexican mother and a French father, architect and designer Hugo Toro shares a love of culture, encounters and travel with Orient Express. He is the interior architect behind the designs of the Gigi restaurants in Paris, Val d'Isère and Ramatuelle, in addition to exceptional apartments and private Parisian mansions. Recently he ventured to London where he designed Booking Office 1869, the new restaurant in the 19th-century ticket hall at St Pancras station, and last summer Hugo Toro conceived the scenography of Orient Express' pop-up at La Samaritaine in Paris. An obvious collaboration at the centre of a space inspired by the world of Orient Express, which featured the brand's first collection of travel objects entitled Steam Dream, created in collaboration with 18 houses and artisans.



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KEY INFORMATION

93 Keys Opening in Q4 2024 Management Company : Orient Express Ownership Company : Arsenale S.p.A. General Manager : Giampaolo Ottazzi

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ROOM CATEGORIES

Orient Express La Minerva offers its guests a wide variety of different rooms ranging from 25 to 235 square meters, each one carefully decorated to match the iconic spirit of Orient Express.

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ROOMS

9 Classic Rooms 14 Superior Rooms 27 Deluxe Rooms 7 Deluxe Rooms with Minerva Square Views 12 Junior Suites 5 Junior Suites with Minerva Square Views 3 Junior Suites with Terrace 6 Suites 4 Suites with Minerva Square Views 2 Suites with Terrace 1 Stendhal Suite 1 La Minerva Suite 1 Obelisco Suite 1 Orient Express Suite



FOOD & BEVERAGE FACILITIES

Orient Express La Minerva enjoys a multitude of spaces to offer an exceptional gastronomic experience.

FACILITIES

Restaurant on the Rooftop: 180-200 Seats Panoramic Japanese Restaurant on the Terrace: 6th floor, 45 Seats Lobby Lounge Bar: Ground floor, 50-55 Seats Wagon Bar: Ground floor, 25-30 Seats DAV Selection Shop: Ground floor, 42 Sqm Wine shop: Ground floor, 68 Sqm

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OTHER OPERATING DEPARTMENTS

The hotel also enjoys other facilities contributing to a relaxing and memorable Orient Express experience.

FACILITIES

Spa with Ottoman Baths: 210 Sqm Fitness Facilities: 1st floor, 55 Sqm 3 Meeting Rooms: 26 Sqm, 28 Sqm and 54 Sqm Olimpo Ballroom: Ground floor, 165 Sqm



LA DOLCE VITA ORIENT () · E EXPRESS

Be carried away by the melodies of La Dolce Vita. Give into the charm of the pleasures of an iconic train and experience an unforgettable journey, the 'Made in Italy' way.

A tribute to the glamour and artistic fervor of the 1960s, La Dolce Vita Orient Express is a dedication to the spirit of life, freedom, well-being and pleasure.

Embark on your dream journey with lavish decorations, inspired by the craftsmanship and golden age of Italian design.

Experience an unforgettable journey on board as you discover the wonders of Italy from the very comfort of your cabin.



Travelers will have the chance to one of our iconic itineraries, each unlocking the joys of Italian regions. Each itinerary is a tapestry of delights, promising a voyage as captivating and vibrant as Italy itself.

In collaboration with 3 Michelin-starred chef Heinz Beck, travellers will enjoy 5-star service on board, discovering the treasures and excellence of the «Made in Italy» way, savouring its gastronomy and the finest Italian wines. At Rome Ostiense station, the La Dolce Vita lounge will welcome passengers to indulge in a relaxing pre-boarding experience, setting the perfect tone to prepare travellers for their extraordinary journey.

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CONTACT

Orient Express website will feature the hotels and their detailed facilities information. Please feel free to get in touch so we can understand your projects better and we will provide you with further information as they are available.

Our reservation desk will provide you with information on request.

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