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2027 – 2028



OUR AWARD-WINNING COLLECTION OF ESCORTED TOURS

The winner of 'Best Specialist Tour Operator' 16 years running – Globe Travel Awards
The most prestigious accolade in the travel industry

WELCOME

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our Rail & Tour Collection. Be it by ultramodern and ultrafast bullet train, a luxury experience that captures the spirit of a golden age of travel or a fun, vintage 'toy', train journeys always add an extra level of immersion to your adventures. Offering the opportunity to sit back and watch the world go by, to enjoy even more of a country's most scenic landscapes or, in some cases, to indulge in something really special, riding the rails brings with it an inherent romance and endless possibilities.

For over two decades I've had the privilege of sharing the world's most wonderful destinations with travellers from across the globe. Every journey we craft is designed with care, ensuring you experience the very heart and soul of each incredible nation. Whether you want to traverse Japan by shinkansen, ride one of the world's luxury trains – the Rocky Mountaineer, Rovos Rail or the Deccan Odyssey – or clatter through the incredible landscapes of the Himalayas on a charming toy train, then your adventure awaits. All aboard!

Let us guide you on an unforgettable adventure – one that will inspire, enlighten, and leave you with memories to last a lifetime.

Warmest regards,



Wendy Wu
Founder, Wendy Wu Tours

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(S) Dedicated Solo Departures

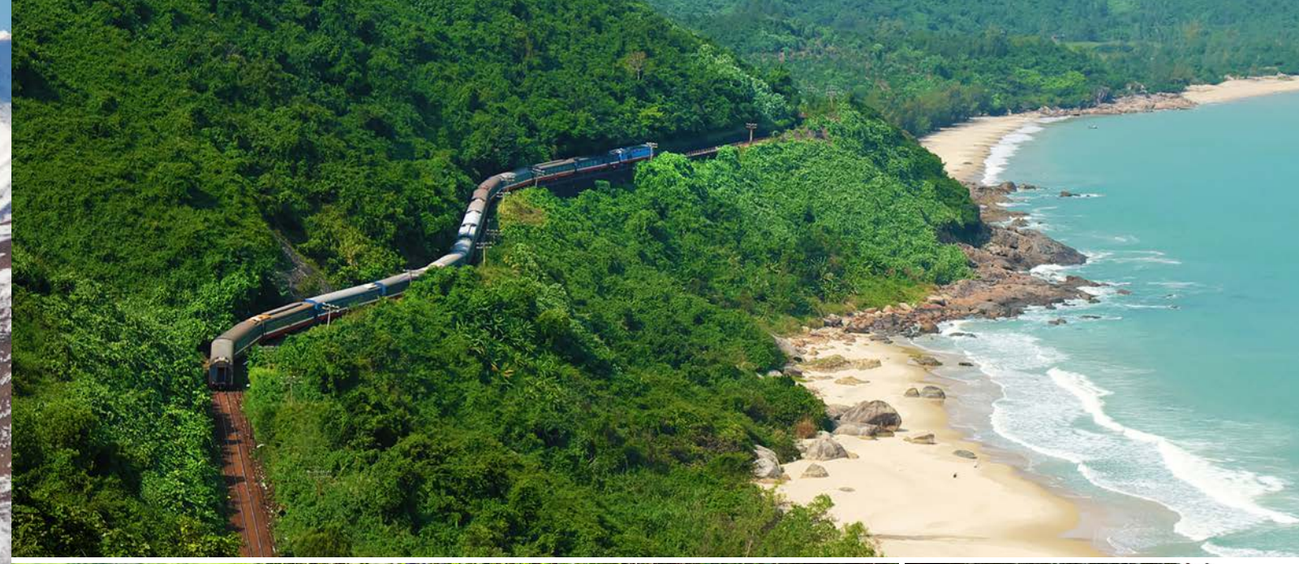
Trusted for over 25 YEARS

WENDY WU TOURS

EXPERIENCE THE EXTRAORDINARY

Wendy Wu Tours is the UK's leading touring specialist, offering exceptional fully-inclusive tours to over 60 countries worldwide.

Our meticulously planned itineraries are fully escorted every step of the way and include everything you need for an unforgettable holiday.









We Take Care of Everything

We offer a host of inclusions on each and every tour, including your international flights, hotels, meals, guided touring, transportation, transfers – and even your visa in most destinations. All you need to do is get to the airport!

Award-winning Service

Voted for by the public, our partners and respected travel experts, Wendy Wu Tours has been the recipient of over 40 major awards in our history including 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 16 years running at the prestigious Globe Travel Awards.



Outstanding Tour Guides

Our National Escorts are the stars of the show. Born and raised in the country you are travelling in and accompanying you every step of the way, it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that takes a Wendy Wu tour from excellent to extraordinary.



Authentic Experiences

All of our tours have fascinating cultural experiences included in the price. Be it learning a local craft, practicing an old tradition or dining with locals, you'll get under the skin of our destinations and their cultures and have great fun at the same time.



Fly from your Doorstep

Choose from quality airlines flying from your local airport. What's more, when you fly from London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham or Belfast, there's no flight supplement to pay!
See page 103 for more details.

Your Loyalty Matters

Entry into Wendy's Loyalty Club, our generous reward program, opens the door to significant savings every time you book, plus exclusive offers and news updates before anyone else.
See page 106 for more details.

We Take Care of Everything

FULLY INCLUSIVE TOURING WITH WENDY WU TOURS

At Wendy Wu Tours we believe that everything you need to enjoy the holiday of a lifetime should be included in the price of your tour.

Take a look at what's included in all of our Classic Tours.

All Your Flights

All our tour prices include return international economy class flights from London, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham or Belfast, and any domestic flights you may need whilst on tour. We can also organise departures from other regional airports, often for little or no extra cost.

We only work with reputable scheduled airlines and of course all your pre-paid taxes and luggage is included in the price. We believe that your flights are an essential part of your holiday experience, and so our carefully selected airlines offer the utmost comfort, allowing you to arrive relaxed, refreshed and raring to go.

All Your Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner is included every day.

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, most of the time you'll be enjoying regional cuisine, often eating where the locals do.

We also include a select number of 'feature meals', so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a delicious range of your destination's best food.

All Your Accommodation

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been selected to best suit the locations you'll visit.

Our Classic tours feature hand-picked four-star properties selected for their comfort, modern amenities and convenient location for sightseeing. We occasionally include a stay in three-star plus hotels or lodges where we feel the location or the character of the property will enhance your tour.

All Your Guided Touring

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

You can place your trust in your National Escort, who will help you navigate the quirks and charm of local life with confidence and ease.

All Your Immersive Experiences

We not only take you to lesser visited places, but offer authentic experiences throughout.

Be it learning a local craft, practicing an old tradition or dining with locals, you'll get under the skin of our destinations and their cultures. Check out the Authentic Experiences box on each tour page for details.

All Your Local Transport

When you're not gliding along the tracks in comfort on your rail journey, you'll enjoy a variety of local transport styles that help you explore each destination with ease. Most touring is by air-conditioned coach, with extra space to stretch out thanks to our seat-and-a-half per guest policy.

You'll also experience authentic local travel – from river cruises through breathtaking landscapes to rickshaw rides, and convenient domestic flights – all designed to enhance your adventure.

Even Your Visas

Organising your visa yourself can be a time-consuming and costly addition to your holiday. Not with Wendy Wu Tours' hassle-free visa process.

The cost of your visa is included in the tour price for all UK & Irish passport holders. What's more, our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday. The exceptions are Zimbabwe and Indonesia, where visas are paid and issued on arrival, the simplest option available.

Please note the range of inclusions differs slightly on our Classic Flex, Cruise & Tour, and Go Beyond tours. See page 16 for details.



Experience authentic local transport throughout your tour

Our Award-Winning Guides

YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS



Our National Escorts are the stars of the show – it is their unrivalled knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise that take a Wendy Wu Tour from excellent to extraordinary.

You'll be accompanied by one of these passionate, caring professionals throughout your tour; they'll be taking care of you every step of the way. Many of our guides have been working with Wendy Wu Tours for years, garnering accolade after accolade from our very happy customers.

Our guides are dedicated to keeping you safe, happy, inspired, and entertained throughout your journey. With genuine care and expert ease, they'll lead you through the unique customs and hidden gems of the world's most fascinating destinations, making every step of the adventure effortless and enriching.

It's not just their professionalism that makes them so good at what they do. All our guides are born and raised in the country that you are exploring, giving them an unparalleled knowledge of the destination.

They are also excellent at communicating that knowledge, meaning that you get a greater understanding of recent history and learn about local heritage, culture and way of life.

OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS

- Are experienced and qualified in guiding
- Are fluent in English
- Have expert knowledge of the country you are touring
- Benefit from rigorous training programmes
- Are on hand to look after you every step of the way







"The first thing to say is that our Japan tour ranks among the best we have ever been on, particular praise must however go to our tour guide, the best guide we have ever had the pleasure of leading a tour group. She was an absolute mine of information about all things Japanese, worked tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly and had a great sense of humour that made every day an enjoyable experience. She should be declared a Japanese National Treasure!"



Award-Winning Expertise

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

Globe Travel Awards

The Globe Travel Awards are the 'Oscars' of the travel world. We are extremely proud winners of the Globe Travel Awards 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' for the past 16 years.

British Travel Awards

The largest consumer voted travel awards in the UK, it is an absolute honour to win at the British Travel Awards. In 2025, we took home the Best Travel Company to Far East/Central Asia for the eleventh time.



Recommended by You

Awards are all well and good but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us.



"A very well thought out itinerary, starting with the highest railroad in the world to help ease you into Lhasa. For me, the iconic Potala Palace didn't disappoint. Each monastery we visited had a different special feature, and then the view of Everest at the base camp was majestic, even though the scenery was stunning all the way with blue lakes and white topped mountains as background. Huge variety of food and tea!"

Christine Padoin (Tibetan Railroad – May 2026)

"What an amazing, extensive, well organised tour of Japan. Experiencing local cuisine and landmarks and really immersing yourself in the Japanese culture. This tour delivered all my expectations and more. Our travel through the country was impeccable. Coaches were on time and comfortable and riding the bullet trains were a highlight.

Our guide was very friendly, knowledgeable and lead our group in a supportive way. April was a great time to visit Japan. The weather was perfect and the gardens/blossoms were beautiful.

I would highly recommend this tour with Wendy Wu."

Susan Whiting (Japan by Rail – April 2025)



Feefo

We're proud to be the holder of a Feefo Platinum Trusted Service Award. Taken only from genuine customer feedback, independently verified by Feefo, only the businesses providing the best experience for their customers make the grade.

Tripadvisor

We're honoured to receive a Certificate of Excellence at the latest Tripadvisor Travellers Choice Awards that recognise businesses that earn consistently great reviews and are among the top 10% of listings on Tripadvisor.

Cultural encounters, every step of the way

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



TAI CHI

Part of an invigorating morning routine practised by many locals across the country, enjoy a Tai Chi session for yourself, learning basic steps from a master. Experience this on Discover China by Rail.



STREET FOOD TOUR

Savour Southeast Asia's bold flavours with street food tastings, from Hanoi's aromatic pho to Kuala Lumpur's smoky satay and Phuket's tangy pad Thai, each bite reflecting culinary tradition. Experience this on Singapore to Bangkok by Rail or Vietnam & the Reunification Express.



