



SOUTHEAST ASIA

VIETNAM | CAMBODIA | LAOS | THAILAND | BURMA | BORNEO

2018-2019



WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

Wendy Wu Tours loves Southeast Asia and we know from the reviews we receive that you love travelling to Southeast Asia with us too!

That's why we are one of the UK's leading Asia tour operators and have won many prestigious awards.

With us you'll see the big sights, be it in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Burma, or a mixture of a few, as well as being immersed in the culture, with plenty of authentic experiences and fantastic National Escorts and local guides to show you the very best of their homeland.

This year, we're delighted to introduce Borneo – a new destination to our portfolio, and a number of exciting new tours.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEW 2018 TOURS:

- **Best of Borneo**, a classic tour of this fascinating land (pages 44-45)
- **Vietnam Explorer**, a flexible tour with many options (pages 62-63)
- **Vietnam Adventure**, our most active tour in Vietnam (pages 64-65)
- **Indochina: The Big One**, the ultimate tour of the region (pages 68-69)
- **Burma Discovery**, active and culturally immersive (pages 74-75)



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Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

Wendy and the team look forward to welcoming you to Southeast Asia soon!



A GUIDE TO WENDY WU TOURS

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Discover the world of Wendy Wu, what we do and why we do it so well.



CLASSIC TOURS

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Fully inclusive, excellent value and packed with the iconic sights, your Southeast Asia holiday has everything taken care of!



IMMERSE YOURSELF

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Dive headlong into authentic Southeast Asia with active and cultural tours designed to truly immerse you in your destination.



EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

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Discover Southeast Asia in five-star style, on journeys that feature distinctive and unique experiences that are exclusively yours.



TAILORMADE TRAVEL

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Travel where, when and how you want. Create your dream Asia itinerary with the help of our tailor-made experts.



STOPOVERS

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It's easy to add a little something extra to your Southeast Asia adventure with our range of stopovers.

AWARD-WINNING EXPERTISE



DISCOVER SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH WENDY WU TOURS

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

WENDY'S TOP 8 SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGHTS:

1 HALONG BAY

Drift the tranquil, emerald waters and soak up the beauty of the foliage-cloaked limestone karsts on our Vietnam tour itineraries.



2 ANGKOR

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



3 HOI AN

It's impossible not to love Hoi An's quaint streets and relaxed atmosphere – that's why it is included on all Vietnam itineraries.



4 LUANG PRABANG

Luang Prabang is one of the most captivating towns in Asia and is a place of great spiritual and natural beauty.



5 SAPA

With its rice terraces and hazy peaks, Sapa is ripe for exploration. See it on Vietnam Trails (see pages 20-21) or add it as an extension to any of our Vietnam tours.



6 CHIANG MAI

Lush, culturally rich Chiang Mai is one of Thailand's most popular destinations. This old city is an excellent destination for those seeking unique activities such as trekking, rafting or meeting hill tribes.



7 BAGAN

With hundreds of temples dotting the sacred landscape of the central plains, Bagan is Burma's most sublime sight. Experience it for yourself on any Burma itinerary (pages 46-55).



8 BORNEO

Asia's largest island, Borneo offers stunning beaches, untouched rainforests, tribal traditions and a wonderful range of activities to delve into. Cruise on the Kinabatangan River to spot orangutans (pages 44-45)



THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

1. NO ONE KNOWS SOUTHEAST ASIA LIKE WE DO

All of our staff have travelled extensively throughout Southeast Asia and can provide you with detailed information about our itineraries and touring styles, and will help personalise your holiday. We are proud to be known as the UK's specialist operator to Asia, and have been building our global reputation since 1998, one satisfied customer at a time.



3. INDUSTRY-LEADING NATIONAL ESCORTS

All of our group tours are accompanied by a dedicated, knowledgeable National Escort with particular expertise in their country. Our experienced teams in Asia ensure that Wendy Wu Tours has a reliable presence on which you can always depend. We regularly receive letters that sing the praises of our team in Southeast Asia, their knowledge, warmth, supportive nature, passion and gentle humour is something we are genuinely very proud of.



4. WE LOVE SOLO TRAVELLERS

Our group tours are a great opportunity to share your experiences with like-minded people. We welcome plenty of solo travellers on our tours, and receive great feedback from them about the friendly and sociable atmosphere of our groups. Even better, if you are a single traveller and are willing to share a room, you won't have to pay a single supplement on most of our tours.



5. HAND-PICKED HOTELS

Over 20 years of taking people to Asia means we know exactly where to stay. We have superb relationships with our hotel partners in the region, 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 stay you will have a peaceful and comfortable night's sleep in preparation for the next day's adventures. See pages 114-115.

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 117.

8. TIPPING MADE EASY

We handle the tipping so you don't have to. We have a simple tipping system on our Group Tours where passengers contribute to a kitty, paid to the National Escort, who then distributes it. This avoids the need for you to consider individual tipping situations daily throughout your trip. We will suggest appropriate amounts for Private Tours and tailor-made holidays too. See page 118.

9. REGIONAL FLAVOUR

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. Highlights may include mild green coconut curry in Thailand, fresh and zingy Vietnamese salads, and Laap – spicy marinated meat or fish in Laos.



6. UNRIVALLED AIRLINE CHOICE

Unlike other operators, we have access to airfares from all the leading airlines, giving you a huge choice of flights which are convenient for where you live, offering stopovers where you want and the upgrades you require. See page 112.



10. GREAT VALUE FULLY INCLUSIVE TOURS

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- All accommodation
- All or most meals
- All transportation and transfers
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- English-speaking National Escort and Local Guides
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Comprehensive tour dossiers and travel guides
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL AND IATA

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping and early check-in or late check-out (this cannot be guaranteed). Meals on our Immerse Yourself range, Exclusive Collection and Private Tours are indicated on the tour pages.

YOUR TOUR GUIDES

Your guide is often the difference between a good holiday and a truly remarkable holiday. On all of our group tours you will be escorted by a dedicated National Escort for the entire duration of your trip. Their unrivalled knowledge, passion, experience and expertise will astonish you.

AWARD-WINNING LOCAL EXPERTISE

Our guides are utterly committed to Wendy Wu Tours and the vast majority have been with us for many years. We ensure that the individual tasked with the responsibility to keep you safe, happy, entertained and inspired is someone whom you should have absolute trust in; and that they intimately understand the eccentricities of the Asian way of doing things.

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, and you'll learn about the local heritage, culture and way of life. Most importantly all of our National Escorts speak fluent English and go through rigorous training programmes. They 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.

ALL OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS

- Have a minimum of five years experience in guiding
- Are fluent in English
- Are born and raised in the region making them unparalleled experts
- Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- Above all they love to explore Asia



Hoang Ngoc Loc

"Hello, my name is Loc and I've been working as a tour guide for 18 years now. Before that I worked as an English teacher. I love travelling, meeting new people and introducing everyone to my beautiful, charming Vietnam. I also enjoy telling visitors all about the long, very rich history of Vietnam – it's one of the things I love most about my job. I strongly believe that I will be able to give you the trip of a lifetime in Vietnam!"

Ms Logan,
Vietnam Panorama, March 2017

"I had a truly memorable holiday. The tour guide, Loc, was really great. He was so knowledgeable, helpful and well organised with a good sense of humour. Vietnam's history was riveting and the people wonderfully welcoming."



Ms Jamnapa

"I have been a tour guide for about 21 years after studying tourism at university. I love being a tour guide because I get to meet and spend time with people from all over the world and I am so proud to be able to share my country's history, culture, nature and way of life with visitors."



Vichet

"My name is Vichet and I am from Cambodia. I have been working as a tour guide since 2007 and I am truly passionate about my job. I love sharing my knowledge of the sights of Cambodia and I like to consider my guests as part of my family. I always provide my travellers with memorable experiences to take home and I am always flexible to my guests' need and provide the best care."



Ian and Sarah,
Angkor to the Bay, November 2016

"Throughout our time in Cambodia, Vichet always went above and beyond to make sure we were all taken care of. He was full of knowledge, especially about the Angkor complex, and treated every member of the group as a dear friend."



Roger Holder,
Thailand Highlights, January 2017

"We had such fun exploring Thailand with Ms Jamnapa – she knew exactly how much information to give us and did everything she could to make sure we were happy and seeing everything we wanted to see. I would definitely travel with her again!"



"Whether you call it Myanmar or Burma, it doesn't matter, it is still a wonderful, beautiful land that I think is the best country in the world! Come and visit me in Burma and I will show you the very best that my country has to offer, and share its fascinating history with you."

Penny Arthur,
Burma Explorer, October 2016

"Our local guide, Mr Sai Hutan Naing, was fantastic and deserves 5 stars. His knowledge, patience, resourcefulness and friendly demeanour really made the tour for us."



Sai Hutan Naing

TRAVELLERS' TALES

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



97% customer service rating
(rated as good or excellent)

98% tour experience rating
(rated as good or excellent)

Based on over 1,000 feefo customer reviews.

“ Brilliant, well-paced immersion in Vietnamese life, both old and new.”

Elizabeth, Vietnam Highlights, Apr 2017

“ The itinerary was perfect and the organisation first class. We saw so much, learnt so much about Vietnam and experienced so much - from rowing on the Mekong, to working with a farmer to sailing on Halong Bay. ”

Christine & Andrew, Vietnam at a Glance, Mar 2017



“ This tour of Burma was one of the best I have experienced with an excellent guide, good food and very friendly people. Ten out of ten.”

Teresa, Burma Explorer, Nov 2016



“ An excellent itinerary – it enabled us to experience many aspects of life in Vietnam as well as the Angkor Temples in Cambodia. It was also well organised with a very knowledgeable tour guide. ”

Linda, Vietnam & Cambodia Discovery, Mar 2017

“ Great tour, great guide and great company. Itinerary was excellent covering most aspects of what we needed to see and experience. Have been with Wendy Wu before and was still most impressed with the operation.”

David, Angkor to the Bay, Jan 2017



“ A very well thought out tour, which was delivered to a high standard. Came away feeling we had got underneath the normal tourist-sight veneer and gained a real insight into the countries' culture, history, geography and way of life.”

Ruth, Vietnam & Cambodia Discovery, Mar 2017



“ Wide ranging tour suitable for all ages. Gave an excellent insight into Vietnamese life and countryside. Organisation seamless throughout. Quality of hotels outstanding, eating in local restaurants was a bonus giving a real sense of local dishes. ”

Hilary, Vietnam Escape, Mar 2017

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The Global Feedback Engine

We are keen to receive as much feedback as we can. We have partnered with independent online review site, feefo, to give you the chance to tell us what you think. You will receive an email from feefo after booking and once again after you have travelled so you can rate our service and tour experience.

CLASSIC TOURS

Our fully inclusive Classic Tours encompass Southeast Asia's iconic sights, from Halong Bay to the Temples of Angkor and beyond.

IS A CLASSIC TOUR FOR ME?

A thoughtfully designed series of journeys for those who wish to see the iconic sights and magnificent treasures that Southeast Asia has to offer on a fully-inclusive, excellent-value group tour.

OUR CLASSIC SOUTHEAST ASIA TOURS INCLUDE:

- Comprehensive touring
- Award-winning National Escorts
- Knowledgeable local guides
- International flights and taxes
- All accommodation and meals
- All transportation on tour
- Visa applications and fees
- Specialist advice from our travel consultants

THE KEY TO OUR TOURS

Our Classic Tours are graded as comfortable or moderate to reflect the level of fitness required. Just look for the icons on the page.

COMFORTABLE

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

MODERATE

Tours require a higher level of fitness and may include longer periods of sightseeing. Easy walking, moderate altitude and greater cultural immersion may feature.

Please see our tour dossiers on the website or contact us if you require any advice.

TRAVEL WITH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE

Our groups are friendly, sociable and share a passion for adventure – what better way to meet fascinating new people and share your trip with people with a similar interests as you.



TICK OFF THE BIG SIGHTS

Angkor, tick. Halong Bay, tick. Mandalay, tick. These Classic Tours will take you to Southeast Asia's most iconic sights – and yes, they are as big and awe-inspiring as you expect!



ALL MEALS ARE INCLUDED

All of your meals are included. Whilst breakfasts are a mixture of both local and western style, at lunch and dinner we'll help you go on a culinary adventure!



TRAVEL WITH AN EXPERT

Our industry-leading National Escorts have the unparalleled knowledge and talent necessary to make your holiday even more unforgettable.



WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

If you have limited time, try one of our shorter tours: Vietnam Impressions, Vietnam at a Glance or Burma Explorer. Delve deeper with the popular Vietnam Panorama, Angkor to the Bay or Hidden Treasures of Burma. And to see the widest range that the region has to offer opt for the three-country itineraries of Indochina Delights and Grand Tour of Indochina.

VIETNAM, CAMBODIA & LAOS	DAYS	PAGE	VIETNAM BIG 5*	SAPA	HUE ROYAL TOMBS	DALAT	NHA TRANG BEACH	ANGKOR TEMPLES	LUANG PRABANG
Vietnam Impressions	10	16	●						
Vietnam at a Glance	12	18	●		●				
Vietnam Trails	16	20	●	●	●				
Vietnam Escape	17	22	●		●	●	●		
Vietnam Highlights	18	24	●		●		●		
Vietnam Panorama	18	26	●		●	●	●		
Around Cambodia	15	28						●	
Angkor to the Bay	17	30	●		●			●	
Mekong Odyssey	21	32	●		●			●	
Laos & Cambodia Unveiled	18	34						●	●
Indochina Delights	17	36	●					●	●
Grand Tour of Indochina	28	38	●	●	●			●	●
Treasures of Vietnam & China	26	40	●		●				

*All tours visiting Vietnam include the Big 5 destinations: Hanoi, Saigon, Hoi An, Halong Bay and the Mekong Delta

THAILAND	DAYS	PAGE	BANGKOK	KANCHANABURI	CHIANG RAI	ECO-LODGE	CHIANG MAI	COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
Thailand Highlights	13	42	●	●	●	●	●	●

BORNEO	DAYS	PAGE	KUCHING	IBAN VILLAGE	KINABALU NAT. PARK	BAKO NAT. PARK	KOTA KINABALU	ORANG-UTANS	KINABATANGAN RIVER
Best of Borneo (NEW)	16	44	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

BURMA	DAYS	PAGE	YANGON	BAGAN TEMPLES	MANDALAY	INLE LAKE	PROME	KALAW	IRRAWADDY CRUISE
Burma Explorer	11	46	●	●	●	●			
Burma & The Irrawaddy	14	48	●	●	●	●			●
Hidden Treasures of Burma	17	50	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Irrawaddy Voyager (Private)	12	52	●	●	●				●
The Golden Land (Private)	14	54	●	●	●		●		●

VIETNAM IMPRESSIONS

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

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,190

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE



▲ HOAN KIEM LAKE, HANOI

Price includes:

All meals (7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

Flight and supplement information

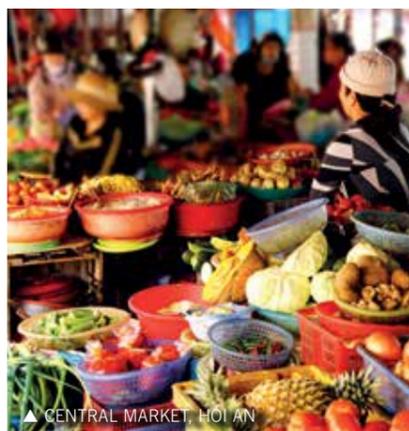
- Based on London Heathrow departures**
- Flight upgrades available on request
 - Land only from £1,590 (Hanoi - Saigon)
 - Single room from £220
 - Tipping paid locally US\$50

ENJOY AS A PRIVATE TOUR

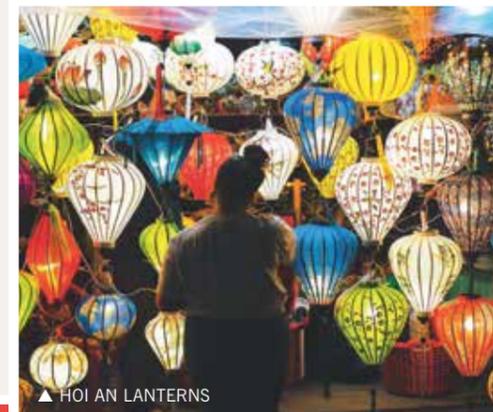
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▲ CENTRAL MARKET, HOI AN



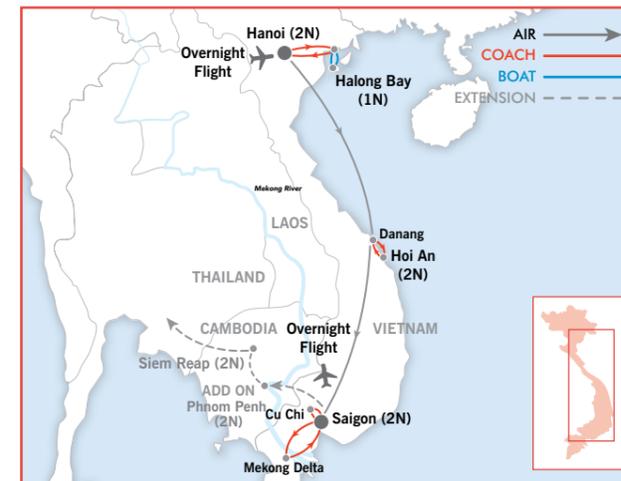
▲ HOI AN LANTERNS



▲ HUE CITADEL



▲ CITY HALL, SAIGON



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll through old Hanoi
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Cooking class in Hoi An
- Explore Saigon
- Drift along the Mekong Delta
- Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

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

DAYS 3-4: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Spend the day 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. You'll even explore one of the bay's many caves. Spend a night onboard before returning to Hanoi the next day. This evening see a traditional water puppet show.

DAY 5: 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 Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets followed by a Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake.

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass Ho Chi Minh's monumental mausoleum and Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House and see One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An.

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 lanterns, 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. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work. 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 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.

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, getting a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta, and enjoy a lunch of typical Mekong fare. Return to Saigon.

DAYS 9-10: CU CHI TUNNELS AND FLY TO UK

Contemplate the 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. Return to Saigon and transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK arriving home the following day.



▲ MEKONG DELTA

KEEP EXPLORING



CAMBODIA 4 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £930PP

DAY 9: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

Transfer to your hotel and relax or begin your explorations. (B)

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. (B,L)

DAY 12: SIEM REAP

Take a boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting floating villages and observing the way of life in these lake communities. After lunch, visit Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. (B,L)

DAYS 13-14: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

This morning, explore the small circuit of temples including Kravan, Banteay Kdei, Ta Prohm, Takeo and Chau Say Tevoda. Later, fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

Price includes flights from Saigon to Phnom Penh and Phnom Penh to Siem Reap, and your Cambodia entry visa.

DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Sunday

2018 DATES											
09 Feb - 18 Feb	£2,490	09 Mar - 18 Mar	£2,390	20 Apr - 29 Apr	£2,290	06 Jul - 15 Jul	£2,390	14 Sep - 23 Sep	£2,390	23 Nov - 02 Dec	£2,490
23 Feb - 04 Mar	£2,490	06 Apr - 15 Apr	£2,390	11 May - 20 May	£2,190	03 Aug - 12 Aug	£2,490	26 Oct - 04 Nov	£2,490		
2019 DATES											
08 Feb - 17 Feb	£2,690	08 Mar - 17 Mar	£2,590	19 Apr - 28 Apr	£2,690	05 Jul - 14 Jul	£2,590	13 Sep - 22 Sep	£2,590	22 Nov - 01 Dec	£2,690
22 Feb - 03 Mar	£2,690	05 Apr - 14 Apr	£2,590	10 May - 19 May	£2,490	02 Aug - 11 Aug	£2,690	25 Oct - 03 Nov	£2,690		

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 comprehensive tour of discovery.

12 DAYS FROM

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▲ HANOI

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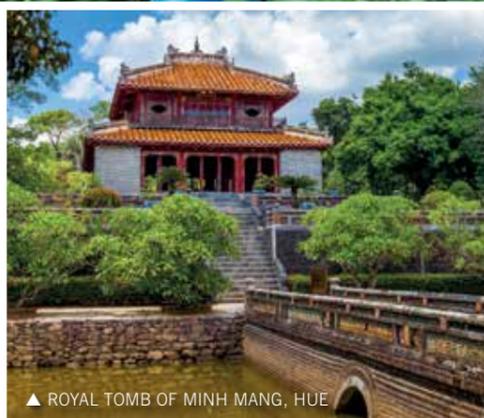
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▲ CYCLO, HOI AN



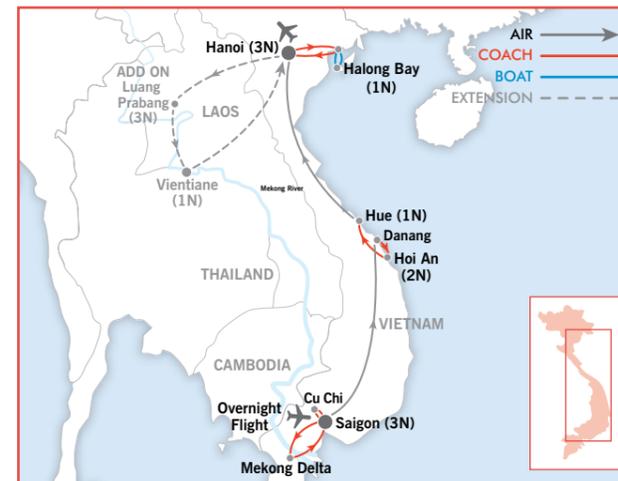
▲ ROYAL TOMB OF MINH MANG, HUE



▲ POST OFFICE, SAIGON



▲ HALONG BAY



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightsee in Saigon
- Drift on the Mekong Delta
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Explore Hue's Imperial Citadel
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Stroll through old Hanoi

ITINERARY

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DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

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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. Enjoy a lunch of typical Mekong dishes. Make a stop at Vinh Trang Pagoda en route back to Saigon.

DAY 5: JOURNEY TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town – a wonderfully laidback

and wilfully traditional place, whose streets are a delight to wander. Visit an old merchant's house, Quan Cong Temple, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the bustling market. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work.

DAY 6: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community that supplies many hotels and restaurants in the area with vegetables and herbs. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. Later spend the afternoon at leisure back in Hoi An.

DAY 7: IMPERIAL HUE

Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. The magnificent centrepiece of the Royal Empire, the citadel was extensively damaged during the Vietnam War. 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.

DAY 8: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi. Take the afternoon at leisure or start your explorations of Vietnam's capital.

DAY 9: EXPLORE HANOI

Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (closed at certain times of year) and 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 cyclo tour through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake. Spend the evening watching a traditional Water Puppet show.

DAY 10: HALONG BAY

Stay overnight on a traditionally-designed boat on Halong Bay, cruising amongst the karst peaks on the tranquil green waters. 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 11: SUNRISE OVER HALONG BAY

Rise early this morning for sunrise over the bay. Return to Hanoi this afternoon.

DAY 12: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

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▲ HOI AN

KEEP EXPLORING



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DAY 12: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

Fly to Luang Prabang. Tour the city by tuk tuk. See Wat Visoun, Wat Xieng Thong, Wat Sene and the National Museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: KUANGSI WATERFALLS

Drive to the Kuangsi Waterfalls, visiting a local market en route. Later, visit Ock Pop Tok weaving centre before climbing Phousi Hill for sunset over the city. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: CAVES & VILLAGES

Take a boat up the Mekong to the Pak Ou Caves. Return to Luang Prabang and visit Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong villages. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: TAKBAT CEREMONY

Rise early to take part in the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat and pay a visit to a fresh food market. Fly to Vientiane. This evening enjoy a traditional music and dance show. (B,L,D)

DAYS 16-17: DEPART VIENTIANE

Visit the local market, Wat Si Saket, That Luang Stupa and Patuxai Victory Monument. Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home. (B)

Includes connecting flights from and to Hanoi, and flight from Luang Prabang to Vientiane. Visa costs may apply.

DEPARTURES – Departing Tuesday returning Saturday

2018 DATES													
09 Jan - 20 Jan	£2,590	06 Mar - 17 Mar	£2,490	03 Apr - 14 Apr	£2,490	01 May - 12 May	£2,390	10 Jul - 21 Jul	£2,490	18 Sep - 29 Sep	£2,490	23 Oct - 03 Nov	£2,590
30 Jan - 10 Feb	£2,590	13 Mar - 24 Mar	£2,490	10 Apr - 21 Apr	£2,390	15 May - 26 May	£2,390	07 Aug - 18 Aug	£2,590	25 Sep - 06 Oct	£2,490	06 Nov - 17 Nov	£2,590
13 Feb - 24 Feb	£2,590	20 Mar - 31 Mar	£2,490	17 Apr - 28 Apr	£2,390	05 Jun - 16 Jun	£2,390	11 Sep - 22 Sep	£2,490	09 Oct - 20 Oct	£2,590		
2019 DATES													
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29 Jan - 09 Feb	£2,790	12 Mar - 23 Mar	£2,690	09 Apr - 20 Apr	£2,690	14 May - 25 May	£2,590	06 Aug - 17 Aug	£2,790	24 Sep - 05 Oct	£2,690	05 Nov - 16 Nov	£2,790
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VIETNAM TRAILS

Discover Vietnam's many gems, from buzzing Saigon to quaint Hoi An to stately Hanoi and magnificent Halong Bay. Top this off with an adventure to visit the terraced fields and hilltribes of Sapa, a sea of verdant scenery.

