
THE EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

CHINA ■ VIETNAM ■ CAMBODIA ■ LAOS ■ INDIA



Luxury tours that delve deep into Asia

SEE ASIA DIFFERENTLY

Founded over 18 years ago, Wendy Wu Tours are the UK's leading Tour Operator to Asia. Our success has been built around our commitment to deliver truly authentic experiences, outstanding customer service and a fervent passion for the entire region.

We are delighted to present our Exclusive Collection – a series of meticulously designed, luxury journeys, featuring truly distinctive and immersive experiences that bring Asia to life.



ALL OUR EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION TOURS INCLUDE:

- International and internal flights
- 5★ accommodation throughout
- Sumptuous dining experiences
- UK chauffeur transfers
- Award winning National Escorts & local guides
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Intimate groups of 18 or less
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL and IATA

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UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Our Exclusive Collection has been thoughtfully designed and thoroughly researched to bring you a range of life-changing experiences, many of which are entirely exclusive to us.

Sip champagne on the Great Wall of China, come face-to-face with a Giant Panda, and enjoy a hands on cookery class with expert chefs in Vietnam. These are just a tiny sample of the experiences we offer.



LUXURY HOTELS

All of our Exclusive Collection tours can be experienced in the knowledge that you'll be staying in handpicked luxury hotels in the best possible locations.

We have carefully selected the best five star hotels throughout Asia, including brands such as Shangri-La and Sheraton, so at the end of a captivating day's touring you can relax in the comfort of sumptuous surroundings.



OUR AMAZING TOUR GUIDES

Your guide is often the difference between a good holiday and a truly remarkable holiday. On all of our tours you will be escorted by a dedicated National Escort for the entire duration of the trip.

Our National Escorts go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes. Their unrivalled knowledge, passion, experience and expertise will astonish you. Nothing is too much for them.



CHINA

Explore China in five-star comfort, from the ever-evolving metropolises of Shanghai and Beijing to the slow pace of the Yangtze and rural bliss in Yangshuo.

Exclusive China Tours include:

- International flights & taxes
 - Exclusive touring & dining
 - Award winning National Escorts
 - Sightseeing with the experts
 - Unique experiences
 - 5★ hotels & deluxe cruising
 - Small group sizes
 - Champagne moments
 - UK chauffeur transfers
 - Visa applications and fees
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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

All of our Exclusive Collection tours include a range of unique experiences, designed to immerse you in some of the world's most iconic locations and to give you a greater insight into Chinese culture and history.

GET INVOLVED



Chinese Calligraphy

Calligraphy has evolved throughout China's history to become a symbolic art form of the oriental world, the perfect example of the importance of balance and harmony in eastern cultures. A skill for the learned and elegant scholar, in this class you will use simple tools and techniques to enable you to create basic but beautiful characters.



Dumpling Demonstration

The dumpling is a Chinese institution, a traditional delicacy that is associated with wealth, family and happiness. In Xian the preparation of these bite-size morsels has been perfected into an art form with their delicate wrappers crafted to represent their filling. In your class you can watch an expert at work and create your very own dumplings.



Tai Chi with a Master

Every morning in the fresh dawn light you'll find gatherings of locals in parks and gardens across China performing the graceful, flowing movements of Tai Chi. You'll be joined by a Tai Chi master in the parkland of the Temple of Heaven where you'll learn about its traditional philosophies as you are guided through the correct principles of this ancient martial art.

FACE TO FACE WITH HISTORY



Forbidden City Treasure Hall

The Treasure Hall is the hidden gem of the Forbidden City and, as the name suggests, holds a magnificent collection of imperial artefacts. Wander through the intimate glittering galleries to admire the everyday trappings of royal life, from elaborate jewellery and robes to tea services and Jade ornaments.



Mengdingshan

Wander the lush green tea fields of Mengding Mountain to gain insight into the tea cultivation process and admire the serene countryside of Sichuan Province. Learn about the origins of tea in China, its strong importance socially and culturally and how it has played an everlasting role in China's extensive history.



Hanyangling Mausoleum

The burial place of Emperor Jing, the mausoleum offers a vastly different archaeological experience to the famous Terracotta Warriors. Descend below ground to see the intricately crafted half-sized figures of warriors, women and animals in situ, surrounded by the artefacts of everyday life from the Western Han Dynasty.

ADDED EXPERTISE



Panda Expertise

On your visit to the atmospheric Panda Base in Chengdu, one of the resident panda experts will accompany you and explain more about the life of these charismatic creatures. You'll gain a deep insight into their feeding patterns, unusual habits and the challenges faced by the breeding programme.



Terracotta Army Expertise and meet the Discoverer

Gain a deep insight into the recent and ancient history of the Terracotta Warriors as you are guided by a member of the excavation team who'll be able to share unique insights and anecdotes. Also you'll have the opportunity to learn about the moment of discovery by talking to one of the farmers who uncovered the warriors by chance in 1974. Imagine innocently digging and stumbling upon the greatest archaeological discovery of the 20th century!

INDULGE



Champagne on the Wall

Our Exclusive Tours feature a visit to the dramatic Mutianyu section of the Great Wall. Not only will you be able to see the fabled Great Wall with fewer people around, but your visit will be made even more unforgettable with a champagne toast – a decadent way to start your tour!



Shanghai Cocktails

For our tours which end in Shanghai, we have laid on a farewell cocktail experience as sophisticated and sleek as the city itself. Cloud 9 offers unparalleled views of sparkling Pudong at night. Enjoy a stylish farewell drink in the bar and toast your new memories, experiences and friendships.

CULTURAL SHOWS



Face Changing Show

Face Changing, or Bian Lian, is an ancient Chinese dramatic art that is an integral part of traditional Sichuan Opera. Sit back in VIP seats and watch colourfully costumed artists perform to dramatic music. They switch from one vivid face to another at lightning speed with a movement of the head or a swipe of a fan, using techniques that have long been regarded as a national secret.

Impression Sanjie Liu

Enjoy an enchanting light spectacular from VIP seats which evocatively uses Yangshuo's limestone karst landscapes as the theatre and the Li River as the stage. Created by Zhang Yi Mou, the director of the impressive opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics, expect to be dazzled by a love story that uses both nature and hundreds of local performers to great effect.

LUXURY 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 five star luxury throughout.

OUR HOTELS



Regent Beijing, Wangfujing

Within steps of the vibrant pedestrian zone of Wangfujing, the Regent Beijing offers a grand choice in sophisticated, centrally located accommodation. With awe-inspiring vistas over Beijing's imperial landmarks, this luxurious hotel provides meticulously designed rooms with King Size bed and 42" plasma screen TV. Don't forget to pay a visit to Serenity Spa, a respite from sensory indulgence.



Shangri-La, Xian

The Shangri-La is at the pinnacle of Xian's accommodation options. Find relaxation in the stylishly decorated rooms with luxury marble bathrooms where floor to ceiling windows give fantastic views over the city. Relish the acclaimed five-star service and start the day with a sumptuous breakfast feast fit for an emperor.



Shanghai Grand Central

The Shanghai Grand Central is the embodiment of Chinese opulence. The spacious bedrooms are well-appointed and feature luxurious, marble bathrooms. Located next to the Bund and Nanjing Road, this hotel's enviable location is perfect for exploring Shanghai.



Shangri-La, Chengdu

The Shangri-La enjoys an idyllic location on the banks of the Jinjiang River in the heart of Chengdu. With opulent rooms, spacious design and phenomenal city vistas, the Shangri-La is the epitome of luxury in this friendly city. Don't forget to visit the hotel's Olympic-sized swimming pool and Shang Palace restaurant for a taste of Sichuan.



Sheraton Guilin

This stunning hotel is as beautiful as the landscape it calls home. All of the rooms have been recently renovated, and feature high speed internet and Sheraton's famously comfortable bed with a deluxe duvet, and a custom mattress. Facilities include an outdoor swimming pool, gym and sauna and massage facilities.



Yangshuo Resort

Nestled between the iconic limestone karsts of Yangshuo, the Yangshuo Resort is a paradise sanctuary in the Chinese countryside. Take time to enjoy the refreshing swimming pool, take lunch by the river or explore the surroundings. Wake up to an expansive bedroom with lush views from your personal balcony.

DELUXE CRUISE SHIPS

A journey along the Yangtze River is an experience like no other in China – the destination being not a single place but a rolling ribbon of dramatic gorges, replete countryside and man-made wonders.

Victoria Sophia

As the only cruise ship operating the six-night route from Chongqing to Shanghai, a journey on the Victoria Sophia offers the most relaxing and unique trip on the Yangtze. Well-appointed rooms include private balconies with superb views.

Relax as the Victoria Sophia passes through the Yangtze's breathtaking gorges. Additionally on the longer cruise to Shanghai, this itinerary visits historical Nanjing as well as beautiful Jiuhuashan or Huangshan – the mist-wreathed mountains which have inspired Chinese artists for centuries.

Featured especially for our Exclusive Collection, the VIP package on the Victoria Sophia provides an exclusive à la carte dining experience, complimentary drinks during happy hour, complimentary wi-fi in the lounge areas and many other benefits.

