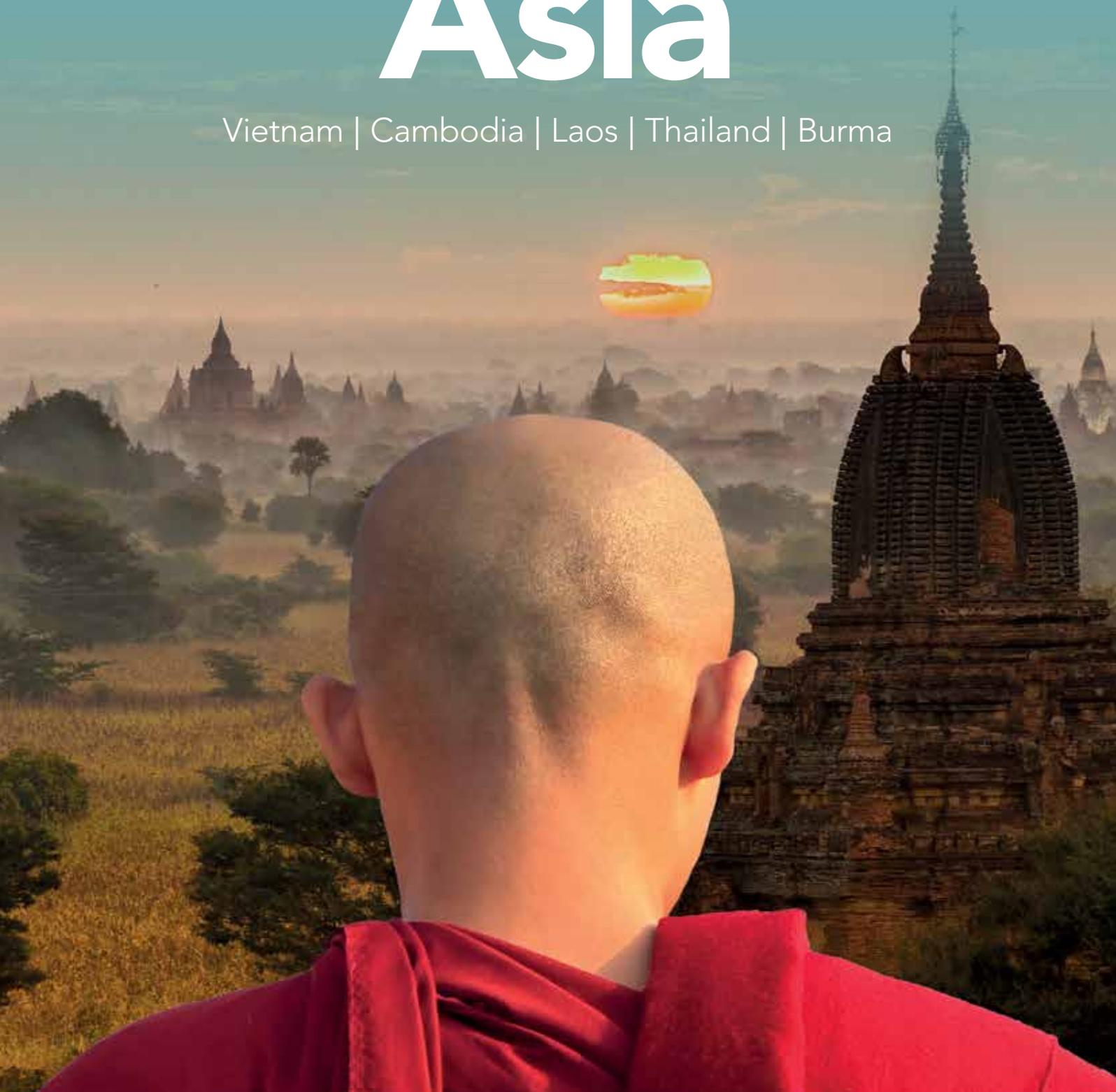


Southeast Asia

Vietnam | Cambodia | Laos | Thailand | Burma



Welcome to Southeast Asia

I founded Wendy Wu Tours 17 years ago, through a desire to share my passion for Asia by taking people on truly unforgettable journeys into the heart of the region I call home. I want others to experience the iconic sights magnificent treasures, whilst falling in love with the rich culture and irresistible spirit of this unique land.



Wendy Wu

Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

Incredible value

Our Group Tours feature hundreds of inclusions – from unique sightseeing experiences with expert guides, to every delicious meal from start to finish – we'll even take care of your visa. We insist on the best – all your flights, all your transportation, and all your hotels will be of a high standard.

Unrivalled local expertise

Our hand-picked national escorts and local guides know every corner of Southeast Asia and are renowned for their exceptional service. Their outstanding commitment, encyclopaedic knowledge and warm personalities are all part of the Wendy Wu Tours experience.

98% customer satisfaction

Customer satisfaction is our number one priority. We pride ourselves on the joy, fascination and everlasting memories we provide to all who travel with us. Many of our loyal customers choose to travel with us again and again.

What's New for 2015?

- The Exclusive Collection – our brand new luxury tours with exclusive features
- A dedicated Thailand section with specially designed tours
- Brand new multi-country and river cruise group tours
- Single supplements frozen for 2015



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Award Winning Expertise



Experience the Real Southeast Asia

Colourful and chaotic with a hint of spice, it isn't difficult to see why Southeast Asia is an ever popular destination. Whilst these nations share distinct similarities, they each have their own tumultuous histories, monumental sights and rich cultures shaped by a plethora of influences.

Burma

Offering unsurpassed encounters for those with an adventurous spirit and an open mind, Burma (Myanmar) is a destination unlike any other. Delve into a country where the culture is wonderfully rich, ancient traditions are still a part of everyday life and the landscapes are delightfully unspoilt. Explore the watery world of Inle Lake, cruise past untouched countryside on the Irrawaddy River, and visit the gleaming Shwedagon Pagoda in Rangoon.

Cambodia

Just thirty years after the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge, Cambodia has emerged as Southeast Asia's most enticing destination. Whereas the unparalleled temples of Angkor are a major part of this appeal, it is the charming personality and humour of the Khmer people that really resonates when travelling. There are also undeveloped golden beaches, unspoilt wilderness and relaxed cities full of an eclectic mix of colonial and Khmer influences, making Cambodia the epitome of a Southeast Asian travelling paradise.

Laos

Caught in the middle of Indochina's historical conflicts, Laos' years of isolation from the world is, today, one of its most appealing features. Enchantingly old-fashioned, both its landscapes and traditions are pristine, whilst the Laotians are a laidback and friendly people living simple lives. From the mountains and rainforests of the north, to the spectacular Four Thousand Islands in the south, and the ornate cultural treasures in between, this is an incredibly beguiling destination.

Thailand

Thailand offers an irresistible combination of bustling cities, pristine beaches and tropical forests. Buzzing Bangkok is a heady mix of golden temples and palaces, floating markets and vibrant nightlife. Dubbed the Golden Triangle, the northern regions around Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai are home to numerous hill tribes and plenty of elephants. Heading south, world-class resorts such as Phuket, Koh Samui and Hua Hin boast some truly luxurious beach hotels.

Vietnam

Vietnam emerged from decades of civil war as a country full of hope and enterprising spirit. A land of friendly people and historic cities, Vietnam's diverse landscapes are one of its most striking features stretching from fertile delta plains to rugged emerald mountains. Cities are modernising rapidly but retain much French colonial charm. Whilst exquisite beaches can be found along its ravishing coastline and delicious seafood is always on the menu.

River cruising

Both the Irrawaddy and Mekong Rivers have long been the lifeblood of the communities that live on their banks – providing transportation for both people and goods as well as offering vital irrigation. The Mekong basin is also one of the richest areas of biodiversity in the world. Cruising both of these great rivers offers the opportunity to see a truly authentic side of life, with many small, rural communities, dreamy countryside, as well as important towns and cities, settled on their banks.



Our Favourite Experiences

Vietnam is a wonderful country full of fascinating places; my personal favourite was Hoi An, an ancient fishing village boasting traditional architecture with numerous foreign influences and narrow streets set on the Thu Bon River. Hoi An is easy to get around by foot to explore the local arts, crafts and textiles among the traditional temples and pagodas.

Vicki Swaby, Senior Air Product Executive

I love Angkor because it is one of those places that, if you let it, will do all that it can to bring out your inner explorer. The jungle that swallowed this once great city conspires to draw you in, offering tantalising glimpses of grey stone through thick green foliage whilst the light, dappled and hazy, creates intriguing silhouettes, luring you in for a closer look. There really isn't any choice but to succumb and embrace the adventure wholeheartedly.

Nicci Hawkins, Product Executive

I truly enjoyed my time in the town of Kanchanaburi in Thailand. Learning about the area's modern history at the infamous Death Railway and poignant Allied Cemetery was an eye opening experience, and a boat ride down the River Kwai was a delightful way to end the day.

Tom Cranshaw, Product Executive

Planning your trip

Whether you wish to travel to one, or to a combination of Southeast Asia's wonderful countries, Wendy Wu Tours has the experience and expertise to arrange your ideal holiday travelling in a style that suits you.

Group tours to Southeast Asia & beyond



Group Tours

Our group tours can explore just one country, two countries or even three and range from introductory journeys to in-depth adventures. Each holiday showcases the very best sights and experiences that each destination has to offer. Each section in this brochure begins with our group tours in order of duration. Our group tours typically include all your meals, however there are a few tours where this isn't the case and for these particular days we have written B (breakfast), L (lunch) or D (dinner) at the end of the text. For every other day you can assume your meals are fully included.

Private Tours

Adapt our tours to suit your circumstances, departing on the date of your choosing and travelling in the style that suits you. As well as specifically prepared private tours, you can also turn any of our most popular tours into private ones, with fully flexible itineraries and all the visits, or free time, that you'd prefer. Our private tours maintain all of the great standards you would expect from us, but instead of travelling with a group you will have your own private driver and local guides. To give you maximum flexibility we haven't included all meals so look for B, L or D at the end of each day to see what is included. The little car will tell you that the tour is operated on a private basis.

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Exclusive Collection

The Exclusive Collection perfectly blends our classic tour formula but adds those little embellishments that the more discerning traveller would expect. Enjoy small group sizes, special experiences, top gastronomy and 5* hotels. We'll even pick you up from your home in the UK and drop you back off again! Spaces are very limited on these tours, so make sure you book early to avoid disappointment.

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Extend Your Holiday

Stopovers

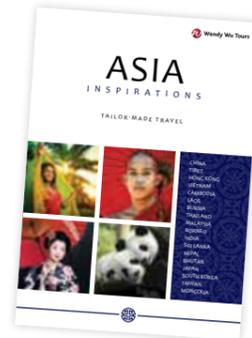
Depending on who you fly with, affordable stopover options are available in Bangkok, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and the Middle East. Not only do these give you an opportunity to see and experience something completely different, but many of our customers prefer to break up the journey to or from the UK.

Extensions

Southeast Asia is blessed with a bounty of beautiful beaches, many of our tours will take you to the coast, but if you are looking to spend a concentrated amount of time relaxing by the sea, then why not extend your trip at one of the world class beach resorts in Vietnam, Cambodia or Thailand. Alternatively, many want to see and explore more of the region they are touring, and we have a range of suitable extensions depending on where you start and finish.

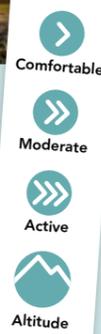
Tailor-made

Everything in this brochure, and much more, can be arranged on a tailor-made basis. Our dedicated ASIA Inspirations team is on hand to design a bespoke holiday that is unique and individual to you and fulfils all of your travel hopes and dreams.



Tour Grade

Our group tours are graded as **Comfortable**, **Moderate** and **Active** to reflect the level of fitness required. Alternatively, our range of private tours are more flexible and can better cater for individual needs. The icon on each tour page refers to the tour grading and the mountain icon on the map will tell you the altitude reached on any given tour. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the tour dossiers which you can find on our website. See page 102, or contact us if you require any advice.



Booking your trip

Booking your holiday should be simple and straightforward, so Wendy Wu Tours are committed to supporting you through every element of the booking process right through until after your holiday has finished.

Booking made easy

1. Choose your Experience

Get a taste of the tours in this brochure. Visit our website for more details, including interactive maps, destination information, photos, videos, reviews, updates and detailed tour dossiers.

Choose the style of trip that suits you:

- Fully Inclusive group tours
- Flexible private tours
- Bespoke tailor-made holidays

Still not sure? Contact our experienced travel consultants to talk through your options.

2. Check availability

Speak to our expert travel consultants, or your preferred travel agent, and we will check the tour availability, find the best flights and confirm your full package price.

3. Booking & deposit

Group tour places can usually be confirmed immediately on payment of a deposit of £350 per person. Private touring arrangements can usually be confirmed within 48 hours.

Once your tour is complete, we will send you confirmation by email. By making a booking you are confirming that you have read the tour dossier, are fit enough to fully participate in your tour, will travel with adequate travel insurance and agree to the booking conditions at the back of the brochure.

4. Final payment

The balance of your payment is due 56 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately two weeks before travel.

Regional Flights and Upgrades

Enjoy the freedom to choose who you fly with and where you fly from. We work with all the major airlines and offer flights from regional airports across the UK – often with no additional supplement.

All of our tour prices are based on flying economy class, but if you fancy a little bit of luxury and lots more legroom, we have specially negotiated rates on premium economy and business class fares. Depending on your budget we can upgrade you one way or for the entire return trip.

Stopovers & Extensions

Why not break your trip to Southeast Asia with a stopover – most airlines won't charge you any extra for stopping over en route. We are able to book your hotel, transfers and touring and add it to your trip. World class destinations such as Singapore, Dubai and Hong Kong are just a few of the options available between Southeast Asia and the UK. See pages 94-99 for inspiration. If you want to stay longer in Bangkok, Hanoi or wherever your trip starts or finishes, we are able to add extra nights onto your trip for a small supplement.

Add finishing touches

We want to make your holiday enjoyable and stress-free and can help you book:

- ✓ Airport Lounges from £25
- ✓ Airport Parking from £4 per day
- ✓ Airport Hotels from £35 per night
- ✓ Climate Care from £8 each way
- ✓ Travel Insurance Contact us for details of our recommended policy

Please speak to our experienced travel consultants who will happily provide advice and arrange these for you.

Plus a little thank you for your loyalty

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again. What's more, they also recommend us to their friends and family. We really appreciate this loyalty and want to reward you for it.



■ **Become a Wendy Wu Champion**
Recommend us to your friends and we'll send you a delicious 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.

■ **Loyalty Discount**
When you book your second holiday, we'll give you £100pp discount.

■ **Become a Wendy Wu VIP**
Book three trips or more and we'll give you £250 off the total cost of your holiday.

*Conditions apply. Rewards and discounts cannot be combined. Refer to our website for full details.

The Wendy Wu Tours Difference

10 reasons why our customers choose Wendy Wu Tours

1. No one knows Southeast Asia like we do

All our expert travel consultants have travelled throughout Southeast Asia and would love to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with you. They can provide you with detailed information about our tours, advice on which itinerary and trip type best suits your tastes, and will help personalise your holiday.

2. Award Winning Local Expertise

At Wendy Wu Tours we only use the very best guides as our national escorts – we like to make sure that the individual tasked with the responsibility to keep you safe, happy, entertained and inspired is someone whom you should have absolute trust in. Our guides are dedicated to introducing you to, and helping you get to know, their homeland. Most of the countries included on our itineraries have recent, poignant histories of which your guide may have had first-hand experience. You will get a greater understanding of the past, as well as their heritage, culture and way of life.

Our guides are always helpful, informative and professional. They'll go above and beyond to ensure that you get an authentic picture of local life.

Your national escort will be with you for the duration of the trip, but on multi-country trips, as you cross borders, you'll meet a new national escort, native to the destination – this way your guide will always intimately understand all of the peculiarities, foibles and eccentricities of the way things are done in their country. They also have influence, they know the right people and if something needs doing, they'll find a way to get it done.

Most importantly all of our national escorts speak fluent English, have a wonderful sense of humour and understand how to convey their knowledge, meaning that you will always have the most refreshing and rewarding experience on our Southeast Asia tours.



3. Comprehensive trip notes

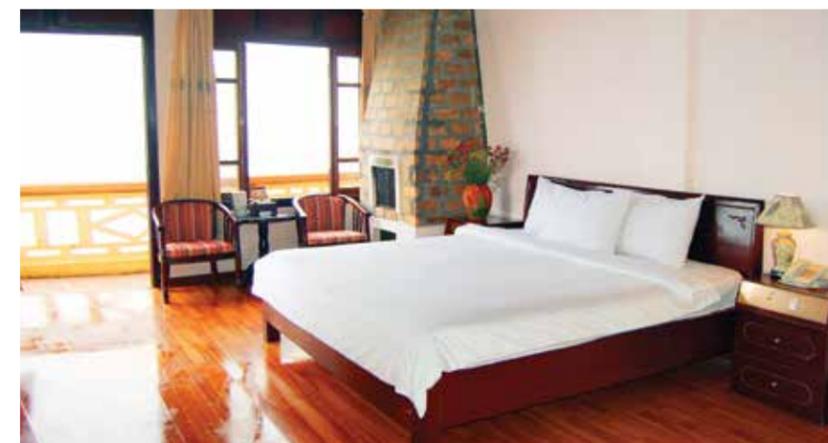
Our comprehensive tour dossiers provide a straightforward description of the trip and physical activities involved on each day of your itinerary. These are essential reading before booking your tour. We'll send you a detailed travel guide packed with helpful tips to prepare you for your holiday, a phrasebook so you can practise your language skills before you leave and a suggested packing list.

To obtain a tour dossier, call our experienced travel consultants or visit wendywutours.co.uk.



4. Hassle Free Visas

Unlike many other tour operators, we include your entry visas in the price of our tour. We handle the entire visa process – all you need to do is fill out the form and send your passport to us. We are always on hand to help you with any questions or queries you might have when completing the form. Leave the hard work to us and start dreaming about your Southeast Asia holiday.



5. Hand Picked Hotels

Over 17 years of sending people to Asia means we know exactly where to stay. We have superb relationships with our hotel partners, meaning our groups are always prioritised and well looked after. We inspect our hotels regularly to ensure that they reach our high standards of cleanliness, safety and comfort. We pick

the right hotel for the specific destination, meaning your accommodation can range from a smart business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town. Wherever you are staying you will have a peaceful and comfortable night's sleep in preparation for the next day's adventures. See page 100.

6. Unrivalled Airline Choice

We have access to airfares from all the leading airlines, giving you the ultimate choice of flights which are convenient for where you live, offering stopovers where you want and the upgrades you require. See page 10.



7. Travel in Comfort

The transport selected as part of your tour is intended to combine convenience and comfort with an enjoyably authentic travel experience. You will benefit from our seat-and-a-half policy on our coaches, allowing you to watch incredible scenery in comfort. Our group tours are predominantly conducted using air-conditioned coaches, internal flights, trains and various types of boat. See page 103.



8. Tipping Made Easy

We handle the tipping so you don't have to. We have a simple tipping system whereby all group tour passengers contribute to a kitty, paid to the national escort, who then distributes it throughout the trip. Tipping is not included on any of our private tours or extensions, but we will suggest appropriate amounts. See page 104.



9. Authentic Dining

Meals included in our tours are planned to give you a genuine taste of the regions we visit. We make sure that the food on our tours is safe, fresh, features minimal spice and includes plenty of vegetables.

Breakfast is a combination of local and western food, usually served buffet style at the hotel you are staying in. Lunches and dinners consist of traditional cuisine and are served at reputable local restaurants.

Our Living Traditions private cooking tour is perfect for Asian food enthusiasts. See page 28.



10. Everything's Included – No Hidden Extras

Our tours are great value for money. Group tours are fully inclusive of:

- ✓ Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- ✓ International flights & current taxes
- ✓ All transportation and internal flights
- ✓ Accommodation and meals
- ✓ Daily touring with entrance fees
- ✓ Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- ✓ Comprehensive tour dossiers and travel guides
- ✓ Unparalleled local knowledge, expertise and support in Southeast Asia
- ✓ Award winning national escorts & local guides
- ✓ Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL and IATA

All you have to pay for locally is tipping and personal expenditure, including any optional excursions or shows you choose to add. Inclusions on Exclusive Collection and private tours may vary, depending on the itinerary.



"An experience we will never forget. From start to finish it was marvellous"

Mr & Mrs Roebuck

Our Airline Partners

Your flights are an important part of your Wendy Wu Tours experience. We only work with scheduled airlines with the best reputations for service, reliability and punctuality. We use reputable domestic airlines for internal routes.



Having enjoyed an excellent working relationship with British Airways for many years, we are delighted to be a British Airways Preferred Partner. This gives us access to the most competitive fares and allows us to offer high levels of service to help enhance your overall travel experience.

Check-in at the airport or online, printing your boarding pass at home and simply dropping your bags before you fly. Connecting flights to London Heathrow from a wide range of UK regional airports are available at a supplement.




CATHAY PACIFIC

- Daily flights from Heathrow and Manchester via Hong Kong to Hanoi, Saigon, Bangkok and regular flights to Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Rangoon.
- Economy Class features a 32" seat pitch, with a 6" recline and a personal entertainment system.
- Skytrax airline of the year 2014.
- Upgrades to Premium Economy for more legroom, a wider seat, dedicated cabin, 10.6" personal TV, amenity kit and increased baggage allowance.



- Daily flights from London Heathrow via Kuala Lumpur to Hanoi, Saigon, Rangoon, Phnom Penh and regular weekly flights to Siem Reap.
- Economy Class features a 32" seat pitch, personal on demand entertainment system featuring wide range of films, TV programmes, music and games.
- One of seven airlines to receive a five-star Skytrax rating.



- Departures via Doha from London Heathrow and Manchester. Edinburgh departures 5 x weekly.
- Daily flights to Hanoi, Saigon, Bangkok, Phnom Penh and regular weekly flights to Rangoon.
- Economy Class features a 32" seat pitch. A personal seatback TV with a wide range of inflight entertainment including movies, TV programmes, video games and music.



- Departures via Dubai from Birmingham, Glasgow, London Gatwick, London Heathrow, Manchester and Newcastle.
- Daily departures to Bangkok, Saigon, Phuket, Singapore.
- Economy Class features a 32-34" seat pitch. A personal seatback TV with a wide range of inflight entertainment.



- Departures direct to Hanoi & Saigon four times a week from London Gatwick.
- Numerous onward connections to key cities within Southeast Asia, including Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Bangkok and Rangoon.
- Economy Class features a 32" seat pitch. An inflight entertainment system including movies, a range of TV programmes and music.



- Departures via Singapore from London Heathrow and Manchester.
- Daily flights from Singapore to Hanoi, Phnom Penh, Saigon, Bangkok, Rangoon and regular weekly flights to Siem Reap.
- Economy Class features a 32" seat pitch. A personal seatback TV with a wide range of inflight entertainment.



- Daily flights via Bangkok to Hanoi, Saigon, Rangoon, Phnom Penh, Phuket and Koh Samui from London Heathrow.
- Economy Class features a 32" seat pitch with a gradual recline and a personal seat back on demand entertainment system on selected flights.
- Upgrades available to Business Class seat with a wider more luxurious seat with 170 degree if reclined.

Responsible Travel

At Wendy Wu Tours we are aware that tourism can impact the natural, economic and social environment and are committed to addressing these wherever possible without compromising our customers' experience.

Giving Something Back

With Responsible Tourism in mind, for every person who travels with Wendy Wu Tours, we make a donation to a carefully selected charity based in the countries we operate. The following are some of the charities which we are proud to support.



KOTO is a not-for-profit restaurant and vocational training program based in Hanoi whose staff consists of former street children who receive training in catering and life skills.
koto.com.au



MAG saves and improves lives by reducing the devastating effects armed violence and remnants of conflict have on people around the world.
maginternational.org

What we are doing

Our brochure contains material sourced from responsibly managed forests, certified in accordance with the PEFC (The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification).



Supporting local business

We believe that when visiting a place, it is important to not only feel, see, learn and experience, but to also give something back. We do this partly by supporting charities in Asia; and also by supporting local enterprise.

When travelling with us through Southeast Asia, you'll notice that we take you to locally owned restaurants and shops. It's very important to us to be able to support the businesses that are the livelihood of so many people. Visits to these places are a great opportunity for you to taste authentic local food, and to learn about and see traditional crafts, and take a small piece of Southeast Asia home with you.

Quality & Security

ABTA Wendy Wu Tours is a Member of ABTA. ABTA No W7994 ABTA and ABTA Members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist when things don't go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We are ABTA bonded for our holidays that don't include a flight. For more information on ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint, contact ABTA abta.com



All the flights and flight-inclusive holidays in this brochure are financially protected by the ATOL scheme.

If you are booking a flight-inclusive holiday, when you pay you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. Please ask for it and check to ensure that everything you booked (flights, hotels and other services) is listed on it. Please see our booking conditions for further information or for more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to atol.org.uk



Travellers' Feedback

We love to hear from our customers. Your comments and feedback help to maintain and improve our high standards. We also love to hear your travel stories and discover your holiday highlights.

What our customers think of us

Thank you for the wonderful memories

"My husband and I have just returned from an amazing holiday with Wendy Wu Tours in Hong Kong and Vietnam, and I wish to say we had a fantastic time, the organisation was brilliant, everything ran so smoothly and the hotels were first class - clean and very comfortable. We also enjoyed the food and thought the idea of going to local restaurants to eat at lunchtime and in the evening was lovely. We cannot praise our guide, Nguyen Van Ky, enough. He was the gentlest, kindest, and most caring man, and is extremely patient - we are so pleased to have met him, and wish him well in the future. Once again thank you for the wonderful memories."