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▲ SAPA

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▲ THIEN MU PAGODA, HUE



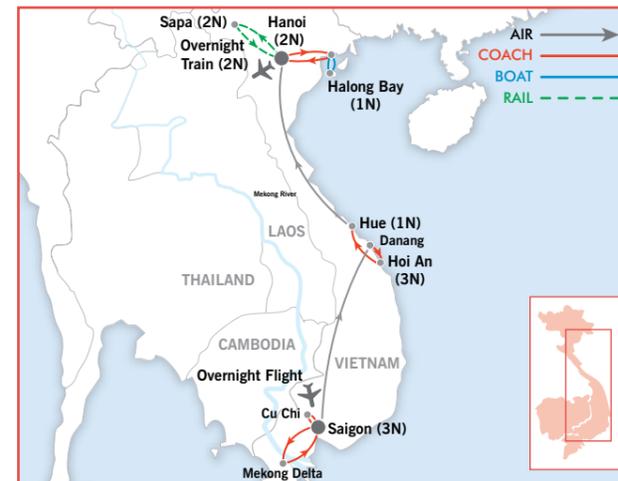
▲ ONE PILLAR PAGODA, HANOI



▲ FOOD MARKET, HOI AN



▲ MEKONG DELTA



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- Drift on the Mekong Delta
- Cruise the Perfume River
- Enjoy cooking in Hoi An
- Discover Sapa's local villages

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

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DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

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DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

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

DAY 5: JOURNEY TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. 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, Quan Cong Temple, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the bustling market. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work.

DAY 6: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure to further explore this delightful town.

DAY 7: HOI AN

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

DAY 8: IMPERIAL HUE

Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. The magnificent centrepiece of the Royal Empire, the citadel was extensively damaged during the Vietnam War. 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



▲ HOI AN

before taking a cruise on the Perfume River.

DAY 9: HANOI AND WATER PUPPETS

Fly to Hanoi this morning. The rest of the day is free for you to relax or start your explorations of Vietnam's capital. Enjoy a traditional Water Puppet performance later this evening.

DAY 10: EXPLORE HANOI

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DAYS 11-12: SAPA

On arrival in Lao Cai, transfer to Sapa. Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces with some light walking through the surrounding valleys and villages, and visits to ethnic minority communities including those of the H'mong people.

DAY 13: MT FANSIPAN

Take a cable car ride up Mt Fansipan, the highest mountain in Indochina, arriving at the

summit to enjoy incredible views from a breathtaking 3,143 metres. Also visit Sapa museum and Sapa church. Board the overnight train to Hanoi.

DAYS 14-15: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Spend two days aboard a traditionally-designed boat cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. You'll even explore one of the bay's many caves. Spend a night onboard before returning to Hanoi the next day.

DAY 16: FLY HANOI TO UK

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STOPOVER IN...



BANGKOK 3 NIGHTS FROM £380PP

Discover the dynamic city of Bangkok. Take a city tour that includes the Grand Palace as well as spending a day in Kanchanaburi exploring the history of the infamous Death Railway.

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VIETNAM ESCAPE

Escape the ordinary and discover the captivating charms of Vietnam. Traverse the country from Saigon to Hanoi exploring all the wonders inbetween - from the cool highland town of Dalat and seaside Nha Trang, to vibrant Hoi An and imperial Hue.

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▲ HALONG BAY

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▲ DALAT



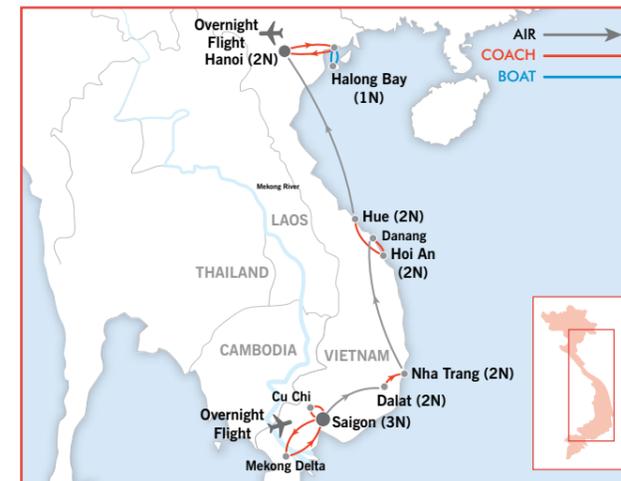
▲ FRUIT SELLER, SAIGON



▲ HUE CITADEL



▲ NHA TRANG BEACH



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax on Nha Trang's beaches
- Enjoy cooking in Hoi An
- Drift on the Mekong Delta
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Relish Dalat's cool climate
- Explore Hanoi by cyclo

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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. Lunch on typical Mekong dishes. Return to Saigon.

DAY 5: FLY TO DALAT

Enjoy a morning at leisure before heading 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.

DAY 6: 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. This afternoon browsing the stalls of Dalat's busy market. End the day with a cup of locally grown coffee, taking in the picturesque views.

DAY 7: SEASIDE NHA TRANG

Wend your 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 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, and a visit to a fishing village.

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DAY 10: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. Take the afternoon to explore the town further or simply relax in a riverside café.

DAY 11: CRUISE THE PERFUME RIVER

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. This afternoon visit Thien Mu Pagoda and cruise on the picturesque Perfume River.

DAY 12: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

This morning visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tombs of Emperors Khai Dinh and Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set amongst gardens and pools. Move on to a beautiful old maison that has been transformed to Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create art with bamboo paper. Continue to visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City.

DAY 13: HANOI AND WATER PUPPETS

Fly to Hanoi this morning. This afternoon take a thrilling cyclo ride through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake. Spend the evening watching a traditional Water Puppet show.

DAY 14: HALONG BAY

Climb aboard your comfortable cruise ship and sail 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 and you will spend the night onboard.

DAY 15: SUNRISE OVER HALONG BAY

Enjoy a Halong Bay sunrise, before returning to Hanoi. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAYS 16-17: FLY HANOI TO UK

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, home of Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and Temple of Literature before transferring to the airport for your overnight flight home.

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▲ HANOI WATER PUPPETS

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16 Feb - 04 Mar	£2,990	23 Mar - 08 Apr	£2,890	10 Aug - 26 Aug	£2,990	05 Oct - 21 Oct	£2,990	09 Nov - 25 Nov	£2,990
2019 DATES									
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VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS

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

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▲ FLOWER SELLERS, HANOI

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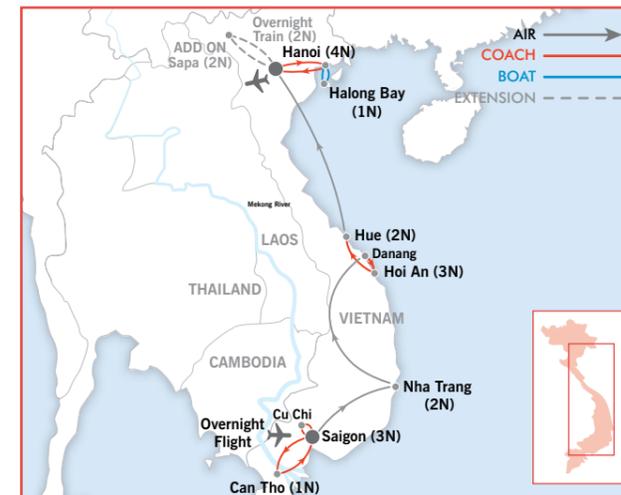
▲ MY SON



▲ SAIGON



▲ HOI AN



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Be charmed by Hoi An
- See local life on the Mekong
- Visit Duong Lam village
- Relax on Nha Trang's beaches
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Discover Hanoi by cyclo

ITINERARY

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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. Spend the night in the vibrant Mekong Delta city of Can Tho.

DAY 5: FLOATING MARKETS

Continue your explorations, departing Can Tho to cruise through the Cai Rang Floating

Market, where you'll see boats piled high with the colourful produce of the delta. Return to Saigon.

DAY 6: CU CHI TUNNELS

This morning, contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels. Transfer to the airport and fly to Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital.

DAY 7: NHA TRANG CRUISE

Take to the turquoise waters for a cruise around the many little islands off Nha Trang's coast. There'll also be a visit to a local fishing village.

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to the beautiful UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An.

DAY 9: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Drive out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community where you can enjoy the lush green countryside and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. Later, take a walking tour of Hoi An, visiting the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the Reaching Out Arts & Crafts workshop.

DAY 10: 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.

DAY 11: PERFUME RIVER CRUISE

Spend the morning at leisure in Hoi An, before travelling the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. On arrival, embark on a scenic cruise of the Perfume River and visit the magnificent Thien Mu Pagoda.

DAY 12: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

The river banks outside of Hue are dotted with UNESCO-listed imperial tombs – visit those of Khai Dinh and Minh Mang. Learn the traditional art of 'truc chi' and a workshop before visiting the imposing Imperial Citadel, and Forbidden Purple City.

DAY 13: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi. Bringing together all of the charms of a colonial past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet graceful city, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Start exploring with a visit to the Confucian Temple of Literature and a thrilling cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets. Stop off for a 'ca phe trung' or egg coffee, a Hanoi speciality.

DAY 14: DISCOVER HANOI

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 Museum of Ethnology. The afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 15: DUONG LAM TRADITIONAL VILLAGE

Duong Lam is well known for its wonderfully preserved historic houses. Visit Mia Pagoda and observe the daily life of the locals in traditional village surroundings. Enjoy lunch at the home of a local family before returning to Hanoi. In the evening see a performance of the famous water puppets.

DAYS 16-17: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Spend the day 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. You'll even explore one of the bay's many caves. Spend a night onboard before returning to Hanoi the next day.

DAY 18: FLY HANOI TO UK

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SAPA 4 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £370PP

DAY 17: TRAIN TO SAPA

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

DAYS 18-19: EXPLORE SAPA

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. Day use room is included in Hanoi this morning. (B)

This is an optional private tour extension. Visa costs may apply.

DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Monday

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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.

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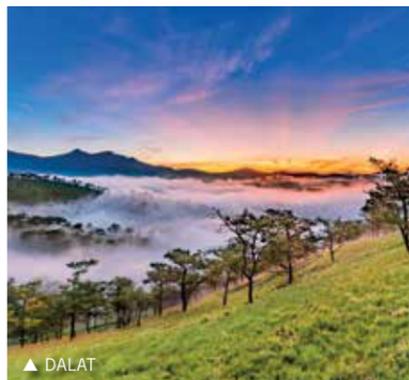
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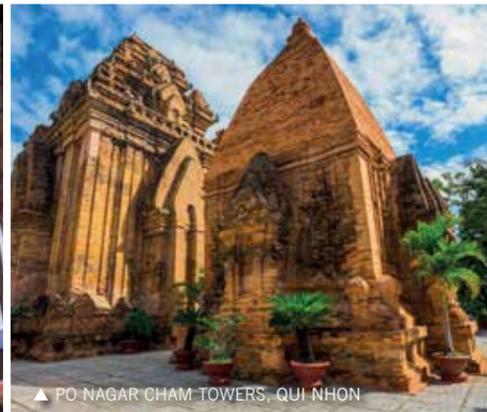
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▲ DALAT



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▲ PO NAGAR CHAM TOWERS, QUI NHON



▲ CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise the Perfume River
- Visit Cai Rang floating market
- Relish Dalat's cool climate
- Relax on Nha Trang's beach
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Stroll through old Hanoi

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DAY 5: FLOATING MARKETS

Visit the Cai Rang floating market to see the goods on sale and

learn how vermicelli rice noodles are made. Return to Saigon.

DAY 6: DALAT HILL STATION

Head up into the cooler climes and wonderful scenery of the highlands to the colonial town of Dalat, stopping at Bao Loc tea plantation en route. This afternoon is free to enjoy locally grown coffee and the picturesque views.

DAY 7: 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 with a local coffee by Xuan Huong lake.

DAY 8: COASTAL NHA TRANG

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 9: QUI NHON

Wander Dam market before visiting the Po Nagar Cham

Towers and continue on to the city of Qui Nhon.

DAY 10: SON MY AND HOI AN

The Son My area saw one of the most horrific crimes of the Vietnam War – the My Lai massacre. Visit the memorial placed in honour of the victims. Continue to Hoi An.

DAY 11: EXPLORE HOI AN ON FOOT

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional town that has managed to retain the charms of a bygone era. Visit a lovely old-style house, the Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the market. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work.

DAY 12: ROYAL TOMB OF MINH MANG

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. Visit the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang.

DAY 13: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

Take a drive to the imposing Imperial Citadel to explore. Cruise along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda before heading for An Hien House.

DAY 14: OLD QUARTER CYCLO TOUR

Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Admire the collections of the Fine Arts Museum and take a cyclo through the atmospheric tangle of streets that make up the Old Quarter. Later enjoy a Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake. In the evening watch a performance of the famous water puppets.

DAY 15: DISCOVER HANOI

Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, visiting the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (closed at certain times of year), the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature.

DAYS 16-17: HALONG BAY

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comfortable cruise ship sailing through the awe-inspiring beauty of Halong Bay. You'll even explore one of the bay's many caves. A fresh seafood meal is included during your voyage. Spend a night onboard before returning to Hanoi the next day.

DAY 18: FLY HANOI TO UK

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SAPA 4 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £370PP

DAY 17: TRAIN TO SAPA

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

DAYS 18-19: EXPLORE SAPA

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. Day use room is included in Hanoi this morning. (B)

This is an optional private tour extension. Visa costs may apply.

DEPARTURES – Departing Sunday returning Wednesday

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Phnom Penh
- Chill in coastal Kep
- Beach time in Sihanoukville
- Explore colonial Battambang
- Be captivated by Angkor
- Visit a floating village

ITINERARY

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, 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 returning to Kep.

DAY 5: COASTAL SIHANOUKVILLE

Visit the impressive cave temple of Phnom Chhnork before travelling 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: KIRIROM NATIONAL PARK

Return to Phnom Penh with a stop en route at the Kirirrom 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: DISCOVER BATTAMBANG

Journey north to Battambang stopping at the former capital city Udong, 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 and admire the breathtaking hilltop views. Return to Battambang and take a stroll through the village of Wat Kor, then explore a local house for a glimpse of traditional Khmer life. Visit a local NGO, La Maison de Coco, where traditional

skills such as weaving are taught to locals before a visit to Phnom Sampov to see the bat cave.

DAY 10: DISCOVER 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, journey to the old city of Angkor Thom and pass through the magnificent South Gate flanked by 54 gods and demons. At Angkor Thom's centre is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Also admire the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm – one of the most atmospheric temples which has been left in the grips of the jungle. The rest of the day is dedicated to 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 highly intricate embellishments.

DAY 12: SUNSET FROM PRE RUP TEMPLE

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. Lunch will be taken at a traditional Khmer home.

DAY 13: TONLE SAP LAKE

High Water Season (Aug to Feb)
Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting the floating village of Kampong Kleng and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Artisan D'Angkor, an organisation working to revive traditional Khmer arts and crafts. This evening sit down to dinner and the Apsara dance show.

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

Head to Beng Mealea to explore this mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Drop by Artisan D'Angkor before visiting the floating village of Chong Kneas. This evening sit down to dinner and the Apsara dance show.

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.

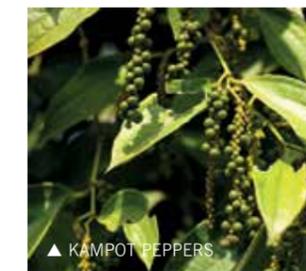
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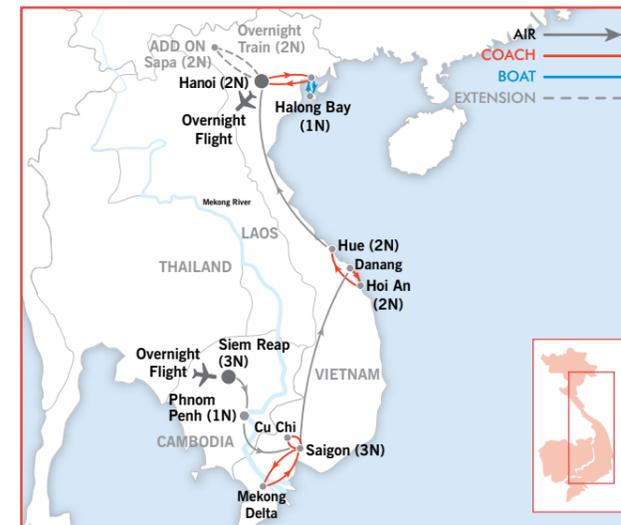
▲ BAYON TEMPLE



▲ HANOI



▲ HALONG BAY



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Be captivated by Angkor
- Discover Phnom Penh
- Visit a floating village
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Stroll through old Hanoi

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP
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DAY 3: TONLE SAP LAKE
High Water Season (Aug to Feb)
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DAY 4: EXPLORE ANGKOR
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Thom and head to its heart to see the enigmatic Bayon, followed by the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to atmospheric Ta Prohm. 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 artefacts at the 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. Visit Cholon and see the beautiful Thien Hau Pagoda before finishing 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
Get to grips with the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, used by the Viet Cong during the war. Return to Saigon, fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An.

DAY 10: DISCOVER HOI AN AND 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. After lunch take a walking tour of Hoi An, to see the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work.

DAY 11: CRUISE THE PERFUME RIVER
Enjoy a morning at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or visit the beach. Depart for Hue, travelling over the Hai Van Pass. Later, cruise along the Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda.

DAY 12: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL
This morning, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tombs of Emperors Khai Dinh and Minh Mang. Move on to a beautiful old maison that has been transformed into a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create art with bamboo paper. Continue to visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City.

DAY 13: HANOI CYCLO AND WATER PUPPETS
Fly to Hanoi this morning. This afternoon take a thrilling cyclo ride through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake. Spend the evening watching a traditional Water Puppet show.

DAYS 14-15: HALONG BAY
Spend two days aboard a comfortable cruise ship sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Spend the night on the boat before returning to Hanoi. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAYS 16-17: FLY HANOI TO UK
Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature, before transferring to the airport for an overnight flight to the UK.

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

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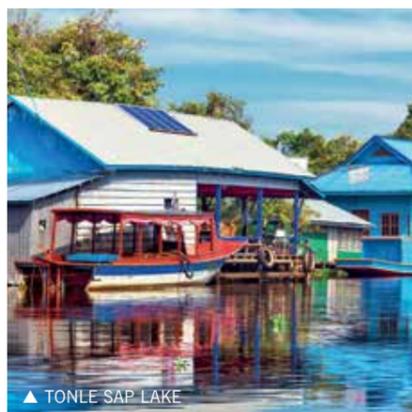
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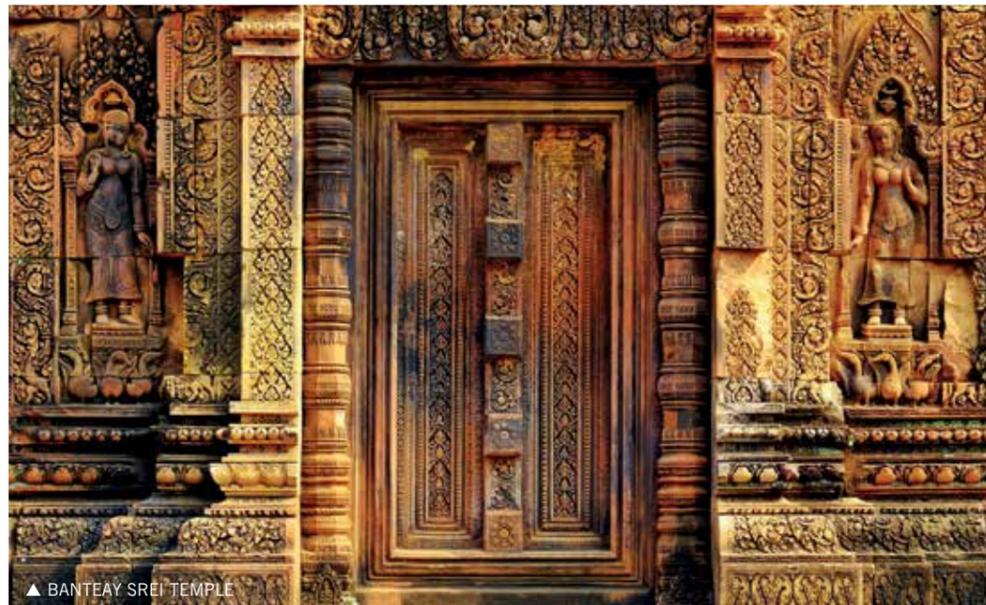
▲ TONLE SAP LAKE



▲ FRUIT SELLER, SAIGON



▲ MEKONG PRESTIGE II CRUISE SHIP



▲ BANTEAY SREI TEMPLE



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Sample local food in Hanoi
- Seven-night Mekong cruise
- Enjoy cooking in Hoi An
- Discover Angkor's wonders
- See daily life on the river

ITINERARY

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DAY 3: EXPLORE HANOI

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DAYS 4-5: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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DAY 6: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. This morning, explore the Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City before visiting the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang and the Thien Mu Pagoda, which overlooks the Perfume River. Continue by road to Hoi An.

DAY 7: DISCOVER HOI AN

Explore the charms of Hoi An

on a walking tour. A wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful market, a Chinese temple and the Reaching Out Arts & Crafts workshop. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 8: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. Transfer to Danang for your flight to Saigon. A seamless blend of past and present, Saigon is the city that is driving Vietnam towards an ever-brighter future.

DAY 9: CU CHI TUNNELS

Contemplate the 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. Return to the city to experience Notre Dame Cathedral and the neoclassical Central Post Office; 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 browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market.

DAY 10: MEKONG RIVER CRUISE

Transfer to My Tho, a city on the Mekong Delta, to board boutique cruise vessel, Mekong Prestige II.

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DAY 11: CAI BE AND SA DEC

Dock at Cai Be to visit the floating market and stroll along the river bank to visit local manufacturers of rice paper and coconut sweets. Also explore Sa Dec.

DAY 12: TAN CHAU

Visit a fish farm and a handicraft village before exploring Tan Chau by rickshaw. Cross into Cambodia.

DAY 13: PHNOM PENH

Cambodia's capital is a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. After an introductory lecture, take a city tour that includes the dazzling Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum and Wat Phnom. This evening, watch an Apsara dance performance onboard.

DAY 14: RURAL CAMBODIA

Sail away from Phnom Penh and soak up the views of rural Cambodia. Visit a silk weaving village, a local pagoda and a primary school.

DAY 15: OUDONG

Disembark to visit the old hilltop capital of Oudong before finding peace at Vipassana Dhura Pagoda. Also see Kampong Tralach and return to the ship by ox-drawn carriage.

DAY 16: TONLE SAP RIVER

Sail onto the Tonle Sap River and cruise to Kampong Chhang, where you'll see a floating village and buzzing local market.

DAY 17: SIEM REAP

Disembark from the cruise vessel and transfer to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor. This afternoon, visit the captivating Banteay Srei – a richly-embellished rose-coloured sandstone temple, before watching the sunset from the summit of Pre Rup.

DAY 18: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Rising early, the tour begins in the heart of Angkor Thom, the old walled city - passing through its South Gate you'll reach the

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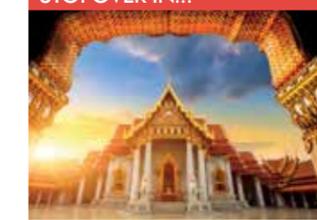
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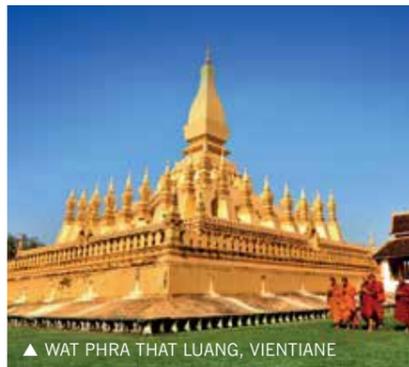
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▲ WAT XIENG THONG, LUANG PRABANG



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy rural Vang Vieng
- Discover Phnom Penh
- Admire Luang Prabang's wats
- Explore colonial Battambang
- Witness sacred Takbat
- Be captivated by Angkor

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO VIENTIANE

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE VIENTIANE

Nestled in a sleepy bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Visit the morning market, Wat Si Saket and Wat Phra Keo, the former Royal Temple, before viewing That Luang Stupa and the Patuxai Victory Monument. Also, drop in at the COPE visitor centre. Dinner this evening will be accompanied by a traditional Lao music and dance performance.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO VANG VIENG

Depart Vientiane for Vang Vieng, a town beautifully set in a spectacular karst landscape that has become Laos' adventure capital. En route, stop at Nam Ngum Lake, a reservoir created by damming the Nam Ngum River, where deep green waters are backed by mountains and forest.

DAY 5: EXPLORE VANG VIENG

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

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LUANG PRABANG

Return to Vientiane and fly to the

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

DAY 7: PAK OU CAVES

Visit the exquisite Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong. Cruise up the languid Mekong River to the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of 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. Drive out of the city, stopping for a visit to Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre, before heading to the natural splendour of Kuang Si Waterfalls. Enjoy the vivid blue, terraced pools that tumble down through their forest setting, taking a dip or relaxing by the water's edge.

