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WELCOME ON BOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE

Golden Eagle Luxury Trains has a proud heritage of offering a unique range of pioneering rail journeys across Europe, Asia, Africa, and India, carrying many thousands of delighted travellers on board our collection of private trains.

A special ingredient of all our tours is the exceptional level of inclusivity that we provide, so that you do not have to worry about how many excursions to take, the level of tipping required, or having that extra glass of wine that you would like with your meal. We want you to ultimately enjoy a relaxing and carefree experience.

Part of the excitement of being involved in the travel business is developing new and fascinating itineraries. We are continually searching out new destinations to discover by rail and so, with this brochure, it gives me great pleasure to share with you information about our flagship train, *the Golden Eagle* and one of our most popular tours, the Republics of the Silk Road.



Discover some of Central Asia's most mesmerising destinations, amongst them the magnificent UNESCO world-heritage cities of Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva, and the lesser known 'Stans' of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. Immerse yourself in the ancient cultures of the world's most famous ancient trading route as you learn about the people and dynasties of this region.

Featuring the signature touches of a *Golden Eagle rail cruise*, this fascinating journey now provides the ultimate in traversing the amazing histories and cultures of Central Asia.

I invite you to look through our Train and Rail guide and feel sure you'll be inspired by our private fully ensuite luxury train and our Republics of the Silk Road voyage.

On behalf of the team at *Golden Eagle Luxury Trains* we look forward to having the pleasure of your company and welcoming you on board this prestigious '*Voyage of a Lifetime by Private Train*'.

TIM LITTLER

President & Founder

Golden Eagle Luxury Trains Limited





GOLDEN EAGLE

Central Asia:
Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan

The Golden Eagle is our fully en-suite private touring train that brings unprecedented luxury to the world's great railway journeys.

Aboard the Golden Eagle private train you can expect well-appointed en-suite cabins, fine dining and elegant surroundings – no matter where you choose to explore. First-class service is included as standard, with a personal cabin attendant service, available at all times, to look after your every need.



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IMPERIAL SUITES



Exemplary service starts with a complimentary bottle of Dom Perignon champagne when you board the train to toast the start of your wonderful adventure.

Imperial Suites are the most spacious cabins available on board the *Golden Eagle* measuring 120 sq ft (11.1 sq metres) and benefiting from a large and luxurious UK King Size bed as well as a lounge area with dressing table.

Imperial Suite facilities include a private en-suite bathroom with power shower and the luxury of underfloor heating, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe, DVD/CD player with LCD screen, complimentary fully stocked minibar, safe, small library and two large picture windows to watch the world go by.

Imperial Suite guests will also benefit from the option of a private guide and chauffeured car service in most of the places we visit along the route. However, in locations where there are a limited number of experienced and qualified tour guides available, we may offer a shared car service among Imperial Suite guests. Guests also benefit from the inclusion of drinks at all meals and in the Bar Lounge Car (excluding Premium Wine List), complimentary laundry service and upgraded room types at the hotels which are featured in the itinerary.

IMPERIAL SUITE DIMENSIONS

CABIN AREA	120 sq ft (11.1 sq m)
CABIN LENGTH	17ft 4ins (5.3m)
CABIN WIDTH	6ft 7ins (2m)
BED WIDTH	5ft (1.5m)
BED LENGTH	6ft 2ins (1.9m)
CABINS PER CAR	1 Imperial Suite (+ 3 Gold Class Cabins) or 1 Imperial Suite (+ 4 Silver Class Cabins) or 1 Imperial Suite (Imperial Suite Carriage)



Imperial Suite & Gold Class Carriage Floorplan
(Imperial Suite also available in Silver Class Carriage)

