

# SOUTHEAST ASIA

BORNEO | CAMBODIA | LAOS | PHILIPPINES  
SINGAPORE | THAILAND | VIETNAM

2024-2025



OUR AWARD-WINNING COLLECTION OF ESCORTED TOURS AND TAILORMADE HOLIDAYS

The winner of 'Best Specialist Tour Operator' 13 years running – Globe Travel Awards

The most prestigious accolade in the travel industry

# WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST ASIA!



Come and join us on an extraordinary adventure through this enchanting region on one of our experience-packed tours. As every traveller is different, we've developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel your way. Discover the best option for you here:

## CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of an expert guide so that you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our Classic tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. These tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme including authentic cultural experiences.

## GO BEYOND

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. With smaller group sizes and greater flexibility, you will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. Our Go Beyond tours may take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime.

## SOLO TRAVELLERS

We have reserved selected departures of some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a readymade group of like-minded solo travellers. We provide a room of your own with no single supplement to pay, while our expert guides take care of you throughout the tour. Look out for the S symbol on the opposite page for tours with exclusive solo departures and see page 6 for more details.

## PRIVATE

A private tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide. Perfect for couples and families wanting greater flexibility on travel dates and accommodation style.

## TAILORMADE

For the ultimate in bespoke touring, one of our expert consultants will help you in designing a tour to meet your exact requirements. Select your choice of destinations, accommodation, touring and experiences to create the perfect holiday for you.

## SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling in a group of ten or more, we can arrange your own, independent Special Group tour. Whether that's a group of friends and family, or even a club or association, we'll tailor any of our tours to suit your group's wishes so you can enjoy a unique, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself. See page 75 for more details.



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**S** Exclusive solo departures available





# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

I'm thrilled to introduce our latest Southeast Asia brochure featuring our collection of carefully crafted tours to this fascinating corner of the world. Each itinerary, different in its unique way, is designed to make your holiday truly life-enhancing.

With travel well and truly part of our lives again, we can't wait to show you more of Southeast Asia's most beautiful and fascinating sites. From Cambodia's mysterious Angkor Temples and Vietnam's breathtaking Halong Bay to the lakeside villages of Tonle Sap and Laos's beautifully preserved Luang Prabang, something extraordinary awaits around every corner.

One of my favourite things to do in this part of the world is explore Vietnam's mighty Mekong Delta aboard the sleek four-star Victoria Mekong River cruising ship. We have a selection of touring itineraries that incorporate a 4 or 7-night voyage aboard the ship, or enjoy one of our brand new 14 day Cruise & Beach holidays.

With just 35 stylish, spacious staterooms, each with a private balcony, this is a wonderful opportunity to explore the Mekong in comfort and style.

As with all the holidays across our extensive portfolio, our tours are led by an experienced National Escort, born and raised in whichever country you explore. They are waiting, ready and willing, to share their in-depth and intimate knowledge of their captivating homeland with you. They'll take care of you every step of the way, so all you have to do is relax, explore and enjoy the journey.

We look forward to welcoming you on a Wendy Wu tour soon!



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Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

## OUR REPUTATION AND YOUR PEACE OF MIND

We have won our industry's 'Best Long Haul Specialist Tour Operator' award for 13 years running, we have a 5-star TripAdvisor rating, a Gold Award Feefo Accreditation and 98% of our customers would recommend travelling with us! We are also fully ABTA and ATOL-protected.

## OUR EXPERTISE

No one knows our destinations like we do, and we are passionate about sharing the best of them with you, so there is no one better to recommend the very best tours and experiences for your holiday.

## OUTSTANDING GUIDES

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge and dedication have won us the best reputation in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary.

## EXCEPTIONAL VALUE AND INCLUSIONS

Flights, accommodation, meals, touring, trains, cruises, evening shows, amazing guides and visas... we include it all.

## FANTASTIC OFFERS

We are renowned for our amazing Business Class and Premium Economy upgrades, which make your holiday all the more special, and we work with leading airlines to offer you regional departures, so travelling with us is more convenient than ever.

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

We hand-pick comfortable hotels in great locations, have a 'seat and a half' policy on our coaches and include all meals on our Classic tours, so you can relax and enjoy your holiday with us, knowing everything is taken care of.

## AMAZING TOURS & AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

On tour with us, you will be immersed in culture and history through experiences such as meeting local families, learning ancient traditions and watching cultural shows. We also include delicious local meals in each region. Look out for the 'Authentic Experiences' box on each tour page!

## TIPPING MADE EASY

We will advise you how much and when to tip and our National Escort will take care of it on your behalf.

## OUR ONLY GOAL

We are only satisfied when you come back to travel with us again and again – only then do we know that we've done a good job of serving you.



# YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

We want everyone who travels with us to enjoy each extraordinary day of their Wendy Wu adventure, so we've made it easy for you to choose your perfect holiday. You can select based on Tour Style (which you'll find inside the front cover), by Physical Rating (see opposite page) and if you're travelling solo why not join one of our departures reserved exclusively for Solo Travellers?

## ACCOMMODATION STYLES

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the locations you'll visit. Our Classic tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3 star plus to 4 star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Go Beyond tours you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit.

## TOUR PACE

Many of our tours are busy, but that's because we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of special experiences means some early starts and long days, but you can be sure that you'll return home with many incredible memories! Read our Tour Dossiers and check the Physical Ratings to see if the pace and activity levels are right for you.

## SOLO DEPARTURES

Solo travellers are more than welcome on any of our holidays, but we've reserved a few departures of our most popular tours exclusively for customers travelling on their own. These special departures feature smaller group sizes, free airport lounges and complimentary drinks on arrival! See tours: Vietnam at a Glance (p.16) and Angkor to the Bay (p.24) in this brochure or check our website at [www.wendywutours.co.uk](http://www.wendywutours.co.uk) for more information.

## CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

If you'd like to explore your destination further or arrange a stopover on your flight all you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 76) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our knowledgeable team of experts can help you customise your very own extension to any tour in this brochure.

## PHYSICAL RATING



### LEVEL 1

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every one of our tours require the ability to walk around sights unaided, whilst more active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating. For more information on why each tour has been rated the way it has, have a look at the 'Detailed Tour Dossier' available to download on the tour page of our website.

### LEVEL 2

Involves a little more time on your feet than a Level 1 tour and may involve more steps and/or walking.



### LEVEL 3

A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances. Other activities such as cycling will be at a gentle pace and will involve straightforward terrain.

### LEVEL 4

Similar physical activities to Level 3 but they may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.



### LEVEL 5

You'll need to be fit and adventurous to participate in these tours as on some days you will be active for most of the day. The terrain may be more challenging and the activities more physically demanding.

As the physical demands of each tour are different we recommend you check your Tour Dossier carefully before booking and contact us or your agent if unsure.

# You're in safe hands

Our guides are the stars of the show; it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that will transform your tour experience from good to truly extraordinary!



"Our guide couldn't do enough for us through the 2 weeks of our tour, his knowledge and love for his beautiful, amazing country, Cambodia, was second to none. He is by far the best tour guide I have ever had on all my travels around the world. His approach to his job as a tour guide is a mirror of the way he lives his life, he is truly a role model, I would love to have him be my guide on all of my future travels with Wendy Wu."

Graham Farthing

## AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

On all of our group tours you will be accompanied by a dedicated guide, known as your 'National Escort'. Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will immediately put you at ease and make you feel part of the family.

You will be able to put your utmost trust in your guide who will navigate you through the eccentricities of the local way of life.

## ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

- ✔ Have at least five years guiding experience
- ✔ Are fluent in English
- ✔ Are born and raised in the region they are exploring with you
- ✔ Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- ✔ Are at your service 24 hours a day



# Award-winning expertise

We are so proud of the numerous awards we've received over the years in recognition of the extraordinary travel experience we provide to our customers. We're just doing what we do best – creating memories to cherish and providing exceptional levels of customer service.



## Recommended by you

Awards are all well and good, but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us. We're proud of our 5-star TripAdvisor rating and the fact that so many of our customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family – that's all the accolade we need.



98% of customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family!



## Our Price Promise

If you find any of our tours cheaper elsewhere, we'll match the price!

### UNBEATABLE VALUE

Our tours are renowned for their comprehensive inclusions and exceptional value for money. We're so confident you won't find the same tour at a better price that if you do, we'll not only match it, but we'll also offer you a discount of £200 per person on a future booking.

### 100% NO SURCHARGE PROMISE

Once you've paid, you've paid! As soon as we confirm your booking you can relax knowing the holiday price won't increase and you'll never have to pay extra for currency fluctuations and surcharges, etc.

### WE WON'T BE BEATEN ON PRICE

If you find a Wendy Wu tour being sold elsewhere for less than our published price, let us know and we'll match the price you've been quoted.

# Cultural encounters, every step of the way

To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the 'Authentic Experiences' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...

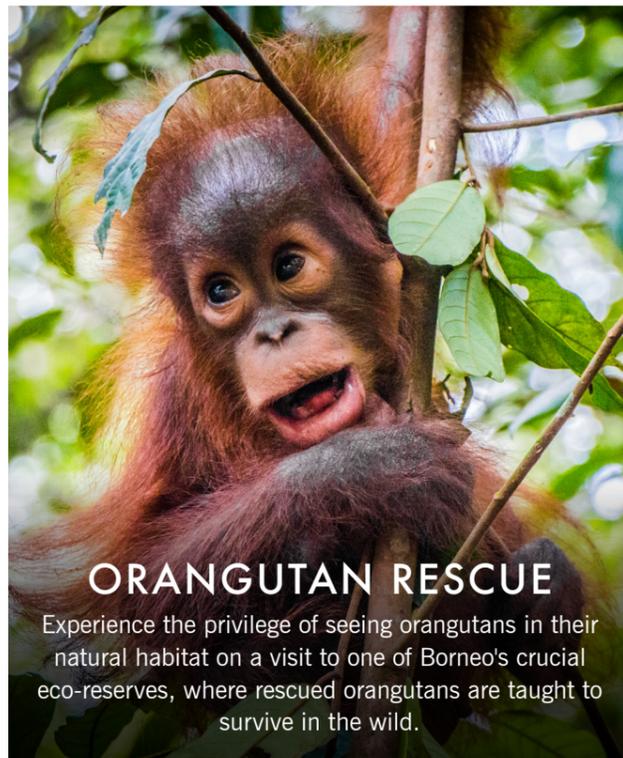
## TREKKING IN SAPA

Hike through the lush rice paddies surrounding Sapa on a route that showcases the area's very best views, and stop at ethnic minority villages to learn about the cultural distinctions that define each community.



## WITNESS TAKBAT

Witness the ceremony of Takbat in Laos, a daily ritual in which the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms from devout locals who line the streets.



## ORANGUTAN RESCUE

Experience the privilege of seeing orangutans in their natural habitat on a visit to one of Borneo's crucial eco-reserves, where rescued orangutans are taught to survive in the wild.

## ASIAN COOKERY CLASSES

Get an authentic taste of Southeast Asia in a hands-on cookery class. Master the art of a Thai or Vietnamese dish, and be sure to note down the recipe for later!

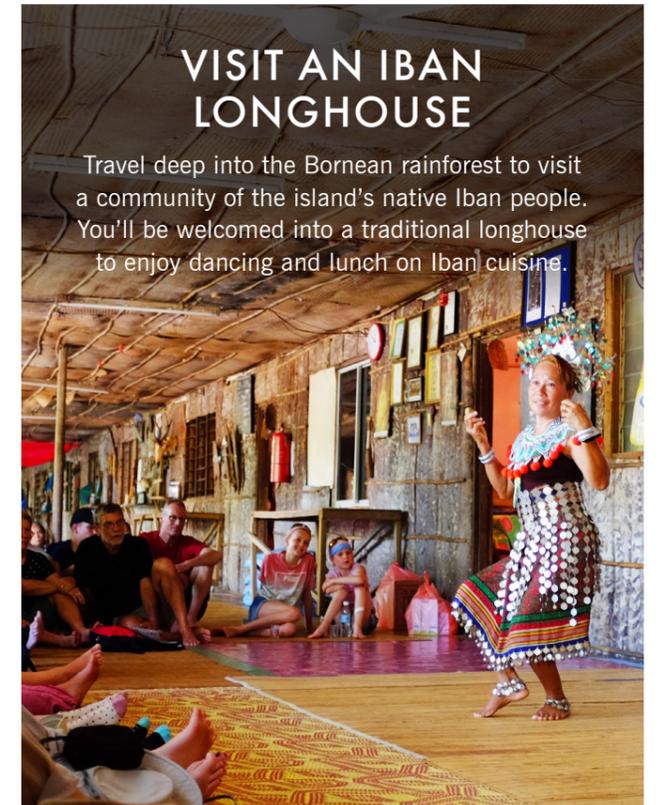


## SEE VIETNAM BY TRAIN

Embark on one of Southeast Asia's most stunning and best-known rail journeys on the Hue to Danang coastal route, taking in 64 miles of breathtaking shoreline, rural rainforest and lush mountains.

## VISIT AN IBAN LONGHOUSE

Travel deep into the Bornean rainforest to visit a community of the island's native Iban people. You'll be welcomed into a traditional longhouse to enjoy dancing and lunch on Iban cuisine.



## SEE HOI AN GLOW

Wander the delightful streets of Hoi An's traditional Old Town, with its ochre-coloured buildings, old-world temples and historic merchant houses. Come sunset, watch in wonder as Hoi An's world-famous lanterns flicker into life, evoking the feel of a bygone age.

# Discover Southeast Asia with Wendy Wu Tours

Southeast Asia is a dream destination for many travellers – with captivating scenery, tranquil temples and sensational food, it's easy to see why. Uncover countless cultures, beautiful landscapes and fascinating history in this most enchanting region.

## WENDY'S TOP 8 SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGHTS

### 1 HALONG BAY

Cruise on Halong Bay's tranquil waters and soak up the beauty of its foliage-cloaked islands on our Vietnam itineraries.



### 2 ANGKOR

The Angkor temples exude a rare majesty that few places on the planet can match – admire them on any itinerary featuring Cambodia.



### 3 MEKONG DELTA

Explore the lush Mekong Delta, meeting the locals and experiencing the culture, as part of a deluxe 4-night or 7-night cruise on the 'Victoria Mekong' (pages 34-47).



### 4 LUANG PRABANG

Luang Prabang is one of the most captivating towns in Asia and is a place of great spiritual and natural beauty, which can be visited on any Laos itinerary.



### 5 CHIANG MAI

The culturally rich city of Chiang Mai is an excellent destination for trekking, rafting, meeting hill tribes or visiting elephant sanctuaries. Visit on any Thailand itinerary.



### 6 NINH BINH

Breathtaking limestone mountains erupt between the rivers and rice paddies of Ninh Binh, earning it the nickname 'Halong Bay on Land'. Immerse yourself in its natural beauty on Grand Mekong Odyssey (pages 46-47).



### 7 BORNEO

Borneo offers stunning beaches, untouched rainforests, tribal traditions and a wonderful range of activities to delve into. Cruise on the Kinabatangan River to spot abundant wildlife (pages 58-59).



### 8 PHILIPPINES

Explore the rich culture and glorious landscapes of the Philippine archipelago, from the rice terraces and volcanic lakes of the north to the caves and beaches of the south (pages 60-61).



# CLASSIC TOURS

For those looking for a fully escorted, fully-inclusive group journey

Meticulously designed journeys perfect for those who want to see iconic sights and magnificent treasures on a fully-inclusive tour that is also fantastic value! With all your arrangements taken care of you can travel with the utmost ease and confidence, accompanied throughout by one of our industry-leading National Escorts.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- International airfares
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- All meals
- All transportation in destination
- All entrance fees, guides and daily tours
- Visa fees as stated for UK & EU passport holders

## EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

With a Classic tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and, in most cases, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring with a group of a maximum of 28 travellers, unless you choose Around Cambodia (max. group size 18).

## ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, you'll be dining in local establishments. We include a few 'feature meals', so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a whole, delicious range of your destination's best food.

## NATIONAL ESCORTS

You can be safe in the knowledge that throughout your tour you'll be in the company of one of our award-winning National Escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are what can push your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable.

## AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Thanks to the extensive expertise of our team, we can make sure you get to see those rarely visited places that will give you a more authentic experience of the culture of the region and the chance to meet the friendly local people. Keep an eye out for the 'Authentic Experiences' box on every tour page, for a taste of cultural encounters that you will enjoy.

# VIETNAM AT A GLANCE

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,090**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore fascinating Saigon
- ✓ Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Drift along the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Be inspired by charming Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise



Explore Hue's imperial past

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit Tra Que Village

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Explore the vibrant streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo, stopping off at a café to sample a traditionally-made, local speciality, egg coffee.
- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', a spectacular open-air show on a lake-turned-stage by over 250 performers. Uncover the rich culture and history of Northern Vietnam through music, song, dance and even dragon-boat racing!

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON & CU CHI

Spend the morning discovering the guerrilla warfare tactics of the Viet Cong at the famous Cu Chi Tunnels. Stop for lunch at an organic farm before returning to Saigon for an afternoon city tour. This exuberant city is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but it is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and visit the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace, and the emotive War Remnants Museum.

### DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Visit a bee farm for a taste of honey tea before enjoying a typical Mekong lunch. Return to Saigon, stopping en route to explore the historic Vinh Trang Pagoda and its beautiful gardens.

### DAY 5: HISTORIC HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This afternoon, take a walking tour of this charming town – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, whose streets are a delight to wander. Visit an old merchant's house, Quan Cong Temple, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the bustling market. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop employing staff with disabilities.

### DAY 6: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community that supplies many hotels and restaurants in the area with vegetables and herbs. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside, stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work and try your hand at their traditional techniques. This afternoon is at leisure to shop, explore, or perhaps head to the beach.

### DAY 7: IMPERIAL HUE

Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Once the stronghold of the Nguyen emperors, the citadel's atmosphere still retains the grandeur of its history. Continue to the old Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a cruise on the Perfume River.

### DAY 8: ROYAL TOMBS & FLY TO HANOI

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set in surroundings of gardens and pools. This afternoon, fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's charming capital.

### DAY 9: EXPLORE HANOI

Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, learning about this major figure of Vietnamese history. See his Mausoleum and the Presidential Palace, along with the humble Stilt House he called home. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese egg coffee.



Explore the waters of the Mekong Delta



Cruise magnificent Halong Bay

### DAY 10: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Board a traditional cruise ship on Halong Bay and cruise out into its tranquil scenery. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it's easy to see why it is one of Vietnam's most beloved destinations. Enjoy excursions such as kayaking or exploring island caves before returning to the ship for dinner.

### DAY 11: THE QUINTESSENCE OF TONKIN

Rise early this morning for a beautiful sunrise over the bay. Return to Hanoi after brunch on deck and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, experience the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

### DAY 12: FLY HANOI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.



Visit the Confucian Temple of Literature in Hanoi

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP? Visit page 62 to learn more about our private tours.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



**SAPA EXTENSION**  
4 days from £740pp

**BANGKOK STOPOVER**  
4 days from £520pp

**HONG KONG STOPOVER**  
3 days from £310pp

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

## VIETNAM AT A GLANCE

CLASSIC VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Have limited time but still want to experience Vietnam's top sights? With this tour you can experience all the key highlights, with visits to charming Hoi An, historic Hue, spectacular Halong Bay and more.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Saturday

2024 DATES			
23 Jan - 03 Feb	£3,190	06 Aug - 17 Aug	£3,090
20 Feb - 02 Mar	£3,190	17 Sep - 28 Sep	£3,090
05 Mar - 16 Mar	£3,190	01 Oct - 12 Oct	£3,190
12 Mar - 23 Mar	£3,390	08 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,190
26 Mar - 06 Apr	£3,190	22 Oct - 02 Nov	£3,190
30 Apr - 11 May	£3,190	05 Nov - 16 Nov	£3,190
07 May - 18 May	£3,190		

2025 DATES			
14 Jan - 25 Jan	£3,290	29 Jul - 09 Aug	£3,190
04 Feb - 15 Feb	£3,290	23 Sep - 04 Oct	£3,090
11 Feb - 22 Feb	£3,290	07 Oct - 18 Oct	£3,190
18 Feb - 01 Mar	£3,490	21 Oct - 01 Nov	£3,190
04 Mar - 15 Mar	£3,290	04 Nov - 15 Nov	£3,290
18 Mar - 29 Mar	£3,290	11 Nov - 22 Nov	£3,290
01 Apr - 12 Apr	£3,290	18 Nov - 29 Nov	£3,290

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,290 (Saigon - Hanoi)
- Single room from £410
- Tipping paid locally US\$70

Dedicated solos departure

Call for our 2026 pricing and departures

# VIETNAM PANORAMA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit Cai Rang floating market
- ✓ Ride Dalat's vintage train
- ✓ Swim in stunning Nha Trang
- ✓ Discover the past of Quy Nhon
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Cruise spectacular Halong Bay



Explore Central Vietnam's stunning coastal towns

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Watch the 'Quintessence of Tonkin' show

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', a spectacular open-air show performed on a lake-turned-stage by over 250 performers. Uncover the rich culture and history of northern Vietnam through music, song, dance and even dragon-boat racing!
- ▶ Explore the vibrant streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo, stopping off at a café to sample a traditionally-made, local speciality, egg coffee.
- ▶ Cruise lazily through the crystal-clear waters of Nha Trang bay, passing amongst beach-fringed islands, stopping off at small fishing villages and, if you feel like it, taking a dip in the balmy waters yourself.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: VISIT THE CU CHI TUNNELS

Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, a hidden network of Viet Cong tunnels, bunkers and field hospitals used in the Vietnam War. Afterwards, enjoy a refreshing lunch at an organic farm. This afternoon, return to Saigon to explore its seamless blend of past and present. See Notre Dame Cathedral and visit the Central Post Office; dramatic legacies of a colonial past. Spend time at the Reunification Palace and the emotive War Remnants Museum.

### DAY 4: CRUISE THE MEKONG DELTA

Head west to Ben Tre to take a cruise through the Mekong Delta. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam'. Paddle through the palm-lined canals and visit a local bee farm for some honey tea. Travel to Can Tho for an overnight stay. Enjoy a typical Mekong lunch before continuing to Can Tho, where we spend the night.



Visit Dalat's Flower Gardens

### DAY 5: EXPLORE FLOATING MARKETS

Visit the Cai Rang floating market to see the goods on sale and learn how vermicelli rice noodles are made. Return to Saigon.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO DALAT

Head up into the highlands to reach the hill town of Dalat, a former colonial retreat beloved for its cooler climate and picturesque scenery. En route, stop at a tea plantation to hear about tea cultivation in Bao Loc.

### DAY 7: THE CITY OF FLOWERS

Visit the Domaine de Marie Church, the Flower Gardens and an embroidery workshop. Later, board a vintage open-air train for a journey to the countryside hamlet of Trai Mat. End the day with a local coffee by Xuan Huong lake.

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO NHA TRANG

Today, take the winding road down from the highlands and along the coast to Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. Take to the turquoise waters for a cruise around the bay's many islands, and stop off to enjoy a swim in the balmy waters.

### DAY 9: VISIT THE CHAM TOWERS

Wander Dam market and visit the Po Nagar Cham Towers. Continue on to the seaside city of Quy Nhon, where we spend the night.

### DAY 10: VISIT SON MY

The Son My area saw one of the most horrific crimes of the Vietnam War – the My Lai massacre. Pay respects at the memorial placed in honour of these unarmed civilian victims and hear their story before continuing to Hoi An.



Enjoy magnificent views of Halong Bay

### DAY 11: EXPLORE HOI AN ON FOOT

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional town that has managed to retain the charms of a bygone era. Visit a historic family home, the Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the market before an afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 12: SEE THE ROYAL TOMB

Take the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. Once the seat of the Nguyen emperors, this scholarly city retains the majesty of its imperial past. Visit the Royal Tomb of Emperor Minh Mang, a complex of over 40 monuments surrounded by pools and gardens.

### DAY 13: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

Explore the imposing Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City within. Cruise along the Perfume River to visit the charming An Hien House and the seven-storey Thien Mu Pagoda.

### DAY 14: OLD QUARTER CYCLO TOUR

Take a quick flight to Hanoi, Vietnam's charming capital. Enjoy a cyclo tour of the atmospheric Old Quarter. Try a Hanoi speciality – egg coffee – before visiting the Ethnology Museum and exploring its life-size tribal longhouses.

### DAY 15: DISCOVER HANOI

Explore the story of Ho Chi Minh on today's walking tour. See his Mausoleum and Presidential Palace, and visit the Humble House on Stilts he called home. Later, visit the One Pillar Pagoda and the beautiful Temple of Literature.

### DAY 16: CRUISE HALONG BAY

This morning, embark on a cruise through the awe-inspiring beauty of Halong Bay. Swim, kayak or visit one of the bay's many caves before spending a night on board.

### DAY 17: RETURN TO HANOI

Cruise back to port after brunch. On your final evening in Hanoi, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

### DAY 18: FLY HANOI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### BANGKOK STOPOVER

4 days from £520pp

### LAOS EXTENSION

5 days from £990pp

### SINGAPORE STOPOVER

3 days from £350pp

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## CLASSIC VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This all-encompassing tour not only showcases Vietnam's highlights, but also allows extra time to discover the rich history of the lesser-visited Highlands and South Central Coast.



See tea plantations in the highlands

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Wednesday

### 2024 DATES

18 Feb - 06 Mar	£3,490	07 Apr - 24 Apr	£3,490
25 Feb - 13 Mar	£3,490	15 Sep - 02 Oct	£3,390
03 Mar - 20 Mar	£3,490	29 Sep - 16 Oct	£3,490
10 Mar - 27 Mar	£3,490	13 Oct - 30 Oct	£3,490
17 Mar - 03 Apr	£3,490	10 Nov - 27 Nov	£3,490
24 Mar - 10 Apr	£3,490	17 Nov - 04 Dec	£3,490

### 2025 DATES

02 Feb - 19 Feb	£3,590	27 Jul - 13 Aug	£3,490
09 Feb - 26 Feb	£3,590	28 Sep - 15 Oct	£3,490
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23 Mar - 09 Apr	£3,590	09 Nov - 26 Nov	£3,590
30 Mar - 16 Apr	£3,590	16 Nov - 03 Dec	£3,590

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,590 (Saigon – Hanoi)
- Single room from £590
- Tipping paid locally US\$100

Call for our 2026 pricing and departures

NEW

# CHRISTMAS IN VIETNAM

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Spend Christmas in Halong Bay
- ✓ Discover Saigon's fascinating history
- ✓ Be charmed by Hoi An's Old Town
- ✓ Explore Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Paddle boats on the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Tour Hanoi by rickshaw



Spend two nights cruising Halong Bay over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Enjoy Vietnamese food

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Indulge in a Vietnamese Christmas meal whilst looking over the tranquil Halong Bay as the evening stars begin to twinkle. As per tradition, this special feast takes place on Christmas Eve.
- ▶ Be mesmerised by the Quintessence of Tonkin – a spectacular performance showcasing Northern Vietnam's history, heritage and culture. The show incorporates live music, dance, a dramatic light display and water puppetry.
- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative city. The afternoon is at leisure before this evening's welcome dinner.