DAY 9: TAKBAT

Rise early this morning to witness the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collecting alms from the locals - the ceremony of Takbat. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. Later this morning, climb Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the city. Fly to Siem Reap where you can 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 in the heart of Angkor Thom, the old walled city - passing through its South Gate you'll reach the enigmatic Bayon and visit the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. The best preserved of Angkor's temples, examine the vast number of intricate details and relish the sheer magnificence of its architecture.

DAY 11: TONLE SAP LAKE

High Water Season (Aug to Feb) Visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by the jungle before enjoying a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting the floating village of Kampong Kleng and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Return to Siem Reap via Artisan D'Angkor, an organisation working to revive traditional Khmer arts and crafts. This evening sit down to dinner and the Apsara dance show.

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

Head to Beng Mealea to explore this mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Drop by Artisan D'Angkor before visiting the floating village of Chong Kneas. This evening sit down to dinner and the Apsara dance show.

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: RURAL 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 to stroll through the village of Wat Kor. Later, visit a local

NGO, La Maison de Coco, where traditional skills such as weaving are taught to locals before exploring a cave at Phnom Sampov, home to a huge colony of bats.

DAY 15: TRAVEL TO PHNOM PENH

Journey south to Cambodia's charming capital, Phnom Penh. On the way, stop at the 17th-century capital of Udong. On arrival at Phnom Penh, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 16: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Spend the morning marvelling at the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before scaling the small hill topped by Wat Phnom. Later, enjoy the exhibits of the National Museum, which are housed in a spectacular Khmer-style building, before learning about the tragedies of the recent past at the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum.

DAYS 17-18: PHNOM PENH AND FLY TO UK

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

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▲ TAKBAT CEREMONY

DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Monday

2018 DATES			
09 Feb - 26 Feb	£2,990	12 Oct - 29 Oct	£2,990
09 Nov - 26 Nov	£2,990		
2019 DATES			
08 Feb - 25 Feb	£3,190	11 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,190
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- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Flight and supplement information

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▲ HANOI



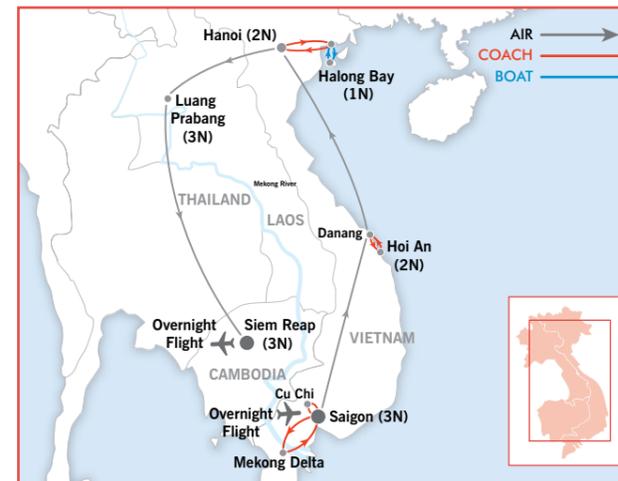
▲ KUANG SI WATERFALL



▲ BANTEAY SREI TEMPLE



▲ WAT XIENG THONG, LUANG PRABANG



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- See local life on the Mekong
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- Admire Luang Prabang's wats
- Visit a floating village
- Be captivated by Angkor

ITINERARY

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, visit Cholon and the Thien Hau Pagoda.

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

Explore the amazing network of Cu Chi Tunnels, where you'll see the legendary tunnel network used by the Viet Cong to infiltrate South Vietnam during the war. Later, fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed city of Hoi An.

DAY 6: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An, a wonderfully laidback, graceful and 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 Temple with a stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work. The afternoon is at leisure to relax at the beach or in a riverside café.

DAY 7: TRA QUE VILLAGE

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

DAYS 8-9: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Spend the day aboard your comfortable cruise ship sailing amongst the spectacular seascapes, fringed by jagged karst formations jutting from

emerald waters. Halong Bay, with its 1,600 islands and islets, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 and is a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. 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 on the tranquil waters. Return to Hanoi.

DAY 10: LUANG PRABANG

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

DAY 11: DISCOVER LUANG PRABANG

Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid colours, an extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. Today, rise early to watch a Takbat alms giving ceremony. Ascend Phousi Hill for city vistas, 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 Xang Khong Village en route.

DAY 12: LOCAL VILLAGES AND WATERFALLS

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

DAY 13: SIEM REAP

Fly to Siem Reap and visit Artisan D'Angkor, an organisation working to revive traditional Khmer arts and crafts.

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. Enter the walled city of Angkor Thom and head to its heart to see the enigmatic Bayon, followed by the Elephant

Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. This afternoon is dedicated to the magnificence of Angkor Wat and intricate beauty of Banteay Srei temple. Climb to the summit of Pre Rup Temple at sunset for a spectacular view of the surrounding landscape.

DAY 15: TONLE SAP LAKE

High Water Season (Aug to Feb) Visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting the floating village of Kampong Kleng and observing the way of life of these lake communities. This evening sit down to dinner and an Apsara dance show.

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

Head to Beng Mealea to explore this mysterious temple overrun by the jungle and the floating village of Chong Kneas. This evening sit down to dinner and an Apsara dance show.

DAYS 16-17: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Sunday

2018 DATES							
12 Jan - 28 Jan	£3,690	02 Mar - 18 Mar	£3,490	06 Apr - 22 Apr	£3,390	07 Sep - 23 Sep	£3,490
09 Feb - 25 Feb	£3,690	09 Mar - 25 Mar	£3,490	04 May - 20 May	£3,290	05 Oct - 21 Oct	£3,590
2019 DATES							
11 Jan - 27 Jan	£3,890	01 Mar - 17 Mar	£3,790	05 Apr - 21 Apr	£3,790	06 Sep - 22 Sep	£3,790
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Flight and supplement information

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▲ SAPA



▲ NOTRE DAME, SAIGON



▲ MONK AT TA PROHM



▲ VANG VIENG



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Drift on the Mekong Delta
- Walk Sapa's rice terraces
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Admire Luang Prabang's wats
- Witness sacred Takbat
- Stand captivated by Angkor

ITINERARY

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

This morning, contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to 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.

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. Lunch on typically Mekong fare. Return to Saigon.

DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of Hoi An including the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the workshop of social enterprise, Reaching Out. The next morning

visit the beautiful, rural Tra Que Village.

DAY 7: HOI AN

Spend a day at leisure to explore and unwind in this willfully traditional town.

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 explore the imposing Imperial Citadel before seeing Thien Mu Pagoda and cruising along the Perfume River.

DAY 10: JOURNEY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi. Vietnam's capital brings all the charms of the past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Take an exciting cyclo tour of the Old Quarter and enjoy a Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake. In the evening watch a water puppet show.

DAY 11: HANOI

Spend the morning at leisure. Later, explore the Museum of Ethnology and Temple of Literature before boarding an overnight train to Sapa.

DAYS 12-13: SAPA COUNTRYSIDE

Spend the next two days discovering this verdant area of rolling hills and rice terraces

exploring colourful markets, minority villages including Cat Cat, and tribal architecture. Board the overnight train back to Hanoi.

DAYS 14-15: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Arrive back in Hanoi this morning. After some time to freshen up, continue to Halong Bay. Spend two days aboard your comfortable cruise ship sailing 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

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

DAY 17: TAKBAT

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

DAY 18: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

This morning visit 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: TRAVEL TO VANG VIENG

Fly to Vientiane and travel to Vang Vieng, a town beautifully set in a spectacular karst landscape. En route stop at Nam Ngum Lake, a reservoir created by damming the Nam Ngum River.

DAY 20: EXPLORE VANG VIENG

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

DAY 21: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Travel back 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. Enjoy dinner with a traditional Laos music and dance performance.

DAY 22: ROYAL PALACE

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 artefacts of the lovely National Museum.

DAY 23: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Visit the children of the Apsara Arts Association and the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum, later exploring the Russian and Central markets.

DAY 24: SUNSET FROM PRE RUP

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 atmospheric Ta Prohm, 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

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Visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting the floating village of Kampong Kleng. Return to Siem Reap via Artisan D'Angkor. This evening sit down to dinner and an Apsara dance show.

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Head to Beng Mealea to explore this mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Drop by Artisan D'Angkor after visiting the floating village of Chong Kneas. This evening sit down to dinner and an Apsara dance show.

DAYS 27-28: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

Enjoy a free morning before transferring to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the following day.

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DEPARTURES – Departing Saturday returning Friday

2018 DATES													
20 Jan - 16 Feb	£4,690	24 Feb - 23 Mar	£4,590	17 Mar - 13 Apr	£4,490	31 Mar - 27 Apr	£4,490	05 May - 01 Jun	£4,290	01 Sep - 28 Sep	£4,490	13 Oct - 09 Nov	£4,690
03 Feb - 02 Mar	£4,690	10 Mar - 06 Apr	£4,490	24 Mar - 20 Apr	£4,490	21 Apr - 18 May	£4,290	18 Aug - 14 Sep	£4,490	22 Sep - 19 Oct	£4,590	03 Nov - 30 Nov	£4,690
2019 DATES													
19 Jan - 15 Feb	£4,990	23 Feb - 22 Mar	£4,890	16 Mar - 12 Apr	£4,790	30 Mar - 26 Apr	£4,790	04 May - 31 May	£4,790	31 Aug - 27 Sep	£4,890	12 Oct - 08 Nov	£4,990
02 Feb - 01 Mar	£4,990	09 Mar - 05 Apr	£4,790	23 Mar - 19 Apr	£4,790	20 Apr - 17 May	£4,890	17 Aug - 13 Sep	£4,890	21 Sep - 18 Oct	£4,990	02 Nov - 29 Nov	£4,990

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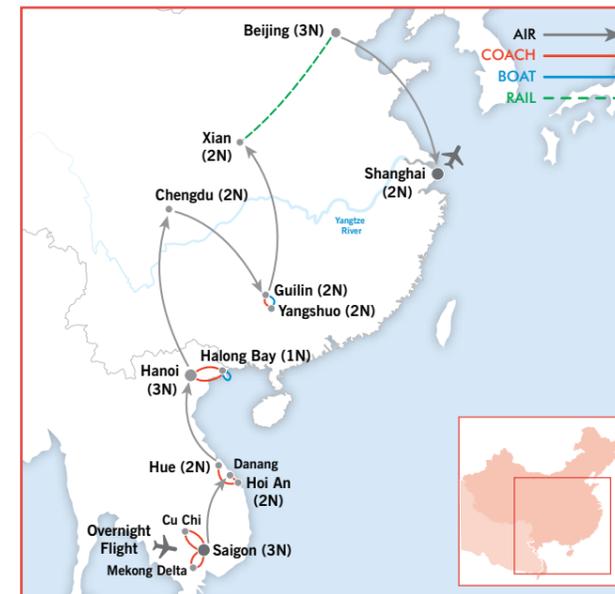
▲ THIEN MU PAGODA, HUE



▲ GIANT PANDA



▲ HOI AN



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Drift on the Mekong Delta
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Cruise across Halong Bay
- Stand on the Great Wall
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Watch Giant Pandas play

ITINERARY

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: CU CHI TUNNELS

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon to see the Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office – legacies of a colonial past. Also visit the War Remnants Museum.

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

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 and lunch on delicious, typically Mekong dishes. Return to Saigon.

DAYS 5-6: HISTORIC HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An. Take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander around – visit an old merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful

market and the workshop of social enterprise, Reaching Out. The next day, pop out to Tra Que Village. Help with the cultivation of vegetables and enjoy a rejuvenating herbal foot bath. Eat lunch at a local family home and watch a cooking demonstration.

DAYS 7-8: IMPERIAL HUE

Travel to Hue. Visit the UNESCO-listed Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. Finally, float along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda before travelling to An Hien House. The next day, make your way to the imposing Imperial Citadel where you can fully explore.

DAY 9: COLONIAL HANOI

Fly to the capital city of Hanoi, dubbed the 'Paris of the Orient'. Visit the Fine Arts Museum, take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets and enjoy a Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake. In the evening watch a water puppet show.

DAYS 10-11: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Cruise amongst karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring

beauty. Spend the night onboard. Return to Hanoi the next day.

DAY 12: DISCOVER HANOI

Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with all the buzz of the future in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, and visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (closed at certain times of year), the Stilt House and One Pillar Pagoda. Also visit the Temple of Literature. The rest of the afternoon is free.

DAYS 13-14: GIANT PANDAS

Fly to Chengdu. The next day, visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre where you can see China's celebrated icons up close. Wander through People's Park to see the fascinating Matchmaker's Corner and visit a traditional tea house. This evening, you can sample the delicious Sichuan cuisine.

DAY 15: RONGHU LAKE

Take an early morning flight to Guilin. Stroll around Ronghu Lake, visiting the Sun and Moon Pagodas.

DAYS 16-17: LI RIVER CRUISE AND 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.

DAY 18: REED FLUTE CAVE

Travel to Guilin. Later, see the colourful formations of the Reed Flute Cave. Spend some time exploring the South China Pearl Museum.

DAY 19: SHUI JIAO DUMPLINGS

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. The start of the Silk Road, Xian is an incredible melting pot of religions and cultures. Stroll along the 14th-century city walls. This evening indulge in traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a delightful performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 20: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

The Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang has intrigued visitors for years. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks standing sentinel in their mysterious necropolis. Later, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda.

DAY 21: TRAVEL TO BEIJING
Board a bullet train to Beijing.

DAY 22: IMPERIAL BEIJING

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 and wander through the adjacent park where you can watch, or participate in a session of Tai Chi.

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. Savour the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. Stroll along the Long Corridor, admire carefully cultivated gardens and wonder at the Marble Boat built under Empress Dowager Cixi. Round off the day with a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAYS 24-25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Fly to Shanghai and explore this cosmopolitan city. Start with a panoramic cruise on the Huangpu River. The next day, visits include the Yu Garden, the old town, Shanghai Museum and the colonial architecture of the Bund.

DAY 26: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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See pages 108-109.
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DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Tuesday

2018 DATES			
13 Apr - 08 May	£4,390	07 Sep - 02 Oct	£4,390
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2019 DATES			
12 Apr - 07 May	£4,790	06 Sep - 01 Oct	£4,790
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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 more of Bangkok and the northern highlands.

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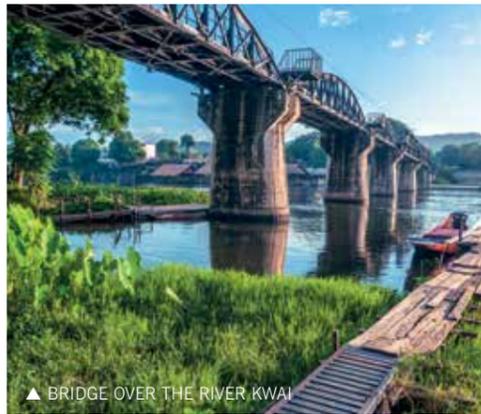
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▲ ELEPHANTS IN CHIANG MAI



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- See Bangkok's Grand Palace
- Cross the infamous River Kwai
- Explore historical Ayutthaya
- Meet minority hill tribes
- Discover Chiang Mai
- Cook, Thai-style

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY 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. Next, stroll through Chinatown. Later, 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.

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 Kanchanaburi. Stop at the famous bridge before time to visit the Allied Cemetery and War Museum.

DAY 5: EXPLORE KANCHANABURI

Drive to Hellfire Pass and visit the fascinating museum before a short walk through the pass. Hop on board an old locomotive to travel along a section of the notorious Death Railway passing through the Kwai Gorge. Return to Bangkok in

the afternoon. This evening enjoy a dinner accompanied by Thai classical dances.

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 and fly to Chiang Rai, a city in Thailand's northern highlands.

DAY 7: GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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

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. Enjoy a 'Yunnanese' lunch before meeting the Yao Tribe, taking a walk through an Akha village, and visiting a tea plantation.

DAY 9: WHITE TEMPLE

Explore the striking Buddhist White Temple before departing Chiang



▲ WHITE TEMPLE, CHIANG MAI

Rai. Heading in the direction of Chiang Mai, you'll travel along a beautiful mountain road with breathtaking views. Entering Chiang Mai province, spend tonight at Lisu Lodge, an eco-lodge operated by Lisu hill tribe villagers. Rooms are built in the traditional Lisu style and overlook lush fields and hills. Dinner is followed by a Lisu folklore performance.

DAY 10: DISCOVER CHIANG MAI

Depart Lisu Lodge 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: THAI ELEPHANT CARE CENTRE

Spend the day at the Thai Elephant Care Centre where you can meet, feed and bathe the resident pachyderms. Enjoy a relaxed rafting trip in Mae Daeng before returning to Chiang Mai.

DAY 12: COOKING CLASS

Discover the secrets of traditional Thai cooking with a morning cookery class. Ascend to Wat Doi Suthep, a temple perched on top of Doi Suthep Mountain. This evening, sit down to a Thai Kantoke dinner, and be entertained by a selection of cultural performances.

DAY 13: FLY CHIANG MAI TO UK

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KEEP EXPLORING



PHUKET 3 NIGHTS FROM £420PP

With a superb year-round climate and endless miles of immaculate beach, Phuket is justifiably the most popular resort destination in Thailand.

See page 106. Includes internal flight from Chiang Mai to Phuket.

KEEP EXPLORING



KOH SAMUI 3 NIGHTS FROM £580PP

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.

See page 106. Includes internal flight from Chiang Mai to Koh Samui.

DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Wednesday

2018 DATES				2019 DATES			
16 Feb - 28 Feb	£2,590	09 Nov - 21 Nov	£2,590	15 Feb - 27 Feb	£2,690	08 Nov - 20 Nov	£2,690

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▲ BAKO NATIONAL PARK



▲ GOMANTONG CAVES



▲ TRADITIONAL CRAFTS



▲ PYGMY ELEPHANTS IN KINABATANGAN RIVER



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience life in a longhouse
- Spot magnificent orangutans
- Cruise the Kinabatangan River
- Explore Gomantong Caves
- Stroll in spectacular rainforest
- Stand in Mt Kinabalu's shadow

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUCHING

Fly overnight to the relaxed and charismatic city of Kuching, Borneo's largest city.

DAY 3: EXPLORE KUCHING

Spend the day enjoying the diverse culture of Sarawak with a walking tour, starting at the Chinese History Museum on Kuching's waterfront. Stroll past the old shop houses of Ewe Hai Street and pay visits to traditional businesses, including a 'sinseh', a Chinese medicine man. Next you'll be introduced to Sarawak's delicious food, with a tasting at a local coffee shop and a lesson on local spices. Continue to the Sarawak Museum, before a sampan ride across Kuching's river to visit a Malay village.

DAY 4: BAKO NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 5: SEMENGGOH NATURE RESERVE

This morning you have the opportunity to meet Borneo's most famous native, the orangutan!

Semenggoh is a centre dedicated to the rehabilitation of rescued or orphaned young orangutans – here they are taught how to survive in the wild. The area you are visiting is where the orangutans are released after their training, to live freely in the nature reserve, so please bear in mind that it is not guaranteed that you will spot a resident. Travel to Batang Ai, where you will be staying on the edge of the glorious Batang Ai National Park.

DAY 6: IBAN LONGHOUSE

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

DAY 7: RETURN TO KUCHING

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

DAY 8: FLY TO KOTA KINABALU

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

DAY 9: EXPLORE KOTA KINABALU

Begin your explorations at the Sabah State Museum where you can learn about the state's diverse

cultural and natural heritage, before exploring some of the city's beautiful architecture, including the Blue Mosque and Chinese Temple. Browse the piles of wares at the Handicraft Market and spice bazaar, before strolling through the oldest part of the city. Lunch will be at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, dine of traditional Malay cuisine.

DAY 10: KINABALU PARK

Head out of the city to the foot of Mt Kinabalu, Borneo's highest mountain, where you will spend the day exploring Kinabalu Park, Malaysia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. Embark on a guided walk along one of the many forest trails to discover some of the unique flora and fauna that calls the area home. You'll also visit the Mountain Garden to view its collection of orchids.

DAY 11: SANDAKAN ORANGUTAN CENTRE

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Sandakan. Visit the Sandakan Memorial Park, which commemorates British and Australian prisoners of war during World War II. Continue into Sandakan itself and tour the city, passing the William Pryer and Sandakan Liberation Monuments, and browsing the displays of the Heritage Museum and the Agnes Keith Museum. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 12: SEPILOK

Sepilok offers another chance to see orangutans in their natural habitat – like Semenggoh, this is a centre for the rehabilitation of former captive and orphaned orangutans. Around 60 to 80 orangutans live free within the centre's forest, and there may be young orangutans to visit in the nursery. Pop over the road to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre to visit the world's smallest bear and learn about the conservation efforts to protect them. Journey through palm oil plantations and villages to Bilit and enjoy lunch at your lodge. Later, board a cruise along the Kinabatangan River to spot some of the abundant wildlife. The waterway sustains one of the world's richest ecosystems, including 10 species of primates.

DAY 13: KINABATANGAN RIVER

Embark on an early morning

cruise to Oxbow Lake, where you can spot wildlife and soak up the peaceful ambience. Returning to the lodge, the rest of the day is at leisure until the late afternoon, when you will head out for another cruise, searching for wildlife once more. You could spot anything from hornbills to pygmy elephants to orangutans!

DAY 14: GOMANTONG CAVES

Begin the day exploring the Gomantong Caves, a magnificent and intricate system of limestone caves that are home to colonies of swiftlets and bats. Return to Sandakan for lunch at a local restaurant before transferring to the airport to fly back to Kota Kinabalu. This evening, dine on local flavours and enjoy a cultural dance performance.

DAYS 15-16: FLY KOTA KINABALU TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

KEEP EXPLORING



GAYA ISLAND 3 NIGHTS FROM £540pp

DAY 15: BOAT TO GAYA ISLAND
Transfer to the jetty and take a short boat ride across the strait directly to the Gaya Island Resort. Check in and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

DAYS 16-17: GAYA ISLAND RESORT

The next two days are at leisure to enjoy Gaya Island and the resort. The island is covered in dense tropical forest and filled with wildlife – you can explore this alone or join one of the resort's guided nature walks. There is also a diving and watersports centre available, just snorkelling here will be magical, whilst the 40-acre estate has exquisite beaches, pool and the Spa Village, all perfect for relaxation. (B)

DAY 18: FLY KOTA KINABALU TO UK

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

DEPARTURES – Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2018 DATES			
28 Apr - 13 May	£3,990	19 May - 03 Jun	£3,990
15 Sep - 30 Sep	£3,990		
2019 DATES			
30 Mar - 14 Apr	£4,190	27 Apr - 12 May	£4,290
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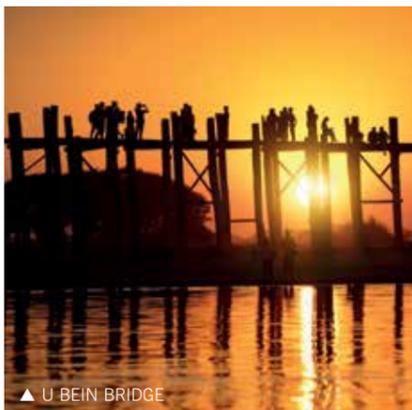
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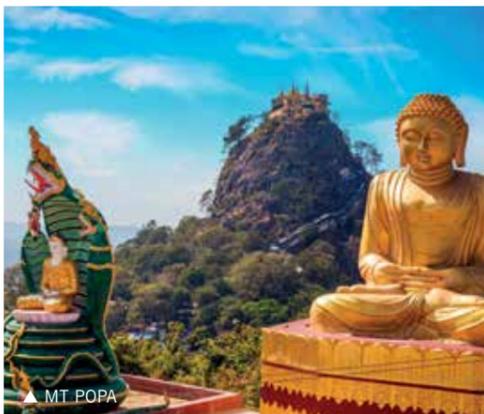
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▲ U BEIN BRIDGE



▲ MT POPA



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▲ BAGAN



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Be dazzled by Shwedagon
- Discover Bagan's temples
- Ascend Mt Popa
- Feel cultural in Mandalay
- Stroll on U Bein Bridge
- Watch the 'Leg Rowers'

ITINERARY

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 tour. Encompassing the colonial highlights and more traditional architecture, stroll Strand Road and Pansodan Street. Visit the National Museum before exploring the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda whose huge golden stupa dominates the city's skyline. The apex of the stupa is studded with hundreds of priceless gems that glint in the sunshine. This is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within.

DAY 4: SHWEZIGON PAGODA

Fly to Bagan. Burma's central plains have played host to many old kingdoms, each contributing temples and pagodas to the thousands that still dot the area today. 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 see craftsmen at work at a lacquerware workshop. Enjoy a spectacular sunset from the summit of the 12-storey

Aureum Watch Tower, which gives incredible views over the temples and plain.

DAY 5: MT POPA

Travel to Mt Popa, an extinct volcano, and visit Taung Kalat, the breathtaking Buddhist Monastery perched on its summit. Stop at a toddy palm plantation before taking a boat trip on the Irrawaddy River to view the sunset. Mt Popa is the spiritual home of 37 nats, or animist spirits and you'll see many locals who have come here to worship them. Return to Bagan.