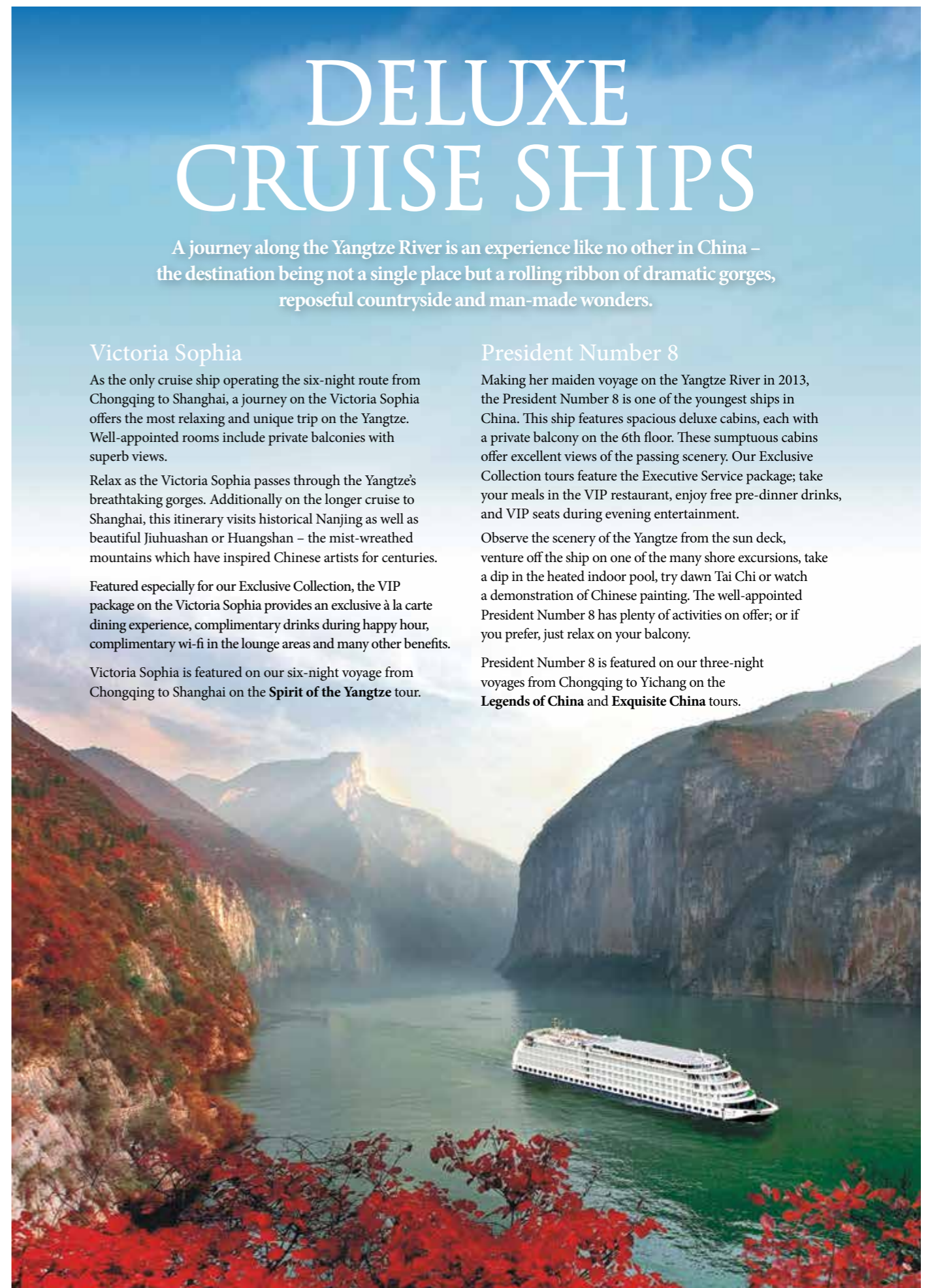
Victoria Sophia is featured on our six-night voyage from Chongqing to Shanghai on the **Spirit of the Yangtze** tour.

President Number 8

Making her maiden voyage on the Yangtze River in 2013, the President Number 8 is one of the youngest ships in China. This ship features spacious deluxe cabins, each with a private balcony on the 6th floor. These sumptuous cabins offer excellent views of the passing scenery. Our Exclusive Collection tours feature the Executive Service package; take your meals in the VIP restaurant, enjoy free pre-dinner drinks, and VIP seats during evening entertainment.

Observe the scenery of the Yangtze from the sun deck, venture off the ship on one of the many shore excursions, take a dip in the heated indoor pool, try dawn Tai Chi or watch a demonstration of Chinese painting. The well-appointed President Number 8 has plenty of activities on offer; or if you prefer, just relax on your balcony.

President Number 8 is featured on our three-night voyages from Chongqing to Yichang on the **Legends of China** and **Exquisite China** tours.



THE BEST OF CHINA

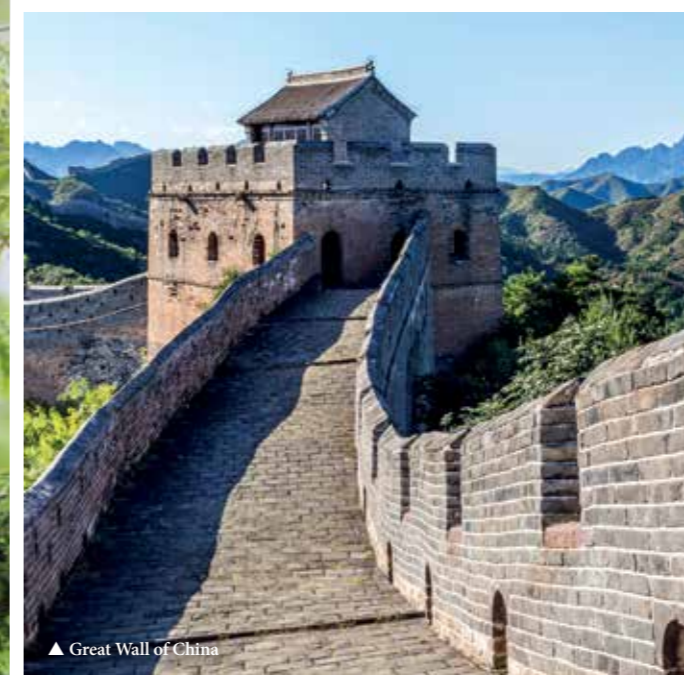
Palaces, pandas and tea plantations are just some of the impressive highlights of this deluxe adventure. Relax in 5★ hotels and savour one-of-a-kind experiences as you travel from Beijing through Xian to visit Chengdu's resident bears.



▲ Giant Panda



▲ Ancient City Wall



▲ Great Wall of China

DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

10 days from £3,490 per person



| 2016 Departures | from | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 12 May - 21 May | £3,490 | |
| 01 Sep - 10 Sep | £3,690 | |
| 2017 Departures | from | |
| 11 May - 20 May | £3,590 | |
| 07 Sep - 16 Sep | 12 Oct - 21 Oct | £3,790 |

Tour departs Thursday and returns Saturday.

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight Upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,920 (Beijing – Chengdu)
- Single room option from £940
- Tipping payable locally US\$76

- Price includes**
- International flights and current taxes
 - UK chauffeur transfers within 50 miles of the airport
 - Domestic transportation
 - 5★ accommodation
 - Meals as stated
 - Touring with guides and entrance fees
 - Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

■ Days 1-2: Fly to Beijing

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to Beijing. On arrival you will be accompanied by one of our experienced escorts to the hotel.

■ Day 3: Explore Imperial Beijing

Begin the day like many locals with gentle exercise, as you partake in a private tai chi lesson with a master in the Temple of Heaven park. Cross vast Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City – a monument to a dynastic past, the palace served as the home of emperors for 500 years. Your visit includes entrance to the intimate Treasure Hall, a glittering gallery showcasing the everyday trappings of royal life. Dine on Peking Duck at the excellent Quanjude restaurant and later join us to see an optional Chinese acrobatic show. (B,L,D)

■ Day 4: Champagne on the Great Wall

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■ Day 5: Ancient City Walls

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■ Day 6: The Terracotta Warriors

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■ Day 7: Hanyangling Mausoleum

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum, burial place of Emperor Jing and Empress Wang. The artefacts recovered here give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty and there are intricately-made half-sized warriors, women and animals to admire in this subterranean tomb. Fly to Chengdu where the rest of the evening is free for you to spend at leisure. (B,L)

■ Day 8: Mengdingshan Tea Plantation

Travel out to the lush tea plantations of Mengdingshan. Tea has been drunk in China for millennia and has become ever more ingrained in the culture, influenced by the Taoist, Buddhist and Confucian views of its consumption. Quality tea is also considered to be a gift fit for a king – it was once the tribute of choice for an emperor. Take a private tour of the plantation with a local farmer to learn about the entire tea-making process and its fascinating history. Return to Chengdu, where this evening you will explore the dining options of the historic Wide and Narrow Alleys. (B,L)

■ Day 9: Pandas with an Expert

Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre where an expert will talk to you about the Centre's work and the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears. Take a tour of the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum for a close up view of the skills necessary to create these traditional items – there will be opportunities to buy a handmade piece if you wish. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to enjoy the facilities of your hotel. Tonight delight in a quintessential Sichuan dining experience at Yiting Hot Pot before puzzling over a national secret at the Sichuan Opera – the face-changing art of Bian Lian. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Fly Chengdu to UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving the same or following day. On arrival you will be transported home by chauffeured transfer. (B)

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



- Forbidden City Treasure Hall
- Champagne on the Wall • Chinese Calligraphy
- Dumpling Demonstration • Archaeology Expert
- Hanyangling Mausoleum • Panda Expertise
- Mengdingshan Tea Plantation
- Face Changing Show

See pages 12-13 for more details.

EXQUISITE CHINA

Indulge yourself with a deluxe Yangtze cruise and opulent hotels as a relaxed itinerary takes you from imperial treasures and Terracotta Warriors to vibrant cities, adorable pandas and delicious gastronomy, complete with many special experiences.



▲ Great Wall of China

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■ Day 7: Sichuan Hot Pot

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■ Day 8: Pandas with an Expert

Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre where an expert will talk to you about the Centre's work and the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears. Visit the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum, then transfer to Chongqing and visit the Ciqikou, a historic district full of traditional architecture – spend a free evening here exploring before boarding the President 8 cruise ship. (B,L)

■ Day 9: Captain's Welcome

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■ Day 10: Dramatic Yangtze Gorges

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as we sweep through the Wu and Qutang gorges before cruising along the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to further explore. Back on the boat, expand your knowledge on the dam project with a presentation by the river guide. (B,L,D)

■ Day 11: Three Gorges Dam Project

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▲ Shennong Stream



▲ Shanghai

DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

14 days from £3,990 per person



| 2016 Departures | | from |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 06 May - 19 May | 20 May - 02 Jun | £3,990 |
| 09 Sep - 22 Sep | 23 Sep - 06 Oct | £4,190 |
| 07 Oct - 20 Oct | | |
| 2017 Departures | | from |
| 07 Apr - 20 Apr | 05 May - 18 May | £4,190 |
| 19 May - 01 Jun | | |
| 01 Sep - 14 Sep | 15 Sep - 28 Sep | £4,390 |
| 06 Oct - 19 Oct | | |
| 20 Oct - 02 Nov | | £4,190 |

Tour departs Friday and returns Thursday.

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight Upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,440 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room option from £1,090
- Tipping payable locally US\$117

Price includes

- International flights and current taxes
- UK chauffeur transfers within 50 miles of the airport
- Domestic transportation
- 5★ accommodation
- Meals as stated
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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



- Forbidden City Treasure Hall
- Champagne on the Wall • Chinese Calligraphy
- Dumpling Demonstration • Archaeology Expert
- Hanyangling Mausoleum
- Face Changing Show • Panda Expertise
- 3-night Yangtze Cruise with President Cruises
- Shanghai Cocktails at Jin Mao Tower

See pages 12-13 for more details.

LEGENDS OF CHINA

Discover the best of China's many wonders on this lavish cross-country adventure. Experience natural grandeur and imperial treasures, witness man-made marvels and ultra-modern miracles, as you wend your way from Beijing to Shanghai in style.