TEA CEREMONY

A perfect display of Japanese culture, witness the preparation and performance involved in the 'Way of Tea'. Enjoy this experience on almost all Japan tours.



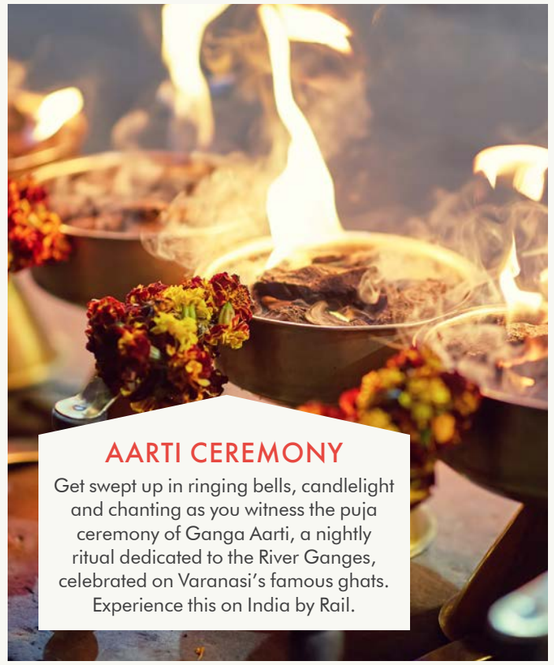
WARRIOR WOMEN

Experience Jasper through an indigenous lens with Warrior Women. Hear stories of the land and legends of the Cree people, and gain fascinating insights into indigenous culture, traditions and connections to the surrounding Rockies.



ONSENS & HOT SPRINGS

Indulge in the historic pastime of relaxing in a Japanese onsen (hot spring), with opportunities to experience these refreshing waters on many of our favourite Japan tours.



AARTI CEREMONY

Get swept up in ringing bells, candlelight and chanting as you witness the puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti, a nightly ritual dedicated to the River Ganges, celebrated on Varanasi's famous ghats. Experience this on India by Rail.



UROS TRIBE OF LAKE TITICACA

Journey to the unique reed-constructed Islas Uros, found floating on the Peruvian side of Lake Titicaca. Here you can meet the ancient Uros people who call the islands home. Spend time learning about their way of life, with traditional dancing, cooking and basket weaving.

Travelling Solo

TRAVEL SOLO BUT NEVER ALONE WITH WENDY WU TOURS

Travelling solo with Wendy Wu Tours is relaxed, carefree, and full of unforgettable moments. Our expertly crafted itineraries take you to all the iconic sights, let you dive into local culture, savour authentic cuisine, and stay in well-located, comfortable hotels - so you can focus on enjoying the journey.

From start to finish, you'll be looked after by one of our award-winning National Escorts, whose attention to detail and warm hospitality will make you feel like part of the family.

With a sociable atmosphere, hands-on cultural experiences, and laid-back local dining, a Wendy Wu tour is the perfect way to meet like-minded travellers - and forge friendships that often last a lifetime.





TRAVELLING SOLO ON OUR GROUP TOURS

Many solo travellers choose to travel on our group tours with a mix of other solos, couples, family groups and friends. Travel on one of these friendly and fun tours and you can choose a room of your own or our 'Happy to Share' option.

A Room of Your Own
If you'd like the comfort of being able to return to your own space after a day of exploring, our regular group tours offer a single supplement option, guaranteeing your own private room. You'll find the supplement details below the departure dates on each tour.

Happy to Share
Embrace the joy of being sociable without the extra cost of travelling solo. Our popular 'Happy to Share' option pairs solo travellers of the same gender to share a room, so there's no single supplement to pay if you are matched. Please see our website for full terms and conditions.

TRAVELLING SOLO ON OUR DEDICATED SOLO DEPARTURES

We have reserved selected departures on some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a ready-made group of like-minded solo travellers.

Solo departures feature smaller group sizes, free airport lounges and a complimentary welcome drink on arrival! Look out for S on the contents page and highlighted departures on each tour page.

"From the moment I was picked up by the transfer driver I felt well looked after. As a solo traveller I had concerns about being the only one not in a couple, but there were others also travelling on their own. The group size was perfect. My preconceived ideas of what China would be like were completely blown away in Shanghai. Although there were things that I was particularly looking forward to seeing such as the Terracotta Warriors and the Great Wall, every trip we did and experience we had was amazing. The local guides provided interesting insights into their towns and cities. It has truly been an unforgettable experience."



Tour Styles Explained

As every traveller is different, we've developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel on one of our experience-packed tours, your way.

CLASSIC

Our most comprehensive way to travel, Classic Tours bring together all the iconic sights and authentic experiences of a destination, fully planned and included from start to finish – flights, hotels, meals, sightseeing and expert guiding, all taken care of. If you want to see the very best of a destination without a single detail left to chance, this is where to start.

CLASSIC FLEX

All the sights and signature experiences of a Classic Tour, but with added flexibility. Classic Flex is built around the same iconic destinations and cultural encounters, with personal time woven in where it works best – for independent exploration or simply relaxing at your own pace. Same expert guidance, same unmissable highlights, with more choice over how your day unfolds.

GO BEYOND

For travellers drawn to lesser-known destinations, hidden places and remote landscapes, or with specialist interests, Go Beyond offers unique off-the-beaten-track experiences for those looking to venture further. Discover corners of the world that most travellers never reach, all in the company of an expert guide and a smaller group of like-minded adventurers.

	CLASSIC	CLASSIC FLEX	GO BEYOND
Visa fees for UK & Irish passport holders (excluding Zimbabwe & Indonesia, pay on arrival)	✔	✔	✔
International economy airfares and taxes	✔	✔	✔
English-speaking National Escort	✔	✔	✔
Meals	All	Most	All or Most
Accommodation	✔	✔	✔
Domestic transportation	✔	✔	✔
Sightseeing	All	All or Most	All or Most
Maximum group size	28	28	18

PRIVATE & TAILORMADE TOURS

Experience our award-winning itineraries with your own private, experienced local guide, perfect for families and friends who enjoy added flexibility. For the ultimate bespoke holiday, our expert consultants will help you design a tour that's uniquely yours, with your choice of destinations, accommodation and experiences.

CRUISE & TOUR

Combining an ocean cruise with an escorted group tour packed with top sights and unforgettable experiences, our 'Cruise & Tour' options offer the best of both worlds. Including flights, cruise, stopovers and full Wendy Wu tour with expert guide, all meals and visas (where applicable), prepare for the adventure of a lifetime.

SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling with a group of ten or more, we can create a tailormade Special Group tour just for you. Whether it's friends, family, a club or association, we'll shape any itinerary around your group's interests, offering a unique, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of planning it yourself.

SHORT STAYS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. A short stay will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way to break up your journey and add a few days in a buzzing metropolis to your itinerary.



PHYSICAL RATING

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every tour requires the ability to walk around sights unaided, while tours with higher physical ratings may involve longer walks, cycling, or other physical activities. Tours that traverse rough terrain, visit remote areas, or go to high altitudes will also have higher physical ratings.

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
A reasonable level of fitness is required. Expect to be on your feet for most of the day walking around sights, often including steps and getting on and off coaches, trains, or boats. Occasional longer walks may be included.	A moderate level of fitness is required. You will be on your feet for most of the day, with longer walks that include ascents and descents on steps or uneven paths. Travelling conditions may be more challenging in some areas.	A good level of fitness is required. You need to be comfortable walking long distances and for extended durations. The tour may also include activities such as cycling and hiking and visit some remote areas with basic infrastructure.	A high level of fitness and a strong spirit of adventure are required. These tours are full of activity and often visit remote areas with basic infrastructure. Expect to be on your feet and active for much of the day, with some long travelling days.

As the physical requirements vary by tour, we recommend reviewing the Detailed Tour Itinerary on our website before booking to ensure it's the right fit for you.



Discover Japan, Taiwan & South Korea with Wendy Wu Tours

Destinations known for their timeless culture, incredible food and glorious nature, it only adds to the thrills of exploring the wonders of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan to travel on their high-speed rail networks – Shinkansen, KTX and THSR, along with charming local trains and rural rail journeys.

WENDY'S TOP 9 SIGHTS

1 MOUNT FUJI

Mount Fuji's elegant form and snow-dusted summit have inspired centuries of art and pilgrimage. A highlight of Honshu, it features on almost all of our Japan itineraries.



2 KYOTO

Kyoto was Japan's capital for many centuries. This cradle of Japanese culture is packed with enchanting sights, 17 of which are UNESCO World Heritage-listed. Kyoto features on almost all of our Japan itineraries.



3 HIROSHIMA

The coastal city of Hiroshima is a testament to the power of the human spirit; a symbol of hope, renewal and regeneration. Reflect at the poignant Peace Memorial Museum & Park on many of our Japan tours.



4 TAKAYAMA

This alpine town offers a peaceful glimpse into Japan's traditional way of life. Explore its preserved Edo-era streets and wooden merchant houses on several of our Japan itineraries, including Japan by Rail (page 28).



5 SEOUL

With its historic palaces, neon lights and nonstop energy, Seoul is a city of endless contrasts. Feel the pulse of modern Korea in this fascinating capital, featured on all our South Korea tours.



6 GYEONGJU

Called 'the museum without walls', the historic city of Gyeongju holds centuries of Korean heritage in its temples and tombs. Discover the monuments of Gyeongju's golden Silla dynasty on all our South Korea itineraries.



7 BUSAN

The seaside city of Busan mixes golden beaches with colourful markets, stunning ocean views and a friendly, laidback spirit. Uncover the charms of Busan on all our South Korea tours.



8 THE KOREAN DMZ

The buffer zone between North and South Korea is among the world's most fascinating borders. Explore observation posts and historic infiltration tunnels on Essence of South Korea & Japan (page 22).



9 ALISHAN FOREST TRAIN

Journey through mountains and Taiwanese forest on Asia's highest narrow-gauge railway. Originally built for logging, this iconic train now offers a scenic ride past tea fields, waterfalls, and remote hillside villages.



JEWELS OF JAPAN

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £6,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

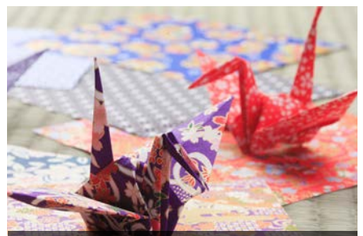
- Feel the rush of Tokyo
- Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- Take part in a tea ceremony
- Be charmed by Kyoto
- Reflect in Hiroshima
- Explore relaxed Miyajima



Experience a traditional tea ceremony

PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Try your hand at origami

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Take part in a handicraft experience – the traditions and techniques of the intricate art of origami. You'll learn to fold some of the simpler, but still impressive, shapes and designs.
- More than just a hot drink, the Japanese tea ceremony dates back to the 9th century and represents purity, tranquillity, respect and harmony. Experience the preparation and presentation that goes into this sacred ritual.
- The buckwheat soba noodle is one of Japan's most famous culinary exports – try your hand at making them from scratch, before feasting on the delicious results for lunch.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: DISCOVER TOKYO

Head to the Tokyo National Museum in Ueno Park to uncover 2,000 years of Japanese heritage. After lunch, stop by Senso-ji Temple en route to the 634-metre Skytree, where you'll ascend to the Observation Deck for panoramic views over the sprawling city below.