DAY 6: MINGUN AND AVA

Fly to Mandalay and start exploring. Transfer to Mahamuni Pagoda, the Golden Palace Monastery and Kuthodaw Pagoda. Next set sail up the Irrawaddy River to Mingun to visit one of the world's largest bells; Hsinbyume Paya; and the imposing Mingun Pagoda, a red brick structure that would have been the world's largest pagoda if it had been completed. Visit a silk workshop and a Kalaga tapestries workshop before finishing the day on Mandalay Hill.

DAY 7: AMARAPURA AND MANDALAY

Drive to Amarapura and visit Mahagandayon Monastery, a place of monastic study and home to several thousand young monks. Later, travel to the Sagaing Hills, where you'll find its forested slopes crowded with



▲ SHWEDAGON PAGODA, RANGOON

temples and pagodas. Continue to the Tha Kya Di Kya nunnery before proceeding to the U Bein Bridge for a sunset boat ride, the best way to really appreciate the world's longest teak bridge!

DAY 8: INLE LAKE

Fly to Heho and drive to Inle Lake via Shwe Yan Pyay monastery. The lake is best known for the extraordinary 'Intha' people, who live on and around the water, and are renowned for their unique rowing technique. Out on the lake, see the floating gardens before visiting Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda, Nga Phe Monastery and Inpawkhon weaving village on the lake's banks.

DAY 9: INDEIN PAGODAS

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, and to visit the local primary school.

DAY 10: RANGOON NIGHT MARKETS

Return to Heho and fly to Rangoon. On arrival, browse the famous Bogyoke market to pick up any last minute souvenirs. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before a late afternoon visit to Botataung Pagoda. This evening, stroll around Chinatown, visiting a temple as you go.

DAY 11: FLY RANGOON TO UK

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

GET MORE ACTIVE

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STOPOVER IN...



BANGKOK 3 NIGHTS FROM £380PP

Discover the dynamic city of Bangkok. Take a city tour that includes the Grand Palace as well as spending a day in Kanchanaburi exploring the history of the infamous Death Railway. See page 110. Based on international flights with Thai Airways.



▲ HSYNBYUME PAYA

DEPARTURES – Departing Thursday returning Sunday

2018 DATES							
08 Feb - 18 Feb	£2,990	08 Mar - 18 Mar	£2,890	18 Oct - 28 Oct	£2,890	08 Nov - 18 Nov	£2,990
2019 DATES							
07 Feb - 17 Feb	£3,290	07 Mar - 17 Mar	£3,190	17 Oct - 27 Oct	£3,190	07 Nov - 17 Nov	£3,290

BURMA & THE IRRAWADDY

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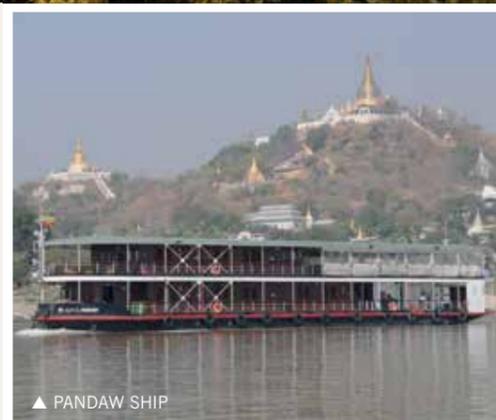
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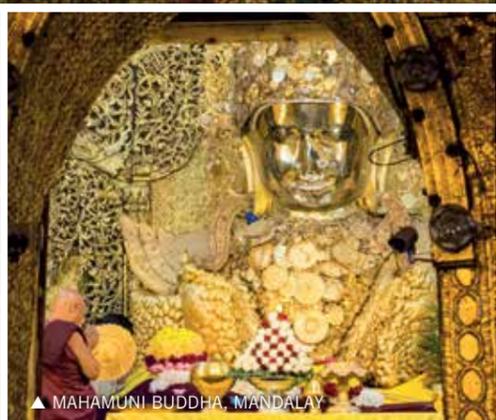
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Be dazzled by Shwedagon
- Cruise on the Irrawaddy
- Glimpse riverside life
- Ascend Mt Popa
- Meet the people of Inle Lake
- Discover Bagan's temples

ITINERARY

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. Stroll past the colonial buildings of Rangoon's downtown, see the Independence Monument and the artefacts of the National Museum before browsing the wares of 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

Fly to Mandalay. Take a boat trip to Mingun, visit the monumental Mingun Pagoda. See Mya Thein Tan Pagoda and explore Sagaing, where the surrounding hills are full of pagodas, temples and monasteries. Travel to the U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood bridge, which stretches across the Taungthaman Lake. Watch the local people coming and going across the bridge as the sun goes down.

DAY 5: AMARAPURA & MANDALAY

Spend a full day soaking up the sights of Burma's cultural capital, visiting the Mahamuni Pagoda, Shwenandaw Monastery and a gold hammering workshop before travelling to the old city of Amarapura and Mahagandayon Monastery, a place of monastic study and home to several thousand young monks.

DAY 6: IRRAWADDY RIVER CRUISE

Board your Pandaw river cruise vessel, on which you will spend the next two nights. Set sail downriver, welcome cocktail in hand and watch the Irrawaddy panorama unfold before you.

DAY 7: YANDABO

The cruise continues at a leisurely pace, passing through quintessentially Burmese landscapes. Visit the village of Yandabo. The people here specialise in pot-making and you'll be able to see the villagers at work before browsing the local, handcrafted wares. You'll also explore Pakokku by trishaw.

DAY 8: ARRIVE IN BAGAN

Rise early to enjoy the sunrise over the river. Disembark in Bagan and begin your explorations. Around Bagan, Burma's central plains are scattered with around 2,000 old structures, left from the golden age of kingdoms long passed. Visit some of these numerous



▲ TRADITIONAL PADAUNG WOMEN

temples including Htilominlo and Dhammayangyi, before enjoying a spectacular sunset from the summit of Aureum Watch Tower.

DAY 9: MT POPA

Begin the day browsing the wares of Nyaung Oo Market then travel to Mt Popa. An extinct volcano, ascend to its peak to explore the breathtaking Taung Kalat monastery that is perched there. Return to Bagan.

DAY 10: KYUN THIRI RIVER VILLAGE

This morning, climb aboard a boat for a short sail to Kyun Thiri river village where you can visit a local monastery and partake in some local tea and snacks. Return to Bagan by boat. The afternoon is free.

DAY 11: INLE LAKE

Fly to Heho and travel on 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. Head out on the lake by boat to visit Nanpan, a traditional Inle village built on stilts. See traditional boat making and visit a cheroot making factory before continuing on to Phaungdaw U Pagoda, Nga Phae Chaung Monastery and the ingenious floating gardens.

DAY 12: INDEIN PAGODAS

Browse the local produce at a morning market before transferring by boat to the western shore of the lake to explore the crumbling Indein Pagoda complex.

DAY 13: RETURN TO RANGOON

Bid farewell to Inle Lake and

return to Heho airport to fly to Rangoon. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 14: FLY RANGOON TO UK
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

KEEP EXPLORING



HUA HIN 3 NIGHTS FROM £330pp

Hua Hin is an intriguing intermingling of seaside and city with miles of beautiful beach but plenty of colourful markets and local culture. Hua Hin is the perfect beach destination for those not wanting to travel long distances from the capital city of Bangkok.

See page 107. Based on international flights with Thai Airways.



▲ MT POPA

DEPARTURES – Departing Tuesday returning Monday

2018 DATES			
30 Jan - 12 Feb	£3,790	20 Feb - 05 Mar	£3,690
16 Oct - 29 Oct	£3,790	02 Nov - 15 Nov*	£3,890
2019 DATES			
26 Feb - 11 Mar	£3,890	18 Mar - 31 Mar*	£3,890

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▲ MONKS, BAGAN



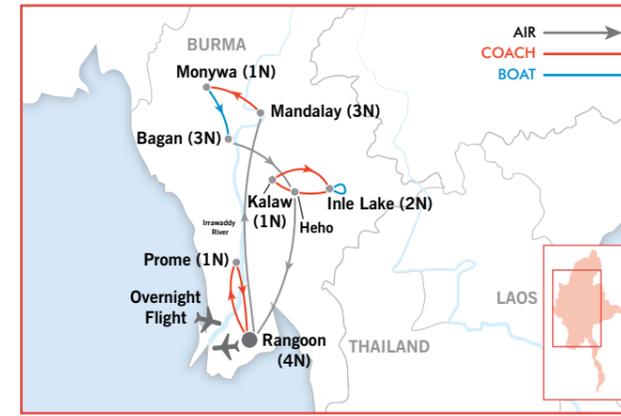
▲ INLE LAKE



▲ HPO WIN TAUNG CAVES



▲ THANBODDHAY PAGODA



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Sri Ksetra by ox cart
- Explore Prome's countryside
- Ascend Mt Popa
- Watch the 'Leg Rowers'
- Feel cultural in Mandalay
- Discover Bagan's temples

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO RANGOON

Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Rangoon (Yangon). 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 tour. Encompassing the colonial highlights and more traditional architecture, stroll Strand Road and Pansodan Street. Visit the National Museum before exploring the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda whose huge golden stupa dominates the city's skyline. The apex of the stupa is studded with hundreds of priceless gems that glint in the sunshine. 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.

DAY 6: U BEIN BRIDGE

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 the U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood bridge, and make your way across it, walking with the locals. Head to Sagaing, and explore the hills around the town which are dotted with temples and pagodas, before travelling to Inwa to explore the Maha Aungmye Bonzan Monastery.

DAY 7: EXPLORE MANDALAY

Mandalay is considered the epicentre of Burmese culture 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 and a kalaga tapestries craftman's shop before finishing the day on Mandalay Hill.

DAY 8: MINGUN

Set sail up the Irrawaddy River to Mingun to visit one of the world's largest bells, the Mingun Bell; 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

Leave Mandalay for the Thanboddhay Pagoda, said to contain over half a million colourful images of Buddha. Continue to the Bodhi Taung where a thousand Buddha images rest at the feet of beautiful Banyan trees. In the afternoon see the Aung Setkya Pagoda and enjoy the views of the surrounding countryside. Arrive in Monywa.

DAY 10: CRUISE THE IRRAWADDY

This morning take a boat trip across the Chindwin River to Hpo Win Taung, a network of sandstone caves full of statues, carvings and murals of Buddha. Drive on to the port city of Pakokku. Visit the lively local market by traditional trishaw and observe the production process of typical Burma 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 and visit the temple that sits on top of a unique 'plug'. Return to Bagan and discover more of its wonderful temples and pagodas. In the evening, travel to temples that are further 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. Continue to a local workshop that

manufactures umbrellas from mulberry paper. Arrive in Kalaw.

DAY 14: INLE LAKE

Drive to Nyaung Shwe and take a boat trip to Inle lake. The lake is best known for the extraordinary 'Intha' people, who live on and around the water, and are renowned for their unique rowing technique. Visit a local market and see the floating gardens, village life and magnificent scenery. See Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda, Nga Phe Chaung Monastery and the weaving village of Inpawkhon.

DAY 15: INDEIN PAGODAS

Cruise on Inle Lake to the crumbling Indein Pagoda complex. Built in the 17th-century, it is home to nearly one thousand stupas and pagodas. Walk through the rice paddies to Sae Ma village, where you can visit a local primary school.

DAY 16: RANGOON

Fly to Rangoon. Upon arrival browse the famous Bogyoke market, perfect for souvenirs. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before a late afternoon visit to Botataung Pagoda. This evening, stroll around Chinatown, visiting a temple as you go.

DAY 17: FLY RANGOON TO UK

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

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STOPOVER IN...



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DEPARTURES – Departing Thursday returning Saturday

2018 DATES									
25 Jan - 10 Feb	£3,790	08 Mar - 24 Mar	£3,690	11 Oct - 27 Oct	£3,690	25 Oct - 10 Nov	£3,790	15 Nov - 01 Dec	£3,890
2019 DATES									
24 Jan - 09 Feb	£3,990	07 Mar - 23 Mar	£3,890	10 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,890	24 Oct - 09 Nov	£3,990	14 Nov - 30 Nov	£3,990

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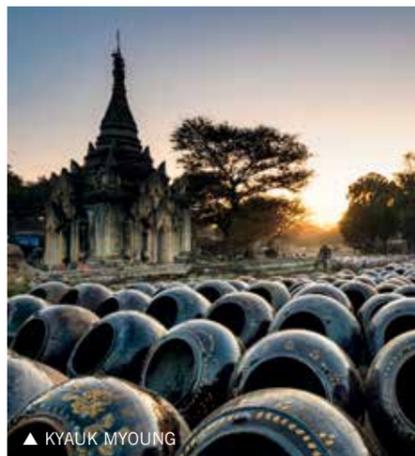
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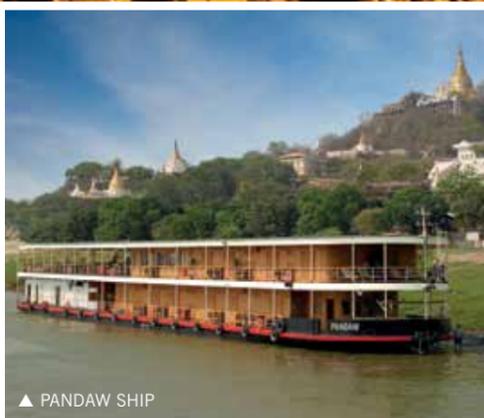
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▲ KYAUK MYOUNG



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▲ PANDAW SHIP



▲ KARAWEIK PALACE



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven-night Irrawaddy Cruise
- Glimpse riverside life
- Discover Bagan's temples
- Stroll on U Bein Bridge
- Explore lively Pakokku
- Feel cultural in Mandalay

ITINERARY

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. (B,L)

DAY 4: IRRAWADDY CRUISE

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. (B,L,D)

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. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: KYAUK MYOUNG

Disembark the cruise ship to visit the potteries close to Kyauk Myoung where you'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. (B,L,D)



▲ IRRAWADDY FISHERMEN

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. (B,L,D)

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. (B,L,D)

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. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: BAGAN

Arrive in enchanting Bagan. More than 2,000 Buddhist structures of all shapes and sizes strewn across a vast plain offer 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. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: 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. (B)

DAY 12: FLY RANGOON TO UK

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

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2018 DATES											
03 Jan - 14 Jan	£3,650	14 Feb - 25 Feb	£3,650	25 Jul - 05 Aug	£3,470	05 Sep - 16 Sep	£3,470	17 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,750	28 Nov - 09 Dec	£3,780
10 Jan - 21 Jan	£3,650	21 Feb - 04 Mar	£3,650	01 Aug - 12 Aug	£3,470	12 Sep - 23 Sep	£3,470	24 Oct - 04 Nov	£3,750	05 Dec - 16 Dec	£3,780
17 Jan - 28 Jan	£3,650	28 Feb - 11 Mar	£3,650	08 Aug - 19 Aug	£3,470	19 Sep - 30 Sep	£3,470	31 Oct - 11 Nov	£3,750	12 Dec - 23 Dec	£3,780
24 Jan - 04 Feb	£3,650	07 Mar - 18 Mar	£3,650	15 Aug - 26 Aug	£3,470	26 Sep - 07 Oct	£3,470	07 Nov - 18 Nov	£3,780	19 Dec - 30 Dec	£3,780
31 Jan - 11 Feb	£3,650	21 Mar - 01 Apr	£3,390	22 Aug - 02 Sep	£3,470	03 Oct - 14 Oct	£3,750	14 Nov - 25 Nov	£3,780	26 Dec - 06 Jan	£3,780
07 Feb - 18 Feb	£3,650	18 Jul - 29 Jul	£3,470	29 Aug - 09 Sep	£3,470	10 Oct - 21 Oct	£3,750	21 Nov - 02 Dec	£3,780		
2019 DATES											
02 Jan - 13 Jan	£3,990	23 Jan - 03 Feb	£3,990	13 Feb - 24 Feb	£3,990	06 Mar - 17 Mar	£3,990	27 Mar - 07 Apr	£3,810	17 Apr - 28 Apr	£3,990
09 Jan - 20 Jan	£3,990	30 Jan - 10 Feb	£3,990	20 Feb - 03 Mar	£3,990	13 Mar - 24 Mar	£3,810	03 Apr - 14 Apr	£3,810		
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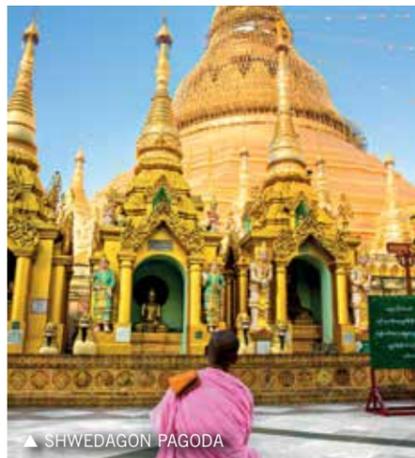
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Flight and supplement information

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- Sole passenger supplement from £1,220



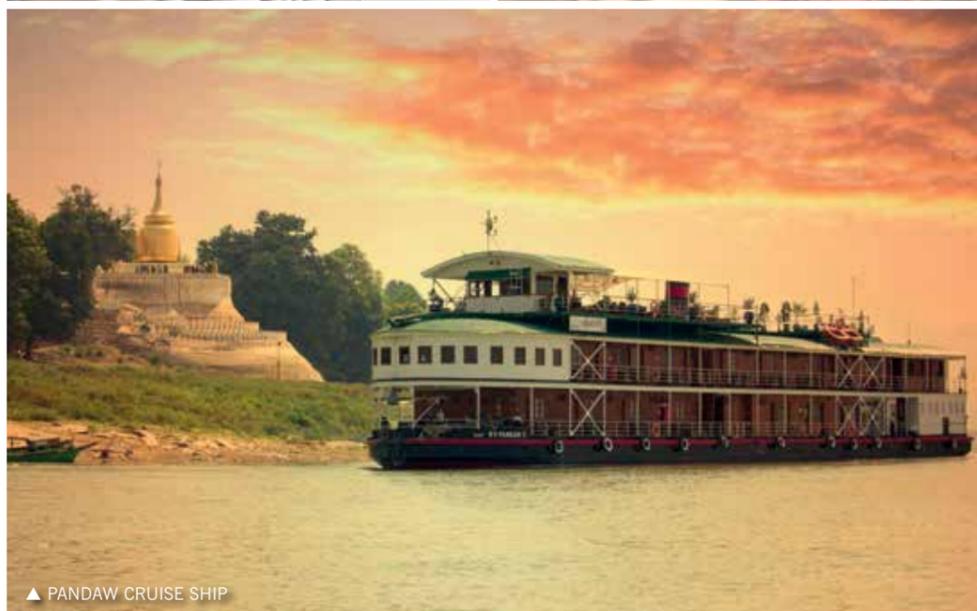
▲ SHWEDAGON PAGODA



▲ PANDAW PROMENADE



▲ YANDABO



▲ PANDAW CRUISE SHIP



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ten-night Irrawaddy Cruise
- Explore ancient Ava
- Discover Bagan's temples
- See Salé's teak temples
- Travel the Twante Canal
- Be dazzled by Shwedagon

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO RANGOON

Fly overnight to Rangoon.

DAY 2: ARRIVE RANGOON

Depending on your time of arrival into Rangoon, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. 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.

DAY 3: FLY TO MANDALAY

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Mandalay. On arrival, board your Irrawaddy River cruise ship for lunch. Mandalay was the last royal capital of Burma before the country was annexed by the British. Mandalay is now considered the centre of Burmese culture and its most important economic hub. This afternoon visit the Mahamuni Pagoda, a major pilgrimage site, and the Shwe-in-bin Monastery. Continue to Amarapura to see Bagaya Kyaung, a large teak Monastery and cross over the U Bein Bridge, the longest teak bridge in the world. Return to your cruise ship this evening. Sip on a welcome cocktail and take in your new surroundings before settling down to dinner served in the bistro-style dining room. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AVA AND YANDABO

Cruise downstream on the peaceful Irrawaddy River as you pass views of riverside pottery villages, chanting monks and temples dotted on the bank sides. We will start by exploring the ancient capital of Ava before continuing further downstream to Yandabo, a small village specialising in making pots out of the clay from the river banks. Visit the Pandaw School, built from donations made by Pandaw customers. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: BAGAN'S TEMPLES

Today visit Bagan. The former seat of the Kingdom of Bagan, this area is famed for its hypnotising assembly of over 2,000 temples and is often compared to Cambodia's Angkor Wat for its cultural significance and architecture. Today you will explore a selection of the temples before visiting a lacquer workshop. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: BAGAN AND SALÉ

Ascend Tan Chi Taung Mountain for a spectacular sunrise over Bagan. Continue on to Salé where you will visit a number of teak monasteries, including the Yout Saun Kyaung. Explore an area famed for its splendid colonial-style houses. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: MAGWE

Visit Magwe, where you will visit the magnificent Myat Thalon



▲ BON ZAN MONASTERY, AVA

Pagoda which is constructed out of solid gold bricks. The Pagoda also offers fantastic views of the Irrawaddy River below from its hillside setting. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: MINHLA AND GWECHAUNG

Visit the 18th-century forts of Minhla and Gwechaung. Constructed under the supervision of two Italian engineers, these forts were built as a guard against pending British invasion. Later visit a local market before taking a horse and cart ride into the neighbouring countryside. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: PROME

Visit Prome, the former centre of the Pyu civilisation, also known as the 'Magical City.' An important city since the founding of the Bagan kingdom in the 9th century, Prome remained important to the British and the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company as an important trading post between north and south Burma. Explore the ancient Buddhist artefacts in the nearby museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: AKAUK TAUNG

Journey south of Prome, and visit the dozens of Buddha images carved into Akauk Taung (Tax Mountain). This natural wonder is named Tax Mountain after toll-takers who would carve Buddhist images into the sides of the mountain between taxing boats travelling down the Irrawaddy. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: DANUBYU

Explore delta creeks and stop at Danubyu, a lesser-known

town with a busy port and bustling market. Maha Bandula, commander-in-chief of the Burmese Army, made Danubyu his headquarters during the First Anglo-Burmese War. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: TWANTE

Travel along the Twante Canal which joins the Irrawaddy with the Yangon River, passing idyllic vistas of rickety wooden fishing boats, lush green fields and Buddhist statues. Stop to explore the town of Twante. The town is noted for its pottery and cotton production and was one of the former stations of George Orwell whilst he was a police officer in Burma. Continue on to the Yangon River. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: RANGOON

Disembark in Rangoon. This afternoon visit the golden Shwedagon Pagoda. This is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within. Legend says that the Pagoda is over 2,500 years old, making it the oldest pagoda in the world; however archaeologists argue that the current structure was built between the 6th and 10th-centuries under the Mon people. Watch as young monks chant in a circle round the stupa whilst visitors pray towards this delightfully spiritual monument. (B)

DAY 14: FLY RANGOON TO UK

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

DEPARTURES

2018 DATES							
04 Jan - 17 Jan	£5,380	25 Feb - 10 Mar	£5,380	10 Oct - 23 Oct	£5,570	10 Dec - 23 Dec	£5,700
30 Jan - 12 Feb	£5,380	23 Mar - 05 Apr	£5,380	14 Nov - 27 Nov	£5,590		
2019 DATES							
05 Jan - 18 Jan	£5,890	31 Jan - 13 Feb	£5,990	26 Feb - 11 Mar	£5,990	24 Mar - 06 Apr	£5,890



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Explore Phong Nha Cave

The karst landscapes of the UNESCO-listed Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park are riddled with cave systems. Entering by river on board a dragon boat, pass through a yawning hole in the limestone cliff to explore passageways, grottoes and the mysterious rock formations of Phong Nha Cave.



Take a Vespa through Saigon

Ride pillion with a driver on a vintage Vespa in classic Saigon style on this night street food adventure. Stop by Café Zoom to enjoy a cocktail and appetiser before venturing into a favourite local eating spot. Wind up your night in a lively bar for drinks and live music.



Angkor Wat by Tuk Tuk

See the world-renowned Angkor Wat from the seat of a rickshaw, easily the most famous and best preserved of all temples within the Angkor complex. You will pass by ancient, lotus-like towers, dense jungle and visiting monks - possibly the best way to see this iconic edifice!

GET INVOLVED



Batik painting, Lao Chai

Try your hand at the centuries-old practice of batik painting with a local expert. This traditional art is dying out save for a handful of villagers in ethnic communities and by taking this class you'll be able to support both the art and the Black H'mong women of Lao Chai village.



Mines Advisory Group, Laos

Millions of bombs were dropped on Laos between 1964 and 1973, with an estimated 30% of them not detonating. MAG works to clear the unexploded ordnance (UXO), to train locals to clear UXO and to educate children on UXO. Visit the MAG information centre and talk to the head of this essential project.



Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre

This social enterprise in Luang Prabang was set up to educate on the textiles, crafts and culture of Laos. On your visit, you'll meet the local artisans for whom the centre provides space to produce and sell their products and you can learn about a number of initiatives the centre runs to benefit the local community.

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Hanoi by night

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Cai Rang Floating Market

A morning visit to the Cai Rang floating market will give you the chance to experience an authentic Mekong Delta morning with the Can Tho residents. Take in the beautiful scenery and the daily activities of the locals who live along the Mekong canals.



Meet the Padaung people of Burma

The women of the Padaung tribe, with their necks elongated by heavy bronze rings, are one of the enduring images of Burma. Visit a Padaung community and meet these women in the village of Pan Pat, close to the city of Loikaw, and spend some time getting to know their way of life, their stories and their culture.