▲ Guilin



▲ Terracotta Warriors



▲ Zhujiajiao Water Town

DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

16 days from £4,490 per person



| 2016 Departures | | from |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 11 May - 26 May | 25 May - 09 Jun | £4,490 |
| 31 Aug - 15 Sep | 14 Sep - 29 Sep | £4,690 |
| 12 Oct - 27 Oct | | |
| 2017 Departures | | from |
| 12 Apr - 27 Apr | 10 May - 25 May | £4,690 |
| 24 May - 08 Jun | | |
| 06 Sep - 21 Sep | 20 Sep - 05 Oct | £4,690 |
| 11 Oct - 26 Oct | | |

Tour departs Wednesday and returns Thursday.

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- Flight Upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,940 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room option from £1,290
- Tipping payable locally US\$134

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■ Day 7: Beautiful Guilin

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum. The artefacts recovered here, viewable from the glass walkways above, give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Guilin, a city set in the dramatic limestone karst landscapes of the Li River valley. Visit the South China Pearl Museum to discover the fascinating 1,700 year

history of pearling in the South China Sea. As well as displays and demonstrations there are also beautiful pieces to buy. (B,L)

■ Day 8: Cruise the Li River

Cruise the Li River to Yangshuo. The magnificence of the limestone karsts and serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. On arrival, enjoy dinner at Pure Lotus vegetarian restaurant before 'Impression Sanjie Liu', a light spectacular that perfectly utilises the karst landscape as a theatre and the Li River as a stage. (B,L,D)

■ Day 9: At leisure in Yangshuo

Take a walking tour of Yangshuo's idyllic, karst-studded countryside before taking the afternoon at leisure. This evening watch Yangshuo's famous cormorant fishermen demonstrating their age-old technique. (B)

■ Day 10: Ancient Ciqikou

Return to Guilin. Fly to Chongqing and explore the Ming Dynasty district of Ciqikou. Meander along the narrow streets of lantern-clad houses before transferring to the wharf to board President Number 8, your cruise liner for the next three nights. (B,L)

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■ Day 12: Dramatic Yangtze Gorges

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■ Day 13: Three Gorges Dam Project

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■ Day 14: Zhujiajiao water town

China's attractive water towns exude a rustic charm. The 1,700 year old Zhujiajiao is a typical example, boasting old stone bridges, wood-panelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways once used to transport goods. Return to Shanghai where the afternoon is free for you to enjoy the facilities of your hotel, or you may wish to take an optional ride on the super fast Maglev train. (B)

■ Day 15: Stylish Shanghai

Walk in the Yu Gardens, a classic example of traditional Chinese horticulture. Visit the colonial Bund, the Silk Museum and the Old Town, before admiring the collections of the Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner at Meiyuancun and toast the end of the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

■ Day 16: Fly Shanghai to UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home, arriving the same or following day. On arrival you will be transported home by chauffeured transfer. (B)

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



- Tai Chi with a Master
 - Champagne on the Wall
 - Forbidden City Treasure Hall
 - Chinese Calligraphy
 - Dumpling Demonstration
 - Archaeology Expert
 - Hanyangling Mausoleum
 - Li River Light Show
 - 3-night Yangtze Cruise with President Cruises
 - Shanghai Cocktails in Jin Mao Tower
- See pages 12-13 for more details.

SPIRIT OF THE YANGTZE

Cruise the mighty Yangtze River on a six-night voyage of discovery after enjoying some of China's most renowned and awe-inspiring sights. This voyage perfectly blends majestic nature, cultural heritage and modern wonders.

▲ Yangtze River Cruise

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■ Day 3: Explore Imperial Beijing

Begin the day like many locals with gentle exercise, as you partake in a private tai chi lesson in the Temple of Heaven park. Cross vast Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City – a monument to a dynastic past, the palace served as the home of emperors for 500 years. Your visit includes entrance to the intimate Treasure Hall, a glittering showcase of dynastic royal life. Dine on Peking Duck at Quanjude restaurant and enjoy an optional Chinese acrobatic show. (B,L,D)

■ Day 4: Champagne on the Great Wall

From the Gobi Desert to the Bohai Sea the Great Wall stretches thousands of miles. Visit the beautiful Mutianyu section, stopping for a glass of champagne whilst admiring the views of the Wall as it snakes over craggy peaks. Take a rickshaw ride through Beijing's hutongs and stop for a lesson in calligraphy with a learned scholar. Enjoy a free evening at lively Houhai Lake. (B,L)

■ Day 5: Ancient City Walls

Fly to Xian. Walk on the 14th-century walls for an excellent overview of the city. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. This evening, watch a colourful and sometimes humorous Tang Dynasty dance performance. (B,L)

■ Day 6: The Terracotta Warriors

Fortuitously found by local farmers digging a well, the Terracotta Warriors are one of the world's most famous archaeological discoveries. View the enigmatic ranks in the company of an expert who works at the site and who will put their story into context. Next meet the discoverer of the Warriors – learn about the moment they were uncovered by talking to one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in 1974. On the way back to Xian, visit the workshop of the craftsmen who create miniature Terracotta Warriors. Study with local dumpling chefs to learn the art of creating these cultural delicacies. In Xian the preparation of these bite-size morsels has been perfected into an art form with their delicate wrappers crafted to represent their filling. Tonight there is an option to take a city night tour which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)

■ Day 7: Sichuan Hot Pot

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum. The artefacts recovered here give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Chengdu and enjoy a quintessential Sichuan hot pot dining experience. Puzzle over a national secret at the Sichuan Opera – the face-changing art of Bian Lian. (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: Pandas with an expert

Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre where an expert will talk to you about the Centre's work and the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears. Visit the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum, then transfer to Chongqing and visit Ciqikou, a historic district full of traditional architecture – spend a free evening here exploring. (B,L)

■ Day 9: Welcome aboard

Board your cruise vessel and begin to enjoy your private balcony and amenities package. The Yangtze has long played a pivotal role in the history, culture and economy of China, and this voyage is the perfect way to illustrate its importance. The first stop will be Fengdu, a complex of structures and statues that represent Diyu, the concept of the underworld in Chinese mythology. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Dramatic Yangtze Gorges

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as we sweep through the Qutang and Wu gorges. Take a side voyage into the attractive gorges of the Goddess Stream. Our vessel then negotiates the five-step Three Gorges Dam lock as you learn about the dam project with a presentation by the ship's river guide. (B,L,D)

■ Day 11: Three Gorges Dam

This massive feat of engineering saw the century-old dreams of Chinese luminaries come to fruition. Created to harness the power of the Yangtze, it is difficult to not be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Also visit the Three Gorges Dam exhibition centre. (B,L,D)

■ Day 12: Hubei Provincial Museum

Take a shore excursion to the city of Wuhan and the Hubei Provincial Museum. (B,L,D)

■ Day 13: Mountain scenery

Delight in beautiful panoramas on an excursion to the sacred mountain of Jiuhuashan. (B,L,D)

■ Day 14: Imperial Nanjing

Visit historical Nanjing and the mausoleum of Dr Sun Yat Sen, the 'Father of the Nation'. Enjoy a farewell banquet on the boat. (B,L,D)

■ Day 15: Travel to Shanghai

Disembark and transfer to Shanghai. Visit the Shanghai Museum then enjoy the afternoon at leisure. This evening, there's free time to savour the mid-19th century shikumen architecture of the lively Xintiandi district. (B,L)

■ Day 16: Zhujiajiao water town

The 1,700 year old Zhujiajiao is a typical example of rustic Chinese charm, boasting old stone bridges, wood-panelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways. Return to Shanghai where the afternoon is free, or take an optional ride on the super fast Maglev train. (B)

■ Day 17: Stylish Shanghai

Walk through the Old Town to the Yu Gardens, a classic example of traditional Chinese horticulture. Visit the colonial Bund and the Silk Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner at Meiyuancun and toast the end of the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

■ Day 18: Fly Shanghai to UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. On arrival you will be transported by chauffeured transfer. (B)



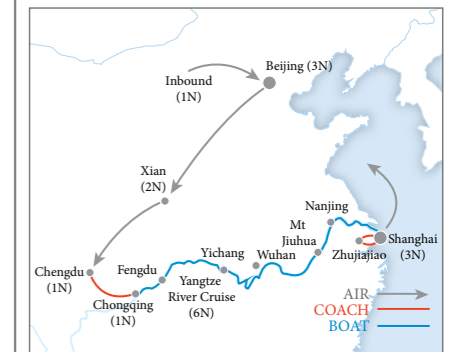
▲ Giant Panda



▲ Forbidden City

DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

18 days from £4,490 per person



| 2016 Departures | | from |
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| 15 Apr - 02 May | 29 Apr - 16 May | £4,490 |
| 13 May - 30 May | | |
| 26 Aug - 12 Sep | 09 Sep - 26 Sep | £4,690 |
| 23 Sep - 10 Oct | 07 Oct - 24 Oct | |
| 2017 Departures | | from |
| 31 Mar - 17 Apr | 14 Apr - 01 May | £4,690 |
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| 25 Aug - 11 Sep | 08 Sep - 25 Sep | £4,890 |
| 22 Sep - 09 Oct | 06 Oct - 23 Oct | |

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- Land only from £3,940 (Beijing – Shanghai)
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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



- Forbidden City Treasure Hall
 - Champagne on the Wall • Chinese Calligraphy
 - Dumpling Demonstration • Archaeology Expert
 - Hanyangling Mausoleum • Face Changing Show
 - Panda Expertise • Tai Chi with a Master
 - Shanghai Cocktails in Jin Mao Tower
 - 6-night Yangtze Cruise with Victoria Cruises
- See pages 12-13 for more details.

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▲ The Bayon, Angkor

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

All of our Exclusive Collection includes a range of unique experiences, designed to immerse you in Southeast Asia's culture, countryside and traditions. From ancient crafts to colourful performances and unusual journeys; you'll truly get under the skin of these exciting countries.

GET INVOLVED



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.



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.

CULTURAL SHOWS



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.



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.

AUTHENTIC TRAVEL



Speedboat on the Mekong Delta

The Mekong Delta is a treasure trove of greenery, agriculture and rurality, earning the area the nickname 'the Rice Basket of Vietnam'. Set off on a thrilling adventure as you travel by speedboat through the Mekong Delta. Whisk across the languid waters as you pass lush verdant fields, rice paddy farmers collecting the freshest crop and palm lined canals.



Hanoi Cuisine Cyclo Tour

Vietnam's cuisine is world renowned and is considered one of the healthiest foods in existence. Where else better to experience this mouth-watering fare than in the capital Hanoi, where you will take a cyclo ride through the winding streets of the Old Quarter in search of delectable nibbles, including Nem spring rolls and Bun Cha.



Angkor by Tuk Tuk

Located amidst forest and farmland, the temples of Angkor are the legacy of the flourishing Khmer Empire and are one of the most exquisite examples of temple architecture in the world. Wend through the many structures by tuk tuk and admire this former civilisation in all its glory.



Victoria Express Train

Drift back to a more romantic era as you glide through the North Vietnamese countryside on the Victoria Express train. Offering an exotic and relaxing travel experience, the Victoria Express offers impeccable service, plush cabins, air conditioning and large windows, letting you make the most of the mesmerising scenery.