DAY 4: SHIBUYA & TOKYO BAY

Visit Meiji Jingu, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the deified spirit of Meiji, the 19th-century emperor who presided over Japan's radical modernisation. Nestled in peaceful urban woodland, this shrine feels a world away from the buzzing Shibuya Crossing, which we will admire before lunch. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore as you wish. End the day with a dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay and admire the twinkling city lights from across the harbour.

DAY 5: MOUNT FUJI & THE FUJI LAKES

Drive west into the foothills of the iconic Mount Fuji, a region spectacularly dotted by lakes formed by past volcanic eruptions. Drive to Mount Fuji's 5th station (weather permitting), which sits at an elevation of more than 2,000 metres, and take in the scenic views over the landscapes below. Continue to Lake Kawaguchi in search of more views of Mount Fuji. Later, pay a visit to Iyashi no Sato, a charming village on the edge of Lake Saiko. Here, the lovingly restored thatch-roofed farmhouses have been transformed into an open-air museum and craft village. Stay overnight in Mishima or the wider Fuji area.

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Visit Oshino Hakkai village, known for its views of Mount Fuji. Later, learn how to make your very own traditional Japanese soba noodles, and enjoy your creations for lunch! Later, transfer to Mishima station and journey on the bullet train to Kyoto. An enchanting city, Kyoto was the capital for a thousand years. Today, it embodies the legacy of feudal-era Japan, brimming with historic architecture.

DAY 7: TEA, TEMPLES & ORIGAMI

Enjoy a full day tour of Kyoto, starting with a visit to one of Kyoto's delightful temples – the 17th-century Buddhist Kiyomizu. Immerse yourself in Japanese culture, observing the sacred rituals of a tea ceremony before trying your hand at origami. Dating back to the 6th century, the art of 'folding paper' is a cultural symbol of simplicity, beauty and peace. Later, explore the impressive Fushimi Inari Shrine with its remarkable 10,000 red torii gates.

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO HIROSHIMA

Begin the day with a visit to Ryoan-ji Temple, referred to locally as the 'temple of the peaceful dragon', which is home to Japan's most famous Zen garden. Afterwards, enjoy a photo opportunity at the renowned Kinkaku-ji Temple, known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.Travel by bullet train to Hiroshima; a bustling coastal city with a famously tragic history.





Journey by ferry to the holy island of Miyajima

DAY 9: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hop on a ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and see its 'floating' torii gate, one of Japan's most recognisable UNESCO World Heritage sites, located on the edge of the Seto Inland Sea. Later, return to Hiroshima and take time to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, which pay homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Afterwards, ascend the Orizuru Tower for poignant views over this beautiful, resilient city.

DAY 10: HIMEJI CASTLE

Travel to Himeji to visit its famous castle. This feudal era fort, one of the most impressive in Japan, towers over the city and is recognisable as the backdrop to several major films. Admire its well-preserved architecture before strolling around Koko-en, the Edo-style gardens just across the castle moat. Continue to the cosmopolitan city of Osaka ahead of this evening's farewell dinner.

DAY 11: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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



Pay your respects in Hiroshima



See the farmhouses of Oshino Hakkai

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



SEOUL SHORT STAY

4 days from £720pp

NARA EXTENSION

2 days from £490pp

ESSENTIAL DUBAI STOPOVER

3 days from £240pp

Visit our website to learn more about all of our short stays and stopovers.

CLASSIC
JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See the classic sights of Japan, visiting modern Tokyo, iconic Mount Fuji and historic Kyoto. A visit to Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park and Museum and the holy island of Miyajima complete this fascinating tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary

2027 DATES			
15 Mar - 25 Mar	£7,090	15 Aug - 25 Aug	£6,690
21 Mar - 31 Mar	£7,090	05 Sep - 15 Sep	£6,690
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- Be charmed by Kyoto
- Feel the rush of Tokyo



Meet an apprentice geisha in Kyoto



CLASSIC
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PHYSICAL RATING 1

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Learn how bonsai are cultivated

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Shunka-en Bonsai Museum in Tokyo for an insight into the cultivation of these iconic miniature trees. Watch a live demonstration by an expert, then try your hand at a little pruning yourself!
- Embark on an informative and unique adventure to the DMZ, the buffer zone between the Koreas. Your visit will include the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall, the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel and Unification Village.
- Enjoy lunch in Kyoto with a very special host: an apprentice geisha (maiko) learning her craft. Spotting a geisha in Kyoto is a matter of luck, so this is a rare opportunity to enjoy a window into their private world.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SEOUL

Fly overnight to Seoul, the dazzling capital city of South Korea. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening meet your National Escort and fellow travellers to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3: EXPLORE SEOUL

Amongst the skyscrapers, nightlife districts and colossal shopping malls of Seoul, there is an exceptional amount of culture and tradition, from busy teahouses to magnificent palaces just waiting to be explored. Enjoy a full day tour of Seoul, starting at Gyeongbok Palace to watch the 'Changing of the Guards' ceremony, and then visit the palace itself. Next, attend a Korean cooking class – making traditional bibimbap before tucking into your creations for lunch. Enjoy the panoramic city views at N Seoul Tower.

DAY 4: VISIT THE DMZ

Created as a buffer zone between North Korea and South Korea at the end of the Korean War, the DMZ is part of the most heavily militarised border in the world. An early start is needed today, as tickets to the DMZ are limited*. Explore the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall, walk along the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, visit Dora Observatory & Station and see the Bridge of Freedom. Return to Seoul to explore Gwangjang Market.

**While every effort will be made to get the tickets, should this not be possible, you will instead take a ride on the DMZ gondola and visit the Odusan Unification Observatory.*

DAY 5: TRAIN TO GYEONGJU

Take a train from Seoul to Gyeongju. A city of cultural and historical relics, Gyeongju is often called 'the museum without walls'. Capital of the Silla Kingdom for over 1,000 years, the city is home to a staggering number of tombs, temples, statues and ruins, some of which you'll explore today. In the afternoon, begin at the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage listed Bulguksa Temple, considered the pinnacle of Silla architecture, and Seokguram Grotto. Later, take a stroll at Anapji Pond.

DAY 6: EXPLORE BUSAN

Visit the royal tombs of the Silla Dynasty at Tumuli Park before admiring the treasures of the Gyeongju National Museum. Later, drive to Busan, a laidback seaside city known for its hills, beaches, temples and exquisite seafood. Soak up ocean views at Dongbaekseom Island before a stroll along Haeundae Beach. Later, visit the Jagalchi Fish Market and browse the wares at Gukje Market. End your day at Busan Tower for panoramic views over the city.

DAY 7: GOODBYE SOUTH KOREA, HELLO JAPAN

It's time to say goodbye to South Korea and hello to Japan! Fly to Fukuoka, located on the northern coast of Kyushu.

DAY 8: FROM FUKUOKA TO HIROSHIMA

Head to Kyushu National Museum for an overview of local history, then explore the nearby Shinto shrine of Daizafu Tenmangu. After lunch, board the bullet train to Hiroshima, the 'city of peace'.

DAY 9: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Start the day at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, which pays homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb through poignant photographs and testimonies. Later, take a ferry to the beautiful island of Miyajima to see its UNESCO-listed floating torii gate, located on the edge of the Seto Inland Sea.

DAY 10: DISCOVER ANCIENT KURASHIKI & OKAYAMA

Take the bullet train to Kurashiki. Here, explore the beautifully-preserved Bikan Historical Quarter, which boasts a charming riverfront lined with whitewashed kominka houses and quaint willow trees. Next, head to Okayama and visit Koraku-en Garden, one of the 'Three Great Gardens of Japan'. Later, board the bullet train to the vibrant city of Osaka.

DAY 11: EXPLORE NARA & OSAKA

Travel to Nara and enjoy a leisurely walk through Nara Park to Todai-ji Temple before returning to Osaka. Stop by Dotonbori Street, famous for its eye-catching street food and signage, then visit the impressive Osaka Castle.

DAY 12: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Journey by road to Kyoto. An enchanting city, Kyoto was Japan's capital city for 1,000 years; today it is a testament to ancient Japan, packed with tranquil temples and sublime gardens. Visit Ryoan-ji, with its lovely Zen garden, and the famous Kinkaku-ji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Later, immerse yourself in Japanese culture, experiencing the sacred rituals of a tea ceremony.

DAY 13: MEET AN APPRENTICE GEISHA

Visit the vibrant district of Arashiyama and stroll through the bamboo forest with its towering thickets before trying your hand at the art of fan painting. Next, you'll enjoy a rare opportunity to have lunch with a maiko – a geisha in training – and gain some insight into their fascinating world. In the afternoon, visit one of Kyoto's most famous sites – Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its 10,000 vermilion torii gates, and admire the scenic framed pathway that snakes up its hillside.

DAY 14: VIA HAKONE TO TOKYO

Take the bullet train to Odawara and visit Hakone Shrine, situated on the shores of Lake Ashi. If weather permits, admire picturesque views of Mount Fuji in the background. After lunch, take part in a Yosegi marquetry craft experience, before continuing by road to Tokyo – Japan's incomparable capital.

DAY 15: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its neon-lit frontage and you will find plenty to explore. Ascend the Tokyo Skytree for a bird's eye view of the city, then soak up the atmosphere at Senso-ji temple. After lunch, visit a bonsai museum and observe a demonstration before trying your hand at bonsai pruning. Return to the hotel, stopping en route to see the iconic Shibuya Scramble Crossing. End the day with a dinner cruise on the beautiful Tokyo Bay.

DAY 16: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

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- Explore Tokyo and Sapporo
- Stay in a traditional ryokan
- Soak in a hot spring onsen
- Gaze at Mount Fuji
- Uncover Kyoto's past



View the magnificent Kegon Waterfall



CLASSIC
JAPAN

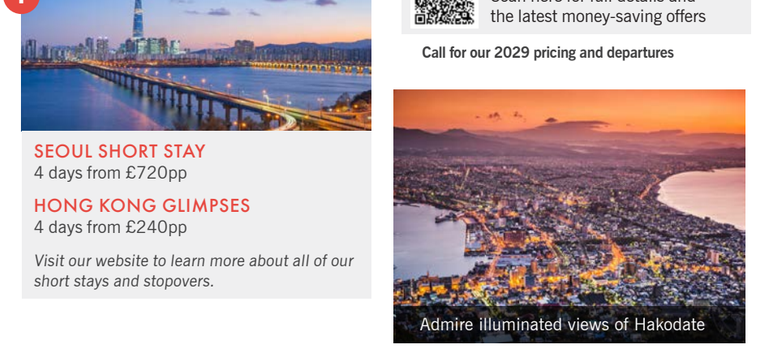
PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover Japan's iconic sights and the traditions of its lesser-visited north. Explore Hokkaido's harbour cities and Tohoku's samurai towns, admire Mount Fuji and dazzling Tokyo, then experience Kyoto's geisha culture over lunch with a maiko.