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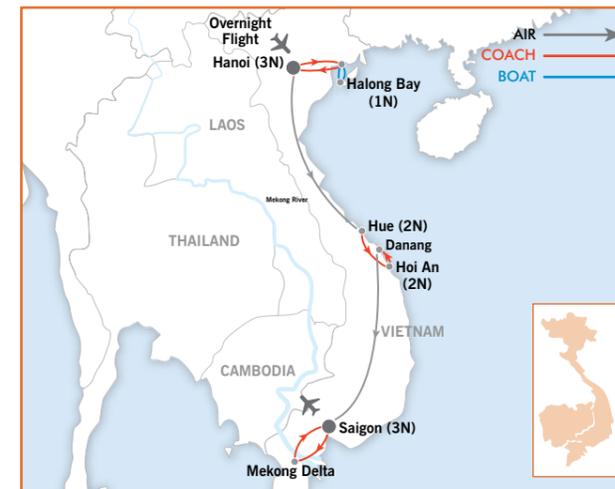
▲ TAI CHI AT SUNRISE



▲ BUN CHA, HANOI



▲ CYCLE IN RURAL HUE



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise on Halong Bay
- Explore Vietnam's rural beauty
- Wander charming Hoi An
- Discover the Mekong Delta
- Enjoy freedom and choose optional, cultural experiences

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

Fly overnight to Hanoi, Vietnam's colonial-influenced, atmospheric capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

DAY 3: DISCOVER HANOI

Start the day exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, visiting the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the Stilt House and the Temple of Literature. Next, take a thrilling cyclo ride through the bustling streets of the Old Quarter, with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route. This evening, enjoy a performance of a traditional water puppets show. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Travel to Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. You'll pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the ever-changing vistas of the bay. There are many activities to take part in while you're onboard - take a swim in the cool waters of the bay, explore stalagmite and stalactite-filled caves, and even squid fishing (in season). (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TAI CHI

Rise early to catch the sunrise

over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. After brunch onboard, return to the dock and travel back to Hanoi. On arrival, enjoy free time or choose from two optional activities.

1) A mini backstage tour at the Hanoi Opera House of the cultural show 'Lang Toi', followed by dinner and the evening performance of the show itself. Or 2) discover the varied and delicious flavours of Vietnamese street food on a tour of Hanoi's very best street eats. (B)

DAY 6: IMPERIAL HUE

Fly to Hue, Vietnam's old imperial capital and a city considered the country's hub of culture. This afternoon, visit Minh Mang Tomb, set on peaceful spot outside the city, before exploring the decaying grandeur of Hue's Imperial Citadel. Admire the old Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a cruise along the picturesque Perfume River. Later, you may choose an optional royal dining experience, where you will dine on authentic food and be entertained, all in the imperial style. Otherwise, the evening is free for your own explorations. (B,L)

DAY 7: HUE EXPERIENCES

Today is a day at leisure for your own explorations, or you can choose between the following experiences. 1) Take a half



▲ TRUC CHI WORKSHOP, HUE

day cycling tour of Hue and its beautiful rural surroundings, stopping for lunch with the nuns of a nearby pagoda, or 2) learn 'truc chi', creating art with bamboo paper, on a half day visit to a workshop. (B)

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO HOI AN

Journey by road to the charming town of Hoi An, crossing over the scenic Hai Van Pass. This afternoon, wander the old cobbled streets and soak up the delights of Hoi An, with visits to a pagoda, an old Chinese meeting house and the Reaching Out arts and crafts workshop. (B,L)

DAY 9: HOI AN EXPERIENCES

Today is a day at leisure for your own explorations, or you can choose between the following experiences. 1) A cooking class, with a visit to the produce market to select fresh, local ingredients, where you'll learn the tricks and techniques of Vietnamese cuisine or 2) A full day farmer and fisherman experience, where you can try your hand at traditional farming techniques in the rural village of Tra Que, before learning to paddle round bamboo boats and cast fishing nets. (B)

DAY 10: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon and spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 11: CU CHI TUNNELS

This morning, discover the Cu Chi Tunnels, an amazing underground network used by the Viet Cong during the war. Return to Saigon and tour the city, visiting the grand colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office

as well as delving into Vietnam's recent history at the Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum. This evening is free for your own explorations, or you can opt for dinner and a performance of the AO Show, a music, dance and acrobatic spectacular at the Saigon Opera House. (B,L)

DAY 12: MEKONG DELTA

Transfer to Ben Tre, in the heart of the Mekong Delta, where you'll visit local cottage industries and taste the delicious produce of the region, before lunching on typically Mekong fare. This afternoon, take a boat trip through the palm-lined canals and waterways to visit small islands, a floating village and pagoda. Return to Saigon. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13-14: FLY SAIGON TO UK

This morning is at leisure for your own explorations, or you can take an optional cyclo tour around Saigon's Chinatown. Later, transfer to the airport and fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B)

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13 Apr - 26 Apr	£2,490	14 Sep - 27 Sep	£2,590	12 Oct - 25 Oct	£2,590	09 Nov - 22 Nov	£2,690
2019 DATES							
25 Jan - 07 Feb	£2,890	15 Mar - 28 Mar	£2,790	13 Sep - 26 Sep	£2,790	08 Nov - 21 Nov	£2,890
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▲ SAPA



▲ WATER PUPPETS, HANOI



▲ FARMER NEAR HOI AN



▲ PHONG NHA CAVE



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike Sapa's rice terraces
- Cruise Halong Bay
- Explore Phong Nha Cave
- Bike Hoi An's countryside
- Learn farming techniques
- See Cai Rang floating market

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

Fly overnight to Hanoi, Vietnam's colonial-influenced, atmospheric capital. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

DAY 3: DISCOVER LOCAL HANOI

Begin with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Complex and the Ethnology Museum to learn about the country's ethnic groups. Enjoy lunch at Koto restaurant before visiting a water puppet artist - for a chance to participate in the creation of the puppets and to enjoy a private performance. Tonight, discover Hanoi's street-side night life and taste the varied flavours of Vietnamese street food, such as Pho Cuon and Banh Xeo - a truly local way of eating dinner! (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TEMPLE OF LITERATURE AND LAO CAI

Rise early today and visit the fabulous flower market in Quang Ba, and see Tai Chi at Hoan Kiem Lake - an oasis of peace and daily life in the centre of Hanoi. Visit the Temple of Literature and the Old Quarter, with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route. Board the overnight train to Lao Cai. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: SAPA MINORITY VILLAGES

After an early morning arrival and breakfast, transfer to beautiful Sapa. Later, trek through luscious, stepped rice paddies and hills visiting small villages to rest and

meet the residents, ending your walk at Ham Rong Mountain. (B,L)

DAY 6: SAPA TREKKING

Your Sapa adventure continues with approximately seven hours of trekking through the rice terraces, visiting the H'mong villages of Y Linh Ho and Cat Cat. Continue to Ta Van and Lao Chai villages, try your hand at batik painting, in a class lead by a Black H'mong woman. Sit down for a chat with an ethnic minority family in Lao Chai. (B,L)

DAY 7: TRAIN TO HANOI

Take a free morning to soak up views around Sapa before an afternoon trek between Hau Thao and Giang Ta Chai villages - at Giang Ta Chai, there is an attractive waterfall. All aboard the overnight train to Hanoi. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8-9: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Arrive into Hanoi and depart for Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. Pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the vistas of the bay. There are many activities to take part in while you're onboard - swim in the cool waters of the bay, explore stalagmite and stalactite-filled caves, and even squid fishing (in season). (B,L,D) On day 9, rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. Return to Hanoi. Board the overnight train to Dong Hoi. (B,D)

DAY 10: PHONG NHA CAVE

This morning arrive in the coastal city of Dong Hoi, gateway to Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park. The park is home to more karst landscapes within which have formed some of the world's most spectacular caves. You will explore Phong Nha, only accessible by river. Once inside the cave, your boatman will row you 1.5kms into the 45km long cave, whilst you marvel at the incredible caverns filled with stalactites. You will also explore one cave on foot. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: PARADISE CAVE

Spend the morning discovering the wonders of the cathedral-esque Paradise Cave. (B,L)

DAY 12: DMZ

Take a full day tour to the DMZ, the buffer that existed between North Vietnam and South Vietnam during the War. You'll visit the Vinh Moc tunnels and battleground of Khe Sanh before driving on to Hue, Vietnam's last imperial capital. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITY

Embark on a cyclo tour of the city, heading to the Imperial Citadel and Purple Forbidden City - built in 1362 it was home to Vietnam's Nguyen dynasty from 1802 to 1945. The banks of the Perfume River outside the city are dotted with UNESCO-listed Imperial tombs - visit Minh Mang's before cruising on the river itself. (B,L)

DAY 14: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

Journey to Hoi An, stopping en route to visit the Lady Buddha, a 67 metre high Bodhisattva of Mercy, on the picturesque Son Tra peninsula. Arrive in Hoi An and head out onto the town's charming streets on a walking tour that will take you past old Chinese trader's houses to the elaborate Japanese Bridge. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: FARMER AND FISHERMAN EXPERIENCE

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

DAY 16: EXPLORE SAIGON

Transfer to Danang and fly to the

vibrant city of Saigon. On arrival, explore Saigon, admiring Notre Dame cathedral and Central Post Office, before strolling the grand Rue Catinat to the Hotel Continental. Later, ascend to the rooftop bar of the Hotel Caravelle for city views, before an exhilarating ride through Saigon's streets, riding pillion on the back of a vintage Vespa. Stop for a cocktail before continuing to a favourite local eating spot or two. Wind up your night with drinks and live music. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: MEKONG DELTA

Head south to Ben Tre and board a small boat to meander through the waterways of the Mekong Delta, the perfect way to explore the lush, green landscapes. Stop for a stroll through a local village and to see mat weavers at work. A tuk tuk will then deliver you to the pier to board 'Le Jarai', a beautifully restored teak rice barge where, as you continue cruising, you can enjoy a cooking demonstration and a three-course lunch of Mekong specialities. Travel to the delta city of Can Tho. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET

Pay a morning visit to Cai Rang floating market, where you'll see boats piled high with the colourful produce of the region. Take a relaxed cycle through beautiful, peaceful countryside before returning to Saigon. (B,L,D)

DAYS 19-20: FLY SAIGON TO UK

This morning, explore the astounding Cu Chi Tunnels, used by the Viet Cong during the war. Transfer to the airport and fly to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B,L)

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▲ HOI AN LOCAL



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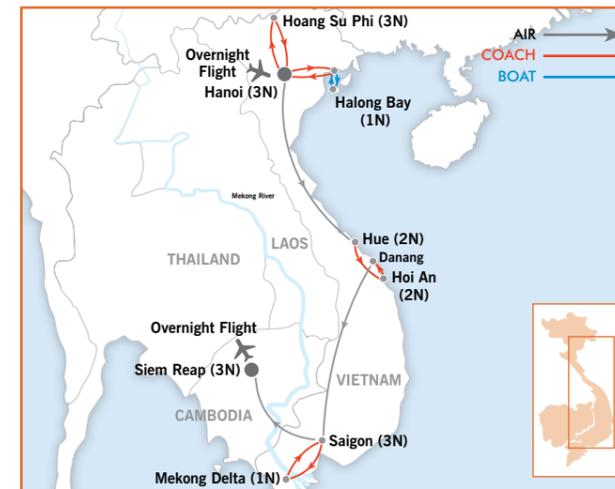


▲ PHARE CIRCUS



▲ MEKONG DELTA

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike lush rice terraces
- Nosh on a Hanoi food tour
- Kayak on Halong Bay
- Bike the Mekong Delta
- Tour Saigon by Vespa
- Explore Angkor by rickshaw

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER LOCAL HANOI

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

DAY 4: HOANG SU PHI

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

DAYS 5-6: HIKE THROUGH THE RICE TERRACES

Take an unforgettable journey on foot through the epic rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi. As you turn every corner, a new view of this outstanding landscape of lush, mist-wreathed terraces will unfold in front of you, providing a plethora

of unreal photo opportunities. You'll make stops at a Red Dao village to learn about local life in the area, a Tay village to have lunch in a family home and a colourful local market. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: RETURN TO HANOI

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

DAYS 8-9: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Depart for Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. Pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the ever-changing vistas of the bay. There are many activities to take part in while you're onboard – swim in the cool waters of the bay, explore stalagmite and stalactite-filled caves, and even squid fishing (in season). (B,L,D) On day 9, rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. Return to Hanoi and fly to Hue. (B,D)

DAY 10: IMPERIAL HUE BY BICYCLE

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

DAY 11: CHARMING HOI AN

Drive to Hoi An, stopping en route at the Museum of Cham Sculpture. Spend the afternoon wandering the beautiful, flower-covered streets of this ancient town. Walk past Chinese traders' homes, visit local artists and tailors and walk through the 16th-century Japanese Bridge. Arguably Vietnam's friendliest town, Hoi An is always a favourite for relaxed exploration. (B,L)

DAY 12: FARMER AND FISHERMAN EXPERIENCE

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

DAY 13: SAIGON VESPA TOUR

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

DAY 14: SAIGON OLD AND NEW

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

DAY 15: BEN TRE BY BICYCLE

Drive to Ben Tre and set out on a boat trip through winding, palm tree-lined canals. Cycle through rice fields and coconut groves and visit Mr. Sau Khanh's house – a peasant has collected a lot of ancient ceramics, potteries like bowls, vases and sculptures originally from Asia. Spend the night in a riverside resort. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: MEKONG DELTA

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

DAY 17: CAMBODIAN CIRCUS

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. There is a special treat that awaits in the form of a performance from the PHARE Cambodian Circus, an NGO that teaches street children to become internationally renowned circus artists. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: ANGKOR BY TUK TUK

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

DAY 19: KOMPONG KLEANG FLOATING VILLAGE

High water season (Aug-Feb)
Visit Kompong Kleang, a settlement of over 20,000 people housed in wooden structures on stilts, suspended up to ten metres above the water. Greeted by waves of friendly locals, here you can glimpse Cambodia's countryside culture and easy going family lifestyle. After lunch, head out into the dense forest and find the hidden temple of Beng Mealea, whose wonders lay undiscovered for centuries. (B,L,D)

Low water season (Mar-Jul)

Journey into rural Cambodia and visit a local village where you will ride an ox cart through the fields before touring the village where you can participate in fishing or farming; learning more about the way of life here. Return to Siem Reap, visiting Beng Mealea on the way. (B,L,D)

DAYS 20-21: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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



▲ HALONG BAY

DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Thursday

2018 DATES							
16 Feb - 08 Mar	£3,490	02 Mar - 22 Mar	£3,390	16 Mar - 05 Apr	£3,390	19 Oct - 08 Nov	£3,590
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2019 DATES							
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▲ TRADITIONAL FISHING BOAT, HOI AN



▲ AO SHOW, SAIGON



▲ SUN BEAR, LUANG PRABANG



▲ PU LUONG



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander charming Hoi An
- Meet the locals in Mai Chau
- Cruise Halong Bay
- Witness Takbat in Laos
- Discover Angkor's Temples
- Choose cultural experiences

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

DAY 3: EXPLORE SAIGON

This morning, discover the Cu Chi Tunnels. Return to Saigon and tour the city, visiting Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office as well as the Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum. (B,L)

DAY 4: THE MEKONG DELTA

Transfer to Ben Tre in the heart of the Mekong Delta, where you can visit local cottage industries. Cycle through lush scenery to a local house for lunch. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: CHO LACH

Continue exploring lush delta landscapes and visit Vinh Bac bonsai and flower village. Return to Saigon. This evening is free, or there are three optional excursions available: 1) dinner and an A O Show performance at the Saigon Opera House, 2) a tour of Saigon at night on a Vespa, or 3) discover delicious street food on a tour of Saigon's best street eats. (B,L)

DAY 6: DISCOVER HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to charming Hoi An. This afternoon, wander the old cobbled streets and soak up the town's delights. (B,L)

DAY 7: HOI AN EXPERIENCES

Today is at leisure for your own explorations, or choose between these optional experiences. 1) a cooking class, with a visit to the produce market, or 2) a full day farmer and fisherman experience, learning traditional techniques of both. (B)

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO HUE

Journey by road to Hue via the Hai Van Pass and stop en route at the Son Tra Peninsula. (B,L)

DAY 9: EXPLORE HUE

Take a cyclo ride up to Hue's Imperial Citadel and stroll amongst its decaying grandeur. Visit the Imperial Tomb of Minh Mang, before admiring Thien Mu Pagoda and a cruise on the Perfume River. (B,L)

DAY 10: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's atmospheric capital. This evening is free, with the option of taking a mini backstage tour of the Hanoi Opera House, followed by dinner and a performance of 'Lang Toi'. (B)

DAY 11: DISCOVER HANOI

Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, visiting the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the Stilt House and the Temple of Literature. Next, take a thrilling cyclo ride through the bustling streets of the Old Quarter. This evening, enjoy a traditional water puppets show. (B,L)

DAY 12: MAI CHAU

Journey west to Mai Chau, where a patchwork of rice fields and tiny

stilt house villages are set against a backdrop of rolling hills. Walk to the ethnic minority villages of Pom Coong and Lac to meet communities and explore magnificent Mo Luong cave. This evening, enjoy dinner with a traditional dance performance in Lac village. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: MAI CHAU EXPERIENCES

Today is at leisure, or choose between these optional experiences. 1) spend the day walking amongst the incredible limestone landscapes of Pu Luong Nature Reserve, or 2) a cycling adventure through Mai Chau, an alternative way to see this beautiful, untouched area. (B)

DAY 14: RETURN TO HANOI

Spend the morning at leisure before returning to Hanoi. (B)

DAY 15: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Travel to Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: TAI CHI

Rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. After brunch onboard, return to the dock and travel back to Hanoi. On arrival, enjoy free time. (B)

DAY 17: FLY TO LAOS

This morning is at leisure, with two optional activities available: 1) a Vietnamese cooking class, or 2) a tour of Hanoi's hidden gems. Later, fly to Luang Prabang, Asia's most atmospheric city. (B)

DAY 18: SEE LUANG PRABANG

Rise early to witness the daily dawn ceremony of Takbat, before heading to the beautiful Kuangsi Waterfalls and the Sun Bear Conservation Centre. Later, see Wat Xieng Thong and take in the sunset views from Mount Phousi. This evening is free, with the option of taking part in a traditional Baci ceremony. (B,L)

DAY 19: FLY TO VIENTIANE

This morning is at leisure with two optional experiences available: 1) learn about the traditional uses of bamboo, from products to food with a bamboo experience, or 2) travel up the Mekong by boat to visit the Pak Ou Caves. This afternoon, fly to Vientiane. (B)

DAY 20: EXPLORE VIENTIANE

Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city. Visit the city's most important sights - Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa

and Patuxai Victory Monument before spending time amongst the weird and wonderful sculptures of the Buddha Park. This evening, enjoy a dinner and a Laos music and dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

Fly to Phnom Penh, Cambodia's captivating capital city. (B,D)

DAY 22: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Take a cyclo through the city to Wat Phnom before heading to the glittering Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum. This afternoon is free, with two optional experiences: 1) a visit to Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Killing Fields, or 2) a boat trip up the Mekong to Silk Island to visit a silk weaving village. (B,L)

DAY 23: FLY TO SIEM REAP

Today is at leisure until your flight to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Temples of Angkor! (B,D)

DAY 24: TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

See the world-famous Angkor temples from the back of a traditional tuk tuk - ride to Angkor Thom and the Bayon, before jungle-enveloped Ta Prohm. You'll then explore magnificent Angkor Wat, before sunset at Pre Rup. This evening is free, with an option to attend the Phare Cambodian Circus. (B,L)

DAY 25: SIEM REAP EXPERIENCES

Today you can decide to enjoy a free day or to take part in one of the following optional tours. Choose between 1) a full day amongst rural Cambodian communities, learning about their daily life, or 2) head into the dense forest close to Tonle Sap lake to explore the hidden temple of Beng Mealea. (B)

DAY 26: TONLE SAP

High water season (Aug-Feb)
Cruise on the waters of Tonle Sap to visit the village of Kompong Kleang. A fully-fledged village of both floating and stilted houses, here you'll get a glimpse of real Cambodian village.

Low water season (Mar-Jul)

The village of Chong Khneas is a floating village right on the edge of the Tonle Sap where you can see locals going about their day to day lives on and by the water. Both seasons include dinner with a traditional Apsara dance show this evening. (B,L,D)

DAYS 27-28: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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

DEPARTURES – Departing Saturday returning Friday

2018 DATES							
14 Apr - 11 May	£4,190	15 Sep - 12 Oct	£4,490	13 Oct - 09 Nov	£4,590	10 Nov - 07 Dec	£4,590
2019 DATES							
09 Feb - 08 Mar	£4,790	09 Mar - 05 Apr	£4,690	06 Apr - 03 May	£4,690	07 Sep - 04 Oct	£4,790
						12 Oct - 08 Nov	£4,890
						02 Nov - 29 Nov	£4,890

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

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Flight and supplement information

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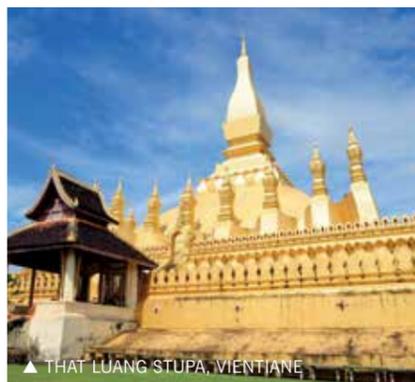
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▲ THAT LUANG STUPA, VIENTIANE



▲ BOLAVEN PLATEAU



▲ PLAIN OF JARS



▲ KUANG SI WATERFALLS



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Get spiritual in Luang Prabang
- Join the monks for Takbat
- Stroll quaint Vientiane
- Enjoy life on Si Phan Don
- Wonder at the Plain of Jars
- Discover scenic Vang Vieng

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BANGKOK

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

DAY 3: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

Fly to Luang Prabang. 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. Take a walking tour around the vibrant night market, keeping an eye out for craft souvenirs from Laos' hill tribes as you go. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat, when the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms from locals. 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 Kuang Si Waterfalls for a picnic lunch and a swim. Stop at Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre on the return to Luang Prabang. (B,L)

DAY 5: 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 to witness the daily life of the local people and their cottage industries. (B,L)

DAY 6: PHOUSI HILL

Climb Phousi Hill to admire the views down over the city before exploring Wat Mai, Wat Visoun and Wat Aham. Browse the wares at the lively hill tribe market before a free afternoon. (B,L)

DAY 7: PHONSAVAN

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

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, Site 2 which also allows you to admire the beautiful scenery of the region and Site 3, situated in picturesque woodland. There will also be a visit to the office of the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), an organisation that helps clear unexploded ordnance that



▲ WAT PHOU

are a remnant of American raids during the Vietnam War. Take the opportunity to speak with the organisation's head. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: VANG VIENG

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

DAY 10: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Drive to Vientiane, Laos' capital. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly backwater than 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, that resembles Paris' Arc de Triomphe. (B,L)

DAY 11: SI PHAN DON

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

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 Khone Island by speedboat to discover its charming colonial buildings and see Lphi Waterfall, nicknamed the Devil's Corridor. Depending on the season, you may see traditional fishing techniques in action. The rest of the day is free. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: BOLAVEN PLATEAU

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

DAYS 14-15: FLY PAKSE TO UK

Fly from Pakse to Bangkok where you'll have the use of a hotel room before your evening flight back to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B,D)

STOPOVER IN...



BANGKOK 3 NIGHTS FROM £380PP

Discover the dynamic city of Bangkok. Take a city tour that includes the Grand Palace as well as spending a day in Kanchanaburi exploring the history of the infamous Death Railway.

