




Excerpts from *Luxury Train Travel Reports and Statements*


Summary: As indicated by the following excerpts which represent current expert opinions, the outlook for luxury train vacations and therefore Journeys by Rail is strong.


Click [here](#) to read about the favorable state of luxury train vacations, and [here](#), and [here](#).


 Dec 12th, 2019 *Luxury Train Travel is Making a Comeback*
There is a new renaissance of luxury trains **getting back on track** with modern train travel today, and the world's VIP's are all aboard. Newly recreated, restored classic trains are brought back to life as upscale steel carriages complete with personal butlers, attentive headwaiters happily serve five-course meals on premium bone china. Roomy private suites with plush linens pressed to perfection are also what can be expected these days, as if you were at the Ritz.

 *Departures Magazine* December 26, 2019 Luxury train travel has **stepped up its game**.


 **Full steam ahead: the revival of luxury train travel**
Today, the journey has become as enjoyable as the destination itself, as more of us choose to take it slow and experience the scenic route.


 July 1, 2019 In the past few years, the **luxury train travel game has heated up**.


 2019 - **"It's growing all the time,"** Todd Powell, CEO of Vacations by Rail, said of the luxury rail market. Well-traveled people are looking for new experiences, he said, and trains provide an overland adventure on which visitors get a feel for a country while enjoying exceptional service...With **train travel gaining steam**.


 **Golden Eagle Luxury Trains, Europe, India**
Tim Littler, owner operator - **"There is a current boom in luxury rail"** . . . **"There will be a limitation on availability for the foreseeable future"** because demand for luxury train vacations exceeds available inventory.


Natasha Baker, Sales and Marketing Manager, 2020 - "Luxury Trains, **becoming increasingly popular**."

 2020 - Luxury train travel has **stepped up its game** . . . chic train travel is **making a comeback** . . . the journey has become as enjoyable as the destination itself . . . a totally unique way to travel through a country . . . the popularity of luxury train travel is **a worldwide phenomenon**

 2020 - Guy Saunders, founder, Planet Rail
"Luxury rail trips have been becoming more popular year on year" . . . **"We have seen a significant increase in the number of customers looking for luxury train travel"** . . . **"The popularity of luxury train travel continues to grow apace"** . . . **"an upsurge in the number of people booking"**

 Dec 2019 - The buzz at the International Luxury Travel Market (ILTM) conference in Cannes, France, was a clear indication that there is indeed **a strong demand in the luxury train travel niche** . . . travelers are responding by packing new trains.

 **Letter from Director Business Development, RCI-Wyndham Destination Network**
"We are very excited to hear about the renovations and upgrades taking place with America's Trains; there has been a lot of great press lately about the resurgence of train travel and we're happy to see your progress! RCI as part of the Wyndham Destination Network with our over 3 million member families has a great demand for the luxury train travel product your organization is planning. We provide over 2 million families with great vacations year after year and believe that your services fill a general need and there is notable consumer interest for Journeys by Rail. As the world leader in vacation exchange and travel, we look forward to our ongoing relationship and jumping on the train!"

 June 12, 2020 **Rail travel allows for a lot more social distancing**
"Travel agents are showing a lot of interest in rail travel as an ideal post-pandemic travel product" . . . **"We are seeing tremendous interest in rail travel as a go-to alternative for post-coronavirus travel"**, says John Vavrina, Vice President of Sales.

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Mar 10, 2021

"Railbookers has been witnessing an incredible surge in higher-ticket vacations. (on trains)"



Aug 2020 - Private Rail Cars Will Soon Become The Ultimate Social Distancing Escape. A new resurgence of the Golden Age is on the horizon as interest in a post-pandemic world is increasing.



Lewisinvestmentgroup.com, the Lewis Group – Jan 2021

Luxury train travel is very much needed in the US.



27 May 2021 - Amtrak is initiating the work to deliver by 2035 more frequent, reliable and sustainable intercity passenger rail services to over 160 more communities and 20 million more passengers annually, as outlined in their 'Corridor Vision'.



Tim Littler, CEO, Golden Eagle Luxury Trains (Europe) – July 2021

It has been heartening, yet unsurprising, to see the level of booking demand for 2022 tours so far, with many of our flagship tours nearing capacity already . . . in response to this heightened demand.



Train Travel in the U.S. Is Getting More Luxurious September 7, 2021

Rail is on a roll. Train journeys have long been viewed as more sophisticated than traveling by either road or air, but train travel in the U.S. has long lagged behind Europe and Asia . . . But sophisticated travelers are voting - with their wallets, at least - in favor of rail, and they've been doing so in greater numbers since the pandemic struck, experts say.