IMPERIAL SUITE SPECIFICATION

- Sleeps 2 in UK King Size bed
- Sitting area
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Dressing table
- Personal safe
- Complimentary minibar
- DVD/CD player with LCD screens
- Private en-suite bathroom with full power shower & underfloor heating
- Bathrobes, slippers, hairdryer & luxury toiletries provided
- Towels and linens changed every second day or daily on request
- In-cabin dining available on request
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water available at all times
- Drinks from the Bar Lounge Car included (exc. Premium Wine List)
- Private car and guide options in selected cities for off-train excursion programme
- Laundry service included

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GOLD CLASS

- Sleeps 1 or 2 with lower UK standard double bed (4'5") & upperberth (2' 9")
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Personal safe
- Private en-suite bathroom with full power shower & underfloor heating
- Bathrobes, slippers & luxury toiletries provided
- DVD/CD player with LCD screens
- Towels and linens changed every second day or daily on request
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin available at all times
- Complimentary drinks from the Bar Lounge Car (exc. Premium Wine List)
- Laundry service available at an additional charge

DIMENSIONS

CABIN AREA	77 sq ft (7 sq m)
CABIN SIZE	11ft 8ins x 6ft 7ins 3.6m x 2.0m
LOWER BED WIDTH	4ft 5ins (1.35m)
UPPER BED WIDTH	2ft 9ins (85cm)
BED LENGTH	6ft 2ins (1.9m)
CABINS PER CAR	5

The Golden Eagle has been carefully designed with emphasis on your comfort, relaxation and enjoyment.

Travel in some of the finest rail accommodation available in the world.

At 77 sq ft (7 sq metres) Gold Class cabins are extremely well-proportioned and have everything from a private bathroom with separate power shower cubicle and underfloor heating to a DVD/CD player, LCD screen, safe, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe, large picture window as well as featuring a double lower bed and a single upper bed.





SILVER CLASS

- Sleeps 1 or 2 – with a lower berth (3'6") and upper berth (2'9")
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Personal safe
- Private en-suite bathroom with 'wet room' style shower and toilet
- Bathrobes, slippers and luxury toiletries provided
- DVD/CD player with LCD screens
- Towels and linens changed every second day or daily on request
- Complimentary drinks from the Bar Lounge Car (exc. Premium Wine List)
- Laundry service available at an additional charge

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Silver Class cabins, which are more compact at 60 sq ft (5.5 sq metres), feature a small double lower bed and a single upper bed as well as DVD/CD player, LCD screen, safe, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe and large picture window.

The Silver Class cabins have private en-suite wet room with a washbasin, toilet and shower.

DIMENSIONS

CABIN AREA	60 sq ft (5.5 sq m)
CABIN SIZE	8ft 8ins x 6ft 7ins 2.6m x 2.0m
LOWER BED WIDTH	3ft 6ins (1.1m)
UPPER BED WIDTH	2ft 9ins (85cm)
BED LENGTH	6ft 2ins (1.9m)
CABINS PER CAR	6





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DINING ON BOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE

A world of culinary delights.



A particular delight of the *Golden Eagle* is our beautifully appointed restaurant cars, a delightful venue in which to enjoy meals skillfully prepared by our Executive Chef and his on board restaurant team using the very best in ingredients, locally sourced wherever possible. Depending on the number of guests on board, one or two of our restaurant cars will be on every departure.

Enjoy the delights of an on-train breakfast each morning – the wonderful aroma of freshly-baked bread permeates the dining car, a wide selection of pastries, cereals, freshly squeezed orange juice and cold plates are available from our bountiful buffet. Alternatively enjoy a cooked breakfast brought to your table by our waiting staff, all complemented by steaming hot tea and coffee.

If you are in need of a more relaxed start to the day, then opt for our continental breakfast basket with tea or coffee to enjoy at leisure in your cabin.