Meet a maiko in Kyoto



Cruise through Matsushima Bay

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



Uncover Ainu culture in Shiraoi

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▸ Visit Hokkaido's Ainu Museum for a rare insight into the art, culture and spirituality of the indigenous Ainu. Once the 'First People' of Hokkaido, the Ainu are now a minority ethnic group whose very language is considered endangered.
- ▸ Have lunch with a very special host: a maiko, or apprentice geisha! Seeing a geisha is a matter of luck, even in Kyoto; enjoy this rare guaranteed opportunity for a glimpse into their world.
- ▸ Spend the night in a ryokan, a centuries-old style of guesthouse that offers the ultimate Japanese experience! Enjoy Japan's legendary hospitality, dine on traditional food and bathe in the relaxing warm waters of an onsen.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAPPORO

Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Sapporo, capital of the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: OLYMPIC SKI JUMP & OTARU

This morning, ascend to the Okurayama viewing point, soaring up to the summit of the Sapporo Winter Olympics ski jump by chair lift – the views over the surrounding mountains are breathtaking. Continue to the pretty port town of Otaru and take some time to walk along the streets of the village and stroll along the picturesque canal. This evening, visit a local beer museum before dinner.

DAY 4: THE AINU MUSEUM & HAKODATE

Drive to Shiraoi. Here, visit the Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park. This fascinating museum tells the story of the Ainu culture, indigenous to this corner of Japan, and which was almost erased in the Meiji era. Ainu identity is a valuable part of Japan's diversity, characterised by its unique language, rich storytelling tradition, and deep relationship with 'kamuy' (spirit deities). Explore Ainu culture through the museum's wealth of exhibits, including a number of tools and hunting weapons adorned with beautiful patterns.

Later, hop on a bullet train to the harbour city of Hakodate, set on Hokkaido's southern tip. This evening, ascend Mount Hakodate to see the beauty of this uniquely-shaped city by night.

DAY 5: AOMORI & HIROSAKI

Start the day wandering Hakodate's bustling morning market, with its fresh local produce and seafood. Next, ascend Goryokaku Tower for views over the star-shaped Goryokaku Fort. Continue by bullet train to the lovely city of Aomori on Honshu, Japan's largest island. Visit the Nebuta Warasse Museum, showcasing the incredible mask-shaped lanterns and parade floats used in Aomori's famous summer festival. Transfer to Hirosaki.

DAY 6: TSUNAGI ONSEN

Depart Hirosaki for Kakunodate, a former samurai stronghold. Explore the sprawling Aoyagi Samurai Manor, a preserved samurai residence which now displays samurai armour, swords, antiques and even wedding kimonos. Later, travel to the hot spring town of Tsunagi, where you can embrace traditional Japanese culture at a ryokan. Unwind in a natural onsen and sleep on a Japanese futon (or a Western bed, on request) – a timeless way to experience Japan.

DAY 7: CRUISE MATSUSHIMA BAY

Travel to Hiraizumi, where you'll explore the peaceful Chuson-ji Temple with its beautiful old gold leaf-covered hall. Drive south to reach Matsushima Bay, where you'll enjoy a cruise amongst the small pine tree-covered islands of this famously picturesque seascape. Overnight in Sendai.

DAY 8: SENDAI TO NIKKO

Walk to Sendai station and take the bullet train to Nikko. Explore the beautiful surroundings of Nikko National Park, where you'll visit Toshogu Shrine. Toshogu is arguably Japan's most lavish shrine, built as a memorial to Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu. Later, visit the magnificent Kegon Waterfall Observation Deck, and admire the waters of Chuzenji Lake crashing for a hundred metres down the cliffside. Drive to Tokyo.

DAY 9: EXPLORE TOKYO

Japan's capital is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you'll find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Start the day in the vibrant district of Asakusa, where you will visit Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest temple, and wander down Nakamise shopping street before a visit to Tokyo National Museum. After lunch, stop for a photo at the iconic Shibuya Scramble Crossing before ascending to the observation deck of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government building for exceptional views over the city.

DAY 10: ADMIRE MOUNT FUJI

Drive from Tokyo to Mount Fuji's 5th Station, nestled a little over halfway up the mountain's slopes, and the highest point which can be accessed by road. Transfer to the Hakone area, where a quick ferry ride across Lake Ashi will bring you to the Komagatake Ropeway. Enjoy the views from the cable car before returning to Tokyo.

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Capital for 1,000 years, this city's historic legacy is visible at every turn. This afternoon, visit Togetsukyo Bridge in the heart of the vibrant Arashiyama district and enjoy a leisurely walk through the towering bamboo forest.

DAY 12: EXPLORE KYOTO

This morning, visit one of Japan's most famous temples, Kinkaku-ji, the 'Golden Pavilion'. Famously covered in gleaming gold leaf, this building sits on the edge of a reflecting pool. Later, explore Nishiki Market, dubbed 'Kyoto's kitchen', with its small boutiques and various street food stands. After lunch, visit a sake brewery and sample this traditional Japanese spirit before some time at leisure.

DAY 13: MEET AN APPRENTICE GEISHA

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, then return to the city centre to observe the rituals of a Japanese tea ceremony. This lunchtime, enjoy a special experience: lunch hosted by a maiko, or geisha-in-training! Continue to the booming city of Osaka ahead of this evening's farewell dinner.

DAY 14: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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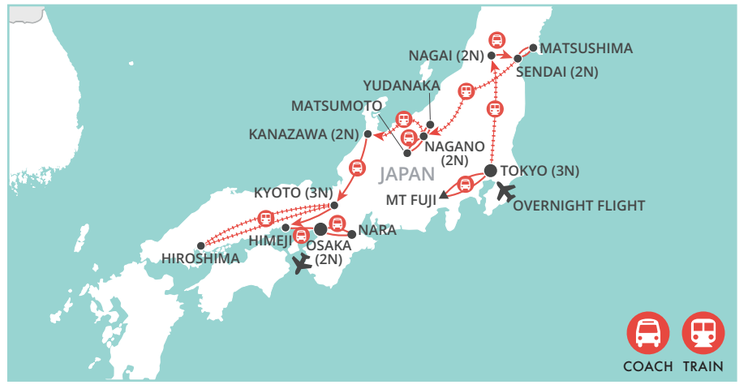
- See exquisite Japanese gardens
- Discover Hiroshima's poignant history
- Experience the tea ceremony



Enjoy a private carriage ride on the Flower Nagai Line



CLASSIC
JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey through Japan by bullet train, pairing its celebrated sights with a warm welcome in the lesser-visited northern region of Tohoku. From majestic Mount Fuji to cheeky snow monkeys, elegant gardens and Kyoto's geisha traditions, discover a country of extraordinary contrasts.



Spot snow monkeys in Jigokudani



Explore magnificent Himeji Castle

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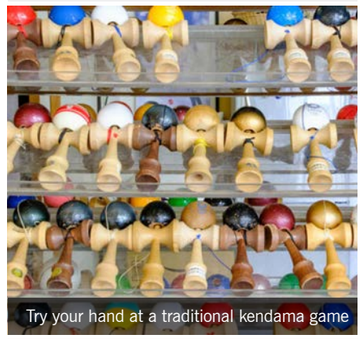

Try your hand at a traditional kendama game

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Head back to the classroom in a preserved school in Nagai for a fun introductory Japanese lesson, then try your hand at kendama, a Japanese cup-and-ball game beloved by local children.
- Enjoy a private carriage on the Flower Nagai Line, savouring sandwiches and local beer as Yamagata's rural landscapes unfold beyond your window.
- Discover Japan's spiritual traditions with a private viewing of a sacred festival dance, performed by shrine maidens at one of Tohoku's most important temples.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1–2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to Japan's vibrant capital, Tokyo. On arrival, transfer to your hotel before joining your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.

DAY 3: DISCOVER TOKYO

Discover Japan's artistic and cultural heritage at Tokyo National Museum before visiting Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest temple. Browse the bustling stalls of Nakamise Street, then ascend Tokyo Skytree for sweeping views across the capital. Finish in vibrant Shibuya, where the famous pedestrian crossing captures the energy of modern Tokyo.

DAY 4: MOUNT FUJI

Head west out of the city to the foothills of Mount Fuji, beginning at the serene Lake Kawaguchi, which perfectly reflects Mount Fuji's cone on a clear day. Later, visit the Fujisan World Heritage Centre to learn about the mountain's significance. Finally, visit the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to admire its collection of hand-dyed kimonos and enjoy its unique gardens. Return to Tokyo.

DAY 5: JOURNEY TO RURAL JAPAN

Board the bullet train to Akayu, travelling north into the rural landscapes of Yamagata Prefecture. Visit the Grand Shrine for a private demonstration of the shrine maidens' sacred dance, normally reserved for festivals. Continue to Nagai, one of Northern Japan's friendliest towns, and your home for the next two nights.

DAY 6: LIFE IN NAGAI

Visit a lovingly preserved local school for a light-hearted introduction to the Japanese language, and try your hand at kendama, a beloved childhood cup-and-ball game! Meet one of Nagai's oldest residents and hear how Japanese life has changed over the years. Later, board a private train carriage on the Flower Nagai Line. Enjoy sandwiches and local beer as the countryside unfolds beyond your train window. Return to Nagai to witness the lively Black Lion dance, bringing a legendary water dragon to life!

DAY 7: ISHINOMAKI & SENDAI

Drive to Ishinomaki to discover how this coastal community has rebuilt following the 2011 tsunami. Visit the Miyagi Tsunami Museum and explore the former Kadonowaki Elementary School, where the story of the children's safe evacuation offers a hopeful perspective on one of Japan's most difficult days. Continue to Sendai for a two-night stay.

DAY 8: MATSUSHIMA BAY

Spend the morning in Matsushima, where pine-covered islands dot the waters of the bay. Visit Zuigan-ji Temple before lunch, then return to Sendai for a relaxed afternoon.

DAY 9: BULLET TRAIN TO NAGANO

Hop on the Hayabusa Shinkansen, Japan's fastest bullet train, and zip cross-country to Omiya. Here, change trains and journey north into the mountains of central Japan. Arrive in Nagano in time for lunch. This afternoon, enjoy some time to stroll in town, then visit a sake brewery to learn about the craft behind Japan's celebrated rice wine.

DAY 10: OBUSE & SNOW MONKEYS

Visit the small town of Obuse, known for its apple and chestnut themed snacks and association with the famous Edo period artist, Hokusai. After lunch, lace up your boots and enjoy a hike into the wooded Jigokudani Valley to meet its famous wild snow monkeys, who love to bathe and play in its hot springs. Return to Nagano.

DAY 11: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Travel to Matsumoto to explore its striking castle, whose dark exterior has earned it the nickname 'Crow Castle'. Visit a miso factory for an introduction to this essential ingredient of Japanese cooking, then travel by express and bullet train to Kanazawa.

DAY 12: KENROKU-EN GARDENS & SHIRAKAWA-GO

Visit Kenroku-en Gardens, one of Japan's Three Great Gardens. Then venture into the mountains to the village of Shirakawa-go, where traditional farmhouses are known for their steeply pitched thatched roofs. Explore this picturesque village before returning to Kanazawa.

DAY 13: KYOTO

Journey by road to Kyoto, Japan's former imperial capital. Begin your explorations at Nijo Castle, where ornate interiors and carefully designed gardens offer an insight into the power and prestige of the Tokugawa shoguns. Later, check into your hotel, home for the next three nights.