VIRTUOSO
SPECIALISTS IN THE ART OF TRAVEL

2021 - A recent poll by Virtuoso travel agency consortium found that . . . sentiment is fueling interest in high-end train travel in the U.S., says Misty Belles, Virtuoso's vice president. "Train travel is a way to enjoy the beauty of the U.S. and its diverse landscapes without having to drive," she says. "More spacious seating and ability to roam appeal to those looking to avoid chaotic airports, crowded flights, or cramped cars."



2021 - Premium rail travel "is a hot product" right now for discerning travelers, according to Eleanor Hardy . . . co-founder of The Society of International Railway Travelers.



2021 - "We are seeing a ton of new customers," says Roger Harris, Amtrak's executive vice president . . . "mainly upscale leisure travelers who are not just interested in getting from point A to point B, but in savoring the train trip itself."



ep 2021 - Luxury is the new norm and travelling via a luxurious train is indeed the classiest way to travel overland distances. It is a great way to see beautiful sceneries without the inconvenience of moving luggage from one destination to another.

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Oct 2021 - Before the dawn of private jets and business class flights, royalty and high society onboard luxury trains. Now anyone can do it . . . if they are willing and able to spend £1,700 (\$2,300) for a one-night trip (\$900 on America's Trains' Journeys by Rail) The prices, however, don't seem to deter rail enthusiasts. Many journeys sell every seat.



BELMOND

"2019 was a record year for Venice Simplon-Orient-Express that saw our revenue increase by 70%" said Gary Franklin, vice president of Belmond's trains and cruises. When passenger journeys restarted in June (post Covid departures, 2021), travelers again booked routes solid. "We are seeing a revival of rail travel post-pandemic," Franklin told CNBC. "we anticipate that this rise in demand and interest will continue . . . "It's fantastic value for money," he said.



Dec 2021 - Train Travel Was More Popular Than in Pre-Pandemic Times

"Domestic train travel in 2021 . . . we experienced huge growth," said Frank Marini, the CEO of Amtrak Vacations and Railbookers. "For 2022, as it relates to domestic train travel, we are ahead . . . by +89% . . . And of that, +57% is new business going into 2022."



2022: U.S. Transportation Secretary : \$ billions, federal government grants for rail services - "reversing a half-century of underinvestment in our rail network - will expand service - demand has been strong across the country - Americans should have the option of high-quality passenger rail .. and are ready for the benefits of better rail"



2022 - The world's 'best' luxury train sells out a year in advance . . . certainly requires early booking.



Oct 2022 - Want to truly immerse yourself in the vastness of the USA? There's no better way than to take a scenic cross-country train trip. During these long-distance train rides, the journey is just as exciting as the destination itself. Relaxing in your seat as you watch the U.S. landscape out your train car window slowly change from cities to farmlands or from wide-open plains to towering mountains is an experience that's worth the extra transit time.



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Oct 2022 - demand for train travel has been on the rise since the pandemic. . . booking more train travel than ever before.



October 22: Rail is on a roll, sophisticated travelers are voting-with their wallets . . . in favor of rail, and they've been doing so in greater numbers since the pandemic struck, experts say . . . sentiment is fueling interest in high-end train travel in the U.S.



Sept 22 Experts have seen a huge increase in luxury train travel for leisure and five-star tours.



Oct 2022 Travelers have a whole slew of reasons for favoring train travel . . . more travelers than ever rediscovering the night-time glamour of the sleeper train



2021 Luxurious [train travel](#) is trending . . . surging in popularity in the United States.



Five Reasons to Take a Rail Vacation *Posted Thursday, October 20, 2022*

(1) An immersive travel experience. . . through the heart of breathtaking scenery inaccessible by other modes of transportation. (2) Endless variety of well-planned rail itineraries. (3) More spacious and comfortable than other modes of travel. (4) On board iconic trains . . . with comfortable lodging and memorable sightseeing and dining. (5) The journey is part of your adventure. . . sit back, relax, and enjoy the views. . . no need to stop for meals or lodging. . . immersed in the changing scenery . . . meeting new friends from destinations around the world.



If you have trains on the brain, you're not alone. This year is predicted to be big for rail travel . . . train journeys have never been more appealing as people are eager to slow down, reduce their carbon footprint, and enjoy the scenery.

According to Pinterest Predicts - searches for train-related content surged - increased by 40 percent. Train travel can be glamorous, nostalgic, and sustainable. . . Chart an adventurous ride you won't soon forget.