For lunch and dinner, you will be welcomed by our resident waiting staff and enjoy fine food, great wines

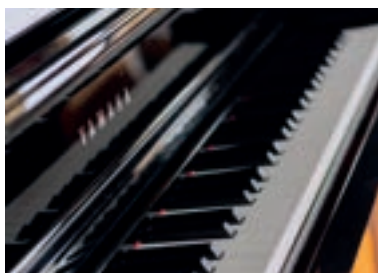
and attentive service in the welcoming atmosphere of the dining car. We offer a culinary experience that reflects the very essence of the countries we travel through, as well as international cuisine. Vegetarian and other dietary options are also available.

All our meals at lunch and dinner are complemented by an excellent choice of wines from around the world, personally selected by our Company Founder, Tim Littler, along with mineral water, beer and soft drinks as well as – naturally – vodka. For that special occasion we also have available to purchase a selection of premium fine wines priced between \$50 and \$795 per bottle.

Meals on board are a relaxed affair as the restaurant cars can accommodate all our guests in a single sitting. Throughout the journey there is an informal dress code, so you can enjoy our culinary experiences in convivial and relaxed surroundings and with our open seating policy you can dine wherever, and with whomever, you please.

RELAX IN OUR BAR LOUNGE CAR

The Social Heart of the *Golden Eagle*:
The Bar Lounge Car.



Unwind in comfortable surroundings and watch the world go by as you get to know your fellow passengers and begin long-lasting friendships. Perhaps read a novel from our library to pass away the time or challenge your friends to a game of bridge.

Enjoy the delights of morning or afternoon tea in the Bar Lounge Car with delicious cookies freshly baked by our chefs.

It is also here that our Tour Manager will also organise

a programme of activities. Passengers will receive printed daily itineraries throughout the tour detailing train arrival and departure timings, latest weather forecasts for the next destination and information on the following day's excursions and activities.

In the evening enjoy the sounds of the resident pianist playing on the baby grand piano in the Bar Lounge Car. From time to time we also host special concerts and every night the bar stays open until the last person leaves.



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REPUBLICS OF THE SILK ROAD



Accommodation

October Departure

- 1 hotel night in Almaty
- 9 nights onboard the Golden Eagle
- 3 hotel nights in Samarkand

Daily Tour Itineraries

- DAY 1 Almaty arrivals
- DAY 2 Almaty (join the Golden Eagle)
- DAY 3 Lake Issyk-Kul
- DAY 4 Bishkek
- DAY 5 Tashkent
- DAY 6 Kokand, Rishtan, Margilan
- DAY 7 Bukhara
- DAY 8 Nukus
- DAY 9 Khiva
- DAY 10 Dushanbe
- DAY 11 Shahrissabz, arrive Samarkand
- DAY 12 Samarkand
- DAY 13 Samarkand
- DAY 14 Samarkand departures

ALMATY – LAKE ISSYK-KUL – BISHKEK – TASHKENT – KOKAND – RISHTAN – MARGILAN –
BUKHARA – NUKUS – KHIVA - DUSHANBE – SHAHRISABZ - SAMARKAND



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WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

**Our tours are all-inclusive with no hidden extras.
What follows are all those elements which are included in the tour price.**

- Private en-suite rail accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Generous drinks allowance throughout, including wine with lunch and dinner
- Personal cabin attendant service
- Complimentary drinks from the Bar Lounge Car (excluding premium wines)
- On-board Wi-Fi
- Freedom of Choice touring options – in selected locations
- Fully guided off-train excursion programme (with English-speaking guides, other languages available)
- Personal headsets for touring
- Arrival and departure transfers between airport and hotel
- Five-star pre and post-tour hotel accommodation where applicable
- All gratuities (tipping included on and off the train)
- Luggage portage throughout the journey
- Golden Eagle Tour Management team
- UK-registered doctor on board

Departs from Almaty to Samarkand 12 September 2027 – 25 September

SILVER CLASS FROM

US\$26,900*pp twin share

US\$40,400* per single

GOLD CLASS FROM

US\$34,900*pp twin share

US\$57,400* per single

IMPERIAL CLASS FROM

US\$63,400* twin share

US\$125,500* per single

For more information call 13 11 00



DAY 1 ALMATY

Arrive at Almaty Airport, where you are met and transferred to your stylish centrally located hotel.