DAY 14: KYOTO'S TEMPLES & GEISHA

Admire the gleaming Golden Pavilion of Kinkaku-ji before contemplating the celebrated Zen rock garden at Ryoan-ji. Enjoy a special lunch in the company of a maiko, an apprentice geisha, for a glimpse into Kyoto's geisha culture. Bid farewell to your host before exploring another of Kyoto's cherished traditions: the famous tea ceremony.

DAY 15: HIROSHIMA BY BULLET TRAIN

Board the speedy shinkansen for a day in Hiroshima, reaching the city in just an hour and 40 minutes. Visit the Atomic Bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Museum, reflecting on the city's poignant history, remarkable recovery and enduring message of peace. Return to Kyoto.

DAY 16: HIMEJI CASTLE & GARDENS

Drive to Himeji to explore one of Japan's most magnificent surviving castles. Known as the 'White Heron Castle', its elegant white façade is one of Japan's most iconic treasures. Later, explore the nine beautiful walled gardens of Koko-en, each built in a different style. Continue to Osaka for a two-night stay.

DAY 17: NARA & OSAKA

Spend the morning discovering Nara, an early capital of Japan renowned for its historic temples and free-roaming deer. Return to Osaka, where the afternoon is free to enjoy the city's shops, explore its lively neighbourhoods or seek out its celebrated street food before this evening's farewell dinner.

DAY 18: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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



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PRICES & DEPARTURES

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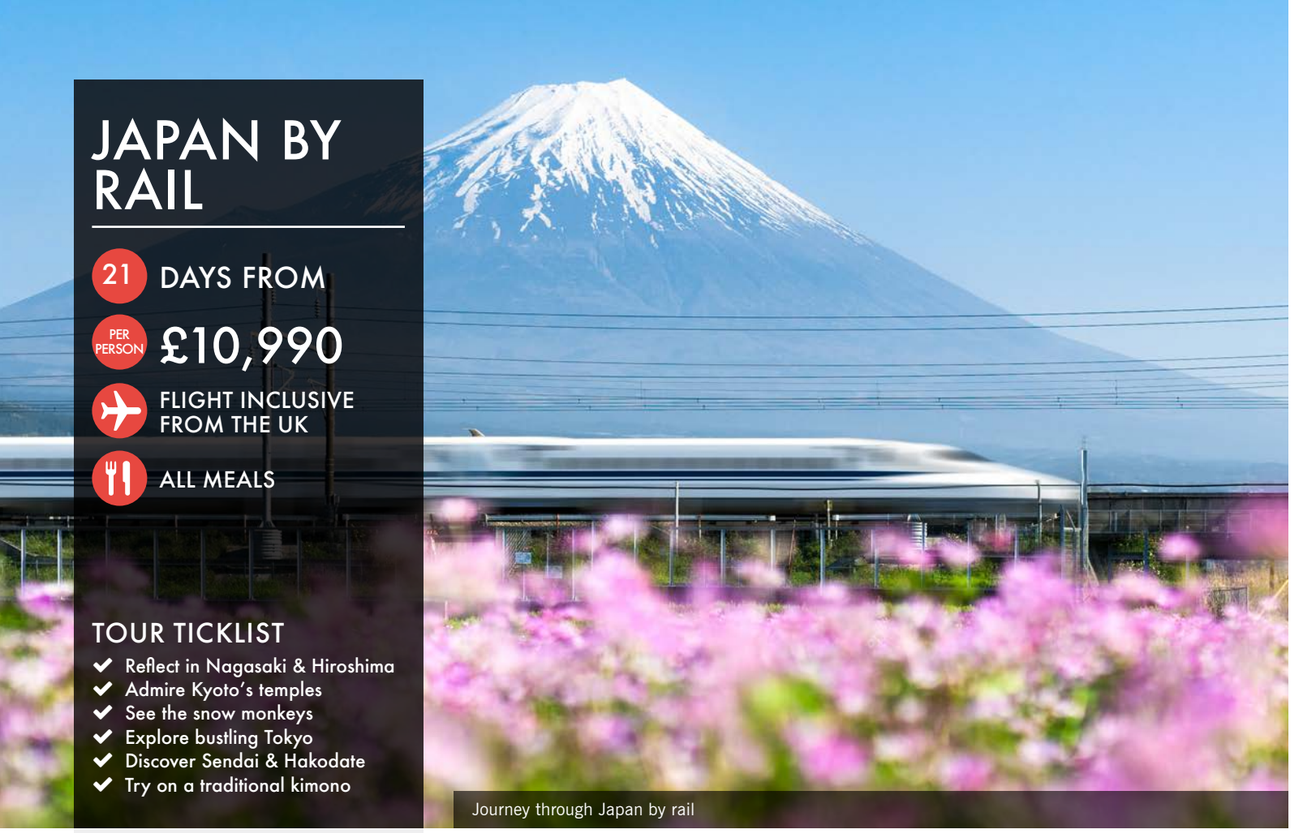

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TOUR TICKLIST

- Reflect in Nagasaki & Hiroshima
- Admire Kyoto's temples
- See the snow monkeys
- Explore bustling Tokyo
- Discover Sendai & Hakodate
- Try on a traditional kimono

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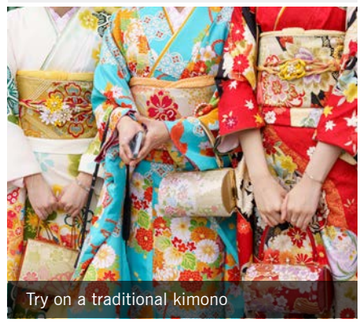


Try on a traditional kimono

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a kimono-dressing experience in Matsushima, learning the history and rules of this elegant garment, and enjoy taking photos at the historic Zuiganji Temple.
- Discover the history and etiquette of making and appreciating sushi with a hands-on lesson before sitting down with your instructing chef to enjoy Japan's most famous cuisine. It's the taking part that counts!
- Learn about the role of the masu sake cup in Japan's culture before stepping into the studio to make your very own cup with an original design, which you can then take home as a souvenir.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO FUKUOKA

Fly overnight to the charming city of Fukuoka, the gateway to the island of Kyushu. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE NAGASAKI

Begin the day by travelling on the limited express train to Nagasaki. Explore Glover Garden, home to the 19th-century mansion of Thomas Glover, a Scottish merchant who played a key role in Japan's civil war and subsequent Meiji Restoration. This afternoon, pay your respects at the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum before returning to Fukuoka.

DAY 4: MIYAJIMA ISLAND

Board the bullet train to Hiroshima, located on Japan's largest island, Honshu. Upon arrival in Hiroshima, take the ferry across the Seto Inland Sea to the holy island of Miyajima. Here, admire the 'floating' torii gate and try your hand at making 'momiji manju' – a maple leaf-shaped sponge cake considered a local favourite. Later, return to Hiroshima.

DAY 5: HIROSHIMA HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Hiroshima's poignant Peace Museum to learn about the devastation of the 1945 atomic bomb, then pay your respects to the victims at the Memorial Park. After lunch, ascend Orizuru Tower for views of this reinvigorated city, and end the day with a stroll through Shukkei-en Garden.

DAY 6: ADMIRE HIMEJI CASTLE

Take the bullet train from Hiroshima to Himeji, where you'll visit the magnificent Himeji Castle before exploring Koko-en's beautiful gardens. Continue by limited express to Osaka.

DAY 7: OSAKA, NARA & CALLIGRAPHY

Admire views of Osaka from the Umeda Sky Building, then head out of the city to visit historic Nara, Japan's eighth-century capital. Admire Todai-ji Temple, home to the 15-metre-tall bronze Daibutsu Buddha, and say hello to the free-roaming deer who wander the grounds here. Enjoy an ink making and calligraphy class before returning to Osaka.

DAY 8: KYOTO'S TEMPLES

Drive one hour to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Upon arrival, stroll through the Arashiyama bamboo forest and admire its towering thickets. Also visit Ryoan-ji Temple, home to Japan's best-known Zen garden, and Kinkaku-ji, the famous 'Golden Pavilion'.

DAY 9: TEA CEREMONY & FAN PAINTING

Immerse yourself in the Japanese way of life with a number of cultural activities. Watch the sacred rituals of a tea ceremony, relax with a Zen meditation demonstration, and try your hand at fan painting. Later, explore Gion – Kyoto's famous former geisha district.

DAY 10: EXPLORE KANAZAWA

Take the limited express train to Kanazawa and meander your way through Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Also visit the Nomura Samurai House and Kunani Pottery Factory.

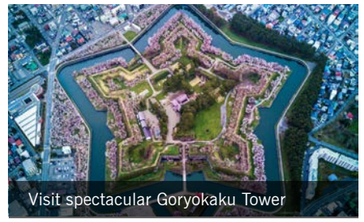
DAY 11: SHIRAKAWA-GO VILLAGE

Drive south towards the Alps, stopping at Inami for a sake tasting and wooden cup making. Later, admire the gassho-style farmhouses at the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawa-go, famous for their steep thatched roofs that resemble 'hands in prayer'. Continue to Takayama.





Pay your respects in Hiroshima



Visit spectacular Goryokaku Tower

DAY 12: DISCOVER TAKAYAMA

Explore Takayama, a traditional town at the edge of the Japanese Alps. Browse the riverside market before visiting the Festival Floats Museum and Takayama Jinya. The afternoon is at leisure to shop or enjoy the onsen facilities at your hotel.

DAY 13: SNOW MONKEYS

Drive through the scenic Japanese Alps to Jigokudani Yaen-Koen. Lace up your boots for a forest hike to the steaming hot springs, where semi-wild snow monkeys gather to bathe and play. Later, continue your journey to historic Matsumoto.

DAY 14: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Begin the day with a visit to the magnificent 16th-century Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle', due to its intense black exterior. Next, head to a miso house and learn about the process of making this famous Japanese seasoning. Also visit the former post town of Narai-juku. Continue to your hotel in Suwa or the wider area.

DAY 15: MOUNT FUJI

Drive south to reach the tranquil Lake Kawaguchi, where reflections of Mount Fuji ripple across the water. From here, drive up to Fuji's 5th Station for a closer view of the iconic peak. Continue to Tokyo, Japan's iconic capital.

DAY 16: TOUR TOKYO

Begin the day with a stroll through Hamarikyu Gardens. Next, take part in a sushi making class, and enjoy your own creations for lunch! Later, soak up the atmosphere at Senso-ji, browse the stalls on Nakamise shopping street and drive by the Imperial Palace Plaza.

DAY 17: TOKYO HIGHLIGHTS

Head to the Tokyo Metropolitan Building observation deck for breathtaking views over the sprawling city. Next, soak up the buzzing atmosphere at the world-famous Shibuya Scramble Crossing before lunch. The afternoon is at leisure. End the day with a relaxing dinner cruise on the waters of Tokyo Bay; the perfect vantage point from which to admire the city lights.

DAY 18: MATSUSHIMA BAY

Hop on the bullet train to Sendai, Tohoku's largest city. Transfer to the coast and enjoy a kimono-dressing experience in Matsushima and take photos at Zuiganji Temple. Later, take a relaxing cruise on Matsushima Bay, one of the Three Great Views of Japan. Overnight in Sendai.