LUXURY HOTELS

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

OUR HOTELS



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 wi-fi 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.



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.



The Rex Hotel, Saigon

Situated within walking distance of the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Rex is ideally placed in the heart of Saigon. With over 280 individually designed guestrooms, La Cochinchine Spa and swimming pool, the Rex Hotel is a sophisticated and relaxing respite from the bustle of the city. Don't forget to take a stop to the Rooftop Garden for a bite to eat and some spectacular city vistas.



Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort and Spa

Experience an idyllic blend of beach and river side relaxation and Asian comfort at the Victoria Hoi An. Spend time in the expansive pool, take a sidecar trip into nearby Hoi An, or unwind in one of three laidback bars. There are also plenty of activities to choose from including complimentary mountain bikes and beach sports.

Aphrodite Cruises

Aphrodite 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. 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.



La Residence Hotel, Hue

La Residence Hotel incorporates the splendour of colonial decadence with early 20th century art deco and traditional Vietnamese influences. During your stay, enjoy the award-winning spa, saltwater swimming pool and on-site tennis court, or perhaps just sit back and soak in your lavish surroundings with a cocktail in Le Gouverneur Bar.



Sofitel, Phnom Penh

The Sofitel Phnom Penh epitomises the elegance and charm which this city is famous for. Located in the sophisticated embassy district, the Sofitel offers enviable riverside views. Accompanied by free wi-fi, first-rate service and a myriad of dining experiences, the Sofitel transports you back to the French colonial period of luxury.



Victoria Xieng Thong 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.



Sunrise Hotel, Nha Trang

Set in the heart of downtown Nha Trang, the Sunrise Hotel is a stunning colonial-inspired deluxe hotel located within walking distance of the beaches' golden sand. Take a dip in the Roman-inspired swimming pool or take in panoramic vistas from the Sky Lounge before retiring to your sea view room for unobstructed views of glistening Nha Trang Bay.



Victoria Angkor, Siem Reap

This 5-star resort and spa offers a touch of tranquillity 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.

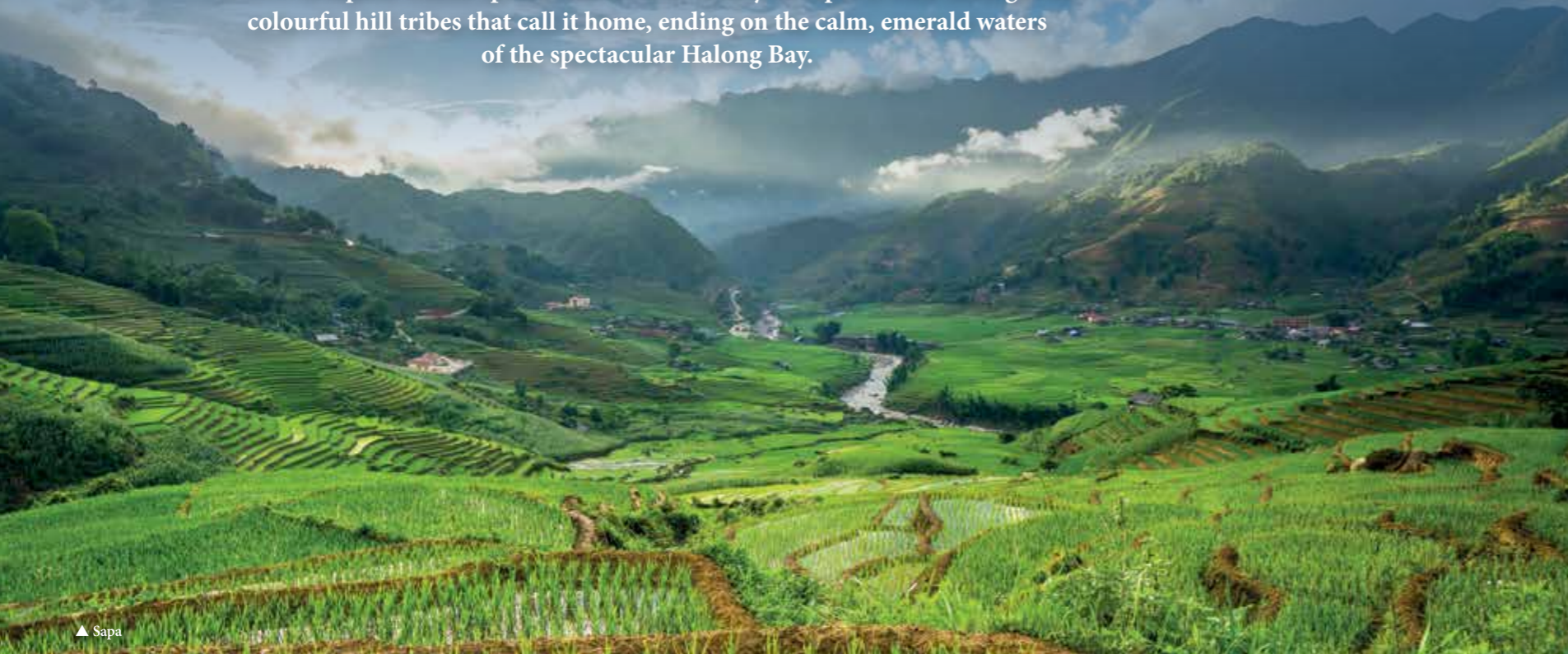


Victoria Hotel, Sapa

Carrying on the lavish setting of the Victoria Express Train, the Victoria Hotel is Sapa's top luxury resort and is designed in the style of a traditional French chalet which blends perfectly with the stunning hillside scenery. All rooms are fitted with private outdoor terraces which offer stunning Sapa vistas.

NORTHERN WONDERS

Encompassing the finest sights of Vietnam's north, venture from the vibrant streets of capital Hanoi up into the verdant beauty of Sapa to walk amongst the colourful hill tribes that call it home, ending on the calm, emerald waters of the spectacular Halong Bay.



▲ Sapa



▲ Halong Bay



▲ Hanoi

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■ Day 3: 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 more about the man known as 'Uncle Ho' passing his austere mausoleum and visiting the Ho Chi Minh Museum and Humble Stilt House. Continue to the revered Confucian Temple of Literature, savouring the peace and quiet of the complex after Hanoi's chaotic streets, before wandering the bustling alleys of the Old Quarter. This evening transfer to Hanoi's train station to catch the luxurious Victoria Express overnight train to Lao Cai. (B,L,D)

■ Day 4: Explore Hill Tribe Markets

Arrive in the northern town of Lao Cai to see the sunrise. From here follow winding roads farther up into the mountains where you can browse through a lively and colourful market - the minority people of the surrounding villages travel in especially to sell their wares which include

handicrafts and clothing. Continue on to Sapa, a former French hill station that boasts spectacular views over northern Vietnam's lush rice terraces and hazy peaks from its position on the edge of a high plateau. On arrival, the rest of the day will be at leisure. Depending on the time of year, the terraces will either be full of glasslike water or brimming with lush rice plants - either way, the views are phenomenal. (B,L,D)

■ Day 5: Sapa remote villages

Start your day trekking through Sapa. In the area around the town a number of ethnic minority groups are still living the traditional subsistence lifestyle of their ancestors. You will visit Hau Thao Village of the Black H'Mong people where you can enjoy superb panoramic views over the valley. Continue to Giang Ta Chai Village, home to the Red Dao and Dzay people, taking time to meet the villagers and learn more about their way of life in this verdant valley. (B,L,D)

■ Day 6: More Sapa

This morning is at leisure, giving you more time to wander around the town and enjoy the beautiful views. This afternoon drive to Matra Valley to admire the stunning rice terrace vistas. Take a light walk downhill through Suoi Ho

village where you will visit the homes of the local people and get a glimpse of their daily lives. Visit a French Catholic church before heading to Lao Cai railway station to board the Victoria Express sleeper train back to Hanoi. (B,L)

■ Day 7: Water Puppets

After arriving in Hanoi, transfer to the hotel and take the morning as your own. This afternoon there will be a leisurely visit to the Ethnology Museum to discover more about Vietnam's various ethnic groups. This evening enjoy a performance of the famous water puppets, a centuries old art developed by the farmers of the Red River Delta, telling traditional tales to traditional music. This evening take a cyclo tour of the bustling alleys of the Old Quarter, Hanoi's most vibrant district, in search of the unique flavours of Vietnam's extensive cuisine. (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: 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 the colonial style, luxury Au Co cruise boat, and cast out into the bay. As you voyage over the still waters you'd be forgiven for thinking you were entering another world.

Cruising languidly along you will get a glimpse of life on the water with a visit to Vung Vieng floating village before sailing to the spot where the boat will anchor for the night. Dine on delicious cuisine prepared fresh on board and fall asleep to the sounds of the bay. (B,L,D)

■ Day 9: Cruise and kayak

The sunrise over Halong Bay is a view not to be missed - why not awaken your senses further with a dawn Tai Chi session on the ship's deck?

Depending on the season, your morning will follow one of two itineraries:

Nov-Mar: Explore Cat Ba Island and stop at a local school to learn about island life.

Apr-Oct: Visit a floating village to see what life is like on the water.