Mr and Mrs Houghton booked with Thomas Cook Vietnam Impressions, Jan 2014

98% overall tour satisfaction
(rated as good or excellent)

99% would recommend us to their friends

Based on post tour customer surveys in 2014.

Inspiring Guide

"We have just come back from this wonderful tour and we'd just like to say it was our best holiday ever. Our tour guide Nack was wonderful. We saw so much but it was his passion for his country that made sure we were all totally submerged in it too. We just did not want to come home and if we could, we would have done it all again."

Mr and Mrs Cully
Around Cambodia, Feb 2014



Recommend to all



"The trip was wonderful, the national guide, Jenny, was terrific and the local guide, Gig, was great. Both had an excellent command of English and what was expected. This trip ran very smoothly indeed, Jenny seemed to iron out any problems before they occurred and the group was very friendly and a pleasure to travel with. We particularly enjoyed staying with the hilltribe who made us very welcome and gave up their bedrooms and living accommodation for us. Overall, the tour was well balanced with a very varied programme - we would recommend the holiday and Wendy Wu Tours to all."

Mr and Mrs Giller booked with Aspen Travel
Thailand Highlights, Feb 2014



Helpful, informative and professional

"I am writing on behalf of my family party who travelled to Vietnam with Wendy Wu Tours on Vietnam Panorama. This was our second holiday with Wendy Wu, and we enjoyed it every bit as much as the first time. The hotels were all of a very high standard and well situated. The food was delicious, and I must thank you for catering so well for me as a vegetarian. I had a very good choice of meals. We wish especially to praise our national tour guide, Mr. Ngo Duc Dung, who was helpful, informative and professional at all times. He helped to make our tour very special. Once again, thank you very much for a wonderful holiday. We hope to travel again with Wendy Wu Tours in the future, and have recommended your company to our friends."

Ms Monica Callaghan booked with Althams Travel
Vietnam Panorama, July 2013

A joy and pleasure

"We found the whole Wendy Wu Tours experience a joy and pleasure. There was more offered on this tour than we ever expected. It was a completely immeasurable experience - well done to everyone involved."

Mr Short
Angkor to the Bay, April 2014

Excellent hotels and food

"All communication and documentation was easy to understand and provided in good time. Arrangements went smoothly, as did all of the organised tours in each of the countries visited. I would highly recommend it to others - lots of exercise with excellent hotels and food!"

Mr David Hunstone
Indochina Delights, March 2014

It really was all inclusive

"We received great pre tour information and helpful travel advice from Wendy Wu Tours. On tour there were great local guides giving us a true picture of life as it is now, and how it was in recent times in their counties. It was a very well paced tour with the right balance of time spent in each location, I could have spent more time in the north of Vietnam. Your all inclusive really was all inclusive, and the payment of tips on arrival a brilliant idea."

Mrs Gabrielle Clark
Angkor to the Bay, Feb 2014

Excellent service

"Excellent service and efficiency from start to finish. I have been on two tours now and I can't fault them in any way. They have been the best holidays I have ever had from travel arrangements to hotels and best of all the guides and company."

Mrs Lynda Smith and Ms Rowenna Smith
Vietnam Impressions, May 2014

feefo
The Global Feedback Engine

We are always very keen to get as much customer feedback as we can. Feefo is an independent online reviewer that tells us exactly what you think of us and our tours. You will receive an email from Feefo after you have booked and after you have travelled to find out how your experience was.

Vietnam

To journey through Vietnam is to discover a diverse land with myriad landscapes, zingy cuisine, captivating history and some of the friendliest people on the planet.





▲ MEKONG DELTA

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS:
NGUYEN QUOC ANH**

Vietnam is a scenic country, famous for both its rich history and the events of the 20th century. I am very happy to be able to share my beautiful Vietnam with you.



Vietnam Impressions

The perfect snapshot of a captivating country, delve into Vietnam's energetic cities, fascinating heritage and compelling landscapes on this whistle-stop tour. See the sights of stately Hanoi and exuberant Saigon whilst savouring the breathtaking scenery of Halong Bay and the Mekong Delta

- **Elegant Hanoi**
- **Halong Bay cruise**
- **Cooking class in Hoi An**
- **Verdant Mekong Delta**

■ **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.

■ **Day 3: Explore Hanoi**
Hanoi brings together all of the charms of a colonial past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet graceful city. Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass Ho Chi Minh's monumental mausoleum and Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda, and the Confucian Temple of Literature. Walk through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets and end the day at a traditional water puppet show.

■ **Day 4: Halong Bay Junk Cruise**
Spend the day aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising amongst 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. Enjoy a fresh seafood meal on board as you cruise. Return to Hanoi.

■ **Day 5: Cookery Class, Hoi An**
Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route. Vietnamese cooking is renowned across the world for its innovative use of fresh ingredients and spices – this evening, learn all about the local produce and the necessary skills in a hands-on cookery class.

■ **Day 6: Hoi An walking tour**
Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An. A wonderfully laidback, graceful and wilfully traditional place, the streets of the town, lined with lantern shops and tailors, are a delight to wander especially as traffic

is entirely banished from the town centre. Visit a lovely old house, still occupied by the descendants of the merchants who built it over 200 years ago, before seeing the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market. The afternoon is at leisure to browse the local shops or relax in a riverside café.

■ **Day 7: Discover Saigon**
Fly to Saigon. A seamless blend of past and present, Saigon offers a high-octane ride into Vietnam's ever brighter future. Whilst this exuberant city is the driving force of modern Vietnam, it also has a treasure trove of fascinating heritage to explore. Experience Notre Dame Cathedral and the neoclassical Central Post Office, designed by Gustave Eiffel – both grandiose legacies of a colonial past. Also visit the Reunification Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. Finish up by browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market.



▲ HALONG BAY



▲ SAIGON

■ **Day 8: Mekong Delta**
Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing huge amounts 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. Return to Saigon.

■ **Days 9-10: Cu Chi Tunnels and home**
Get to grips with horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, where you'll see the legendary tunnel network used by the Viet Cong to infiltrate South Vietnam during the war. We'll then travel to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. An intriguing blend of a variety of architectural styles, it is one of the most striking structures in Asia. Return to Saigon and transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK arriving home the following day.



Cambodia Extension

4 Nights extra from

Per person **£610**

■ **Day 9: Arrive Phnom Penh**
Transfer to your hotel and relax or begin your explorations.

■ **Day 10: Explore Phnom Penh**
Discover Cambodia's captivating capital – reflect on recent tragedies at the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, visit the glittering Royal Palace and take a sunset cruise on the Mekong. (B,L)

■ **Day 11: Angkor Wat**
Fly to Siem Reap and spend the day exploring the staggering temple complex of Angkor. This evening, visit the night market. (B,L)

■ **Day 12: Siem Reap**
High water season (Aug to Feb): Travel by speedboat to Tonle Sap and explore Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. Low water season (Mar to Jul): Visit the National Silk Centre and explore Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. (B,L)

■ **Day 13: Depart Siem Reap**
Visit Prasat Kraven, Banteay Kdei and Ta Prohm Temple before transferring to the airport. (B)
Includes internal flight from Saigon.

VIETNAM GROUP TOUR

- 10 Days from
- Per person **£1,990**
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2016 DEPART FRI - RETURN SUN			
08 Jan - 17 Jan	£2,490	08 July - 17 Jul	£2,190
12 Feb - 21 Feb	£2,390	05 Aug - 14 Aug	£2,290
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Flight and supplement information
Based on London Heathrow departures
 ■ Flight upgrades available on request
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 ■ Single room from £190
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▲ THIEN MU PAGODA, HUE

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS:
PHAM HUNG SON**

I think this is an amazing tour. The name says it all – it's not too long and not too short, giving you a glimpse of my beautiful country, from Saigon to Hanoi.



Vietnam at a Glance

Relish Vietnam's distinct and energetic character as you journey from Saigon in the south up to Hanoi in the north. Explore the country's turbulent past, meet the friendly, resilient locals and get lost in spectacular panoramas on this two-week tour of discovery

- **Cosmopolitan Saigon**
- **Charming Hoi An**
- **Imperial Hue**
- **Stately Hanoi**

■ **Days 1-2: Arrive in Saigon**

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative and largest 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**

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. Experience Vietnam's colonial past at Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. Also visit the Reunification Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Finish up browsing for bargains at the lively Ben Thanh Market.

■ **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. Make a stop at Vinh Trang Pagoda en route back to Saigon.

■ **Day 5: Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh**

Get to grips with the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before travelling to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Blending the architectural styles of cathedrals and pagodas with vivid, cartoonish colours, it is one of the most striking structures in Asia. Return to Saigon.

■ **Day 6: Journey to Hoi An**

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An stopping en route at the Marble Mountains. This afternoon take a walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, whose streets are a delight to wander. Visit an old merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the bustling market.

■ **Day 7: Tra Que village**

Drive 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 and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. This afternoon can be spent on the nearby Cua Dai beach or with a free afternoon back in Hoi An.

■ **Day 8: 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. Take a cyclo ride up to the imposing imperial citadel. The magnificent centrepiece of the Royal Empire, the citadel was extensively damaged during the Vietnam War.

■ **Day 9: Royal Tombs**

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. Fly to Hanoi.



■ **Day 10: Explore Hanoi**

Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and visit the Stilt House set in the gardens of the Presidential Palace. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a walk through the Old Quarter and enjoy a traditional water puppet show.

■ **Day 11: Halong Bay**

Spend the day aboard a traditional junk cruising amongst the karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. A fresh seafood meal is included during your voyage. Return to Hanoi.

■ **Day 12: Fly Hanoi to UK**

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



Laos Extension

5 Days extra from

Per person **£940**

■ **Day 12: Arrive in Luang Prabang**

Transfer to your hotel and start enjoying Luang Prabang's tranquil ambience. (B)

■ **Day 13: Kuang Si Waterfalls**

Visit some of Luang Prabang's sights and enjoy the turquoise waters of delightful Kuang Si Waterfalls. Explore Khumu village before returning to Luang Prabang. (L)

■ **Day 14: Pak Ou Caves**

Witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat then enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Mekong to the Buddhist Pak Ou Caves. This evening see a traditional performance. (L,D)

■ **Day 15: Fly to Vientiane**

Fly to the capital Vientiane. Visit some of the city's enchanting sights.

■ **Day 16: Depart Vientiane**

Transfer to the airport.

Includes return flights from Hanoi.

VIETNAM GROUP TOUR

12 Days from

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» Moderate



▲ HOI AN MARKET



▲ MEKONG DELTA

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06 Jan - 17 Jan	£2,490	16 Jun - 27 Jun	£2,290
24 Feb - 07 Mar	£2,490	23 Jun - 04 Jul	£2,290
03 Mar - 14 Mar	£2,490	24 Jul - 04 Aug*	£2,290
10 Mar - 21 Mar	£2,490	21 Aug - 01 Sep*	£2,490
17 Mar - 28 Mar	£2,490	01 Sep - 12 Sep	£2,490
24 Mar - 04 Apr	£2,290	18 Sep - 29 Sep*	£2,490
31 Mar - 11 Apr	£2,290	29 Sep - 10 Oct	£2,490
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05 May - 16 May	£1,990	10 Nov - 21 Nov	£2,590
19 May - 30 May	£1,990	27 Nov - 08 Dec*	£2,590
26 May - 06 Jun	£2,290	11 Dec - 22 Dec*	£2,590

2016 DEPART TUE - RETURN SAT

08 Jan - 19 Jan*	£2,590	17 May - 28 May	£2,190
05 Feb - 16 Feb*	£2,590	07 Jun - 18 Jun	£2,390
19 Feb - 01 Mar*	£2,590	14 Jun - 25 Jun	£2,390
23 Feb - 05 Mar	£2,590	12 Jul - 23 Jul	£2,390
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12 Apr - 23 Apr	£2,490	25 Oct - 05 Nov	£2,690
19 Apr - 30 Apr	£2,490	08 Nov - 19 Nov	£2,690
03 May - 14 May	£2,190	29 Nov - 10 Dec	£2,690

* Days of the week different to those stated

Flight and supplement information

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▲ HOI AN

NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MR TRAN DINH TUAN

Being from the south of Vietnam I really enjoy taking travellers to the Mekong Delta where they can visit the local villages surrounded by rice fields, or cruise along the Mekong itself to experience the life of the locals here.



Vietnam Escape

Escape the ordinary and allow the captivating charms of Vietnam to beguile you. Traverse the country from toe to top enjoying the vibrant cities, verdant pastoral panoramas, gentle beach-fringed coastline, and historical treasures en route

- The lush Highlands
- Nha Trang's beaches
- Hoi An cooking class
- Spectacular Halong Bay

■ **Days 1-2: Arrive in Saigon**
Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative and largest 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**
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■ **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 and Tay Ninh**
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■ **Day 6: Fly to Dalat**
Head up into the cooler climes of the South Central Highlands where you'll find a distinctly French legacy. The charming town of Dalat sits in a region of lakes, waterfalls, forests and gardens, all ripe for exploration. This afternoon enjoy a locally grown coffee and take in the picturesque views.

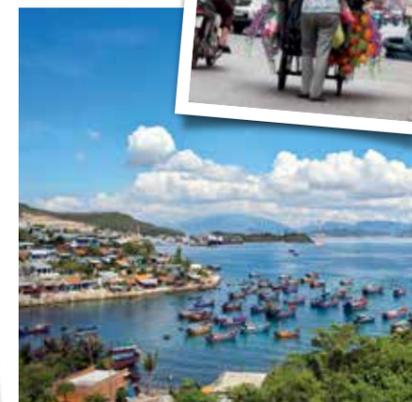
■ **Day 7: Explore Dalat**
Spend today sightseeing with visits to Domaine de Marie Church, the Flower Gardens, and an embroidery workshop. After lunch climb aboard an open-air steam train from the old railway station to journey out through the fantastic scenery to Trai Mat village. End the day browsing the stalls of Dalat's busy market.

■ **Day 8: Travel to seaside Nha Trang**
We wend our way down from the highlands and along the coast to the laidback town of Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. Spend the rest of the day at leisure – the beach is a great place to start.

■ **Day 9: Nha Trang coastal cruise**
Take to the turquoise waters for a cruise around the many little islands off Nha Trang's coast. There'll be a stop at an island to enjoy the balmy waters for yourself.



▲ DALAT



▲ NHA TRANG

■ **Day 10: Discover Hoi An**
Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful market and a Chinese temple.

■ **Day 11: Hoi An cooking class**
Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cooking class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. Take the afternoon to explore the town further or to relax in a riverside café.

■ **Day 12: Hue's Imperial Citadel**
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. Take a cyclo ride up to the imposing Imperial Citadel to explore.

■ **Day 13: Travel to Hanoi**
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set in surroundings of gardens and pools. Fly to Hanoi.

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■ **Day 15: Halong Bay**
Spend the day aboard a traditional junk boat cruising amongst the karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. A fresh seafood meal is included during your voyage. Return to Hanoi.

■ **Day 16: Fly Hanoi to UK**
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



VIETNAM GROUP TOUR

- 16 Days from
- Per person **£2,490**
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19 Feb - 06 Mar	£2,690	08 Oct - 23 Oct	£2,690
26 Mar - 10 Apr	£2,690	22 Oct - 06 Nov	£2,790
02 Apr - 17 Apr	£2,490	26 Nov - 11 Dec	£2,790
13 Aug - 28 Aug	£2,690		

2016 DEPART THU - RETURN FRI			
28 Jan - 12 Feb	£2,790	08 Sep - 23 Sep	£2,790
18 Feb - 04 Mar	£2,790	06 Oct - 21 Oct	£2,790
10 Mar - 25 Mar	£2,790	20 Oct - 04 Nov	£2,790
24 Mar - 08 Apr	£2,790	10 Nov - 25 Nov	£2,890
31 Mar - 15 Apr	£2,590	24 Nov - 09 Dec	£2,890
11 Aug - 26 Aug	£2,790		

Flight and supplement information

Based on London Heathrow departures

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,830 (Saigon - Hanoi)
- Single room from £390
- Tipping paid locally US\$80

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▲ HALONG BAY

NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MINH THOI DANG

Visit the highlights of my wonderful country – you'll be amazed by the beauty of Saigon, the charms of Hoi An and Halong Bay – the jewel of Indochina. I like this tour as I think it is the perfect way for visitors to see the best of Vietnam.



Vietnam Highlights

Appreciate the very best of Vietnam's wealth of wonderful sights with a leisurely itinerary that takes you from the verdant Mekong Delta and booming Saigon in the south to graceful Hanoi and magnificent Halong Bay in the north with captivating landscapes and rich heritage in between

- **Mekong Delta cruise**
- **Island cruise, Nha Trang**
- **Overnight on Halong Bay**
- **Flourishing Hanoi and Saigon**

■ **Days 1-2: Arrive in Saigon**
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■ **Day 3: Discover Saigon**
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■ **Day 4: Mekong Delta cruise**
Journey to Vinh Long province to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Stay overnight at a local farmer's house to experience authentic Vietnamese hospitality.

■ **Day 5: Floating Markets**
Continue your explorations cruising through the Cai Be Floating Market, where you'll see boats piled high with colourful local produce. Return to Saigon.

■ **Day 6: Cu Chi Tunnels & Tay Ninh**
Get to grips with the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before travelling to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the flamboyant Cao Dai Temple. Return to Saigon.

■ **Day 7: Travel to seaside Nha Trang**
Fly to Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

■ **Day 8: Nha Trang coastal cruise**
Take to the turquoise waters for a cruise around the many little islands off Nha Trang's coast. There'll be a stop at an island to enjoy the balmy waters for yourself.

■ **Day 9: Travel to Hoi An**
Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route.

■ **Day 10: Explore Hoi An on foot**
Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place to explore. Visit a historical house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market. The afternoon is at leisure.

■ **Day 11: My Son**
Explore the enchanting Cham ruins of My Son. Built in the 4th century, the temples aren't in perfect condition but the site is intimate and swallowed up by lush jungle, which adds to the sense of adventure. Return to Hoi An.



▲ IMPERIAL CITADEL, HUE



▲ NHA TRANG

■ **Day 12: Hue's Imperial Citadel**
Travel the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Take a cyclo ride up to the imposing Imperial Citadel to explore.

■ **Day 13: Fly to Hanoi**
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang before flying to Hanoi.

■ **Day 14: Discover Hanoi**
Hanoi brings all the charms of past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and Temple of Literature before a walking tour of the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets.



Sapa Extension

3 Days extra from

Per person **£350**

■ **Day 15: Duong Lam traditional village**
Duong Lam is well known for its wonderfully preserved historic houses. Visit Mong Phu Temple and observe the daily life of the locals in traditional village surroundings before returning to Hanoi. In the evening see a performance of the famous water puppets.

■ **Days 16-17: Halong Bay junk cruise**
Spend two days aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Spend the night on the boat and enjoy fresh seafood prepared onboard.

■ **Day 18: Fly Hanoi to UK**
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

■ **Day 17: Overnight train to Sapa**
Arrive in Hanoi and board an overnight soft sleeper train to the hill station of Sapa.

■ **Days 18-19: Explore Sapa**
Arrive in Sapa early in the morning. Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces with some light hiking through the surrounding valleys and villages. (B,L)

■ **Day 20: Hilltribes**
This morning is at leisure before an afternoon hike to visit more of the local hilltribes. Board the overnight train for Hanoi. (B,L)

■ **Day 21: Depart Hanoi**
Transfer to the airport.

VIETNAM GROUP TOUR

18 Days from

Per person **£2,590**

✓ Fully inclusive from UK

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2015 DEPART FRI - RETURN MON

30 Jan - 16 Feb	£2,790	12 Jun - 29 Jun	£2,590
13 Mar - 30 Mar	£2,790	18 Sep - 05 Oct	£2,790
20 Mar - 06 Apr	£2,790	02 Oct - 19 Oct	£2,790
03 Apr - 20 Apr	£2,690	30 Oct - 16 Nov	£2,890
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01 May - 18 May	£2,590		

2016 DEPART FRI - RETURN MON

29 Jan - 15 Feb	£2,890	10 Jun - 27 Jun	£2,690
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20 May - 06 Jun	£2,790		

Flight and supplement information

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**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS:
NGUYEN HOANG QUAN**

The Vietnam Panorama tour is wonderful as, in 17 days, you'll get to see most of Vietnam by visiting the wonderful sights and tasting all the local foods.



▲ HOI AN

Vietnam Panorama

Travel overland through the verdant south of Vietnam – from the riverside life of the Mekong to lush and fresh Dalat, up the beautiful coastline to ancient Hue. Finish off by exploring colonial Hanoi and cruising on tranquil Halong Bay

- The cities of Saigon and Hanoi
- Charming Hoi An
- The lush Highlands
- Halong Bay cruise

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■ Day 4: Mekong Delta cruise
Pop down to Ben Tre to take a cruise through the Mekong Delta. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam' – paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals. Travel to Can Tho for an overnight stay.

■ Day 5: More Mekong
Visit the Cai Rang floating markets to see the goods on sale and learn how vermicelli rice noodles are made. Return to Saigon.

■ Day 6: Cu Chi Tunnels & Tay Ninh
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■ Day 7: Journey to Dalat
Head up into the cooler climes and wonderful scenery of the highlands to the colonial town of Dalat. This afternoon is free to enjoy a locally grown coffee and the picturesque views.

■ Day 8: Explore Dalat
Visit the Domaine de Marie Church, the Flower Gardens and an embroidery workshop before boarding an open-air train to journey out through the fantastic scenery to Trai Mat village. End the day browsing the stalls of Dalat's busy market.

■ Day 9: Nha Trang coastal cruise
We wend our way 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 with a stop off at one to enjoy a swim in the balmy waters.

■ Day 10: Qui Nhon
Visit the Po Nagar Cham Towers and continue on to the city of Qui Nhon.

■ Day 11: Son My and Hoi An
The Son My area saw some of the most horrific crimes of the Vietnam War – the My Lai massacre. Visit the memorial placed in honour of the victims. Continue on to Hoi An.

■ Day 12: 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 lovely old-style house, the Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the market.



■ Day 13: Imperial Hue
Take the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Take a cyclo ride up to the imposing imperial citadel, based on Beijing's Forbidden City.

■ Day 14: Royal Tombs
Cruise along the Perfume River to Thein Mu Pagoda before heading for An Thien House. Visit the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang.

■ Day 15: Fly to Hanoi
Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Admire the collections of the Fine Arts Museum and stroll the atmospheric tangle of streets that make up the Old Quarter.



Halong Bay Extension

1 Day extra from
Per person **£190**



▲ DALAT TEA PLANTATION



▲ MEKONG DELTA

■ Day 16: Discover Hanoi
Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. This afternoon is free for you to spend at your leisure before an evening performance of the famous water puppets.

■ Day 17: Halong Bay
Spend the day aboard a traditional junk cruising through the awe-inspiring beauty of Halong Bay. A fresh seafood meal is included during your voyage.

■ Day 18: Fly Hanoi to UK
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

■ Day 17: Hanoi to Halong
Transfer from Hanoi and spend the day aboard a traditional junk boat cruising amongst the karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. A fresh seafood meal is included during your voyage. Stay overnight on your boat. (B,L,D)

■ Day 18: Halong to Hanoi
Continue cruising for the rest of the morning before returning to Hanoi. The rest of the day is free for your own explorations of the city. (B)

■ Day 19: Fly Hanoi to UK
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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▲ SAIGON

Great Cities of Vietnam

Delve into the colourful chaos of Saigon and Hanoi on this private tour. Add on an extra adventure to idyllic beach spot Phu Quoc, the gorgeous scenery of Sapa, or breathtaking Halong Bay to complete the experience

- **Cosmopolitan Saigon**
- **The Cu Chi Tunnels**
- **Elegant Hanoi**
- **Extend your experience**

■ Days 1-2: Arrive in Saigon

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative and largest 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

A seamless blending of past and present, Saigon offers a high-octane ride into Vietnam's ever brighter future. Whilst this exuberant city is the main force driving the country forward, it also has a treasure trove of fascinating heritage to explore. Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office – grandiose legacies of a colonial past; the Reunification Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. Finish up browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market. (B)

■ Day 4: Cu Chi Tunnels & Tay Ninh

Get to grips with the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before travelling to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. A blend of architectural styles with vivid, cartoonish colours, it is one of the most striking structures in Asia. Return to Saigon. (B)

■ Day 5: Journey to Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi where the rest of the day is free to begin your explorations. (B)

■ Day 6: Explore Hanoi

Hanoi brings together all of the charms of a colonial past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet graceful city. Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass Ho Chi Minh's monumental mausoleum, Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda, and the Confucian Temple of Literature. Enjoy the sights of Sword Lake and Ngoc Son Temple before strolling through the atmospheric streets of the Old Quarter, the soul of the city. (B)

■ Day 7: Hanoi at leisure

Today is free for you to explore Hanoi at your leisure. Wander down to the shores of Hoan Kiem Lake in the tranquillity of the early morning to see the locals practicing Tai Chi or delve deeper into the vibrant Old Quarter. (B)

■ Day 8: Fly Hanoi to UK or extend

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day, or extend your trip with one of our options on the following page. (B)



Phu Quoc

3 Days extra from

Per person **£320**

■ Day 1: Fly to Saigon

Fly overnight to Saigon.

■ Day 2: Travel to Phu Quoc

Touch down in Saigon and take a short flight over to the paradise island of Phu Quoc. The rest of the day is yours to dedicate to rest and relaxation.