DAY 19: HAKODATE, HOKKAIDO

Say goodbye to Honshu as you board the bullet train to Hakodate, located on the island of Hokkaido. Visit the Goryokaku Tower for views of Hakodate's star shaped fortress, followed by some time at leisure. This evening, ascend Mount Hakodate for sweeping city views.

DAY 20: THE NATIONAL AINU MUSEUM

Board the express train to Shiraoi, where you'll visit the fascinating Ainu Museum and explore the culture of the indigenous Ainu people of Hokkaido. Ainu heritage is characterised by its rich storytelling tradition, historic hunting lifestyle, and a deep relationship with the world's 'kamuy', or spirit deities. Continue to Sapporo, our final stop.

DAY 21: FLY SAPPORO TO UK

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

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2027 DATES			
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15 Mar - 04 Apr	£11,090	04 Jun - 24 Jun	£10,990
19 Mar - 08 Apr	£11,090	10 Sep - 30 Sep	£10,990
21 Mar - 10 Apr	£11,090	17 Sep - 07 Oct	£10,990
23 Mar - 12 Apr	£11,090	24 Sep - 14 Oct	£10,990
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31 Mar - 20 Apr	£11,090	12 Oct - 01 Nov	£10,990
02 Apr - 22 Apr	£11,090	16 Oct - 05 Nov	£10,990
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14 May - 03 Jun	£10,990	02 Nov - 22 Nov	£10,990
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17 Mar - 06 Apr	£11,490	10 Sep - 30 Sep	£11,390
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Flight and supplement information

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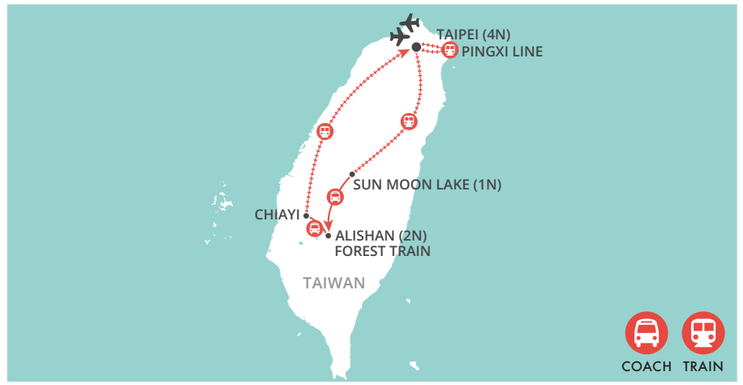
TOUR TICKLIST

- Discover vibrant Taipei
- Explore along the Pingxi Line
- Cruise scenic Sun Moon Lake
- Visit a night market
- Ride a high-speed train



Ride the scenic Alishan Forest Train



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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A less explored nation with its captivating combination of old and new, natural beauty and high-tech modernity, exploring Taiwan on an itinerary that features two historic railways and a journey on a high-speed train, is a glorious adventure.



Explore tea plantations



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Get a taste of Alishan's home grown coffee

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- The verdant Alishan region is not only known for tea but also for its rich, handpicked coffee. Visit Yuyupas Indigenous Culture Park to sample Alishan's distinctive mountain-grown coffee, surrounded by scenic plantations and forested hills.
- Originally constructed for logging, the Alishan Forest Train runs through a scenic mountain resort and nature reserve, passing villages, waterfalls, tea plantations and mountain wilderness. It is the highest narrow-gauge mountain railway in Asia.
- Venture into Sun Moon Lake's night market, wandering with your guide along the waterfront promenade. Stop to enjoy dessert, like red bean mochi, taro balls in warm syrup, or bubble tea.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO TAIPEI

Fly overnight to Taiwan's capital, Taipei, and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the remainder of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the local culture. Taipei is a laidback yet vibrant city, blending ultramodern style with rich heritage. It's a bastion of Taiwan's unique fusion of Japanese and Southeast Asian influences.

DAY 3: EXPLORE TAIPEI

Today you will explore Taipei, starting with a visit to the National Palace Museum, home to thousands of artifacts and artworks including many from the Ming and Qing dynasties. Then explore the Chiang Kai-shek (CKS) Memorial Hall, a grand monument dedicated to the former leader. Later, take the high-speed elevator to the observation deck on the 89th floor of Taipei 101 for a birds-eye view of the city.

DAY 4: RIDE THE PINGXI LINE

Travel to Ruifang for a day tour along the scenic Pingxi Line, a historic eight-mile railway once used for coal transport. Today, it winds through mountain cliffs, streams, waterfalls, and old mining towns. Stop to explore along the way, including Pingxi Old Street, Shifen Waterfall, and Shifen Old Street, where you'll witness the beautiful tradition of locals releasing sky lanterns with their wishes. End the day in Jiufen, a picturesque town of lantern-lit lanes, teahouses, and sweeping ocean views, then return to Taipei.

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO SUN MOON LAKE

This morning take a train to the picturesque Sun Moon Lake, a designated National Scenic Area. Explore the imposing Wenwu Temple, perched on the lake's shore with beautiful views. Head out onto the lake itself on a cruise and relax into panoramas of forested shores, turquoise blue waters and the mountains beyond. After dinner, wander to the local night market for a sweet treat to end the day.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO ALISHAN

Take a final glimpse at Sun Moon Lake's beauty before heading to the Bantaoyao Craft Park. A former pottery factory, here you'll discover the history of traditional Taiwanese ceramics, learning about the craftsmanship that made this site a cornerstone of the region. Continue to Yuyupas, a cultural park where you can discover more about the indigenous Tsou Tribe. Take part in a tea and coffee tasting, sampling leaves and beans grown and handpicked in Alishan's lush mountain farms.



Visit the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall

DAY 7: BOARD THE FOREST TRAIN

Rise early this morning for spectacular dawn views (weather permitting). Then explore the beautiful Alishan Forest Recreation Area with a ride on the Forest Train – the highest narrow-gauge railway in Asia – as it winds through scenic mountain forests. Continue your sightseeing on foot around Alishan stopping at natural sights such as the Sister Pond, Brother Tree and Three Generation Tree.

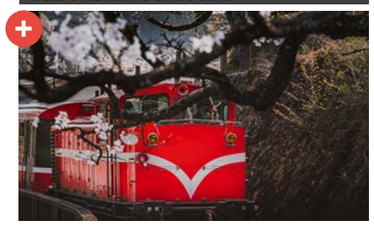
DAY 8: RETURN TO TAIPEI

The morning begins in Fenqihu, a mountain village of old merchant lanes and railway nostalgia. From here, take the high-speed train north to Taipei, the island's green interior blurring past at 300km per hour. The 18th-century Longshan Temple offers a quietly moving final encounter with Taiwan's spiritual life, then sit down for a farewell dinner.

DAY 9: FLY TAIPEI TO UK

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

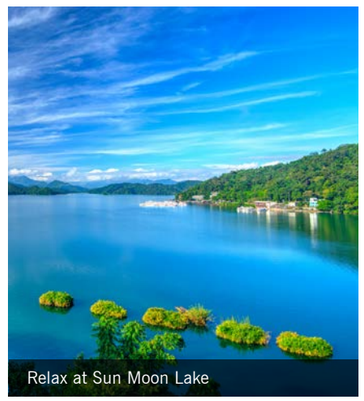
SEE CHERRY BLOSSOMS



Travelling in March offers the chance to experience the magic of Alishan as its cherry blossoms burst into bloom.



Travel on the famous Pingxi line



Relax at Sun Moon Lake

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Thursday

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- Admire UNESCO-listed Bulguksa Temple
- Ride a Korean bullet train



Discover the Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto

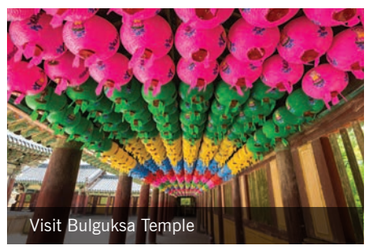
Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£2,530	£4,080
Superior	£2,730	£4,480
Deluxe	£3,210	£5,140

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul, 1 night Gyeongju)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This Short Stay is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Asiana Airlines.



Visit Bulguksa Temple



ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Make your way to Seoul, South Korea's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. The rest of your day is at leisure to explore the city's temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards. Perhaps take advantage of Seoul's foodie credentials – the street snacks are second to none!

DAY 2: EXPLORE SEOUL

Take a full day to explore some of Seoul's many treasures with a local guide. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, the country's most famous and beautiful royal palace (closed on Tuesdays). Explore the palace grounds and witness the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Stop by Gwangjang Market, where you may like to sample some of Seoul's best street food (payable locally). Finally, visit the hillside Namsan Park and its N Seoul Tower. Please note you may visit an alternative park in cherry blossom season, depending on your guide's recommendation. (B)

DAY 3: HISTORIC GYEONGJU

Transfer to Seoul station for the KTX bullet train to Gyeongju; a cross-country journey of approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes. Located in the southeastern corner of North Gyeongsang Province, this UNESCO-listed city was the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, the easternmost of Korea's historic Three Kingdoms. The Silla Kingdom, which existed from 57BC to 935AD, peaked between the 7th and 9th centuries. Today, the city of Gyeongju is a living museum, brimming with Silla heritage sites from tombs and temples to pagodas and palaces. On arrival, meet your driver and enjoy lunch before discovering historic Gyeongju. Head to Mount Tohamsan and the UNESCO-listed site of Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. The temple is considered a masterpiece of Silla architecture, whilst Seokguram Grotto, a hermitage, is home to some of the world's best Buddhist sculptures. Later, enjoy the views around Bomun Lake. Stay overnight in Gyeongju. (B,L)

DAY 4: RETURN TO SEOUL

Meet your driver-guide to further explore Gyeongju. Start at the National Museum and marvel at its collection of Silla relics. Continue to Tumuli Park with its many royal tombs before heading to the 7th-century Cheomseongdae Observatory, the oldest surviving observatory in East Asia. Finally, visit Anapji Pond. Return by bullet train to Seoul, where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART SEOUL

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

TAIWAN EXPRESS

8 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- Ride the Pingxi Valley line
- Ascend Taipei 101
- Unwind at Sun Moon Lake
- Explore beautiful Alishan
- Journey on the high-speed rail



Ride the scenic Alishan Forest train

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£2,490	£4,390

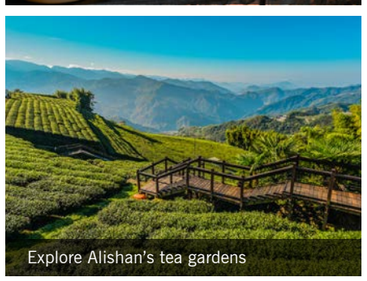
Price includes:

- 3-4 star accommodation (4 nights Taipei, 1 night Sun Moon Lake, 2 nights Chiayi)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This Short Stay is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with China Airlines.