See page 110. Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

DEPARTURES – Departing Tuesday returning Tuesday

2018 DATES				2019 DATES			
20 Mar - 03 Apr	£2,790	16 Oct - 30 Oct	£2,690	19 Mar - 02 Apr	£2,990	15 Oct - 29 Oct	£2,990

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▲ WHITE TEMPLE, CHIANG RAI



▲ BUDDHA PARK, VIENTIANE



▲ KUANG SI WATERFALLS



▲ DAMNOEN SADUAK



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- See Bangkok's Grand Palace
- Discover Chiang Mai
- Stay with a H'mong hilltribe
- Cruise on the upper Mekong
- Meet monks in Laos
- Explore sleepy Vientiane

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BANGKOK

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

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 Klong Talaat Flower Market, then stroll through Chinatown. This evening enjoy a Thai dinner whilst watching a traditional music and dance show. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FLOATING MARKET

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and experience the Maeklong railway market. Board an overnight train to Chiang Mai. (B,L,D)

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. Take a cyclo tour of the city, visit Flok Life Museum, admire Wat Chedi Luang and ascend to Wat Doi Suthep

perched on top of Doi Suthep Mountain. This evening enjoy a traditional Kantoke dinner and a performance of the ancient songs and dances of northern Thailand and wander through the buzzing night bazaar in search of bargains. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: H'MONG HILLTRIBE LODGE

Start the day with a relaxed mind as you join a group meditation session before heading up into the Suthep-Pui Mountains. Tonight you will spend the night at the H'mong Hilltribe Lodge amidst the striking natural beauty of the region. This evening enjoy a barbecue dinner and a cultural show. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: THAI ELEPHANT CARE CENTRE

Depart the Hilltribe Lodge for the Thai Elephant Care Centre to spend some time meeting and feeding the beautiful pachyderms. Later, board a long tail boat on Mae Kok River to Baan Pha Tai, where you'll continue by road to Chiang Rai. Explore the colourful night market. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: CHIANG RAI

Explore the laidback, small town charm of Chiang Rai, visiting the eccentric White Temple and Doi Mae Salong, a hill village once at the heart of the area's notorious opium trade. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: CRUISE THE MEKONG

Transfer to the Thai-Laos border and climb aboard a boat to



▲ ELEPHANT, CHIANG MAI

cruise along the Mekong taking in the scenery as you go. Stop at Pakbeng with time to visit the village of Ban Houei Lumphane before settling in for the night. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: CRUISE TO LUANG PRABANG

Back on the river, continue your leisurely cruise down to the beautiful city of Luang Prabang, stopping at the fascinating Pak Ou Caves, a riverside cavern that is full of statues of Buddha that can no longer be used for worship. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: 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. Take a city tour, seeing sights including Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong. After lunch, visit Ban Xang Khong craft village and spend some time at a local wat, chatting with the friendly monks who love to practice their English. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: 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, ascend Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the town and see the treasures at the National Museum. Head out of the town to enjoy the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls before returning to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: FLY TO VIENTIANE

Catch a flight to Laos' capital city, Vientiane. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Nestled in a sleepy bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more a friendly backwater than a chaotic capital. Spend the day exploring with a visit to Talaat Sao 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. Finally, explore the magical Buddha Park. Later, enjoy dinner and a traditional Laos music and dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAYS 15-16: FLY VIENTIANE TO UK

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

KEEP EXPLORING



HUA HIN 3 NIGHTS FROM £330pp

Hua Hin is an intriguing intermingling of seaside and city with miles of beautiful beach but plenty of colourful markets and local culture. Hua Hin is the perfect beach destination for those not wanting to travel long distances from the capital city of Bangkok. See page 107. Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

DEPARTURES – Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

2018 DATES		2019 DATES	
13 Mar - 28 Mar	£2,790	12 Mar - 27 Mar	£2,890
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Flight and supplement information

Based on London Heathrow departures

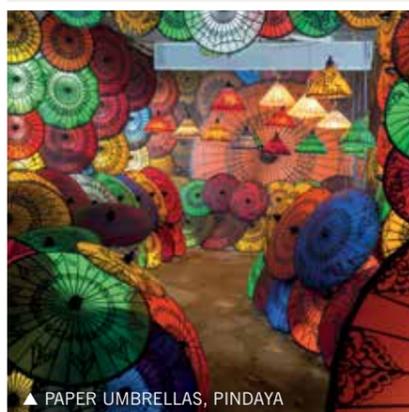
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▲ PAPER UMBRELLAS, PINDAYA



▲ HORSE CARRIAGE, INWA



▲ CRAFTING GOLD LEAF, MANDALAY



▲ TRADITIONAL PADAUNG WOMAN NEAR LOIKAW



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cycle by Bagan's Temples
- Ascend Mt Popa
- Learn to hammer gold leaf
- Hike the Shan Highlands
- Explore Inle Lake
- Meet ethnic minority tribes

ITINERARY

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

Start the day exploring the atmospheric Shwedagon Pagoda. Burma's most sacred Buddhist site, it is said to have four relics of Buddha enshrined within. Continue to browse the exhibits of the National Museum before taking a ride on the Yangon Circle Train, the authentic, local way to see the city. Learn about national hero, Aung San, at a museum housed in his former home before heading into downtown Rangoon to stroll through the street markets and crumbling colonial architecture. End the day with a cocktail at the Strand Hotel – built in 1901 it is still one of the city's grandest hotels. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TEMPLES OF BAGAN

This morning, board a plane for the short hop to Bagan. Your first experience of the area's glorious temples will be Ananda. Built in 1091, this temple has been in constant use ever since and exudes a wonderful atmosphere. Take to the waters of the Irrawaddy and cruise to Kyun Thiri village, where you'll visit the monastery for tea and snacks. Returning to Bagan, visit a lacquer ware shop before taking a horse and cart ride among the temples.

Dinner tonight includes a cultural show. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: MT POPA

Travel to Mt Popa, an extinct volcano rising out of the Myingyan Plain, where you'll ascend a volcanic plug to visit the temple on its summit. The views from the top are incredible! Returning to Bagan, stop at a toddy palm plantation to learn about this family enterprise. Later, cycle to the secluded Kauk Gyu cave temple to examine the exquisite stone carvings. (B,L)

DAY 6: MAHAMUNI BUDDHA

Fly to Mandalay. Get to grips with the traditional industry of goldbeating on a visit to a gold-leaf hammering shop, before visiting the Mahamuni Buddha, one of the most revered Buddha images in the country. It's also the perfect place to see where what happens to all that hammered gold! Continue to magnificent teakwood Shwenandaw monastery and Kuthodaw pagoda, home to the world's largest book. Take a relaxed cruise down the Irrawaddy to the monumental Mingun Pagoda, which dominates the river bank. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: SAGAING AND INWA

Today begins at a nunnery nestled in the Sagaing Hills, before a short boat trip over to Inwa, the ancient imperial capital set on an island. A horse and cart will take you around the sights. Next, walk with the locals over U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak bridge – the



▲ SHWEDAGON PAGODA, RANGOON

setting is beautiful. Finally, sit back and enjoy a sunset cruise on Lake Tautaman, with cocktails on hand. (B,L)

DAY 8: PINDAYA CAVES

Fly to Heho, in the Shan highlands, and transfer to Pindaya to discover the Shwe U Min limestone caves, a famous Buddhist pilgrimage site. Later, visit the skilled artisans who make Burma's iconic paper umbrellas in their workshop. The umbrellas are made solely by hand in many beautiful shades. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: TREKKING IN PINDAYA

Set out on foot to explore the landscapes of the Shan Highlands. Wander through a tea plantation and pass through villages where you'll be able to see local communities going about their daily lives. This afternoon, transfer to Inle Lake. The lake is best known for the extraordinary Intha people, who live on and around the water, and are renowned for their unique rowing technique. (B,L)

DAY 10: EXPLORE INLE LAKE

Discover the overgrown forest of stupas and pagodas at Indein, before taking to the waters of Inle Lake to explore. You'll float through stilt villages, stopping at the workshops of local industry – silk weaving, silver smithing and cheroot making. Stop to look at the resourceful floating gardens and keep an eye out for fishermen going about their business in Inle's unique style. (B,L)

DAY 11: VISIT AN INTHA HOUSE

Enjoy a morning walk through a local market before visiting an Intha house for a cooking class with a local chef. You'll get to enjoy the dishes you create for lunch. This afternoon see Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the temple at the heart of the lake community, then head onto

dry land to take a tuk tuk to the Red Mountain winery. Here, you'll have a tour of this wine making facility including a tasting. (B,L)

DAY 12: VISIT LOCAL PEOPLE

Take a boat to reach the city of Loikaw, a place that offers a glimpse of wonderfully authentic Burma, due to the fact it was off-limits to travellers for many years. Make stops en route at local villages to see pottery makers and rice wine producers as well as the picturesque partially submerged pagodas at Sagar. Leave the boat at Pe Khone, in an area where Shan, Pa O and Intha ethnic groups make their homes, and transfer to Loikaw by road. (B,L)

DAY 13: EXPLORE LOIKAW

Visit more of Burma's ethnic minority groups in Pan Pat village, home to the Kayah Padaung people. The women of this group are famous for elongating their necks by wearing bronze rings – they are one of Burma's most iconic images. Back in Loikaw, visit the Kayah State Cultural Museum and a colonial house from 1912 which was used by the Shan royal family, and Taung Kwe pagoda. (B,L)

DAY 14: RETURN TO RANGOON

Transfer to the airport and fly back to Rangoon. There will be time to visit Bogyoke market to pick up a few more souvenirs and, time permitting, Botataung pagoda and Nanthida jetty. A farewell meal this evening will be at The House of Memories. In the building where General Aung San once had his office, the restaurant is filled with fascinating old mementoes. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: FLY RANGOON TO UK

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

DEPARTURES – Departing Saturday returning Saturday

2018 DATES					
03 Mar - 17 Mar	£3,490	20 Oct - 03 Nov	£3,590	10 Nov - 24 Nov	£3,690
2019 DATES					
26 Jan - 09 Feb	£3,890	23 Feb - 09 Mar	£3,890	12 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,890
				09 Nov - 23 Nov	£3,990



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EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION	DAYS	PAGE	HALONG CRUISE	HOI AN	MEKONG DELTA	NHA TRANG	HUE ROYAL TOMBS	ANGKOR TEMPLES	LUANG PRABANG	MEKONG CRUISE
Jewels of Vietnam	13	84	●	●	●		●			
Classical Vietnam	18	86	●	●	●	●	●			
Cambodia & Vietnam Revealed	20	88	●	●	●		●	●		
Heart of Indochina	20	90	●	●	●		●	●	●	
The Majestic Mekong	23	92	●	●	●		●	●		●

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LOCAL LIFE EXPERIENCES



Lien Hoa Pagoda lunch

Visit the Buddhist nuns of the Lien Hoa Pagoda, who will cook you a delicious vegetarian lunch. You can watch your food being prepared over a wood burning stove, then sit down to eat with the nuns and talk with them about their way of life, Buddhism and Vietnam as a whole.



Chinatown walking & cyclo tour

Wind your way through the hidden back streets of Saigon's Chinatown on a cyclo, before wandering down a traditional herbal medicine street. You'll be immediately enveloped by exotic aromas of herbs, spices, tinctures and tonics; watch the herbalists creating their wares in the traditional way.



Reaching Out Teahouse

The Reaching Out Teahouse is an oasis of peace in an atmospheric old house in the heart of Hoi An. Run by hearing and speech-impaired staff who serve you locally-sourced tea, coffee and cookies on crockery crafted by local disabled artisans, this place is about sitting back, relaxing and revelling in peace and quiet.



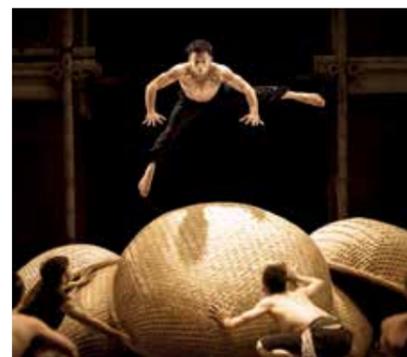
Private Water Puppet Show

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.



Angkor Masterclass

Get an exclusive look behind the scenes at Angkor, joining one of the complex's leading stone conservation experts on a masterclass. You'll learn about the way the temples themselves were designed as well as getting hands-on in the effort to conserve these magnificent structures.



A O Show, Saigon

Staged in the opulent surroundings of the Saigon Opera House, the A O Show is an extravaganza of music, dance and acrobatics. Combining choreography with colourful optical illusions the show tells the story of how a rural Vietnamese community has to adapt to urbanisation. Sit back in the plush seats of the opera house and enjoy.

TRAVEL IN STYLE



Deluxe cruise 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'. Cruise through secluded waterways on the traditional Indochinese Cai Be Princess, stopping at floating markets, at local cottage industries and a lush island where you can have lunch in a beautiful old colonial building.



Siem Reap spa treatment

After a day exploring the magnificent temples of Angkor, your temple-weary feet deserve some attention! Sit back and let the aches melt away with an hour-long massage, that focuses on your feet – let the essential oils invigorate your senses and prepare you for another day of exploration.



Champagne sunset

A ruined temple complex hidden away on the summit of a hill just outside Siem Reap, Phnom Krom offers a tranquil, undiscovered spot for sunset. The temple itself is pre-Angkorian, built in the late 9th/early 10th century, and whilst little remains, the atmospheric ruins and breathtaking views over Tonle Sap as the sun goes down are the perfect complement to a cold glass of Champagne.



Afternoon Tea Experience in Hanoi

Indulge in a delicious afternoon tea at the elegant Hotel de L'Opera in the heart of Vietnam's capital. Relax, sip tea and nibble sweet treats in the cool, colonial surroundings and soak up the elegance of a golden age in one of Hanoi's most prestigious hotels.

LUXURY HOTELS

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OUR HOTELS



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 for which this city is famous. 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 Xiengthong Palace, Luang Prabang

Located in the very centre of Luang Prabang, next to the breathtaking Wat Xiengthong, the boutique Xiengthong 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.



The Anam, Nha Trang

Right on the beachfront with access to a private stretch of sand, the Anam exudes peace and harmony from amongst its lush landscaped gardens. The hotel offers 3 pools, a fitness centre, tennis courts, a spa and 3 dining venues. Accommodation is in a sumptuous private villa – elegantly furnished, they are your private escape to relax and rejuvenate.



Sokha Angkor Resort

The Sokha is perfectly located a short walk from Siem Reap's centre and is a quick drive from the temples of Angkor. Wander in the tropical, frangipani filled gardens, take a refreshing dip in the saltwater pool before retiring to your spacious Khmer-styled room, with marble bathroom. The restaurant serves a fantastic range of cuisines, whilst the spa can help you relax after a day of temple exploration.



Victoria Hotel, Sapa

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. For luxurious travel to and from Sapa, take the overnight journey on the lavish Victoria Express Train.



▲ ANGKOR WAT



Sofitel, Saigon

The Sofitel Saigon is set in a quiet enclave just moments from the city centre and vibrant shopping and entertainment district. Within you'll find a sanctuary, a tranquil space channelling the elegance of old Saigon. The hotel is colonial chic with modern flourishes with spacious bedrooms and marble bathrooms and boasts a fitness centre, pool, two bars and two restaurants.



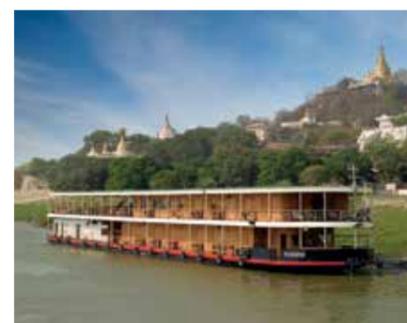
Palm Garden Resort, Hoi An

A classic resort set in five acres of lush, landscaped gardens, the Palm Garden Resort 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.



Pandaw Cruises

Pandaw takes you back to a golden age of cruising, a vision of teak and brass replete with billiard table, library lounge and cocktails on the sundeck, whilst the 24 spacious cabins have panoramic windows and ensuite bathrooms. Spend your time on deck watching the beauty of the Mekong drift by, there is no better way to enjoy it.



Paradise Cruises

Built to traditional Vietnamese design, the Paradise cruise ships offer the chance to explore Halong Bay in luxury. Spacious cabins are classic dark wood throughout, the restaurant is stylish and the private lounge stocks a selection of wine and cigars. Spend your day on the sun terrace soaking in the views before making time for the spa and sauna.



▲ HANOI

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Flight and supplement information

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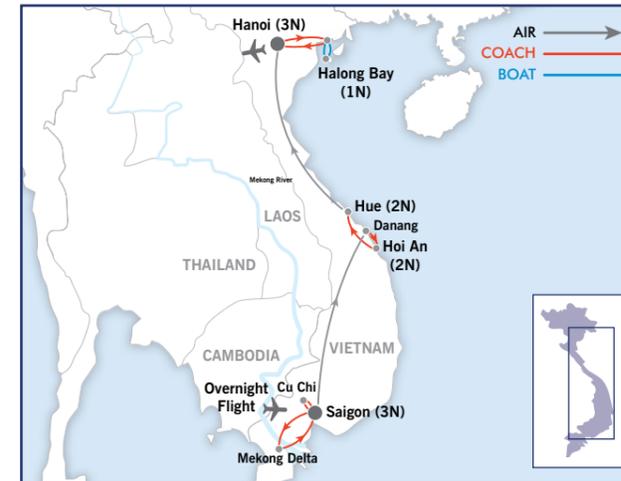
▲ MINH MANG TOMB, HUE



▲ A O SHOW, SAIGON



▲ SUNRISE OVER HALONG BAY



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a deluxe Mekong cruise
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Marvel at the A O Show
- Meet a water puppeteer
- Dine with Buddhist Nuns
- Do Tai Chi on Halong Bay

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

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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. This morning see the Central Post Office, a beautiful neoclassical edifice; the Reunification Palace, the site of the end of the Vietnam War; and the harrowing War Remnants Museum. Take a cycle ride through the bustling streets of China town before taking a walking tour of a traditional herbal medicine street, learning about herbs, spices and healing concoctions as you go. Later, ascend to the sky deck of the Bitexco Tower for a cocktail and sunset views. Finally drift gently down the Saigon River on the Bonsai Cruise, dining on delicious cuisine as you soak up the night time views. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

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DAY 5: CU CHI TUNNELS

Travel to the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of an elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. For those feeling brave, you can attempt a section of the tunnels for yourself. Pay a visit to a cricket farm and return to Saigon. Fly to Hoi An. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: 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 Chua Ong Pagoda, the 200-year old Tan Ky House and the elaborate Japanese Bridge before taking tea at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House, a peaceful place, run by hearing and speech impaired

locals, to savour the flavours of local produce. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 7: CRUISE THE PERFUME RIVER

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. Depart for Hue, travelling over the Hai Van Pass. Later, cruise along the Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: DISCOVER IMPERIAL HUE

Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home to emperors from 1802 to 1945. Enter through its grandiose entrance and you'll be able to explore before heading out, along the river, into Hue's lush surroundings to see Minh Mang's tomb. Lunch will be vegetarian dishes prepared by the nuns of Lien Hoa Pagoda, before you try your hand at making paper flowers, in a village that is known for the art. Visit the regal surroundings of Tha Om Garden House – the owner, Mr Vinh, is descended from royalty. (B,L)

DAY 9: FLY TO HANOI

Travel to the airport to fly to Hanoi. Visit the Thanh Chuong Viet Palace, where you'll gain a great insight into Vietnam's history and character before enjoying a rejuvenating spa treatment. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: 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 and meet a water puppeteer who will introduce you to this traditional 11th century art and put on a private water puppet show. You will also be able to get involved in creating the puppets. (B,L)

DAY 11: 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 your comfortable cruise ship and enjoy a seafood lunch before setting sail into the bay. Drift amongst the karst pinnacles,

stopping to explore mysterious caves as you go. Spend the night anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SUNRISE 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. Join a Tai Chi lesson this morning on deck. Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there's time for a hearty late breakfast before disembarking and returning to Hanoi. Later let us treat you to a divine Afternoon Tea Experience whilst later in the evening there will be a sumptuous farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAY 13: FLY HANOI TO UK

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



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See page 110. Based on international flights with Singapore Airlines.



▲ WATER PUPPETS

DEPARTURES – Departing Sunday returning Friday

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04 Mar - 16 Mar	£3,790	04 Nov - 16 Nov	£3,890	03 Mar - 15 Mar	£4,190	03 Nov - 15 Nov	£4,290

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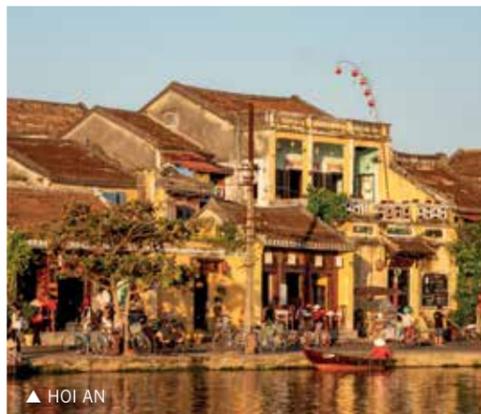
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▲ AFTERNOON TEA, HANOI



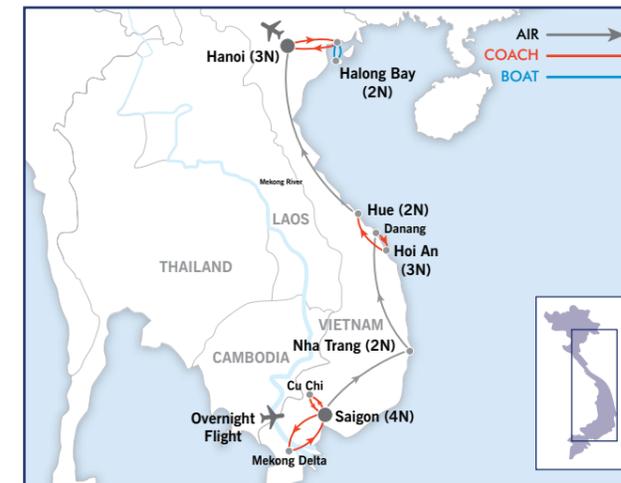
▲ HOI AN



▲ SPA, HANOI



▲ MEKONG DELTA



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a deluxe Mekong cruise
- Get tropical in Nha Trang
- Admire Hue's Imperial City
- Watch sunrise on Halong Bay
- Cruise at sunset in Hoi An
- Dine with Buddhist Nuns

ITINERARY

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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,L)

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An to soak up the charms of this beautiful town. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: EXPLORE HOI AN

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world charm. Wander the old streets, visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, the 200-year old Tan Ky House and the Japanese Bridge before taking tea at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House, run by hearing and speech impaired locals - to savour the flavours of local produce. This evening, sip cocktails and dine on freshly prepared cuisine as you explore Hoi An's river culture with a sunset cruise on the Thu Bon River. (B,L,D)

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: 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. Cruise on the Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda and take part in a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create bamboo paper art. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: EXPLORE HUE

Explore the majestic Imperial Citadel and visit the extravagant Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, an emperor whose reign is remembered for his opposition to French rule. Head to Thanh Tien village to learn about, and create, your own paper flowers before admiring the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House, whose owner, Mr Vinh, is descended from royalty. (B,L)

DAY 13: FLY TO HANOI

Enjoy free time this morning before transferring to the airport to fly to Hanoi. This afternoon take a walking tour of the Old Quarter, catching a glimpse of everyday life on the bustling streets and alleyways. Later, relax with a rejuvenating spa treatment. (B,L,D)

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 afternoon, let us treat you to an Afternoon Tea Experience. (B,L)

DAYS 15-16: HALONG BAY

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limestone islands project from the tranquil depths of emerald waters creating a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Board your comfortable cruise ship and enjoy a seafood lunch before setting sail into the bay. Spend the next two days drifting amongst the karst pinnacles, taking part in onboard activities such as cookery demonstrations, dawn Tai Chi and a visit to Surprise Cave. Spend two nights anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: WATER PUPPETS

Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there'll be time for a tasty buffet before disembarking. Back in Hanoi enjoy a performance of the famous water puppets, a centuries old art developed by farmers of the Red River Delta - you can even get involved in the puppet making process. Sit down to a sumptuous farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

DAY 18: 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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DAY 17: OVERNIGHT TRAIN

Transfer to the station to board the overnight Victoria Express 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

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

DAY 21: HANOI

Arrive in Hanoi early in the morning where a day use room is included. Transfer to the airport. (B)

Based on 5★ accommodation and superior train cabin.

DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Monday

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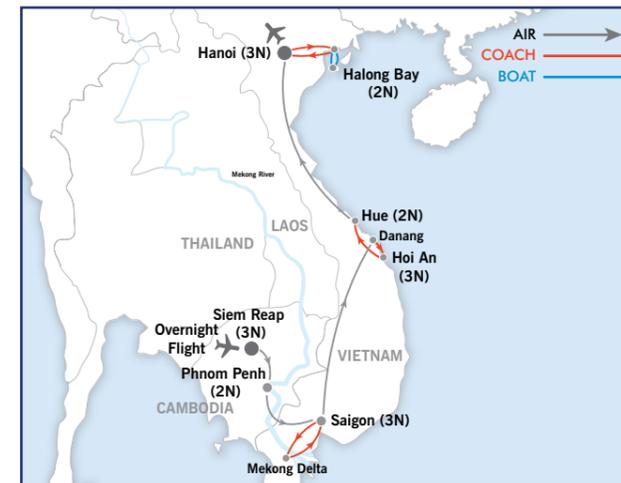
▲ HALONG BAY



▲ TONLE SAP



▲ TEMPLE OF LITERATURE, HANOI



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Sip Champagne as the sun sets over Angkor
- Visit the floating villages
- Cruise Halong Bay in style
- Dine with Buddhist Nuns
- Explore Saigon's local life

ITINERARY

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 met and taken to your hotel.