### DAY 3: SAIGON & CU CHI

Spend the morning discovering the guerrilla warfare tactics of the Viet Cong at the famous Cu Chi Tunnels. Stop for lunch at an organic farm before returning to Saigon for an afternoon city tour. This fascinating city is a blend of colonial architecture and modern innovation, wearing its history on its sleeve. Visit the poignant War Remnants Museum, along with the Reunification Palace, the French Colonial Central Post Office, and the 19th-century Notre-Dame Cathedral, decorated with festive lights.

### DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

Head southwest to Ben Tre for a boat trip on the Mekong Delta. Paddle through the palm-lined canals, stopping to visit a bee farm for a cup of honey tea. After lunch, visit the beautiful gardens of the Vinh Trang Pagoda en route back to Saigon.

### DAY 5: CHARMS OF HOI AN

Take a short flight to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This UNESCO-listed town is a delight to explore, with traditional silk lanterns lining the streets and gondolas bobbing on the river. Visit an old merchant family's house, Quan Cong Temple, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the bustling market before dinner. Afterwards, why not visit one of the town's legendary late-night tailors? The clothes-makers here are famous for their ability to deliver high-quality, custom-fit clothing in just 24 hours.

### DAY 6: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to Tra Que, a cooperative farming community that supplies many local restaurants in the area with vegetables and herbs. Their secret: instead of traditional fertiliser or chemicals, they use an all-natural seaweed found in the village lagoon. Enjoy the lush green countryside, stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work and try your hand at their traditional techniques. This afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 7: IMPERIAL HUE

Drive across the famously scenic Hai Van Pass to reach Hue. This atmospheric city was once the seat of the Nguyen emperors, who ruled Central Vietnam in the 19th century. Visit the UNESCO-listed Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City. Later, visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and take a cruise on the Perfume River.



Explore Hue's imperial monuments



Visit the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang in Hue

### DAY 8: ROYAL TOMBS & FLY TO HANOI

Spend a morning at the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, exploring its peaceful gardens and scenic pools. After lunch, fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's leafy, laid-back capital.

### DAY 9: EXPLORE HANOI

Take a walking tour of the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, learning the story of its namesake – the former kitchen boy who rose to the status of revolutionary leader and eventually president. See his Mausoleum, the Presidential Palace, and the humble Stilt House he called home. Also, visit the One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a rickshaw tour through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese egg coffee.

### DAY 10: CHRISTMAS EVE IN HALONG BAY

Board a traditional sailing ship on Halong Bay and cruise out into its tranquil waters. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it's easy to see why it is one of Vietnam's most beloved destinations. Enjoy excursions such as kayaking or exploring island caves this afternoon.

Tonight, relax and enjoy Christmas dinner – Vietnamese style! The festive meal is served on Christmas Eve in Vietnam thanks to French influences left over from the colonial period. Enjoy the celebrations with newfound friends and your National Escort as the stars glimmer over the bay.

### DAY 11: CHRISTMAS DAY IN LAN HA BAY

Begin a Christmas Day like no other – watching the sun rise over Halong Bay. Sail into Lan Ha Bay – Halong's equally beautiful but lesser-known twin. Today, choose from included activities such as kayaking at Ho Ba

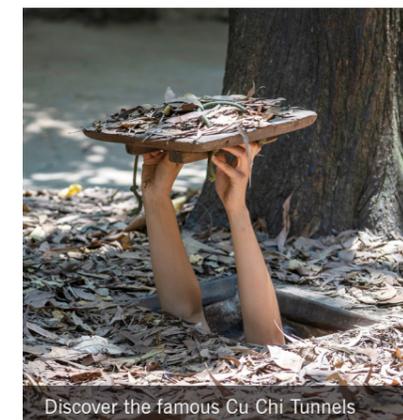
Ham (Three Tunnel Lake) or let a local fisherman row you around a floating fishing village, home to multiple generations of fishermen and their families. Enjoy a Christmas drinks reception on deck this evening before a second night on board.

### DAY 12: QUINTESSENCE OF TONKIN

Rise early on Boxing Day for a beautiful sunrise over the bay. Return to Hanoi after brunch on deck and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, experience the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

### DAY 13: FLY HANOI TO UK

Fly back to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.



Discover the famous Cu Chi Tunnels

CHRISTMAS IN VIETNAM

CLASSIC VIETNAM



PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

December is a perfect month to visit Vietnam, so why not celebrate Christmas with us? Explore the historic cities of Saigon and Hanoi, and immerse yourself in the charms of Hoi An and imperial Hue. Come Christmas Eve, embark on a wonderful two-night cruise into the waters of Halong Bay.



See Christmas lights in Saigon

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary

### 2023 DATES

15 - 27 Dec £3,990

### 2024 DATES

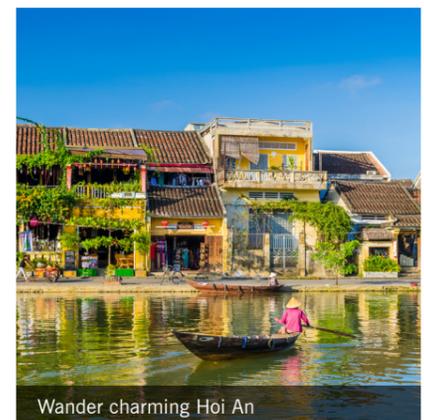
15 - 27 Dec £4,190

### 2025 DATES

15 - 27 Dec £4,390

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,190 (Saigon - Hanoi)
- Single room from £800
- Tipping paid locally US\$80



Wander charming Hoi An

# AROUND CAMBODIA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover captivating Phnom Penh
- ✓ Learn Cambodian history at the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng
- ✓ Kick back in coastal Kampot
- ✓ Unravel the mysteries of the silk making process in Siem Reap
- ✓ Explore colonial Battambang
- ✓ Be inspired by majestic Angkor
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap



Explore the magnificent temples and monasteries of Angkor

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



See the famous Kampot pepper plantations

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Learn all about the cultivation and production of Kampot pepper, considered by many to be the world's best, as you tour a peaceful pepper farm in southern Cambodia's lush countryside.
- ▶ Pay a visit to Golden Silk Pheach, an NGO-run centre founded with a twofold mission: to revive the almost-lost art of handmade Khmer silk-making, and to create high-skilled jobs for local women.
- ▶ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and acrobatics, Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique and authentically Cambodian way.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to Siem Reap. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over 1,000 temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Drive to the old city of Angkor Thom and pass through the magnificent South Gate flanked by 54 gods and demons. At Angkor Thom's centre is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Also admire the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King.

Continue to Ta Prohm before the rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent, and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. Later, take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the old Khmer water systems.

### DAY 4: COOKING CLASS & CIRCUS

Join a traditional Cambodian cooking class at an organic farm, learning about the flavours that go into Khmer cuisine. This afternoon, visit a local silk farm to learn how Cambodian golden silk is produced by hand. Continue to Banteay Srei, a 10th-century temple famous for its pink sandstone architecture and astonishingly fine carving. This evening, enjoy a rollicking performance by graduates of the Phare Cambodian Circus. This NGO organisation transforms the lives of disadvantaged local youths, providing

them with a formal education and vocational training in the performing arts.

### DAY 5: CRUISE TONLE SAP LAKE

Take a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting a floating village and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Return to Siem Reap for an afternoon at leisure. This evening sit down to dinner and an Apsara dance show.

### DAY 6: HISTORIC BATTAMBANG

Journey west to Battambang, Cambodia's lesser-known city. With a population of less than 120,000, Battambang is a laidback city nestled on a bend of the Sangkhe River. Set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes, Battambang is also home to Cambodia's grandest colonial architecture.

### DAY 7: RURAL BATTAMBANG

Head out of town to the 12th-century Prasat Banan Temple and admire the breathtaking hilltop views. Return to Battambang and take a stroll through the village of Wat Kor, then explore a local house for a glimpse of traditional rural life. Pause to witness a local phenomenon - hundreds of thousands of bats erupting from the hillside for their nightly hunt.

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO PHNOM PENH

Drive to Phnom Penh. En route, stop to visit the ancient ruins of Oudong, the Khmer capital from 1618-1866.

### DAY 9: PHNOM PENH CYCLO TOUR

Explore Phnom Penh, a European-feeling city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Though it is still scarred by the events of the 1970s, the city has been renewed with energy and optimism. Enjoy a rickshaw tour, stopping to visit the



Visit an NGO-run silk farm



Relax in sleepy Kep

magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. Visit the city's chief landmark, the temple of Wat Phnom, before an afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 10: PHNOM PENH

This morning, learn about Cambodia's tragic past under the Khmer Rouge regime with visits to the Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. This evening, admire modern Phnom Penh as you sip a cocktail at a local sky bar, and consider how this reinvigorated capital is moving forward.

### DAY 11: KAMPOT

Depart for the coastal town of Kampot, stopping en route at a pepper farm to learn about the famous Kampot pepper. Enjoy a walking tour of Kampot, a charming town characterised by its colonial architecture.

### DAY 12: KEP

Enjoy a trip along the coast to the beach town of Kep, starting with a lunch and ocean views at the sailing club. This afternoon is at leisure to explore Kep independently.

### DAY 13: RETURN TO PHNOM PENH

Return to Phnom Penh, stopping en route at the former French hill station of Bokor Mountain. Relax in Phnom Penh this afternoon before a farewell dinner cruise on the Mekong River.

### DAYS 14-15: FLY PHNOM PENH TO UK

Board your flight home, arriving the same or the following day.



Soak up the atmosphere at Wat Phnom

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### SINGAPORE STOPOVER

3 days from £350pp

### BANGKOK STOPOVER

4 days from £520pp

### HUA HIN BEACH EXTENSION

4 days from £420pp

### HANOI & HALONG BAY

5 days from £920pp

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

## AROUND CAMBODIA

CLASSIC CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Spend two weeks exploring Cambodia's complex history and fascinating heritage. Cover all the highlights of the kingdom, from cooking classes to cultural shows, dinner cruises and — of course — the majestic temples of Angkor.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Sunday

### 2024 DATES

18 Feb - 03 Mar	£3,490	27 Oct - 10 Nov	£3,490
10 Mar - 24 Mar	£3,490	10 Nov - 24 Nov	£3,490

### 2025 DATES

09 Feb - 23 Feb	£3,590	02 Nov - 16 Nov	£3,590
23 Feb - 09 Mar	£3,590	16 Nov - 30 Nov	£3,590
02 Mar - 16 Mar	£3,590		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,690 (Siem Reap – Phnom Penh)
- Single room from £590
- Tipping paid locally US\$75

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Discover local life on Tonle Sap

# ANGKOR TO THE BAY

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Be inspired by spectacular Angkor temples
- ✓ See the local life in Tonle Sap
- ✓ Visit captivating Phnom Penh
- ✓ Learn age-old farming techniques in Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Stroll Hanoi's atmospheric alleyways
- ✓ Cruise the stunning Halong Bay

Admire the majestic Angkor temples

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Discover local life on Tonle Sap

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Cruise to bustling Kampong Kleng, an off-the-beaten-track floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, where you'll get an authentic look at unique local life.
- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', a spectacular open-air show that perfectly showcases the rich history of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented dancers, musicians and artists.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to Siem Reap. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: TONLE SAP LAKE

Visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, seeing the floating houses here and learning about the way of life in these lake communities. This evening, sit down to dinner and an Apsara dance show.

### DAY 4: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Enter the walled city of Angkor Thom and head to its heart to see the enigmatic Bayon, followed by the atmospheric Ta Prohm. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. Later, take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and enjoy a refreshing beer as the sun sets.

### DAY 5: DISCOVER PHNOM PENH

Fly to Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Visit the magnificent Royal Palace, the official residence of the King, and the Silver Pagoda in its grounds.

### DAY 6: FLY TO SAIGON

Visit the emotive Tuol Sleng Museum, housed in the former notorious S21 prison used by the Khmer Rouge regime. Stop at the city's namesake temple, Wat Phnom, before a short 1-hour flight to Saigon in South Vietnam.

### DAY 7: SAIGON & CU CHI

Get to grips with the struggles of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, used by the Viet Cong during the war. Return to the city and gain further insights into this period at the Reunification Palace and the poignant War Remnants Museum.

### DAY 8: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

Pop down to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong Delta. Paddle through this 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', a rich and fertile land known for its production of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits.

### DAY 9: SAIGON & HOI AN

The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Discover its architectural gems, including the Notre-Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office and Thien Hau Pagoda. Later, fly to Hoi An, a UNESCO-listed town renowned for its historic atmosphere and high-quality tailors.



Wander charming Hoi An



Spend two days cruising through magnificent Halong Bay

### DAY 10: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Drive out into the countryside to the small farming community of Tra Que. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside and try your hand at age-old farming techniques before taking part in a cooking demonstration, learning the art of a local dish. After lunch take a walking tour of Hoi An, to see the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market. With its swaying lanterns, bobbing gondolas and cheery yellow houses, the Old Town is a delight to wander.

### DAY 11: HAI VAN PASS & HUE

Drive to Hue, travelling over the scenic Hai Van Pass. Once the stronghold of the Nguyen Emperors, Hue exudes imperial grandeur at every turn. Visit the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda and cruise along the Perfume River.

### DAY 12: HUE

Visit Hue's UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden City, along with the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. Stop at a beautiful old 'maison' that has been transformed into a Truc Chi bamboo paper workshop and learn all about this art.

### DAY 13: HANOI CYCLO

Fly to Hanoi this morning. This afternoon, take a thrilling cyclo ride through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake.

### DAYS 14-15: HALONG BAY

Spend two days aboard a comfortable cruise boat sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Spend the night on the boat before returning to Hanoi. Attend the the Quintessence of Tonkin show,

a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

### DAY 16: EXPLORE HANOI

Discover Hanoi's history and the story of President Ho Chi Minh on a walking tour. See his Mausoleum in Ba Dinh Square, and admire the Presidential Palace. Explore its peaceful grounds and visit the Humble House on Stilts, where he lived during his rule. Finally, visit the beautiful Temple of Literature before this evening's farewell dinner.

### DAY 17: FLY HANOI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?  
Visit page 62 to learn more about our private tours.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



**SAPA EXTENSION**  
4 days from £740pp

**BANGKOK STOPOVER**  
4 days from £520pp

**HONG KONG STOPOVER**  
3 days from £310pp

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## ANGKOR TO THE BAY

CLASSIC  
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PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Our most popular Indochina tour takes you on a journey of discovery, from the breathtaking temples of Angkor and the Mekong Delta through to the natural grandeur of Halong Bay, experiencing all manner of delights en route.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Monday

### 2024 DATES

20 Jan - 05 Feb	£4,590	10 Aug - 26 Aug	£4,590
17 Feb - 04 Mar	£4,590	14 Sep - 30 Sep	£4,490
24 Feb - 11 Mar	£4,590	28 Sep - 14 Oct	£4,890
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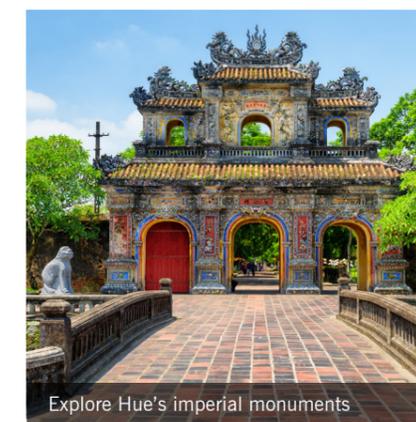
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03 May - 19 May	£4,790	22 Nov - 08 Dec	£4,790

## Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,690 (Siem Reap – Hanoi)
- Single room from £560
- Tipping paid locally US\$105

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Explore Hue's imperial monuments

# LAOS & CAMBODIA UNVEILED

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,290**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Be charmed by quaint Vientiane
- ✓ Admire scenic Vang Vieng
- ✓ Visit enchanting Kuang Si Falls
- ✓ Be captivated by Angkor
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap
- ✓ Visit colonial Battambang
- ✓ Explore Phnom Penh by cyclo



Swim at Kuang Si Falls

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Cambodia visa fees for UK passport holders
- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)



Witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.
- ▶ Visit the headquarters of medical charity COPE, and learn about their work to provide prosthetic limbs to survivors of road accidents and landmines in Laos.
- ▶ Visit the lovely NGO of Golden Silk Pheach, a heritage silk workshop working to revive the rich art of hand-spun golden silk whilst also providing skilled employment to over 100 locals.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO VIENTIANE

Fly overnight to Vientiane via Bangkok. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE VIENTIANE

Nestled in a sleepy bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city. Visit the morning market, Wat Si Saket and Wat Phra Keo, the former royal temple, along with That Luang Stupa and the Patuxai Victory Monument. Visit the COPE Centre to learn about their work creating prosthetic limbs for landmine survivors.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO VANG VIENG

Depart Vientiane for Vang Vieng, a town beautifully set in a spectacular karst landscape that has become Laos' adventure capital. En route, stop at Ban Keun to learn about traditional methods of salt production, a keystone of the local economy.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE VANG VIENG

Venture into the Tham Chang cave before wandering through the dramatic limestone karst countryside beside the Nam Song River.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LUANG PRABANG

Return to Vientiane and fly to the beautiful city of Luang Prabang. The quintessential image of Laos and a place of vivid colours, here you'll find a rich heritage and enduring French legacy.

### DAY 7: PAK OU CAVES

Visit the exquisite Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong. Cruise up the languid Mekong River

to the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of Buddhist sculptures that reside within. On the return trip, stop off at the villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong.

### DAY 8: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Begin the day at the National Museum, housed in the former royal palace. Drive out of the city, stopping for a visit to Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre, before heading to the natural splendour of Kuang Si Waterfalls. Enjoy the vivid blue terraced pools that tumble down through their forest setting, taking a dip or relaxing by the water's edge.

### DAY 9: TAKBAT

Rise early this morning to witness the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collecting alms from the locals – the ceremony of Takbat. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. Later this morning, climb Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the city before taking a short flight to Siem Reap in Cambodia.

### DAY 10: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Rising early, the tour begins in the heart of Angkor Thom, the old walled city - passing through its South Gate you'll reach the enigmatic Bayon and visit the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat, the best preserved of Angkor's temples. Examine the vast number of intricate details and relish the sheer



Enjoy a walk through Vang Vieng's dramatic landscapes

magnificence of its architecture. This evening, take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom as the sun sets.

### DAY 11: TONLE SAP LAKE

Enjoy a laid-back cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, passing through a floating village and observing the way of life of these lake communities. This evening, sit down to dinner and traditional Apsara dance show.

### DAY 12: BANTEAY SREI

Admire the richly-embellished Banteay Srei, a thousand-year-old temple built from rose-coloured sandstone, before visiting a wonderful silk workshop reviving the art of handwoven Khmer gold silk.

### DAY 13: RURAL BATTAMBANG

Depart Siem Reap for the rural city of Battambang, a former colonial town with a wealth of French architecture on display. Enjoy an introductory tour before an afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 14: EXPLORE BATTAMBANG

Battambang is set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes. Head out of town to the 12th-century Prasat Banan Temple, returning to Battambang to stroll through the village of Wat Kor, with its collection of century-old houses.

### DAY 15: TRAVEL TO PHNOM PENH

Journey south to the city of Phnom Penh. On arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 16: PHNOM PENH BY CYCLO

Experience a cyclo ride to the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before stopping to visit the temple of Wat Phnom.

Later, enjoy the exhibits of the National Museum, which are housed in a spectacular Khmer-style building, before learning about the tragedies of the recent past at the deeply emotive Tuol Sleng Museum.

### DAYS 17-18: FLY PHNOM PENH TO UK

If your flight time permits, this morning there is an option to visit the poignant Killing Fields (payable locally). Transfer to the airport to board your flight back to the UK, arriving the next day.



Explore Angkor Wat in Cambodia

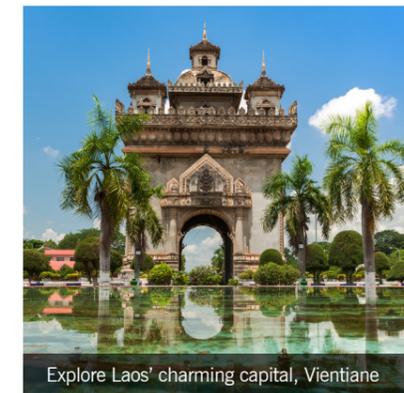
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LAOS & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This epic dual-destination adventure takes you from the lush mountain landscapes of untouched Laos to the treasures of historic Cambodia. En route, swim in turquoise waterfalls, meet local families and explore Angkor's extraordinary temples.



Explore Laos' charming capital, Vientiane

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Monday

### 2024 DATES

23 Feb - 11 Mar	£4,290	08 Nov - 25 Nov	£4,290
15 Mar - 01 Apr	£4,290	15 Nov - 02 Dec	£4,290

### 2025 DATES

07 Feb - 24 Feb	£4,390	31 Oct - 17 Nov	£4,390
14 Feb - 03 Mar	£4,390	14 Nov - 01 Dec	£4,390

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,490 (Vientiane – Phnom Penh)
- Single room from £610
- Tipping paid locally US\$105

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### SINGAPORE STOPOVER

3 days from £350pp

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# INDOCHINA DELIGHTS

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,590**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See local life on the Mekong
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- ✓ Be charmed by Luang Prabang
- ✓ Admire Kuang Si waterfalls
- ✓ Marvel at Angkor's temples



Enjoy Hoi An's traditional atmosphere

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Cambodia visa fees for UK passport holders
- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)



Learn ancient cultivation techniques

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ After a day of exploration, relax as you float on the gentle waters of Angkor Thom's moat, seeing the old walled city from a different perspective and savouring the beauty of a peaceful sunset.
- ▶ Head into the forest to visit the stunning tiered pools of Laos' Kuang Si Waterfalls. Relax by the river or enjoy a refreshing swim in the beautiful blue waters.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture before dinner.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

Take a walking tour of Saigon's centre, with such architectural highlights as the Notre-Dame Cathedral and grand Central Post Office. Visit the Reunification Palace and the poignant War Remnants Museum.

### DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. This area is called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta.

### DAY 5: CU CHI TUNNELS

Uncover stories of guerilla warfare at Cu Chi, the legendary tunnel network used by the Viet Cong during the war. Afterward, head to an organic farm for a fresh farm-to-table lunch. Later, fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed city of Hoi An.

### DAY 6: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An, a wonderfully laidback, graceful and traditional town. Visit one of the oldest homes, still occupied by descendants of merchants that built it over 200 years ago. Stop at the elaborate Japanese Bridge and visit Hoi An Market and a local Chinese Temple before lunch. The afternoon is at leisure to explore or head to the beach.

### DAY 7: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Drive out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community where you can enjoy the lush green countryside and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. Later, take a flight to Vietnam's charming capital city, Hanoi; a richly historic city of lakes, parks and shaded boulevards.

### DAY 8: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Head to Halong Bay and board your comfortable cruise ship, sailing amongst the spectacular seascapes, fringed by jagged karst formations jutting from emerald waters. Halong Bay, with its 1,600 islands and islets, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 and is a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. Activities this afternoon may include kayaking, swimming or sunbathing. Enjoy dinner on board and spend the night anchored on the tranquil waters.



Cruise spectacular Halong Bay



Visit Wat Xieng Thong



Bathe in the Kuang Si Waterfalls

### DAY 9: HALONG BAY - HANOI

Enjoy brunch on board before disembarking and returning to Hanoi for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, attend a spectacular theatrical performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

### DAY 10: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

Spend the morning exploring Hanoi's Ho Chi Minh complex, the Temple of Literature and Ngoc Son Temple – you'll also take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese coffee at a local café. Fly to the enchanting city of Luang Prabang in Laos.

### DAY 11: TAKBAT ALMS CEREMONY

Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid colours, an extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. Today, rise early to watch a Takbat alms giving ceremony. Ascend Phousi Hill for panoramic views, visit the gold-covered Wat Xieng Thong, then cruise along the Mekong River to see the Pak Ou Caves. Return to Luang Prabang.

### DAY 12: VISIT KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Visit the National Museum before continuing to the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls. Relax by the water or enjoy a refreshing dip. Return to Luang Prabang via Ban Na Ouane village and Ock Pop Tok Craft Centre. This evening, witness a local Bac (luck) ceremony.

### DAY 13: FLY TO SIEM REAP

The morning is at leisure for final explorations in Luang Prabang. This afternoon, fly to Siem Reap and check in to the hotel before dinner.

### DAY 14: EXPLORE ANGKOR WAT

Begin the day at the ruined city of Angkor Thom, established as the royal capital of the Khmer Empire in the 12th century. Uncover its secrets before continuing to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric ancient monastery partially reclaimed by the jungle. This afternoon, explore the magnificent temple of Angkor Wat, the park's most famous treasure. Later, return to Angkor Thom for a leisurely boat ride as the sun sets.

### DAY 15: TONLE SAP LAKE

Enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, passing through the floating villages and observing the way of life of these lake communities. The afternoon is at leisure. This evening, sit down to a farewell dinner and an Apsara dance show.

