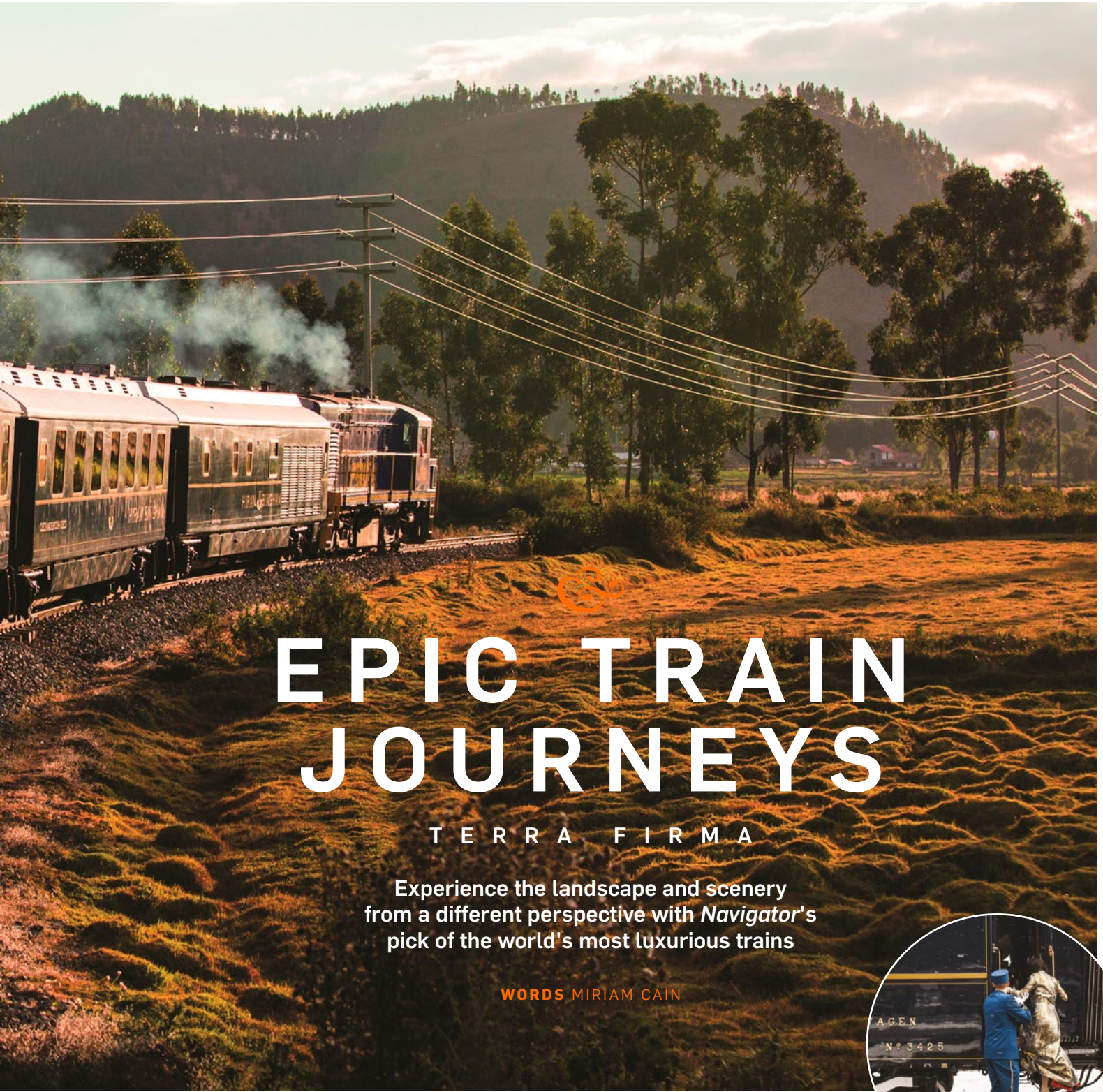


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The allure of the train is having a revival as adventurers are drawn to this glamorous, old-world mode of transportation. Travel through untouched jungles in Asia, along legendary European routes, and traverse mountainous landscapes aboard the world's most luxurious trains that have been through their own revival.