This afternoon take a guided kayak tour to get out on the waters yourself, or you can get in the water with a swim in Vung Ha Bay before a second night onboard. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Halong Bay to Hanoi

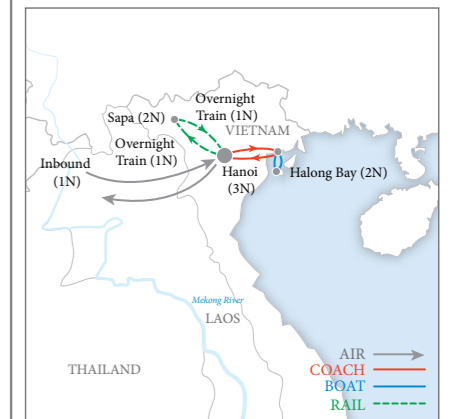
Spend the morning exploring the chambers, stalagmites and stalactites of Sung Sot (Surprise) Cave, one of Halong Bay's many cavernous grottos, with a guide. Climbing back onboard the boat, sit down to a delicious farewell brunch as the boat makes its final leisurely voyage back to the marina. Return to Hanoi where the rest of the day will be at leisure. (B)

■ Day 11: Fly Hanoi to UK

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

DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

11 days from £2,590 per person



| 2016 Departures | from |
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| 19 Mar - 29 Mar | £2,590 |
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| 18 Mar - 28 Mar | £2,690 |
| 07 Oct - 17 Oct | £2,590 |

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



- Lao Cai Hill Tribes
 - Black H'mong Home Visit
 - Traditional H'mong Batik
 - Ma Tra Rice Terraces
 - Private Water Puppet Performance
 - Two nights on Halong Bay
 - Explore Cat Ba or a Floating Village
- See pages 26-27 for more details.*

JEWELS OF VIETNAM

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▲ Halong Bay



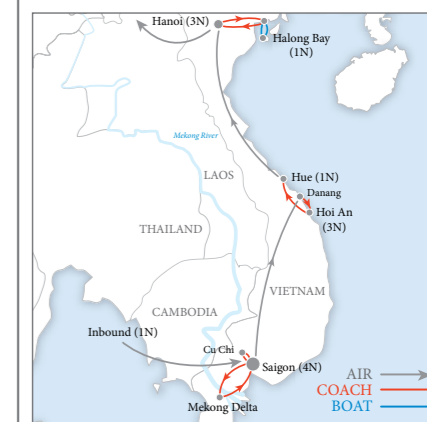
▲ Mekong Delta



▲ Saigon

DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

14 days from £3,290 per person



| 2016 Departures | from |
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| 05 Mar - 18 Mar | £3,290 |
| 05 Nov - 18 Nov | £3,290 |
| 2017 Departures | from |
| 04 Mar - 17 Mar | £3,390 |
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■ Day 4: Mekong Delta

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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. (B,L)

■ Day 6: Marble Mountains

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 maritime 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: Discover Imperial 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)

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■ Day 13: Sunrise over Halong Bay

Rise early to see the sunrise 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's time for brunch before disembarking. On the way back to Hanoi, 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)

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



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 - Hanoi Street Food Tour
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CLASSICAL VIETNAM

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▲ Life on the Mekong Delta

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■ Day 6: Coastal 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)

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■ Day 12: Explore Hue

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■ Day 13: Colonial 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 and learn about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature, the Humble Stilt House and the One Pillar Pagoda. This evening take a walking and cyclo tour of the bustling alleys of the Old Quarter in search of the unique flavours of Vietnam's extensive cuisine. (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: Sunrise over Halong Bay

Rise early to see the sunrise 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)



▲ Nha Trang



▲ Cao Dai Temple

DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

17 days from £3,490 per person



| 2016 Departures | from |
|-----------------|--------|
| 04 Mar - 20 Mar | £3,490 |
| 28 Oct - 13 Nov | £3,490 |
| 2017 Departures | from |
| 03 Mar - 19 Mar | £3,690 |
| 27 Oct - 12 Nov | £3,690 |

Tour departs Friday and returns Sunday.

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight Upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,860 (Saigon – Hanoi)
- Single room option from £1,090
- Tipping payable locally US\$128

Price includes

- International flights and current taxes
- UK chauffeur transfers within 50 miles of the airport
- Domestic transportation
- 5★ accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



- Speedboat on the Mekong
- Private Nha Trang Island Cruise
- Hanoi Street Food Tour
- Private Water Puppet Performance
- Tai Chi on Halong Bay

See pages 26-27 for more details.

CAMBODIA & VIETNAM REVEALED

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.



▲ Angkor Wat



▲ Thien Mu Pagoda



▲ Tonle Sap Lake

DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

18 days from £3,990 per person



| 2016 Departures | from |
|-----------------|--------|
| 03 Mar - 20 Mar | £3,990 |
| 06 Oct - 23 Oct | £3,990 |
| 2017 Departures | from |
| 02 Mar - 19 Mar | £4,190 |
| 05 Oct - 22 Oct | £4,190 |

Tour departs Thursday and returns Sunday.

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight Upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,360 (Siem Reap – Hanoi)
- Single room option from £1,440
- Tipping payable locally US\$126

Price includes

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- Domestic transportation
- 5★ accommodation
- Meals as stated
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■ Days 1-2: Fly to Siem Reap

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to Siem Reap. On arrival you will be accompanied by one of our experienced escorts to the hotel.

■ Day 3: Kampong Kleang

Visit Kampong Kleang, a floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, to meet the lovely locals and glimpse a fascinating way of life. Continue to Beng Mealea, a temple lost to the jungle – find your inner adventurer as you explore. Eat dinner at the fashionable Nest Angkor Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ Day 4: Explore Angkor by tuk tuk

Spend the day discovering magnificent 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. (B,L)

■ Day 5: Discover 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

fascinating National Museum before a lunch of authentic Khmer cuisine at Bopha Phnom Penh Restaurant. (B,L)

■ Day 6: Saigon street food

Visit Tuol Sleng, a testament to the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge, before ascending to hilltop Wat Phnom for a final view of the city. Fly to Saigon where you'll embark on your culinary adventure through the city's vibrant street food scene. (B)

■ Day 7: Discover Saigon

Saigon is a thriving metropolis, the powerhouse driving Vietnam towards its ever brighter future. See the French-built Notre Dame Cathedral; the neoclassical Central Post Office designed by Gustave Eiffel; the Reunification Palace; and the harrowing War Remnants Museum. Enjoy a dinner at Xu Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: Mekong Delta Cruise

Travel to Ben Tre for your Mekong Delta cruise. The delta region produces huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Life here revolves around the river – catch a glimpse as you explore the maze of palm-lined canals. Take a cycle tour through the verdant fields and meet the local people. Return to Saigon. (B)

■ Day 9: Cu Chi Tunnels

Visit the striking Holy See of Cao Dai – a religion that is native to Vietnam and blends a number of different faiths. Continue to the Cu Chi tunnels, part of a network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. (B,L)

■ Day 10: Marble Mountains

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

■ Day 11: Hoi An cookery class

Once an influential port on the maritime Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of 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 Japanese Bridge before taking tea at a traditional tea house. (B,L)

■ Day 12: Free day

Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An. (B)

■ Day 13: Imperial Hue

Travel to Hue. Long considered a seat of culture, 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 you take a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda. This evening, enjoy a dining experience at Ancient Hue Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ Day 14: Colonial Hanoi

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■ Day 15: Explore Hanoi

Hanoi evokes an Asia of the past – European elegance mixed with Asian vibrancy. 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 art, and put on a private performance. Dine on the innovative cuisine at Pots 'n Pans Restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ Day 16: Halong Bay

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■ Day 17: Sunrise over Halong Bay

Rise early to see the sunrise over the karst-scapes. Continue cruising and enjoy brunch before disembarking. The rest of the day is at leisure (B)

■ Day 18: Fly Hanoi to UK

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

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



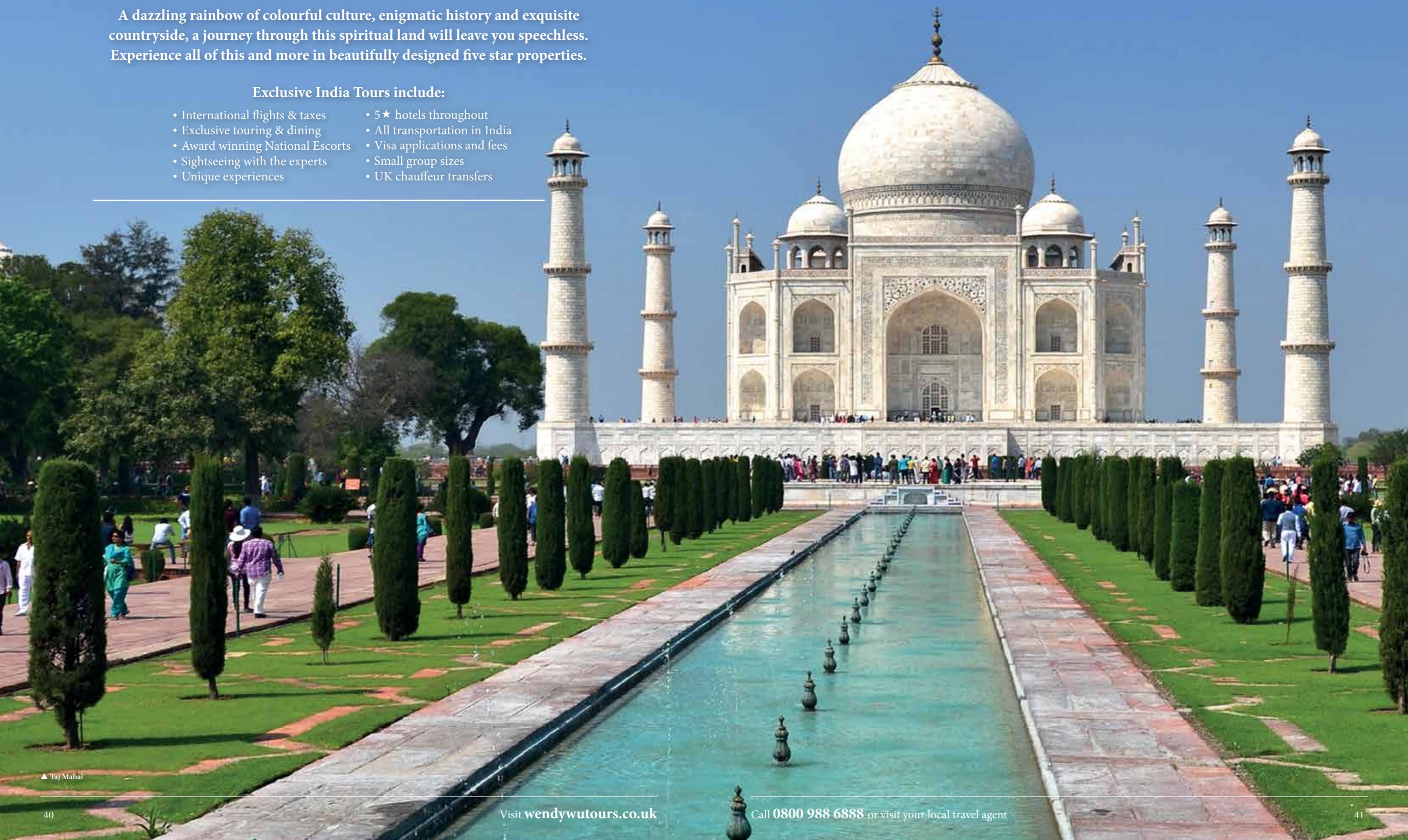
- Laotian-French Fusion Cuisine
- Angkor Wat by Tuk Tuk
- Saigon Food Tour
- Speedboat on the Mekong
- Hoi An Cooking Class
- Private Water Puppet Performance

INDIA

A dazzling rainbow of colourful culture, enigmatic history and exquisite countryside, a journey through this spiritual land will leave you speechless. Experience all of this and more in beautifully designed five star properties.