■ Days 3-4: Phu Quoc your way

A vision of white-sand beaches and thick jungle, Phu Quoc is an island on which to find adventure – diving, kayaking and exploring by motorbike are all options, though of course simply lounging on the beach has an irresistible draw. (B)

■ Day 5: Journey to Saigon

Transfer to the airport and fly back to Saigon. (B)

■ Day 6: Discover Saigon

See day 3 of the main itinerary.

This itinerary can be extended



▲ PHU QUOC



▲ SAPA

Sapa

3 Days extra from

Per person **£350**

■ Day 6: Hanoi to Lao Cai

After the full day of sightseeing in Hanoi transfer from your hotel to the railway station to board an overnight train to Lao Cai. (B)

■ Days 7-8: Explore Sapa

Arrive early morning and transfer to your Sapa hotel. Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces exploring colourful markets, minority villages and tribal architecture. (B,L)

■ Day 9: Sapa to Hanoi

Take a little more time to soak up the glorious views of Sapa's countryside before boarding the overnight train back to Hanoi. (B)

■ Day 10: Hanoi at leisure

Arrive in Hanoi early in morning. Today is a free day for your own explorations of the city. (B,L)

■ Day 11: Arrive in Hanoi

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.

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Halong Bay

1 Day extra from

Per person **£190**

■ Day 7: Hanoi to Halong

Transfer from Hanoi and spend the day aboard a traditional junk boat cruising amongst the karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. A fresh seafood meal is included during your voyage. Stay overnight on your boat. (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: Halong to Hanoi

Continue cruising for the rest of the morning before returning to Hanoi. The rest of the day is free for your own explorations of the city. (B)

■ Day 9: Fly Hanoi to UK

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



▲ HOI AN

Living Traditions

Indulge in a slice of local culture as you learn the art of classic Vietnamese cooking, using fresh, regional ingredients chosen by you at the local market. With classes in three of Vietnam's best cities, lessons will be interspersed with visits to the must-see sights

- Vietnamese cooking classes
- Spectacular Halong Bay
- Charming Hoi An
- High-energy Saigon

Days 1-2: Arrive in Hanoi
Fly overnight to Hanoi, Vietnam's vibrant capital city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.



Day 3: Explore Hanoi
Hanoi brings together all of the charms of a colonial past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet graceful city. Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Grab a cyclo for a ride through the elegant French Colonial Quarter before wandering the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House, the Ho Chi Minh Museum and the One Pillar Pagoda. Find serenity at the Confucian Temple of Literature and explore the fascinating Museum of Ethnology. Attend a traditional water puppet show in the evening. (B,L)

Day 4: Hanoi cooking class
Browse the fresh produce at the market with a Vietnamese chef and select the perfect ingredients to concoct your own delicious dish. Head to the kitchen to sharpen your skills before, with chef's expert guidance, you'll whip up a few Vietnamese dishes of your own to sample. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 5: Halong Bay
Spend the day aboard a traditional junk boat cruising amongst jagged karst peaks on the tranquil waters of Halong Bay. Named after an old legend, the translation of Halong is equally dramatic – 'where the dragon descends into the sea'. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. A fresh seafood lunch is included during your voyage. (B,L)

Day 6: Journey to Hue
Fly to Hue. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past it is a dignified and scholarly city – cruise through it on an afternoon boat trip on the Perfume River to the old Thien Mu Pagoda. (B)



Day 7: Imperial Hue
Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel. Based on Beijing's Forbidden City, this magnificent centrepiece of Vietnam's Royal Empire, though extensively damaged during the Vietnam War, still has incredibly well-preserved sections. Wander through the colourful Dong Ba Market to inspect the regional produce before seeing the tomb of Emperor Tu Duc and the French-inspired tomb of Emperor Khai Dinh. (B)

Day 8: Hoi An cooking class
Head to the charming town of Hoi An via the picturesque Hai Van Pass. This afternoon stroll along Hoi An's delightful streets, lined with tailors and lantern shops. Enjoy this wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place. Visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge and appreciate the unique fusion of Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese architecture. Board a boat for a leisurely cruise down the river to the cooking school. On arrival stroll through the herb and vegetable garden before learning about both Hoi An's and Vietnam's best-known dishes. Watch demonstrations and be introduced to the art of food carving before indulging your taste buds and consuming your creations for dinner. (B,D)



▲ HALONG BAY



▲ SAIGON

Day 9: Saigon and the Mekong Delta
Transfer to Danang for your flight to Saigon. On arrival, journey to the city of Ben Tre to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as 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 catch a glimpse of daily life on the delta. (B,L)

Day 10: Saigon cooking class
Join a local Saigonese chef at the bustling Central Market to gather the finest selection of vegetables and other ingredients for your hands-on cookery class. Working in a traditional Vietnamese kitchen, with stoves made of clay, you will prepare authentic southern dishes which you will taste when you're done. This afternoon take a leisurely walk through the city, visiting the French colonial highlights, the Central Post Office and the Notre Dame Cathedral, followed by the Reunification Palace before enjoying some free time. (B,L)

Day 11: Fly Saigon to UK
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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▲ ANGKOR WAT, SIEM REAP

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS:
MR. MOM VANNAK**

Meeting people from different cultures and showing them around my beautiful country is one of the reasons I love my job. My favourite place is Angkor – this is somewhere that visitors to Cambodia cannot miss!



Around Cambodia

Cambodia has reinvented itself into a destination full to bursting with breathtaking temples, gorgeous beaches and a fascinating heritage. A laid-back and enticing land, the real pleasure comes from its ability to make you feel like an explorer again

- **Cosmopolitan Phnom Penh**
- **Relaxing Sihanoukville**
- **Battambang's colonial charms**
- **Spectacular Angkor Wat**

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Phnom Penh**
Fly overnight to Cambodia's captivating capital Phnom Penh. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

■ **Day 3: Explore Phnom Penh**
A somewhat European city of airy boulevards and colonial villas, scarred still by the events of 1975, in recent years Phnom Penh has been engulfed by energy and optimism making it a pleasurable place to be. Today's visits include the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, before reflecting on the past at the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum and Killing Fields. Sunset at hilltop Wat Phnom rounds off the day.

■ **Day 4: Kep and Kampot**
Depart for the beach town of Kep, stopping en route at Tonle Bati, a peaceful site of Angkor-era temples. Travel on to a pepper farm to learn about the renowned Kampot pepper. Take a boat ride out to Koh Thonsay where you can spend a few hours relaxing on the beach before transferring to Kampot.

■ **Day 5: Journey to Sihanoukville**
Visit the impressive cave temple of Phnom Chhnork before returning to Kampot for a walking tour. A charming riverside town, Kampot has a wealth of colonial architecture to discover. Travel to Sihanoukville, Cambodia's premier beach resort. Head up to the summit of Victory Hill for late afternoon views down over the city and Gulf of Thailand.

■ **Day 6: Sihanoukville at leisure**
Spend the day at leisure – explore this lively town or just hit the beach for total relaxation. A delicious group lunch at a local restaurant is included.

■ **Day 7: Travel to Phnom Penh**
Return to Phnom Penh with a stop en route at the Kirirom National Park. Here footpaths wind their way amongst lush greenery and gushing waterfalls – keep an eye out for a variety of bird species.

■ **Day 8: Journey to Battambang**
Journey north to Battambang stopping at Udong, a former capital city, a potters' village and Touch Hill. Set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes, Battambang is also home to Cambodia's grandest colonial architecture.

■ **Day 9: Explore Battambang**
Head out of town to the 12th century Prasat Banan Temple returning to Battambang via Cambodia's only vineyard for a wine tasting. Take a stroll through the village of Wat Kor, and explore a local house, for a glimpse of traditional Khmer life. Visit a local NGO, La Maison de Coco, where skills such as weaving are taught to locals.



▲ KAMPOT

■ **Day 10: Travel to Siem Reap**
Begin the journey towards Siem Reap, stopping in Puok District to visit the National Silk Centre. Learn about the cultivation of silk, from the planting of mulberry trees used to raise the silkworms to the harvesting of silk threads. Observe the artisans using the dyed and treated silk threads to create beautiful products in the workshops. On arrival in Siem Reap the rest of the day is at leisure.

■ **Day 11: Explore Angkor**
The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over a thousand temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Rising early, the tour begins at Ta Prohm – one of the most atmospheric temples which has been left in the grips of the jungle. Continue to the walled 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. The rest of the day is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat, the most magnificent, and best preserved, of all of Angkor's treasures. While away an afternoon in its shady precincts, and examine its wealth of fascinating and intricate embellishments.



▲ PHNOM PENH

■ **Day 12: Around Siem Reap**
Journey to Kbal Spean to see the intricate stone carvings of Hindu gods and sacred linga carved into the river bed and banks. Continue on to the captivating Banteay Srei – a richly embellished Hindu temple constructed in rose sandstone. The work is so intricate it is said that it could only have been carved by the hand of a woman. Explore the early 12th century temple of Banteay Samre before climbing to the summit of the 10th century Pre Rup Temple for views over the lush paddy fields at sunset.

■ **Day 13: Tonle Sap Lake**
Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake where you can see the floating villages and observe the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by the jungle – release your inner adventurer to explore. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youths are taught traditional Cambodian crafts. Enjoy a classically Khmer cultural experience with an Apsara dance show this evening.

■ **Days 14-15: Fly Siem Reap to UK**
Grab your last minute souvenirs before boarding an overnight flight to the UK, arriving home the following day.

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▲ XIENG THONG, LUANG PRABANG

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS:
MR VIENGSAVANH**

I really enjoy sharing my knowledge of my country with people from all over the world. Luang Prabang, Laos' capital, offers a wonderfully slow pace of life – you can spend hours wandering the small alleyways and riverside paths.



Highlights of Laos

Long overlooked for its better-known neighbours, Laos has remained the most pristine and culturally-intact country in the region. Experience the old-fashioned charm of the city, explore untouched landscapes and meet the incredibly friendly people, who have faced adversity and come out smiling

- **Spiritual Luang Prabang**
- **The mysterious Plain of Jars**
- **Relaxed capital Vientiane**
- **Beautiful Si Phan Don**

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Bangkok**
Fly overnight to Bangkok where you will spend the night.



■ **Day 3: Fly to Luang Prabang**
Fly to Luang Prabang. On arrival you will have free time to start soaking up the local culture. 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 and an enduring French-colonial legacy.

■ **Day 4: Discover Luang Prabang**
Transfer to an elephant village to meet these lumbering, captivating creatures and enjoy a ride along a jungle trail. This afternoon explore Luang Prabang, starting at Wat Mai and continuing to Wat Visoun, Wat Aham and Wat That. Climb Phousi Hill to watch the sun set over the city before descending to browse the wares at the lively street market.

■ **Day 5: Mekong River Cruise**
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 miniature Buddha sculptures that reside within. Visit the local villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong. This evening enjoy a traditional music and dance performance.

■ **Day 6: Takbat**
Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat, when the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms from locals. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. See Wat Sene and the National Museum. Visit the traditional H'mong village of Ban Na Ounae, before walking to the cascading turquoise waters of delightful Kuang Si Waterfalls for a picnic lunch and a swim. Stop at Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre on the return to Luang Prabang.



▲ KHONE PHA PHENG WATERFALLS

▲ VANG VIENG, LAOS

■ **Day 7: Journey to Phonsavan**
Drive to Phonsavan via Phoukhoun, stopping at Tham Phra Cave and Nong Tang Lake on the way.

■ **Day 8: Plain of Jars**
One of the most important prehistoric sites in Southeast Asia, these mysterious clusters of giant jars are thought to be about 2,000 years old. We will visit Site 1 where there are over 200 jars, and Site 2 which also allows you to admire the beautiful scenery of the region. There will also be visits to Muang Khoune village, home of the H'mong minority group, and the office of the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), an organisation that helps clear unexploded ordnance that are a remnant of American raids during the Vietnam War.

■ **Day 9: Travel to Vang Vieng**
Drive to Vang Vieng stopping en route at Pathang Village to admire the spectacular views over karst mountain landscapes. Spend the afternoon exploring the magnificent Tham Chang Cave.

■ **Day 10: Drive to Vientiane**
Continue south to Vientiane, Laos' capital. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly backwater than a chaotic capital. Spend the rest of the day exploring with visits to Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument, resembling Paris' Arc de Triomphe.

■ **Day 11: Travel to Khong Island**
Rise early for a morning flight to Pakse. On arrival drive to Champassak to visit the World Heritage-listed Wat Phou, a ruined Khmer temple complex located in the incredibly beautiful landscapes of Mount Phu Kao. Continue by boat to Khong Island, the largest island of the Si Phan Don archipelago in the Mekong River. The afternoon is free.

■ **Day 12: Khong Island**
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, and pop over to Khong Island to discover its charming colonial buildings and see Lphi Waterfall, nicknamed the Devil's Corridor. The rest of the day is free.

■ **Day 13: Bolaven Plateau**
Depart Khong Island for Pakse, stopping to admire Tad Yuang and Tad Fane waterfalls as we go. Continue on to the Bolaven Plateau to pay a visit to a tea or coffee plantation. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner back in Pakse.

■ **Days 14-15: Fly Pakse to UK**
Transfer to Pakse airport for your flight to Bangkok. Depending on the timing of your international flight back to the UK you may have an afternoon to explore Bangkok on an included half day city tour. Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

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- **Welcoming Vientiane**
- **Spiritual Luang Prabang**
- **Charming Phnom Penh**
- **Awe-inspiring Angkor**

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Vientiane**
Fly overnight to Vientiane via Bangkok, Laos' pleasant capital. 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 languid bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more a friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Visit Thongkham Market, Wat Si Saket and Wat Phra Keo, the former Royal Temple, before viewing That Luang Stupa and the Patuxai Victory Monument. Dinner this evening will be accompanied by a traditional Lao music and dance performance.

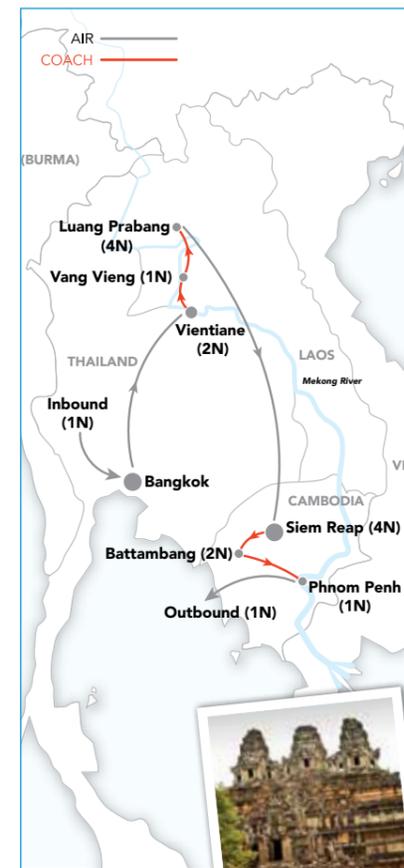
■ **Day 4: Journey to Vang Vieng**
Travel by road to Vang Vieng. After lunch, venture into the Tham Chang and Tham Loup Caves before wandering through the dramatic limestone karst countryside beside the Nam Song River.

■ **Day 5: Travel to Luang Prabang**
Continue the journey north stopping en route at Phoukoun to visit the bustling market. This evening explore Luang Prabang's excellent night market where you can buy plenty of hilltribe crafts and sample delicious local food.

■ **Day 6: Explore Luang Prabang**
Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos and a place of vivid colours, extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. Take a walking tour of the characterful old town visiting the exquisite Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong before climbing Phousi Hill for panoramic views.

■ **Day 7: Pak Ou Caves**
Cruise up the languid Mekong River to the sacred caves of Pak Ou known for the hundreds of miniature 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, before driving out of the city to the natural splendour of Kuang Si Falls. Enjoy the vivid blue terraced pools that tumble down through their forest setting, taking a dip or relaxing by the water's edge. Return to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.



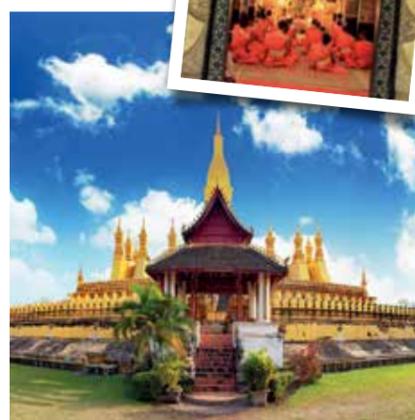
■ **Day 9: Takbat**
Rise early this morning to witness the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms from locals – the ceremony of Takbat. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. The rest of the morning is at leisure before flying to Siem Reap. While away the evening at the lively night market.

■ **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 at Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. Continue to the city of Angkor Thom, passing through the South Gate to reach the enigmatic Bayon at its centre and visit the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. 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 magnificence of its architecture. There will be an opportunity to view the Wat from above in a tethered hot air balloon (weather permitting).

■ **Day 11: Floating village**
Spend the morning on Tonle Sap Lake exploring the floating villages, schools and restaurants. From here continue to Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by jungle. Back in Siem Reap visit Les Artisans D'Angkor where disadvantaged youths are taught traditional Cambodian handicrafts. This evening enjoy the sights and sounds of an Apsara dance performance.



▲ PHNOM PENH



▲ PHRA THAT LUANG

■ **Day 12: Banteay Srei**
Admire the captivating Banteay Srei, a richly embellished Hindu Temple made of rose coloured sandstone. Wander the atmospheric ruins of Preah Khan. Ascend to the summit of the high-reaching temple Pre Rup in time to watch the sunset over the rice fields.

■ **Day 13: Travel to Battambang**
Depart Siem Reap for the city of Battambang, stopping off at the National Silk Centre where you can learn about the silk creation process.

■ **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 via Cambodia's only vineyard for a wine tasting. Visit a local NGO, La Maison de Coco, where traditional skills such as weaving are taught to locals.

■ **Day 15: Journey to Phnom Penh**
Journey south to Cambodia's charming capital Phnom Penh. On the way, stop at the 17th century capital of Udong. Also visit a traditional pottery workshop and climb Touch Hill to admire the scenery. This afternoon, learn about the tragedies of the recent past at the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum.

■ **Days 16-17: Phnom Penh & fly home**
Spend the morning marvelling at the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before scaling the small hill topped by Wat Phnom. Transfer to the airport to board your flight back to the UK, arriving the next day.

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Price includes:

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Essential Cambodia

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- Angkor Wat sunrise
- Evocative Ta Phrom
- Sihanoukville's beaches
- Charming Phnom Penh

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Siem Reap**
Fly overnight to Siem Reap. You will be met at the airport by your expert guide and transferred to your hotel. In the evening, enjoy the sunset from the summit of the 10th century Angkor temple of Pre Rup.



■ **Day 3: The Temples of Angkor**
Watch the sun rise over the majestic beehive towers of the indescribable Angkor Wat. Nothing can prepare you for your first glimpse of this masterpiece of Khmer architecture which is a monument to religious devotion and the best preserved of Angkor's temples. The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses a thousand temples, the remains of the seats of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Visit the fortified city of Angkor Thom, passing through the South Gate to reach the enigmatic Bayon at its heart, followed by the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Finally explore the atmospheric Ta Prohm which has been left in the grips of the jungle. (B,L)

■ **Day 4: Travel to Sihanoukville**
Spend the morning at leisure – Siem Reap has plenty of boutiques and galleries to keep you occupied. Take the short flight to Sihanoukville, Cambodia's premier beach resort, where you will be met by a local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free. (B)

■ **Days 5-7: Sihanoukville at leisure**
The next three days are yours to relax and explore Sihanoukville. Take a boat trip around the many offshore islands, head a little way out of town to find a peaceful stretch of sand all to yourself or simply relax around the pool at your hotel. (B)

■ **Day 8: Journey to Phnom Penh**
After breakfast drive to Phnom Penh. This afternoon there is the option to take a tour of Cambodia's charming capital, including visits to the Royal Palace, the National Museum and finally, a sunset cruise on the Mekong. (B)

■ **Days 9-10: Fly Phnom Penh to UK**
Grab your last minute souvenirs before boarding an overnight flight to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)



Hong Kong

3 Days extra from
Per person **£290**



Saigon

4 Days extra from
Per person **£570**



▲ PHNOM PENH



▲ PRE RUP TEMPLE

- **Day 9: Arrive Hong Kong**
You will be met at Hong Kong Airport and transferred to your hotel. (B)
- **Day 10: Hong Kong**
Enjoy a half day island tour visiting Victoria Peak, Stanley Market, Aberdeen Fishing Village and take an optional sampan ride (paid locally). The afternoon is at leisure. (B)
- **Day 11: Hong Kong**
Enjoy the day at leisure. (B)
- **Day 12: Depart Hong Kong**
Transfer to Hong Kong Airport. (B)

Based on international flights with Cathay Pacific.

- **Day 9: Arrive in Saigon**
Fly from Phnom Penh to Saigon. Transfer to hotel. (B)
- **Day 10: Explore Saigon**
Embark on a tour of this exuberant city. Visits include the Central Post Office, Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum. (B,L)
- **Day 11: Mekong Delta**
Transfer to Ben Tre to explore the bountiful Mekong Delta, where rice, fruit and vegetables are grown in abundance. (B,L)
- **Day 12: Cu Chi Tunnels**
Discover the Viet Cong's remarkable Cu Chi Tunnels and visit the Cao Dai Temple. (B,L)
- **Day 13: Fly Saigon to UK**
Transfer to the airport and fly back to the UK. (B)

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Thailand

Encapsulating Asia old and new, Thailand is a country which varies wildly. Experience the hectic rush of Bangkok, the fragrant jungles of the north, and the paradise beaches in the south.



▲ TEA PLANTATIONS, CHIANG MAI

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This fascinating trip will meet the expectations of any traveller. History, fun and adventure are guaranteed.



Thailand Highlights

Thailand weaves an image of glittering temples, lush jungle and golden sunshine, all entwined with a rich heritage that has remained staunchly unchanged for centuries. It is also fun-loving, friendly and exotic – discover both sides of Thailand on this tour of Bangkok and the northern highlands

- **Exuberant Bangkok**
- **The Bridge over the River Kwai**
- **Thai highland hill tribes**
- **Thai cooking class**

■ **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 an exotic assault on the senses, a whirlwind of chaos, refinement and rewarding sights. A city of many faces, go from tranquil golden temples to forests of gleaming skyscrapers before experiencing authentic Asia on bustling streets. Today's sightseeing includes Wat Pho and the dazzling Grand Palace. Take to the Chao Phraya River on a longboat to get an alternative view of the city as you travel to the Pak Khlong Talaat Flower Market before strolling through Chinatown. Dine on delicious Thai cuisine and enjoy a show of classic Thai dancing.

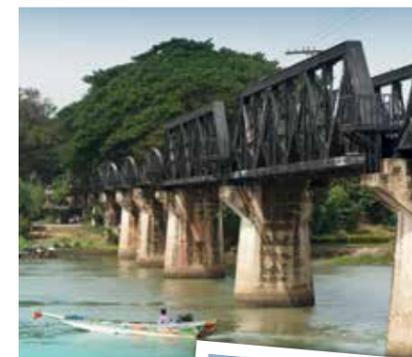
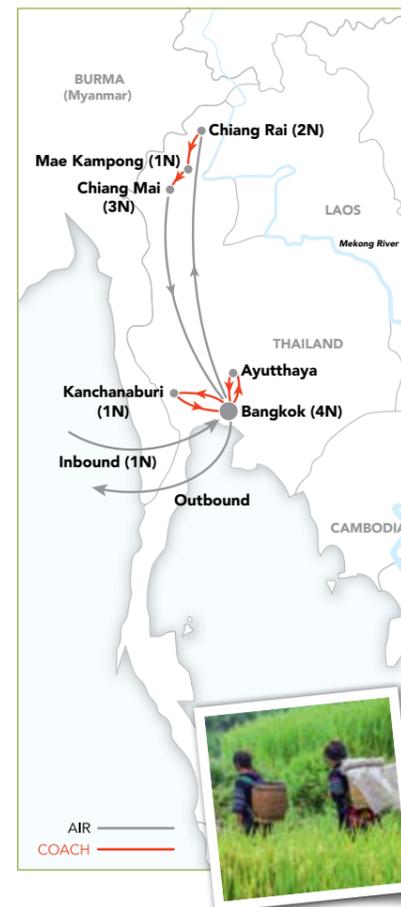
■ **Day 4: Bridge over the River Kwai**
Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and the bizarre Railway Track Market before heading out of Bangkok to Wang Po. Here hop on board an old locomotive to travel along a section of the notorious Death Railway passing through the Kwai Gorge to Kanchanaburi. There'll be a stop at the famous bridge before time to visit the Allied Cemetery and the War Museum.

■ **Day 5: Explore Kanchanaburi**
Drive to the Hellfire Pass and visit the fascinating museum before choosing to either hike through the pass or visit the nearby Saiyoke Noi Waterfall. Return to Bangkok in the afternoon.

■ **Day 6: Ayutthaya**
A scared 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.

■ **Day 7: Fly to Chiang Rai**
Fly to Chiang Rai, a city in Thailand's northern highlands. Transfer to the area known as the Golden Triangle – the point where the borders of Thailand, Laos and Burma meet. Take a boat ride on the Mekong over the border into Laos and visit Done Sao Island where you can take a leisurely stroll through the local market. Return to Chiang Rai.

■ **Day 8: Mae Salong**
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. Visit one of the many tea plantations, the Yao Tribe, and take a walk through Ban Lorcha, an Akha village, which is an excellent example of a sustainable tourism project.