Indulge in Taipei's street food



Explore Alishan's tea gardens

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Arrive in Taiwan's vibrant capital, Taipei, where you'll be met and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2: RIDE THE PINGXI LINE

After breakfast, head to Taipei railway station by metro. Board the train to Ruifang, where you start your guided tour along the scenic eight-mile Pingxi Line. There are 12 stations on Pingxi Line and your guide will recommend the best places to hop on and off to explore the country villages and waterfalls. A stop at Shifen Old Street is a must for all travellers, where you can purchase a sky lantern to carry wishes and hopes for the future. Return to Taipei by train. (B,L)

DAY 3: EXPLORE TAIPEI

Today you will explore Taipei with your local guide, using the city's public transport system. Start with a visit to the National Palace Museum, home to thousands of artifacts and artworks that showcase 8,000 years of Chinese history, before admiring the Chiang Kai-shek (CKS) Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader. Next, take to the skies via a high-speed elevator up to the observation deck on the 89th floor of Taipei 101 for a birds-eye view of the city. Later, explore the 18th-century Longshan Temple, and in the evening, visit one of Taipei's night markets, famous for their snack-focused, tasty street food. (B,L)

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO SUN MOON LAKE

This morning travel to Sun Moon Lake, a designated National Scenic Area. Visit the imposing Wenwu Temple, built on the shore of the lake with beautiful views. Set sail on a cruise of the lake itself soaking up spectacular panoramas of forested shores, turquoise blue waters and the mountains beyond. (B)

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO CHIAYI

Travel to Bantaoyao Craft Park, a former pottery factory where you'll take part in a mosaic workshop - learning the proper technique and decorating your own tile. Lunch today will be traditional hot pot, cooking various meats and vegetables in a delicious broth. This afternoon, visit the Museum of Old Taiwan Tiles. (B,L)

DAY 6: RIDE THE FOREST TRAIN

Travel to Yuyupas, a cultural park where you can learn about the indigenous Tsou Tribe and enjoy a coffee or tea tasting experience. Then begin your exploration of the beautiful Alishan Forest Recreation Area and ride the scenic Alishan Forest Train, the highest narrow-gauge railway in Asia, as it winds through dense forest. Continue your sightseeing around Alishan stopping at natural sights such as the Sister Pond, Brother Tree and Three Generation Tree. (B)

DAY 7: RETURN TO TAIPEI

Journey back to Taipei, pausing en route at the fascinating Changhua Roundhouse, a railway roundhouse built in 1922. You'll also visit Lukang Old Street, known for its many temples and atmospheric narrow lanes. Then, transfer to Changhua train station to board a high-speed train to Taipei, reaching speeds of up to 300km per hour. On arrival you'll transfer to your hotel where the rest of the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 8: FLY TAIPEI TO UK

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



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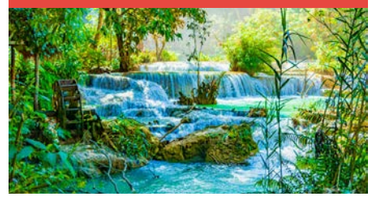
4 MEKONG DELTA

Explore the lush Mekong Delta, meeting the locals and experiencing the culture, on our Vietnam & the Reunification Express tour (page 36).



5 LUANG PRABANG

Discover Luang Prabang, a place of great spiritual and natural beauty. Visit the Kuang Si Waterfall, where turquoise waters cascade between limestone pools in the lush forest (pages 42 & 44).



6 BANGKOK

Wander through Bangkok, a vibrant city where ancient traditions meet modern energy. Visit the magnificent Grand Palace, boasting some of the finest Thai-Buddhist architecture and Wat Pho, one of the largest and oldest temples in Bangkok (pages 40 & 42).



7 JAMES BOND ISLAND

Marvel at the striking seascapes of James Bond Island, where towering cliffs rise from cerulean waters in cinematic splendour, on our Singapore to Bangkok by Rail tour or our Grand Tour of Asia by Rail tour (pages 40 & 44).



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- Enjoy a performance of Saigon's must-see culture extravaganza, the A O Show, at the city's landmark Opera House. This showcase of talented local circus performers, dancers, athletes, and artists makes for an incredible evening!

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

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

DAY 3: HANOI BY CYCLO

Begin your day at the Ethnology Museum, with its mesmerising displays exploring the country's 54 ethnic minority groups. In its grounds are a range of full-size replica longhouses demonstrating traditional ways of life in rural Vietnam. After lunch, cross the Red Bridge over Hoan Kiem Lake to visit Ngoc Son Temple before embarking on a cyclo tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter. Wrap up your day with a foodie tour through the city.

DAY 4: EXPLORE HANOI

Discover Hanoi on foot during today's walking tour. Begin with the serene Temple of Literature, Hanoi's first university. Then, explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you will gain an insight into the Vietnamese War before visiting the Humble House on Stilts, the residence of Ho Chi Minh in the grounds of the Presidential Palace, his mausoleum and the One Pillar Pagoda.

DAY 5: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Head to Halong Bay, where you will embark on an unforgettable two-night cruise through this beautiful seascape. Enjoy lunch onboard as you cruise out into the bay, followed by an afternoon of activities such as kayaking, swimming, or relaxing on an island beach. End the day on deck with a drink in hand to watch the sunset, followed by a freshly prepared dinner, before retiring to your cabin for the night.

DAY 6: VISIT FLOATING VILLAGES

Rise early to enjoy a Tai Chi lesson on deck as the sun rises, and admire the changing seascapes as you continue deeper into the bay. Visit floating villages, hidden caves, and sandy beaches before another night on board.

DAY 7: OVERNIGHT TRAIN

Cruise back to port, pausing to explore one of Halong Bay's impressive caves along the way. After an early brunch on board, disembark and prepare to board your overnight train to Hue - your first journey on the legendary Reunification Express. Originally completed under French colonial rule in 1936, the line was renamed after trains connected north and south Vietnam once again in 1976. Travel in comfort aboard the Lotus Express carriages and take in the ever-changing landscapes as you depart the capital.

DAY 8: EXPLORE HUE

Disembark the Reunification Express as you arrive in Hue this morning. 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-listed Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set amid serene gardens and tranquil pools. Continue to the old Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a cruise on the Perfume River.

DAY 9: RIDE THE REUNIFICATION LINE

Hop back aboard the Reunification Express in Hue and enjoy one of the world's most scenic rail journeys, travelling over a dramatic mountain pass and alongside a spectacular stretch of coastline to Danang. Continue by road to charming Hoi An, a wonderfully laid-back town rich in tradition and timeless character. This afternoon, venture into the countryside to Tra Que, a farming village known for supplying fresh herbs and vegetables to local businesses. Soak up the lush landscape as you stroll through vibrant vegetable gardens, watch local farmers at work, and try your hand at traditional cultivation techniques. Then, take part in a hands-on cooking demonstration and savour the flavours of authentic local specialties.

DAY 10: EXPLORE HOI AN

Head out on a walking tour of the Old Town, visiting the Chua Ong Chinese Pagoda, a 200-year-old merchant house, and the Japanese Covered Bridge. Stop by the Hoi An Folklore Museum for an insight into local life before enjoying the rest of the afternoon at leisure. You may wish to visit one of the many boutique shops or head to the local beach to relax.

DAY 11: FLY TO SAIGON

Transfer to Danang and fly to Saigon, Vietnam's bustling southern city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure as you start to soak up the vibrant atmosphere before an exciting performance of the A O show this evening, showcasing the talented local circus performers, dancers, athletes, and artists.

DAY 12: DISCOVER SAIGON

Uncover the ingenious guerrilla tactics of the Viet Cong as you explore the legendary Cu Chi Tunnels. For an authentic insight into the war, meet a Vietnamese veteran and hear his story. This afternoon, explore the city's heady mix of local culture and colonial influences, admiring major landmarks like the Notre-Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office before spending time at the poignant War Remnants Museum.

DAY 13: EXPLORE THE MEKONG DELTA

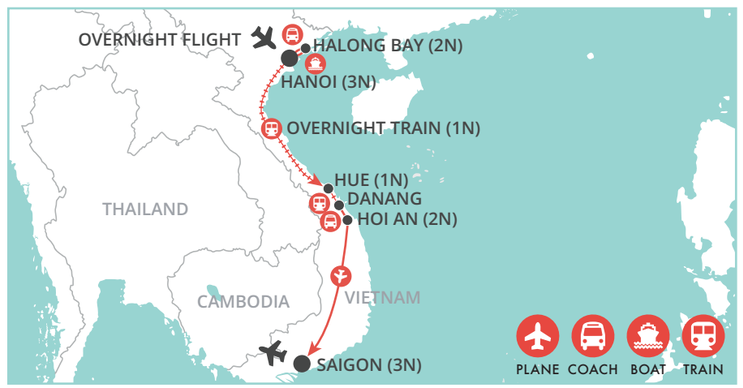
Travel to My Tho for a memorable cruise along the Mekong River. Paddle through a maze of palm-lined canals and catch a glimpse of daily life in the vibrant Mekong Delta. Savour a lunch of traditional Mekong dishes before stopping at the peaceful Vinh Trang Pagoda on your return to Saigon.

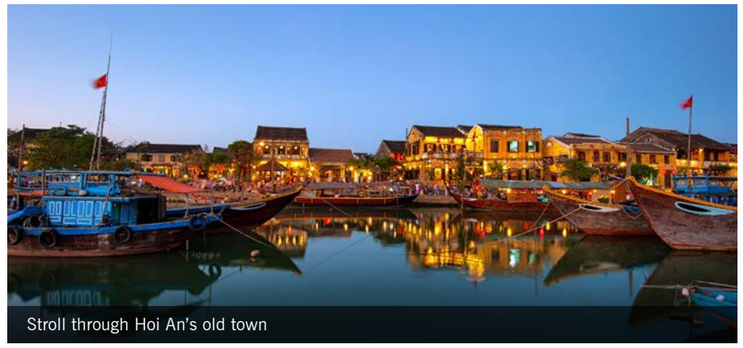
DAY 14: FLY SAIGON TO UK

Transfer to the airport to fly back to the UK, arriving the same or following day.



See the floating villages of Halong Bay





Stroll through Hoi An's old town



Explore Hue's Purple Forbidden City

CLASSIC
VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover Vietnam's diverse landscapes on a range of journeys, including train rides along sections of the iconic Reunification Line, offering ever-changing scenery and a fascinating insight into local life along the way.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- Uncover the charm of Yogyakarta
- See Semarang's unique architecture
- Visit Prambanan's 9th-century temples
- Admire magnificent Borobudur
- Discover spectacular Mt Bromo
- Explore Komodo National Park



Marvel at sunrise over Mt Bromo

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts (B), 12 lunches (L), 10 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Excludes Indonesia visa (pay on arrival)



Taste Jakarta's bold street food

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Embrace the delicious flavours of Indonesia on the vibrant Sabang Street in Jakarta, as you taste a range of popular street foods. Spend the evening tucking into tasty local dishes like nasi goreng and chicken satay.
- Experience the traditional life of rural Java in quaint Candirejo village. Immerse yourself in Javanese culture, meet local artisans, and discover traditional handicrafts, food preparation, and farming practices.
- Rise early to venture up Mount Bromo by jeep to the perfect vantage point for sunrise. As the sun's rays creep over the horizon, the views over the volcano and the spectacular landscapes surrounding it are awe-inspiring.