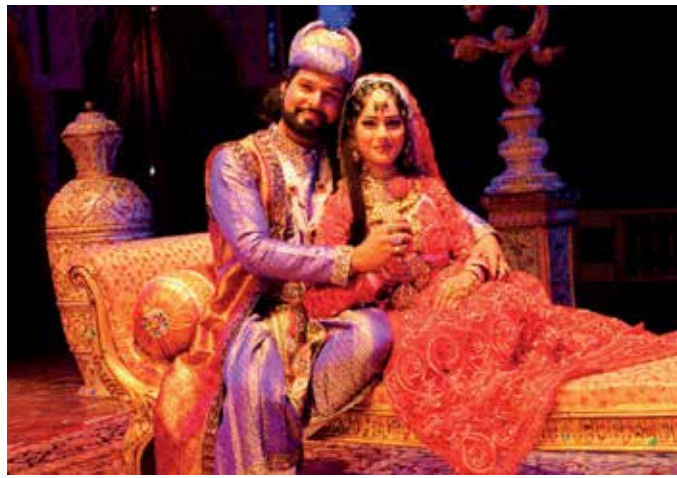
Exclusive India Tours include:

- International flights & taxes
- Exclusive touring & dining
- Award winning National Escorts
- Sightseeing with the experts
- Unique experiences
- 5★ hotels throughout
- All transportation in India
- Visa applications and fees
- Small group sizes
- UK chauffeur transfers



EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

All of our Exclusive Collection include a range of unique experiences, designed to immerse you in some of the world's most iconic locations and to give you a greater insight into local culture and history.



Mohabbat the Taj

Set in 16th-century India, this epic stage production tells the story of the emperor Shah Jahan and his beloved during the reign of the Mughal Empire. Capturing perfectly the grandeur and lavish lifestyle of the elite, 'Mohabbat the Taj' is a mesmerising show of colours, dance and music, back dropped with a stunning replica of the Taj Mahal; the most iconic symbol of India.



Private, Curatorial Tour of Mehrangarh Fort

One of the most impressive and formidable structures in Rajasthan, Mehrangarh comprises magnificent palaces, meticulously carved panels and latticed windows known as Jharokas. On arrival, enjoy a welcoming glass of champagne followed by a walk around the Fort with a curator who will tell you stories of splendour and glamour in a bygone era. Finish with an exclusive dinner in part of the fort which is not open to the general public.



Rajasthani Cooking Demonstration

Relax on the rooftop of a locally owned, tastefully decorated Rajasthani style house, where the owner's family will show you how to cook a traditional Indian dish and bread (roti). Afterwards, enjoy dinner on the rooftop as the sun goes down, and listen to stories and insights from this fascinating family.



Rawla Narlai Village

For an authentic taste of rural, traditional Rajasthan, a wander through Rawla Narlai is unsurpassed. You'll be welcomed into the house of a local shepherd, who over a cup of tea will tell you more about living in this colourful village. Take a very exclusive, candle-lit dinner in the nearby step well – a truly one-off and unforgettable experience.

LUXURY HOTELS

The hotels we use on our Exclusive Collection 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.



Kempinski Ambience, Delhi

A symbol of Delhi's luxurious and sophisticated modernity, the Kempinski Ambience is located centrally in the city near to the Yamuna River which runs through the heart of the capital. With mesmerising panoramic views, splendid wood furnishings and modern amenities, Kempinski Ambience is a well-appointed piece of refinement that will enhance any Delhi stay.



Jaipur Marriott, Jaipur

The layout of the Jaipur Marriott is designed to reflect the opulent and historical character of the 'pink city' with its marble interior, spacious bedrooms and exotic style outdoor pool. Equipped with high-speed internet, in-room entertainment and complimentary fruit plate, the Jaipur Marriott goes to lengths to make your stay all the more pleasant.



The Gateway, Varanasi

Set amidst 40 acres of lush verdancy and a short drive from the spiritual River Ganges, the Gateway is the perfect retreat from the hustle and bustle of modern day life. With stylish touches, mod-cons aplenty and impressive panoramas of the surrounding grounds, your room will be a bit of paradise in this ancient city.



Radisson Blu, Agra

Located within minutes of the fabled Taj Mahal and the Mughal Agra Fort, the Radisson Blu is nestled in the centre of this exciting city. With calming colours, upscale amenities and comfortable beds, Radisson Blu is a tranquil relaxation spot to unwind in luxury after a day of sightseeing. Don't forget to check out the extensive range of bars and restaurants, both inside and out.



RAAS Hotel, Jodhpur

With unrivalled views of the majestic Mehrangarh Fort, the RAAS hotel takes you right to the historical and cultural core of the 'blue city'. As Jodhpur's first boutique hotel, the RAAS is designed to mirror the stone-coloured look of neighbouring Mehrangarh and offers stunning vistas over Jodhpur.



Sheraton, Udaipur

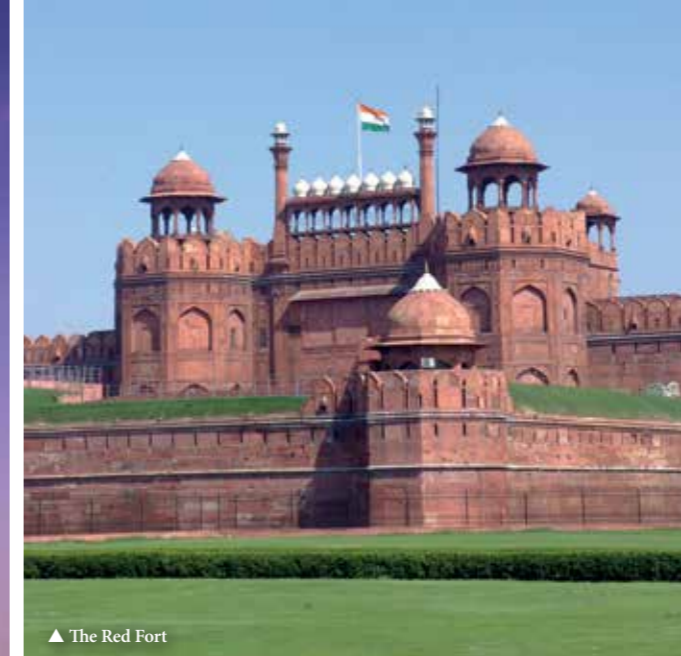
Located on the banks of Fateh Sagar Lake, the colonially-influenced Sheraton offers panoramic views of its surroundings and certainly lives up to the name of the 'City of Lakes'. The warmly designed, modern bedrooms provide a comfortable retreat from the city; and a wander around palm-lined gardens or a swim in the pool are the perfect ways to relax after an exciting day's sightseeing.

INDIA DISCOVERY

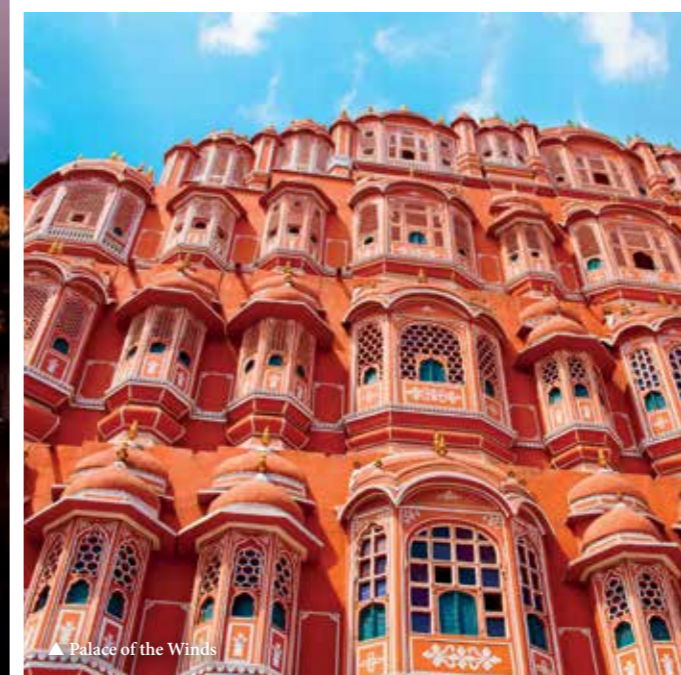
Watch the first rays of sunlight creep over the Taj Mahal, savour the majesty of Jaipur the 'Pink City', and dive headlong into India's rambunctious capital Delhi on a luxurious tour that showcases the remarkable vivacity of India's fabled 'Golden Triangle'.



▲ Amer Fort



▲ The Red Fort

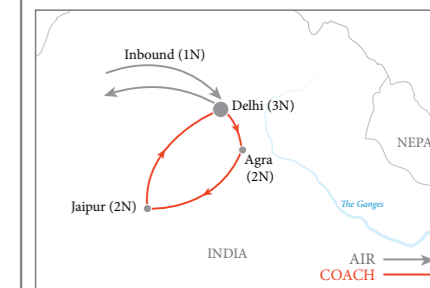


▲ Palace of the Winds

INDIA

DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

9 days from £2,390 per person



| 2016 Departures | from |
|-----------------|--------|
| 30 Jan - 08 Feb | £2,590 |
| 26 Mar - 04 Apr | £2,490 |
| 24 Sep - 03 Oct | £2,390 |
| 29 Oct - 07 Nov | £2,490 |
| 2017 Departures | from |
| 28 Jan - 06 Feb | £2,690 |
| 04 Mar - 13 Mar | £2,590 |
| 09 Sep - 18 Sep | £2,490 |
| 14 Oct - 23 Oct | £2,590 |

Tour departs Saturday and returns Monday.

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight Upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,930 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room option from £390
- Tipping payable locally US\$60

Price includes

- International flights and current taxes
- UK chauffeur transfers within 50 miles of the airport
- Domestic transportation
- 5★ accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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■ Days 1-2: Fly to Delhi

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to India's capital Delhi. On arrival you will be accompanied by one of our experienced escorts to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore.

