



TRAINING MODE

FROM ULTRA LUXE TO UBER MODERN, THERE'S A RAIL JOURNEY EXPERIENCE FOR ALL TRAVELLERS IN ASIA

Belmond *Eastern & Oriental Express*

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➔ This glamorous journey through Southeast Asia is steeped in the romance of golden-age train travel with a touch of Eastern opulence. The exotic route from Singapore to Bangkok takes us three days and two nights aboard the luxury sleeper. The train speeds through the Straits of Johor before leisurely winding deeper into the Malaysian jungle and traversing the southern stretch of Thailand.

The richly furnished *Eastern & Oriental Express* features timeless interiors with a Thai twist. There are four categories of cabin ranging from the compact Pullman (requiring some agility) to the ultra-luxe Presidential Suite.

Elegant four-course meals are served in the dining car from a menu that exquisitely

blends French and Asian flavours. Convivial evenings are spent sipping signature cocktails while the resident pianist entertains us.

The train offers itineraries from September to the end of its season in April. On this particular trip, sightseeing stops include Malaysia's royal Kuala Kangsar and the infamous Kwai River.

The highlight of this far-flung adventure? Watching the sunset from the observation deck at the rear of the train. The balmy breeze blows my hair as the tropical scenery unfolds – palm plantations, glistening rice paddy fields and gold-winged temples flash by. That old adage rings true – it's very much about the journey, not just the destination.