On your first evening in Almaty, you will be invited to a champagne drinks' reception before our exclusive Welcome Dinner. Specially selected international wines are included with dinner, as with all meals during the tour.



DAY 2 ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN

Almaty is the largest city in Kazakhstan and is notable for its wide tree-lined boulevards. Surrounded by the majesty of the Tien Shan Mountains, this beautiful city derives its name from 'alma' meaning 'apple'. Just a short distance from the city, apple orchards thrive in abundance. Our morning city tour includes a walk through Panfilov Park with an impressive WWII monument, where we visit the unique Zenkhov Cathedral which was built entirely of wood.

This afternoon board our private train, the Golden Eagle and settle into well-appointed en-suite cabins. Tonight we enjoy a Welcome Dinner.



DAY 3 LAKE ISSYK-KUL, KYRGYZSTAN

Today, we enjoy an extended visit to the magnificent Lake Issyk-Kul, a true natural wonder nestled in the heart of the Kyrgyz mountains. Stretching over 170 kilometres in length and up to 70 kilometres wide, it is recognised as the second-largest alpine lake in the world. Its name, meaning "warm lake", reflects its remarkable resistance to freezing – the result of a unique combination of depth, mineral richness, and geothermal activity beneath its surface. Framed by towering, snow-capped peaks, the lake offers a serene beauty.

This morning, we invite you to immerse yourself in the rich nomadic heritage of Kyrgyzstan with a privately arranged cultural event along the lake's shores. A captivating display of traditional sports and games that have been passed down through generations. While archery may be familiar, few have encountered the spectacle of horseback wrestling, hunting with majestic Golden Eagles, or "ordo" – a strategic game played with cow kneecaps.

This experience is a celebration of steppe culture in all its vibrant detail – from music and dance to intricate costumes and demonstrations of time-honoured crafts. It is a rare and enthralling glimpse into a way of life that continues to flourish in the highlands of Central Asia.

This day promises a unique and authentic insight into the cultural heart of the region, offering memories that will linger long after your journey ends.

After the festival there will be the option to visit the outdoor Museum of the Petroglyphs before returning to the Golden Eagle for dinner.



DAY 4 BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN

Originally a caravan rest stop serving the travellers that came through the area along the Great Silk Road, Kyrgyzstan's capital city, Bishkek, is the location of our afternoon sightseeing. Here we will visit the Ala-Too Square, built 1984 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Kirghiz Soviet Socialist Republic in Kyrgyzstan and a city tour of the local parks, rich in Soviet history, including statues of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels and the Memorial for the Red Guards.



DAY 5 TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN

Today we arrive in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan. We spend time touring this modern Soviet-style city, which was rebuilt following the devastating earthquake of 1966.

Our tour of the city includes a visit to the Khast-Imam Complex in the Old Town, where we will be privileged to see one of Islam's most sacred relics – the world's oldest Koran. This is followed by a visit to the Museum of Applied Arts housed in the opulent former residence of the Imperial Russian diplomat, Alexander Polovtsev, the culturally significant Independence Square, and the Railway Museum.



DAY 6 FERGANA VALLEY (KOKAND – RISHTAN – MARGILAN)

Kokand is one of the most ancient cities of Uzbekistan and served as a critical trading post on the Silk Road. Highlights of our touring include the majestic Palace of Khudayar Khan (the Pearl of Kokand), and the Jami Mosque, Kokand's most impressive Mosque.

Our journey through the Fergana Valley takes us to the renowned ceramics hub of Rishtan, a place where artistry and tradition meet. Witness the magic of pottery in action during an enthralling demonstration and get a behind-the-scenes look at the meticulous craftsmanship that goes into decorating these exquisite ceramics.

