

Editors'
CHOICE

*The Venice-Simplon-Orient-Express:
Paris to Hotel Cipriani, Venice to Joy*

IT OFTEN SEEMS THERE ARE FEW TRULY great experiences left in the modern world, but the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train between Paris and Venice remains as one of the great, romantic, joyous, mysterious, and fun extravaganzas that you can still enjoy for a bargain price when compared to the lifelong memories it provides.

Orient-Express owns the Hotel Cipriani, the best in Venice with the city's largest, and only salt-water, swimming pool. It's situated on the tip of Giudecca Island, therefore affording maximum privacy. Hotel Cipriani has the reputation among travelers as a bastion of excellence, not only in service and food, but also in leading one to a perfect state of mind.

The combination of the Hotel Cipriani and the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train is something you should experience while you are still young at heart. The price is right for the experience of a lifetime. Even though you might not witness "murder" on the Orient Express, it's still an experience "to die for." ●



Luxurious compartment – and they are all like this on Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train (top); The Orient-Express passing through Lucerne. Look closely, that might be you in the third car



Hotel Cipriani's Vendramin Palace suite (upper left); The largest hotel swimming pool in Venice at Hotel Cipriani (top right); Hotel Cipriani's Fortuny restaurant – the “in” place to dine (bottom right); This could be you having dinner in the Orient-Express dining car (left)