▲ BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI



▲ GRAND PALACE BANGKOK

■ **Day 9: White Temple**
Explore the striking Buddhist White Temple before departing Chiang Rai. We will stop at a bustling local market to purchase fresh, local ingredients for this evening's dinner. Travel to the mountain village of Mae Kampong where you will immerse yourself in the local culture by spending the night with a family. Spend the afternoon exploring the village and the surrounding area before returning to your host family for dinner. Getting involved in preparing the evening meal is an excellent way to observe and get to know them and their way of life.

■ **Day 10: Travel to Chiang Mai**
Depart Mae Kampong for Chiang Mai. Visit the ancient city of Wiang Kum Kam and spend the afternoon visiting Wat Chedi Luang and Wat Phra Singh. There'll also be time to examine the wares at a handicraft village.

■ **Day 11: Chiang Dao Elephant Camp**
Spend the day at the Chiang Dao Elephant Camp where you can embark on an elephant ride through the forest. The rest of your afternoon is at leisure. After dinner, wander through the colourful night bazaar.

■ **Day 12: Cooking class**
Discover the secrets of traditional Thai cooking with a morning cookery class. In the afternoon meet the children of Baan Kingkaew Orphanage before heading to Wat Doi Suthep, perched on top of Doi Suthep Mountain, in time for sunset. This evening enjoy a performance of the ancient songs and dances of northern Thailand.

■ **Day 13: Fly from Chiang Mai to UK**
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



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▲ WAT PHO, BANGKOK

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- **Exuberant Bangkok**
- **The harrowing Death Railway**
- **Thailand's ancient capitals**
- **Colourful Chiang Mai**

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Bangkok**
Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Bangkok. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

■ **Day 3: Discover Bangkok**
Bangkok is an exotic assault on the senses. This morning embark on a city tour that includes an exploration of the dazzling Grand Palace, Wat Phra Kaew and the adjacent Wat Pho, home of the reclining Buddha. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

■ **Day 4: Bridge over the River Kwai**
Transfer to Kanchanaburi. Visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre, an interactive museum dedicated to the history of the notorious Death Railway. Take a moment to reflect at the Allied War Cemetery and see the famous Bridge over the River Kwai. The rest of the day is free. (B)

■ **Day 5: Ride the Death Railway**
Hop on board an old locomotive to ride the Death Railway, passing over the wooden viaduct constructed by Allied POWs. Depart Kanchanaburi for Ayutthaya. (B)

■ **Day 6: Explore Ayutthaya**
A scared 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. (B,L)

■ **Day 7: Lopburi**
Depart Ayutthaya for Wat Phra Buddha Badh. Travel on to the city of Lopburi. An administrative centre for four empires, this historic town is an eclectic mix of architectural styles. Continue to Phitsanulok. (B,L)

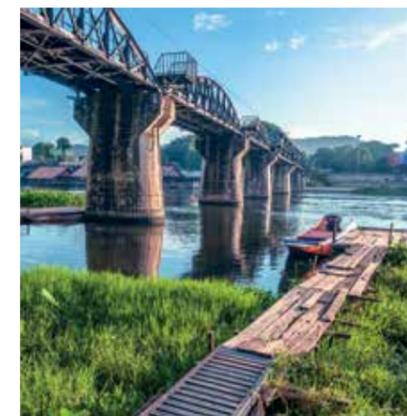
■ **Day 8: Sukhothai**
View Phitsanulok's Wat Maha Dhat before departing for Sukhothai where you can explore the ruins of the ancient first capital. Journey on to admire the Wats of Sri Satchanalai, the northern outpost of the kingdom of Sukhothai, before reaching today's final destination, Lampang. (B,L)

■ **Day 9: Lampang**
An old city rich in history, explore Lampang's famous Emerald Buddha at Phra That Lampang Luang before departing for Chiang Rai. On arrival in Chiang Rai, visit the striking White Temple. (B,L)

■ **Day 10: Ban Locha hill tribe village**
Begin the day with a walk through Ban Locha, an Akha hill tribe village, and visit the community centre. Transfer to Chiang Mai. This evening you can enjoy a wander through the buzzing night bazaar in search of bargains. (B,L)

■ **Day 11: Explore Chiang Mai**
Ascend Doi Suthep Mountain to visit Wat Doi Suthep that perches at its summit. There are fantastic views over Chiang Mai from this towering vantage point. After descending, head out into the countryside to visit an elephant camp and orchid farm. This afternoon, back in Chiang Mai, visit a famous Thai wood carving factory. (B,L)

■ **Day 12: Onward journey**
Transfer to Chiang Mai airport to travel to your onward destination – be it home to the UK or on one of our excellent extensions. (B)



▲ BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI



▲ SUKHOETHAI



Khao Lak

3 Days extra from

Per person **£200**



Koh Lanta

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■ **Day 12: Fly to Khao Lak**
On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Settle in and let the relaxation take over. (B)

■ **Days 13-14: Relax on Khao Lak**
Perfect for anyone looking for peace and quiet, here you can lounge on the lovely beaches or explore jungle-covered mountains and unspoilt nature whilst still enjoying the creature comforts of excellent resorts. (B)

■ **Day 15: Fly to UK**
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■ **Day 12: Fly to Koh Lanta**
On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Time to start relaxing! (B)

■ **Days 13-14: Relax on Koh Lanta**
Koh Lanta is the largest island of a paradisiacal archipelago lapped by the rich waters of the Mu Ko Lanta Marine National Park. Enjoy the island's relaxed atmosphere, take to Lanta's blissful long beaches for easy strolls and explore the surrounding sea famed for snorkelling and diving. (B)

■ **Day 15: Fly to UK**
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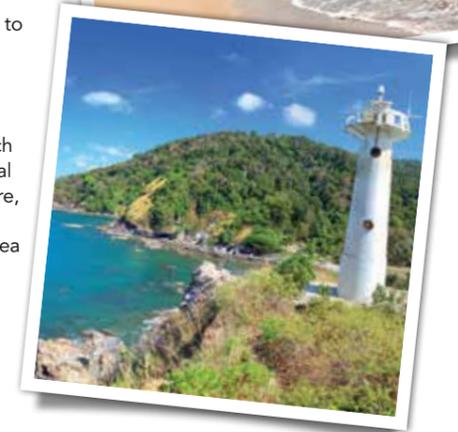
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- Exuberant Bangkok
- Bridge over the River Kwai
- Sleek Singapore
- Luxury E&O Express

Days 1-2: Fly to Bangkok
Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Bangkok. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Days 3-4: Explore Bangkok
Bangkok is an exotic assault on the senses. Spend the next two days immersed in the colours and culture – a visit to the dazzling Grand Palace is included. (B)

Day 5: Board the train
Board the luxurious Eastern & Oriental Express. Depart Bangkok sipping a drink in the observation car as the train winds its way out of the city and into the countryside. As the sun sets savour a delicious dinner before retiring to your compartment which will have been transformed to a comfortable bedroom by your personal steward. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Bridge over the River Kwai
Awaken to the train making its approach, along the Tham Kasae viaduct, to the River Kwai Bridge station. Transfer from the train to a boat with a local historian, before visiting the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre to learn the history of this infamous railway. Rejoin the train for lunch before sitting back to enjoy the unforgettable scenery that will roll by as you journey south. (B,L,D)

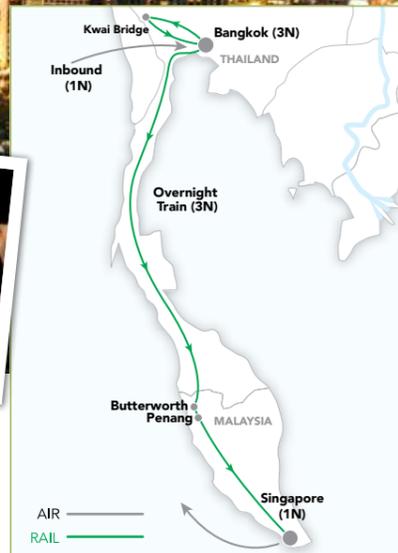
Day 7: Explore Penang Island
Enjoy a brunch service before the train pulls in to Butterworth, Malaysia. Cross to Penang Island and take a tour of colonial Georgetown before returning to the train for a glamorous final dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Arrive in Singapore
Pull into Singapore's Woodlands station in the late morning. The rest of the day is yours to explore this sleek, dynamic city. (B)

Day 9: Fly to UK
Fly to the UK arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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- 9 Days from
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27 Jan - 04 Feb	£3,990	24 Aug - 01 Sep	£4,090
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15 May - 23 May	£3,890	21 Dec - 29 Dec	£4,190
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Flight and supplement information
Based on London Heathrow departures
5 ★ accommodation used.
■ Single room option from £390
■ Land only from £3,240 (Bangkok - Singapore)

Price includes:
■ International flights and current taxes
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■ Accommodation
■ Meals as stated
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▲ PLEASE MIND THE GAP

Ancient Kingdom of Lanna

The Lanna Kingdom once covered vast swathes of northern Thailand – travel to its heart at Chiang Mai on board the luxurious Eastern & Oriental Express

- Exuberant Bangkok
- Historic Lampang
- Laidback Chiang Mai
- Luxury travel experience

Days 1-2: Fly to Bangkok
Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Bangkok. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 3: Board the train
Board the luxurious Eastern & Oriental Express. Get dressed up for a dinner of local specialties before retiring to your compartment. (B,D)

Day 4: Lampang and Chiang Mai
Travel to Lampang, an old city rich in history. Board a horse-drawn carriage to visit Ban Sao Nak, the House of Many Pillars, an old teak house built in the Lanna style with 116 pillars. Enjoy brunch back on the train before continuing on to Chiang Mai. Once the capital of the Lanna Kingdom, Chiang Mai is rich in culture especially in its quaint, moated old quarter. Here you will be given

a choice of excursions, with the rest of the day free for sightseeing. This evening, back on board the train, sit down to a formal, decadent dinner and spend the rest of the evening at leisure – a nightcap in the bar car is highly recommended. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Return to Bangkok
After a relaxed breakfast return to Bangkok. On arrival, disembark the Eastern & Oriental Express and transfer to your hotel. (B)

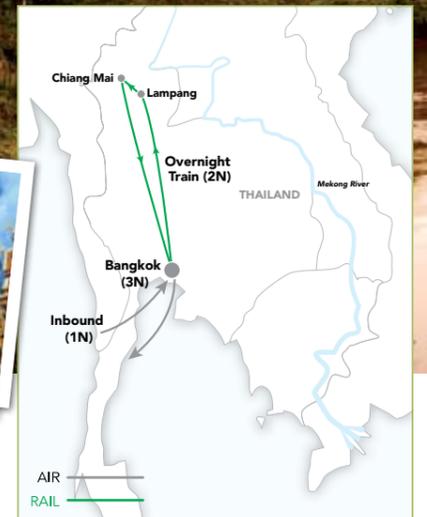
Day 6: Explore Bangkok
Take to the cool and peaceful canals of Bangkok's Thonburi district. These waterways still provide a lifeline for many of the residents, and are an excellent way to get a glimpse of everyday life. Visit the Royal Barges and Temple of Dawn before the dazzling Grand Palace, a complex incorporating Wat Phra Kaeo, Thailand's holiest Buddhist site. (B)

Day 7: Depart Bangkok
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



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Burma

Burma's charm and mystery have captured the imagination of travellers for centuries. Encounter a unique and unspoiled country unlike any other.





▲ BAGAN

Burma Explorer

Burma emanates the exotic glamour of a relatively undiscovered destination. Enchanting, unique and dripping with cultural riches, exploring this magical country and discovering a heritage so far removed from our own can only be immensely rewarding

- **Spiritual Rangoon**
- **Bagan's astounding temples**
- **Sunset from Mandalay Hill**
- **Breathtaking Inle Lake**

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Rangoon**
Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Rangoon. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

■ **Day 3: Discover Rangoon**
Head downtown to the Central Post Office from where we will begin our walking tour. Encompassing the colonial highlights and more traditional architecture, stroll Strand Road and Pansodan Street before admiring the Sule Pagoda and City Hall. Visit the National Museum and browse in the Bogyoke Market. Finally explore Shwedagon Pagoda whose huge golden stupa dominates the city's skyline. This is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within.

■ **Day 4: Fly to Bagan**
Fly to Bagan. Upon arrival, visit Nyaung U Market and Shwezigon Pagoda, where a replica of Buddha's tooth is enshrined. Later visit Htilominlo Pagoda, Ananda Temple and take a short drive through the scenic countryside to Ninnanthu village. Enjoy a spectacular sunset from the summit of one of Bagan's many temples.

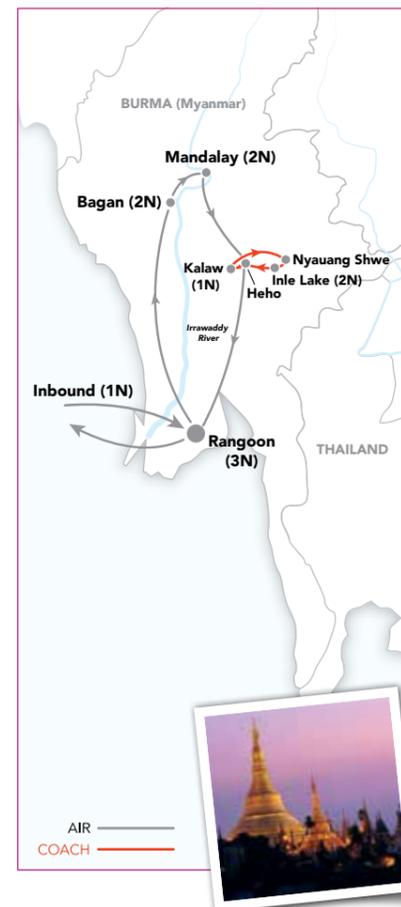
■ **Day 5: Mt Popa**
Travel to Mt Popa, an extinct volcano, and visit Taung Kalat, the breathtaking Buddhist Monastery perched on its summit. Return to Bagan stopping at a typical local village and a toddy palm plantation.

■ **Day 6: Amarapura & Mandalay**
Fly to Mandalay and transfer to Amarapura to visit Mahagandayon Temple, a place of monastic study and home to several thousand young monks. Continue to U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood bridge before visiting a silk workshop. Carry on to the lovely teak wood Bagaya Monastery before returning to Mandalay. Spend the afternoon exploring Mandalay, Burma's cultural capital, with visits to Mahamuni Pagoda, Shwe Inbin Monastery, the Golden Palace Monastery and Kuthodaw Pagoda, home to the world's largest book; each page inscribed in marble. Finish the day on Mandalay Hill.

■ **Day 7: Mingun & Ava**
Set sail up the Irrawaddy River to Mingun to visit one of the world's largest bells; Hsinbyume Paya; and the imposing Mingun Pagoda. Transfer to Ava. Board a horse-drawn carriage to see the sights of this former royal capital – Nanmyint Watch Tower, Maha Aungmye Bonzan Monastery and Bargayar Monastery. Watch the sunset from Sagaing Hills.

NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: AYE MOH MOH MYINT

Visiting Myanmar is about experiencing the daily life – a cup of tea in a teashop, meeting local people – so that you return home with plenty of beautiful memories.



▲ INLE LAKE



▲ MANDALAY HILL

■ **Day 8: Kalaw hill station**
Fly to Heho and visit Pindaya Caves, home to thousands of Buddhist images placed here by pilgrims over the centuries. Visit a Shan umbrella and mulberry paper production business. Venture through the Shan Hills to Kalaw, a lively market town where many local minority people come to trade.

■ **Day 9: Journey to Inle Lake**
Visit Pinmagon Monastery to see the Bamboo Buddha, an eight foot Buddha image made of bamboo strips, before visiting the colonial Catholic King Church and the local market. Drive to Inle Lake. The lake is best known for the extraordinary 'Intha' people, who live on and around the water, and their unique rowing technique. Spend the night close to the lake.

■ **Day 10: Explore Inle Lake**
Transfer by boat to the western shore of the lake to explore the crumbling Indein Pagoda complex. Walk to a nearby village to see the locals farming with traditional techniques. Pass through the rice fields to Saema to meet the friendly villagers. Visit the famous Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, one of Burma's most sacred shrines before admiring the collections of ancient Buddhas at Nga Phe Monastery. Finally visit the weaving village of Inpawkhon.

■ **Day 11: Fly to Rangoon**
Fly to Rangoon and upon arrival visit Gaba Aye Pagoda. Later you'll visit Botataung Pagoda and Nonthida Jetty. This evening, stroll around Chinatown and through the night markets.

■ **Day 12: Fly Rangoon to the UK**
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same of following day.



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Flight and supplement information
Based on London Heathrow departures
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Relax on an idyllic island paradise of incredible natural beauty and extraordinary beaches.
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▲ IRRAWADDY RIVER

Irrawaddy Voyager NEW

The Irrawaddy River continues to be Burma's main highway with many locals living and working on its lush banks. Experience a side of the country that many have yet to explore from the comfort of an elegant cruise boat, sailing from cultural capital Mandalay to the magical temples of Bagan

- **Spiritual Rangoon**
- **Imposing Mingun Pagoda**
- **Rural villages**
- **Enchanting Bagan**

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Rangoon**
Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Rangoon. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

■ **Day 3: Explore Rangoon**
Rangoon, Burma's capital until its relocation to Naypyidaw in 2006, is the heart of Burma's spiritual life and a bustling city full of crumbling colonial charm. Today will be spent exploring this fascinating city. The first visit is to Sule Pagoda and the Chauk Htat Gyi reclining Buddha. Continuing on, stop for photos at Karaweik Hall, a glittering barge palace floating on Kandawgyi Lake, and stroll through Bogyoke Market. Finally explore Shwedagon Pagoda. Purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within, the pagoda is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site. The complex's huge golden stupa dominates the city's skyline.

■ **Day 4: Fly to Mandalay**
Transfer to the airport and fly to Mandalay where, on arrival, you will board your river cruise vessel on which you will spend the next seven nights. The boat, built in Rangoon, is designed to reflect a golden age of colonial grandeur and features well-appointed cabins, excellent service and a relaxing spa. Sip on a welcome cocktail and take in your new surroundings before settling down to dinner served in the bistro-style dining room.

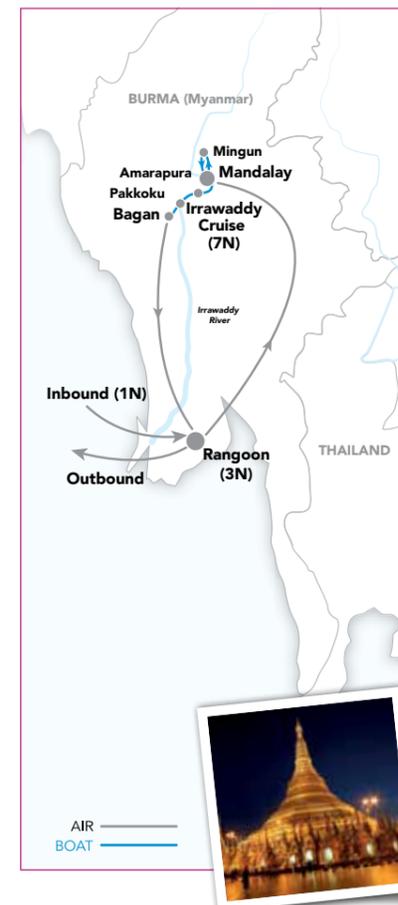
■ **Day 5: Mingun**
Wake up to ever-changing river bank surroundings and take a leisurely breakfast outside on the deck to admire the passing views. Enjoy a morning walking tour of the village of Mingun home to what would have been, had it been completed, Burma's largest temple – the Mingun Pagoda. Though incomplete, it is still a monumental structure – 50 metres tall, 72 metres wide and constructed entirely of brick. You'll also see the huge Mingun Bell and the Mingun Old People's Home.

■ **Day 6: Kyauk Myoung**
Disembark the cruise ship to visit the potteries close to Kyauk Myoung where we'll see Burma's famous 50 gallon water pots being made by hand. Sailing on, the next stop will be Khan-Nyat village, home to many Buddhist monasteries and an orphanage. Get an authentic glimpse of rural village life.

■ **Day 7: Amarapura**
Visit the Sagaing Hills. An important religious and monastic centre, numerous monasteries and hermitages nestle amongst the greenery of the hills and perch along the ridge above the river making for an impressive sight. Drive to Amarapura to visit the magnificent wooden Bagaya Monastery and the U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood bridge.

NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MUANG MUANG

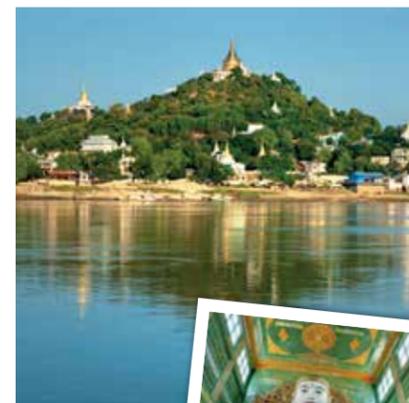
I like to be able to give my travellers the keys to understanding, appreciating and loving the people, and culture, of my country.



■ **Day 8: Yandabo**
Continue cruising leisurely downstream. Today's visit will be to the village of Yandabo and its school, built through kind donations. The people here specialise in pot-making and you'll be able to see the villagers at work before browsing the local, handcrafted wares.

■ **Day 9: Pakokku**
Leave the ship to visit the river port of Pakokku. Hop on board a tuk tuk to explore the centre of this interesting and friendly town before a relaxed stroll through the local market.

■ **Day 10: Bagan**
Arrive in enchanting Bagan. More than 2,000 Buddhist structures of all shapes and sizes strewn across a vast plain offers one of Burma's most evocative and well known sights. The majority of the temples were built in the 11th and 12th centuries when Bagan was the centre of a powerful kingdom – it is said that at that time there were more than 13,000 temples on the plains. Spend the day exploring some of the temples' cool interiors. They are all individual, from imposing to graceful and intricate to simple – there is plenty to see. There will also be a visit to a lacquer workshop so you can see the process behind this traditional craft of the region.



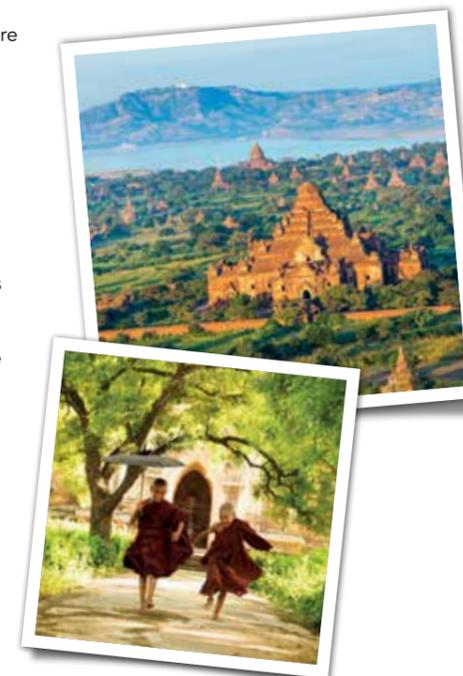
▲ SAGAING HILLS



▲ U BEIN BRIDGE

■ **Day 11: Fly to Rangoon**
Bid farewell to the crew of your cruise ship and transfer to the airport to fly to Rangoon. On arrival the rest of the day will be at leisure for you to continue your explorations of the city.

■ **Day 12: Fly to UK**
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



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30 Mar - 10 Apr	£3,190

Flight and supplement information
Based on London Heathrow departures

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,330 (Rangoon - Rangoon)
- Single room from £290
- Tipping paid locally US\$78

Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
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- Accommodation
- All meals
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Local guides only and no guide on board the cruise ship.

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Bangkok 3 nights from £200pp
Tour the glittering temples and palaces, floating markets and vibrant nightlife of Bangkok. Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

Doha 3 nights from £220pp
Discover up and coming Middle Eastern destination, a perfect mix of old and new. Based on international flights with Qatar Airways.



▲ U BEIN BRIDGE

Hidden Treasures of Burma

Burma is Southeast Asia's hidden gem, a destination bursting with magnificent monuments, glittering golden stupas and enigmatic ruins. So long closed to the world, Burma cannot help but invoke images of mysterious wander and raw adventure

- **Spiritual Rangoon**
- **Charming Prome countryside**
- **Mysterious Mt Popa**
- **Bagan's astounding temples**

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Rangoon**

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

■ **Day 3: Discover Rangoon**

Head downtown to the Central Post Office from where we will begin our walking tour. Encompassing the colonial highlights and more traditional architecture, stroll Strand Road and Pansodan Street before admiring the Sule Pagoda and City Hall. Visit the National Museum and browse in the Bogyoke Market. Finally explore Shwedagon Pagoda. This is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within.

■ **Day 4: Explore Sri Ksetra**

Drive to the lively port town of Prome and transfer to the ancient city of Sri Ksetra. Travelling by ox cart explore the spectacular ruins of the Pyu Kingdom's former capital. Later visit Hmawzar village to get a glimpse of local life.

■ **Day 5: Prome Market**

Visit Prome's colourful central market where you'll be able to see members of several of Burma's ethnic minorities. Continue to the dazzling Shwe San Taw Pagoda and admire the wonderful views of the surrounding countryside. Drive back to Rangoon via Shwe Myat Mhan Pagoda, famous for its spectacle-wearing Buddha.

■ **Day 6: Journey to Mandalay**

Fly to Mandalay and transfer to Amarapura to visit Mahagandayon Temple, a place of monastic study and home to several thousand young monks. Continue to U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood

bridge before visiting a silk workshop. Carry on to the lovely teak wood Bagaya Monastery before returning to Mandalay. Take a short boat ride to the former royal capital of Ava. Take a tour by horse-drawn carriage to Nanmyint Watch Tower, Maha Aungmye, Bonzan Monastery and Bargayar Monastery.