DAY 3: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The day begins with a masterclass that takes you behind the scenes at Angkor with one of its lead stone conservationists. You'll learn little-known secrets about these magnificent monuments and get a crash course in conservation techniques. Full of knowledge you'll now embark on a full day tour of Angkor. Beginning in Angkor Thom, the walled city, see the enigmatic Bayon before exploring the atmospheric Ta Prohm, a tussle of stone and jungle. The afternoon is dedicated to the breathtaking Angkor Wat before a champagne sunset at Phnom Krom temple. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FLOATING VILLAGES

High Water Season (Aug to Feb)
Cruise to the lesser-visited Kampong Kleang, a floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, meeting the lovely locals and glimpsing a fascinating way of life - this is a truly unique experience. Continue to Beng Mealea, a temple lost to the jungle. (B,L)

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

Visit a village to meet some of the locals and pop into Khapor High School to learn about the library

project. Explore the exquisite temples of Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. (B,L)

DAY 5: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

Rejuvenate your temple-weary feet with a foot spa treatment this morning. Later fly to Phnom Penh. The 'Pearl of Asia' until it was ravaged by war, Phnom Penh has emerged once again as a captivating city and a cosmopolitan capital. (B,L)

DAY 6: DISCOVER PHNOM PENH

See the glittering Royal Palace, the sacred Silver Pagoda and the National Museum - housed in a beautiful traditional-style Khmer building, the relics held within are fascinating. Ascend to hilltop Wat Phnom for picturesque vistas over the city and the Mekong River, and visit Tuol Sleng, a humbling reminder of the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge. (B,L)

DAY 7: A O SHOW

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Phnom Penh before flying to Saigon. This evening enjoy an exquisite dining experience before sitting down to the cultural extravaganza that is the 'A O Show', staged at the magnificent Saigon Opera House. (B,L,D)

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DAY 12: FREE DAY

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

DAY 13: TRAVEL TO 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. Take a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda, and take part

in a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create art with bamboo paper. (B,L)

DAY 14: DISCOVER HUE

Enter the grandiose entrance of the Imperial Citadel and explore before heading out, along the river, into Hue's lush surroundings to see Minh Mang's tomb. Lunch will be vegetarian dishes prepared by the nuns of Lien Hoa Pagoda, before you try your hand at making paper flowers in a village that is known for the art. Later, admire the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House - the owner, Mr Vinh, is a descendant from royalty. (B,L)

DAY 15: TRAVEL TO HANOI

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DAY 16: EXPLORE HANOI

Hanoi evokes images of an Asia of the past - European elegance mixed with Asian vibrancy. Spend the morning exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learning about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature and the One Pillar Pagoda. Stop for lunch at the characterful Home restaurant, where you'll be served the enchanting flavours of authentic local cuisine. Later let us treat you to a divine Afternoon Tea experience. (B,L)

DAYS 17-18: HALONG BAY

Halong Bay is a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Sail on emerald waters amongst karst peaks aboard your comfortable cruise ship, spending two nights on the water. Rise early to practice Tai Chi on deck as the sun rises, swim off hidden beaches and see the very best of this unique and beautiful area. (B,L,D)

DAY 19: TRAVEL TO HANOI

Reluctantly return to the jetty and travel back to Hanoi, and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAY 20: 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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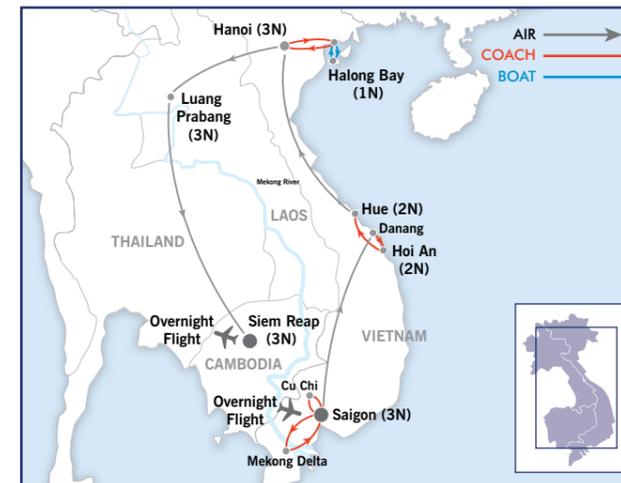
▲ ANGKOR WAT



▲ TAKBAT



▲ ANGKOR THOM



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cook local dishes in Hoi An
- Admire Luang Prabang's wats
- Marvel at the A O Show
- Angkor masterclass with an archaeology expert
- Dine with Buddhist Nuns

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to Saigon.

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

Saigon has evolved from war torn city to thriving metropolis, the powerhouse driving Vietnam towards its ever brighter future. This morning see the Central Post Office; the Reunification Palace; and the harrowing War Remnants Museum. Take a cyclo ride through the bustling streets of Chinatown before taking a walking tour of a traditional herbal medicine street, learning about herbs, spices and healing concoctions as you go. Later, ascend to the sky deck of the Bitexco Tower for a cocktail and sunset views. Finally drift gently down the Saigon River on the Bonsai Cruise, dining on delicious cuisine as you soak up the night time views. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

Sail through the palm-lined canals of the Mekong Delta in a traditional sampan, passing sleepy towns exploring markets bursting with fresh produce and innovative home industries. Visit a 19th-century house and a home that produces coconut candy and puffed rice before lunch served in a colonial-style villa set in a lush garden by the river. Return to Saigon for the cultural extravaganza that is the 'A O Show', staged at the magnificent Saigon Opera House. (B,L)

DAY 5: CU CHI TUNNELS

Travel to the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of an elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. For those feeling brave, you can attempt a section of the tunnels for yourself. Fly to Danang and transfer to the charming town of Hoi An. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: EXPLORE HOI AN

Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of architectural styles. 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. Take tea at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House, a peaceful place, run by hearing and speech impaired locals - savour the flavours of local produce. (B,L)

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO HUE

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. This afternoon, depart for Hue, driving across the scenic Hai Van Pass. On arrival, cruise the Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: DISCOVER IMPERIAL HUE

Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home to emperors from 1802 to 1945. Enter through its grandiose entrance

and you'll be able to explore before heading out, along the river, into Hue's lush surroundings to see Minh Mang's tomb. Lunch will be vegetarian dishes prepared by the nuns of Lien Hoa Pagoda, before you try your hand at making paper flowers in a village that is known for the art. Admire the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House - the owner, Mr Vinh, is descended from royalty. (B,L)

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO HANOI

Travel to the airport to fly to Hanoi. Visit the Thanh Chuong Viet Palace. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: EXPLORE HANOI

Hanoi evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Spend the morning exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learning about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature and the One Pillar Pagoda. Meet a water puppeteer who will introduce you to this traditional 11th-century art and put on a private water puppet show. You will also be able to get involved in creating the puppets. (B,L)

DAY 11: HALONG BAY

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 your comfortable cruise ship stopping to explore the sights as we go. Spend the night anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SUNRISE 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's time for a tasty buffet before disembarking. Return to Hanoi where an indulgent Afternoon Tea experience awaits you. (B,D)

DAY 13: TRAVEL TO LUANG PRABANG

Take a free day in Hanoi before catching an afternoon flight to Luang Prabang. Nestled amongst green mountains, the city is Laos' cultural heart, an oasis of calm antiquity and rich heritage. (B)

DAY 14: TAKBAT

Rise early to observe the ceremony of Takbat. Watch the monks, swathed in their vibrant robes, collecting alms from the locals. Ascend Phousi Hill for views over the town and visit Wat Xieng

Thong, Luang Prabang's most glittering temple. 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. (B,L)

DAY 15: EXPLORE LUANG PRABANG

Get to grips with Laotian history at the National Museum before heading to the picturesque Kuang Si waterfalls. 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 Baci Ceremony, an integral part of Laos culture. (B,L)

DAY 16: DISCOVER SIEM REAP

After a free morning in Luang Prabang, fly to Siem Reap. Tonight enjoy a rollicking performance of the Phare Circus, run by an NGO that teaches street kids circus skills and perform pertinent shows that address the issues in Cambodian society. Later enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment. (B,L)

DAY 17: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The day begins with a masterclass that takes you behind the scenes at Angkor with one of its lead stone conservationists. Learn little-known secrets about these magnificent monuments and get a crash course in conservation techniques. Full of knowledge you'll now embark on a full day tour of Angkor. Beginning in Angkor Thom, the walled city, see the enigmatic Bayon before exploring the atmospheric Ta Prohm, a tussle of stone and jungle. The afternoon is dedicated to the breathtaking Angkor Wat before a champagne sunset at Phnom Krom temple. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: FLOATING VILLAGES High Water Season (Aug to Feb)

Visit Beng Mealea, a temple overrun by the jungle and enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting the community of the floating village of Kampong Kleng. (B,L,D)

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

Visit a village to meet some of the locals and pop into Khapor High School to learn about the library project. Explore the exquisite temples of Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. Drop in on the excellent Artisan D'Angkor, before a rejuvenating spa treatment. (B,L,D)

DAYS 19-20: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day and journey home in your chauffeured transfer. (B)

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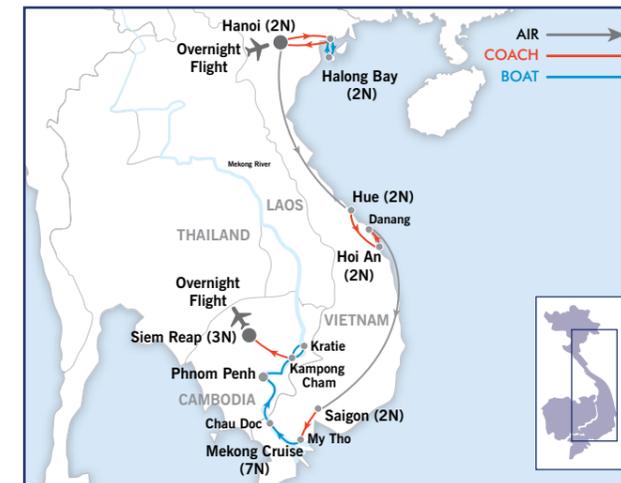
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ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

Fly overnight to 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

Spend the morning exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter - see the mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh before visiting the revered Temple of Literature. Later, take a walking tour of the Old Quarter before meeting a water puppeteer who will put on a private water puppet show. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4-5: HALONG BAY

Halong Bay is a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Sail on emerald waters amongst karst peaks aboard your luxury cruise ship, spending two nights on the water. Rise early to practice Tai Chi on deck as the sun rises. Explore by kayak, swim off hidden beaches, explore dramatic caves and visit floating villages. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO HUE

Return to the jetty and travel back to Hanoi. From here, fly to Hue. Long considered Vietnam's seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home to emperors from 1802 to 1945. (B,D)

DAY 7: IMPERIAL HUE

Start the day with a stroll through the grandiose entrance of the

Imperial Citadel to explore the complex within before heading out, along the river, to see Minh Mang's Tomb. Lunch will be vegetarian dishes prepared by the nuns of Lien Hoa Pagoda, before you try your hand at making paper flowers. (B,L)

DAY 8: DISCOVER HOI AN

Travel from Hue to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town. The streets are a delight to wander - visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful market and a Chinese temple, finishing at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House, a social enterprise working with local people with disabilities. (B,L)

DAY 9: RURAL TRA QUE

Visit the community farming project in the village of Tra Que. Here you can wander through the farm to see all the organic produce, learn traditional farming methods and even try your hand at tending the vegetables yourself! Your hard work will be rewarded with a herbal foot bath and massage. Enjoy a short cooking demonstration before dining on a lunch that's straight out of the gardens. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 10: A O SHOW

This morning is free before journeying to Saigon. This evening, enjoy the cultural extravaganza that is the 'A O Show', staged at the magnificent Saigon Opera House and a delicious dinner. (B,D)

DAY 11: EXPLORE SAIGON

Travel out of Saigon to the Cu Chi tunnels, part of an elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong. Returning to the city, visit the beautiful colonial Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace, and the harrowing War Remnants Museum. (B,L)

DAY 12: BOARD YOUR MEKONG CRUISE

Transfer from Saigon to the Mekong Delta city of My Tho, where you will board your Pandaw cruise ship. You will be welcomed aboard with refreshing drinks, before sitting down to a briefing and delicious lunch as you cast off into the vast Mekong Delta. This evening, dine on freshly prepared food - your choice of local or European dishes, before retiring to your spacious stateroom. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: MEKONG BACKWATERS

Explore the delta's backwaters and palm-lined canals in local sampan boats. Stop at a local market to browse and visit the house of Mr Huynh Thuy Le, said to have been the lover of French novelist Marguerite Duras. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: INTO CAMBODIA

This morning you can visit a Cham tribal village and catfish farm, borrow the ship's mountain bikes and do some independent exploration, or simply relax onboard. After lunch is served, cast off in the direction of Cambodia and cross the border. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh is a charming city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Discover the city by cyclo, visiting the glittering Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda and the National Museum. This afternoon, there is an excursion to the harrowing Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng that you can join if you wish. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: VIBRANT LOCAL LIFE

Take an exploratory cruise up the Tonle River, making a stop at the silver-making village to see the craftsmen at work, as well as two villages, Kampong Trolach and Chong Koh to immerse yourself in Cambodia's daily life (if water level as low, these expeditions will be by coach). (B,L,D)

DAY 17: COLONIAL KRATIE

Take a morning stroll through a Khmer village, Angkor Ban, greeting the locals as you go.

Continue upriver, soaking up the delightful scenery, reaching the charming colonial town of Kratie in the evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: DOLPHIN SPOTTING

Proceed upriver by local bus to the area that the rare Mekong Dolphin calls home, now protected as a National Park. With luck, these elusive creatures may put in an appearance - there are around 80 who live in the area. Back on the ship, head back downstream with a stop at 'Monkey Temple' shrine before mooring overnight near Kampong Cham. (B,L,D)

DAY 19: ARRIVE IN SIEM REAP

Departing your ship, transfer to Siem Reap by coach, stopping en route at Kampong Thom. Arriving in the city, the gateway to the temples of Angkor, in the mid-afternoon it's time to relax with a spa treatment, with options including a traditional Khmer massage. Later let us treat you to a divine Afternoon Tea Experience. (B,L)

DAY 20: ANGKOR CONSERVATION MASTERCLASS

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DAY 21: EXPLORE BENG MEALEA

This morning, embrace your inner explorer to discover the 12th century Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple of the edge of the Angkor complex. An atmospheric site that has been left to the whims of the jungle, wandering its walkways feels like an adventure! Tonight, enjoy a farewell meal of Khmer culinary delights! (B,L,D)

DAYS 22-23: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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

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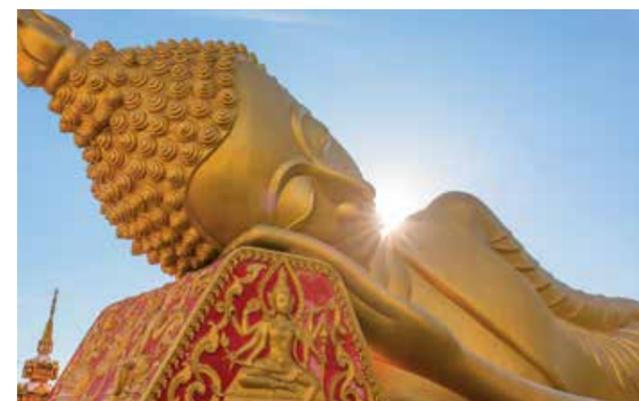
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FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Just because you are a family, it doesn't mean it is just beach holidays and camping on your horizon; there is a whole world of experiences out there for you all to share. Southeast Asia is the perfect place to encounter together – whether your kids are 5 or 15, it is easy to have a seriously fun adventure.

These are just a few of the many fun experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer the whole family:



MAE KLONG MARKET, BANGKOK

A bizarre but exciting experience, Mae Klong Market is entertaining for all the family. Whether you enjoy browsing the products on sale (which include fresh local produce, snacks, clothes and flowers) or not, no one can help but be intrigued when the train whistle sounds and the stall holders make a well-practiced mad dash to get their awnings and wares out of the way.



ERAWAN NATIONAL PARK

Close to the fascinating city of Kanchanaburi, known for the infamous bridge over the River Kwai, Erawan National Park is a particularly spectacular slice of nature. Within, a seven-tiered waterfall tumbles through the jungle – you can swim in its unbelievably blue waters at every level; one even has a natural slide and most have nibbling fish. There are also plenty of monkeys to spot.



ELEPHANT NATURE PARK

Run by the Save the Elephant Foundation, this nature park provides a sanctuary for elephants rescued from street begging, logging and tourism. On a visit here you can interact with the elephants by helping feed and bathe them, and walking with them through the jungle. There is no better place to learn about the plight of the Asian elephant and what we can do to make a difference.



KAYAKING, TONLE SAP

This huge expanse of water shows a completely different side of Siem Reap, away from the showpiece Angkor temples. Paddling out on the water you may see the communities who live in floating villages, fishermen going about their work and even the incredibly biodiverse mangrove forests that line the lake's edges – a beautiful and educational experience for all.

WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Bangkok

DAYS 3-4: Bangkok: Grand Palace, Wat Pho, Mae Klong Market

DAYS 5-7: Kanchanaburi: River Kwai, Erawan National Park

DAYS 8-11: Chiang Mai: Elephant Nature Park, hill tribes

DAYS 12-14: Siem Reap: Angkor, Tonle Sap kayaking

DAY 15: Depart Siem Reap for UK

Guide price: £13,000 per family
(based on a family of four in two twin share rooms)

FOR THE FOODIE

Food is a gateway into the culture of a nation, and Southeast Asia, where every country has its own style of cooking, spicing and ingredients, this is particularly poignant. For the adventurous eater who'll feast on anything there are more than enough exciting delicacies to keep your taste buds tingling for days.

These are just a few of the many tasty experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer foodies:



COOKING CLASS, HOI AN

Hoi An is perfectly positioned to make the most of the incredible range of produce that is grown in Vietnam's central region. Every morning the market is packed full of just-picked fruit and vegetables – the perfect ingredients for a cooking class. Learn the secrets of Vietnamese cuisine and whip up your very own feast which you then get the joy of devouring!



STREET FOOD TOUR, SAIGON

Vietnam's street food is renowned; delicious dishes that bring Vietnam's amazing flavours together with influences from France, China and Korea. This is the perfect way to get a taste of both Saigon's vibrant street life and the unique local flavours, touring the city paying visits to a range of the very best street stalls. Your dish will be cooked to order and is best enjoyed with an ice cold local beer.



TEA AND COFFEE PLANTATIONS, DALAT

Dalat has the perfect climate for growing tea and coffee, and this highland town is surrounded by acre after undulating acre of these precious plants. Learn the process of producing tea and coffee, from picking to packet, before tasting the end product. All this while soaking up the beautiful views that you'll get over some of Vietnam's most impressive landscapes.



MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

The Mekong Delta is Vietnam's 'rice basket', an area of lush, fertile land that produces plenty of rice, fruits and vegetables. Cruising on the shady, quiet canals of the area is the perfect way to explore, and means that you can easily stop off at orchards and small cottage industries to taste delicious treats made from the fruits of the land from coconut candies to rice paper.

WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Hanoi

DAYS 3-4: Hanoi: old quarter, Temple of Literature

DAYS 5-8: Hoi An: cooking class, Tra Que, beach

DAYS 9-10: Dalat: coffee plantations, steam train

DAYS 11-13: Saigon: street food tour, Mekong Delta

DAY 14: Depart Saigon for UK

Guide price: £3,200 per person
(based on two sharing a twin room)

FOR THE ADVENTURER

Southeast Asia's epic landscapes offer nothing but excitement. Here, it's easy to get the heart pumping with a range of action-packed expeditions; whether it's land, air or water, your adrenaline rush of choice can be catered for, usually in a destination that also provides a splash of culture and spectacular nature too.

These are just a few of the many adventure experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer:



TREKKING, SAPA

As you trek through Sapa's verdant landscapes, skirting the edge of spectacular rice paddies and soaking up the mesmerising mountain views, you'd be forgiven for thinking yourself in paradise. Whether you are looking to purely enjoy the scenery or visit the ethnic minority hill tribes of the area, Sapa is the sort of place where adventure and discovery are always just a few steps away.



ZIP-LINING, CHAMPASAK

Zoom through the treetops, around steep gorges and past rushing waterfalls in an exhilarating aerial adventure. In the southern Laos province of Champasak, spend two or three days exploring the incredible nature in an eco-friendly way, hiking through coffee plantations and vegetable gardens, meeting local people and zip-lining from point to point inbetween.



KAYAKING, VANG VIENG

Being out on the water of the Nam Song River is the perfect way to explore the breathtaking scenery around the town of Vang Vieng. Whether you want to kayak for an hour or a full day, you'll pass under the gaze of rugged karst pinnacles and through lush countryside. You may even be able to explore some of the area's many caves and take a dip in the river.



QUAD BIKING, SIEM REAP

Drive along the unexplored back roads of Siem Reap, passing paddy fields and bountiful, beautiful scenery, waving at the local people as you go. A fantastic way to catch a glimpse of a different side of Cambodia's temple capital, you'll get to see how the people really live; explore all day or just buzz out of town for sunset in a unforgettably tranquil, rural location.

WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Hanoi
DAYS 3-4: Hanoi: old quarter, Temple of Literature
DAYS 5-7: Sapa: trekking, markets, hill tribes
DAYS 8-9: Luang Prabang: wats, Kuang Si Waterfall
DAYS 10-12: Vang Vieng: caves, kayaking
DAYS 13-14: Vientiane: Pha That Luang, Buddha Park

DAYS 15-17: Champasak: zip-lining, Vat Phou
DAYS 18-20: Siem Reap: Angkor, quad biking
DAY 21: Depart Siem Reap for UK

Guide price: £3,990 per person
 (based on two sharing a twin room)

FOR THE NATURE LOVER

Southeast Asia has a wealth of unique wildlife and landscapes to inspire the nature-lover. From elephants to orangutans, and a huge range of habitats, this is the place to find nature with the wow-factor. Whether you like nature reserves and national parks, or to strike out into the wilderness there is plenty to be discovered.

These are just a few of the many nature experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer:



BORNEO SUN BEAR CONSERVATION CENTRE

Located at the famous Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, the Borneo Sun Bear Conservation Centre works to rescue and rehabilitate the world's smallest bear, and to educate on their plight. At the centre you can see these beautiful creatures climbing trees and lazing about as they are rehabilitated to go back to the wild, where they belong.



MULU NATIONAL PARK

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Mulu National Park is home to the world's largest limestone cave system. Amongst many, there are four incredible 'show' caves to visit and, as with most of Borneo's national parks, the flora and fauna here is simply vast - make sure you stay until sunset to see the mass exodus of bats leaving Deer Cave for their nightly activities.



KINABATANGAN RIVER

Sabah's longest river, the Kinabatangan flows its way through a breathtaking section of virgin rainforest. A cruise on the river gives you the opportunity not only to experience some of Borneo's untouched habitats in a network of lakes, mangroves and swamps, but to spot all sorts of native fauna, from hornbills to orangutans to pygmy elephants.



SEMENGGOH WILDLIFE CENTRE

Semenggoh is a nature reserve that provides a home to orangutans that have been orphaned or rescued from captivity. Still reasonably wild, you may be able to spot the residents as you wander along the lovely park trails that wind through lush primary rainforest. If not, the orangutans usually swing by the hour-long feedings that happen twice daily.

WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Sabah
DAYS 3-5: Kota Kinabalu: beaches, Kinabalu National Park
DAYS 6-10: Sandakan: Sun Bear Centre, Sepilok, Kinabatangan River
DAYS 11-12: Marudi: Mulu National Park

DAYS 13-16: Kuching: Semenggoh, Sarawak Cultural Village
DAYS 17-19: Singapore: Botanical Gardens, Chinatown
DAY 20: Depart Singapore for UK

Guide price: £4,590 per person
 (based on two sharing a twin room)

FOR THE SEASIDER

You can't really help but love the seaside, but when you are faced with the golden, palm-fringed beaches and azure waters of Thailand's Andaman Sea it's a whole other story. Whether you prefer to be on the water or under it, to stay in rustic or luxury villas, Thailand has everything that a seaside lover could ever wish for.

These are just a few of the many seaside experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer:



DIVING, KOH LANTA

Many of Thailand's island have fantastic diving, and you can go to any of them, but we have chosen Koh Lanta because from here you can dive at Hin Daeng and Hin Muang, where there are opportunities to see sharks, manta rays and even whale sharks, all top of many a diver's wishlist, as well as beautiful, protected coral reefs for beginners.



NAKAMANDA, KRABI

Set amongst mangrove forests and plantations, the tranquil Nakamanda is on the beautiful Klong Muang Beach, set in a private cove. This boutique resort seamlessly blends contemporary and traditional design; its private villas, ranged around the lush hillside, boast an elegant tropical Thai style. There are also panoramic views over Krabi's dramatic scenery.



THE BEACHES OF KRABI PROVINCE

Krabi's beaches are considered some of Thailand's most beautiful, framed as they are by soaring limestone karst pillars and lush tracts of mangroves. Some are world famous, and therefore busy, but it is still easy to find a peaceful stretch of sand, be it on the mainland or on one of the many offshore islands, which are often protected by national park status.



BOAT CRUISE, PHUKET

Whether you wish to charter a private yacht for a day or two or jet around the tropical islands of the archipelago on a speedboat, Phuket is the place to do it. Voyage across the azure waters, stopping at islands to sit on the beach, swim, snorkel or simply soak up the sun's rays on deck – there is no better way to explore this incredible stretch of ocean.

WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Bangkok

DAY 3: Bangkok

DAYS 4-8: Koh Lanta: diving, snorkelling, relaxing

DAYS 9-12: Koh Samui: beach time, sun worship, Banyan Tree

DAYS 13-16: Phuket: water sports, nightlife, yacht cruise

DAY 17: Depart Bangkok for UK

Guide price: £3,290 per person
(based on two sharing a twin room)

FOR THE EXPLORER

Burma's beautiful landscapes offer nothing but excitement and they, for now, remain relatively undiscovered. Bearing this in mind, Burma is just calling out to be explored by those willing to immerse themselves in a rich culture, step off the beaten track and experience all sides of this fascinating country.

These are just a few of the many intrepid experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer:



STREET FOOD TOUR, RANGOON

Rangoon is a city built on delicious street snacks; with all sorts of influences, it's not a surprise that there is an incredible variety of things to eat. Take to the streets on a walking tour to try out some of the city's best bites – you can soak up the atmosphere of the downtown as you go, and taste local dishes such as tea-leaf salad, steamed buns and curries.