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Singapore – Penang

Eastern & Oriental Express, A Belmond Train

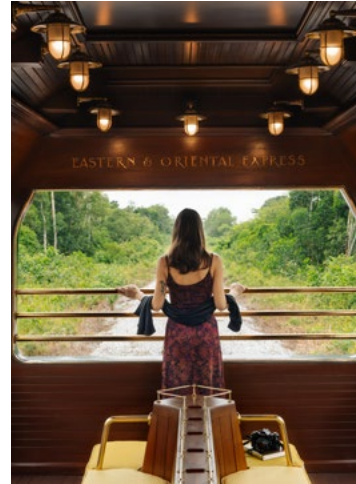
Snaking its way from Singapore through Malaysia's ever-changing landscapes and vibrant cities, the Eastern & Oriental Express is the stuff of train enthusiasts' legends. Returning to the rails earlier this year, the iconic train's 15 carriages have been restyled while new seasonal journeys have been introduced – the Essence of Malaysia and Wild Malaysia. Embarking in Singapore, enjoy a gourmet dinner in the old-world Dining Car followed by a nightcap in the Bar Car as the elegantly decorated train glides through Malaysia's rainforest landscape over three days, taking in Kuala Lumpur, Langkawi and the island of Penang. Spend time ashore with snorkeling excursions, jungle explorations, and UNESCO World Heritage sites, before returning to the garden city.

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Delhi – Mumbai

The Maharajas' Express, India

There are luxury sleeper trains, and then there's the Maharajas' Express. Reminiscent of a bygone era, the train's old-world elegance and modern amenities blend seamlessly to offer riders a luxurious and comfortable travel experience through the rich cultural tapestry of India's countryside. Curated journeys allow guests to explore World Heritage Sites and immerse in a range of cultural experiences, all in the comfort of onboard accommodation that includes deluxe cabins and a presidential suite, complete with five-star service from a dedicated private butler. Both of the onboard watering holes – the Safari Bar and the Raja Club – have plenty of lounging areas for socializing, while two restaurants serve Indian and international cuisine.

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04 The Maharajas' Express combines old-world elegance with modern comforts

05 Five-star service includes dedicated private butlers



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Paris – Portofino

Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, Europe

The train against which all other luxury trains are measured, the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express is the most iconic locomotive in the world. With its fantasy of 1920s Art Deco design and impeccable service, the Orient Express invites passengers to step back in time to the Golden Age of travel as they are whisked through the French countryside and amidst Swiss mountain scenes to Venice. Firmly ensconced in a class of its own, the impeccable service is akin to that of a superyacht. Bags are whisked off from the platform and magically appear in your cabin; plush carriages are lit by subtle lighting, creating a romantic ambiance as you dine on fine cuisine in the restaurant car or sip on bubbly in the Champagne bar. In 2023, the iconic train re-emerged with luxe updates, including eight new suites – two of which are original 1920s and 30s carriages – restored by expert craftsmen. This year sees new routes added, including the inaugural annual overnight Paris to Portofino coastal journey. Taking in the Mediterranean Riviera and concluding with a few nights ashore at the Splendido in Portofino, after which you can rest assured your next embarkation will be a worthy reflection as you step aboard your charter yacht and head off on a cruise along the Ligurian coast.

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Vancouver – Banff

Rocky Mountaineer, North America

Leave no sight unseen while traveling through Canada's iconic Rocky Mountain landscape aboard the Rocky Mountaineer. Picture windows and glass-dome ceilings capture the rugged scenery between Vancouver, British Columbia, Jasper National Park and Banff, traversing the Continental Divide through the mountainous landscape. Depending on which of the four routes taken, accommodation is ashore, while a circular route takes in the best of the destinations, finishing in Vancouver from where guests can exchange terra firma for a waterborne adventure through the Inside Passage.

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