■ **Day 7: Explore Mandalay**

Mandalay is considered the epicentre of Burma's cultural and so there is much to explore. Visit the Mahamuni Pagoda, Shwe Inbin Monastery, the Golden Palace Monastery and Kuthodaw Pagoda, home to the world's largest book; each page inscribed in marble. Visit a traditional handloom silk workshop before finishing the day on Mandalay Hill.



NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: KHU HLA MAUNG

It is my pleasure to help guests connect with everything I love about my country: its history, culture, economy and arts. Guiding gives me the opportunity to meet all sorts of people and continues to extend my knowledge.



▲ SHWEDAGON PAGODA

▲ MT POPA

■ **Day 8: Mingun**
Set sail up the Irrawaddy River to Mingun to visit one of the world's largest bells, the Mingun Bell; Hsinbyume Paya; and the Mingun Pagoda – had it been completed it would have been Burma's largest. Though incomplete, it is still a monumental structure – 50 metres tall, 72 metres wide and constructed entirely of brick. Return to Mandalay and spend the afternoon at leisure.

■ **Day 9: Bodhi Taung Buddha**
Head to the trading post of Monywa via Thanboddhay Pagoda, said to contain over half a million colourful images of Buddha followed by a visit to the Bodhi Taung where a thousand Buddha images rest at the feet of banyan trees. In the afternoon travel to Hpo Win Taung, a network of sandstone caves full of statues, carvings and murals of Buddha.

■ **Day 10: Cruise the Irrawaddy**
Drive to the port city of Pakokku with a stop at the wooden monastery of Pakhangyi Kyaung. Visit the lively local market by traditional trishaw and observe the production process of typical Myanmar cotton blankets. Continue by boat down the Irrawaddy to Bagan, arriving in time to catch the sunset.

■ **Day 11: Explore Bagan**
Visit Nyaung U Market, Ananda Temple and Shwezigon Pagoda, which is the most important pagoda in Bagan. You'll also visit Htilominlo Pagoda. This afternoon, head to a lacquer workshop in the village of Myinkaba before enjoying a spectacular sunset over Bagan's temple strewn plains.

■ **Day 12: Mt Popa**
Travel to Mt Popa, an extinct volcano, and visit Taung Kalat, the breathtaking Buddhist Monastery perched on its summit. Return to Bagan and discover more of its wonderful temple and pagodas. In the evening, travel to temples that are farther afield on board a colourful ox-cart – a local method of transport.

■ **Day 13: Shwe U Min caves**
Fly to Heho and transfer to Pindaya to visit the Shwe U Min limestone caves. The caves are a famous Buddhist pilgrimage site.

■ **Day 14: Inle Lake**
Drive to Nyaung Shwe and take to the waters of Inle Lake. The lake is best known for the extraordinary 'Intha' people, who live on and around the water. Visit a local market and see the floating gardens, village life and magnificent scenery. See Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda, Nga Phe Kyaung Monastery and the weaving village of Inpawkhon.

■ **Day 15: Indein Pagodas**
Cruise on Inle Lake to the crumbling Indein Pagodas. Built in the 17th century, it is home to nearly one thousand stupas and pagodas.

■ **Day 16: Rangoon**
Fly to Rangoon and upon arrival visit Gaba Aye Pagoda. Later you'll visit Botataung Pagoda and Nanthida Jetty. In the evening stroll around Chinatown and through the night markets.

■ **Day 17: Fly Rangoon to UK**
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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26 Feb - 14 Mar	£3,790	19 Nov - 05 Dec	£3,890
26 Mar - 11 Apr	£3,690		

2016 DEPART THU - RETURN SAT

28 Jan - 13 Feb	£3,890	22 Sep - 08 Oct	£3,890
11 Feb - 27 Feb	£3,890	27 Oct - 12 Nov	£3,990
25 Feb - 12 Mar	£3,890	17 Nov - 03 Dec	£3,990
10 Mar - 26 Mar	£3,790		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures**
- Flight upgrades available on request
 - Land only from £3,030 (Rangoon - Rangoon)
 - Single room from £760
 - Tipping paid locally US\$110

Price includes:

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Koh Samui 3 nights from £490pp

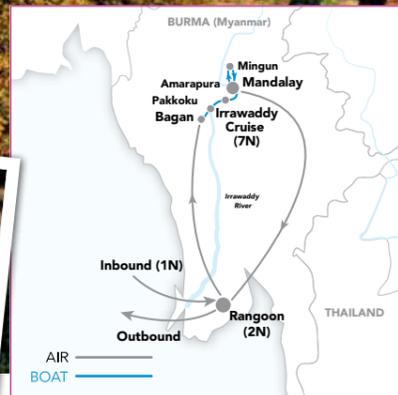
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▲ BAGAN

Spirit of Burma

Cruise the Irrawaddy River on board a traditionally designed and well-appointed Burmese river cruiser, from captivating Bagan and its temple strewn plains to the culturally-rich Mandalay

- Vibrant Rangoon
- Bagan's breathtaking temples
- Charming rural scenes
- Beautiful U Bein Bridge

Days 1-2: Fly to Rangoon (Yangon)
Fly overnight to Rangoon, the former capital of Burma (Myanmar). On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 3: Journey to Bagan
Fly to Bagan. On arrival, you'll be transferred to your ship for lunch followed by an exploration of Bagan's 3,000 monuments, often compared to Cambodia's Angkor Wat in their cultural significance and architecture. (L,D)

Day 4: Explore Bagan
Discover more of Bagan, and visit a traditional lacquer workshop. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Sail to Pakkoku
Sail to the lively river town of Pakkoku, home to ancient teak wood monasteries. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Irrawaddy Countryside
Take a morning walk through a local village. Spend the rest of the day cruising down the sleepy Irrawaddy River. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Ava & Amarapura
Visit the iconic U Bein Bridge, the longest teak wood bridge in the world. In the evening, walk through the picturesque Sagaing Hills. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Mingun & Kyauk-Myoung
Start the day with a wander through Mingun, a sleepy riverside town, which is home to the impressive Mingun Temple and the massive Mingun Bell. Next, visit the spectacular potteries near Kyauk-Myoung. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Discover Mandalay
Visit the Royal Palace, a walled city within Mandalay. Continue to Mandalay Hill for beautiful views over the countryside. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Travel to Rangoon
Disembark your ship and transfer to the airport for your flight to Rangoon. Visit Shwedagon Pagoda at sunset. (B)

Day 11: Fly Rangoon to UK
Fly overnight to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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06 Aug - 16 Aug	£3,090	29 Oct - 08 Nov	£3,090
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Flight and supplement information
Based on London Heathrow departures
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- Single room option from £290
- Sole passenger price from £3,280
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Day 1: Fly to Rangoon (Yangon)
Fly overnight to Rangoon, the former capital of Burma (Myanmar).

Day 2: Arrive Rangoon
On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 3: Journey to Mandalay
Fly to Mandalay, to board your cruise ship. Enjoy some sightseeing at the Mahamuni Pagoda and U Bein Bridge. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Ava and Yandabo
Explore the ancient capital of Ava. Later visit the Pandaw School and visit the Pottery Village of Yandabo. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Bagan's Temples
Tour a selection of Bagan's 3,000 temples, a UNESCO-heritage site. Later visit a lacquer workshop. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Bagan and Salé
Ascend Tan Chi Taung Mountain this morning for sunrise over Bagan. Visit teak monasteries in Salé including Yout Saun Kyaung. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Magwe
Visit the Myat Thalon Pagoda, constructed from solid gold bricks. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Minhla and Gwechaung
Visit the Italian 18th century forts of Minhla and Gwechaung. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Prome
Visit the former centre of the Pyu civilisation known as Thiri Ya Kittiya. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Akauk Taung
Stop at Akauk Taung (Tax Mountain) to explore the stone carvings here. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Danubyu
Explore delta creeks and stop at Danubyu, a lesser-known town with a busy port and bustling market. (B,L,D)

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2016 DEPARTURES			
03 Jan - 16 Jan	£5,390	22 Feb - 06 Mar	£5,590
27 Jan - 09 Feb	£5,590	17 Mar - 30 Mar	£5,590

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Day 12: Twante
Sail onto the Twante canal which connects the Yangon and Irrawaddy Rivers. Stop to explore the town of Twante. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Rangoon
Disembark at Rangoon. This evening visit the famous Shwedagon Pagoda and enjoy the sunset. (B,L)

Day 14: Fly Rangoon to UK
Fly to the UK. (B)



▲ SHWEZIGON PAGODA

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- **Spectacular gorges**
- **Mogok's elephants**
- **Bagan's breathtaking temples**

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Rangoon (Yangon)**
Fly overnight to Rangoon, the former capital of Burma (Myanmar). On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

■ **Day 3: Rangoon at leisure**
Rangoon, Burma's capital until its relocation to Naypyidaw in 2006, is the heart of Burma's spiritual life and a bustling city full of crumbling colonial charm. This morning is free to spend as you wish. In the afternoon, enjoy a tour of the key sights from its colonial-era architecture to glittering Buddhist pagodas. (B)

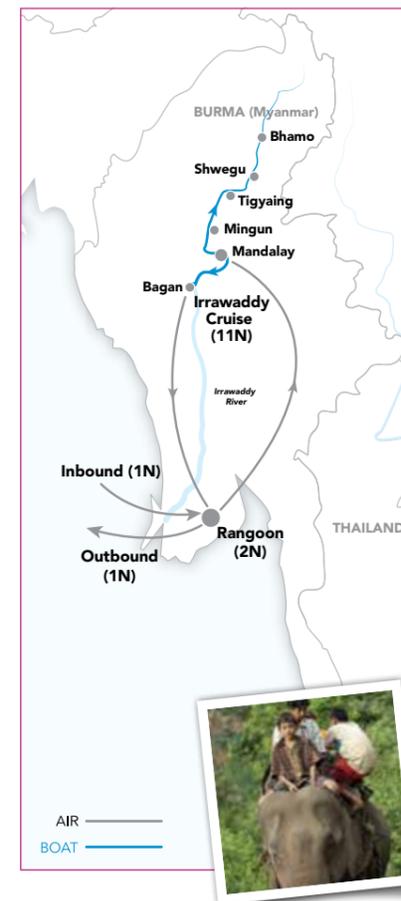
■ **Day 4: Irrawaddy cruising**
Fly to Mandalay and board the Road to Mandalay cruise ship to set sail for northern Burma, witnessing dramatic changes in scenery on the way. In Mingun, visit the impressive Mingun Temple and the massive Mingun Bell. Get to know your fellow travellers at a pre-dinner drinks party. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 5: Gorges & Nwe Nyein**
Cruise through the first of the three magnificent gorges around midday. Take a walk through Nwe Nyein and see clay pot sculpting. Later, float past the picturesque island pagoda at Thihadaw. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 6: Kyan Hnyat & cruising upstream**
Stroll around the delightful village of Kyan Hnyat, where the morning market bustles with activity. Continue cruising north through vast stretches of picturesque landscapes. At sunset, anchor ship at the old market town of Katha. (B,L,D)

■ **Days 7-8: Katha market & Shan village**
Take a morning walk around colourful Katha Market, made famous by author George Orwell in *Burmese Days*. After lunch on board, take a boat ride to the port of Shwegu and experience life in a typical riverside Shan village. The following day visit Bhamo, a city just 65 kilometres from the Chinese border. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 9: Shwe Paw Island**
Enjoy a morning visit to the picturesque Shwe Paw Island and its ancient pagodas. Witness a novitiation ceremony at the riverside village of Moe Dar, an important part of Burma's Buddhist life. (B,L,D)



■ **Day 10: Kachin Jungle**
Take an early morning train to the Kachin Jungle and teak forests. Later, cruise to the river port of Tigyaing. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 11: Mogok Elephants**
Drive to Mogok, a village famous for its gemstones. En route we'll pass a forestry reserve where botanical specimens are grown for their essential oils. Meet the elephants that work in the teak forests. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 12: Discover Mandalay**
Cruise to Mandalay for a city tour that includes the iconic U Bein Bridge, the longest teakwood bridge in the world. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 13: Bagan Sunset**
Continue cruising to Bagan past raw, Burmese village life. Watch the sunset over the incredible temple dotted plain – one of Burma's most evocative sights. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 14: Bagan Temples**
Visit the ancient temples of Bagan, often compared to Angkor Wat for their architecture and cultural significance. If you wish, explore the site by horse-drawn carriage or bicycle. In the afternoon, you may wish to join the optional excursion to mist-wreathed Mt Popa, an important pilgrimage site. (B,L,D)

■ **Days 15-16: Fly to Rangoon & depart**
Disembark your cruise ship and fly to Rangoon. Later today, fly to the UK arriving home the following day. (B)



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▲ BAGAN

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- **Verdant Mekong Delta**
- **Vivacious Saigon and Hanoi**
- **Spectacular Halong Bay**

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Siem Reap**

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

■ **Day 3: Explore Angkor**

Encompassing the seats of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries the Angkor Archaeological Park covers 400 square kilometres and includes over 1,000 temples. Rising early, the tour begins at Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. Continue to the walled city of Angkor Thom, passing through the South Gate flanked by 54 stone figures. Reach the enigmatic Bayon at its centre, the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. This afternoon is dedicated to Angkor Wat. An exemplar of Khmer architecture and a monument to religious devotion, the wat is the best preserved

of Angkor's temples having remained continuously in use. Spend time examining the buildings intricacies and savouring its breathtaking majesty.

■ **Day 4: Fly to Saigon**

A seamless blending of past and present, Saigon offers a high-octane ride into Vietnam's ever brighter future. Whilst this exuberant city is the main force driving Vietnam forward, it also has a treasure trove of fascinating heritage to explore. Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office – grandiose legacies of a colonial past. Onwards to the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum, where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. Finish up browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market.

■ **Day 5: Mekong Delta**

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing huge amounts 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. Return to Saigon.

■ **Day 6: Journey to Hoi An**

Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Hoi An stopping en route at the Marble Mountains. This afternoon stroll the delightful streets, lined with tailors and lantern shops, of this charming town – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place. Visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge and appreciate the unique fusion of Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese architecture.

■ **Day 7: Tra Que village**

Drive 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 and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. Learn about the history of the village and the importance of herbs in Vietnamese medicine and cuisine. This afternoon can be spent on the nearby Cua Dai beach or with a free afternoon back in Hoi An.



▲ CAO DAI TEMPLE, SAIGON

■ **Day 8: Fly to Hanoi**

Transfer to the airport to fly to Hanoi. Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Take an afternoon city tour visiting Ba Dinh Square, where Ho Chi Minh first declared Vietnam's independence from French rule in 1945 and the Confucian Temple of Literature. Take a stroll through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets, which, apart from the swarms of motorbikes, is like a step back in time.

■ **Day 9: Halong Bay**

Spend two days aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay – the translation of Halong is equally dramatic – 'where the dragon



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▲ CAO DAI TEMPLE, SAIGON

descends into the sea'. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations.

■ **Day 10: Return to Hanoi**

Watch the sun rise over Halong Bay enjoying the peace and serenity of the scene. Continue to cruise the bay for the rest of the morning, taking brunch on board before disembarking and travelling back to Hanoi. This evening enjoy a performance of traditional water puppets.

■ **Days 11-12: Fly to the UK**

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the following day.

■ **Day 11: Overnight train to Sapa**

Board an overnight soft sleeper train to the hill station of Sapa. (B)

■ **Days 12-13: Explore Sapa**

Arrive in Sapa early in the morning. Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces with some light hiking through the surrounding valleys and villages. (B,L)

■ **Day 14: Hilltribes**

This morning is at leisure before an afternoon hike to visit more of the local hilltribes. Board the overnight train for Hanoi. (B,L)

■ **Day 15: Depart Hanoi**

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15 Feb - 26 Feb	£2,690	12 Sep - 23 Sep	£2,690
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18 Apr - 29 Apr	£2,890	14 Nov - 25 Nov	£2,990
09 May - 20 May	£2,690	05 Dec - 16 Dec	£3,090

Flight and supplement information

Based on London Heathrow departures

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,980 (Siem Reap - Hanoi)
- Single room from £790
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- Verdant Mekong Delta
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■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Saigon**

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

■ **Day 3: Explore Saigon**

A seamless blending of past and present, Saigon offers a high-octane ride into Vietnam's ever brighter future. Whilst this exuberant city is the main force driving Vietnam forward, it also has a treasure trove of fascinating heritage to explore. Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office – grandiose legacies of a colonial past. Onwards to the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. Finish up browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market.

■ **Day 4: Mekong Delta**

Transfer to My Tho, a city on the Mekong Delta, to board your elegant cruise vessel. Sit on the sundeck and sip your welcome cocktail before dining on delicious local cuisine in the bistro-style restaurant. Later, retire to your comfortable stateroom for the night.

■ **Day 5: Cai Be**

Visit Cai Be, a city on the Mekong Delta enveloped by numerous fruit orchards, to see the sights and sounds of the local floating market. Watch hundreds of boats piled high with colourful produce, from vivid dragon fruit to huge vegetables, trade along the waterways. This afternoon paddle along some of the numerous palm-lined canals and backwaters on a sampan, the perfect way to catch a glimpse of everyday life on the delta.

■ **Day 6: Chau Doc**

Today's excursion is to the village of Chau Doc. Home to a diverse array of communities including Chinese, Cham and Khmer it is a fascinating place to explore, especially when travelling by trishaw. We'll also visit the Cham communities across the river and a catfish farm. Return to the boat to cruise over the border into Cambodia.

■ **Day 7: Phnom Penh**

Cambodia's capital is a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. The energy and optimism that has engulfed Phnom Penh since the tragic events of the 1970s makes it a pleasurable place to be. Take a cyclo ride around the centre to see the main sights, including the dazzling Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. This afternoon, learn more about the reign of the Khmer Rouge, visiting the harrowing Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Museum.



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■ **Day 8: Tonle River**

Take an excursion up the Tonle Sap River to Kampong Chhnang, a city set amongst gorgeous scenes of vivid green rice paddies dotted with soaring palms. Later discover the vast Tonle Sap wetlands, an area of ecological importance supporting a diverse range of flora and fauna.

■ **Day 9: Countryside scenery**

Enjoy a leisurely morning stroll around the village of Chong Koh where we can see the local silk-weavers at work. Cruise on past timeless rural scenes and peaceful villages making a stop at Peam Chi Kang village to meet the local people and visit the local monastery and school. Explore this friendly community at your leisure.

■ **Day 10: Wat Hanchey**

This morning visit the remains of the pre-Angkor hilltop temple of Wat Hanchey, just north of Kampong Cham on the river. From the summit the views down over the river as it meanders through classical Cambodian landscapes are wonderful. This afternoon see the twin holy mountains of Phnom Pros (Man Hill) and Phnom Srey (Woman Hill) before heading to the ecotourism village of Choeungkok.

■ **Day 11: Siem Reap**

Disembark from the cruise vessel and transfer to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor. Journey out to the 'Roluos Group' of temples dating from the 9th century – these were some of the earliest permanent structures built by the Khmer Empire.

■ **Day 12: Explore Angkor**

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over a thousand temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. The temples closest to the city are the most magnificent and are comparable to very little else on earth. Rising early, the tour begins at Ta Prohm, one of the most atmospheric temples due to the fact that it has been left in the grips of the jungle. Continue to the walled 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. The rest of the day is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat, the most magnificent, and best preserved, of all of Angkor's treasures. It is easy to while away an afternoon in its shady precincts, examining its wealth of fascinating and intricate embellishments.

■ **Day 13: Siem Reap**

Spend a day at leisure in Siem Reap. This buzzing city has plenty to keep you occupied – stroll streets lined with old French houses, browse boutiques and galleries and enjoy world class dining.

■ **Days 14-15: Fly to the UK**

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- Stately Vientiane

■ **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 an exotic assault on the senses, a whirlwind of chaos, refinement and rewarding sights. A city of many faces, go from tranquil golden temples to forests of gleaming skyscrapers before experiencing authentic Asia on bustling streets. Today's sightseeing includes Wat Pho and the dazzling Grand Palace. Take to the Chao Phraya River on a longboat getting an alternative view of the city as you travel to the Pak Talaat Flower Market before strolling through Chinatown.

■ **Day 4: Overnight train to Chiang Mai**
 Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and the bizarre Railway Track Market. Later, board an overnight train to travel northwards to Chiang Mai.

■ **Day 5: Explore Chiang Mai**
 The antithesis of Bangkok, Chiang Mai is a chilled out, nonchalant city in the foothills of Thailand's northern highlands. On arrival in Chiang Mai the morning is free. This afternoon meet the children of Baan Kingkaew Orphanage before browsing the wares of a handicraft village. Ascend to Wat Doi Suthep, perched on top of Doi Suthep Mountain, in time for sunset. This evening enjoy a performance of the ancient songs and dances of northern Thailand and wander through the buzzing night bazaar in search of bargains.

■ **Day 6: H'mong Hilltribe Lodge**
 Head up into the Sutheo-Pui Mountains to spend the night at the H'mong Hilltribe Lodge amidst the striking natural beauty of the region. This evening enjoy a barbeque dinner and a cultural show.

■ **Day 7: Mae Sa Elephant Park**
 Spend the day at the Mae Sa Elephant park where you can embark on an elephant ride to Baan Tang Luang, a picturesque hilltribe village which is home to a Karen Longneck Hilltribe. Visit an orchid farm, then drive to Thaton and board a long tail boat on Mae Kok River to Baan Pha Tai, where you'll continue by road to Chiang Rai.

■ **Day 8: Travel to Pakbeng**
 Cross the border at Huay Xai into Laos and cruise to Pakbeng, visiting several minority villages en route.



▲ LUANG PRABANG, LAOS

■ **Day 9: Cruise the Mekong**
 Cruise along the Mekong taking in the scenery as you go and stopping off at traditional Laotian villages – during one visit you will learn the process used to produce rice alcohol. Continue to the sacred caves of Pak Ou known for the hundreds of miniature Buddhist sculptures that reside within. Arrive in Luang Prabang in the late afternoon.

■ **Day 10: Explore Luang Prabang**
 An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid colours with an extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. Clamber aboard a tuk tuk to see the sights including Wat Mai, Wat Sensoukarahm, Wat Visoune and Wat Xieng Thong. Ascend Phousi Hill for delightful city views and browse the wares at the bustling market.

■ **Day 11: 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. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. After breakfast, visit the fresh food market and a National Museum which explores the history of Laos. Enjoy the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls and visit an H'mong village before returning to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.



▲ PATUXAI VICTORY MONUMENT

■ **Day 12: Journey to Vang Vieng**
 Drive to Vang Vieng stopping en route at Phoukhoun and Pathang Village where you can admire the spectacular views over karst mountain landscapes.

■ **Day 13: Drive to Vientiane**
 Spend the morning around Vang Vieng exploring the magnificent Tham Chang Cave before transferring to Laos' capital city, Vientiane.

■ **Day 14: Discover Vientiane**
 Nestled in a languid bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more a friendly backwater than a chaotic capital. Spend the day exploring with visits to Thongkham Market; 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. Later, explore Buddha Park then enjoy 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 before catching a flight to Bangkok. Depending on the timing of your international flight back to the UK you may have an afternoon to explore Bangkok on an included half day city tour. Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

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▲ ANGKOR WAT

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS:
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This tour is perfect for seeing all of the wonderful sights of Vietnam and Cambodia. The temples of Angkor and Halong Bay deserve to be Wonders of the World as they are both heavenly scenes on earth.



Angkor to the Bay

One of our most popular tours, take a voyage of discovery from the breathtaking majesty of the temples of Angkor, through to the spectacular natural grandeur of Halong Bay, experiencing all manner of delights en route

- Awe-inspiring Angkor
- Charming Phnom Penh
- Verdant Mekong Delta
- Vibrant Saigon and Hanoi

■ 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: Floating village
Spend the morning experiencing life on the water in the floating village of Kampong Kleang. From here continue to Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by the jungle.

■ Day 4: Explore Angkor
The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Begin at Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle continuing to the city of Angkor Thom to reach the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat.

■ Day 5: Discover Phnom Penh
Fly to Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Visit the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before admiring the artifacts at the lovely National Museum.

■ Day 6: Fly to Saigon
Visit the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum before climbing up to the hilltop Wat Phnom. Fly to Saigon.

■ Day 7: Explore Saigon
The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Visit the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office; the Reunification Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Finish at the lively Ben Thanh Market.

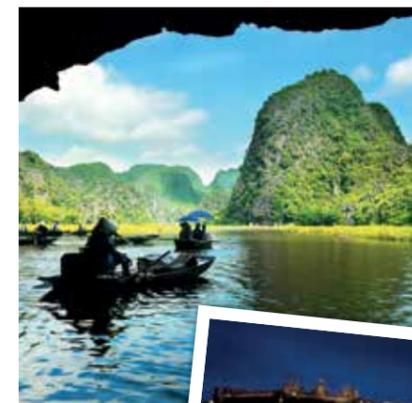
■ Day 8: Mekong Delta Cruise
Pop down to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Return to Saigon.

■ Day 9: Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh
Get to grips with the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before travelling to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Return to Saigon.

■ Day 10: Journey to Hoi An
Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route. Take a walking tour of this laidback and wilfully traditional town to see the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a local pagoda and the bustling market.

■ Day 11: 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 see the farmers at work. This afternoon can be spent on the nearby Cua Dai beach or with a free afternoon back in Hoi An.

■ Day 12: Hue's Imperial Citadel
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. Take a cyclo ride up to the imposing Imperial Citadel to explore.