HOT AIR BALLOON, INLE LAKE

Inle Lake offers a wonderfully unique experience from the ground, but from the air you get to see it as a breathtaking whole. Head up with Oriental Ballooning for panoramic views of the lake, nestled between mountains, and spot the stilted villages and famous leg rowers from above – it is the wind that guides you so every flight is different.



BAGAN BY BIKE

There are thousands of temples on the plains of Bagan - the easiest way to escape the tourist temple trail has to be by bike. You not only have the freedom to stop at any site, temple or pagoda that takes your fancy, you are also able to get closer to the local people as you pass them going about their daily lives in villages, farms and fields.



MERGUI ARCHIPELAGO

An unspoilt archipelago of over 800 islands in southern Burma, the easiest way to explore the Mergui Archipelago is by boat. The area is so undiscovered, you are likely to only share the experience with your fellow sailors and the occasional fisherman. Meet the inhabitants of the area and relish having deserted tropical beaches all to yourself.

WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

DAYS 1-2: Depart UK and arrive in Rangoon

DAYS 3-5: Rangoon: Street food, Shwedagon Pagoda, markets

DAYS 6-8: Bagan: temples, cycling

DAYS 9-11: Mandalay: Mandalay Hill, U Bein Bridge, Inwa

DAYS 12-13: Inle Lake: ballooning, floating villages, markets

DAYS 14-19: Mergui Archipelago: sailing

DAY 20: Depart Rangoon for UK

Guide price: £4,290 per person
(based on two sharing a twin room)



EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into the region or explore a whole other country, whilst a stopover is an easy way to add somewhere such as Hong Kong or Singapore to your travel itinerary.

PHUKET

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £420

Thailand's beaches are the stuff of legend and Phuket is its most popular resort. Lapped by the Andaman Sea, Phuket is Thailand's largest island offering endless miles of immaculate beaches.

YOUR HOTEL

Located close to the white sands of Kata Beach and in easy reach of the vibrancy of Phuket Town, the **Kata Palm Resort** is set amongst lush tropical gardens. Recently upgraded, the hotel has spacious Thai-style rooms with balcony and facilities that include a spa, two outdoor pools, three restaurants and a pool bar.

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 – the natural ambience will leave you feeling completely at peace. The large infinity pool features magnificent views out over the various islands dotting the sea. Villas are particularly luxurious with wall-to-ceiling windows, a spacious private terrace, an expansive bathroom with large bath and an outdoor rain shower.

Adding this on

This is ideal for those finishing their tour in Bangkok or Chiang Mai, 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 Emirates, Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific or Thai Airways.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Kata Palm Resort	£420	£90
5★ The Vijitt Resort	£660	£330

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers
- Domestic flights (supplements may apply)

KOH SAMUI

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £580

An oasis of natural beauty, Koh Samui has long been famed for its blue waters and white beaches, and is situated within the Ang Thong National Marine Park, amongst many idyllic islands.

YOUR HOTEL

In a peaceful location, overlooking a secluded bay, the **Nora Beach Resort & Spa** boasts accommodation that mixes Thai flavour with old world charm. A five-minute shuttle from Chaweng Beach, the hotel has a large outdoor pool with swim up bar, spa and restaurant - this is a great way to relax.

UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE

The **Anantara Bophut Resort & Spa** will blow you away with its commitment to legendary Thai hospitality. Set on a tranquil stretch of beach, you can relax around the beautiful infinity pool, take part in a range of resort activities, from yoga to water sports, and make the most of elegant boutique accommodation.

Adding this on

This is ideal for those finishing their tour in Bangkok or Chiang Mai, 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 Singapore Airlines or Thai Airways.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Nora Beach Resort & Spa	£580	£270
5★ Anantara Bophut Resort & Spa	£640	£320

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers
- Domestic flights (supplements may apply)

HUA HIN

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £330

Hua Hin is the perfect beach destination for those not wanting to travel long distances from Bangkok. Hua Hin is an intriguing intermingling of seaside, city, colourful buildings and markets.

YOUR HOTEL

Located next to Khao Takiap Mountain on the southern end of Hua Hin's beach, the **Amari Hua Hin** is 300 metres from the beach. There is a spa, outdoor pool and restaurant serving both Thai and international dishes, whilst rooms have a private balcony and décor that has elements of the traditional Thai style.

UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE

This beachside property, the **Rest Detail** overlooks the waters of the Gulf of Thailand. It offers elegant rooms with ocean views and a private balcony from which to enjoy them. Step right onto the beach, lounge by the pool, choose between 5 onsite dining options and make use of facilities such as a spa, tennis courts and fitness centre.

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.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Amari Hua Hin	£330	£130
5★ Rest Detail	£410	£260

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers

KOH LANTA

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £490

Located just off the Andaman Coast in Krabi Province, Koh Lanta is an idyllic paradise. Head here for long, languid strolls on empty beaches and peaceful evenings watching the sun set.

YOUR HOTEL

Offering a tranquil, natural setting the **Crown Lanta Resort & Spa** sits in a peninsula with beautiful views of the Andaman Sea. Consisting of contemporary Thai architecture, there are two pools, a choice of restaurants and a spa, plus a private white sand beach.

UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Layana Resort & Spa is a haven of pampered indulgence, tranquil vistas and personalised service - it features a combination of unique Thai culture and modern luxury. With an adult-only policy and just 50 rooms, the resort is always amazingly peaceful. Relax by the pool, have a session or three in the spa or a few glasses of wine at the excellent restaurant – bliss.

Adding this on

Add Koh Lanta onto 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 our tours if you fly internationally with Thai Airways.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Crown Lanta Resort & Spa	£490	£210
5★ Layana Resort & Spa	£590	£320

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers
- Domestic flights (supplements may apply)

HONG KONG GLIMPSES

2 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £310

This fleeting visit to Hong Kong features all of the highlights of this vibrant city, including panoramic views from Victoria Peak and the quaint Aberdeen fishing village. Also take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene.

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and transfer from the airport to your hotel, the famous skyline growing bigger and more impressive as you approach the city proper. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin your explorations.

views and see a quaint side of Hong Kong life at Aberdeen fishing village. Here there is an option to take a sampan ride (at your own expense) to get a closer look at the numerous fishing vessels. The rest of the day is free to continue your own explorations. (B)

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Fill up on a hearty breakfast before hopping on a coach to see the sights of the city. Spending half a day touring Hong Kong Island you will visit Stanley Market, head up Victoria Peak for fantastic

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

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



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Dorsett, Wan Chai	£310	£170
4+★ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£390	£220
5★ Kowloon Shangri-La	£590	£350

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 2 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated

HONG KONG IN FOCUS

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £510

Designed to show you two aspects of life in the city, tour the best bits of Hong Kong Island before discovering the natural beauty of Lantau, Hong Kong's largest island, with time to spend exploring as you wish.

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and transfer from the airport to your hotel, the famous skyline growing bigger and more impressive as you approach the city proper. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin your explorations.

day is free to continue your own explorations. (B)

DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

A full day coach tour will see you taking in the sights of Lantau Island. Visit Cheung Sha Beach, Tai O Fishing Village, Po Lin Monastery and its serene giant Buddha. Po Lin serves delicious

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Spend half a day touring Hong Kong Island by coach visiting Stanley Market, heading up Victoria Peak for fantastic views and seeing a quaint side of Hong Kong life at Aberdeen fishing village. Here there is an option to take a sampan ride. The rest of the

vegetarian food which you will enjoy for lunch before soaring over the island on the Ngong Ping Cable Car. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

The day is free to spend as you wish before transferring back to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Dorsett, Wan Chai	£510	£250
4+★ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£680	£340
5★ Kowloon Shangri-La	£910	£520

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated

HONG KONG & MACAU

4 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £690

Combine a visit to the cosmopolitan vibrancy of Hong Kong with an exploration of the colonial culture of Macau. These two cities, both boasting an intriguing collision of European and Chinese influences, offer a great diversity of sights.

DAY 1: HONG KONG

On arrival into Hong Kong Airport, be met by your driver and take a coach to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG

Enjoy a half day coach tour of this fascinating city. Start by travelling up Victoria Peak for panoramic views of Victoria Harbour and the Hong Kong skyline. Then, browse the stalls at Stanley Market before seeing traditional fishing junks at the Aberdeen fishing village. This afternoon is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: HONG KONG - MACAU

Transfer by coach to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macau. Upon

arrival in Macau, take a coach tour around the Macau Peninsula, visiting the Ruins of St Pauls', A-Ma Temple and sections of the Old City Walls. Next, continue to the Museum of Macau and Macau Tower before trying your luck at the casinos. Return to the pier where you will take a shuttle bus to your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 4: MACAU

Enjoy a day at leisure to further explore the former Portuguese colony of Macau. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART MACAU

After checkout, transfer to the Macau Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong International Airport. (B)



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Dorsett, Wan Chai & 4★ Royal Hotel	£690	£260
4+★ Harbour Grand Kowloon & 4★ Holiday Inn	£840	£390
5★ Kowloon Shangri-La & 5★ Sofitel at Ponte 16	£1120	£590

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 4 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers & ferry tickets
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated

TASTE OF MACAU

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £390

From the historical to the modern and the religious to the glitzy, Macau's portfolio of attractions and sights makes it an excitingly diverse destination. An intricate tapestry of Mediterranean and Chinese architecture, cuisine and cultures, a journey through Macau is like crossing two distinct countries.

DAY 1: HONG KONG TO MACAU

Transfer by coach to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macau. Upon arrival, take a coach tour around the Macau Peninsula. Start with a visit to the Ruins of St Paul's, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back to the 17th-century. Next visit the Taoist A-Ma Temple and sections of the Old City Walls. Next, continue to the Museum of Macau and the thrilling heights of Macau Tower before trying your luck at the casino. Return to the pier where you will take a shuttle bus to your hotel. (L)

DAY 2: MACAU

Enjoy a day at leisure to further explore the exciting former Portuguese colony of Macau. Perhaps check out the 17th-century Portuguese Guia Fortress, or learn about Macau Formula Three at the Grand Prix Museum, or maybe take this opportunity to enjoy a cocktail at one of Macau's many casinos. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART MACAU

After checkout, transfer to the Macau Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong International Airport. (B)



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Royal Hotel	£390	£160
4★ Holiday Inn	£450	£170
5★ Sofitel at Ponte 16	£550	£260

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 2 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers & ferry ticket
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated

SINGAPORE

2 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £270

At the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, the 'Lion City' is a unique blend of Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions which have come together to create a fascinating and diverse city. Dedicate your time to the decadent pleasures of Singapore's incredible cuisine, shopping and entertainment whilst also exploring the colourful neighbourhoods, beautiful gardens and otherworldly architecture.



DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Arrive in Singapore and transfer from the airport to your hotel. A vibrant and cosmopolitan city, the rest of the day is free for you to relax or begin your explorations.

DAY 2: SINGAPORE CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel embark on a tour of the city. Start in the Civic District and pass through Padang, and see Parliament House and the National Museum. Make

a stop at Merlion Park for spectacular views over Marina Bay before exploring Thian Hock Keng Temple. Round off the tour at the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Botanic Gardens and a stroll through Little India. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE

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

Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Village Hotel Albert Court	£270	£250
4★ Orchard Hotel	£340	£310
5★ Marina Mandarin Singapore	£390	£370

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 2 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Half day city tour
- Entrance fees
- Breakfast daily

BANGKOK

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £380

Thailand's capital is an atmospheric, energetic metropolis full of character. As well as a city tour to discover some of Bangkok's rich heritage, you will also visit the infamous Bridge over the River Kwai and take a ride on the Death Railway.



DAY 1: ARRIVE BANGKOK

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

DAY 2: BANGKOK CITY TOUR

Embark on a city tour of Bangkok. Visit the glittering Wat Pho temple and the spectacular Grand Palace. This afternoon, jump into a long tail boat ride on Chao Phraya River to Pak Klong Talaat Flower Market. This evening, dine at a Theatre Restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 3: RIVER KWAI & HELLFIRE PASS

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

DAY 4: DEPART BANGKOK

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

Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ 1 Residence Hotel Silom	£380	£75
4★ Furama Silom	£440	£130
5★ Pullman Bangkok Hotel	£550	£250

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Full day tour to Kanchanaburi
- Full day Bangkok city tour
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated

ESSENTIAL DUBAI

2 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £230

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Admire the incredible architecture – ultra-modern and deeply traditional, and browse through the wares of Dubai's old souks, as atmospheric today as they have been for centuries.



DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

On arrival into Dubai Airport, be met by your driver and get taken by car to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

Enjoy a half day tour of the city, which takes in both traditional and modern Dubai. Make a stop for photos at the Burj Al Arab and Jumeirah Mosque, pass the Zabeel Palace and explore the Al Fahidi Cultural Neighbourhood and art district and the Dubai

Museum. It's then time to take a step back in time, and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra, or water taxi, to wander through the vibrant Spice and Gold souks in the old part of the city – the wares here have been the same for centuries.

DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI

The rest of the day is at leisure. (B) After checkout, transfer back to the airport for your onward flight to the UK. (B)

Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£230	£140
4+★ Amwaj Rotana	£320	£240
5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£350	£250

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 2 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Half day city tour
- Entrance fees
- Breakfast daily

DUBAI & THE DESERT

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £390

Dubai sits within the Arabian Desert, and with this stopover you can experience it on an adventurous and magical evening tour. Explore the sand dunes and dine on delicious Arabian fare under the stars. You'll also experience the city itself on a half day city tour.



DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

On arrival into Dubai Airport, be met by your driver and be taken by car to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

Enjoy a half day tour of the city, which takes in both traditional and modern Dubai. Stop for photos at the Burj Al Arab and Jumeirah Mosque, and explore the Al Fahidi Cultural Neighbourhood and art district and the Dubai Museum. Cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra and wander through the vibrant Spice and Gold souks. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE

The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop in the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet with unlimited selected beverages. You can also try your hand at camel riding and sandboarding, included in the price, whilst here.

DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI

After checkout, transfer back to the airport for your onward flight to the UK. (B)

Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£390	£180
4★ Hilton Dubai The Walk	£540	£360
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£570	£390

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Half Day City Tour
- Dunes and Dinner Safari
- Entrance fees
- Breakfast daily

AIRLINES

A good flight starts your holiday off right and ends it on a high. Below you'll find information on our favourite airlines but we work with everyone so if your choice isn't here, you just have to ask. With such a range of airlines and options to upgrade, you can be sure you will travel in comfort and style.

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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.



▲ A WARM WELCOME



▲ LAROSA HOTEL, HANOI



▲ EMM, HOI AN



▲ MUONG THANH SAIGON CENTRE HOTEL



▲ LOTUS BLANC RESORT, SIEM REAP



▲ FURAMA SILOM BANGKOK



▲ INLE RESORT, INLE LAKE



Hanoi

La Casa Hotel
17 Pham Dinh Ho Street,
Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi

Muong Thanh Hanoi Centre Hotel
78 Tho Nhuom, Tran Hing Dao,
Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

Hoi An

EMM Hoi An
187 Ly Thuong Kiet, Cam Pho,
Hoi An

Saigon

Muong Thanh Saigon Centre Hotel
8A Mac Dinh Chi, Ben Nghe, District 1,
Ho Chi Minh City

Hue

Mondial Hue
17 Nguyen Hue Street,
Hue

Moonlight Hue
20 Pham Ngu Lao,
Hue

Phnom Penh

Krava Hotel
No 58, Street 228,
Chaktomok, Duan Penh, Phnom Penh

Riverhome Hotel
No 463, Corner of Sisowath Road, Street
258 Sangkat Chaktomuk, Daun Penh,
Phnom Penh

Siem Reap

Lotus Blanc Resort
National Road No.6, Kruos Village,
Krong, Siem Reap

Regency Angkor Hotel
Vithei Charles De Gaulle,
Road to Angkor Wat, Siem Reap

Sihanoukville

Moon Julie Hotel
No. 23 Tola Street, Ochherteal,
Sihanoukville

Vientiane

Mercure Hotel
Unit 10 Samsenthai Road
P.O.Box 585, 01000 Vientiane

Luang Prabang

Chitchareune Mounluang Hotel
Ban Thatluang, BounKhong Road,
Luang Prabang

Bangkok

Furama Silom Bangkok
533 Silom Road, Silom
Bang Rak, Bangkok

Chiang Mai

Duangtawan Hotel
132 Loykroh Road, Chang-Klan, Muang,
Chang Khlan, 50100 Chiang Mai

Rangoon

Summit Parkview Hotel
350 Ahlone Road,
Dragon Township, Rangoon

Inya Lake Hotel
37, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road,
Mayangone Township, 11181 Yangon

Mandalay

Hotel Yadanarbon
No 125, 31st Street,
Chan Aye Thar Zan Township, Mandalay

Mandalay City Hotel
26 Street, Between 82nd & 83rd, Chan
Aye Tha Zan Township, 11101 Mandalay

Bagan

Bagan Umbra Hotel
Wet Kyi Inn, Bagan Naung U Road,
Nyaung U, 11861 Bagan

Thazin Garden Hotel
No.22, Thazin Road, Archaeological
Province, New Bagan, Bagan

Inle Lake

Inle Resort
Inle Lake, Nyaung Shwe

Amata Resort
Ingyin Gone Village, Tha Lae Oo Village
Group, Nyaung Shwe, 11131 Ywama

Hotels on our Classic group tours are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the UK and Southeast Asia.

Exclusive Collection hotel details can be found on pages 82-83.

Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents

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. 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. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide and phrasebook as well as a suggested packing list with your final documents.

Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying in before I go?

A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. 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 114 for examples of hotels we usually use. If you require an early check-in or late check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us.

Q. How do I get my visa?

A. 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. Currently visas are not necessary for travel in Vietnam for stays of 15 days and under for UK passport holders, however this may change and is currently scheduled to be reviewed in June 2018. Visas for Laos are not included as there is no Laos consulate in the UK - these are inexpensive and easy to obtain upon arrival. 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 & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Laos	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in most regions.
Thailand	Hepatitis A & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Burma	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in most 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 on 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

➤ 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 require a higher level of fitness and may include longer periods of sightseeing. Easy walking, moderate altitude and greater cultural immersion may feature.

ACTIVE

➤➤➤ Tours require a good level of fitness because they are physically more demanding. They may involve hiking, cycling and travel to areas where facilities are more traditional in nature.

FLEXIBLE

➤ A tour with this symbol has many of the active elements made optional, so you can choose when you are active and when you have free time.

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 28 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. On our Discovery and Exclusive Collection Tours maximum group size is 18 passengers unless otherwise stated on the page.

Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

A. Our most popular tours are guaranteed to depart, subject to a minimum of two passengers travelling. All other group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers.

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

A. You can avoid paying a single supplement on most of our Southeast Asia tours if you are willing to share with another tour member of the same gender. 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. Willing to share is not available on our Exclusive Collection tours or any tours featuring a Mekong or



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 arrive, to when you depart. On multi-country tours, different national escorts are used in each country. In the unlikely event that your group is less than 10 you will be accompanied by local guides in each location. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable local guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations

Irrawaddy cruise and is on request when booking closer than 75 days to departure. To arrange a guaranteed private room our single room option is available at an extra cost (you will still be required to share on overnight rail journeys).

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 (see page 118), except in Borneo.

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 123 for details.

WHILE ON TOUR

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 sort of vehicles do you use?

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

Road: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our private tours we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

River: Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element, from river cruising ships on the Irrawaddy and Mekong to comfortable, well-equipped sailing vessels on Halong Bay. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and or handrails.

Rail: Trains are used on some tours. Where there is an overnight journey we



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 119.

Q. When are Southeast Asian public holidays?

A. Vietnamese New Year, otherwise known as Tet, will be on 16th February 2018 and 5th February 2019. 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.

use high-quality 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. On some of our Immerse Yourself Tours, meals in remote areas may be basic or repetitive. Meals included in Immerse Yourself Tours, Exclusive Collection and Private Tours, are stated in the brochure and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. Meals on our Classic group tours start with dinner on the normal day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

A. We strongly recommend that you drink bottled water only.

Q. What is the flying time to Southeast Asia?

A. Approx. 12 hours (if flying direct).

Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

A. Tipping is expected in Southeast Asia. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each Group Tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private Tours and Extensions, we will advise recommended amounts.

The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

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. Do you allow children on your tours?

A. We allow children 12 years and over on our Classic Group Tours, the minimum age on our Exclusive Collection tours is 18 years. Alternatively, our Private Tours (see our website) offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are 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. How do standards abroad compare with the UK?

A. We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in the UK. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your national escort or local guide.

Q. Is portage included?

A. Portage is included on our Classic and Discovery Group Tours to China (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel). For Exclusive Collection tours portage is included from the coach to your hotel room.



Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. 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, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits.

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.

Charity

Wendy Wu Tours has carefully selected the following charities to support in Southeast Asia.



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

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

LUANG PRABANG			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	13	27	10
Feb	14	31	10
Mar	17	33	30
Apr	20	35	100
May	22	35	160
Jun	24	33	150
Jul	23	32	230
Aug	23	32	290
Sep	22	32	160
Oct	20	31	70
Nov	18	29	30
Dec	15	27	10

SAIGON			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	31	10
Feb	22	32	10
Mar	24	33	10
Apr	26	33	50
May	26	33	210
Jun	25	30	300
Jul	25	31	290
Aug	25	31	270
Sep	24	31	340
Oct	24	30	260
Nov	23	29	110
Dec	22	28	40

BANGKOK			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	21	31	10
Feb	23	32	20
Mar	25	33	30
Apr	26	34	70
May	26	33	190
Jun	26	32	150
Jul	25	32	150
Aug	25	32	180
Sep	25	31	320
Oct	25	31	230
Nov	24	31	50
Dec	21	30	10

HOI AN			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	19	24	100
Feb	20	25	30
Mar	22	27	30
Apr	23	30	30
May	25	31	60
Jun	26	32	75
Jul	26	33	90
Aug	26	32	100
Sep	25	31	290
Oct	23	28	530
Nov	22	26	330
Dec	20	23	220

PHUKET			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	31	20
Feb	23	32	30
Mar	23	32	30
Apr	25	32	150
May	25	31	320
Jun	25	30	200
Jul	25	30	250
Aug	25	30	260
Sep	24	29	400
Oct	24	29	300
Nov	23	30	190
Dec	23	30	40

SIEM REAP			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	19	25	5
Feb	21	26	10
Mar	23	28	20
Apr	24	29	60
May	24	28	140
Jun	24	28	170
Jul	23	27	200
Aug	23	27	200
Sep	23	26	240
Oct	22	26	230
Nov	21	25	80
Dec	19	24	10

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 cool and dry winters and hot and humid summers. Spring and autumn are the most ideal times to visit with warm temperatures and lower humidity.

Luang Prabang

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

Saigon

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

Bangkok

With its typical tropical climate, Bangkok is warm year round and at its hottest between March and June. Humidity levels are higher during this time, but this vibrant city cools down a little between July and October with periods of rainy weather and occasional showers.

Hoi An

Hoi An has two distinct seasons. Summer is very dry and warm, making this the ideal time to visit. Winter months are cooler with heavier rainfall. Hoi An's tropical climate make this city warm year-round.

Phuket

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

Siem Reap

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

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.

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 and 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 1.305 USD, £1 to 8.80 CNY, and £1 to 5.60 MYR on 17 July 2017.

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

Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, then subject to the correction of errors, we will only increase the price in the following circumstances. Price increases after booking will be passed on by way of a surcharge. A surcharge 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 any fluctuation in exchange rates which have been used to calculate the cost of your holiday. Even in the above cases, we will only levy a surcharge 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). 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.

In any event, we promise not to levy a surcharge within 30 days of departure.

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, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued.

Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. 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.nathnac.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 EHIC (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
61 – 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 any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

Period before departure date notification given by us	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 paying 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 we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract – and the laws, regulations and relevant standards of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred – will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10(1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us.

Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings.

For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is 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/off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

11. 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 dispatched - 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.

If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you

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.

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 are based on Silver Cover and 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.

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 50	Adults 51-60
Up to 17 days	£57.34	£63.71
18-24 days	£60.14	£66.82
25-31 days	£65.50	£72.78
+ extra weeks	£11.75	£13.06

Prices are based on cover for travellers aged up to 60 years. Supplements will apply if aged between 61 and 85. All prices are subject to change.

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 up to a total of 183 days per year for adults aged 64 or under.

Length of separate trip	Price
23 days	£123.00

Summary of Silver Cover	Maximum
Medical emergency expenses	£5,000,000
Personal liability	£2,000,000
Personal accident	£5,000
Cancellation	£1,500
Curtailment	£1,500
Missed departure	£300
Travel delay	£60
Personal baggage	£1,500
Delayed baggage	£100
Catastrophe	£1,000
Personal money	£200
Passport	£200
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.



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
- Our exciting Immerse Yourself Tours
- Deluxe Exclusive Collection
- Flexible Private Tours
- Bespoke Tailormade 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 the back of the brochure.

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.

REGIONAL FLIGHTS AND UPGRADES

Enjoy the freedom to choose who you fly with and where you fly from. We work with most 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 you can upgrade one way or for the entire return trip.

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. See pages 104-111 for inspiration. If you want to stay longer in Bangkok or 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 £28
- ✓ Airport Parking from £6 per day
- ✓ Airport Hotels from £40 per night
- ✓ 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.

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.

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



TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

- Over 20 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



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