Our programme continues in Margilan, a location steeped in history as a vital crossroads for ancient trade routes. Here, you will have the chance to step into the world of silk, a treasure of this city. Immerse yourself in the time-honoured art of silk weaving as you explore a craftsman's workshop and studio, where the secrets of this ancient craft come to life. A local family who have been producing silk for generations using traditional methods will present to us the whole process of making silk from the mulberry trees used to feed the silkworms to hand weaving the colourful ikat fabric on traditional looms.

It is a day filled with experiential moments and a deep dive into Uzbekistan's rich artistic traditions.

DAY 7 BUKHARA, UZBEKISTAN

Bukhara is quite simply outstanding. Like Khiva, UNESCO sponsored the renovation of much of the city for its 2,500th anniversary in 1999. The highlight of this wonderful tour is a visit to The Ark, a fortified residence of the Emirs of Bukhara – the despotic and ruthless leaders who ruled until Soviet times. Our touring programme will also transport us to the grandeur of Poi-Kalyan Square,



home to the iconic Kalyan Mosque, a living relic of traditional Islamic design. Stroll through the mosque's large pillar-domed galleries and deeply recessed niches, and you will be transported to a bygone era.

Immerse yourself in the lively pulse of the city as we explore the bustling Trading Domes of Bukhara and gather at Lyabi-Hauz Square, a vibrant social hub cocooned by a pool and embraced by the soothing shade of mulberry trees and local tea rooms. We then travel out of the city to experience the Emir's enchantingly named 'Palace of the Moon and Stars'.

This evening, weather permitting, we will enjoy a barbecue on the station platform before our train departs.

DAY 8 NUKUS, UZBEKISTAN

Nestled in the enchanting north-west of Uzbekistan, the city of Nukus boasts a captivating setting, surrounded by three magnificent deserts: the Kara Kum, Kyzyl Kum, and Ustyurt. Here, a pristine and untouched landscape unfolds before your eyes, adorned with endless stretches of sandy vistas, enchanting dunes, and towering peaks that beckon adventure.

Our voyage through Nukus leads us to the extraordinary Igor Savitsky State Museum of the Fine Arts, a true hidden gem in this remote oasis. Aptly nicknamed the 'Louvre in the Sands,' this extraordinary museum houses Central Asia's most extensive art collection, featuring a staggering 100,000 avant-garde masterpieces and crafts from the Karakalpak region. Prepare to be mesmerised by the artistic treasures that await, promising a unique experience that will leave a lasting impression.



DAY 9 KHIVA, UZBEKISTAN

Today, we travel to the ancient city of Khiva, founded 2,500 years ago. As one of the Silk Road's most important trading posts and now a World Heritage Site, it lies at the crossroads of the routes between Mongolia, Russia, China and Persia. A truly magnificent sight to behold, it rises out of the desert to reveal a wealth of impressive architecture. Stepping back in time, we discover its impressive mosques, madrassas, bazaars and minarets within Khiva's ancient walls.



DAY 10 DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN

This afternoon we visit Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, situated on the Varzob River. First, explore the Museum of National Antiquities,

housing exhibits of history and regional art, before the main highlight of the city: the opulent Kohi Navruz Palace. Enjoy a guided tour with a local expert guide, who will tell the fascinating story of the teahouse-turned palace. You will explore each beautiful hall decorated with breathtaking chandeliers, while learning about each of the artists and designers that worked incredibly hard to build and decorate this majestic palace.

We continue our touring programme with more historic sites of Tajikistan's largest city. We visit the Ismail Samani monument, recognising the first King of Tajiks, before going onwards to the Independence Square and Mekhrigon Bazaar for a taster of local life in Dushanbe.

Tonight, enjoy an evening of relaxation onboard the Golden Eagle, enjoying the melodies of our resident pianist as we venture across the border into Uzbekistan.