▲ HALONG BAY



▲ TRAN QUOC PAGODA, HANOI

■ Day 13: Royal Tombs
Visit the UNESCO Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. Continue to the Thien Mu Pagoda before cruising on the Perfume River. Fly to Hanoi.

■ Days 14-15: Halong Bay
Spend two days aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Spend the night on the boat before returning to Hanoi where you will see the famous water puppets show.

■ Days 16-17: Fly Hanoi to UK
Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature, and take a walking tour of the Old Quarter. Transfer to the airport for an overnight flight home.



Sapa Extension

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■ Day 16: Overnight train to Sapa
Board an overnight soft sleeper train to the hill station of Sapa. (B)

■ Days 17-18: Explore Sapa
Arrive in Sapa early in the morning. Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces with some light hiking through the surrounding valleys and villages. (B,L)

■ Day 19: Hilltribes
This morning is at leisure before an afternoon hike to visit more of the local hilltribes. Board the overnight train for Hanoi. (B,L)

■ Day 20: Depart Hanoi
Transfer to the airport.

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▲ FLOATING VILLAGES OF TONLE SAP

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- Vibrant Saigon and Hanoi
- Spectacular Halong Bay
- Tranquil Luang Prabang
- Breathtaking Angkor

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Saigon

Fly overnight to Saigon. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

■ Day 3: Discover Saigon

Sightseeing today includes a visit to Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum. Later, stroll through Cholon and Ben Thanh Market.

■ Day 4: Cu Chi Tunnels & Tay Ninh

Explore the amazing network of Cu Chi Tunnels before travelling to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple, which is one of the most striking structures in Asia. Return to Saigon.

■ Day 5: Journey to Hoi An

Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO town of Hoi An, stopping at the Marble Mountains en route.

■ Day 6: Hoi An Walking tour

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An, a wonderfully laidback, graceful and wilfully traditional town. Visit one of the oldest homes, still occupied by descendants of merchants that built it over 200 years ago. Also visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, Hoi An Market and a local Chinese Pagoda. The afternoon is at leisure to visit the local markets or relax in a riverside café.

■ Day 7: Explore Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi, a charming and richly historic city of lakes, parks and shaded boulevards. Sightseeing includes a visit to the Temple of Literature and Ngoc Son Temple – you'll also take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter, an area of market alleys still laid out as they were 300 years ago.

■ Days 8-9: Halong Bay Junk Cruise

Spend the day aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising 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. It isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. Enjoy fresh meals on board and spend the night anchored amongst the magnificent seascapes. Return to Hanoi the following day and in the evening, watch a performance of the famous water puppets.

■ Day 10: Fly to Luang Prabang

An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid colours, an extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. The afternoon is free for your own exploration. Ascend Phousi Hill for delightful city views and browse the wares at the bustling market.

■ Days 11-12: Discover Luang Prabang

Rise early to watch a Takbat alms giving ceremony. Visit Wat Xieng Thong, then cruise along the Mekong River to see the Pak Ou Caves. Return to Luang Prabang and visit Thin Hong and Ban Xong Khong Village en route.

■ Day 12: Local villages & waterfalls

Visit Wat Sene and the National Museum before continuing to the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls. Return to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre. This evening witness a local Baci Ceremony.

■ Day 13: Fly to Siem Reap

Fly to Siem Reap and visit Banteay Srei Temple. Climb to the summit of Pre Rup Temple at sunset for a spectacular view of the surrounding landscape.

■ Day 14: Explore Angkor Wat

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over a thousand temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Rising early, the tour begins at the walled city of Angkor Thom where you'll pass through the magnificent South Gate. 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. The rest of the day is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. It is easy to while away an afternoon in its shady precincts, examining its wealth of fascinating and intricate embellishments.

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Enjoy a morning cruise on the Tonle Sap Lake where you can see the floating villages and observe the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by the jungle – release your inner adventurer and explore. On the way back to Siem Reap, visit Les Artisans D'Angkor, a workshop which teaches traditional crafts to local people.

■ Days 16-17: Fly Siem Reap to UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: BUI ANH DUC

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▲ ANGKOR THOM

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NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: JAY

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▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA

Eastern Voyager NEW

From the Great Wall, Warriors and pandas in China to Halong Bay, Saigon and the Mekong Delta in Vietnam, this whistle stop adventure is the perfect introduction to the historical, cultural and natural treasures of both of these fascinating countries

- **The Great Wall**
- **The adorable pandas**
- **Junk cruise on Halong Bay**
- **Cooking in Hoi An**

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Beijing**
Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historical capital.

■ **Day 3: Imperial Beijing**
We begin in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square, flanked by imposing government buildings and the mausoleum of Chairman Mao. At the head of the square the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City is a monument to dynasties past. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. This evening sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking Duck.

■ **Day 4: The Great Wall**
This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, over all sorts of dramatic landscapes, it is one of the world's most impressive feats of engineering. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the magnificent scenery that it crosses. Savour a relaxed afternoon in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional gardens and admire exquisite architecture. Jade is revered throughout China, it is said to bring fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Visit a Jade Museum, where you will be able to buy a small handcrafted piece. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

■ **Day 5: Fly to Xian**
Fly to Xian. An illustrious and age-old city, Xian is one of the four great ancient capitals of China. Take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th century city walls, before a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

■ **Day 6: Terracotta Warriors**
The Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor Qin Shi Huang has long intrigued visitors. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of warriors. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Fly to Chengdu.

■ **Day 7: Grand Buddha of Leshan**
Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha which, at 71-metres, is the world's largest stone-carved Buddhist monument. A short boat trip on the river will give even better views of the statue. Returning to Chengdu, there will be a stop at the riverside village of Huanglongxi, where cobbled streets and rickety wooden buildings retain the charms of the Qing Dynasty. Sample a delicious Sichuan meal this evening.

■ **Day 8: Giant Pandas**
A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Fly to Hanoi. (B)



▲ GIANT PANDA, CHENGDU



▲ HOI AN

■ **Day 9: Day of leisure in Hanoi**
Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with all the buzz of the future in one fast-paced yet refined city. Spend the day exploring the city yourself or take some time to relax before the Vietnam part of the adventure begins. (B,D)

■ **Day 10: Explore Hanoi**
Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, walk past Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. There'll also be time to wander the streets of the atmospheric old quarter.

■ **Day 11: Halong Bay Junk cruise**
Take a traditional Junk cruise amongst karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. A fresh seafood meal is included during your voyage.

■ **Day 12: Cookery class, Hoi An**
Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route. This evening, get hands on in a cookery class.

■ **Day 13: Discover Hoi An**
Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An. A wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a local temple and the market. The afternoon is at leisure to explore, or relax in a riverside café.

■ **Day 14: Discover Saigon**
Fly 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 brighter future. Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office – legacies of a colonial past; the Reunification Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Finish up browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market.

■ **Day 15: Mekong Delta**
Travel to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Take a sampan ride through the palm lined canals, visit a coconut garden and drift past stilt houses and fish farms. Return to Saigon.

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Please note:
On this Eastern Voyager adventure you are embarking on two separate tours. On departure from Chengdu you will wave farewell to one group and meet a new one the day after you arrive in Hanoi.

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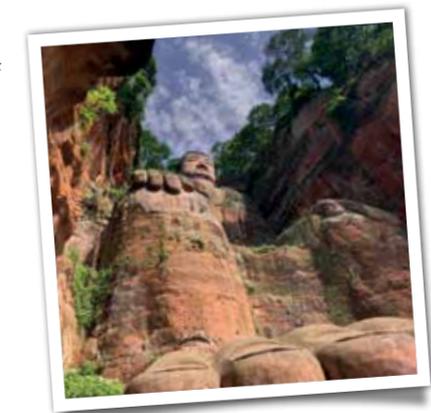


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▲ FORBIDDEN CITY

NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: CHRISTIAN

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- The verdant Mekong Delta
- Enchanting Hoi An
- Halong Bay
- Pandas, the Wall and Warriors

■ **Days 1-2: Fly to Saigon**
Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative and largest city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

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■ **Days 6-7: Historic Hoi An**
Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route. Take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit an old merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the market. The next day, visit Tra Que Village.

■ **Days 8-9: Imperial Hue**
Drive to Hue. Take a cyclo ride up to the imposing imperial citadel to explore. The next day, voyage along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda before travelling to An Hien House. Finally visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Royal Tomb of Minh Mang.

■ **Day 10: Fly to Hanoi**
Fly to the graceful and exotic capital city of Hanoi, dubbed the 'Paris on the Orient'. Walk to Hoan Kiem Lake and watch the water puppets.

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- **Days 13-14: Pandas**
Fly to Chengdu where, this evening, you can sample the delicious Sichuan cuisine. Next day, visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can see China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, fly to Guilin.
- **Day 15: Reed Flute Cave**
This morning, visit Mount Diecai, also known as 'Folded Brocade Hill'. Later, see the colourful formations of the Reed Flute Cave.
- **Days 16-17: Li River Cruise & Yangshuo**
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. The next morning, explore this unique rural location before taking the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, see the famous cormorant fishermen.
- **Days 18-19: Terracotta Warriors**
Travel to Guilin and fly to Xian. This evening indulge in traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. The Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang has intrigued visitors for years. Spend the next morning viewing the enigmatic ranks before strolling on Xian's city walls.



▲ GREAT WALL



▲ MEKONG DELTA

- **Day 20: Discover Xian**
Admire the fascinating relics of the Shaanxi Museum and take a stroll through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter. Board an overnight train to Beijing.
- **Days 21-22: Imperial Beijing**
Arriving in Beijing, savour the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace and sample the local delicacy – Peking Duck. The next day stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Also visit the lovely Temple of Heaven.
- **Day 23: The Great Wall**
This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Round off the day with a Chinese acrobatic show.
- **Days 24-26: Fly to Shanghai**
Fly to Shanghai and spend the following days exploring this cosmopolitan city. Visits include the Yu Gardens, the 'old town', Shanghai Museum and the colonial architecture of the Bund. Also discover modern Pudong and explore the restored Xintiandi area with its unique 1920s Shikumen buildings. Dine on traditional Shanghai cuisine and take a cruise on the panoramic Huangpu River.
- **Day 27: Fly Shanghai to UK**
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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▲ HALONG BAY

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- Scenic Sapa
- Verdant Mekong Delta
- Stately Vientiane
- Magnificent Angkor Wat

■ Days 1-2: Fly 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
The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but it is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Visit the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office; the Reunification Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Finish at Cholon and the lively Ben Thanh Market.

■ Day 4: Mekong Delta
Pop down to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. This area is called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam' – paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Return to Saigon.

■ Day 5: Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh
Get to grips with the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before travelling to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Return to Saigon.

■ Days 6-7: Explore Hoi An
Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route. The next morning take a walking tour visiting the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a local pagoda and the bustling market.

■ Days 8-9: Hue's Imperial Citadel
Travel the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. Visit the UNESCO Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. The next day take a cyclo ride up to the imposing Imperial Citadel before seeing Thien Mu Pagoda and cruising the Perfume River.

■ Day 10: Hanoi
Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and Temple of Literature before strolling the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets. Later, board an overnight train to Sapa.

■ Days 11-12: Sapa countryside
Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces exploring colourful markets, minority villages and tribal architecture. Board the overnight train back to Hanoi.

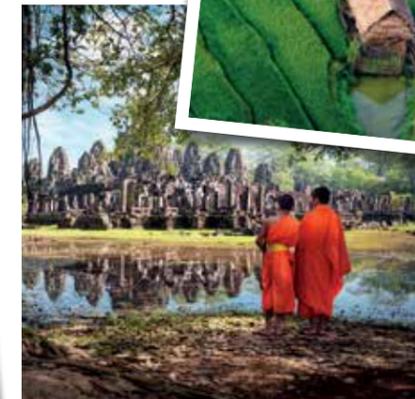
■ Day 13: Water puppets
On arrival back in Hanoi, browse the exhibits of the Ethnology Museum. This evening enjoy a performance of the famous water puppets.

■ Days 14-15: Cruise Halong Bay
Spend two days aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi.

■ Day 16: Fly to Luang Prabang
Fly to Luang Prabang. This afternoon is free for your own exploration. Ascend Phousi Hill for delightful views.



▲ PHNOM PENH, ROYAL PALACE



▲ THE BAYON

■ Day 17: Takbat
Rise early to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat visit Wat Xieng Thong and take to the waters of the Mekong to visit the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of miniature Buddhist sculptures that reside within.

■ Day 18: Kuang Si Waterfalls
This morning visit Wat Sene and the National Museum. Marvel at the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls before returning to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.

■ Day 19: Journey to Vang Vieng
Visit the lively local market at Phouk Houn.

■ Day 20: Explore Vang Vieng
Venture into the Tham Chang and Tham Loup Caves before wandering through dramatic countryside beside the Nam Song River.

■ Day 21: Discover Vientiane
Continue south to Vientiane. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is more a friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Visit Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument.

■ Day 22: Fly to Phnom Penh
Fly to Phnom Penh. A city of airy boulevards and colonial villas, Phnom Penh has been engulfed by energy and optimism making it a pleasurable place to be. Today's visits include the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. Later on admire the artifacts of the lovely National Museum.

■ Day 23: Explore Phnom Penh
Visit the children of the Apsara Arts Association and the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum.

■ Day 24: Fly to Siem Reap
Ascend to the hilltop Wat Phnom before transferring to the airport to fly to Siem Reap. Visit the captivating Banteay Srei – a richly-embellished rose-coloured sandstone temple, before watching the sunset from the summit of Pre Rup.

■ 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 Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle, continuing to Angkor Thom and passing through the South Gate to reach the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat.

■ Day 26: Tonle Sap
Spend the morning experiencing life on the water in the floating village of Kompong Kleang. From here continue to Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by jungle. On the way back to Siem Reap, visit Les Artisans D'Angkor.

■ Days 27-28: Fly to the UK
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the following day.

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12 Mar - 08 Apr	£4,590	24 Sep - 21 Oct	£4,590
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02 Apr - 29 Apr	£4,390	15 Oct - 11 Nov	£4,690
30 Apr - 27 May	£4,190	05 Nov - 02 Dec	£4,690

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,380 (Saigon - Siem Reap)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally US\$160

Price includes:

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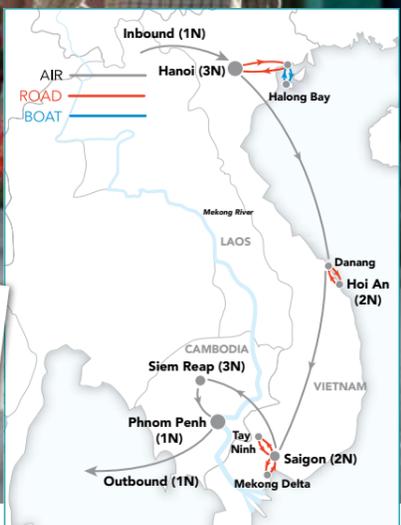
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▲ HOI AN

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Immerse yourself in the cultural treasures of Vietnam's Hanoi, Hoi An and Saigon before turning intrepid explorer to lose yourself in the wonders of Cambodia's unsurpassed temples of Angkor

- **Spectacular Halong Bay**
- **Extraordinary Cu Chi Tunnels**
- **Verdant Mekong Delta**
- **Awe-inspiring Angkor**
- **Days 1-2: Fly to Hanoi**
Fly overnight to Hanoi. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel.
- **Day 3: Explore Hanoi**
See Hanoi's famous sights and an evening performance of the water puppets. (B,L)
- **Day 4: Halong Bay Junk Cruise**
Travel to Halong Bay and cruise between the islands before returning to Hanoi. (B,L)
- **Day 5: Journey to Hoi An**
Travel to the UNESCO town of Hoi An, stopping at the Marble Mountains en route. Take a walking tour of this charming town visiting the Japanese Bridge and the Chinese Pagoda. (B)
- **Day 6: Cooking demonstration**
Take part in a morning cooking demonstration before enjoying an afternoon at leisure. (B,L)
- **Day 7: Fly to Saigon**
Fly to Saigon and explore the city. (B,L)
- **Day 8: Cu Chi Tunnels & Tay Ninh**
Explore the amazing network of Cu Chi Tunnels before travelling to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Return to Saigon. (B,L)
- **Day 9: Mekong Delta Cruise**
Travel to Ben Tre and cruise on the Mekong River before returning to Saigon. Later, fly to Siem Reap. (B,L)
- **Days 10-11: Explore Angkor Wat**
Spend two days at Angkor Wat. (B,L)
- **Day 12: Visit Phnom Penh**
Fly to Phnom Penh and tour the Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes and the Killing Fields. (B,L)

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30 Apr - 30 May	£3,490	30 Sep - 31 Oct	£3,590
31 May - 29 Jun	£3,390	01 Nov - 08 Dec	£3,590
30 Jun - 14 Jul	£3,390	09 Dec - 22 Dec	Request
15 Jul - 09 Aug	£3,390	23 Dec - 30 Dec	Request

Flight and supplement information
Based on London Heathrow departures
Tour departs any day subject to availability. 3★ superior and 4★ hotels used.

- Single room option from £290
- Sole passenger price from £4,280
- Land only from £2,530 (Hanoi - Phnom Penh)

Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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- Excludes tipping

■ **Days 13-14: Fly Phnom Penh to UK**
Visit the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. Later that day, fly overnight to the UK. (B)



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▲ MEKONG DELTA

Mekong Discovery

Follow the course of the Mekong, from Vietnam's verdant delta up to the glorious temples of Angkor in Cambodia, getting a taste of authentic Indochina as you go

- **Mekong Delta floating markets**
- **Cham tribal village**
- **Tonle Sap Wetlands**
- **Awe-inspiring Angkor**
- **Days 1-2: Fly to Saigon**
Fly overnight to Saigon. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.
- **Day 3: Explore Saigon**
Visit Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office; the Reunification Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum. (B)
- **Day 4: Embarkation**
Transfer to My Tho and embark your cruise ship. (B,L,D)
- **Day 5: Cai Be and Sa Dec**
Experience the floating market of Cai Be and cruise to Sa Dec. (B,L,D)
- **Day 6: Cham Tribal village and Chau Doc**
Visit a Cham Tribal village, a catfish farm and enjoy a trishaw ride around Chau Doc. Cruise through the Cambodian border overnighting near Phnom Penh. (B,L,D)
- **Day 7: Explore Phnom Penh**
Take a cyclo tour around Phnom Penh; visit the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum. Take an optional excursion to the Killings Fields and Tuol Sleng Museum. (B,L,D)
- **Day 8: Tonle Sap River**
Travel up the Tonle Sap River by boat or road (depending on water levels) to Kampong Chhnang where you will take a motorboat excursions into the wetlands. (B,L,D)
- **Day 9: Kampong Cham**
Stop at Chong Koh silk weaving village and Peam Chi Kang Village. (B,L,D)
- **Day 10: Kampong Cham**
Visit the hilltop temple of Wat Hanchey. Travel to the Twin Holy Mountains of Phnom Pros and Phnom Srey. (B,L,D)
- **Day 11: Siem Reap**
Disembark from the cruise and transfer to Siem Reap. (B)
- **Day 12: Angkor Wat**
Explore awe-inspiring Angkor Wat and see Angkor Thom and Elephant Terrace. (B,L)

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08 Jul - 22 Jul	£2,990	29 Oct - 12 Nov	£3,490
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04 Feb - 18 Feb	£3,690	17 Mar - 31 Mar	£3,790

Flight and supplement information
Based on London Heathrow departures
3★ superior and 4★ hotels used.

- Single room option from £740
- Sole passenger price from £4,380
- Land only from £2,340 (Saigon - Siem Reap)

Price includes:

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■ **Day 13: Explore Angkor**
Admire Preah Kahn, Neak Pean and Ta Prohm temples and the Sreah Srang Royal Pool. (B,L)

■ **Days 14-15: Fly Siem Reap to UK**
Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

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Hand Picked Hotels

The hotels we use on our Exclusive Collection tours have been hand-picked to compliment the high quality of experiences and touring, meaning you will be staying in 5-star luxury throughout in the best locations



Caravelle Hotel, Saigon

A stylish mixture of French and Vietnamese design, feel at home in the soothing tones of the Caravelle's elegantly decorated bedrooms. This eco-friendly hotel has free wifi throughout, an outdoor pool with sun terrace, a lively rooftop bar with a bird's eye view of the city and is located in the heart of Saigon.



Palm Garden, Hoi An

A classic resort set in five acres of lush, landscaped gardens, the Palm Garden is just metres from Cua Dai Beach. Rooms are spacious and classically decorated with a balcony complete with garden or sea views, whilst hotel facilities include a spa, outdoor pool and tennis courts. There is also a free shuttle service to Hoi An old town, just five minutes away.



Xiengthong Palace, Luang Prabang

Located in the very centre of Luang Prabang, next to the breathtaking Wat Xiengthong, the boutique Xieng Thong Palace was the last residence of the Laos Royal Family. Rooms elegantly capture the spirit of Laos and there is a spa, outdoor pool, bar and restaurant.



Hotel de l'Opera, Hanoi

Centrally located close to the Old Quarter, the l'Opera is an iconic Hanoi hotel, offering a taste of 19th century France in its stylish interiors. Contemporary rooms offer luxurious comfort whilst the public spaces are perfectly elegant. Facilities include an open air terrace, indoor pool, gym, sauna and several excellent restaurants.



Victoria Angkor, Siem Reap

This 5-star resort and spa offers a touch of tranquility and a classic colonial feel in the heart of Siem Reap. Rooms are furnished with dark woods and have balconies overlooking the tropical gardens. Enjoy the saltwater swimming pool and spa tub and sample French and Khmer cuisine.



Bhaya Cruises

Bhaya combines traditional Vietnamese style with modern comforts and by sailing a lesser used route through Halong Bay they are able to offer a more exclusive cruising experience. Deluxe cabins are elegantly decorated with large picture windows and en suite bathrooms. Dine on Vietnamese-Western fusion cuisine, sip a drink from the bar on the sundeck or relax in the spa.

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Culinary walking tour

Embark on a gastronomic journey through Saigon's vibrant street food scene. Stroll the buzzing streets to visit the most popular stalls and vendors tasting local delicacies such as Vietnamese pancakes, spring rolls and fresh coconut. End the evening relaxing with the locals, eating seafood and sipping on a cold Saigon beer.



Mekong Mango Cruise

The Mekong Delta produces half of Vietnam's total agricultural output and offers timeless rural vistas. Explore the lush fields, fragrant orchards and narrow canals by xe loi, sampan and bicycle. Also pay visits to local people including a former Vietcong soldier to learn about their way of life and the cottage industries they run from their homes.



Bat Trang Ceramic Village

Bat Trang is a handicraft village that specialises in traditional porcelain and pottery. Located in an area rich in clay and lying on the Red River between two ancient trade centres, ceramics have been produced here since the 15th century. Visit a workshop to see the craftsmen in action, observing the entire production process from clay to kiln.



Private water puppet show

Originating from the villages of the Red River Delta in the 11th century, water puppetry was created by farmers to stave off boredom when their fields were flooded. Visit the home of a water puppet artist in Hanoi where you can discuss this traditional art, participate in the puppet making process and enjoy a private puppet show.



Hoi An cooking class

Traditional Vietnamese cuisine has long been admired for its use of fresh ingredients and fine spicing. Your hands-on cookery class involves a trip to the market to purchase local produce before you head to the kitchen. Get involved and prepare a number of local delicacies, learning about food culture and herb lore as you go.



Cambodian circus

A theatrical spectacular, The Cambodian Circus, based in Siem Reap is run by an NGO, Phare Ponleu Selpak, who give under privileged youths an education in the arts and then a place to earn a living wage. Performances mix theatre, music, dance and acrobatics whilst addressing the big issues in Cambodian society.



▲ HOI AN

NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: DO CHI HUNG

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- Exuberant Saigon
- Fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels
- Charming Hoi An
- Breathtaking Halong Bay

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Saigon
Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to Saigon. On arrival you will be accompanied by one of our experienced escorts to the hotel.