### DAYS 16-17: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### MUI NE BEACH EXTENSION

4 days from £640pp

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3 days from £350pp

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## CLASSIC

VIETNAM, LAOS & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The perfect way to explore Indochina, tick off three countries with this fantastic introduction to the region. Featuring Halong Bay, Luang Prabang and the temples of Angkor, all of the best sights are covered.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

### 2024 DATES

16 Feb - 03 Mar	£4,690	13 Sep - 29 Sep	£4,590
23 Feb - 10 Mar	£4,690	11 Oct - 27 Oct	£4,690
08 Mar - 24 Mar	£4,690	15 Nov - 01 Dec	£4,690

### 2025 DATES

07 Feb - 23 Feb	£4,890	17 Oct - 02 Nov	£4,790
21 Feb - 09 Mar	£4,890	31 Oct - 16 Nov	£4,890
07 Mar - 23 Mar	£4,890	14 Nov - 30 Nov	£4,890

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,790 (Saigon – Siem Reap)
- Single room from £560
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Explore Ta Prohm

# GRAND TOUR OF INDOCHINA

28 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Drift on the Mekong Delta
- ✓ See local life in charming Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Walk Mai Chau's rice terraces
- ✓ Practise Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ Witness sacred Takbat
- ✓ Be captivated by Angkor



Soak up the scenery of Vang Vieng

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches & 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Cambodia visa fees for UK passport holders
- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)



Explore the scenic rice terraces of Mai Chau

## AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Embark on an easy trek through the incredible landscapes of Mai Chau. Admire views of the famous rice terraces, visit the villages of hill tribes such as the Flower H'mong, and meet the communities that call these landscapes home.
- ▶ Experience the Phare Circus, a rip-roaring combination of music, dance and acrobatics that tell tales from Khmer folklore. This wonderful NGO provides vocational training opportunities for disadvantaged locals.
- ▶ Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative city.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

This morning, contemplate the struggles of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before lunch at an organic local farm. Return to Saigon to explore its treasure trove of fascinating heritage and colonial architecture. Visit the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace and the poignant War Remnants Museum.

### DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

Pop down to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Enjoy a typical local lunch before returning to Saigon.

### DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE HOI AN

Fly one hour to the wonderfully traditional town of Hoi An. Enjoy a walking tour of its historic sights, including the elaborate Japanese Bridge, atmospheric Chinese Temple, and a 200 year-old merchant house complete with original furniture. The next morning, visit a farming co-operative at nearby Tra Que Village. Try your hand at some traditional farming techniques before an afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 7: HOI AN AT LEISURE

Today is at leisure to explore independently.

### DAY 8: HAI VAN PASS & HUE

Travel to Hue via the famously scenic Hai Van Pass. This scholarly town was once the seat of the Nguyen Emperors, and the area still retains an atmosphere of historic grandeur. Begin at the Tomb of Emperor Minh Mang and explore its many monuments and gardens.

### DAY 9: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

Explore the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden City, built in 1803 and modelled on the original in Beijing. Later, visit Thien Mu Pagoda and take a cruise on the Perfume River.

### DAY 10: JOURNEY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi. Vietnam's capital brings all the charms of the past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Take an exciting cyclo tour of the Old Quarter and enjoy a Hanoi speciality: egg coffee!

### DAY 11: MAI CHAU

Take the picturesque mountain road to the valley of Mai Chau, set among scenic rice terraces. This afternoon, explore the rice fields and visit the White Thai community villages of Pom Coong and Lac with their traditional stilt houses.

### DAY 12: MAI CHAU

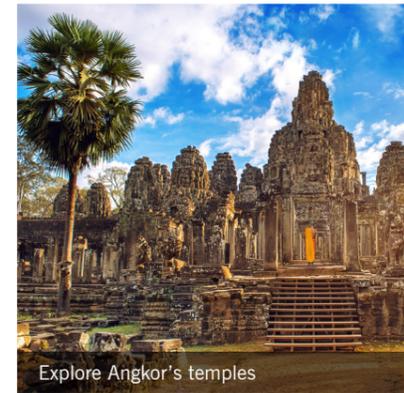
The next day, drive higher into the mountains to visit the Green H'mong hill tribe village of Xa Linh and hike to Pa Co.

### DAY 13: RETURN TO HANOI

Transfer back to Hanoi and enjoy time at leisure.

### DAYS 14-15: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Head east to Halong Bay, where you'll spend two days aboard your comfortable cruise boat sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil waters of the iconic Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi. This evening, enjoy a traditional performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.



Explore Angkor's temples



Admire the temple of Wat Xieng Thong

### DAY 16: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

Visit Hanoi's Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House and One Pillar Pagoda. Fly to Luang Prabang.

### DAY 17: TAKBAT

Rise early to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat. Ascend Phousi Hill for city views and visit Wat Xieng Thong. Take to the waters of the Mekong to visit the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of Buddhist sculptures that reside within.

### DAY 18: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

This morning, visit the National Museum. Marvel at the cascading waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls before returning to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.

### DAY 19: TRAVEL TO VANG VIENG

Fly to Vientiane and drive to Vang Vieng, a town set in a spectacular landscape of limestone mountains, lush fields and snaking rivers.

### DAY 20: EXPLORE VANG VIENG

Venture into the Tham Chang cave before a gentle walk through the dramatic limestone karst countryside beside the Nam Song River.

### DAY 21: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Travel back to Vientiane to visit Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument. Enjoy dinner with a traditional Laotian music and dance performance.

### DAY 22: ROYAL PALACE

Fly to Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Today's visits include the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. Later on, admire the artefacts of the lovely National Museum.

### DAY 23: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Visit Tuol Sleng Museum, formerly the notorious Khmer Rouge prison known as S21. Continue to the Killing Fields, site of the mass execution of thousands of innocent civilians under the Khmer Rouge regime of the 1970s. Today, this is a memorial site for peaceful reflection. Return to Phnom Penh for lunch before visiting Wat Phnom, the city's namesake temple.

### DAY 24: SIEM REAP & PHARE CIRCUS

Fly to Siem Reap. This evening, enjoy an acrobatic performance by graduates of the Phare Circus, a local NGO providing life-changing vocational training opportunities to local youths.

### DAY 25: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Begin at atmospheric Ta Prohm, continuing to Angkor Thom and passing through the South Gate to reach the enigmatic Bayon. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. This evening, return to Angkor Thom for a boat ride on the moat, enjoying the sunset with a refreshing drink in hand.

### DAY 26: TONLE SAP

Enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, passing through floating villages and learning about life in these lake communities. Continue to the captivating Banteay Srei temple, famous for its delicately-carved pink sandstone reliefs, before this evening's farewell dinner.

### DAYS 27-28: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight, arriving home the same or the following day.

## GRAND TOUR OF INDOCHINA

### CLASSIC

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PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A once-in-a-lifetime adventure offering an in-depth look at three fascinating countries. Tribal villages, karst-studded waters and mesmerising landscapes await you on this month-long journey of discovery.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

### 2024 DATES

17 Feb - 15 Mar	£5,990	28 Sep - 25 Oct	£5,990
24 Feb - 22 Mar	£5,990	19 Oct - 15 Nov	£5,990
02 Mar - 29 Mar	£5,990	26 Oct - 22 Nov	£5,990
09 Mar - 05 Apr	£5,990	09 Nov - 06 Dec	£6,090

### 2025 DATES

08 Feb - 07 Mar	£6,390	04 Oct - 31 Oct	£6,390
15 Feb - 14 Mar	£6,390	11 Oct - 07 Nov	£6,390
22 Feb - 21 Mar	£6,390	18 Oct - 14 Nov	£6,390
01 Mar - 28 Mar	£6,490	01 Nov - 28 Nov	£6,490
08 Mar - 04 Apr	£6,490	08 Nov - 05 Dec	£6,490
15 Mar - 11 Apr	£6,490	15 Nov - 12 Dec	£6,490

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,190 (Saigon - Siem Reap)
- Single room from £950
- Tipping paid locally US\$170

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Swim at the Kuang Si Waterfalls

# THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Marvel at Bangkok's Grand Palace
- ✓ See the Bridge on the River Kwai
- ✓ Explore historic Ayutthaya
- ✓ Meet Hmong and Yao hill tribes
- ✓ Stroll through laidback Chiang Rai
- ✓ Master Thai cuisine with a Chiang Mai cooking class



Visit an elephant rescue sanctuary

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation and eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Be amazed at Maeklong Railway Market

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Visit Maeklong Market, famous for being set along a railway line – witness the fascinating bustle of activity by stallholders, moving their wares speedily out of the way as a train passes through!
- ▶ Venture deep into the northern highlands and spend the night at one with nature at a tribe-run eco-lodge, where you'll enjoy a local dinner and a tribal dance performance.
- ▶ Spend the day with Asian elephants at an elephant rescue and retirement centre, where you'll meet, feed and help care for the gorgeous residents.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BANGKOK

Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Bangkok. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER BANGKOK

Bangkok is a whirlwind of exotic energy; a sensory extravaganza like few other cities. Neoclassical houses rub shoulders with high-rise skyscrapers and majestic golden temples, while river taxis and ferries throng its busy canals. Today's sightseeing includes Wat Pho, the dazzling Grand Palace and a stroll through Chinatown. Later, take to the Chao Phraya River on a longboat to get an alternative view of the city.

### DAY 4: BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and the bizarre Samut Songkhram market before heading out of Bangkok to Kanchanaburi. It was here that many Allied POWs and indentured Asian labourers were forced to build the Thai-Burma Railway during the WWII Japanese occupation of Thailand. Stop at the famous bridge on the River Kwai and visit the Thai-Burmese Railway Museum to learn their stories, then pay your respects at the War Cemetery before checking into your hotel. Spend the night in Kanchanaburi.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE KANCHANABURI

Drive to Hellfire Pass and visit the fascinating museum before a short walk through the pass. Step on board an old locomotive to travel along a section of the Death Railway, passing

through the Kwai Gorge. Return to Bangkok in the afternoon.

### DAY 6: AYUTTHAYA

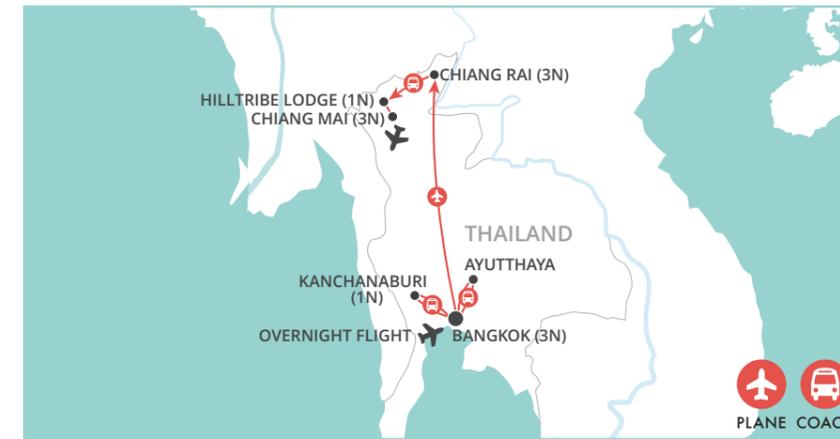
A sacred city and former royal capital, Ayutthaya today is a crumbled kingdom that has retained its bygone splendour. Explore this impressive archaeological site, touring the principal sights including Bang Pa-In, the former royal summer residence. Return to Bangkok and fly to Chiang Rai, a city in Thailand's northern highlands.

### DAY 7: GOLDEN TRIANGLE

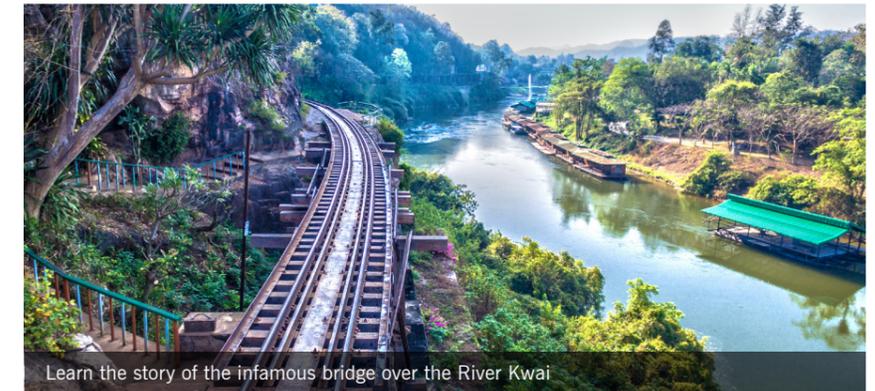
Transfer to the area known as the Golden Triangle – the point where the borders of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar meet and notorious for the cultivation of opium that used to take place here. Take a boat ride on the Mekong over the border into Laos and visit Don Sao Island where you can take a leisurely stroll through the local market. Return to Chiang Rai. Explore the night market this evening.



Meet the Hmong Hilltribe



See Chiang Rai's contemporary White Temple



Learn the story of the infamous bridge over the River Kwai

### DAY 8: MEET THE YAO TRIBE

Travel to Mae Salong Mountain, an area well known for its tea plantations – you can sample some of the local brew whilst you are here. Enjoy a Yunnanese lunch before meeting the Yao Tribe and taking a walk through an Akha village.

### DAY 9: HMONG HILLTRIBE LODGE

Explore the striking Buddhist White Temple before departing Chiang Rai. Heading in the direction of Chiang Mai, you'll travel along a beautiful mountain road with breathtaking views. Entering Chiang Mai province, spend tonight at Hmong Hilltribe Lodge, an eco-lodge operated by Hmong villagers. Rooms are built in the traditional tribal style and overlook lush fields and hills. Dinner is followed by a Hmong folklore performance.

### DAY 10: DISCOVER CHIANG MAI

Depart Hmong Lodge for Chiang Mai. On the way stop to visit the ancient city of Wiang Kum Kam. Later, take a walking tour of charming Chiang Mai, visiting Wat Chedi Luang and Wat Phra Singh.

### DAY 11: ELEPHANT SANCTUARY EXPERIENCE

Spend the morning at an ethical elephant sanctuary and retirement centre, where you can meet, feed and care for these rescued and elderly residents. Enjoy a relaxed rafting trip in Mae Daeng before returning to Chiang Mai.

### DAY 12: CHIANG MAI COOKING CLASS

Discover the secrets of traditional Thai cooking with a morning cookery class. Ascend to Wat Doi Suthep, a temple perched on top of Doi Suthep Mountain. This evening,

sit down to a Thai Khantoke dinner, and be entertained by a selection of cultural performances.

### DAY 13: FLY CHIANG MAI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### LAOS EXTENSION

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### PHUKET BEACH EXTENSION

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4 days from £310pp

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Visit the sacred city of Ayutthaya

## THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS

CLASSIC THAILAND

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A two-week journey from south to north, this tour of Thailand encompasses all the top sights, as well as venturing into less-explored areas to discover pristine nature and local culture with a stay at a beautiful eco-lodge run by a local tribe.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Wednesday

### 2024 DATES

02 Feb - 14 Feb	£3,490	15 Nov - 27 Nov	£3,490
23 Feb - 06 Mar	£3,490	22 Nov - 04 Dec	£3,490
15 Mar - 27 Mar	£3,490	29 Nov - 11 Dec	£3,490

### 2025 DATES

10 Jan - 22 Jan	£3,590	31 Oct - 12 Nov	£3,590
07 Feb - 19 Feb	£3,590	07 Nov - 19 Nov	£3,590
14 Feb - 26 Feb	£3,590	28 Nov - 10 Dec	£3,590
28 Feb - 12 Mar	£3,590		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,690 (Bangkok – Chiang Mai)
- Single room from £320
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You can be safe in the knowledge that you'll be in the company of our award-winning National Escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are the ones who push your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable.

## THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Launched in December 2019, the Victoria Mekong is a contemporary 4 star river vessel cruising between Vietnam's Mekong Delta and Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh. It offers 35 spacious balcony cabins, including two VIP suites. Facilities on board include an outdoor pool, onboard cinema, cocktail bars, a restaurant and a spa with massage service. To put you right in the heart of local life, there are shore excursions with plenty of opportunities to interact with local people and their culture. The cultural immersion doesn't end there, but continues onboard, with traditional music and dance, lectures on local topics, cooking classes and a cocktail-making competition too.



# All aboard: Victoria Mekong

Launched in December 2019, the 4 star Victoria Mekong is a fresh, contemporary river vessel with four spacious passenger decks, offering a peaceful, premium small-ship experience between Vietnam and Cambodia.



## YOUR STATEROOM

The Victoria Mekong boasts some of the most spacious cabins on the Mekong Delta, all outward-facing with private balconies. Her 33 en-suite staterooms, each 25m<sup>2</sup>, are spread across the River and Panorama decks, along with two aft-facing VIP suites (45m<sup>2</sup>) at the rear of the Panorama deck. All cabins can be booked as twin or double beds, and feature rain showers, hair dryers, individually controlled AC and French windows onto the balcony.

## FACILITIES ON BOARD

The Victoria Mekong was designed with relaxation in mind. Guests are invited to soak up the sun in the outdoor infinity pool, try their hand on the mini-golf green, watch films or documentaries in the on-board cinema, indulge in a treatment at the Green Lotus Spa, or enjoy the daily activities held in the Lounge Bar. For those who simply wish to relax, sun loungers and parasols are available on the Sky Deck, while books and games are available to borrow from the library. Where possible, the Captain is pleased to invite guests to visit the bridge.

## WINE & DINE

The Claypot Restaurant, located on the Panorama deck, is an airy, spacious venue with large bay windows offering 180-degree river views, along with a terrace for al fresco dining. All meals are included; cuisine varies each night, with set menus available at dinner.

Asian hospitality is widely regarded as some of the best in the world, and the Victoria Mekong is no exception. House wine is complimentary with dinner, along with a daily sunset cocktail and free-flow soft drinks and beer. Additional snacks and spirits are available from the Lounge Bar.



## YOUR JOURNEY

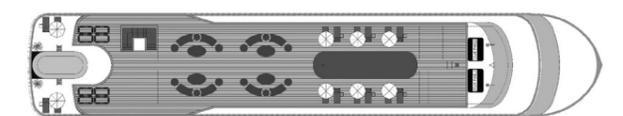
The Mekong is the seventh longest river in all of Asia, and the twelfth longest in the world. Stretching 2,700 miles from China across the Tibetan Plateau and through Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, it empties into the South China Sea south of Saigon. It is the lifeblood of Southeast Asia, and many centuries of cultural, economic and political history have played out on its banks.

The Victoria Mekong cruises from Kampong Cham in Cambodia to the Vietnamese town of Can Tho in the Mekong Delta. Guests can join the full 7-night cruise, or opt for a shorter 4 night option beginning or ending at Sisowath Quay in Phnom Penh.

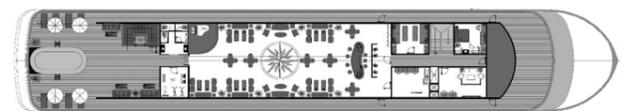
Along Victoria Mekong's route, she calls at ports such as Tan Chau, Long Xuyen and Tan Loc Island, with excursions to historic temples, silk villages, the Royal Palace, the Killing Fields and a floating market. See overleaf for more information about her ports of call.

Guests on both itineraries will enjoy nightly evening entertainment on board, ranging from Cambodian Apsara performances to traditional Mekong folk music and even a mischievous lion dance on the sun deck. Onboard activities range from mini-golf to cocktail-making competitions, destination presentations and film nights.

SKY DECK



SUN DECK



PANORAMA DECK



RIVER DECK





## TOURS INCLUDING A DELTA CRUISE ON THE VICTORIA MEKONG

### Classic Mekong

Includes 4N Downstream (Phnom Penh – Can Tho)

### Mekong Experience and Mekong Explorer

Includes 4N Upstream (Can Tho – Phnom Penh)

### Grand Mekong Odyssey

Includes 7N Upstream (Can Tho - Kampong Cham)

### Private Cruise & Beach Packages

Includes 7N Downstream followed by 4N at a beach resort in Hoi An, Phu Quoc or Con Dao



# Victoria Mekong: Shore Excursions

Experience authentic Vietnam and Cambodia in real style. Discover hand-picked ports along one of the most enchanting stretches of the Mekong, from fascinating Cambodian villages to the lush, green landscapes of Vietnam. Depending on your chosen itinerary, here are just a few of the included shore excursions you'll encounter on your voyage of discovery.

## 1 ANGKOR BAN & SILK ISLAND

Explore Cambodian village life in Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. Travel by tuk tuk to Silk Island, where you will learn about the process of silk weaving from worm to loom.



## 2 KOH CHEN & OUDONG

Enjoy a walking tour of the village of Koh Chen and meet a local copper and silversmith. Discover the former royal capital Oudong, with its beautiful stupas and temples.



## 3 PHNOM PENH

Sip on a signature cocktails at the elegant Raffles Hotel, explore the majestic Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda complex, and discover the Khmer treasures of the National Museum.



## 4 TAN CHAU

Discover Vietnamese village life with a visit to a local temple, fish farms and stilt houses amidst the rice paddies, coconut groves and canals of Tan Chau.



## 5 PHU TAN

Visit a village famed for handmaking Ca Rang clay stoves. Used for centuries, these stoves have a unique wind-blocking design that retaining heat and prevents ashes escaping.



## 6 TIGER ISLAND

Explore Tiger Island by 3-wheeled xe loi, learning about cottage industries such as plant pot making and incense making before hearing how the island won its name at 'Mr Tiger's Temple'.



## 7 LONG XUYEN

Travel by tender to witness the mesmerizing Long Xuyen floating market and tour the An Giang Museum, with fascinating exhibits on Kinh Chinese, Khmer and Cham cultures in the region.



# A MEKONG EXPERIENCE

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,990

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

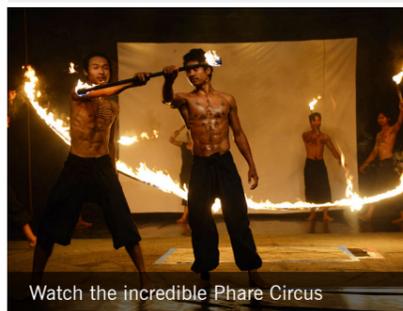
- ✓ Immerse yourself in atmospheric Saigon
- ✓ Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Spend four nights on the 4 star Victoria Mekong cruise ship
- ✓ Explore Phnom Penh by cyclo
- ✓ Learn Khmer history at the Killing Fields
- ✓ Visit the glorious temples of Angkor



See life on the Mekong River

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Watch the incredible Phare Circus

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and circus. Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique, magical and authentically-Cambodian way.
- ▶ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the contemporary Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- ▶ Place your trust in your other senses on a fun 'dining in the dark' experience at Noir, a Saigon restaurant that works with local people who are blind or visually-impaired.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels to learn the history of the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral, visit the magnificent Central Post Office, and the emotive War Remnants Museum. There'll also be a coffee break at one of Saigon's best coffee workshops. Dinner this evening will be at Noir, a restaurant employing visually impaired waiters, for a sensory 'dining in the dark' experience!

### DAY 4: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

Drive southwest to Can Tho, stopping en route for a delicious local lunch. Board the 4\* Victoria Mekong cruise ship which, after a welcome briefing, will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Begin your cruise experience with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set as the ship makes its way upriver. Tonight, drop anchor at Tiger Island.

### DAY 5: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

Cruise upstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit a floating market and a local museum. After lunch, enjoy an excursion on Tiger Island, exploring by sampan and visiting local industries.

Sit down to dinner and evening entertainment before retiring to your cabin. Drop anchor at Vam Nao.

### DAY 6: PHU TAN & TAN CHAU

Start the day at Phu Tan, visiting a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Used in the delta for centuries, these stoves have a unique design to protect them from the wind. Return to the ship and cruise to Tan Chau during lunch. On arrival, head to shore to visit a colourful Cao Dai temple and a local market. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance!

### DAY 7: INTO CAMBODIA

Today, the Victoria Mekong will pass over the border into Cambodia and sail towards Phnom Penh. Spend a leisurely day enjoying the passing scenery and a wealth of onboard activities, such as lectures and cocktail making. In the late afternoon, dock at Phnom Penh's Sisowath Quay where, this evening, you will be entertained with a traditional Cambodian apsara performance. Sip a farewell cocktail before a final dinner on board.



Take a city tour in Phnom Penh



Explore the temples of Angkor



Enjoy a four-night cruise on the 4\* small ship Victoria Mekong

### DAY 8: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking and bidding farewell to the Victoria Mekong. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to see the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before perusing the treasures of the National Museum. After a final stop at Wat Phnom, check in at your city centre hotel before dinner.

### DAY 9: PHNOM PENH'S HISTORY

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields to learn about the Khmer Rouge regime. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Temples of Angkor.

### DAY 10: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom. At its heart is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Admire the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom, soaking up the atmosphere.

### DAY 11: TONLE SAP

Take a cruise on Tonle Sap, learning about the lives of these floating lake communities. Back on land, stop at a local village for a glimpse into rural life. This evening, enjoy an acrobatic show by the Phare Circus, a social enterprise providing vocational training to disadvantaged local youths.

### DAY 12: LOCAL COOKING CLASS

This morning, take a tuk tuk to join fellow chefs in a cooking class held in a traditional-style Cambodian house. Visit a fresh produce market to shop for your ingredients, before learning to prepare authentic Khmer food. Enjoy your creations for lunch before an afternoon at leisure to explore Siem Reap, or perhaps return to Angkor before tonight's farewell dinner.

### DAYS 13-14: DEPART SIEM REAP

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



**HANOI & HALONG BAY**  
5 days from £920pp

**BANGKOK STOPOVER**  
4 days from £520pp

**SINGAPORE STOPOVER**  
3 days from £310pp

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

CLASSIC  
VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With 4 nights onboard the Victoria Mekong, soaking up the sights and sounds of the river, this 2-week tour also showcases the beauty of southern Vietnam and Cambodia's magnificent temples of Angkor.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Saturday

### 2024 DATES

07 Apr - 20 Apr	£3,990	27 Oct - 09 Nov	£4,490
15 Sep - 28 Sep	£3,990		

### 2025 DATES

13 Apr - 26 Apr	£4,190	23 Nov - 06 Dec	£4,690
14 Sep - 27 Sep	£4,190		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,190 (Saigon - Siem Reap)
- Single room from £990

Call for our 2026 pricing and departures



Visit the historic Cu Chi Tunnels

# CLASSIC MEKONG

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£5,090**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Drift along Angkor's moat at sunset
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap
- ✓ Cruise the Mekong for 4 nights
- ✓ Discover vibrant Saigon
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo
- ✓ Enjoy spectacular views of Halong Bay



Discover the many faces of the Bayon

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Visit an organic Vietnamese farm

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Try your hand at traditional cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the 4 star ship, Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- ▶ Visit NOIR, a 'dining in the dark' social enterprise restaurant in Saigon. Guided by blind waiters, you'll experience an array of delicious dishes in total darkness – a sure-fire way to amplify your other senses!

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to bustling Siem Reap, the gateway to the temples of Angkor. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to soak up the local culture.

### DAY 3: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom. At its heart is the enigmatic Bayon, an iconic temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Admire the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The rest of the afternoon is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom, soaking up the atmosphere. Sit down to a welcome dinner with the group this evening.

### DAY 4: TONLE SAP

Travel to the shores of Tonle Sap and visit the floating village of Kampong Phluk (Oct to Feb) or Chong Kneas (Mar to Sep). Stop at Chansar village for a glimpse at rural life before visiting the home of a local Khmer family.