DAY 11 SHAHRISABZ, UZBEKISTAN

Believed to be the birthplace of Amir Timur, the military prodigy who modelled himself on Genghis Khan and used similar violent methods to conquer and control his Empire, we visit the UNESCO-honoured statue of Amir Timur and his Ak-Saray Palace. This majestic palace in Shahrizabz took over a quarter of a century to build, and was originally decorated with colourful, highly detailed mosaic but also included delicate calligraphic inscriptions from the Qur'an. Amid the decorative facing, there is an inscription showing the date 798 (1395 – 1396 AD) which was when the building was completed.

Late afternoon we arrive in Samarkand and say goodbye to the Golden Eagle train. Upon arrival we disembark to visit the Gur-e Amir, an opulent azure domed mausoleum containing the tomb of Timur; then we check in a five-star hotel in Samarkand and continue exploring this magnificent city in the next couple of days.

Dinner tonight is a dine around in the hotel.

DAY 12 SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN

Just the mention of Samarkand instantly conjures

up evocative images of the Silk Road, more so than any other town. Founded in the 6th century BC, Samarkand's stunning architecture hints at its former status as one of the most important cities in Asia and is particularly noted for its architectural remains from the 14th to the 17th century, when it flourished as the fabled capital of the Mongol empire of Timur and his successors.

Today, we will visit some of its most significant sites including Registan Square, the refined elegance of the beautifully proportioned Bibi Khanum Mosque.

There will also be the chance to visit the bustling Siab Bazaar, Samarkand's largest market, where a vivid tapestry of spices, fresh bread, produce, meats, and a variety of traditional treats awaits. This vibrant market is a haven of excitement and colour, promising a shopping experience like no other. Get ready to be captivated by the enchantment of Samarkand!

Our quest for knowledge takes us to the Meros Paper Mill, where you'll gain a hands-on understanding of this ancient craft, learning the centuries-old techniques and processes. And for an immersive taste of Uzbek identity, you'll get to sample Plov cooked by a local chef, a dish considered the very essence of Uzbekistan's national identity and a staple at social gatherings.

Prepare for an unforgettable evening in Samarkand that will leave an indelible mark on your memory. As the sun sets and night descends upon this ancient city, we will whisk you away to the illuminated Registan Square, where an extraordinary spectacle unfolds. From your prime front-row seats, you'll be treated to a dazzling light show that weaves the rich tapestry of Samarkand's history and significance.

DAY 13 SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN

Spend the morning continuing to explore Samarkand, with a visit the famous necropolis Shakh I Zindah, a stunning collection of mausoleums dating back to the 9th century, and the Ulag Beg observatory, one of the earliest Islamic astronomical observatories built in 1428.

From here we travel to ancient settlement of Afrasiab to visit a museum which houses ancient artefacts collected during the excavation of the city, including the famous frescoes from the Palace of Varkhuman, which date back to the 7th century.

Enjoy our Gala Farewell Dinner tonight.

DAY 14 SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

Dear traveller,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to join me on one of the world's most extraordinary journeys - a truly unforgettable rail adventure aboard the legendary Golden Eagle.

Travelling through the magnificent Five Stans, we'll explore a captivating region shaped by a shared Soviet past yet rich in fiercely independent cultures, traditions and landscapes.

From the magnificent mosques and ancient cities of Uzbekistan to the breathtaking mountain scenery and timeless tranquillity of Tajikistan and Kazakhstan, this exclusive 14-day journey offers a rare opportunity to experience one of the world's greatest rail adventures.

On board the Golden Eagle, you'll enjoy the elegance and comfort of a private luxury train, where every detail is designed to make your journey seamless and enriching. Off the train, expert guides will bring to life iconic destinations such as Samarkand, Bukhara and Khiva, as we immerse ourselves in the warmth and hospitality of these remarkable cultures.

This is more than a holiday - it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience, shared in wonderful company, with unforgettable memories waiting to be made.

I would be delighted if you could join me on this magnificent journey through the heart of the Silk Road in 2027.

Warmest regards,
Phil Hoffmann.