■ Day 3: Discover Saigon
Saigon has evolved from war-torn city to thriving metropolis, the powerhouse driving Vietnam towards its ever brighter future. See the French-built Notre Dame Cathedral; the Central Post Office, a neoclassical edifice designed by Gustave Eiffel; the Reunification Palace, the site of the end of the Vietnam War; and the harrowing War Remnants Museum. After browsing through Ben Thanh Market, enjoy a three-course dinner at Xu Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ Day 4: Mekong Delta Cruise
Travel to Ben Tre to board your Mekong Delta cruise boat. The delta region is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', supplying the country with huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Life here revolves around the river and you'll be able to catch a glimpse of it as you explore the maze of palm-lined canals. Take a cycle tour amongst the verdant fields and meet the local people. Return to Saigon. (B,L)

■ Day 5: Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh
Experience the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of the elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Continue to Tay Ninh to see the striking Holy See of the Cao Dai religion. Native to Vietnam, it is a fascinating blend of Buddhism, Christianity, Taoism, Confucianism and Islam. Return to Saigon and embark on a culinary adventure through the city's vibrant street food scene. (B,L,D)

■ Day 6: Journey to Hoi An
Fly to Danang and transfer to the charming town of Hoi An, stopping en route at the Marble Mountains. Dine this evening on the creative Vietnamese cuisine of Ancient Faifo Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ Day 7: Explore Hoi An
Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European styles, its narrow streets retaining a quirky, old world charm. This morning, tour the market to choose fresh ingredients from a colourful array of local produce for your Vietnamese cookery class, where you'll learn to create a number of local dishes. This afternoon wander the old streets, visiting the Quan Cong Chinese Temple and the elaborate Japanese Bridge before taking tea at a traditional tea house. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

■ Day 8: Free day
Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. (B)



■ Day 9: Hoi An to Hue
Taking the scenic Hai Van Pass, travel to the Imperial City of Hue. Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. A cyclo will deliver you to its grandiose entrance and you'll be able to explore before taking a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda. This evening, sit down to a dining experience at Ancient Hue Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Journey to Hanoi
Visit the extravagant Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, an emperor whose reign is remembered for his opposition to French colonial rule. Travel to the airport to fly to Hanoi. (B,L)

■ Day 11: Explore Hanoi
Hanoi, Vietnam's capital, evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learn about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature before wandering the bustling alleys of the Old Quarter. Later meet a water puppeteer who will introduce you to this traditional 11th century art and put on a private water puppet show. (B,L,D)



▲ HALONG BAY

■ Day 12: Halong Bay
Halong Bay's thousands of limestone islands project from the tranquil depths of emerald waters creating a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Board a traditionally-designed junk and enjoy a seafood lunch before setting sail into the bay. Cruise amongst the karst pinnacles, stopping to explore mysterious caves as we go. Spend the night anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

■ Day 13: Sun rise over Halong Bay
Rise early to see the sun rise over the karst-scapes of the bay and savour the serenity of the early morning. Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there'll be time for brunch before disembarking. On the way back to Hanoi there will be a stop en route at the Bat Trang Ceramic Village, a traditional handicraft village where you can visit workshops and meet the local craftsmen. Dinner this evening will be at the classically designed Press Club. (B,D)

■ Day 14: Fly Hanoi to UK
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day and journey home by chauffeured transfer. (B)

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17 Sep - 30 Sep	£3,790		

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▲ SAIGON

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Classical Vietnam NEW

From south to north, Vietnam is a colourful kaleidoscope of local culture, rich heritage and diverse landscapes. Journey through harrowing history, imperial grandeur and natural majesty on a superior itinerary that brings classic sights together with those little added extras

- **Verdant Mekong Delta**
- **Seaside Nha Trang**
- **Imperial Hue**
- **Elegant Hanoi**

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■ **Day 3: Discover Saigon**

Saigon has evolved from war-torn city to thriving metropolis, the powerhouse driving Vietnam towards its ever brighter future. See the French-built Notre Dame Cathedral; the Central Post Office, a neoclassical edifice designed by Gustave Eiffel; the Reunification Palace, the site of the end of the Vietnam War; and the harrowing War Remnants Museum. After browsing through Ben Thanh Market, enjoy a three-course dinner at Xu Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 4: Mekong Delta Cruise**

Travel to Ben Tre to board your Mekong Delta cruise boat. The delta region is known

as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', supplying the country with huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Life here revolves around the river and you'll be able to catch a glimpse of it as you explore the maze of palm-lined canals. Take a cycle tour amongst the verdant fields and meet the local people. Return to Saigon and embark on a culinary adventure through the city's vibrant street food scene. (B,L)

■ **Day 5: Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh**

Experience the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of the elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Continue to Tay Ninh to see the striking Holy See of the Cao Dai religion. Native to Vietnam, it is a fascinating blend of Buddhism, Christianity, Taoism, Confucianism and Islam. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 6: Travel to Nha Trang**

Transfer to the airport to fly to Nha Trang. This is Vietnam's top beach resort, a sweep of yellow sand lapped by cool waters and backed by a relaxed urban centre. This afternoon explore the Po Nagar Cham Towers, still used for worship today. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 7: Nha Trang cruise**

Spend the day cruising the clear waters and islands off the coast of Nha Trang Bay. Stops will be made at Mun Island and a local fishing village and there may be time for you to take a dip in the cool waters. (B,L)

■ **Day 8: Journey to Hoi An**

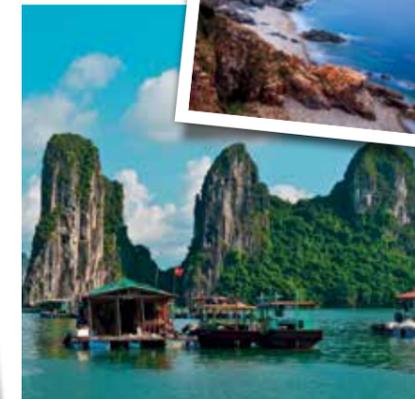
Fly to Danang and transfer to the charming town of Hoi An, stopping en route at the Marble Mountains. Dine this evening on the creative Vietnamese cuisine of Ancient Faifo Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 9: Explore Hoi An**

Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European styles – its narrow streets retaining a quirky, old world charm. This morning wander the old streets, visiting Hoi An market, the Quan Cong Chinese Temple and the elaborate Japanese Bridge before taking tea at a traditional tea house. The afternoon is at leisure. (B,L)



▲ IMPERIAL CITADEL, HUE



▲ HALONG BAY

■ **Day 10: Free day**

Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. (B)

■ **Day 11: Hoi An to Hue**

Taking the scenic Hai Van Pass, travel to the imperial city of Hue. Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. A cyclo will deliver you to its grandiose entrance and you'll be able to explore here and in the Forbidden Purple City. This evening, sit down to a dining experience at Ancient Hue Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 12: Explore Hue**

Visit the extravagant Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, an emperor whose reign is remembered for his opposition to French colonial rule. This afternoon take a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 13: Journey to Hanoi**

Enjoy some free time this morning before transferring to the airport to fly to Hanoi. (B,L)

■ **Day 14: Explore Hanoi**

Hanoi, Vietnam's capital, evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, learning about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature, Hanoi's first university and a site of Confucian worship, before wandering the bustling alleys of the Old Quarter. (B,L)

■ **Day 15: Halong Bay**

Halong Bay's thousands of limestone islands project from the tranquil depths of emerald waters creating a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Board a traditionally-designed junk and enjoy a seafood lunch before setting sail into the bay. Cruise amongst the karst pinnacles, stopping to explore mysterious caves as we go. Spend the night anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 16: Sun rise over Halong Bay**

Rise early to see the sun rise over the karst-scapes of the bay and savour the serenity of the early morning. Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there'll be time for brunch before disembarking. Back in Hanoi pop into a coffee shop to observe the local café culture, enjoy a performance of the famous water puppets, a centuries old art developed by farmers of the Red River Delta, followed by dinner at the classically designed Press Club. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 17: Fly Hanoi to UK**

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day and journey home by chauffeured transfer. (B)

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Extend in Sapa

4 nights from £710pp

■ **Day 17: Overnight train**

Transfer to the station to board the overnight train to Lao Cai. Your accommodation will be in a deluxe air-conditioned cabin. (B)

■ **Days 18-19: Explore Sapa**

Arrive and transfer to the Victoria Sapa Resort and Spa. Sapa is set in breathtaking scenery of rolling hills and sweeping rice terraces. Over the next two days explore the local area, visiting colourful markets, minority villages, spectacular valleys and tribal architecture. (B,L)

■ **Day 20: Sapa to Hanoi**

Transfer back to the station to board your overnight train to Hanoi. (B,L)

■ **Day 21: Hanoi**

Arrive in Hanoi early in the morning and transfer to your hotel.



▲ HALONG BAY

NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MR HOL NY

Three different nations and three different cultures but I could just describe the three countries as simply beautiful, endlessly charming, with lands of wonders.



Heart of Indochina NEW

A multitude of delights await you in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia as you enjoy this comprehensive tour and its deluxe touches. Uncover affecting history, immerse yourself in rich culture, and savour the simplicity of life in the wonderfully contrasting landscapes of the region

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- **Breathtaking Halong Bay**
- **Spiritual Luang Prabang**
- **Awe-inspiring Angkor**

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religion native to Vietnam and a fascinating blend of faiths. Return to Saigon where this evening you will embark on your culinary adventure of Saigon's sizzling street food scene. (B,L,D)

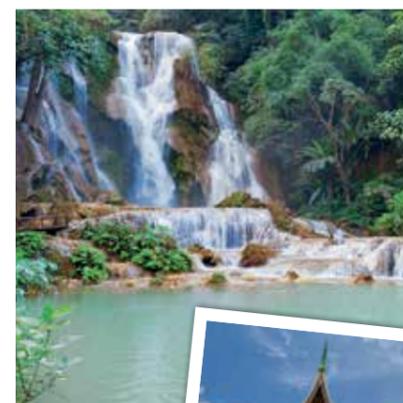
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■ **Day 6: Explore Hoi An**
Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hanoi is a rich fusion of architectural styles, its narrow streets lined with wooden-fronted shop houses each festooned with lanterns. This morning tour the market to choose fresh ingredients from the colourful array of local produce for your Vietnamese cookery class, where you'll be learning to prepare a number of local dishes. This afternoon wander the old streets, visiting the Japanese Bridge and Chinese Pagoda before taking tea at a traditional tea house. (B,L)

■ **Day 7: Free day**
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■ **Day 8: Explore Hanoi**
Fly to Hanoi. Hanoi evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Visit the Temple of Literature, Hanoi's first university and a revered Confucian shrine and Ngoc Son Temple before taking a cyclo ride through the bustling alleys of the Old Quarter. Meet with a water puppeteer who will introduce you to this traditional art, and put on a private performance. (B,L)

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Thousands of limestone islands dot the emerald waters of Halong Bay creating a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Voyage the bay aboard a traditionally-designed junk stopping to explore the sights as we go. Spend the night anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)



▲ KUANG SI WATERFALLS



▲ ANGKOR WAT

■ **Day 10: Sun rise over Halong Bay**
Rise early to see the sun rise over the karst-scapes. Continue cruising and enjoy brunch before disembarking. Back in Hanoi dinner this evening will be at the classically designed Press Club. (B,L,D).

■ **Day 11: Travel to Luang Prabang**
Fly to Luang Prabang. Nestled amongst green mountains, the city is Laos' cultural heart, an oasis of calm antiquity and rich heritage. This afternoon wander the old city visiting Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong before climbing Phousi Hill to watch the sun set over the golden spires of the city. (B,L)

■ **Day 12: Takbat**
Rise early to observe the ceremony of Takbat. Watch the monks, swathed in their vibrant robes, collecting alms from the locals. Take to the languid waters of the Mekong to visit the Pak Ou caves, renowned for the hundreds of carved Buddha statues that reside within. Visit the picturesque village of Thin Hong to witness the daily life of the locals and their cottage industries. (B,L)

■ **Day 13: Explore Luang Prabang**
Get to grips with Laotian history at the National Museum before heading to the picturesque Kuang Si Waterfalls where you can take dip in one of the vivid blue pools. On the return to Luang Prabang stop at the Ock Pop Tok weaving centre. This evening you are invited to a local home to participate in a Bac Ceremonial, an integral part of Laos culture. Enjoy dinner at L'Elephant Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 14: Travel to Siem Reap**
Fly to Siem Reap. Visit Banteay Srei, a 10th-century Hindu temple called the 'Jewel of Khmer art' due to its elaborate decorative embellishments. Climb to the towering summit of Pre Rup temple to watch the sun set over the surrounding rice fields. (B,L)

■ **Day 15: Explore Angkor**
Spend the day discovering the magnificence of Angkor. Pass through the south gateway of Angkor Thom to visit jungle-wreathed Ta Prohm; the enigmatic Bayon; the Elephant Terrace; and the Terrace of the Leper King. Finally, wander the shady precincts of the incredible Angkor Wat, the magnum opus of the Khmer Empire. Spend an evening at the Cambodian Circus, run by an NGO that teaches street kids circus skills and performs shows that address the issues in Cambodian society. (B,L)

■ **Day 16: Kampong Kleang**
Visit Kampong Kleang, a floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, meeting the lovely locals and glimpsing a fascinating way of life. Continue to Beng Mealea, a temple lost to the jungle – find your inner adventurer as you explore. This evening, dine at the fashionable Nest Angkor Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ **Days 17-18: Fly Siem Reap to UK**
Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day and journey home in your chauffeured transfer.

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Extend in Sihanoukville – Song Saa Private Island
3 nights from **£1,290pp**

Get castaway on a private tropical island just 35 minutes by boat from Sihanoukville. A luxury eco-friendly resort with an all-inclusive concept, the accommodation at Song Saa Private Island is crafted from stone, driftwood and thatch and set in jungle, on the beach or over the water – all offering contemporary comfort. Relaxation is the watch word here, and you can find your very own patch of sand on the beach or a comfy lounger by the infinity pool to while the sunny days away. Includes return flights and transfers.



▲ MEKONG DELTA

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS:
MR SAM**

Both Cambodia and Vietnam will captivate every traveller with the history from past and the progress of the present.



Cambodia & Vietnam Revealed NEW

Uncover your inner explorer amongst the jungle-wreathed temples of Angkor before embarking on an upgraded itinerary that encompasses the highlights of captivating Cambodia and vibrant Vietnam, concluding amongst the mesmerising karst peaks of Halong Bay

- **Awe-inspiring Angkor**
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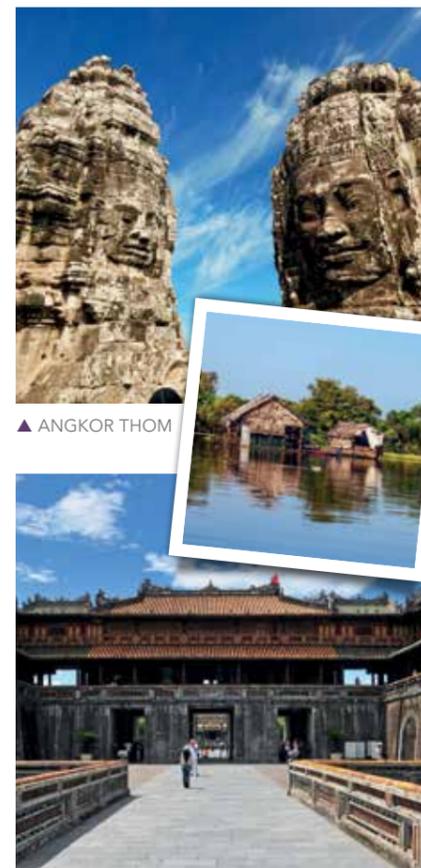
■ **Day 5: Travel to Phnom Penh**
Fly to Phnom Penh. The 'Pearl of Asia' until it was ravaged by war, Phnom Penh has emerged once again as a captivating city. See the glittering Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda and the charming National Museum before a lunch of authentic Khmer cuisine at Bopha Phnom Penh Restaurant. (B,L)

■ **Day 6: Journey to Saigon**
Visit Tuol Sleng, a testament to the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge, before ascending to hilltop Wat Phnom for a final

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▲ ANGKOR THOM

▲ HUE CITADEL

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Extend in Singapore
3 nights from £990pp

Sitting on the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, Singapore is a heady mix of cultural influences in one dynamic city-state. The city offers unparalleled shopping and entertainment, as well as incredible food and a number of vibrant neighbourhoods. Settle into the stylish and sophisticated Orchard Hotel, right in the heart of the action, enjoy the included half day city tour and explore the wealth of urban sights on offer.
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Extend Your Holiday

Southeast Asia is home to some of the most stunning beaches and vibrant cities on the planet. It's so easy to extend your experience, either by adding a stopover or extension to either end of your tour.





Phuket

3 Nights from **£140** per person

Nestled in the balmy waters of the Andaman Sea on Thailand's Indian Ocean coastline, Phuket is Thailand's largest island. With a superb year-round climate and endless miles of immaculate beach it is justifiably the most popular resort destination in Thailand. With world class dining, a wide range of family entertainment and plenty of excellent hotels to choose from – whatever you want from your holiday experience, Phuket will be able to deliver it.

Your Hotel

Located across from the white sands of Karon Beach, **The Old Phuket** is just steps away from restaurants, shops and the enticing waters of the Andaman Sea. All of the tastefully designed rooms boast spacious balconies, as well as satellite TV, mini-bar and safety deposit boxes. The focal point of the hotel is a beautiful pool, where you could easily while away your days in the sunshine.

Adding this on

This is ideal for those finishing their tour in Bangkok, with numerous daily direct flights. Alternatively, you can easily add this beach stay onto any of the tours in this brochure if you fly internationally with Malaysia Airlines, Singapore Airlines or Thai Airways.

Upgrade your experience

Situated in the laid back south of Phuket away from the tourist hot-spots, **The Vijitt Resort** is designed around swaying palms and tropical plants – there is a natural ambience that makes you feel utterly at peace wherever you are in the resort. The large infinity pool features magnificent views out to the various islands dotted around the sea. Your villa is particularly luxurious with wall to ceiling windows, a spacious private terrace, an expansive bathroom with large bath and an outdoor rain shower.

Price includes

- 3 nights beach hotel
- Return airport transfers
- Breakfast daily
- 4 ☆ **The Old Phuket** from £140pp
- 5 ☆ **The Vijitt Resort** from £280pp

Price excludes flights.



Koh Samui

3 Nights from **£160** per person

An oasis of natural beauty, Koh Samui is famed for blue skies, palm trees, clear seas and countless coconuts – it offers everything you would expect from an idyllic, tropical beach break. The island is situated within Ang Thong National Marine Park amongst many uninhabited islands and is renowned for its superb snorkelling and scuba diving amongst the surrounding brightly coloured coral.

Your Hotel

The Lamai Wanta is located right on the beach in the very centre of Lamai – it is close to all the shops, restaurants and entertainment but still maintains a peace and exclusivity. Rooms are situated in a vast tropical garden facing the wide beach and white sands. Facilities include a beachfront swimming pool and restaurant, as well as WiFi access throughout the entire resort.

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On the secluded north end of Koh Samui's popular Chaweng Beach, the traditionally designed **Amari Palm Reef** features two beautiful swimming pools, excellent family facilities and free WiFi throughout the resort. For those looking for a truly luxurious beachside break, the romantic **Tongsai Bay** is hidden amongst 25 acres of breathtaking natural beauty and overlooks a stunning sandy bay, facilities include a private beach and world-class spa facilities.

Price includes

- 3 nights beach hotel
- Return airport transfers
- Breakfast daily
- 3 ☆ **Lamai Wanta** from £160pp
- 4 ☆ **Amari Palm Reef** from £240pp
- 5 ☆ **Tongsai Bay** from £430pp

Price excludes flights.



Hua Hin

3 Nights from **£320** per person

No more than a three hour drive from Bangkok, Hua Hin is the perfect beach destination for those not wanting to travel long distances from the capital city. Expect something a little more traditional than Thailand's more popular sunshine resorts – Hua Hin is an intriguing intermingling of seaside and city with miles of beautiful beach but plenty of colourful markets and local culture.

Your Hotel

Overlooking the Gulf of Siam, the highly rated **Rest Detail Hotel** has a blissful beachside location and an irresistible palm fringed pool at the centre of the property. Don't expect an oversized resort hotel, with an infinite numbers of rooms - instead you'll get a boutique hotel experience with an always attentive and highly personalised team of staff and a range of excellent facilities from delicious restaurants to a superb spa.

EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY

Adding this on

This is ideal for those starting or finishing their tour in Bangkok, depending on traffic levels, Hua Hin is approximately a 2.5 hour land transfer from the city (slightly shorter from the airport). Alternatively, you can easily add this beach stay onto any of the tours in this brochure if you fly internationally with Thai Airways.

Upgrade your experience

Situated on the pristine and golden sand stretch of Pak Nampran Bay, **Aleenta Hua Hin** is located to the south of Hua Hin in peaceful Pranburi. With just 22 rooms, this is an authentic hideaway, where you'll feel millions of miles away from urban influences – this is the place to do absolutely nothing. The dining is world class, the spa is outstanding and your luxurious Ocean View Room is just steps away from the tranquil seafront.

Price includes

- 3 nights beach hotel
- Return airport transfers (from Bangkok)
- Breakfast daily
- 4 ☆ **Rest Detail Hotel** from £320pp
- 5 ☆ **Aleenta Hua Hin** from £390pp

Additional flight costs may apply.



Koh Lanta

3 Nights from **£480** per person

Located just off the Andaman Coast in Krabi Province, the idyllic island of Koh Lanta remains relatively untouched by tourism. This isn't a place to go if you're after big resorts and beachside entertainment – this is where you go for long languid strolls on empty beaches and for peaceful evenings watching the sun set. Koh Lanta resides in Mu Ko Lanta Marine National Park and is famed for its snorkelling and diving.

Your Hotel

Layana Resort & Spa is a haven of pampered indulgence, tranquil vistas, manicured landscapes and personalised service, it features a delicate combination of unique Thai culture and modern luxury. Perfectly positioned on one of the finest beaches in the region, you are surrounded on all sides by natural wonder. With an adult-only policy and just 50 rooms, the resort is always amazingly peaceful. After you've explored the small island and found your own stretch of perfect beach - relaxing by the pool, a session or three in the spa or a few glasses of wine at the excellent restaurant can easily turn into several days of bliss.

Adding this on

Add Koh Lanta onto any of our tours that start or finish in Bangkok with numerous direct flights to Krabi, from where you can transfer to Koh Lanta. Alternatively, you can easily add this beach stay onto any of the tours in this brochure if you fly internationally with Thai Airways.

Price includes

- 3 nights beach hotel
- Return airport transfers
- Breakfast daily
- 5 ☆ **Layana Resort & Spa** from £480pp

Price excludes flights.



Classic Cambodia

5 Nights from **£430** per person

Combine poignant history with awe-inspiring temples on this classic itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Phnom Penh

Transfer from the airport to the hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 2: Discover Phnom Penh

Visit the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Museum, testaments to the genocidal rule of the Khmer Rouge, or browse the local markets, before visiting the Royal Palace and

Silver Pagoda. Finish the day with a sunset cruise on the Mekong. (B,L)

Day 3: Explore Angkor Wat

Fly to Siem Reap. Explore the magnificent temples of Angkor visiting the Bayon, Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King, with the afternoon dedicated to the breathtaking Angkor Wat. (B,L)

Day 4: Siem Reap

Depending on the season (high or low water) visit Tonle Sap Lake or the National Silk Centre followed by Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. (B,L)

Day 5: Depart Siem Reap

Visit Prasat Kravan, Banteay Kdei and Ta Prohm temples before transferring to the airport where arrangements end. (B)

Your Hotels

Stay in the heart of downtown Phnom Penh at the stylish **Cardamom Hotel** whilst in Siem Reap the **Frangipani Villa** offers comfortable accommodation in a quiet neighbourhood close to the centre.

Upgrade your experience

Superior accommodation from **£540pp**
Frangipani Royal Palace
Tara Angkor

Deluxe accommodation from **£730pp**
Sofitel Phnom Penh
Sofitel Siem Reap

Price includes

- Transport as stated
- Accommodation as stated
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides
- Entrance fees for sights visited

Price excludes flights and current taxes, visa fees and tipping.



Langkawi

3 Nights from **£240** per person

This beautiful archipelago of 99 tropical islands is dominated by Pulau Langkawi, which in addition to stunning beaches and swaying palms – also boasts a number of world class resorts, restaurants and tourist facilities. Despite this, Langkawi retains a wonderful authenticity; the cultural traditions of everyday local life are not affected by the many visitors to this sublime Andaman Sea enclave.

Your Hotel

A picturesque resort sprawling over 13 lush acres and fronted by Langkawi's finest beach, Pantai Tengah, the **Holiday Villa Beach Resort and Spa** offers accommodation with a simple elegance. Myriad facilities include an outdoor pool, Jacuzzi, tennis courts, beach bar and five restaurants.

Adding this on

You can easily add this Beach Stay onto any of the tours in this brochure if you fly internationally with Malaysia Airlines or Singapore Airlines.

Upgrade your experience

Sitting on the edge of ancient rainforest on the remarkable Datai Bay, **The Andaman**, is a most indulgent resort. Rooms are decked out in smooth dark wood whilst the delicious cuisine, spa and swimming pool are all world class. Designed in the style of a Malay village the five-star **Meritus Pelangi Beach Resort and Spa** is set on the white sands of the famous Cenang Beach. Rooms are full of luxury touches, like bath robes and rain showers, and have spacious verandahs overlooking the grounds.

Price includes

- 3 nights beach hotel
- Return airport transfers
- Breakfast daily

- 3 ☆ **Holiday Villa Beach Resort and Spa** from £240pp
- 4 ☆ **The Andaman** from £320pp
- 5 ☆ **Meritus Pelangi** from £380pp

Price excludes flights.



Phu Quoc

3 Nights from **£150** per person

A vision of white-sand beaches and thick, lush jungle, the island of Phu Quoc has, for now, retained the air of a sleepy backwater. Lapped by the waters of the Gulf of Thailand, this is an island on which to find adventure – diving, kayaking and exploring by motorbike are all on the menu, though of course simply lounging on the fine beaches has an irresistible draw.

Your Hotel

Just outside of Phu Quoc's main town, Duong Dong, the **Thien Hai Son Resort** provides comfortable accommodation, with terrace, on the seafront. Featuring an outdoor pool, Jacuzzi and private beach it is the ideal base for both relaxation and exploration.



Mui Ne & Phan Thiet

4 Nights from **£440** per person

Famous for its sweeping red sand dunes and epic surf, the 20 kilometres between Phan Thiet and Mui Ne offer a world of opportunity – from simply relaxing by the pool or on the beach, to windsurfing, kitesurfing or even sandsurfing. Take a walk through Phan Thiet and visit its pretty fishing harbour, or explore Mui Ne town and taste the freshest seafood from one of the many seafood stands.

Your Hotel

Located on the beach front between Phan Thiet and Mui Ne, the **Mia Resort** features tastefully appointed, spacious and airy bedrooms, overlooking the surrounding tropical gardens. The Mia is the perfect base from which to explore, relax on the beach or simply indulge in the spa. Facilities include a beautiful mosaicked swimming pool, WiFi internet access throughout, and the ever-popular Sandals Restaurant, serving stunning Vietnamese and western cuisine.

EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY

Adding this on

Phu Quoc is a short flight from Saigon, with 4 daily services. There is also a daily flight from Hanoi meaning, this is an easy extension for any of our tours starting or finishing in Vietnam.

Upgrade your experience

Offering a range of excellent facilities, including a pool, fitness centre and tennis courts, the **Saigon Phu Quoc Resort** and Spa features bright rooms with classic wood furnishings and private balconies. Set on the beach just outside Duong Dong, here you can indulge in a spa treatment before sipping a drink at the Pool or Sunset Bay. The luxury option could only be the boutique La Veranda Resort, an intimate resort with colonial-style charms. Rooms, set amongst the tropical gardens, are elegant, cool and airy with balcony/terrace, whilst the three restaurants turn out world-class cuisine.

Price includes

- 3 nights beach hotel
- Return airport transfers
- Breakfast daily

- 3 ☆ **Thien Hai Son Resort** from £150pp
- 4 ☆ **Saigon – Phu Quoc Resort** from £280pp
- 5 ☆ **La Veranda Resort** from £390pp

Price excludes flights.

Adding this on

With flights to Saigon from Hanoi, Siem Reap, Cambodia or Laos, then a short connecting drive, Mui Ne and Phan Thiet is an easy add-on for any tour ending in Indochina.

Upgrade your experience

Nestled on the beach in Phan Thiet, the **Anatara Mui Ne** features contemporary bedrooms infused with touches of Vietnamese charm. Take a swim in the deck-top pool, with stunning views of the bay. For a five-star experience, upgrade to the **Princess D'Annam**. This beautifully designed hotel combines colonial ambience with a modern touch. The bright, spacious bedrooms overlook tropical gardens and two swimming pools, and the hotel overlooks a pristine section of Phan Thiet Beach.

Price includes

- 4 nights beach hotel
- Return airport transfers
- Breakfast daily

- 4 ☆ **Mia Resort** from £440pp
- 4+ ☆ **Anatara Resort** from £460pp
- 5 ☆ **Princess D'Annam** from £550pp

Price excludes flights.



Hong Kong

3 Nights from **£290** per person

A sophisticated and lively metropolis, colonial influences and modern skyscrapers mask a distinctly Chinese character, making Hong Kong arguably the ultimate east-meets-west destination. On your included half day tour, visit colourful Stanley Market, Aberdeen Fishing Village, and see Hong Kong's famous skyline from Victoria Peak. As a city break destination, Hong Kong really does have it all.

Your Hotel

The **BP International** is ideally located in bustling Kowloon, next to the lush calming green of Kowloon Park, around the corner from the excellent shopping on Nathan Road and within walking distance of the harbour. Rooms are well lit and modern, and facilities include a café, restaurant and bar.

Adding this on

This can be easily added to any of our tours by flying internationally with Cathay Pacific.

Upgrade your experience

Park Hotel is an oasis of serenity amongst the bustle of Kowloon. Rooms are modern and generous whilst facilities include fitness room, café and bar. **The Cosmopolitan Hotel** is located on Hong Kong Island, across from the Happy Valley Racecourse. Rooms are contemporarily furnished and there is a fitness centre, bar and restaurant to enjoy. For a touch of luxury try the **Harbour Grand Kowloon** or **InterContinental Grand Stanford** both situated on the Kowloon's waterfront with excellent views over the city and harbour. Relax by the luxurious outdoor pool and dine in world-class restaurants.

Price includes

- Airport transfers
- Accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Half day city tour

- 3 ☆ **BP International** from £290pp
- 4 ☆ **The Park Hotel** from £360pp
- 4 ☆ **Cosmopolitan (Dorsett Wan Chai)** from £340pp
- 5 ☆ **The Harbour Grand Kowloon** from £540pp
- 5 ☆ **Intercontinental Grand Stanford** from £590pp

Additional flight costs may apply.



Singapore

2 Nights from **£240** per person

At the southern tip of the Malaysian Peninsula the dynamic Lion City is a unique blend of Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions, that have produced a fascinating and varied city with incredible food, shopping and entertainment. Explore the awe-inspiring Gardens by the Bay, eat in vibrant Little India, meet orangutans at Singapore Zoo and visit the world-class shops on Orchard Road.

Your Hotel

In the heart of Changi Business Park, the **Capri by Fraser** is a stylish and modern apartment hotel featuring spacious studio rooms, with kitchenette, and a range of facilities including gym, pool, deli and bars. It is just a five minute walk from the Expo MRT Station which connects you to the heart of the city.

Adding this on

This can be easily added to any of our tours by flying internationally with Singapore Airlines.

Upgrade your experience

York Hotel, is ideally located in the heart of the city and only a five minute walk from Orchard Road. Facilities include a beautiful swimming pool, outdoor jacuzzi, poolside bar and spacious, well-appointed rooms. For even more comfort **Orchard Hotel** blends style and sophistication in a unique Singaporean way. Situated on the vibrant and famous Orchard Road you can enjoy the city's excellent shopping and entertainment, relax in the outdoor pool and fitness centre, or enjoy the award winning café and restaurants.

Price includes

- 2 nights hotel
- Return airport transfers
- Breakfast daily
- Half day city tour

- 3 ☆ **Capri by Fraser** from £240pp
- 4 ☆ **York Hotel** from £290pp
- 5 ☆ **Orchard Hotel** from £320pp

Additional flight costs may apply.



Kuala Lumpur

2 Nights from **£240** per person

Gateway to Malaysia and the most multi-cultural city in Southeast Asia; KL has evolved from a shanty town into one of the most exciting, bewildering and historic cities in the world, where ethnic Malays, Chinese, Indians and European expats bustle past futuristic skyscrapers and traditional temples. Explore relaxing parks and gardens, the iconic Petronas Towers or the fascinating Old Town.

Your Hotel

Swiss Garden Hotel is located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur between bustling Bukit Bintang and colourful Chinatown. Enjoy a unique dining experience at the restaurant or café; or relax in the pool bar, cocktail bar or tropical spa.

EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY

Adding this on

This can be easily added to any of our tours by flying internationally with Malaysian Airlines.

Upgrade your experience

For grandeur and relaxation the five-star **The Renaissance**, just a short stroll from the Petronas Towers, is unparalleled in Kuala Lumpur. Enjoy a selection of award winning Japanese, Chinese and international restaurants or stay fit in the Olympic-sized swimming pool and fitness centre. Rooms are elegant and contemporary with floor-to-ceiling windows and en suite marble bathrooms, offering the ultimate in comfort.

Price includes

- 3 nights hotel
- Return airport transfers
- Breakfast daily
- Half day city tour

- 3 ☆ **Swiss Garden Hotel** from £240pp
- 4 ☆ **The Renaissance** from £280pp
- 5 ☆ **Ritz Carlton Hotel** from £380pp

Additional flight costs may apply.



Bangkok

3 Nights from **£200** per person

Capital of the Land of Smiles, Bangkok is an experience like no other; from markets that float on the river or huddle along railway tracks, to golden palaces and Buddhist temples, modern skyscrapers and hotels, and above all else, the incredible, exciting and varied cuisine – all served up with a classic Thai welcome.

Your Hotel

Designed to provide everything the modern traveller needs with ease and convenience, the **Glow Trinity Silom** is a contemporary and well-appointed hotel located in the heart of downtown Bangkok. Facilities include a swimming pool, gym, sauna and spa.

Adding this on

This can be easily added to any tour starting or finishing in Bangkok, or to any of our tours by flying internationally with Thai Airways.

Upgrade your experience

Furama Silom is an elegant and ideally located hotel. Enjoy the rooftop swimming pool and bar, or sample the diverse range of cuisine on offer in the Rama@Silom restaurant. For added luxury the newly renovated **Pullman Bangkok Hotel G** provides unmatched style and class. Sample the international cuisine at a selection of world-class restaurants and relax in the state of the art wellness centre.

Price includes

- 3 nights hotel
- Return airport transfers
- Breakfast daily
- Half day city tour

- 3 ☆ **Glow Trinity Silom** from £200pp
- 4 ☆ **Furama Silom** from £240pp
- 5 ☆ **Pullman Bangkok Hotel G** from £310pp

Additional flight costs may apply.

Hotels

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town.

Hanoi

Chalcedony Hotel
4 Nguyen Truong To,
Ba Dinh District,
Hanoi.

Platinum 2 Hotel
57 Nguyen Truong To Street,
Ba Dinh District,
Hanoi.

Hoi An

Van Loi Hotel
Cam Nam,
Hoi An.

Life Resort Hoi An
1 Pham Hong Thai Street,
Quang Nam Province,
Hoi An.

Saigon

Lan Lan 2
46 Thu Khoa Huan,
Ward Ben Thanh,
District 1,
Saigon.

Caravelle Hotel
17 -19 Lam Son Square,
District 1,
Saigon.

Hue



Imperial Hotel
10 Hung Vuong Boulevard,
Hue.

Phnom Penh

Castle Hotel
4-6 Street 148,
Phnom Penh.

Sunway Hotel
No. 1, Street 92,
Sangkat Wat,
Phnom Penh.



Cardamom Hotel
No 69, St. 174,
Sangkat Phsar Thmey III,
Khan Daun Penh,
Phnom Penh.

Siem Reap

Royal Crown
7 Makara Street,
Wat Bo Village,
Khum Sala Kamroek,
Siem Reap.

Angkor Holiday Hotel
Corner of Sivutha Blvd and the National,
Rd N. 6, Siem Reap.

Sihanoukville

Holiday Villa Nataya Hotel
502, Street Serendipity Beach,
Phoum 4, Sangkat 4, Sihanoukville.

Vientiane

Vientiane Plaza Hotel
Sailom Road,
Hatsady Neua Village,
Vientiane.

Luang Prabang

Chitchareune Muang Luang Hotel
Ban Thatluang,
BounKhong Road, Luang Prabang.

Villa Santi Hotel & Resort,
Sakkarine Road, PO Box 681,
Luang Prabang.

Bangkok

Glow Trinity Silom,
Lumphini, Pathum Wan,
Bangkok.

Holiday Inn Silom Bangkok,
981 Silom Road, Bangrak,
Bangkok.

Rangoon

Summit Parkview Hotel
350 Ahlone Road,
Dagon Township,
Rangoon.

Mandalay

Yadanarpon Dynasty
NO. 413, 65th Street,
Tharzan Township,
Mandalay.

Bagan

Shwe Yee Pwint Hotel
Kant Kaw Street,
Anawrahta Ward, Khan Long,
Bagan.



Asia for all Seasons

Our tours cover the length and breadth of 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RANGOON			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	18	31	30
Feb	19	34	35
Mar	20	36	40
Apr	24	37	40
May	25	34	42
Jun	25	30	38
Jul	24	29	38
Aug	24	30	36
Sep	25	30	37
Oct	23	31	38
Nov	22	30	37
Dec	19	28	33

Hanoi

Situated in the north of Vietnam, Hanoi experiences cold and dry winters and hot and humid summers. Spring and autumn are the most ideal times to visit with warmer temperatures and lower humidity.

Saigon

Tropical Saigon is usually warm all year round and dry during the winter and spring months. Popular times to visit are October to December. Saigon's rainy season falls in the summer months, but these rain spells often clear quickly.

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 still make this stunning city warm year round.

Siem Reap

Siem Reap is warm throughout the year. From May to October Siem Reap has its highest rainfall, but temperatures still remain warm. October to April is when Siem Reap is at its driest period.

Luang Prabang

Luang Prabang is located along the Mekong River and had two typical seasons. During the winter months Luang Prabang is hot and dry and during the summer months it is warm but with higher rainfall than the winter months.

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.

Phuket

Phuket enjoys mild weather year round. The hottest period falls between April and May, September and October. The rainy season is during the months of September and October, the rest of the year is largely dry.

Rangoon

Rangoon's summers are hot and humid with heavier rainfall. Between November and February the conditions are more comfortable as the temperature cools slightly and it is dryer. During the spring it becomes much hotter.

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 we will send your confirmation documents.

Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?

A. We will send you a detailed tour dossier, which provides a straightforward description of the physical activities involved on each day of your itinerary. 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. It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on wendywutours.co.uk, or we can arrange for one to be sent to you.

You will also receive 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. 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 staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. See page 100 for examples of hotels we usually use.

Q. How do I get my visa?

A. The cost of your visa is included in the price of your tour (UK & EU passports only). Simply send us your passport, completed visa application form and passport size photos eight weeks before departure by Royal Mail Special Delivery and we aim to have them sent back to you within four weeks. If you require your passport back earlier, please let us know so that we can arrange for an express visa

Service at an additional charge. Passports or visa application forms received six weeks or less before departure will automatically incur an express visa fee. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items. Personal collection or courier services are available on request. Please note that visa regulations can change at any time.

Visas for Laos are not included as there is no Laos consulate in the UK. Visas for Laos are inexpensive and easy to obtain upon arrival in Laos. If travelling into Cambodia overland your visa will also need to be obtained locally.

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. Contact us for details of our recommended policies.

Q. What vaccinations do I need?

A. We recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you.

	Recommended
Vietnam	Hepatitis A, Typhoid & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Cambodia	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Laos	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Thailand	Hepatitis A, Typhoid & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Burma	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.

This information is given as a guide only and no responsibility can be taken for any errors or omissions. Source: www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. Always seek your doctor's advice.



Q. How fit do I need to be?

A. Our group tours are graded on each page 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.

Comfortable Tours
Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. They may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.

Moderate Tours
Not strenuous, but do require higher levels of fitness. A typical tour may include activities stated above as well as longer periods of sightseeing on foot/driving. Easy walking and overnight train journeys may also feature.

Active Tours
Require a good level of fitness, as they are physically more demanding. They may involve activities stated above as well as some hiking, travel to remote areas where tourist facilities are less developed and long days of driving.

Please contact us if you require any advice.

Q. What size are your tour groups?

A. The maximum group size varies depending on the tour, but is usually between 8 and 29 passengers. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in comfort.

Q. Do you run Guaranteed Departures?

A. Our group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers, and a National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more.

Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?

A. No. On group tours we offer the option to share with a tour member of the same gender so there are no additional charges for travelling alone. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival. Note that on overnight rail journeys and cruises this may not be with a Wendy Wu Tours passenger. To arrange a guaranteed private room, our single room option is available for an extra cost (you may still be required to share on overnight rail journeys).



Q. What does Escorted Touring mean?

A. Every group tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a national escort from when you land at the airport to when you depart. On multi-country tours different national escorts are used in each country. 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. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

A. Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights.

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. Tipping must be in US dollars.

Q. Can you arrange Airport Lounges, Parking & Hotels?

A. Yes – we are always looking for ways to make your holiday that little bit more comfortable and convenient for you. See page 7 for details.

Q. When is the best time to visit Southeast Asia?

A. Southeast Asia is a year-round destination. While November – April are



the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists. See page 101.

Q. When are Southeast Asian public holidays?

A. Vietnamese New Year, otherwise known as Tet, will be on 19th February 2015 and 9th February 2016. 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 will be busier.

While on tour

Q. What sort of vehicles do you use on your group tours?

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.

Air: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

Water: Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element, from river cruising ships on the Irrawaddy and Mekong to Junk Boats 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.

Rail: Trains are used on some tours. Where there is an overnight journey we use the best available soft sleeper trains. Each compartment is shared by four

people (not necessarily Wendy Wu Tours passengers). There is a western-style toilet at one end of the carriage and an Asian-style toilet at the other end. The beds and cabins are basic with clean linen provided and there are neither showers nor a dining car. The trains are generally clean; however you cannot expect western standards.

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. Are meals included?

A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. Please note that in remote areas such as the Mekong Delta and Sapa, meals may be basic or repetitive. 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. Meals on our group tours normally start with dinner on the day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the 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. 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. 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 group tours. We recommend families with children of any age to consider our private tours offering greater flexibility whilst on tour and suitable for any age group.

Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?

A. Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of British and Australian clients on tour. 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.

Q. Is Tipping Compulsory?

A. Tipping is a necessary part of the tourism industry worldwide. For your convenience, total compulsory tipping amounts are stated on each group tour page (subject to change), to be paid in USD to your national escort on arrival. Porterage is included on our Group Tours to Southeast Asia (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel). For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On private tours and extensions, tipping is discretionary and we will advise recommended amounts.



WeCare – 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.



Flexible Levels of Travel Insurance



We work with Holiday Extras to provide cancellation cover, medical protection and a range of other benefits. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, Holiday Extras have been awarded the title 'best travel insurance provider' for the past six years at the Travel Weekly Globe Awards. Our standard policies provide cover up to 85 years of age.

As an added bonus, Holiday Extras insure that under 18's go free with a paying adult on selected policies, making our insurance the perfect choice for families.

Choose either single trip insurance or a yearly multi-trip policy.

Travel Insurance

We want you to experience a holiday that relaxes, fascinates and fills you with a lifetime of glorious memories. However, not everything is within our or indeed your control. So for complete peace of mind, you should always prepare for the unexpected before or during your holiday.

Single Trip Policies

Our single trip policies will cover you for any destination and tour in this brochure up to a total of 31 days (this can be extended to 60 days if under 64 years of age with no medical conditions).

Length of trip	Adult up to 64
Up to 17 days	£63.25
18-24 days	£67.50
25-31 days	£83.50
+ extra weeks	£21.00

Annual Multi-Trip Policies

These are ideal if you plan to travel abroad more than once in the year. Annual multi-trip policies provide worldwide protection for any number of trips up to 23 days duration (31 days if you are under 64), up to a total of 183 days per year.

Length of separate trip	Price
23 days	£88.50
31 days	£102.25

Prices are based on cover for travellers aged up to 64 years. Supplements will apply if between 65 and 85. All prices are subject to change.

Summary of Cover	Maximum
Medical emergency expenses	£10,000,000
Personal liability	£2,000,000
Personal accident	£25,000
Cancellation	£5,000
Curtailement	£5,000
Missed departure	£1,000
Travel delay	£60
Personal baggage	£2,000
Delayed baggage	£150
Catastrophe	£1,000
Personal money / passport	£300
Medical inconvenience	£600
Dental emergency	£150
Personal assistance	£250
Legal expenses	£25,000

Latitude – for those with pre-existing medical conditions

As well as those flexible policies, Holiday Extras' is home to the Latitude policy. This means that almost everyone up to the age of 89 with pre-existing medical conditions can get comprehensive travel insurance at a great price. In fact, 97% of all conditions can be covered.

For pre-existing medical conditions insurance enquiries, please call Holiday Extras on 0800 781 4086 quoting W7994.



Wendy Wu Tours Booking Conditions

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Ground Floor, Cottons Centre, Cottons Lane, 47-49 Tooley St, London SE1 2QG, 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 Asia Inspirations brochure and terms and conditions or visit www.asiainspirations.co.uk.

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 dispatch this invoice to the ‘lead name’ or your Travel Agent. 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 14) 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).

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).

2. Your financial protection

We hold an Air Travel Organiser’s Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 6639). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday” from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists the flight, accommodation, car hire and/or other services that are 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).

*The flights and flight-inclusive holidays 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.

We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your holiday does not include flights, ABTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to the UK (other than flights) you are returned to the UK in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency. Please go to www.abta.com for a copy of the guide to ABTA’s scheme of Financial Protection.

ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA’s Code of Conduct.

For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint (see clause 14), contact ABTA at 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ or see www.abta.com.

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 1.708USD on 21 July 2014.

We reserve the right to increase / decrease and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error of which we are aware and of the then applicable price at the time of booking.

Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, then subject to the correction of errors, we will only increase or decrease the price in the following circumstances. Price increases or decreases after booking will be passed on by way of a surcharge or refund. A surcharge or refund (as applicable) will be payable, subject to the conditions set out in this clause, in the event of any change in our transportation costs or in dues, taxes or fees payable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports or airports or in the exchange rates which have been used to calculate the cost of your holiday.

Even in the above cases, only if the amount of any increase in our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges) will we levy a surcharge. If any surcharge is greater than 10% of the cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your booking and

receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us (except for any amendment charges) or alternatively purchase another holiday from us as referred to in clause 9”If we change or cancel your holiday”. Although insurance (where purchased through us) does not form part of your contract with us or of any “package”, we will consider an appropriate refund of any insurance premiums you have paid us if you can show you are unable to use/reuse or transfer your policy in the event of cancellation or purchase of an alternative holiday.

Where applicable, you have 14 days from the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice to tell us if you want to choose option (b) or (c) as set out in clause 9 below. If you do not tell us that you wish to choose either of these options within this period of time, we are entitled to assume that you do not wish to do so and will pay the surcharge. Any surcharge must be paid with the balance of the cost of the holiday or within 14 days of the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice, whichever is the later.

Please note that arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your holiday due to contractual and other protection in place.

A refund will only be payable if the decrease in our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your holiday as set out above. Where a refund is due, we will pay you the full amount of the decrease in our costs.

We promise not to levy a surcharge within 30 days of departure. No refund will be payable if any decrease in our costs occurs during this period either.

4.Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 60 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. If you wish to purchase the insurance policy we offer, all applicable premiums must also be paid at the time of booking (you must be insured – please see clause 6 on the subject of insurance).

The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 60 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 cash, 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). No charge will be made for deposits and balances paid by Debit Card/Switch/Delta. However, in line with most major operators, we will make a charge of 2% for deposits and balances paid by credit card. If we do not receive all payments due (including any surcharge where applicable) 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.

5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of Travel, and contain a minimum of two blank visa pages, is required for travel for all countries in our programme. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK and EU passport holders in all fully inclusive group packages with the exception of holidays to Laos. Non UK passport holders will incur Visa fees at their own expense. Failure to forward passports to Wendy Wu Tours by the date specified on your confirmation invoice so that we can process your Visa application may incur further charges to cover expedited Visa processing. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned approximately 4 weeks after receipt by Royal Mail Special Delivery. A charge will be made for faster processing. 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 and EU 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. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a Visa.

Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. Passports and applications should be sent by tracked delivery or in person. 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. If 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.

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. 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 in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.nathac.org. Information on health can be found at www.nhs.uk and

www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. For holidays in the EU / EEA you should obtain an EHC (European Health Insurance Card) prior to departure from the Department of Health (www.dh.gov.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 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 - £20
- Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure - £30
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 60 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets - £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket
- Once a booking is confirmed no name transfers are permitted within 60 days of departure and will be regarded as a cancellation and cancellation fees apply

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: any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply.

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:

61 or more days	Retention of deposit
60 – 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

We start planning the holidays we offer many months in advance. 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 change airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure. 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 this holiday is in fact 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 then available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean your 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 ‘force majeure’(see clause 10 “Force Majeure”), you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or an 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	Credit/Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children)	
	Scale A	Scale B
0 – 7 days	£50	£25
8 – 14 days	£40	£20
15 – 28 days	£30	£15
29 – 42 days	£20	£10
43 – 56 days	£10	£5

No compensation will be payable and the above options 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 going on time) or where a change is a minor one.

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
- ‘force majeure’ as defined in clause 11 below

(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 12 “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 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 twice 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 airfined 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. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we will not accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of “force majeure”. In these booking conditions, “force majeure” means any event, or the consequences of which, we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are not limited to but may include actual or threatened war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, volcanic activity, seismic activity, fire, pandemics, epidemics and all similar events, natural or man made, outside our control or that of our agents or suppliers.

12. 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.

13. 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 07984 041625. 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. 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.

14. Arbitration

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 on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website (www.abta.com). The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. There is also a limit of £25,000 per booking. Neither does it apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The scheme can however deal with compensation claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. Outside this time limit arbitration under the scheme may still be available if we agree, although the ABTA Code does not require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. Where we act as agent, please bear in mind that your contract is with the supplier of the arrangements concerned. Unless the supplier is also a member of ABTA, only disputes relating to our actions as agent can be dealt with by the arbitration scheme or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

15. 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)). 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.

16. 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.

17. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, 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 fulfillment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as “standard” bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

18. Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

Please note that China and the surrounding regions is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated ‘tour pace’ 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. 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 16.

19. 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.

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.

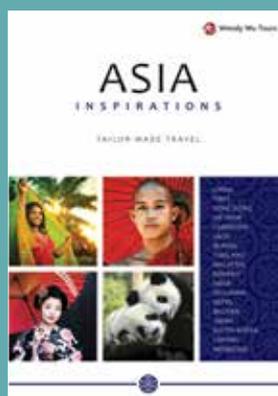
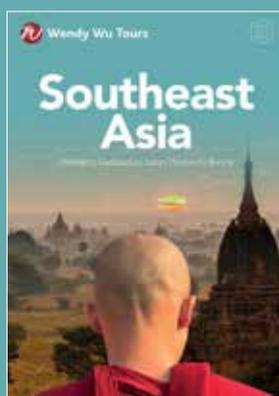
20. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas 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.

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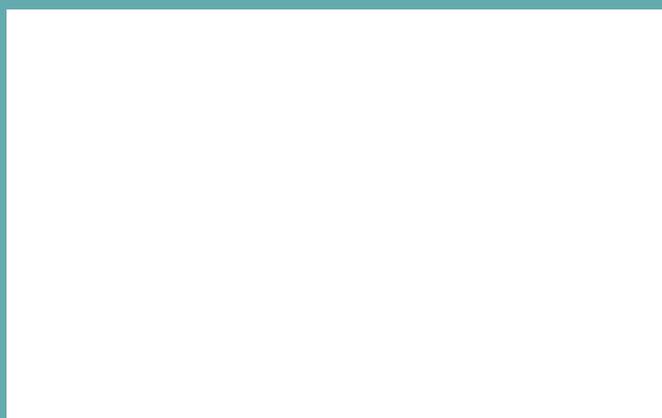


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