### DAY 5: PHNOM PENH

Travel to Cambodia's charming capital, Phnom Penh. Board a cyclo and head into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace – official residence of the King – along with the Silver Pagoda in its grounds.

### DAY 6: THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Spend the morning reflecting on Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. After lunch, embark on your next adventure – a four night

cruise on our premium small ship, Victoria Mekong, with her 35 outward-facing cabins. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and Apsara dance performance before dinner.

### DAY 7: INTO VIETNAM

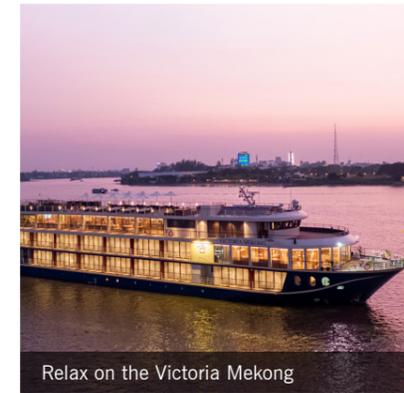
The ship departs this morning, with plenty of onboard activities available; alternatively, spend the morning relaxing in the pool. Sail into Vietnam around lunchtime, anchoring near Tan Chau. Tender ashore to visit a Taoist temple and see the intriguing stilt houses. Return to the ship in time for an exciting lion dance performance on the Sky Deck as the sun sets.

### DAY 8: PHU TAN & TIGER ISLAND

After breakfast, tender ashore in Phu Tan to visit a craft village famed for its handmade clay stoves. After lunch, anchor at Tiger Island and head ashore to explore, learning about local industries such as ceramics and incense making. Return to the ship in time for a cocktail competition and the evening's entertainment.

### DAY 9: LONG XUYEN & DINH YEN

Arrive in Long Xuyen and hop on a tender to visit the bustling floating market. Stop in town to visit a museum with exhibits on ancient cultures on the region before returning to the Victoria Mekong. Enjoy a refreshing lunch as the ship continues downstream to Dinh Yen, where you'll see the villagers weaving colourful straw mats, and meet a family who specialise in making beancurd. This evening, the ship continues to Can Tho, the beating heart of the Mekong Delta.



Relax on the Victoria Mekong



Explore Hoi An's ancient town

### DAY 10: DISEMBARK IN CAN THO

Enjoy breakfast onboard and visit a local floating market by boat. Disembark and bid farewell to the Victoria Mekong, boarding the ship's shuttle bus from Can Tho to Saigon, stopping en route in Cai Be for a delicious local lunch. Dinner this evening will be at Noir, a restaurant that supports Saigon's visually impaired, for a sensory 'dining in the dark' experience.

### DAY 11: CU CHI & SAIGON

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels to learn the history of the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral, visit the Central Post Office, and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Relax with a coffee break at one of Saigon's popular coffee houses.

### DAY 12: DISCOVER HOI AN

Fly from Saigon to Danang and transfer to the enchanting town of Hoi An. Head out on a walking tour, with visits including Chua Ong Pagoda, a historic merchant house, and the spectacular Japanese Covered Bridge. With its charming yellow buildings and vivid silk lanterns, a stroll through this traditional town feels like stepping back in time.

### DAY 13: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into Hoi An's peaceful countryside to visit an organic farming community. This cooperative project is a first-choice supplier for most local restaurants, growing delicious herbs and vegetables using traditional techniques. Their secret is in the fertiliser: natural seaweed

from a local lagoon.. Here you can enjoy the lush, green landscapes and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. This afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 14: HISTORIC HANOI

Fly to Vietnam's capital city, Hanoi. A fast-paced yet graceful city, it is packed full of ancient and modern sights to discover. Begin exploring at the serene Temple of Literature before taking a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route.

### DAY 15: HO CHI MINH QUARTER

Today, head to the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass 'Uncle Ho's' monumental mausoleum and Stilt House, before seeing the Old Pillar Pagoda. Tonight, attend one of Hanoi's famously breathtaking artistic performances.

### DAYS 16-17: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Travel to Halong City, board a cruise boat and set sail on the tranquil blue-green waters of Halong Bay. With its 1,600 islands and islets, the bay was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994. As you explore you'll make excursions to mysterious caves and enjoy delicious seafood onboard. After a night anchored out on the water, rise early to see the sun come up before cruising back to port. Return to Hanoi for an afternoon at leisure ahead of this evening's farewell dinner.

### DAY 18: DEPARTURE

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

## CLASSIC MEKONG

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CAMBODIA & VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Starting on a high at the Temples of Angkor, spend 4 nights on board the Victoria Mekong cruising downstream into Vietnam, where you'll discover the top sights – Saigon, Hoi An, Hanoi and Halong Bay.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Thursday

### 2024 DATES

12 Feb - 29 Feb	£5,590	23 Sep - 10 Oct	£5,090
04 Mar - 21 Mar	£5,590	07 Oct - 24 Oct	£5,590
18 Mar - 04 Apr	£5,590	21 Oct - 07 Nov	£5,590
01 Apr - 18 Apr	£5,090	04 Nov - 21 Nov	£5,590
09 Sep - 26 Sep	£5,090	18 Nov - 05 Dec	£5,590

### 2025 DATES

27 Jan - 13 Feb	£5,890	05 May - 22 May	£5,290
10 Feb - 27 Feb	£5,890	22 Sep - 09 Oct	£5,290
24 Feb - 13 Mar	£5,890	06 Oct - 23 Oct	£5,890
10 Mar - 27 Mar	£5,890	20 Oct - 06 Nov	£5,890
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21 Apr - 08 May	£5,290	01 Dec - 18 Dec	£5,990

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,290 (Siem Reap – Hanoi)
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Cruise Halong Bay

# MEKONG EXPLORER

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,490

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo
- ✓ Cruise majestic Halong Bay
- ✓ Explore imperial architecture in Hue
- ✓ Learn ancient farming techniques in Hoi An
- ✓ Enjoy a 4-night cruise aboard the contemporary Victoria Mekong
- ✓ Drift along Angkor's moat at sunset



Admire the spectacular Golden Bridge

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Float on the moat of Angkor Thom

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Enjoy an atmospheric gondola cruise on the moat of Angkor Thom. Glide along the waters as the sun sets, bathing the temples in a rich, warming glow.
- ▶ Stroll across Danang's striking 'Golden Bridge' – a hilltop structure held aloft by a pair of huge, stone hands – and admire the beautiful views over the Ba Na Hills.
- ▶ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the 4 star ship, Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

Fly overnight to Vietnam's vibrant capital city, Hanoi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner.

### DAY 3: HANOI CYCLO TOUR

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, stopping at the Old Pillar Pagoda and exploring the Temple of Literature. Later, take a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee). Tonight, attend a breathtaking performance celebrating Vietnam's rich culture.

### DAYS 4-5: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Board your 4\* ship and cruise out into the tranquil waters of Halong Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has long enthralled visitors with its beauty. Enjoy an afternoon of activities such as kayaking, swimming or cave tours, or simply relax on the sundeck. After a night anchored out on the water, enjoy the sunrise before cruising back to port. Fly to Hue.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE HUE

The capital of imperial-era Vietnam, Hue is a sophisticated and scholarly city. Start your tour at the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City and visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, before a cruise on the Perfume River. This afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 7: ADMIRE THE GOLDEN BRIDGE

Depart Hue, taking the scenic route over the Hai Van Pass to charming Hoi An. En route, take a cable car to admire the views from the spectacular Golden Bridge in Ba Na Hills.

### DAY 8: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to visit a small farming community and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. In the afternoon, discover Hoi An itself, grabbing some refreshment at the Reaching Out Tea House, a wonderful social project in the heart of town, as you explore.

### DAY 9: FREE TIME IN HOI AN

This morning is free, before an afternoon flight to Saigon.

### DAY 10: DISCOVER SAIGON

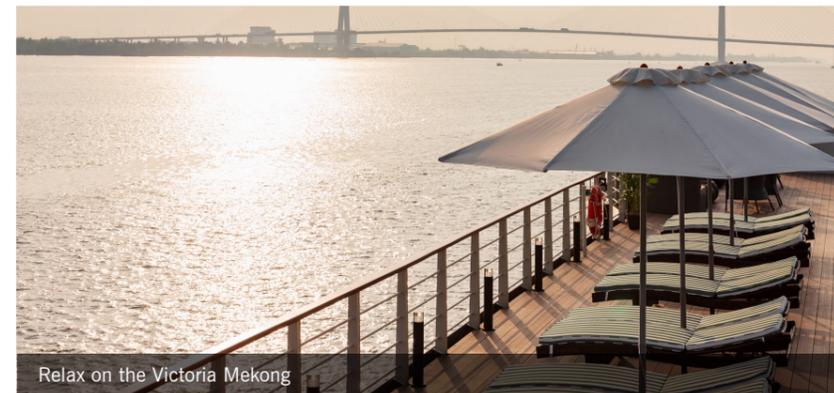
Explore Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Stroll through fascinating Chinatown and visit the emotional War Remnants Museum. Then admire the beautiful colonial architecture of Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, before a look around the Reunification Palace.

### DAY 11: CU CHI TUNNELS

Spend the morning exploring the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels. Stop at an organic farm for a freshly-made lunch before a free afternoon back in Saigon.

### DAY 12: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

Drive southwest to Can Tho, stopping en route for a delicious local lunch. Board the 4\* Victoria Mekong cruise ship which, after a welcome briefing, will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Begin your cruise experience with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set as the ship makes its way upriver. Tonight, drop anchor at Tiger Island.



Relax on the Victoria Mekong

### DAY 13: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

Cruise upstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit a floating market and local museum. After lunch, enjoy an excursion to Tiger Island to explore by sampan, visiting local cottage industries. Sit down to dinner and evening entertainment before retiring to your cabin.

### DAY 14: TAN CHAU

Start the day at Phu Tan, visiting a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Used in the delta for centuries, these stoves have a unique design to protect them from the wind. Return to the ship and cruise to Tan Chau during lunch. On arrival, head to shore to visit a colourful Cao Dai temple and a local market. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance!

### DAY 15: INTO CAMBODIA

Today, the Victoria Mekong will cross into Cambodia and sail towards Phnom Penh. Spend a leisurely day enjoying a wealth of onboard activities, such as lectures and cocktail making, docking in Phnom Penh in the late afternoon. Sip a farewell cocktail during the evening entertainment and enjoy a final dinner on board. Later, why not head ashore to explore the buzzing city?

### DAY 16: DISEMBARK IN PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to see the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Visit Wat Phnom before checking in at the hotel.

### DAY 17: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields, learning about the regime of Pol Pot. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor.

### DAY 18: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into Angkor Thom and visit the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace, Terrace of the Leper King and atmospheric Ta Prohm. Continue on to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, take a boat ride on Angkor Thom's moat.

### DAY 19: TONLE SAP

Travel to Tonle Sap and visit one of the lake's intriguing floating villages. Back on land, stop at a rural village and visit the home of a local family. This evening, enjoy an acrobatic show by the Phare Cambodian Circus, a social enterprise providing vocational training to disadvantaged local youths.

### DAY 20: LOCAL COOKING CLASS

This morning, take a tuk tuk to a cooking class held in a traditional Cambodian house. Visit a fresh produce market to shop for ingredients, before learning to prepare authentic Khmer food. Enjoy your creations for lunch before an afternoon at leisure to explore Siem Reap, or perhaps return to Angkor before tonight's farewell dinner.

### DAYS 21-22: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

## CLASSIC VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See Halong Bay and the wonders of Vietnam as you explore the country from tip to toe. Embark the Victoria Mekong for a 4-night river cruise into Cambodia, where you'll discover the majestic Temples of Angkor.



Take a local cooking class

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Saturday

2024 DATES			
13 Jan - 03 Feb	£5,990	30 Mar - 20 Apr	£5,490
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### Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
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- Single room from £1,140

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Cruise Halong Bay overnight

NEW

# GRAND MEKONG ODYSSEY

26 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £6,290

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Spend 7 nights cruising the Mekong
- ✓ Experience one of the world's most scenic train rides
- ✓ Meet a Vietnamese war veteran
- ✓ Two nights cruising Halong Bay
- ✓ Soak up Ninh Binh's rural beauty
- ✓ Visit Buddhist monks at a meditation centre



Ride the train on Hai Van Quan pass

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 23 breakfasts, 22 lunches & 23 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Relax on board the Victoria Mekong

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Board the sleek Victoria Mekong for a 7-night cruise on the majestic Mekong Delta. Visit Vietnamese villages and Cambodian townships, with stops at silk farms, floating markets, rural temples and the fascinating city of Phnom Penh en route.
- ▶ Listen to incredible wartime history and get a first-hand account of life in the Vietnam War from a local war veteran at the Cu Chi Tunnels near Saigon.
- ▶ Explore Ninh Binh province, nicknamed 'Halong Bay on Land'. Admire the dramatic mountain scenery as you enjoy a boat trip through its paddy fields and prehistoric caves, and take a stroll in Cuc Phuong National Park.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's leafy capital. The afternoon is yours to start soaking up the local culture before a welcome dinner.

### DAY 3: HANOI THROUGH THE AGES

Today, enjoy an introduction to Vietnamese history at the Ethnology Museum; a fascinating window into Vietnam's indigenous groups. See tribal antiques and full-scale replicas of ancient longhouses. Continue to the Confucian Temple of Literature before lunch. This afternoon, take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's historic streets before exploring the colonial architecture of the French Quarter.

### DAY 4: WARTIME HANOI

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter for an insight into the Vietnam War. Visit the Humble House on Stilts, where Ho Chi Minh lived in the grounds of the Presidential Palace, and see his Mausoleum in Ba Dinh Square. Stop to view the wreckage of an American bomber plane, still visible in the lake where it was shot down in 1972. Later, immerse yourself in a bygone era with a visit to a 1980s apartment-turned-teahouse, where you'll hear about life in the difficult post-war subsidy period.

### DAY 5: NINH BINH COUNTRYSIDE

Drive two hours into the countryside to Ninh Binh, famously known as 'Halong Bay on land' thanks to its dramatic karst mountains. Visit a local farm and learn about rural life before lunch. This afternoon, enjoy a boat trip through the paddy fields, stopping to explore prehistoric caves before checking in at your hotel.

### DAY 6: CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK

Begin the day at Four Paws Sun Bear Sanctuary. Learn the stories of these bears, rescued from the illegal pet and bile industries, and hear how they have been given a second chance in life. Enjoy a fresh lunch at the sanctuary, made from ingredients grown on site. This afternoon, head into Cuc Phuong National Park and hear all about the local wildlife on a short stroll through the rainforest. Return to the hotel.

### DAY 7: NINH BINH - HALONG BAY

Drive to Halong Bay and embark on a two-night scenic cruise through this famous UNESCO-listed bay, known for its emerald waters and towering limestone islands. Head to a hidden spot and try your hand at kayaking through these mesmerising seascapes.

### DAY 8: HALONG BAY

See the bay through a local's eyes! The local fishermen will row you through their floating village, where many families have lived for generations. Later, head to one of the bay's beaches for a chance to sunbathe on the sands.

### DAY 9: HALONG BAY - HUE

Enjoy Tai Chi on deck as the sun rises over Halong Bay. Visit a hidden cave before cruising back to port. Fly to Hue, a charming city and once the seat of the Nguyen emperors.

### DAY 10: HUE

Discover Hue's imperial history, beginning at the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Continue to Thien Mu Pagoda before lunch.

### DAY 11: HUE - DANANG TRAIN

The 64-mile railway journey from Hue to Danang is considered one of the best in the



Enjoy a boat ride in Ninh Binh

world. Three hours of scenic coastline await, with beautiful tropical beaches on one side and dramatic mountain scenery on the other. On arrival in Da Nang, transfer to Hoi An.

### DAY 12: HOI AN

Take a walking tour of Hoi An's lantern-lined streets. See the picturesque Japanese bridge, visit a Chinese temple, and tour an ancient merchant house before sampling a local delicacy – white rose dumplings.

### DAY 13: HOI AN - SAIGON

Fly to Saigon and explore its historic centre, taking in colonial landmarks such as the Notre-Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office before visiting the emotive War Remnants Museum.

### DAY 14: CU CHI TUNNELS & VETERAN

Discover the reality of guerilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels, which were central to the Viet Cong's military operations, including the Tet Offensive. For a truly authentic insight into the war, meet a Vietnamese veteran and hear his war stories. Stop for lunch at an organic farm before returning to Saigon.

### DAY 15: VICTORIA MEKONG

Transfer to Can Tho and board the Victoria Mekong for your seven-night cruise. Enjoy a welcome cocktail on deck as the ship sets sail.

### DAY 16: LONG XUYEN & TIGER ISLAND

Take a tender boat through a fascinating floating market to reach Long Xuyen. Visit the local museum, with its displays of ancient crafts. Later, head to Tiger Island. Visit a temple and observe local industries, such as incense-making, in action.

### DAY 17: PHU TAN & TAN CHAU

Head ashore in Phu Tan and visit a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Enjoy lunch on board as you cruise toward Tan Chau, where a rickshaw will take you to explore a colourful temple and market. This evening, experience a lion dance on the sky deck!

### DAY 18: INTO CAMBODIA

Enjoy onboard activities such as a ship's tour or a minigolf tournament as the ship crosses the border into Cambodia. Arrive into Phnom Penh late this afternoon.

### DAY 19: PHNOM PENH

Hop on a cyclo and head to the elaborate Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Later, pay your respects at the Killing Fields, where the Khmer Rouge executed over 1 million victims in the 1970s. Today, it is a memorial site for peaceful reflection. Return to the city and end the afternoon in style with a signature cocktail at the Raffles Hotel Le Royal before returning to the ship for a lively Apsara dance performance.

### DAY 20: OUDONG & SILK ISLAND

Enjoy a walking tour of Koh Chen village, where you'll meet a local copper and silversmith, before continuing to the country's former capital, Oudong. Visit Buddhist monks at a meditation centre before taking a tuk-tuk to Silk Island to learn about the process of silk weaving from worm to loom.

### DAY 21: ANGKOR BAN

Explore the laid-back village of Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. Sail to Wat Hanchey and head up the hill to see its 7th-century temple with panoramic views over the Mekong.

## GRAND MEKONG ODYSSEY

CLASSIC  
VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With two cruises, a breathtaking coastal rail journey and even a meeting with a war veteran, this itinerary showcases Vietnam and Cambodia at their most personal and authentic.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Sunday

### 2024 DATES

10 Apr - 05 May	£6,290	02 Oct - 27 Oct	£6,790
04 Sep - 29 Sep	£6,290	13 Nov - 08 Dec	£6,790

### 2025 DATES

08 Jan - 02 Feb	£7,190	03 Sep - 28 Sep	£6,590
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### DAY 22: DRIVE TO SIEM REAP

Disembark and drive through lush Cambodian countryside to reach Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor. The afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 23: EXPLORE ANGKOR

Journey to Angkor Thom and visit its many treasures, including the Bayon, Elephant and Leper King Terraces, and the atmospheric Ta Prohm. Continue to the magnificent Angkor Wat and explore its many halls and towers. This evening, return to Angkor Thom and enjoy a cruise on its moat as the sun sets.

### DAY 24: ORGANIC COOKING CLASS

Join a morning cooking class at an organic local farm. Pick up supplies at a local market, then head to the farm to pick some organic ingredients. Your chef will guide you in creating a traditional Khmer lunch before an afternoon at leisure.

### DAYS 25-26: DEPARTURE

Fly home, arriving the following day.



Cruise Halong Bay

# GO BEYOND TOURS

For those who want to venture off the beaten track

Featuring lesser-known destinations and unique experiences that are tantalisingly off the tourist trail, our flexible and often more active Go Beyond tours are all about helping you to see and experience places that may not have made it onto other travellers' radars. On these tours, you may find yourself away from the comforts of home, but you'll be rewarded with unique culture, interactions with local people and unforgettable sights.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- International airfares
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Most meals
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees, guides and daily tours as stated
- Visa fees as stated for UK & EU passport holders (excluding Laos, bought locally)

## UNDISCOVERED DESTINATIONS

We're proud of the fact that we really know our destinations, allowing us to offer tours that feature excursions to hidden gems and secret corners. If you're looking for a holiday that visits places that you thought were too hard to reach, or maybe haven't even heard of, these are the tours for you!

## SMALLER GROUPS

Exploring in smaller and more flexible groups with no more than 18 travellers, we often step off the beaten track and experience the authentic ways of life in the places you're exploring. We make that even easier for you by including cultural visits and local encounters that will put you right in the heart of the destination. In a smaller group you can interact more easily with local communities and discover fascinating cultures so different from our own.

## EXPERT GUIDING

Your National Escort and local guides, all born and bred in your destination, are an endless source of information about the local history, heritage and culture. Of course, they are more than willing to share that wealth of knowledge about their homeland with you. Who better to help you get to grips with a magical sight, city or region than someone who knows it like the back of their hand?

# THAILAND & LAOS ADVENTURE

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,990**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise the Chao Phraya River
- ✓ Discover old Chiang Mai by cyclo
- ✓ Stay with a Hmong hilltribe
- ✓ Support retired elephants at a local sanctuary
- ✓ Stroll through Chiang Rai
- ✓ Meet monks in Laos



Explore Wat Xieng Thong temple

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Excludes Laos visa



Experience Hmong culture in Mae Rim

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Stay at a serene jungle lodge run by the Hmong Hilltribe. Nestled in a scenic valley in Mae Rim, the lodge invites you to experience Hmong culture while surrounded by natural beauty.
- ▶ Visit Maeklong Railway market, famous for being along a railway line – witness the fascinating bustle of activity by the stallholders to move their wares out of the way as a train comes through!
- ▶ Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BANGKOK

Fly to the vibrant city of Bangkok. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER BANGKOK

Bangkok is an exciting whirlwind of tradition, modernity, and refinement; a smorgasbord of tranquil golden temples and gleaming skyscrapers. Today's sightseeing includes Wat Pho, the dazzling Grand Palace and Chinatown. After lunch, take to the Chao Phraya River on a longboat for an alternative perspective of this fascinating city.

### DAY 4: FLOATING MARKET

Head out of the city and hop on a boat to explore the maze of canals at the colourful Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. Afterwards, head to the nearby Maeklong Railway market, famous for the train that runs directly between the stalls. This evening, fly to Chiang Mai.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE CHIANG MAI

Chiang Mai is a relaxed, laid-back city in the foothills of Thailand's northern highlands. Jump in a cyclo (rickshaw) for a tour of the Old Town, stopping at Folk Life Museum and Wat Chedi Luang. Enjoy lunch at a local café with a special mission: providing vocational training to reformed inmates of the local women's prison, now learning new skills to help them start a new life. Afterwards, drive to Doi Suthep mountain to visit the ornate golden temple and admire its incredible views. Return to Chiang Mai for a traditional Khantoke dinner accompanied by a performance of classical and folk dances.

### DAY 6: HMONG HILLTRIBE LODGE

Start the day with a relaxed mind as you join a group meditation session before heading up into the Suthep-Pui Mountains. We spend the night in the breathtaking Mae Rim Valley, staying at a comfortable jungle lodge run by the local Hmong Hilltribe. This evening, enjoy a barbecue dinner and a tribal culture show.

### DAY 7: ELEPHANT RESCUE

Depart the Hilltribe Lodge for an ethical elephant rescue centre to spend some time meeting and feeding the beautiful residents. Take a long tail boat along the Mae Kok River to Baan Pha Tai and drive on to Chiang Rai.

### DAY 8: CHIANG RAI

Explore the small, charming town of Chiang Rai. Visit the eccentric White Temple, unlike any other in Thailand, before heading out into the countryside to visit Doi Mae Salong. Once a part of the region's infamous opium trade, the hillsides here are now covered in oolong tea plantations. Visit one for a tour and tasting.



Enjoy Damnoen Saduak Floating Market



Meet beautiful elephants at a rescue sanctuary in Chiang Mai

### DAY 9: CRUISE THE MEKONG

Transfer to the Thai-Laos border and enjoy a scenic cruise along the upper Mekong. Stop to visit Ban Houei Lumphane village before spending the night in the rural town of Pakbeng.

### DAY 10: CRUISE TO LUANG PRABANG

Back on the river, continue your leisurely cruise down to the beautiful city of Luang Prabang, stopping at the fascinating Pak Ou Caves, a riverside cavern filled with statues of Buddha.

### DAY 11: EXPLORE LUANG PRABANG

An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid colours with a rich heritage and enduring French legacy. Visit Ban Xang Khong, a village known for its silk and Sa paper craftsmanship. Take a city tour, seeing sights including Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong. Later, spend some time at a local wat, meeting the friendly monks who love to practise their English.

### DAY 12: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat (alms-giving). After breakfast, ascend Phousi Hill for panoramic views. Continue to the National Museum, housed in the former Royal Palace. Here, admire the crown jewels in the mirrored throne room. Later, head out of town to enjoy the cascading waters of the Kuang Si Waterfalls. Enjoy time to swim before returning to Luang Prabang.

### DAY 13: FLY TO VIENTIANE

Catch a flight to Laos' capital city, Vientiane. The afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 14: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Nestled in a sleepy bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city. Spend the day exploring with a visit to Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo (a former temple that now houses a museum), That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument, known as the Arc de Triomphe of Vientiane. Finally, explore the sculptural Buddha Park. Later, enjoy dinner and a traditional Laos music and dance performance.

### DAYS 15-16: FLY VIENTIANE TO UK

Enjoy a free morning in Vientiane, making the most of the languid pace of life. Fly back to the UK via Bangkok, arriving the following day.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



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## GO BEYOND

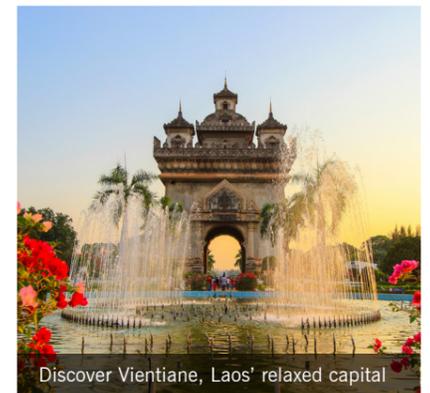
THAILAND & LAOS

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Perfectly combined to create an unforgettable experience, venture off the beaten track to discover the colourful hilltribe cultures of Thailand's northern highlands and explore the tranquil treasures and rich culture of beautiful Laos.