■ Day 3: Discover Delhi

Delhi is a whirlwind of sensory experiences. Full of heritage and charmingly rough around edges the city offers the perfect introduction to India. Starting at the Red Fort, a peaceful complex of marble palaces, pavilions and landscaped gardens, you'll stroll along the bustling Chandni Chowk, the main thoroughfare of Old Delhi, before heading into the maze of atmospheric old alleyways to admire India's largest mosque, the magnificent Jama Masjid. Cross into New Delhi, created by the British in 1929 to serve as capital, to visit the Lakshmi Narayan Hindu Temple and Humayun's Tomb, finishing up at Connaught Markets for some late afternoon shopping. This evening, dine at the Olive Bar & Kitchen, housed in a beautiful old Mughal mansion. (B,L,D)

■ Day 4: Sikandra & Agra

Leave Delhi and travel to Agra. Stopping off in the suburb of Sikandra, visit the Tomb of Akbar the Great to admire the magnificent structure of red sandstone intricately inlaid with geometric patterns in white marble, all designed by Akbar himself. Savour the tranquillity of the surrounding parklands before continuing into the centre of Agra where you will be staying. (B,L)

■ Day 5: The Taj Mahal

Rise early this morning to view India's most iconic sight and one of the world's most enchanting structures, the Taj Mahal. A building as beautiful as the stories say, witness the shifting colours of the white marble as the sun rises and discover the story of Shah Jahan and his third wife Mumtaz Mahal, for whom the Taj Mahal was built. Head along the river to UNESCO-listed Agra Fort, a Mughal monument built in the 16th century. Within its huge two kilometre long walls you'll find the imperial city of the Mughal rulers, with intricate palaces and spacious audience halls to explore. This evening dine at the Radisson Blu's Dawat-e-Nawab restaurant. (B,L,D)

■ Day 6: Fatehpur Sikri and Chand Baori Stepwell

Travel to Jaipur, stopping at the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri en route. Built as a capital city but quickly abandoned, Fatehpur Sikri is an exquisite fusion of Muslim and Hindu styles - you'll find yourself amongst some of India's best preserved Mughal architecture. The city was interestingly abandoned shortly after construction in 1585 due to water shortages, and has been empty ever since. The next stop is Abhaneri village, where you can marvel at the ancient Chand Baori Stepwell. Over 1,000 years old and holding great social and religious significance, this eerily beautiful stepwell was originally dedicated to Harshat Mata, the Goddess of Joy and Happiness. Continue on to Jaipur, where this evening you can visit the formidable Amer Fort for a short night tour before dinner at the 1135 AD restaurant, located inside the fort's highest ramparts. (B,L,D)

■ Day 7: Jaipur

Rajasthan's colourful capital, Jaipur is a city of extravagant architecture and a frenetic street life. A visit from the Prince of Wales in 1876 earned Jaipur the nickname the 'Pink City', as all the buildings were painted the colour of hospitality, pink, to welcome him. Your day of sightseeing will include the Hawa Mahal the 'Palace of the Winds', named as such because of the latticed windows covering the facade, letting the breeze flow through the palace. Continue to the Maharaja's Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a collection of nineteen astronomical instruments including the world's largest sundial. You'll then take a short trip outside the city to the formidable Amer Fort, draped over a hillside above the town of Amer. Amer Fort is UNESCO-listed as one of the five great hill forts of Rajasthan, and its beautifully designed doors and windows are finely painted in a traditional, Rajasthani style. This evening enjoy a cooking demonstration followed by dinner on the rooftop of the beautiful, traditionally decorated and family owned Ikaki Niwas. (B,L,D)

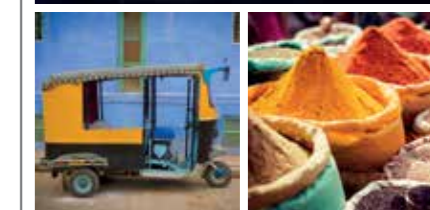
■ Day 8: Kingdom of Dreams

Journey back towards Delhi stopping for the night in the emerging city of Gurgaon, just 30 kilometres from the capital. Tonight you will experience the Kingdom of Dreams, a live entertainment destination that showcases Indian culture, including folk dancing performances, crafts and souvenirs, palm readings and tea tastings. Enjoy dinner and sit back for a magical Bollywood performance complete with all the music, elaborate costumes and dancing that you would expect. (B,L,D)

■ Day 9: Fly Delhi to UK

Transfer to Delhi and fly back to the UK, arriving the same or following day. On arrival you will be transported home by chauffeured transfer.

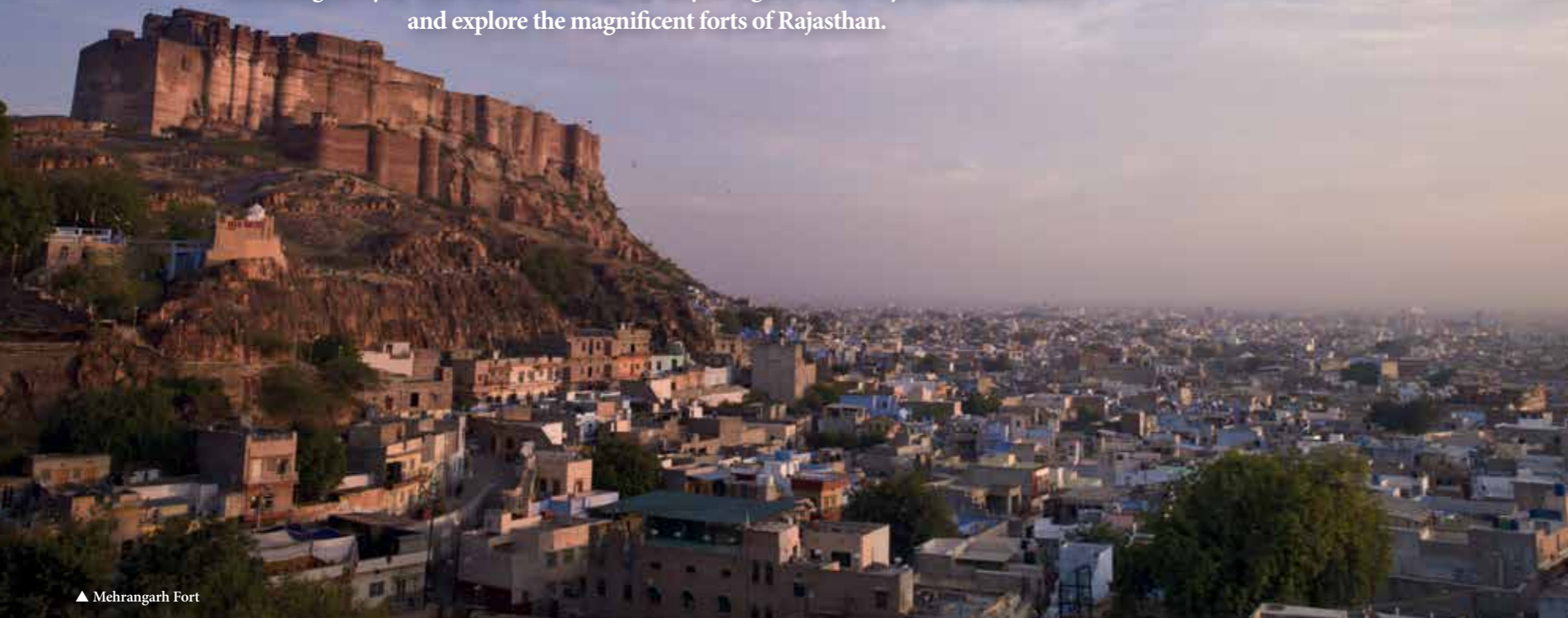
EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



- Rickshaw tour of Agra
 - Spice & Ayurveda Market
 - Amer by Night Tour & exclusive dinner
 - Traditional Cooking Demonstration
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ESSENCE OF INDIA

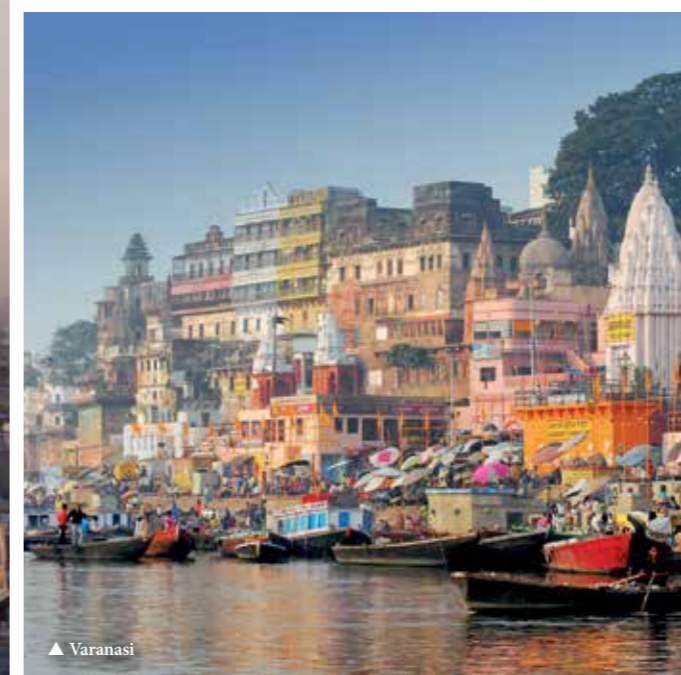
Complete with majestic forts, age-old cities and native wildlife, this comprehensive tour takes you through the very best experiences that northern India has to offer. Travelling in style, take to the waters of the holy Ganges, see the Taj Mahal at sunrise and explore the magnificent forts of Rajasthan.



▲ Mehrangarh Fort



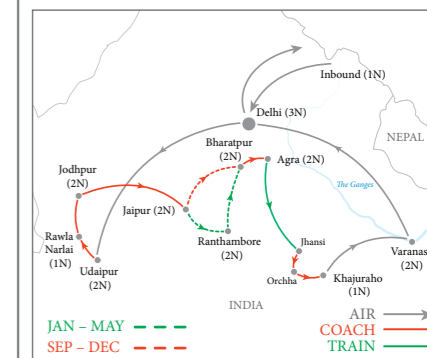
▲ Tiger in Ranthambore



▲ Varanasi

DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

19 days from £4,790 per person



| 2016 Departures | from |
|-----------------|--------|
| 26 Feb - 14 Mar | £4,790 |
| 18 Mar - 04 Apr | £4,790 |
| 21 Oct - 07 Nov | £4,890 |
| 2017 Departures | from |
| 27 Jan - 13 Feb | £4,990 |
| 17 Mar - 03 Apr | £4,990 |
| 20 Oct - 06 Nov | £5,090 |

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- Flight Upgrades available on request
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■ Day 4: Romantic Udaipur

Transfer to the airport to fly to Udaipur. The city is set on the shores of Lake Pichola and is considered India's most romantic - gazing over the many intricate palaces and temples it's easy to see why. (B,L)

■ Day 5: Explore Udaipur

Drive around Fateh Sagar Lake before visiting the Folk Museum and strolling around Sahelion Ki Bari garden. Explore the City Palace on the lakeside, then

take a cruise to admire the opulent Lake Palace. Dine on the Sunset Terrace of the Fateh Prakash Palace. (B,L,D)

■ Day 6: Rawla Narlai

Transfer by road to Rawla Narlai. A small settlement off the regular tourist trail, walk through the village with a guide from the local shepherd community to visit houses and drink tea with the villagers. A beautiful candlelit dinner will be served by the village stepwell. (B,L,D)

■ Day 7: Mehrangarh Fort

Transfer to Jodhpur. The city is dominated by the mighty Mehrangarh Fort, which perches on a sandstone plinth in the centre of the old town. This evening you will visit the fort for a private walking tour with the curator. Enjoy dinner in a venue within the fort that is not usually open to the public. (B,L,D)

■ Day 8: Jodhpur

The day begins at Jaswant Thasa, a cluster of cenotaphs built in 1899, before heading up in to the hills to Umaid Bhawan Palace to visit the museum. Back in the city wander amongst the stalls of a local vegetable and spice market. Take dinner in Hanwant Mahal, a former royal residence. (B,L,D)

