Cruise Details

Name:	Cruise & Rail: Grand Alpine & the Jewels of Veneto
Reference:	UNIWORLD61005CR
Operator:	Uniworld
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	S.S. La Venezia
Regions:	Po
Departs On:	30 Apr 27
Departs From:	Budapest
Arrives On:	16 May 27
Arrives At:	Venice
Cruise Nights:	16
Total Vacation Days:	17

Itinerary

Day 1: Budapest (Hungary)

Arrive at the airport in Budapest. If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the Four Seasons Gresham Palace hotel (or similar).

Arrives On: 30 Apr 27

Day 2: Budapest (Hungary)

Enjoy a full day in Budapest at your leisure. The romantic Hungarian capital, located on the banks of the magnificent Danube, is a large and eclectic city, with fascinating sites to explore everywhere you look. Perhaps you'd like to visit the thermal baths, explore the Castle District, or take in the awe-inspiring views from the top of Gellért Hill.

Arrives On: 01 May 27

Day 3: Budapest (Hungary)

This morning, you will check out of your hotel and transfer to the Golden Eagle Danube Express for a departure into Vienna. Settle into your cabin, then enjoy lunch as the train makes its way to the capital of Austria, where you'll have the opportunity to take a horse-drawn carriage ride through the cobbled streets of the Old Town, visit the famous Schönbrunn Palace, or enjoy some free time to explore on your own.In the evening, we will enjoy a private concert featuring the Vienna Supreme Orchestra.

Arrives On: 02 May 27

Day 4: Innsbruck (Austria)

Today will be one of the real highlights of the journey as we depart from Vienna in the morning and travel across central Austria and into the Alps on an incredibly scenic route. Keep your cameras at the ready as we climb over the Semmering Pass with its 16 viaducts and 15 tunnels, through the famous skiing village of Kitzbuhel to Jenbach, where we'll take a scenic drive to the picturesque Lake Achen for a cruise on the water.From here we travel by bus the short distance to Innsbruck, the capital of Austria's western state of Tyrol and an Alpine city that has long been a destination for winter sports. Innsbruck is also known for its Imperial and modern architecture.

Arrives On: 03 May 27

Day 5: Zurich (Switzerland)

Sit back, relax, and watch the scenery of the Vorarlberg unfold in front of your eyes this morning as we pass through St. Anton before crossing through Liechtenstein and then into Switzerland, where we run along the whole of the Lake of Zürich before arriving in the city.The city of Zürich, a global center for banking and finance, lies at the north end of Lake Zürich in northern Switzerland. The picturesque lanes of the central Altstadt (Old Town), on either side of the Limmat River, reflect its pre-medieval history. Waterfront promenades like the Limmatquai follow the river toward the 17th-century Rathaus (Town Hall). While we are in the city, we will enjoy a traditional Swiss fondue tasting.

Arrives On: 04 May 27

Day 6: Bellagio (Italy)

Upon leaving Zürich, we'll pass along the shorelines of Lakes Zug and Lucerne before starting the very scenic climb to the St. Gotthard Pass. Once through the old St. Gotthard tunnel, we'll descend through Lugano towards Lake Como in Italy, where we stop for a beautiful lunch on the lake. After lunch, set sail on a boat cruise around Lake Como and visit the lakeside town of Bellagio.

Arrives On: 05 May 27

Day 7: Verona (Italy)

This morning, after running along the south shore of Lake Garda, we arrive in Verona, where you'll set out on an informative walking tour of Verona's famous sites.Enjoy lunch onboard as the train threads its way to Trieste. Our brief tour here includes a stop at the imposing Miramare Castle and also a visit to the vast Piazza Unità d'Italia, the main town square. Standing on a hill overlooking Trieste is the famous Church of San Giusto. We will go inside the church for a close-up view of its splendid Byzantine-style architecture, enriched with precious mosaics.

Arrives On: 06 May 27

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You may wish to wake up early this morning to catch the incredible scenery outside your window as our train climbs away from Trieste and heads over the border into Slovenia, continuing its ascent through the Julian Alps to Lake Bled.From here we travel onto Ljubljana as we have lunch on board and discover a delightful combination of ancient architecture and a youthful culture. Our afternoon tour includes visits to Preseren Square, the Three Bridges, and Dragon Bridge.

Arrives On: 07 May 27

Day 9: Venice (Italy)

This morning, you'll be treated to a private visit to the Postojna Caves before re-boarding the train to head south towards Venice, where we'll say farewell to our train crew and check into the Kempinski San Clemente Palace (or similar) for one night. This magnificent, five-star retreat is set on its own private island, just minutes away from Piazza San Marco by private boat. You'll have the rest of the day to enjoy Venice at your leisure.

Arrives On: 08 May 27

Day 10: Venice (Italy)

Check out of your hotel and embark the S.S. La Venezia today to begin your 7-night stay on the gorgeous Venetian Lagoon.

Arrives On: 09 May 27

Day 11: Venice (Italy)

With your early morning arrival at Doge's Palace, you'll be able to marvel at the estate in total peace. Wander through a Venetian neighborhood and experience daily life in an authentic Venetian residential quarter. Later in the evening, cap the day off with a private once-in-a-lifetime experience at an after-hours lighting ceremony inside St. Mark's Basilica without the crowds.

Arrives On: 10 May 27

Day 12: Venice (Italy)

Start your morning in one of two of the Veneto region’s UNESCO World Heritage cities, Vicenza or Padua. In the afternoon, you'll reboard the ship for scenic sailing across the lagoon as we head towards Mazzorbo and Burano. In the evening, you may wish to take your free time to stroll into town to appreciate this charming island when most of the tourists have left for the evening. Burano’s brightly painted fishermen’s cottages are an artist’s dream —hot pink, chartreuse, orange, lemon yellow, and more.

Arrives On: 11 May 27

Day 13: Chioggia (Italy)

Spend the day exploring the northern lagoon of Venice and its captivating islands. Start with a visit to Torcello's famous basilica with an art historian, then stroll through the agricultural island of Mazzorbo and the rainbow-hued island of Burano during your free time after lunch. Alternatively, you can take the afternoon to see the renowned glassblowing artisans of Murano at work.

Arrives On: 12 May 27

Day 14: Chioggia (Italy)

Today, you’ll admire the greatest sites of charming and coastal Chioggia, including a stop at the local and lively market.

Arrives On: 13 May 27

Day 15: Venice (Italy)

This morning, join a sailing excursion where you’ll explore the Po Delta where the Po River and the Adriatic Sea meet. Later, during lunch, we sail back to Venice.

Arrives On: 14 May 27

Day 16: Venice (Italy)

As your water taxi glides past narrow side canals and the Canal Grande, you’ll arrive in style at the Rialto Bridge. The iconic stone arch bridge sits at the narrowest point of the Canal Grande and holds numerous shops and restaurants.

Arrives On: 15 May 27

Day 17: Venice (Italy)

Disembark the ship. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to Venice Marco Polo International Airport for your flight home.

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