Discover Vientiane, Laos' relaxed capital

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

### 2024 DATES

06 Feb - 21 Feb	£3,990	05 Nov - 20 Nov	£4,090
20 Feb - 06 Mar	£3,990	12 Nov - 27 Nov	£4,090
05 Mar - 20 Mar	£3,990		

### 2025 DATES

07 Jan - 22 Jan	£4,190	04 Nov - 19 Nov	£4,190
04 Feb - 19 Feb	£4,190	11 Nov - 26 Nov	£4,190
11 Feb - 26 Feb	£4,190	18 Nov - 03 Dec	£4,190

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,190 (Bangkok – Vientiane)
- Single room from £560
- Tipping paid locally US\$75

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Visit the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls

# HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

- 15 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £3,490
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See Takbat in Luang Prabang
- ✓ Swim at Kuang Si Falls
- ✓ Wonder at the Plain of Jars
- ✓ Discover scenic Vang Vieng
- ✓ Visit the former Royal Palace
- ✓ Explore laidback Vientiane
- ✓ Take a boat trip on the Mekong



Explore the stunning karst landscapes of Vang Vieng and the Nam Song river

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)



Experience the sacred alms giving

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.
- ▶ Pay a visit to Mines Advisory Group (MAG) in Phonsavan and learn about the work they do clearing unexploded ordnance dropped on Laos during the Vietnam War and its local education programme.
- ▶ Visit Si Phan Don, the '4,000 Islands' set in the rushing waters of the Mekong, where you can slow down the pace, immerse yourself in its scenic beauty and enjoy this peaceful, relaxing spot.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BANGKOK

Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Bangkok. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### DAY 3: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

Fly to Luang Prabang. An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos. At its core, lush greenery, golden temples and vivid-robed monks come together to create a colourful, rich heritage. Take a walking tour around the vibrant night market, keeping an eye out for craft souvenirs from Laos' hill tribes as you go. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat, when the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms from locals. See Wat Sene and the National Museum. Visit village of Ban Na Ounae and meet a Hmong tribe before walking to the cascading waters of Kuang Si Waterfalls for a picnic lunch and a swim. Stop at Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre on the return to Luang Prabang. (B,L)

### DAY 5: PAK OU CAVES

Explore Wat Xieng Thong, considered Luang Prabang's most beautiful temple. Board a boat to cruise the mighty Mekong up to the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of Buddha sculptures that reside within. Visit the local villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong to witness the daily life of the local people and their cottage industries. (B,L)

### DAY 6: PHOUSI HILL

Climb Phousi Hill to admire the views down over the city before exploring the temples of Wat Mai, Wat Visoun and Wat Aham. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 7: PHONSAVAN

Drive to Phonsavan via Phoukhoun, stopping at Tham Phra Cave and Nong Tang Lake. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: PLAIN OF JARS

One of the most important and mysterious ancient sites in Southeast Asia, the Plain of Jars is filled with hundreds of giant sandstone jars, are thought to be over 3,000 years old. They are believed to have been used in Iron Age funerary rites, though local legend holds that they were brewing tools for a race of ancient giants. Explore the three main sites here and admire the stunning views.

Later, visit the Mines Advisory Group Visitor Centre and hear about their work clearing unexploded ordnance dropped by the US Air Force during the Vietnam War. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: VANG VIENG

Depart Phonsavan for Vang Vieng. Stop en route at Pathang village, where you can enjoy dramatic views over the karst landscapes for which Vang Vieng is famous. On arrival, head into Tham Chang Cave to explore. The cave was used as a hideout for locals when marauding Yunnanese invaded in the early 19th century. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Drive to Vientiane, Laos' laidback capital city. Nestled in a languid bend of the Mekong,



See the mysterious Plain of Jars



Admire the view from Phousi Hill

close to the Thai border, Vientiane is a delightfully friendly city. Spend the rest of the day exploring with visits to Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument, dedicated to those who fought for freedom from French rule.

### DAY 11: SI PHAN DON

Rise early for a morning flight to Pakse. On arrival, explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wat Phou, a ruined Khmer temple complex set in the beautiful landscapes of Mount Phu Kao. Drive to Khong Island, the largest island of the laidback Si Phan Don archipelago in the Mekong River. (B,L,D)

### DAY 12: 4,000 ISLANDS

Around Si Phan Don, meaning '4,000 islands', the pace of life is slow and easy and the river views are gorgeous. See the magnificent Khone Phapheng Waterfall, Southeast Asia's largest by volume. Visit Khone Island by speedboat to discover its French colonial buildings and see Lphi Waterfall, nicknamed the Devil's Corridor.



Explore the caves of Pak Ou

Depending on the season, you may see traditional fishing techniques in action. Spend the rest of your day at leisure. (B,L,D)

### DAY 13: BOLAVEN PLATEAU

Depart Khong Island for Pakse, stopping en route to admire Tad Yuang and Tad Fane waterfalls. Continue up onto the Bolaven Plateau to pay a visit to a coffee plantation and learn about the process of planting, harvesting and roasting the beans. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner back in Pakse. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 14-15: DEPARTURE

Fly from Pakse or Ubon Airport to Bangkok (flight determined by the local schedule). If needed, you'll have the use of a hotel room near Bangkok Airport in the afternoon, before your overnight flight home. (B)

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



**SAPA EXTENSION**  
4 days from £740pp

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4 days from £520pp

**HONG KONG STOPOVER**  
3 days from £310pp

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

## GO BEYOND LAOS

### PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An introduction to the pristine beauty of Laos, this 2-week journey ticks off all of the top sights, such as Luang Prabang, the Plain of Jars and Si Phan Don, as well as visiting little-explored villages to meet the friendly local communities.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Tuesday

### 2024 DATES

20 Feb - 05 Mar	£3,490	05 Nov - 19 Nov	£3,590
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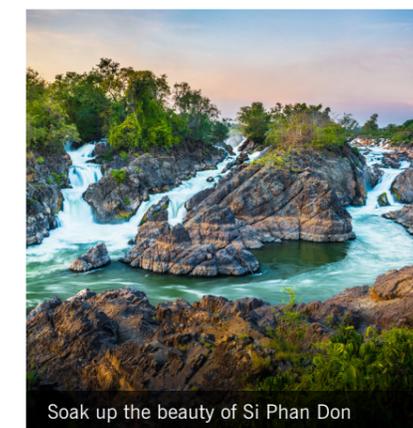
### 2025 DATES

04 Feb - 18 Feb	£3,790	11 Nov - 25 Nov	£3,790
11 Feb - 25 Feb	£3,790	18 Nov - 02 Dec	£3,790

### Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
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- Single room from £490
- Tipping paid locally US\$95

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Soak up the beauty of Si Phan Don

# VIETNAM TRAILS

- 16** DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON** **£3,790**
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**
- ALL MEALS**

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Drift on the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Cruise the Perfume River
- ✓ Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- ✓ Discover Sapa's local villages
- ✓ Admire stunning Halong Bay



Spend two days hiking in Sapa's terraced valleys



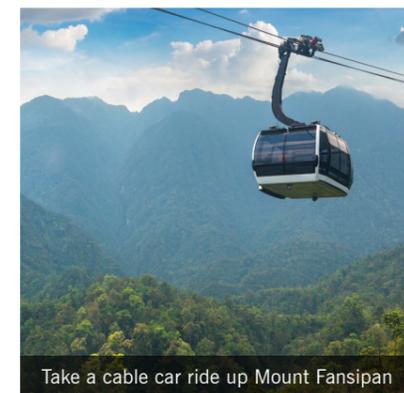
## GO BEYOND VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The perfect length for a more in-depth Vietnam experience! Start in the south in Saigon, venturing north via Hoi An, Hanoi and Halong Bay before heading up to Sapa for an active exploration of the highlands and local communities.



Take a cable car ride up Mount Fansipan



Stroll along the pretty waterfront of Hoi An Old Town

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Cook up a Vietnamese feast

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Learn the skills and secrets of the flavourful Vietnamese cuisine with a cooking class. Head to a local market to pick fresh, seasonal produce before returning to the kitchen, cooking up a storm and feasting on the results!
- ▶ The best way to experience the beauty of Sapa's landscapes is to get out into them, which you'll do on an easy hike through the rice terraces. There will be stops en route to meet hilltribe communities and learn all about life in the mountains.
- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', an outdoor spectacular that perfectly showcases the rich culture and daily life of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented performers, water puppetry, and lights.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

Contemplate the struggles of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. Seamlessly blending past and present, Saigon is both a treasure trove of cultural sights and the city that is driving Vietnam towards a bright future. Visit the Central Post Office before heading to the Reunification Palace and the emotive War Remnants Museum.

### DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Lunch on typical Mekong fare. Return to Saigon.

### DAY 5: JOURNEY TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. Take a walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, whose lantern-lined streets are a delight to wander. Enjoy a tour of the ancient town, and stop to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop.

### DAY 6: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. Spend your afternoon at leisure exploring further, perhaps visiting its famous 24-hour tailors and sandal makers, or many art and lantern shops.

### DAY 7: HOI AN FREE DAY

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps savour a relaxing coffee, pop into the town for a stroll or even head to the beach.

### DAY 8: IMPERIAL HUE

Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Later, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set in surroundings of gardens and pools. Continue to the old Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a cruise on the Perfume River.



See Saigon's Notre Dame Cathedral

### DAY 9: EXPLORE HANOI

Fly to Hanoi this morning. After lunch, enjoy a tour of the city including the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. Wrap up your day with a traditional Vietnamese coffee – with an egg twist!

### DAY 10: JOURNEY TO SAPA

Today, take a road trip up north to Vietnam's northern Highlands, arriving in Sapa in the late afternoon. The vast panoramas of ribboning rice terraces that snake their way across the landscape are a testament to the extraordinary farming skills of the many communities of the region.

### DAY 11: SAPA

Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces with some light walking through the surrounding valleys and villages, and visits to ethnic minority communities including those of the Hmong people.

### DAY 12: SAPA

Take a two-mile stroll through the countryside from Sapa to sleepy Suoi Ho for another glimpse of village life. Later, visit the hamlet of Ma Tra, home to members of the Hmong and Red Dao communities.

### DAY 13: MOUNT FANSIPAN

Take a cable car ride up Mount Fansipan, the highest mountain in Indochina, arriving at the summit to enjoy incredible views from a breathtaking 3,143 metres. This afternoon, return to Hanoi before continuing to Halong Bay the next morning.

### DAYS 14-15: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Head to Halong, where we'll embark on a traditional ship. Spend a day and night cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the waters of Halong Bay, with opportunities to swim, kayak, or even explore one of the bay's many caves. Spend a night on board before returning to Hanoi the next day. On your last evening, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

### DAY 16: FLY HANOI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### LAOS EXTENSION

5 days from £990pp

### SINGAPORE STOPOVER

3 days from £310pp

### BANGKOK STOPOVER

4 days from £520pp

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## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

### 2024 DATES

05 Mar - 20 Mar	£3,790	10 Sep - 25 Sep	£3,790
12 Mar - 27 Mar	£3,790	24 Sep - 09 Oct	£3,790

### 2025 DATES

11 Mar - 26 Mar	£3,890	09 Sep - 24 Sep	£3,890
18 Mar - 02 Apr	£3,890	16 Sep - 01 Oct	£3,890
25 Mar - 09 Apr	£3,890	30 Sep - 15 Oct	£3,890

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Saigon – Hanoi)
- Single room from £590
- Tipping paid locally US\$80

Call for our 2026 pricing and departures



Visit the One Pillar Pagoda

# VIETNAM & CAMBODIA DISCOVERY

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,390**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Taste Hanoi's delightful cuisine
- ✓ Hike lush rice terraces
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ Learn traditional farming techniques in Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at magnificent Angkor
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap



Explore Angkor by tuk tuk

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation and eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Paddle a round basket boat in Hoi An

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Hop on a bike and take the scenic route through Hoi An's beautiful rural scenery to try your hand at traditional farming techniques with a local farmer, and paddle the round basket boats used by the locals.
- ▶ Ride pillion on a vintage Vespa, zipping through Saigon's bustling streets on a night-time foodie adventure. Sip on a cocktail before venturing to popular local eating spots, finishing up in a lively bar.
- ▶ Discover the many wonders of the temples of Angkor on an exciting tuk-tuk tour through the complex. Keep an eye out for jungle-engulfed ruins, orange-robed monks and the local wildlife.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's colonially influenced, atmospheric capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure. (D)

### DAY 3: DISCOVER LOCAL HANOI

Start your day with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh complex and the Ethnology Museum to learn about the country's ethnic groups. Next, stop at the Confucian Temple of Literature, before taking a walking tour of the bustling streets of the Old Quarter. This evening, stroll amongst the city's unique street-side night life and food vendors. Taste the varied flavours of Vietnamese street food such as Pho Cuon and Banh Xeo – this is where the locals come to meet, dine and have a good time. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: HOANG SU PHI

Travel to Hoang Su Phi, an area of emerald green rice terraces. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 5-6: LUSH RICE TERRACES

Take an unforgettable journey on foot through the epic rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi. Around every corner, a new view of this outstanding landscape of lush, mist-wreathed terraces will unfold in front of you, providing a plethora of photo opportunities. You'll make stops at a Red Dao village to learn about local life in the area, a Tay village to have lunch in a family home, and a colourful local market. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: RETURN TO HANOI

Travel back to Hanoi and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

### DAYS 8-9: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Depart for Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. Pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the ever-changing vistas of the bay. (B,L,D) On day 9, rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. Return to Hanoi and fly to Danang for Hoi An. (B,D)

### DAY 10: FARMER AND FISHERMAN EXPERIENCE

Hop on your bike today and cycle through the scenic rice paddies outside Hoi An. Pay a visit to local farmers where you can try your hand at traditional farming techniques – look out for water buffalo! Enjoy a calming boat ride to a peaceful fishing village, where you can try making a fishing net and paddling their unique bamboo basket boats. (B,L)

### DAY 11: CHARMING HOI AN

Spend the morning wandering the beautiful, flower-covered streets of this ancient town. Walk past Chinese traders' homes, visit local artists and tailors and walk across the 16th-century Japanese Bridge. Drive to Hue, stopping en route at the Museum of Cham Sculpture. (B,L)

### DAY 12: IMPERIAL HUE BY BICYCLE

Cycle through Hue for a tour of its imperial sights. Start at the Imperial City, then continue to Phu Mong Garden House, part of Hue's legacy from the Nguyen Dynasty. Stop by Thien Mu Pagoda overlooking the Perfume River before driving to Tu Duc Tomb. From here, take a cycle tour along the banks of the Perfume River. (B,L)



Spot water buffalo



Walk through beautiful rice terraces in Hoang Su Phi, Ha Giang Province

### DAY 13: SAIGON VESPA TOUR

Enjoy some free time before flying to Saigon in the late afternoon. This evening take an exhilarating ride on the back of a vintage Vespa, classic Saigon pillion style. Stop for a cocktail before continuing to a favourite local eating spot. Wind up your night with drinks, accompanied by a live band. (B,D)

### DAY 14: SAIGON OLD AND NEW

This morning discover the fascinating Cu Chi tunnel network. On the way back to Saigon there is an option to visit a wildlife rescue station that aims to stop the endangered wildlife trade in Vietnam. Continue to Reunification Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum. (B,L,D)

### DAY 15: BEN TRE BY BICYCLE

Drive to Ben Tre and set out on a boat trip through winding, palm tree-lined canals. Cycle through rice fields and coconut groves and visit the house of Mr. Sau Khanh, a collector of ancient ceramics and potteries like bowls, vases and sculptures. Spend the night in a local resort. (B,L,D)

### DAY 16: MEKONG DELTA

This morning visit Vinh Bac bonsai and flower village. Pay a visit to Cai Nhum Cathedral before returning to Saigon. (B,L)

### DAY 17: ACROBATIC CIRCUS

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. Here, a special treat awaits in the form of a performance of Phare Cambodian Circus, an NGO that teaches disadvantaged Cambodians to become internationally-renowned performance artists. (B,L,D)

### DAY 18: ANGKOR BY TUK TUK

What better way to see the world famous Angkor temple complex than from the back of a traditional tuk tuk? You'll explore Angkor Wat, the centrepiece of Siem Reap's famous temples, before riding your tuk tuk to Angkor Thom and the Bayon Temple, a 12th-century masterpiece. Lastly visit Ta Prohm, a temple left in the grips of the jungle where a photogenic and atmospheric array of trees have wound their way through the ruins. (B,L)

### DAY 19: TONLE SAP LAKE

Visit Tonle Sap, where you can learn about the way of life of the floating villages built on this famous seasonal lake. Visit another Angkorian temple ahead of this evening's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 20-21: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)



Cycle through lush paddy fields

GO BEYOND VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover two fascinating countries. Hike through the verdant rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi and taste the street food in Hanoi before heading south to discover Hoi An, Hue and Saigon. Your journey ends in Cambodia with an exploration of Angkor Wat.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Thursday

2024 DATES			
23 Feb - 14 Mar	£4,390	20 Sep - 10 Oct	£4,390
05 Apr - 25 Apr	£4,390	27 Sep - 17 Oct	£4,390
19 Apr - 09 May	£4,390	04 Oct - 24 Oct	£4,390
2025 DATES			
04 Apr - 24 Apr	£4,590	19 Sep - 09 Oct	£4,590
07 Apr - 27 Apr*	£4,590	26 Sep - 16 Oct	£4,590
11 Apr - 01 May	£4,590	03 Oct - 23 Oct	£4,590

\*Departing Monday returning Sunday

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,590 (Hanoi – Siem Reap)
- Single room from £570
- Tipping paid locally US\$120

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



**BANGKOK STOPOVER**  
4 days from £520pp

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# BEST OF BORNEO

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,590

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll through charming Kuching
- ✓ Hike in Bako National Park
- ✓ Stay in a remote jungle lodge
- ✓ Experience life in an Iban longhouse
- ✓ Follow nature trails in Kinabalu National Park
- ✓ Visit orangutan and sun bear rehabilitation centres



Spend time at two orangutan rehabilitation centres

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation & eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit a traditional Iban longhouse

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Be guests at a traditional Iban longhouse, where the tribespeople will perform a war dance before inviting you to join their community for a traditional lunch cooked over fire.
- ▶ Visit Borneo's best-known residents at Semenggoh Nature Reserve, a centre for rescued orangutans who, in the process of being rehabilitated, roam freely through the reserve's lush forest.
- ▶ Float down the Kinabatangan River as the sun sets, keeping an eye on the jungle-filled river banks for a chance to spot hornbills, pygmy elephants and proboscis monkeys.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUCHING

Fly overnight to the relaxed and charismatic city of Kuching.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE KUCHING

Head to the waterfront for your walking tour of Kuching, starting at the Chinese History Museum before continuing to the old merchant houses of Ewe Hai Street. Visit a traditional tin smith and a hio chek (ceremonial goods shop) where you'll learn about the Chinese tradition of worshipping the ancestors. Head to a café to try some local dishes and discover the diverse influences that make up Malaysia's food scene. Visit the Borneo Cultures Museum before a boat ride across the river to visit a typical Malay village.

### DAY 4: BAKO NATIONAL PARK

Travel out to Bako before boarding a boat to reach the national park. Explore the park on foot with a guide – one of Borneo's most biodiverse areas, the diversity of flora and fauna here is incredible and easily accessible. Follow trails along streams, past caves and across plateaus, keeping an eye out for wild boar, macaques, monitor lizards and, if you're lucky, a proboscis monkey. Return to Kuching for dinner.

### DAY 5: SEMENGGOH NATURE RESERVE

This morning offers the opportunity to meet Borneo's most famous native, the orangutan! Semenggoh is a centre dedicated to the rehabilitation of rescued or orphaned young orangutans – here they are taught how to survive in the wild. The area you are visiting is where the orangutans are released after their training, to live freely in the nature reserve, so

please bear in mind that it is not guaranteed that you will spot a resident. Travel to Sri Aman.

### DAY 6: IBAN LONGHOUSE

Today you will discover more about Borneo's native Iban people, renowned for their former practice of headhunting. Head out into the wilderness in a traditional Iban longboat and cruise to a longhouse where you will meet an Iban community. Witness a traditional war dance in full regalia and lunch on Iban cuisine, cooked over an open fire. Return to Sri Aman where the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 7: RETURN TO KUCHING

Journey back to Kuching, stopping en route for lunch at a local café.

### DAY 8: FLY TO KOTA KINABALU

Transfer to the airport and fly over to Malaysian Borneo's other state, Sabah, and the vibrant city of Kota Kinabalu. On arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure until dinner.

### DAY 9: EXPLORE KOTA KINABALU

Begin your explorations at the Sabah State Museum, where you can learn about the state's diverse cultural heritage, before exploring architectural gems like the Blue



Explore the Blue Mosque, Kota Kinabalu



Spot pygmy elephants on a Kinabatangan river cruise

## GO BEYOND BORNEO

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An island of uncharted jungles and tribal culture, Borneo is a destination that exudes adventure! Discover 'headhunter' heritage, see a wealth of wildlife, delve deep into nature and meet the beautiful orangutans.



Visit the Sun Bear Conservation Centre

Mosque and Chinese Temple. Browse wares at the handicraft market and spice bazaar before lunch. This afternoon is free for independent exploration.

### DAY 10: KINABALU PARK TRAILS

Head to the foot of Mt Kinabalu, Borneo's highest mountain, where you will spend the day exploring Kinabalu Park, Malaysia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. Embark on a guided walk along one of the many forest trails to discover some of the unique flora and fauna that call this area home.

### DAY 11: FLY TO SANDAKAN

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Sandakan. Visit the Sandakan Memorial Park, which commemorates British and Australian POWs who suffered here during World War II. Continue into Sandakan itself and tour the city, passing the William Pryer and Sandakan Liberation monuments. Continue to Sepilok, where we stay in a nature resort at the rainforest's edge.

### DAY 12: SEPILOK ORANGUTAN CENTRE

Sepilok offers another chance to see orangutans in their natural habitat – like Semenggoh, this is a centre for the rehabilitation of former captive and orphaned orangutans. Around 60 to 80 orangutans live free within the centre's 17-square-mile rainforest, and there may be young orangutans to visit in the nursery. Head across the road to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre to visit the world's smallest bear and learn about the conservation efforts to protect them. Take a boat deep into the jungle and enjoy lunch at

a rainforest eco-lodge – our home for the next two nights. Later, board a cruise along the Kinabatangan River to spot some of the abundant wildlife.

### DAY 13: KINABATANGAN RIVER

Embark on an early morning cruise across the oxbow lake, where you can spot wildlife and soak up the peaceful ambience. Return to the lodge and enjoy time at leisure for hiking or relaxation until the late afternoon, when you'll head out for a wildlife cruise on another section of the river. You could spot anything from hornbills to pygmy elephants!

### DAY 14: SANDAKAN TO KOTA KINABALU

Return to Sandakan for lunch at a local restaurant before transferring to the airport to fly back to Kota Kinabalu. This evening, dine on local cuisine and enjoy a cultural dance performance.

### DAYS 15-16: FLY KOTA KINABALU TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### KUALA LUMPUR STOPOVER

4 days from £180pp

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## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

### 2024 DATES

20 Apr - 05 May	£4,590	31 Aug - 15 Sep	£4,690
18 May - 02 Jun	£4,690	14 Sep - 29 Sep	£4,590
27 Jul - 11 Aug	£4,790	21 Sep - 06 Oct	£4,690

### 2025 DATES

29 Mar - 13 Apr	£4,790	19 Jul - 03 Aug	£4,890
12 Apr - 27 Apr	£4,790	16 Aug - 31 Aug	£4,890
03 May - 18 May	£4,790	06 Sep - 21 Sep	£4,890
07 Jun - 22 Jun	£4,790	13 Sep - 28 Sep	£4,890

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,790 (Kuching – Kota Kinabalu)
- Single room from £670
- Tipping paid locally MYR 560

Call for our 2026 pricing and departures



Spot Rhinoceros Hornbills

# PHILIPPINES DISCOVERY

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,590

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit Mt. Pinatubo's stunning volcanic crater lake
- ✓ Hike Luzon's scenic rice terraces
- ✓ Discover Vigan's preserved Spanish architecture
- ✓ Explore Bohol's scenic rivers and famous Chocolate Hills
- ✓ See Sagada's Hanging Coffins
- ✓ Meet tiny tarsiers at the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary



Discover Mt. Pinatubo's stunning blue crater lake

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Hike on the Hapao Rice Terraces

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Enjoy a scenic hike on the slopes of the Hapao Rice Terraces, the gentlest of the terraces in the UNESCO-listed Ifugao region. The panoramic views can be admired from the roadside viewpoint, while those feeling adventurous can hike down and meet the local farmers.
- ▶ Hike up Mt. Pinatubo to discover the phenomenal blue crater lake at its heart.
- ▶ Visit the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary, home and refuge of the second smallest primate in the world. The sanctuary protects dozens of these tiny creatures throughout the area and is committed to initiatives to restore their natural habitats across the archipelago.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO MANILA

Fly overnight to Manila. Upon arrival at Manila International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

### DAY 3: NORTHERN BOUND

Enjoy a relaxed morning tour of Intramuros, Manila's old colonial centre. This afternoon, depart the city and drive north to the hills of Pampanga province, where you'll stay at an ecological resort.

### DAY 4: VOLCANOS, LAKES & VILLAGES

Today, take a 4x4 partway up Mount Pinatubo and hike to the summit; at the top, you'll be rewarded with majestic views across the volcano's breathtakingly blue crater lake. En route back to the hotel, visit a local indigenous village. Those seeking a more relaxed day can enjoy independent exploration in town.

### DAY 5: INTO THE HIGHLANDS

Today enjoy a road trip into the Cordillera, Luzon's northern highlands. Admire the passing scenery as you journey up to Banaue, gateway to the Philippines' famous rice terraces. Break your journey at the town of Bacolor, where you'll stop to visit San Guillermo Church. Your hotel in Banaue is your base for the next three nights.

### DAY 6: HAPAO RICE TERRACES

Board a jeepney and head into the remote highlands to enjoy a largely flat hike through the photogenic Hapao rice terraces. At the top of the terraces, arrive at a hot spring where you can bathe in the stream and in the warm rockpool before enjoying lunch with fantastic views over the valley.

### DAY 7: SAGADA'S HANGING COFFINS

Today's day trip to Sagada includes a two-hour drive through beautiful mountain passes. Learn about local traditions on a trek to the famous burial caves and look out for the hanging coffins suspended on the rock faces. Return to the hotel in Banaue.

### DAY 8: THE CITY OF PINES

Travel to the pleasantly cool city of Baguio, known as the City of Pines and home to a presidential mansion, market area, weaving workshops and municipal park. Visit Camp John Hay, established in 1900 as a military hill station of the US army, later occupied by WWII Japanese forces and finally returned to Philippine ownership in 1991.