■ Day 9: The Pink City

Transfer by road from Jodhpur to Jaipur. Rajasthan's colourful capital, Jaipur, the 'Pink City' is a place of extravagant architecture and a frenetic street life. On arrival, head into the old town to do some shopping for crafts and produce before enjoying a cooking demonstration and dinner at Ikaki Niwas. (B,L,D)

■ Day 10: Jaipur

Your day of sightseeing will include the Hawa Mahal - the Palace of the Winds, the Maharaja's Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory as well as the formidable Amer Fort, draped over a hillside above the nearby town of Amer. You will return to the fort this evening for a short night tour before dining at the 1135 AD restaurant, exclusively located inside the fort's highest ramparts. (B,L,D)

■ Days 11-12: Ranthambore or Bharatpur

Depending on the season, the next three days operate different itineraries: **Jan to May:** Travel by train to Ranthambore National Park and enjoy a canter safari in the park. The next day, take a morning and an afternoon canter safari. **Sep to Dec:** Drive to Bharatpur. The next day visit Keoladeo National Park for a morning rickshaw safari before visiting a nearby village. (B,L,D)

■ Day 13: Fatehpur Sikri

Depart Ranthambore or Bharatpur to transfer to Agra via the ghost city Fatehpur Sikri. Built as a capital city but quickly abandoned, Fatehpur Sikri is an exquisite fusion of Muslim and Hindu styles. Continue to Agra and enjoy dinner and the show 'Mohabbat the Taj' this evening. (B,L,D)

■ Day 14: The Taj Mahal

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■ Day 15: Medieval Orchha

Rise early to board the Shatabdi Express train to Jhansi. Continue to Khajuraho with a stop in Orchha, a medieval city, famous for its palaces and temples built by the Bundela rulers of the 16th-century. Continue to Khajuraho and view a cultural dance performance. (B,L)

■ Day 16: Khajuraho temples

The intricately and erotically carved temples of Khajuraho were built between the 10th and 12th centuries and display some of the finest temple art you will find anywhere in the world. Fly to Varanasi. This sacred city sits on the banks of the holy River Ganges - take an atmospheric evening rickshaw ride through the narrow streets to the ghats. (B,L)

■ Day 17: Varanasi

An early morning cruise on the Ganges reveals the buzz of activity on the ghats at sunrise. Visit the Buddhist sights of Sarnath. The site of Buddha's first ever sermon after he found enlightenment, Sarnath has a series of magnificent stupas, temples and ruins to explore, some of which date back to the 3rd century BC. (B,L)

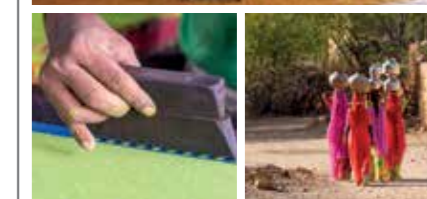
■ Day 18: Travel to Delhi

Travel to the airport to fly back to Delhi. The rest of the day is free for you to continue your explorations of India's capital. (B)

■ Day 19: Fly Delhi to UK

Transfer to Delhi and fly back to the UK, arriving the same or following day. On arrival you will be transported home by chauffeured transfer. (B)

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



- Rawla Narlai Local Village
- Private Tour of Mehrangarh Fort with Champagne
- Traditional Cooking Demonstration
- Traditional Block Printing and Weaving Lesson
- Mohabbat the Taj Show at Kalakirti
- Rickshaw tour of Agra • Spice & Ayurveda Market

See page 42 for more details.

TAILORMADE ASIA

Our group tours give you the chance to tick off all of the big sights and to travel in the company of likeminded people but not everyone wants to stick to the trail. If you like what you see but are looking for more flexibility and freedom, a tailormade tour may be for you.

WHY TAILORMADE?

With a tailormade itinerary you can travel where, when and at the pace you want, for as long as you want. You can pick your accommodation and add all the extras you like, from meals to guides to excursions. You can indulge your interests, whether it's Ming Dynasty pottery or large wading birds, and miss out anything that doesn't hold much appeal. You have complete control.

WHAT WE DO:

Our team of dedicated Tailormade Asia experts will help to design your perfect, unique itinerary so you can have a holiday that fits all of your wants and needs for excellent value - whether it's some minor adjustments to one of the group itineraries you've seen in this brochure or building something completely from scratch.

1 PERSONAL SERVICE

The creation of your perfect itinerary is a combination of your ideas and desires, and our expertise. Your dedicated tailormade consultant will listen to what you are looking for, make recommendations and work with you to create a holiday that fulfils all your wants and needs. They are ready on the end of the line from enquiry to departure, so any questions you have, tweaks you want to make, things you want to talk through, just call.



2 INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORT

You can travel around your destination any way you like, be it by bullet train, plane or car, but we will always provide you with your own vehicle and driver to make sure that you get the most out of your time exploring. This way you can stop where and when you like, linger by that favourite sight a little longer and have complete control over your holiday time.



3 LOCAL FLAVOURS

Asia is home to a wealth of different people and cultures, each offering their own characteristic and delicious cuisines. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, so we include regional specialities to our itineraries, Peking duck in Beijing for example, but also leave you plenty of space to get out and discover the most flavourful offerings for yourself.

4 ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across Asia ranges from ger camps to grand old palaces. The choice of hotel style and standard is completely up to you. You can just give us the number of stars that you are comfortable with for us to recommend ones that suit your needs and requirements, or you can peruse through the wide range of hotel options that we have online and pick the ones that appeal to you most.



5 DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Learning, seeing and experiencing are all part of travel – immersing yourself in a new culture and different way of life are one of its greatest perks. By tailormaking your trip you can take this a step further and do something a bit different – a day as a panda keeper, a Vietnamese cooking class, ballooning over Bagan or living like a maharaja in Rajasthan are just a few of your many options.



6 PRIVATE GUIDING

There is no better way to really experience your destination than with your very own local expert. Not only will you learn more about the sights and culture but will get the inside knowledge on local life. And we only use the best guides, the ones who are both passionate and knowledgeable about their country and have a desire to share it.



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.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Preferred Partner

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

- Direct departures 5 x daily from London Heathrow to Hong Kong and 4 x weekly from Manchester.
- Daily flights to Beijing, Chengdu, Kunming, Shanghai, Xian, Tokyo, Hanoi, Saigon, Bangkok and regular flights to Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Rangoon.
- Upgrade to Premium Economy for additional legroom and a wider seat, a dedicated cabin, 10.6" personal TV, increased luggage allowance and a personal amenity kit.
- Upgrades are available to Business class featuring a dedicated check-in desk and priority boarding, a larger seat to provide more comfort including a fully flatbed just over 2 meters long, personal stowage compartment, 15.4" personal TV and a range of Asian and Western meal choices.



- Departures via Doha from London Heathrow and Manchester. Edinburgh departures 5 x weekly.
- Daily flights to Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Hanoi, Saigon, Bangkok and Phnom Penh from London and Manchester and regular weekly flights to Chengdu and Rangoon.
- Winners of Skytrax 2015 Airline of the year.
- Upgrades available to Business class, featuring dedicated check-in desk, priority boarding, a larger fully flatbed seat. Personal 17" TV with a range of on demand features and on board a la carte menu.



- Double daily flights direct to Beijing from London Heathrow.
- Numerous onward connections to key cities within China, including Shanghai, Xian, Chengdu, Guilin and Hong Kong.
- Upgrades available to Business Class, featuring 60"-80" seat pitch and a fully flatbed seat, complimentary chauffeur service* on selected flights, luxury amenity kit, gourmet Asian and western dining options and personal 15.4" seat back TV with a range of on-demand features.



- Departures via Singapore from London Heathrow and Manchester.
- Daily flights to Hanoi, Phnom Penh, Saigon, Bangkok, Rangoon. Regular weekly flights to Siem Reap.
- Upgrades available to Business Class which include dedicated check-in desk and priority boarding, a spacious flatbed seat, restaurant style pre-order gourmet menu, a 15.4" wide screen on-demand entertainment system and lounge access.

*Please note chauffeur services are only applicable on business class flights within a certain radius of your departure airport.



- Departures available from Birmingham, Glasgow, London Gatwick, London Heathrow, Manchester and Newcastle.
- Daily connections via Dubai to Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Saigon, Phuket, Singapore and Tokyo.
- Double daily flights from London Heathrow and London Gatwick to Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong.
- Upgrades available to Business Class, featuring dedicated check-in desk and priority boarding, a larger fully flatbed seat with a personal mini bar on selected aircraft and complimentary chauffeur service*.



- Departures direct to Hanoi & Saigon 4 x weekly from London Heathrow.
- Numerous onward connections to key cities within Southeast Asia.
- Upgrade to Premium Economy for additional legroom and a wider seat with increased seat recline. 10.6" personal flight entertainment system and increased luggage allowance.
- Upgrades available to Business Class featuring a larger flatbed seat, priority boarding, 15.4" personal entertainment system on your international flight from the UK, personal amenity kit and lounge access.



- Daily departures from London Heathrow to Delhi and Mumbai.
- Daily flight connections within India, including Chennai, Trivandrum, Udaipur, Goa and further flight connections to Kathmandu.
- Upgrades available to Business class featuring a larger fully flatbed seat with a privacy wall, dedicated check-in desk and priority boarding and a 15.4" personal entertainment system.

BOOKING YOUR TRIP

Booking your holiday should be simple and straightforward, so Wendy Wu Tours is 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 upon 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 wendywutours.co.uk/before-you-go/booking-conditions.

4. Final payment

The balance of your payment is due 60 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately two weeks before travel.



Call our Travel Experts!

All our staff have travelled throughout Asia and can provide you with detailed information about our itineraries. Just call us on any day of the week and we'll be happy to discuss your holiday and answer any questions you might have.

Stopovers & Extensions

Why not break your trip to the Far East 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 Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Hong Kong are just a few of the options available between Asia and the UK. Visit us at wendywutours.co.uk for inspiration. If you want to stay longer in Shanghai, Beijing, 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
- ✓ Travel Insurance from £3 per day

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



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 Tours Champion**
Recommend us to your friends and we'll send you a 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 a £100pp discount.

■ **Welcome Home Discount**
When you book another tour with us within four-weeks of returning home, we'll give you a £200pp discount.

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

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- Over 18 years' experience
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of group, private and tailor-made holidays
- Depart from many regional UK airports
- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Quality hotels and comfortable transport
- Outstanding customer satisfaction
- Award winning guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Authentic dining and delicious local cuisine
- Hassle-free visa service included
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL & IATA



We offer tours and tailor-made travel throughout Asia, including:

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- Vietnam ■ Cambodia
- Laos ■ Thailand
- Burma ■ India ■ Nepal
- Bhutan ■ Sri Lanka
- Central Asia ■ Mongolia
- Taiwan ■ South Korea



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