### DAY 9: COLONIAL VIGAN

This morning, head north along the coast and arrive at the colonial settlement of Vigan, distinctly Spanish in character and now a UNESCO World Heritage town. Wander the scenic cobblestone streets, visiting colonial houses, museums and a pottery maker.



Explore Vigan's cobblestone streets



Enjoy a Loboc jungle river cruise

### DAY 10: LAOAG

A 90-minute drive brings you to Laoag on the island's north-western tip. Stop to visit its coastal sand dunes. Later this evening, fly back to Manila.

### DAY 11: BEACHES AND CREAM

Take a short morning flight over to beautiful Bohol and explore Panglao island, including the stalactite-studded Hinagdanan Cave and the lovely ocean-facing Bohol Bee Farm, where you can enjoy organic ice cream. Your beachfront hotel is perfectly placed for some well-earned time on the sand.

### DAY 12: BOHOL COUNTRYSIDE TOUR

Venture out on a full day countryside tour, encompassing the iconic Chocolate Hills, a rolling geological landscape of hundreds of dome-shaped hills named for their resemblance to chocolate drops when they turn brown in the autumn. Enjoy a lunchtime river cruise before continuing to the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary in Corella to learn about conservation efforts to protect the world's second smallest primate.

### DAY 13: THE ROOF OF CEBU

Take a ferry over to the neighbouring isle of Cebu for a city tour and a photographic opportunity at the Roof of Cebu, the highest point on the island, where you can enjoy a refreshing glass of beer as you take in the incredible views. Check in to your hotel before this evening's farewell dinner.

### DAY 14: FLY CEBU TO UK

Transfer to Cebu's international airport for your flight home.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### EL NIDO EXTENSION

5 days from £1,090pp

### BORACAY EXTENSION

5 days from £990pp

### SINGAPORE STOPOVER

3 days from £310pp

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Admire the iconic Chocolate Hills

## GO BEYOND PHILIPPINES

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Famed for their scenic beauty, the photogenic Philippines are also a nature-lover's paradise. From crater lakes to ribboning rice terraces, tarsier sanctuaries and picture-perfect hills, this adventure welcomes you into this Pacific archipelago's wild heart.



Visit the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Thursday

### 2024 DATES

19 Jan - 01 Feb	£4,590	15 Nov - 28 Nov	£4,590
08 Mar - 21 Mar	£4,590	29 Nov - 12 Dec	£4,590

### 2025 DATES

17 Jan - 30 Jan	£4,890	21 Nov - 04 Dec	£4,890
21 Feb - 06 Mar	£4,890	28 Nov - 11 Dec	£4,890

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,790 (Manila – Cebu)
- Single room from £880
- Tipping paid locally US\$65

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# VIETNAM EXPERIENCE

## PRIVATE TOUR

12 DAYS FROM

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MEALS AS STATED

### PRIVATE TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore fascinating Saigon
- ✓ Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Drift along the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Be inspired by charming Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise



Explore the waters of the Mekong Delta

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 1 dinner
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with local guides and entrance fees



Visit Tra Que Village

### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Explore the vibrant streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo, stopping off at a café to sample a traditionally-made, local speciality, egg coffee.
- ▶ Take your seats for one of Vietnam's mesmerising shows, which showcase the rich culture and traditional arts of Vietnam through music, song, dance and drama. Venues vary from the Saigon and Hanoi Opera Houses to open-air stages on lakes and rivers.

### ITINERARY

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative city. Transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON & CU CHI

Your private guide will pick you up for a full day tour. Start at the Cu Chi Tunnels, famous for their role in the Viet Cong's war tactics, before an afternoon city tour in Saigon. This exuberant city is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but it is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and visit the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace, and the poignant War Remnants Museum. (B,L)

#### DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

Your private guide will pick you up for a whirlwind escape to the country. Head to Ben Tre to explore a rural section of the mighty Mekong Delta. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam' thanks to its rich and fertile lands. Spend the day cruising and exploring before returning to Saigon. (B, L)

#### DAY 5: JOURNEY TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, whose streets are a delight to wander. Visit an old merchant's house, Quan Cong Temple, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the bustling market. Your evening is at leisure to soak up the atmosphere, go lantern shopping or even get measured for express tailoring at one of the local boutiques. (B,L)

#### DAY 6: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community that supplies many hotels and restaurants in the area with vegetables and herbs. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside, stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work and try your hand at their traditional techniques. Later spend the afternoon at leisure back in Hoi An or at the local beach. (B,L)

#### DAY 7: IMPERIAL HUE

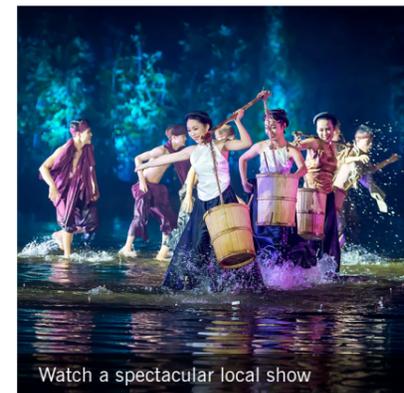
Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Extensively damaged during the Vietnam War, the citadel still exudes much of the grandeur of its history. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set in surroundings of gardens and pools. Continue to the old Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a cruise on the Perfume River. (B,L)

#### DAY 8: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi. Take the afternoon at leisure to explore this charming capital independently. (B,L)

#### DAY 9: EXPLORE HANOI

Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, learning about this major figure of Vietnamese history. See his Mausoleum and the Presidential Palace, along with the humble Stilt House he called home. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a cyclo tour through the



Watch a spectacular local show



Visit the One Pillar Pagoda

Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese egg coffee. (B,L)

#### DAY 10: HALONG BAY OVERNIGHT CRUISE

Board a traditional sailing ship on Halong Bay and cruise out into its tranquil scenery. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it's easy to see why it is one of Vietnam's most beloved destinations. Enjoy excursions such as kayaking or exploring island caves before returning to the ship for dinner. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11: RETURN TO HANOI

Rise early this morning for a beautiful sunrise over the bay. Return to Hanoi after brunch on deck and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, experience a spectacular performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam. (B,L)

#### DAY 12: FLY HANOI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



Relax on a two-day Halong Bay cruise

VIETNAM EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Have limited time but still want to experience Vietnam's top sights? With this tour you can experience all the key highlights, with visits to charming Hoi An, historic Hue, spectacular Halong Bay and more.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Sample Departure Dates

#### 2024 PRIVATE TOUR DATES

17 Jan - 28 Jan	£4,090	07 Aug - 18 Aug	£4,190
24 Jan - 04 Feb	£4,090	18 Sep - 29 Sep	£4,090
21 Feb - 03 Mar	£4,090	02 Oct - 13 Oct	£4,090
28 Feb - 10 Mar	£4,090	09 Oct - 20 Oct	£4,090
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12 Jun - 23 Jun	£4,090	20 Nov - 01 Dec	£4,090
03 Jul - 14 Jul	£4,190	27 Nov - 08 Dec	£4,190

#### 2025 PRIVATE TOUR DATES

08 Jan - 19 Jan	£4,390	25 Jun - 06 Jul	£4,390
05 Feb - 16 Feb	£4,390	16 Jul - 27 Jul	£4,490
19 Feb - 02 Mar	£4,390	13 Aug - 24 Aug	£4,490
26 Feb - 09 Mar	£4,390	17 Sep - 28 Sep	£4,390
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#### Flight and supplement information

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- Land only from £3,290 (Saigon - Hanoi)
- Solo pricing on request
- Tipping paid locally

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See Saigon's Notre Dame Cathedral

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# VIETNAM & CAMBODIA HIGHLIGHTS

## PRIVATE TOUR

17 DAYS FROM

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MEALS AS STATED

### PRIVATE TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Angkor Wat
- ✓ Discover captivating Phnom Penh
- ✓ Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Stroll Hoi An's Old Town
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Cruise Halong Bay



Discover the Angkor complex

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 1 dinner
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with local guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Discover local life on Tonle Sap

### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Cruise to bustling Kampong Kleng, an off-the-beaten-track floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, where you'll get an authentic look at unique local life.
- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', a spectacular open-air show that perfectly showcases the rich history of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented dancers, musicians and artists.

### ITINERARY

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to Siem Reap, where your private transfer will be waiting to take you to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: BENG MEALEA & TONLE SAP

This morning, your private guide will whisk you away to explore the less visited Beng Mealea, a mysterious, atmospheric ancient temple completely overrun by the jungle. Explore on foot for approximately an hour and half. Spend the afternoon exploring Tonle Sap. The evening is at leisure to enjoy Siem Reap. Why not head to Pub Street, or soak up the buzz at the nearby night market? (B, L)

#### DAY 4: DISCOVER ANGKOR

There are few greater experiences than a private tour of the Angkor complex. The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. See the walled city of Angkor Thom and head to its heart to see the enigmatic Bayon, followed by the breathtaking Ta Prohm. Pause for lunch before an afternoon tour of the indescribable Angkor Wat, the country's proudest achievement. Later, return to Angkor Thom to take a leisurely boat ride on the moat as the sun sets. (B, L)

#### DAY 5: PHNOM PENH

Travel to Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Visit the Royal Palace and admire its gilded spires and ornate Silver Temple. Your evening is at leisure – perhaps enjoy a sunset stroll along the riverfront? (B, L)

#### DAY 6: PHNOM PENH – SAIGON

Visit Tuol Sleng Museum, formerly the notorious S21 prison used by the Khmer Rouge regime, for an insight into the struggles of the Cambodian civilians under the regime of Pol Pot. Stop at the hilltop temple of Wat Phnom before your 1-hour flight to Saigon. Transfer to your city centre hotel and relax. (B, L)

#### DAY 7: CU CHI TUNNELS

Visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, where your private guide will explain the astonishing realities of the guerrilla tactics used by the Viet Cong during the war. You'll discover bamboo traps, field hospitals and kitchens, and if you choose, crouch through a short section of the tunnels for yourself. Later, see the Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum. (B, L)

#### DAY 8: MEKONG DELTA

This morning, your private guide will pick you up for a whirlwind escape to the country. Head to Ben Tre to explore a rural section of the mighty Mekong Delta. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam' thanks to its rich and fertile lands. Spend the day cruising and exploring before returning to Saigon. (B, L)

#### DAY 9: SAIGON

Get to know Saigon on a private morning walking tour. See the French Colonial architecture of the Dong Khoi district, including the Central Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral, before a refreshing lunch. This afternoon, take a 1hr 20min flight to Danang and transfer to the charming, UNESCO listed town of Hoi An. This wilfully traditional town offers an impressive ancient centre famous for its yellow buildings, romantic ambience



Spend two nights cruising Halong Bay



Explore Ben Tre

and swaying silk lanterns. Your evening is at leisure to soak up the atmosphere, go lantern shopping or even get measured for express tailoring. The boutiques here are famous for their quick, high-quality work - they can whip up a custom garment in just 24 hours and deliver it to your hotel too. (B, L)

#### DAY 10: HOI AN

Your local guide will whisk you into Hoi An's lush countryside to visit a local farming co-operative. See the farmers at work, hear about their traditional methods, and even try your hand at it yourself! After lunch, take a private walking tour of Hoi An's Old Town. See the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the market before an evening at leisure. (B, L)

#### DAY 11: IMPERIAL HUE

Take a long drive over the scenic Hai Van Pass, often named as one of the best road trips in the world. Your destination is Hue, where your guide will introduce you to the sights such as the impressive Thien Mu Pagoda before a cruise along the Perfume River. (B, L)

#### DAY 12: HUE

Your local guide will pick you up for your visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tombs of Emperors Khai Dinh and Minh Mang, which blend a traditionally Chinese influence with a modern Western future. Move on to a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll hear how the locals create artisanal products with bamboo paper. Continue to the imposing Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City, influenced by the Forbidden City in China. Your evening is at leisure. (B, L)

#### DAY 13: HANOI

Board a short flight to Hanoi in the morning, stopping for lunch before a thrilling cyclo (rickshaw) ride through the Old Quarter to see Hanoi's historic buildings. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake. Your evening is at leisure to shop in the wonderful boutiques of the Old Quarter, try the many restaurants of the French Quarter, or simply relax. (B, L)

#### DAY 14: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Transfer to Halong Bay, the highlight of any visit to Vietnam. Here, spend two days cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil waters of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy excursions such as cave visits, swimming or kayaking before returning to the ship for dinner. Stay on board overnight. (B, L, D)

#### DAY 15: RETURN TO HANOI

Rise early this morning for a beautiful sunrise over the bay as you cruise back to port. Return to Hanoi after brunch. The afternoon is at leisure before your guide picks you up for one of Hanoi's excellent cultural shows. (B, L)

#### DAY 16: HO CHI MINH QUARTER

Today, your guide will introduce you to more of Hanoi's great monuments. Begin at Ba Dinh Square, passing Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum en route to visit the Presidential Palace and the Humble House on Stilts where Ho Chi Minh lived. Visit the One Pillar Pagoda and the serene Temple of Literature before a final evening at leisure in Hanoi. (B, L)

#### DAY 17: FLY HANOI TO UK

A private driver will collect you from the hotel for your transfer to the city airport. (B)

VIETNAM &amp; CAMBODIA HIGHLIGHTS

PRIVATE  
CAMBODIA & VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy our most popular Indochina tour on a private basis. Visit the breathtaking temples of Angkor, the treasures of Saigon, and the incomparable majesty of Halong Bay, with evenings at leisure for independent exploration.

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# Victoria Mekong Cruise & Beach Holidays

£400  
of shore  
excursions  
included

Combine the best of all worlds with a deluxe river cruise exploring the cultural treasures of the Mekong River and a relaxing stay on the glorious beaches of Vietnam.

As one of a very small number of ships to cruise this part of the delta, Victoria Mekong offers exclusive excursions in hand-picked ports along one of the most enchanting stretches of the Mekong. This fascinating section of the river delivers wonders at every turn, from rural craft villages and silk farms to the buzzing Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh and the lush green landscapes of Vietnam.

Then let us whisk you away to a beach paradise for the most relaxing finale to your Mekong adventure. See page 34 for more details about the Victoria Mekong river cruises.



## THE MEKONG & PHU QUOC

Resting in the Gulf of Thailand and swathed in dense tropical forests, Phu Quoc boasts over 30 miles of palm-fringed white sand beaches.

The perfect spot to just relax and work on your tan, there's also the opportunity to dive the nearby reefs, kayak along the tranquil coastline, visit traditional villages, temples and mountains or even indulge in a round of golf. More than half of the island falls within the Phu Quoc National Park, whose jungle swathed mountains and mangroves are home to slow loris, macaques, dugongs and fruit bats.

Phu Quoc is just a one hour flight from your disembarkation port on the Victoria Mekong.



### The Mekong & Phu Quoc 14 days from £3,389pp

Including: International flights, Cambodia e-visa, all transfers, 7 nights cruising including full board, 4 nights bed and breakfast beach resort.

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## THE MEKONG & CON DAO

Despite its rich history, spectacular landscapes and picture perfect beaches, Con Dao remains one of Vietnam's undiscovered gems. Here, lush green mountains tumble down to crystal clear waters fringed with sugar white sands.

With 80% of the archipelago a protected marine reserve, the diving and snorkelling are some of the best in the region, with the chance to encounter parrotfish, rays, barracudas, dugongs, and perhaps even turtles a real possibility. Explore the island's fascinating colonial past, visit the sleepy local market or just stretch out on the soft sands of the wonderful beaches.

Con Dao is just a one hour flight from your disembarkation port on the Victoria Mekong.



### The Mekong & Con Dao 14 days from £3,539pp

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## THE MEKONG & HOI AN

Delightful Hoi An is perhaps Vietnam's most charming town, with historic architecture, a buzzing café and restaurant scene and picturesque riverside setting.

Once a thriving port on the old Silk Route, today the Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with beautifully preserved temples and merchant houses. Surrounded by picturesque rice fields and glorious palm fringed beaches, Hoi An makes a supremely relaxing and intriguing addition to your magical Mekong river cruise.

Hoi An is just an hour and half flight from your disembarkation port on the Victoria Mekong.



### The Mekong & Hoi An 14 days from £3,659pp

Including: International flights, Cambodia e-visa, all transfers, 7 nights cruising including full board, 4 nights bed and breakfast beach resort.

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# TAILORMADE SOUTHEAST ASIA

The very best of Southeast Asia, exactly the way you want it

## WHAT IS A TAILORMADE HOLIDAY?

Quite simply, a tailor-made holiday is a journey designed and created especially for you. There's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to travel so tailor-made holidays are the perfect opportunity for travellers looking to embark on that once-in-a-lifetime adventure or epic honeymoon, for people who want to indulge their special interest, or for those who simply want to do things their own way.

## WHY TRAVEL TAILORMADE?

You're completely in control of the what, where and when. You can choose the pace, where to linger longer, where to pass through and where to bypass completely. The hotels (from comfortable to all out luxury), what and where you eat, the number of nights, when you depart, the sort of experiences that you'll have, is all up to you too!

Whether you have a fully formed itinerary in mind, or just a vague inkling of what you want to see and do, one of our Personal Travel Specialists will be able to craft you something marvellous – with as much, or as little, input from you as you wish.

## WHY GO TAILORMADE WITH WENDY WU?

We've long prided ourselves on our abilities to make extraordinary tours, so it goes without saying that we're also pretty good at putting together tailor-made ones. Our team of Personal Travel Specialists, who are wonderfully well-travelled and expert travel planners, are on-hand to advise and recommend – just let them know what you're after and they'll do the rest. With a wide range of accommodation options, private guiding when you want it and exceptional knowledge of local flavours and the most authentic local experiences, we've got you covered.

# How does it work?

*"We are writing to say a very big thank you for giving us a wonderful tailor-made holiday. We were so impressed by how well organised the whole trip was, with reps on hand to meet us at each new destination, local guides for every city who were very informative, and a brilliant driver who looked after us so well during the entire tour."*

Kevin & Shirley Mears



# Tailormade touring

Inspirational ideas for your bespoke holiday in Southeast Asia.



## 1 RURAL VIETNAM ADVENTURES

Reconnect with nature in Central Vietnam's verdant countryside. Experience it your way, from leisurely bike rides to lunch with nuns at a local pagoda. Afterwards, why not try your hand at paddling a traditional basket boat through a coconut forest?

## 2 PRIVATE YACHT IN HALONG BAY

For those who prefer the freedom to explore Halong Bay in privacy, we can offer a selection of private 1, 2 and 3-cabin luxury yachts, with customisable 2 and 3-day itinerary options. Float through the karst-strewn waters aboard your own ship, cared for by a team of six crew members, including a personal butler and guide.

Our favourite activities in Halong Bay include exploring the historic archaeology of its stalactite-rich island caves, followed by a spot of kayaking or swimming in peaceful hidden coves. Back on board, enjoy a personal cooking class, or simply relax with a cocktail as sun sets over the emerald waters.



## 3 VICTORIA MEKONG

The 35-cabin 4\* Victoria Mekong cruises serenely back and forth between the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh, and the Vietnamese town of Can Tho in the Mekong Delta each week. This elegant ship makes a wonderful addition to any private tour of Vietnam and Cambodia.



## 4 HIDDEN BEACHES

With over 2,000 miles of coastline stretching from north to south, Vietnam's golden sands offer the perfect sanctuary. From over-the-water bungalows to rustic eco retreats and pristine private islands, Vietnam has a beach for everyone.



## 1 TRULY HISTORIC HOTELS

Rediscover the romance of Indochina with a stay at the 5\* Raffles Hotel Le Royal. A Phnom Penh landmark since 1929, Le Royal's French colonial architecture, snow-white façade and grand dining rooms evoke memories of travel's golden age.



## 2 LUXURIOUS ECO RETREATS

The rainforest-cloaked Cardamom Mountains are Cambodia's best-kept secret. Elevate your experience with a stay in a safari-style suite at Shinta Mani Wild, an ultra-luxe tented camp inside an 865-acre private nature reserve. From waterfall picnics to private expedition boats and hiking with park rangers, anything is possible here.



## 3 MANGROVE TREE PLANTING

Why not 'give back' by joining a Cambodian eco-project for a day? Journey through a flooded forest by boat, collecting mangrove seeds as you go. Afterwards, head to the coastal fields to plant your seeds, where they'll grow up as part of an essential mangrove forest.



## 4 EXPLORE ANGKOR IN STYLE

The vast, enchanting temple complex of Angkor is a classic destination for all visitors to Cambodia. Consider seeing it from a new perspective – by bicycle, tuk-tuk or even a chauffeured classic car. Escape the crowds and travel from temple to temple in comfort as you explore this astounding legacy of the Khmer civilisation.

If you wish, we can also arrange a champagne breakfast at sunrise, or for you to be accompanied by a dedicated photographer who knows all the best angles from which to capture your adventure.





## 1 DISCOVER BANGKOK'S SECRETS

From hidden canals to women-led Muay Thai academies and historic districts like Kudi Chin, there's more to Bangkok than most people ever imagine. Uncover its secrets on a personalised private tour.

## 3 CRUISE PHANG NGA BAY

Take a longtail boat through the otherworldly Phang Nga Bay, where immense limestone towers erupt dramatically from the emerald waters. A quarter of the size of Halong Bay, but no less beautiful, this sun-soaked paradise is a magnificent sight.

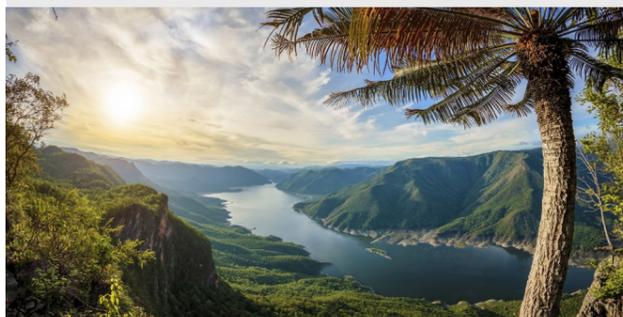


## 5 LAOTIAN COOKING CLASS

Take a little bit of Asia home with you with a Laotian cooking class. A local chef will help you select ingredients from their garden before the lesson. Afterwards, enjoy your creations beside the Kuang Si Falls, and cool off with a dip in its beautiful pools.

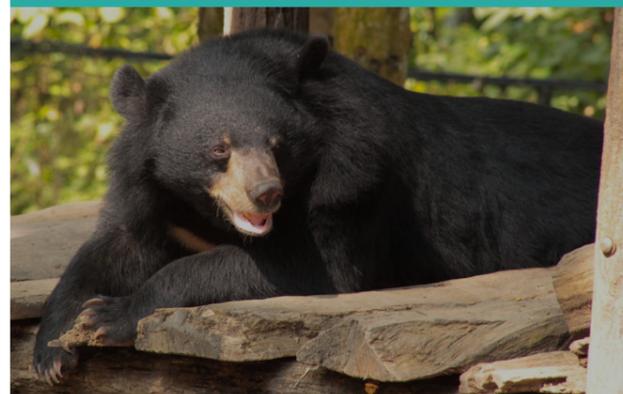
## 2 THAI JUNGLE TRAILS

Spend a day trekking in the jungle-swathed hills around Chiang Mai, a scenic paradise where you can enjoy any number of unforgettable experiences. Meet minority hill tribes, visit organic coffee plantations, or paddle a raft through the rainforest – north Thailand has it all.



## 4 HELP SAVE THE BEARS IN LAOS

At the foot of Laos' tropical Kuang Si waterfalls, you'll find the Free the Bears wildlife sanctuary, which has been rescuing sun and moon bears from the illegal wildlife trade since 2003. Learn about their crucial work on a behind the scenes tour of the sanctuary, during which time you'll meet the resident bears and even prepare them a special meal.



## 2 TREK THE KINABALU RAINFORESTS

Dating back over 130 million years, the Kinabalu rainforest is one of Earth's most important biological sites, with innumerable species of endangered flora and fauna. Keep an eye out for the rare Rafflesia plant, which produces the world's largest individual flower.



## 1 MANGROVES & FIREFLIES

Take a wildlife-spotting cruise through the mangrove forests of Kuching National Park, home to proboscis monkeys, Irrawaddy dolphins and estuarine crocodiles. Come sunset, watch in awe as fireflies congregate in the overhead canopy, illuminating them like tropical Christmas trees.



## 3 SEPILOK ORANGUTAN SANCTUARY

This state-run orangutan sanctuary has been 're-wilding' baby orangutans since 1964. Hear all about it on a visit to the centre's nursery, where you'll see the babies learning crucial life skills, before taking a walk in the forests where the released orangutans now live independently.



# Special groups

Travelling in your own private group?

If you plan to travel in your very own private group of 10 passengers or more, our award-winning Group Organiser will arrange a Private Group tour just for you. Whether that is a group of friends, family members or even a club or association, we can tailor any of our existing tours, or create a bespoke itinerary, so your group get to see, do and experience exactly what they want.

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"We had the most fantastic time and would like to thank Glen at Wendy Wu Tours for making our numerous experiences so memorable. Glen always plans everything to perfection and my group always see everything and more a destination has to offer. The Wendy Wu Tours guides are the best in the business and could not do enough for us! So many parts of the world to explore with my group and I can rest easy knowing that my plans are safe with Glen and Wendy Wu Tours."

Lin Wilson – Fareham

# EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way to not only break up your journey, but a great way to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

Most of the extensions and stopovers that you'll find in the following pages are available to be added onto any of our tours. Just ask your reservations consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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Sapa

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Angkor

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Victoria Mekong

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Luang Prabang

83 Kuala Lumpur Stopover

Gaya Island

84 Hua Hin

Bangkok

85 Phuket Beach

Koh Samui Beach

86 Boracay

El Nido

87 Hong Kong Stopover

Singapore Stopover

88 Dubai Stopover

## MUI NE BEACH

4 DAYS

One of Vietnam's most accessible beaches, Mui Ne is a gorgeous strip of coastline that has something for everyone! From action-packed pursuits like kite-surfing to quaint local fishing villages to visit, this town is more than just sun and sand.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE MUI NE

Travel by road from Saigon to the beautiful beaches of Mui Ne. Check in to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 2: MUI NE SAND DUNES

Spend the morning at leisure before embarking on a trip to explore Mui Ne's huge sand dunes. Then, head north to Fairy Spring, an idyllic stream before a visit to a nearby fishing village where you can observe local life. (B)

### DAY 3: MUI NE FREE DAY

Spend your free time in Mui Ne relaxing. (B)

### DAY 4: DEPART MUI NE

After a last dip in the sea, travel to Saigon airport by private transfer. (B)



Relax on Mui Ne Beach

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£640	£1,240
Deluxe	£840	£1,650

Flight supplements may apply

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Mui Ne)
- Meals as stated
- Entrance fees
- Touring as stated
- Airport transfers

## SAPA

4 DAYS

Overlooking a valley of picturesque terraced rice fields, Sapa is the perfect place to immerse yourself in both scenic beauty and culture, and to embark on a trek through the spectacular countryside.

### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO SAPA

Transfer around five hours from your hotel in Hanoi to beautiful Sapa town, a vibrant settlement nestled in an area of verdant rolling hills. The rest of your day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: WATERFALLS & MOUNTAINS

Travel a short distance through mountainous scenery to Hoang Lien National Park and visit Silver Waterfall, Love Waterfall and Heaven's Gate. There'll be a lovely stop for a refreshment – a cup of tea at a local orchard. (B)

### DAY 3: HILLTRIBES

Today visit Ta Van, a small Giay village, an area that is home to local hilltribe communities. Walk through the scenic rice terraces to learn about the traditional life and culture of the Black Hmong people. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART SAPA

Spend the morning at leisure before your transfer back to Hanoi airport. (B)



Explore the rice fields of Sapa

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£740	£1,440
Deluxe	£940	£1,910

Flight supplements may apply

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Sapa)
- Touring as stated
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Transfers as stated

## HANOI & HALONG BAY

5 DAYS

An introductory foray into the wonders of Vietnam, this extension is perfect for those wanting to explore the rich history of capital Hanoi and the magical beauty of Halong Bay, where you'll spend a night out on the water.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HANOI

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to your hotel. Spend your first night savouring delicious local flavours on a street food tour. (D)

### DAYS 2-3: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Drive to Halong, where you will take an overnight cruise exploring the far-most corners of the tranquil waters of this beautiful bay. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, relax among the beautiful karst peaks, with stops to explore caves and learn about local life. (B,L,D)

Return to Hanoi the next day and spend some time at leisure. (B)

### DAY 4: DISCOVER HANOI

Begin the day passing the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, and visit the One Pillar Pagoda, Presidential Palace and Temple of Literature. In the afternoon, visit the Museum of Ethnology before boarding a cyclo to venture through the Old Quarter's 36 vibrant streets. In the evening, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show – a spectacular open-air performance showcasing Vietnam's rich history. (B,L)

### DAY 5: DEPART HANOI

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of the hotel. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish before transferring to the airport. (B)



Float through tranquil Halong Bay

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£920	£1,650
Deluxe	£1,210	£2,190

Flight supplements may apply

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hanoi, 1 night Halong Bay)
- Touring as stated
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers

## HANOI & NINH BINH

5 DAYS

Known as 'Halong Bay on land', the karst landscapes and vivid green rice paddies of Ninh Binh stretch scenically along the Ngo Dong River, best explored by local boat. Combined with time to explore vibrant capital Hanoi, this extension perfectly showcases both urban and rural Vietnam.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HANOI

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to your hotel. This evening enjoy a tasty street food tour. (D)

### DAY 2: EXPLORE NINH BINH

Transfer to the Ninh Binh region and board a local sampan to drift along the spectacular Ngo Dong River. After lunch, continue to Van Lam hamlet to learn about local traditions and discover stunning temples. (B,L)

### DAY 3: VISIT TRANG AN

Journey to Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of the Dinh and Le dynasties. Later, head to Trang An, a UNESCO World

Heritage Site often billed as 'Halong Bay on land' for magnificent karst formations. Travel back to Hanoi. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DISCOVER HANOI

Pass Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, and visit the One Pillar Pagoda, Presidential Palace and Temple of Literature. Then, explore the Museum of Ethnology before boarding a cyclo to discover the atmospheric Old Quarter. Later, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show. (B,L)

### DAY 5: DEPART HANOI

Today is free to spend as you wish before transferring to the airport. (B)



Enjoy stunning scenery in Ninh Binh

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£870	£1,570
Deluxe	£1,170	£2,170

Flight supplements may apply

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hanoi, 1 night Ninh Binh)
- Touring as stated
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers

# CAMBODIA

5 DAYS

The perfect addition to any Vietnam tour, pop over the border into Cambodia to visit this beautiful country's must-see destinations – Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, including the beautiful Temples of Angkor.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE PHNOM PENH**

Arrive in Phnom Penh and take a private transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 2: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH**

Discover Cambodia's captivating capital city. Reflect on the tragedies of the 1970s at the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. Visit the Royal Palace and take a relaxed sunset cruise on the mighty River Mekong. (B,L)

**DAYS 3-4: EXPLORE SIEM REAP**

Fly from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap and spend the

rest of the day exploring the staggering temple complex of Angkor, including the incredible temple of Angkor Wat. (B,L) The next day, take a boat trip on Tonle Sap, visiting the lake's floating villages before heading to the exquisite Banteay Srei and atmospheric Banteay Samre. (B,L)

**DAY 5: DEPART SIEM REAP**

This morning, journey around the 'small circuit' temple trail, including Kravan, Banteay Kdei, Srah Srang, Ta Prohm, Takeo, Thammanon and Chau Say Tevoda. Later, be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Explore the sprawling Angkor complex

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£990	£1,510
Deluxe	£1,690	£2,690

Flight supplements may apply

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (2 nights Phnom Penh, 2 nights Siem Reap)
- Touring and entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers
- Domestic flight (Phnom Penh – Siem Reap)
- Cambodia e-visa

# ANGKOR

4 DAYS

Extend your Southeast Asia adventure to include the spectacular Angkor, one of the world's most celebrated temple complexes, at the heart of which is the iconic Angkor Wat. Spend a full day exploring these historic wonders and a day discovering the lake communities of Tonle Sap.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE SIEM REAP**

Arrive in Siem Reap and take a private transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 2: EXPLORE SIEM REAP**

Spend the day exploring the staggering temple complex of Angkor. Begin your explorations at the magnificent south gate of Angkor Thom, the old walled city, and make your way to its heart to see the many faces of the Bayon, the atmospheric temple of Ta Prohm, the 10th-century Pre Rup and, of course, the breathtaking and

iconic Angkor Wat. (B,L)

**DAY 3: TONLE SAP LAKE**

Take a boat trip on Tonle Sap, where you can visit the vibrant communities of the lake's floating villages before heading back to Siem Reap for time at leisure. (B,L)

**DAY 4: DEPART SIEM REAP**

This morning, be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Uncover jungle-swathed Ta Prohm

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£600	£980
Deluxe	£950	£1,670

Flight supplements may apply

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (3 nights Siem Reap)
- Touring as stated
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers
- Cambodia e-visa

# VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM

6 DAYS

The sleek 4 star Victoria Mekong offers a stylish and relaxing small-ship experience between Cambodia and Vietnam. Embark in Phnom Penh and spend four nights cruising the Mekong Delta before a night in Saigon.

**DAY 1: PHNOM PENH**

Arrive in Phnom Penh and embark the Victoria Mekong. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and a lively Apsara dance show as you settle in on board. (D)

**DAY 2: TAN CHAU**

Enjoy the activities on deck or spend the morning in the infinity pool. Reach Vietnam around lunchtime, anchoring near Tan Chau. Tender ashore to visit a Taoist temple and local market. Return to the ship for a traditional lion dance performance. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: VAM NAO**

Tender ashore in Phu Tan and visit a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Continue downstream to Tiger

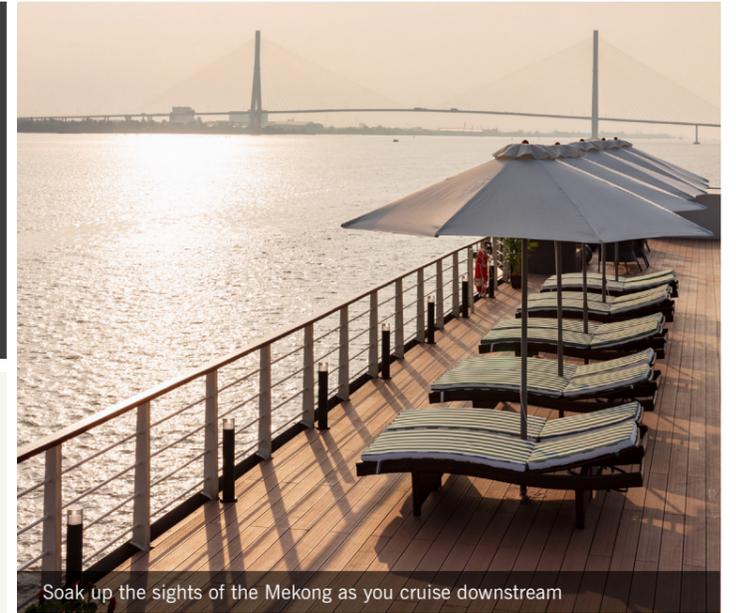
Island and visit the incense makers and potters here.

**DAY 4: LONG XUYEN**

Visit Long Xuyen to see the floating market and a museum on ancient local cultures. Cruise on toward Dinh Yen, where we'll meet colourful straw mat weavers. Sail on to Can Tho, where the ship will dock. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 5-6: SAIGON & DEPARTURE**

Disembark and transfer to your hotel in Saigon, stopping for lunch en route. Your evening is at leisure to explore Saigon, as is any time before your onward flight the next day. (B,L/B)



Soak up the sights of the Mekong as you cruise downstream

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
4★ Victoria Mekong & Superior Hotel	£1,240	£1,940

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (4 nights Victoria Mekong cruise; 1 night Saigon)
- Meals as stated
- Airport & port transfers
- Free-flow of soft drinks and beer on board Victoria Mekong
- Cambodia visa

# VICTORIA MEKONG UPSTREAM

6 DAYS

The four-night upstream itinerary offers wonderful opportunity to enjoy the stylish Victoria Mekong. Sail north from Can Tho in the Mekong Delta to Phnom Penh, Cambodia's charming capital.

**DAY 1: SAIGON**

Arrive in Saigon, where your evening is at leisure to explore Vietnam's capital.

**DAY 2: ALL ABOARD**

Transfer to Can Tho on the Mekong Delta, where you'll board the Victoria Mekong this afternoon. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: LONG XUYEN**

Head ashore to visit a cultural museum. Return for lunch on board while the ship sails on to Tiger Island, where you'll explore by rickshaw. Visit cottage industries such as incense making before

stopping at a local pagoda. During dinner, cruise on to Tan Chau. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: TAN CHAU**

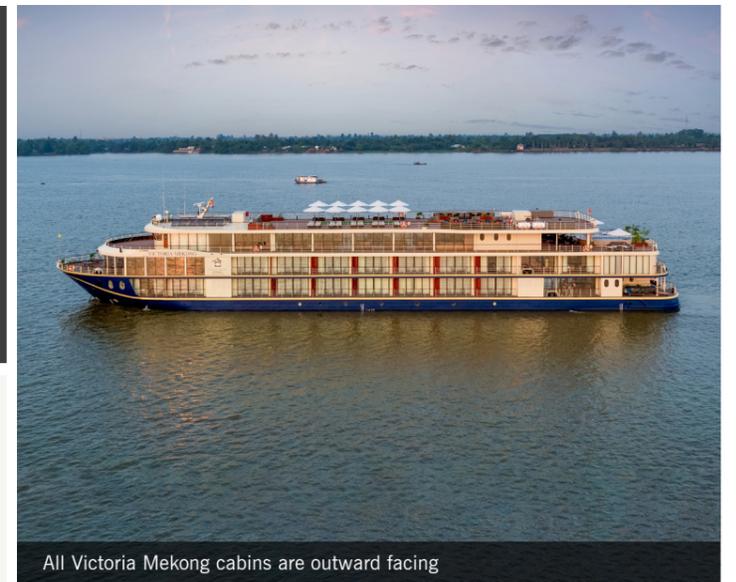
This morning, tender ashore to visit a village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Cruise on to Tan Chau to visit the local market and colourful temple. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: INTO CAMBODIA**

Today is at leisure to enjoy the ship's onboard activities or simply relax. Dock in Phnom Penh this evening. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: DISEMBARKATION**

Transfer to the airport. (B)



All Victoria Mekong cabins are outward facing

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
4★ Victoria Mekong & Superior Hotel	£1,240	£1,940

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (4 nights Victoria Mekong cruise; 1 night Saigon)
- Meals as stated
- Airport & port transfers
- Free-flow of soft drinks and beer on board Victoria Mekong
- Cambodia visa

# LAOS

5 DAYS

The perfect introduction to the magic of Laos, explore the country's cultural heart, Luang Prabang, home to golden temples and colonial beauty, and laidback, charming capital city Vientiane.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE LUANG PRABANG**

Arrive in Luang Prabang, the cultural heart of Laos. Board a tuk tuk for a first look at the city, from Wat Xieng Thong, to Wat Mai and the National Museum. (D)

**DAY 2: KUANG SI WATERFALLS**

After breakfast, travel south to the scenic Kuang Si Waterfalls, stopping en route at the Living Crafts Centre and the Free the Bears sanctuary for rescued sun bears. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: PAK OU CAVES**

Cruise along the Mekong River to visit the Pak Ou Caves, with stops at a local village for

lunch before cruising back to Luang Prabang. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: FLY TO VIENTIANE**

Board an early flight to Vientiane, Laos' laid-back capital. Visit Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa and the Patuxai Victory Monument. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: DEPART VIENTIANE**

Today, visit the weird and wonderful Buddha Park. Home to more than 200 intriguing statues, it's a must see before heading to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Visit Wat Pha That Luang

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£990	£1,670
Deluxe	£1,190	£2,190

Flight supplements may apply

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (3 nights Luang Prabang, 1 night Vientiane)
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers
- Touring and entrance fees
- Domestic flight (Luang Prabang - Vientiane)

# LUANG PRABANG

5 DAYS

Home to a mix of colonial heritage and outstanding natural beauty, Luang Prabang is the spiritual heart of Laos. Discover its many beautiful treasures, from the saffron-clad monks and golden temples to the picturesque Kuang Si Waterfalls.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE LUANG PRABANG**

Arrive in Luang Prabang. Climb Phousi Hill for a sunset over the city, before visiting the night market and experiencing traditional Lao food and dance. (D)

**DAY 2: EXPLORE LUANG PRABANG**

Enjoy a half day exploring this charming city before enjoying a local craft experience learning bamboo weaving, and taking part in a cooking class. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: TAKBAT CEREMONY**

Rise early to take part in the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat

and pay a visit to a fresh food market. After breakfast, journey up the Mekong to visit the Pak Ou Caves. (B,L)

**DAY 4: KUANG SI WATERFALLS**

Visit the Living Land Farm, a community project that produces organic food to help fund community projects - learn how they grow their produce before a delicious lunch. Head to Kuang Si Waterfalls to refresh, before returning to the hotel. (B,L)

**DAY 5: DEPART LUANG PRABANG**

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Swim in Kuang Si Waterfalls

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£790	£1,290
Deluxe	£930	£1,550

Flight supplements may apply

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (4 nights Luang Prabang)
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Touring as stated
- Airport transfers

# KUALA LUMPUR

4 DAYS

Home to soaring skyscrapers, a wealth of history and a vibrant mix of cultures, Kuala Lumpur is a feast for all the senses. A shopper's paradise, you are sure to find something among the glitzy malls and local markets before using it as a gateway for all Malaysia has to offer.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE KUALA LUMPUR**

Arrive in Kuala Lumpur and transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring.

**DAYS 2-3: FREE DAYS**

Enjoy time at leisure for your own explorations, with plenty of optional touring around the city, a day trip down to the heritage-filled city of Malacca and even a cooking class available. (B)

**DAY 4: DEPART KUALA LUMPUR**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of the hotel. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish before transferring to the airport. (B)



Admire Petronas Twin Towers

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£180	£320
Deluxe	£240	£370

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (3 nights Kuala Lumpur)
- Airport transfers
- Meals as stated

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Malaysia Airlines.

# GAYA ISLAND

4 DAYS

Find bliss on a tucked away piece of paradise – a golden sandy beach hidden on a tropical island just off the coast of Kota Kinabalu. After your time adventuring through magical nature, Gaya Island is the perfect way to end your visit to Borneo.

**DAY 1: BOAT TO GAYA ISLAND**

Transfer to the jetty and take a short boat ride to Gaya Island. Check in and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

**DAYS 2-3: GAYA ISLAND RESORT**

The next two days are for you to spend as you wish. All-out relax and enjoy the pristine beaches or take part in some of the many optional activities that are on offer – from snorkeling to spa treatments. (B)

**DAY 4: DEPART GAYA ISLAND**

Depart the resort by boat and return to Kota Kinabalu. Transfer to the airport and fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



Relax on tropical Gaya Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Deluxe	£490	£960

Excludes conservation fees of approx. £14 per stay, paid locally

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (3 nights Gaya Island)
- Jetty transfers
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers

# BANGKOK

4 DAYS

Thailand's capital is an atmospheric, energetic metropolis full of character. Join a fascinating city tour where you'll discover some of Bangkok's rich heritage before visiting the infamous Bridge over the River Kwai and riding on the Death Railway.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE IN BANGKOK**

Arrive in Bangkok and transfer from the airport to your hotel. You'll feel the energy of this rambunctious city straight away, so why not use the rest of the day to begin your explorations?

**DAY 2: BANGKOK CITY TOUR**

Embark on a city tour of Bangkok. Visit the glittering Wat Pho temple and the spectacular Grand Palace before jumping into a long tail boat for a ride on the Chao Phraya River to Pak Klong Talaat Flower Market before dinner. (B,D)

**DAY 3: RIVER KWAI & HELLFIRE PASS**

Head three hours out of Bangkok to Kanchanaburi Province, which is home to the infamous Bridge over the River Kwai and the 'Death Railway'. See the Allied War Cemetery and walk through Hellfire Pass and the Memorial Museum. Return to Bangkok. (B,L)

**DAY 4: DEPART BANGKOK**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of the hotel. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish before transferring to Bangkok airport. (B)



Visit Wat Pho in Bangkok

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£520	£960
Deluxe	£670	£1,270

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (3 nights Bangkok)
- Meals as stated
- Touring as stated
- Airport transfers
- Entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Thai Airways.

# PHUKET BEACH

4 DAYS

Thailand's beaches are the stuff of legend and Phuket is its most popular resort. Lapped by the warm waters of the Andaman Sea, Phuket, the largest of Thailand's many paradise islands, offers endless miles of immaculate sands.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE PHUKET**

Arrive in Phuket and meet your scheduled hotel transfer. The rest of the day is at leisure to start exploring all that Phuket has to offer.

**DAYS 2-3: FREE TIME IN PHUKET**

Spend the rest of your trip enjoying some quality downtime on this paradise island. When you've finished soaking up the sunshine, the island offers many activities such as white water rafting, rock climbing and plenty of water sports. Or you could stay in town and shop up a storm at the local markets. (B)

**DAY 4: DEPART PHUKET**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Phuket airport. (B)



Stroll along the beautiful Karon Beach, Phuket

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£220	£420
Superior	£390	£620
Deluxe	£620	£1,220

Flight supplements may apply

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (3 nights Phuket)
- Airport transfers
- Meals as stated

# HUA HIN BEACH

4 DAYS

Hua Hin is the perfect destination for those wanting some beach time without having to travel too far from Bangkok. An intriguing intermingling of seaside, city, colourful buildings and markets, it's the perfect place to wind down.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE HUA HIN**

Upon arrival in Bangkok airport, you will be met by your tour guide and driver and transferred to your hotel in Hua Hin. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 4: DEPART HUA HIN**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Bangkok airport for your onward flight. (B)

**DAYS 2-3: FREE TIME IN HUA HIN**

Spend two days all out relaxing, perhaps with a visit or two to some local markets. There are plenty of places to taste the varied and delicious flavours of Thai street food, which is a must do! (B)



Relax on vibrant Hua Hin Beach

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£420	£820
Deluxe	£490	£980

Flight supplements may apply

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (3 nights Hua Hin)
- Airport transfers
- Meals as stated

# KOH SAMUI BEACH

4 DAYS

Where better to relax before or after your Southeast Asia adventure than the oasis of natural beauty that is Koh Samui? With its clear, blue waters and white sand beaches, this idyllic island is also situated in the Ang Thong National Marine Park and has a host of fantastic accommodation options.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE KOH SAMUI**

Arrive in Koh Samui and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 4: DEPART KOH SAMUI**

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home. (B)

**DAYS 2-3: KOH SAMUI FREE DAYS**

Enjoy your free time in Koh Samui! You can relax on the beautiful beaches, enjoy the hotel pool, or even hop aboard the ferry across to Koh Tao for an optional tour. (B)



Kick back on Koh Samui's soft white sands

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£310	£620
Deluxe	£460	£900

Flight supplements may apply

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (3 nights Koh Samui)
- Airport transfers
- Meals as stated

# BORACAY

5 DAYS

With 17 sandy beaches and hidden coves, Boracay is a 7 kilometre-long tropical island paradise. A 2019 island restoration programme has brought it back to its former glory, and a new cap on visitor numbers means a peaceful renaissance for this popular getaway spot.

**DAY 1: ARRIVAL**

Fly into the neighbouring island of Panay and hop across to Boracay by boat from Cagban Jetty. Check in to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to relax at leisure.

**DAY 2: DISCOVER BORACAY AT LEISURE**

Today is at leisure to explore this tiny tropical island and find your favourite hidden coves and beaches. The popular White Beach offers 4 kilometres of powdery sands, split into three sections; most of the shops and restaurants are in the second section, while the third is a peaceful getaway. Try little-known Puka Shell

Beach for peace and quiet, or visit Diniwid Beach for its coral rock formations and relaxed atmosphere. (B)

**DAYS 3-4: EXPLORE BORACAY**

Two more days at leisure to soak up the sun or swim in the tropical waves. Activities like cooking classes, massages, scuba diving or island-hopping are bookable locally, or you can enjoy a coffee or cocktail in one of the island's friendly bars. (B)

**DAY 5: DEPARTURE**

Zip back to Panay Island and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Explore hidden coves and beaches

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£990	£1,540

Flight supplements may apply

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (4 nights Boracay)
- Meals as stated
- Flights to/from Manila/Cebu
- Airport transfers

# EL NIDO

5 DAYS

Glorious El Nido crowns the tip of the island of Palawan. Frequently topping lists of world-class beaches, this remote tropical nirvana offers white sands, thick forests, limestone lagoons and waters perfect for swimming and kayaking.

**DAY 1: ARRIVAL**

Fly into Lio Airport in El Nido, northern Palawan, and check in to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure.

**DAY 2: DISCOVER EL NIDO**

Today is free to explore El Nido at your own pace. Relax on the white sands, explore the downtown bars or swim in the tropical waves. (B)

**DAYS 3-4: EXPLORE THE SHORES**

Two days at leisure to enjoy local activities or simply sunbathe on the world-class beaches. The star of

the show is Bacuit Bay, a mesmerising seascape of lagoons studded by limestone peaks.

Independent excursions available in the area may include island-hopping, kayaking or snorkelling. Please note we are not affiliated with local excursion companies. (B)

**DAY 5: DEPARTURE**

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



Enjoy independent exploration in this island paradise

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,090	£1,990

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (4 nights El Nido)
- Meals as stated
- Flights to/from Manila/Cebu
- Airport transfers

# SINGAPORE

3 DAYS

At the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, the 'Lion City' is a unique blend of Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions which have come together to create a fascinating and diverse city. Spend time savouring the delightful local cuisine, visit beautiful gardens and impressive architecture.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE**

Arrive in Singapore and transfer from the airport to your hotel. A vibrant and cosmopolitan city, the rest of the day is free for you to relax or begin your explorations.

**DAY 2: SINGAPORE CITY TOUR**

Begin your journey at Kampong Glam, an area where modernity meets tradition. Explore the city by driving round the Civic District. Next, stop at the Merlion Park and enjoy the impressive views of Marina Bay. Do not miss out this picture-taking opportunity with The Merlion,

a mythological creature that is part lion and part fish. Visit Thian Hock Keng Temple, one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, before driving past Chinatown. Proceed to Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site – the Singapore Botanic Gardens and walk through the National Orchid Garden which boasts a sprawling display of 60,000 orchid plants. (B)

**DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of the hotel and transferring to Singapore airport. (B)



Stroll through fascinating Singapore

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£350	£640
Superior	£390	£710
Deluxe	£430	£770

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)
- Half day shared tour with guides and entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers (shared basis)

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Singapore Airlines.

# HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 DAYS

This introductory visit to Hong Kong features the highlights of this vibrant city, including a ride on the longest outdoor escalator, exploring Tai Kwun's cultural haven, indulging in a dim sum feast and capturing panoramic views through your lens.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG**

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR**

This afternoon embark on a thrilling adventure in Hong Kong, as you ride the world's longest outdoor escalator, marvelling at the city's vibrant streets. Next, visit Tai Kwun, a cultural haven within historic walls, immersing yourself in rich heritage and vibrant

contemporary art. Indulging in a dim sum feast at Tim Ho Wan, where each bite is a culinary delight, before journeying to new heights as you hop aboard the latest 6th generation peak tram to Victoria Peak, capturing breathtaking panoramic views. Finally, make your way to Lion's Point View Pavilion, and get ready to immortalize this awe-inspiring scene with your cameras. (B)

**DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Discover Hong Kong's Skyline

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£310	£460
Superior	£340	£540
Deluxe	£440	£670

**Price includes**

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Shared touring with guides and entrance fees

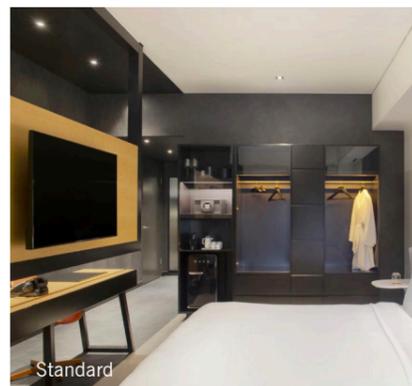
Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.

# DUBAI STOPOVERS

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination – a city full of cutting-edge architecture, epic shopping malls, the finest of the world’s luxury hotels and a cosmopolitan nightlife, all topped off with excellent beaches. As modern and extravagant as Dubai might be, there is still plenty of rich and traditional culture to be found, particularly amongst the labyrinthine alleys of the old city.

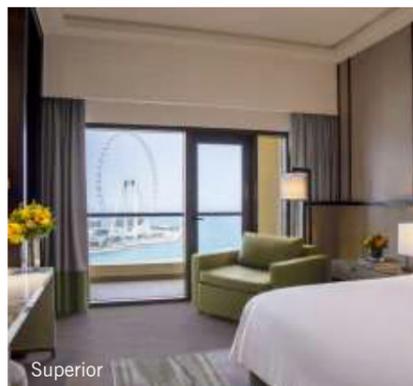
Relax poolside with views of the Burj Al Arab

## DUBAI HOTELS



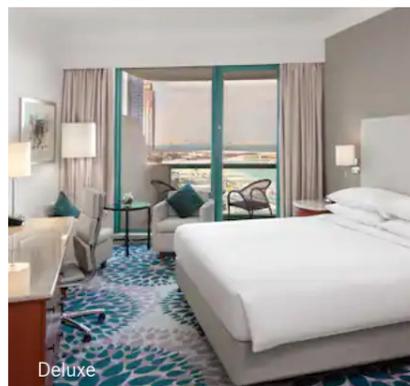
Standard

**CANOPY BY HILTON DUBAI AL SEEF**  
★★★★  
Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef is a contemporary new hotel located on the waterfront promenade which means you are spoilt for choice of shops and restaurant options. The view from the rooftop pool is simply superb.



Superior

**AMWAJ ROTANA HOTEL** ★★★★★  
Located on 'The Walk', the Movenpick is well situated for shopping and entertainment. Walking distance to the Arabian Gulf beaches, the hotel facilities include an outdoor pool, five restaurants and wellness centre.



Deluxe

**HILTON DUBAI JUMEIRAH HOTEL** ★★★★★+  
Ideally located on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the Sheraton has excellent facilities, including a spa and water sports. The combination of the contemporary hotel and its expansive landscape gardens creates a modern paradise.

## ESSENTIAL DUBAI

**3 DAYS**

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Admire the incredible architecture – ultra-modern and deeply traditional, and browse through the wares of Dubai’s old souks, as atmospheric today as they have been for centuries.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI**

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI**

Enjoy a half day shared tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum. Next, take a step back in

time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks – where the wares have been the same for centuries – and haggle for a bargain or two! The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Admire the ultra-modern architecture of downtown Dubai

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£290	£480
Superior	£350	£520
Deluxe	£410	£760

- Price includes**
- Accommodation (2 nights Dubai)
  - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
  - Transportation as stated
  - Shared touring with guides and entrance fees
- Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

## DUBAI & THE DESERT

**4 DAYS**

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides insight into Dubai’s rich history. Also included is a desert safari where you spend the evening enjoying the entertainment as you feast on Arabic cuisine under the stars at a traditional Bedouin-style camp.

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**DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI**

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**DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE**

The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop at the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet with unlimited drinks of selected beverages. Here, you can also try camel riding, sandboarding and have a traditional henna design drawn on your hand. (B,D)

**DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Head deep into the spectacular desert for a magical experience

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£360	£570
Superior	£550	£930
Deluxe	£600	£1,050

- Price includes**
- Accommodation (3 nights Dubai)
  - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
  - Transportation as stated
  - Shared touring with guides and entrance fees
- Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

# Flying in style

At Wendy Wu Tours, we pride ourselves on the strong relationships we have with our airline partners. We can offer you not only the most convenient flights to complement your tour, but the best value too. We believe that your flights are an essential part of your holiday experience, and so our carefully selected airlines offer the utmost comfort, allowing you to arrive relaxed, refreshed and raring to go! All of our tour prices include return international economy class flights, but if you're celebrating or just fancy treating yourself, upgrading your cabin class is a great option.



Thai Airways Economy Class

## ECONOMY CLASS

Offering a comfortable seat, in-flight entertainment and meal service, the Economy cabin varies little between airlines. You can expect to find the following:

- Legroom between 31 and 33 inches
- Personal screen with on-demand entertainment and headphones
- In-flight meals, catering for dietary requirements
- Complimentary baggage allowance



British Airways World Traveller Plus

## PREMIUM ECONOMY

Some airlines offer a Premium Economy option on their international flights. With a dedicated cabin and more spacious seating, Premium Economy offers an improved experience over Economy, but without the price tag of Business Class. Perks of Premium Economy include:

- 1-2 extra inches of seat width, 2-3 inches of extra legroom and 2-3 inches extra seat recline
- Adjustable head rests, leg rests or lumbar support
- Larger personal screens
- Premium food service
- Increased complimentary baggage allowance



Vietnam Airlines Business Class

## BUSINESS CLASS

Found mostly on long-haul, international routes, those who upgrade to Business Class can expect significantly more comfort and amenities than Economy and Premium Economy. You'll have:

- A dedicated check-in and Business Class lounge access
- Fast track through airport security
- Varying greatly between airlines, Business Class seats range from recliner seats to flatbed seats to 'suites'
- Large personal screens and extra viewing options
- Premium dining and wine service
- Increased cabin crew to passenger ratio
- Extra baggage allowance
- Luxury amenity kit



Singapore Airlines Suites

## SUITES

Exclusive to the A380, Suites provide unparalleled levels of luxury and comfort. Located at the front of the upper deck in a private cabin, each of the six suites feature a separate swivel seat, electronically controlled and upholstered with Italian leather as well as a separate full-size bed. Passengers can also expect:

- Dedicated check in desk, priority baggage with enhanced allowance
- FastTrack security and priority boarding
- Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi access on board
- Gourmet dining served on bone China tableware from Wedgwood
- Luxury amenity kits including Lalique pyjamas

Note: Aircraft on board facilities differ between aircraft type and can be changed at short notice by the airline. When upgrading your seat, the advertised on board facilities are only guaranteed on the long-haul flight. On domestic or short-haul flights the configuration and facilities will differ to those on your long-haul flights.

# Preferred airline partners



## SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Experience award-winning service with Singapore Airlines. Fly from London Heathrow with four daily flights or from Manchester with five weekly flights to Singapore. No matter which cabin you fly, look forward to a comforting experience with world-class service before connecting through Singapore's state-of-the-art Changi Airport. Singapore is the perfect travel hub to connect seamlessly to destinations across Southeast Asia, from Bali, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and more.



## VIETNAM AIRLINES

Vietnam Airlines offers direct flights from London Heathrow to either Hanoi or Saigon, with onward connections to cities throughout the region, including Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Luang Prabang, Vientiane and Bangkok. The airline's Premium Economy class is excellent, with wider seats and an extra 6 to 10 inches of legroom.



## THAI AIRWAYS

Fly direct from London Heathrow to Bangkok, with easy connections on to Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. With a reputation for excellent in-flight service, Thai Airways also offers wider than average seats in Economy class. From the airline's hub city, Bangkok, you have a tempting array of sun-and-sand extensions to consider adding to your holiday.



## BRITISH AIRWAYS

Wendy Wu Tours is delighted to be a British Airways preferred partner, which means we can offer you its most competitive fares. You can fly to Southeast Asia on BA's direct flights from London Heathrow to Bangkok or Hong Kong, with connecting flights through the Oneworld network to Hanoi, Saigon, Siem Reap, and Phnom Penh.

Other airline partners to Southeast Asia include: Cathay Pacific, Emirates, KLM, Air France and Malaysian Airlines.

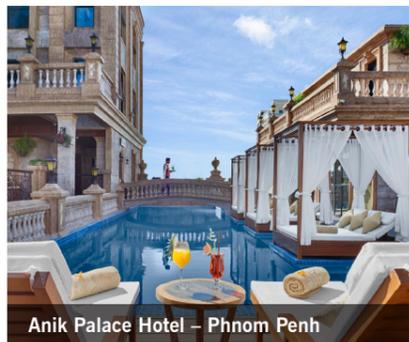
# Hotels

Your accommodation is chosen for the convenience of its location, its levels of comfort or for its quirky character, so it can range from a smart business hotel here to a family-run guesthouse there. Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

## EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA



Lotus Blanc Hotel – Cambodia



Anik Palace Hotel – Phnom Penh



Bhaya Classic – Vietnam



Victoria Mekong – Mekong Delta Cruise



Amari Vang Vieng – Laos



ÉMM Hotel Hoi An – Vietnam



Waterfront Hotel Kuching – Borneo

Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the UK and Southeast Asia. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

# Southeast Asia for all seasons

Our tours cover the length and breadth of Southeast Asia. Depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the region.

HANOI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	15	19	21
Feb	15	20	28
Mar	18	23	46
Apr	21	26	91
May	24	31	180
Jun	25	32	230
Jul	25	33	240
Aug	26	32	280
Sep	25	31	250
Oct	22	28	140
Nov	19	24	46
Dec	15	21	15

LUANG PRABANG			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	13	27	10
Feb	14	31	10
Mar	17	33	30
Apr	20	35	100
May	22	35	160
Jun	24	33	150
Jul	23	32	230
Aug	23	32	290
Sep	22	32	160
Oct	20	31	70
Nov	18	29	30
Dec	15	27	10

SAIGON			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	31	10
Feb	22	32	10
Mar	24	33	10
Apr	26	33	50
May	26	33	210
Jun	25	30	300
Jul	25	31	290
Aug	25	31	270
Sep	24	31	340
Oct	24	30	260
Nov	23	29	110
Dec	22	28	40

BANGKOK			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	21	31	10
Feb	23	32	20
Mar	25	33	30
Apr	26	34	70
May	26	33	190
Jun	26	32	150
Jul	25	32	150
Aug	25	32	180
Sep	25	31	320
Oct	25	31	230
Nov	24	31	50
Dec	21	30	10

HOI AN			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	19	24	100
Feb	20	25	30
Mar	22	27	30
Apr	23	30	30
May	25	31	60
Jun	26	32	75
Jul	26	33	90
Aug	26	32	100
Sep	25	31	290
Oct	23	28	530
Nov	22	26	330
Dec	20	23	220

PHUKET			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	31	20
Feb	23	32	30
Mar	23	32	30
Apr	25	32	150
May	25	31	320
Jun	25	30	200
Jul	25	30	250
Aug	25	30	260
Sep	24	29	400
Oct	24	29	300
Nov	23	30	190
Dec	23	30	40

SIEM REAP			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	19	25	5
Feb	21	26	10
Mar	23	28	20
Apr	24	29	60
May	24	28	140
Jun	24	28	170
Jul	23	27	200
Aug	23	27	200
Sep	23	26	240
Oct	22	26	230
Nov	21	25	80
Dec	19	24	10

CHIANG MAI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	15	21	8
Feb	18	25	3
Mar	21	27	13
Apr	24	29	27
May	24	27	110
Jun	24	26	129
Jul	24	26	129
Aug	23	25	240
Sep	22	25	235
Oct	21	24	121
Nov	18	23	25
Dec	15	21	11

## Hanoi

Situated in the north of Vietnam, Hanoi experiences cool and dry winters and hot and humid summers. Spring and autumn are the most ideal times to visit with warm temperatures and lower humidity.

## Luang Prabang

Luang Prabang is located along the Mekong River and has two typical seasons. During the winter months Luang Prabang is warm and dry and during the summer months it is hot with higher rainfall than the winter months.

## Saigon

Tropical Saigon is usually warm all year round and dry during the winter and spring months. Popular times to visit are November to May. Saigon's rainy season falls in the summer months, but these rain spells often clear quickly.

## Bangkok

With its typical tropical climate, Bangkok is warm year round and at its hottest between March and June. Humidity levels are higher during this time, but this vibrant city cools down a little between July and October with periods of rainy weather and occasional showers.

## Hoi An

Hoi An has two distinct seasons. Summer is very dry and warm, making this the ideal time to visit. Winter months are cooler with heavier rainfall. Hoi An's tropical climate makes this city warm year-round.

## Phuket

Phuket enjoys mild weather year round. The hottest periods fall between April and May. The rainy season is during the months of September and October, the rest of the year is relatively dry.

## Siem Reap

Siem Reap is temperate throughout the year and experiences its highest levels of rainfall between May and October, though temperatures remain warm at this time. November to April is when the city is at its driest.

## Chiang Mai

Tropical Chiang Mai enjoys year-round warmth, with temperatures peaking in the humid summer months from May to mid-October. The winter months from November to April see comfortable temperatures and very little rain, making this the most popular time to visit.

# Your questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

### Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?

A. Once we have received your deposit payment, we will send you a confirmation invoice within 24 hours.

### Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?

A. It is essential that you read the relevant Tour Dossier before booking, which you can find on [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk), or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide and phrasebook as well as a suggested packing list with your final documents.

### Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying in before I go?

A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documents around two weeks prior to departure. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us.

### Q. How do I get my visa?

A. When you make your booking, we will advise you on the latest visa requirements for your destination. Our operations team will get in touch with you nearer the time of your departure with full information on how to obtain your visa.

### Q. Do I need travel insurance?

A. Your protection and safety are our main priority. That's why having adequate travel insurance is a condition of booking with us for all the destinations you plan to travel to. Your travel insurance policy must include full cover for COVID-19 both before and during your tour.

### Q. What vaccinations do I need?

A. Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up to date information please refer to [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk) and always seek your doctor's advice. You may also need to comply with local requirements to be vaccinated for COVID-19 or to undertake COVID-19 tests.

### Q. What size are your tour groups?

A. The group size on our Classic tours is on average around 21 passengers, with a maximum group size 28. On our Go Beyond tours and exclusive Solo Departures the average group size is around 14 and the

maximum is 18. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. On our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in greater comfort.

### Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

A. Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

### Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?

A. We offer several options for single travellers joining our tours. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travellers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (plus free access to an airport lounge and a welcome cocktail on arrival) or, if you prefer, to pay the single room supplement on a regular departure and have a private room reserved for you. Another possibility is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option where, if we can find you a share partner of the same gender, your Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure.



### Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

A. If your tour includes internal flights your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on most internal flights. If there are no internal flights on your tour then your allowance is the international flight limit.

### Q. What currency should I take?

A. We recommend you take sterling or US dollars as well as the local currency and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras.

### Q. When is the best time of year to visit Southeast Asia?

A. Southeast Asia is a year-round destination. While November to April are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists.

### Q. When are Southeast Asian public holidays?

A. Vietnamese New Year, otherwise known as Tet, moves according to the lunar calendar, usually falling in late January or early February. Celebrations last up to ten days. New Year celebrations for Cambodia, Laos and Thailand are in mid-April every year. Some businesses may be closed and tourist sites may be busier.

### Q. How fit do I need to be?

A. Our group tours are graded on each page with a Physical Rating to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice.

Our range of Private tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

### Q. What does escorted touring mean?

A. Every group tour with 10 or more passengers will be accompanied by a National Escort from when you arrive, to when you depart. On multi-country tours, different National Escorts are used in each country. In the event that your group is fewer than 10 you will be accompanied by local guides in each location. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable local guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted. Private tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable local guides in each location.

### Q. Can special requests be arranged?

A. If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

### Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?

A. Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

## WHILE ON TOUR



### Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?

Air: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

Road: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our private tours we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

River: Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element, from river cruising ships on the Irrawaddy and Mekong to comfortable, well-equipped sailing vessels on Halong Bay. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.

### Q. Are meals included?

A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. Please note that in remote areas, meals may be simple and choices limited. Meals included in Private Tours are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. If you book a fully inclusive Classic Tour your first meal will be dinner on the day of arrival and will end with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.



### Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

A. We strongly recommend that you drink bottled water only.

### Q. What is the flying time to Southeast Asia?

A. Approx. 12 hours (if flying direct).

### Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

A. We allow children 12 years and over on our Classic group tours. Alternatively, our Private Tours (see our website) offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are suitable for any age group.

## Health & Safety

Your health, safety and well-being on holiday are of paramount importance to us. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, the Wendy Wu Tours team carries out health and safety checks on accommodation, transport and excursions; and works with our destination partners and suppliers towards improving health and safety standards throughout the regions in which we operate. All travellers should be aware that safety standards vary across the different regions we visit and may not match the standards we enjoy in the UK. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.

### Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?

A. Our groups are generally made up of travellers from the UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking passengers from other countries.

### Q. What is the average age on your group tours?

A. The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

### Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?

A. They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures or to visit sights at the best time of day.

### Q. How do standards abroad compare with the UK?

A. We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in the UK. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or local guide.

### Q. Is portage included?

A. Portage is included on our group tours to Southeast Asia (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel).

### Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

A. Tipping is expected in Southeast Asia. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our group tours, so your National Escort will collect a tips kitty at the start of the tour and look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each group tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private tours and extensions, we will advise recommended amounts.

The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.



# Booking your trip

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1–2–3.

## 1. Choose your tour

Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

## 2. Speak to an expert

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions, check availability instantly and confirm prices.

## 3. Make a booking

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay a deposit and secure your booking from £350pp. Final payment is usually due 75 days before departure.



# Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

### BECOME A WENDY WU TOURS VIP

Our Wendy Wu VIP loyalty scheme will get you exclusive offers and updates before anyone else plus you'll move up membership levels with every new trip you book – which means bigger savings!

#### Bronze VIP

£100 per person discount  
When you book your  
2nd Wendy Wu holiday



#### Silver VIP

£150 per person discount  
When you book your  
3rd Wendy Wu holiday



#### Gold VIP

£200 per person discount  
When you book your 4th  
or more Wendy Wu holiday



Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

### RECOMMEND A FRIEND

We'll send you a gourmet hamper as a thank you for the first booking we receive. Plus for every subsequent booking, we'll send you £50 worth of shopping vouchers.



## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Unit 1, 151-153 Tower Bridge Road, London, SE1 3JE, company number 05107061. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you confirm that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, the brochure and tour dossier and agree to be bound by them.

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our Wendy Wu Tailor Made brochure and terms and conditions, or visit our website. In these booking conditions, "you" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Limited.

### 1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking ("lead name") must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 "Payment" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the 'lead name' or your Travel Agent. Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See clause 8).

We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 13) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

### 2. Your financial protection

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays. For flight-based holidays this is through our Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL number 6639) issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK, telephone 0333 103 6350, email [claims@caa.co.uk](mailto:claims@caa.co.uk). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive package\* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you, and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable) if we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an

alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. \*The flights and flight-inclusive packages we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at [www.atol.org.uk](http://www.atol.org.uk).

We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your package holiday does not include a flight, protection is provided by way of a bond held by ABTA The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ [www.abta.co.uk](http://www.abta.co.uk).

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages. We will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole. Additionally, as required by law, we have protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that we become insolvent. More information on key rights can be found by visiting <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/978011168479/contents>.

### 3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to USD1.21 and £1 to MYR5.60 in August 2023. We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking. Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not be subject to change.

### 4. Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a non-refundable deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights tickets, accommodation or other services and in the case of our flight upgrade special offers, to which early airline ticketing may apply – please see the terms and conditions of individual special offers for further information. The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 75 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent. Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above - you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date. Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us. Please note that on very rare occasions, errors may occur when inputting prices onto our website and systems. We regret that any contract entered into on the basis of a pricing error will be invalid. In the unlikely event that this situation arises, you will be given the option to pay the correct price or cancel with a full refund.

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### 5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of travel, and contains a minimum of two blank pages, is required for travel for the majority of countries in our programme. As visa requirements are constantly changing, you must regularly check the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) website for the most up to date entry requirements. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK British Citizen passport holders and will be specified whether included on your confirmation invoice. If you hold any other British passport (British Subject, British National Overseas) or you are a non-UK passport holder or you reside outside of the UK, you will be required to obtain your own visas at your own expense. It is your responsibility to ensure the visa issued to you is correct. Whilst we include the cost of the standard visa application service in your tour price (for UK British Citizen passport holders), we will pass on any additional charges incurred for non-standard visa processing, or where visa charges are increased following publication of the brochure. Should your visa application be refused for any reason and you wish to cancel your booking the cancellation charges under clause 8 will apply. An express visa process is available for an additional cost depending on the country of visit. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a visa, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. Failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full. For the most up to date information on visa requirements for all destinations that we feature, please visit our website <https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas/>.

### 6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance covering at least circumstances leading to the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas, including COVID-19 cover. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking. You will indemnify Wendy Wu Tours in respect of any assistance or payment made by us in these circumstances. Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions, including COVID-19 protection, in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre [www.nathnac.org](http://www.nathnac.org). Information on health can be found at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk). Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

### 7. If you wish to change your booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, we will endeavour to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the lead name on the booking or your Travel Agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge as set out below per person and any further cost we incur together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this alteration. Examples include:

- Minor amendments to the tour booked OR Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure OR Transferring between tours or changing departure date – £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 75 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets, where possible – £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket

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You can transfer your booking to another person, who satisfies all the conditions that apply to your booking, by giving us notice in writing as soon as possible and no later than 7 days before departure. Both you and the new traveller are responsible for paying all costs we incur in making the transfer.

Once a booking is confirmed no changes are permitted otherwise than in accordance with these terms and conditions.

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package. You will be advised of any such non refundable charges prior to confirming your booking. Any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply. Note that only one change per booking is permitted. Any requests for changes to your booking must be emailed to [operations@wendywutours.co.uk](mailto:operations@wendywutours.co.uk).

### 8. If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing to our head office. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your letter. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

75 or more days	Retention of deposit
74–42 days	30% including deposit
41–28 days	60% including deposit
27–15 days	90% including deposit
14 days or less	100% including deposit

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

### 9. If we change or cancel your holiday

Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to any change in airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure.

#### If we change your holiday

Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements. Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours
- Change of resort
- Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating.

If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options:

(a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If the holiday is cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean you paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or

(c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us. In addition, if you choose (a) or (b) above, and the change is not due

to ‘unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances’ (see below), you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

Period before departure date notification given by us	Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children)
0–7 days	£50
8–14 days	£40
15–28 days	£30
29–42 days	£20
43–75 days	£10

#### If we cancel your holiday

If we have to cancel your booking we will not cancel less than 60 days before your departure date, except for unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, or failure by you to pay the final balance, or because the minimum number required for the package to go ahead hasn’t been reached. Unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. The minimum number required will be provided to you with the holiday description, along with the time limit for us to tell you if the package has to be cancelled. If your holiday is cancelled you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an alternative holiday of comparable standard from us if we offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). No compensation will be payable and the above options for either a change or cancellation will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

Please note, in the event of a cancellation, airline schedule change or change of departure airport, we are not liable to cover the cost of flights, trains or any form of transportation or any other expenses incurred by these changes.

### 10. Our liability to you

(1) We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(2) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
- ‘Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances’ as defined in clause 9 above.

(3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 11 “Excursions”. In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract - and the laws, regulations and relevant standards of the country in which your claim

or complaint occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10(1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us. Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings. For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is three times the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

### 11. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as

these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

### 12. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the arrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is 01888 288 288. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Please address all correspondence to [customer@wendywutours.co.uk](mailto:customer@wendywutours.co.uk). Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

### 13. Arbitration

As ABTA members, we are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA’s Code of Conduct. Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration and is approved by the Chartered Trading Standard’s Institute. Further information on the Code of Conduct and ABTA’s assistance in resolving disputes can be found at [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com). You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at <http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/>. This ODR platform is a means of notifying us of your complaint; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

### 14. Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier’s liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4) and 10(6)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

### 15. Behaviour

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on Holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party’s full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

### 16. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, including dietary requirements, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from

the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours. We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as “standard” bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

### 17. Fitness, Medical Conditions, Disabilities & Illness

Please note that Asia is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated ‘physical rating’ is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependant on your own health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. Dietary allergy requests must be made at time of booking and will be passed on to the relevant supplier, but unfortunately we cannot guarantee these requests can be met and cannot be held responsible for any illness or death caused by food consumed as part of your tour package with us. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 9. If due to illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy medical requirements (for example compulsory vaccinations or testing) we or any of our suppliers refuse to transport or accommodate you, we may (acting reasonably) exclude you from commencing or continuing the trip. In this situation we will provide you with reasonable assistance to make alternative travel arrangements and where possible to rejoin your group when medically cleared to do so. This will be at your own cost and you should contact your travel insurance provider immediately. Note that we will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) under these circumstances.

### 18. Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a “Community list” which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm). In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s)) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 “If we change or cancel your holiday” will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time. Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched – we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

### 19. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas

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point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our website, we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments etc. We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10(2) of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). In addition, we will not be liable for any delay unless it has a significant effect on your holiday arrangements. If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline’s obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If your airline does not comply with these rules you may complain to the Civil Aviation Authority on 0333 022 1500 or by completing the relevant online form at [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk).

### 20. Data privacy and protection

In order to process your booking and meet your requirements, we need to collect personal data from you and pass your personal details on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. Depending on what’s required, the personal data we collect may include names and contact details, credit/debit card or other payment information and special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition which may affect holiday arrangements and any dietary restrictions which may disclose your religious beliefs (“sensitive personal data”). The person who makes the booking is responsible for ensuring that other members of your party are aware of our booking conditions and this privacy policy and that they consent to your acting on their behalf in your dealings with us.

In making your booking, you consent to personal data being passed on to the relevant suppliers and other third parties. We take appropriate technical and organisational measures which are intended to prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data.

By making a booking with us, you agree to allow your insurers, their agents and medical staff to disclose relevant information to us in circumstances where we may need to act in your interests or in the interests of everyone in any group with whom you are travelling. In accordance with current legislation and GDPR regulations our privacy policy is available at <https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/privacy-policy/>. We would also like to hold your information (including any email address), where collected by us, for our own future marketing purposes (for example, to inform you of promotional/competition offers or to send you our brochure). Wendy Wu Tours Ltd. may wish to contact you by post, e-mail and/or telephone with news, information and offers on its holidays we may have available and for market research purposes. If you prefer not to be contacted for the purposes set out above then please contact the Data Protection Officer at the above web address. You can opt out of all communications at any time.

You are generally entitled to ask us what details of yours are being held or processed, for what purpose and to whom they may be or have been disclosed. Please identify any such enquiry as a Subject Access Request and direct your enquiry to a member of our Customer Services team, who will respond to you within one month. In certain circumstances we are entitled to refuse your request. If you believe that any of your personal data which we are processing is incorrect, please contact us immediately so it may be updated.

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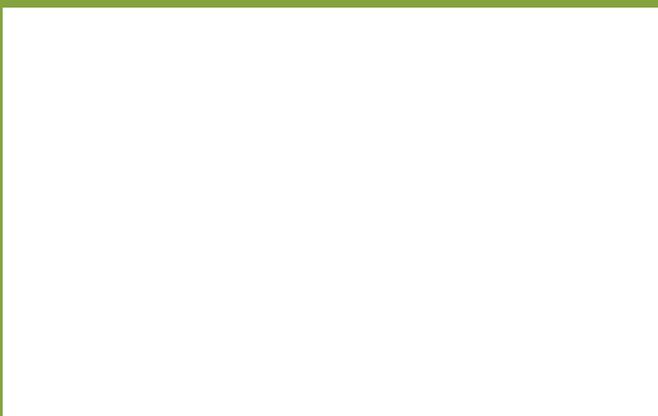
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