ITINERARY

DAY 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO JAKARTA

Fly overnight to Jakarta, Indonesia's bustling capital on the island of Java. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is free for you to begin immersing yourself in the local culture. (D)

DAY 3: DISCOVER JAKARTA

Delve into Jakarta's history and modern-day charm. Start by visiting Batavia, the colonial Old Town, see Batavia Square, Sunda Kelapa Harbour and head to the Fatahillah Museum to learn about the city's colonial past. In the evening, dive into Jakarta's lively street food scene on Sabang Street, sampling local favourites such as lontong sayur and gado-gado. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: JAKARTA TO SEMARANG BY TRAIN

Today, board the train to Semarang, with its unique blend of rich Chinese heritage and Dutch colonial architecture. Upon arrival, enjoy a tour that gives a glimpse into Semarang's storied past. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: SEMARANG TO YOGYAKARTA

As you travel towards Yogyakarta, stop at Gedong Songo, a collection of 8th-century Hindu temples nestled among the volcanic mountains, with panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. Continue your journey to the Ambarawa Railway Museum, a fascinating showcase of Indonesia's steam locomotive heritage, and a treat for railway enthusiasts. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: EXPLORE YOGYAKARTA

Explore Yogyakarta, a hub of Javanese art and culture, in a traditional becak (rickshaw). Highlights include the Sultan's Palace, the heart of Javanese royal life, and the serene Taman Sari Water Castle. Immerse yourself in a hands-on Javanese batik workshop to explore local patterns and traditions. Then visit UNESCO-listed Prambanan, Southeast Asia's largest Hindu temple complex, and marvel at its stunning stone reliefs and soaring spires. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: CANDIREJO VILLAGE & BOROBUDUR

Experience traditional Javanese life in Candirejo. Enjoy a horse cart ride through this charming village and learn more about farming practices and local traditions. Later, visit the magnificent Borobudur, the world's largest Buddhist temple, known for its intricate carvings and 504 statues of Buddha. This UNESCO World Heritage Site sits majestically atop a hill with sweeping views of the surrounding lush jungle. (B,L)



Experience the magic of Borobudur



GO BEYOND INDONESIA

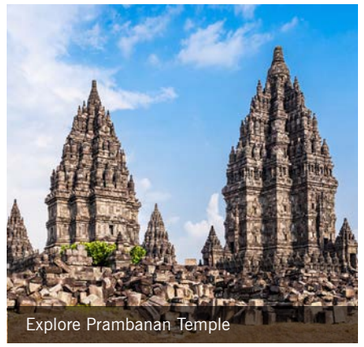
PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An epic introduction to the limitless charms of Indonesia, this tour will immerse you in fascinating cultures and showcase magnificent nature. With endless adventures around every corner, this lush tropical archipelago will ignite your spirit of discovery!



Witness the legendary Komodo dragons in their natural habitat



Explore Prambanan Temple

DAY 8: YOGYAKARTA TO BROMO

Catch a train to Mojokerto, then travel on to Bromo, where you'll stay overnight on the edge of the Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park, with stunning views of Mount Bromo and the surrounding volcanic landscapes. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: MT BROMO SUNRISE

Rise early for an exciting Jeep ride to the Bromo viewpoint. Here, you'll witness the spectacular sunrise over the volcano, with its plume of smoke drifting into the sky. Afterwards, explore the Sea of Sand, a surreal landscape of volcanic ash and craters. In the afternoon, continue your journey to Malang, a city known for its cool mountain air, laidback atmosphere, and colonial architecture. (B,L)

DAY 10: EXPLORE MALANG

Malang is renowned for its youthful energy, thanks to its many universities and welcoming atmosphere. Enjoy the charming street life before discovering Malang's colourful side with a visit to Jodipan, a village famous for its vibrant street art. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: FLY TO FLORES ISLAND

Transfer to Surabaya Airport for your flight to Labuan Bajo, a small town on the western tip of Flores Island. Upon arrival, visit Batu Cermin Cave, a striking natural wonder where sunlight reflects off the rock formations, creating an otherworldly light display. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: KOMODO DRAGONS

Hop on a speedboat and explore the islands of Komodo National Park, including the famous island that is home to the endemic Komodo dragons, as well as the stunning Pink Beach. Fringed with mangroves and featuring rugged hills covered in woodland and grassland, these islands are home to a wealth of wildlife living alongside these legendary creatures. (B,L)

DAY 13: KOMODO NATIONAL PARK

Komodo National Park is not only known for ancient reptiles but also for its dramatic volcanic islands, crystal-clear waters, and pristine beaches. Today you'll explore islands such as Rinca, Kelor, and Manjarite, making the most of the wildlife sighting opportunities and spectacular landscapes. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: FLY TO BALI

Fly to Denpasar and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy time at leisure to relax or explore Bali's capital city at your own pace before a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAYS 15-16: FLY DENPASAR TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving the following day. (B)



Visit the vibrant Jodipan in Malang

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary

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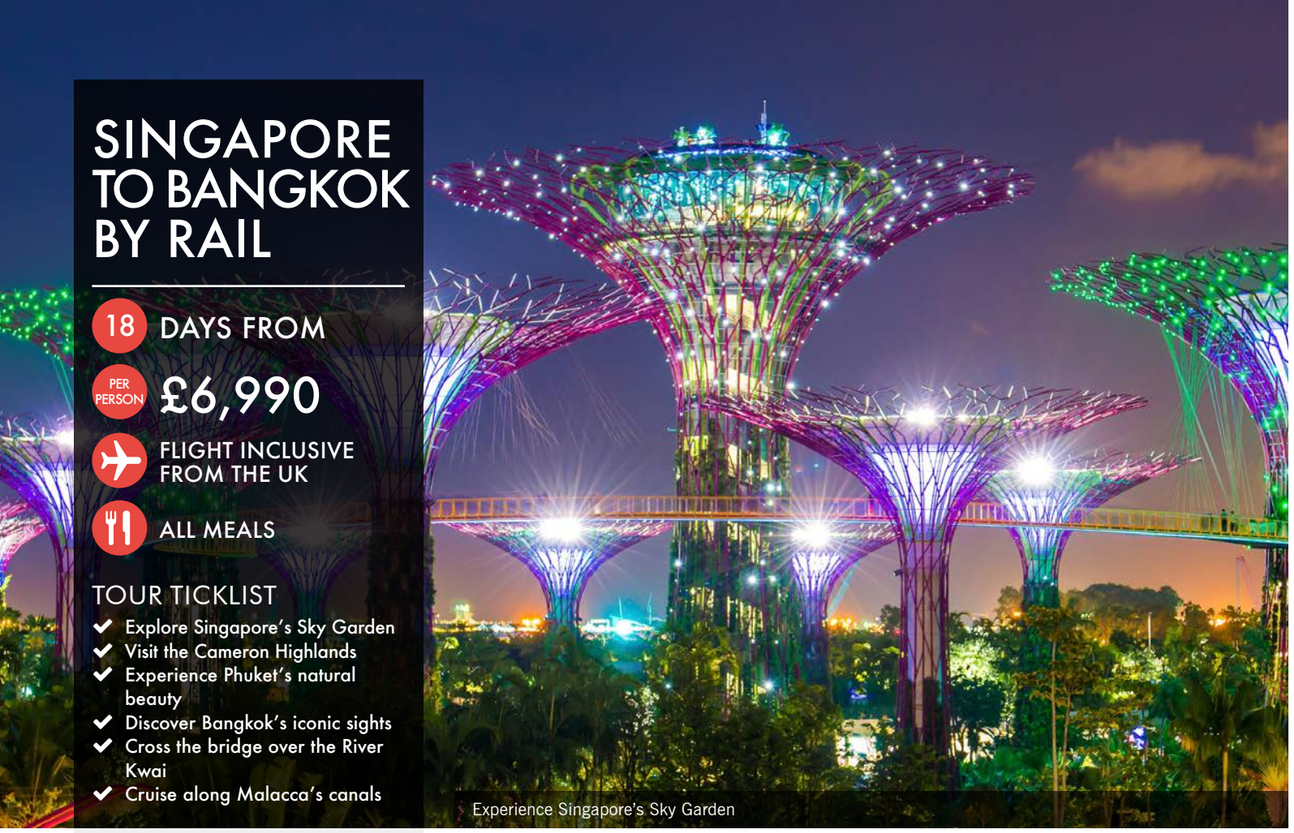
- Visit the Cameron Highlands
- Experience Phuket's natural beauty
- Discover Bangkok's iconic sights
- Cross the bridge over the River Kwai
- Cruise along Malacca's canals


Experience Singapore's Sky Garden

PRICE INCLUDES

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- Touring with guides and entrance fees


Feast on Thai and Malay street food

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▸ Indulge in the vibrant flavours of Malaysia and Thailand with street food tours in both Kuala Lumpur and Phuket, sampling some of the most authentic and delicious local dishes each has to offer.
- ▸ Opened in 1923, the Penang Hill Funicular climbs two kilometres to the summit, passing through the world's steepest tunnel. At the top, enjoy tea and cake in a charming colonial house and explore unspoiled nature.
- ▸ Experience authentic village life in Bang Rong, taking part in hands-on activities including pineapple harvesting, rubber tapping and coconut picking, before a tranquil kayak journey through mangrove waterways rich in wildlife and natural beauty.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SINGAPORE

Fly overnight to Singapore and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE SINGAPORE

Start at the orchid gardens before taking a walking tour of the Civic District to admire stunning colonial landmarks. Then, explore the famous shopping street, Orchard Road, followed by a bumboat ride for a unique view of the city. After lunch, the rest of the day is dedicated to the iconic Gardens by the Bay, visiting the Cloud Forest and Flower Dome before enjoying the evening light show at the Supertree Grove.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO MALACCA

Cross the bridge from Singapore to Johor Bahru in Malaysia. Drive through the Malay countryside to the historic town of Malacca, arriving in the late afternoon. Later, cruise Malacca's old canals as the sun sets.

DAY 5: DISCOVER MALACCA

Immerse yourself in Malacca's multi-faceted heritage with a tour of its fascinating Old Town, where a blend of empires have left their mark. Stroll the Street of Harmony, where Hindu, Chinese and Muslim places of worship sit side by side, stopping at a local craft museum. This afternoon head to Tampin Station to hop on the train to Kuala Lumpur. Here, your explorations begin with a street food tour.

DAY 6: BATU CAVES

Take a 30-minute metro ride out of the city to visit the Batu Caves, one of Malaysia's most important Hindu temples. Return to Kuala Lumpur and visit the city's highlights, including Masjid Jamek and the landmarks of the Old District – Sutan Abdul Samad Clock Tower, Independence Square, and the Central Market. Ascend to the KL Tower's Skydeck for views of the city skyline, dominated by the Petronas Twin Towers.

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO CAMERON HIGHLANDS

Enjoy a morning at leisure before boarding the train to Tapah Road. After lunch, take a scenic road trip into the Cameron Highlands, stopping at Lata Iskandar Waterfall. Pause at an indigenous Orang Asli roadside shop that sells forest honey and handicrafts, where the chief may extend an invitation to visit the village.

DAY 8: MOSSY FOREST WALK

Embark on a gentle uphill hike through the Mossy Forest, home to exotic plants like ferns and pitcher plants, and be rewarded with stunning panoramic views. Visit a tea plantation to learn about local tea production before driving to Ipoh. Then, board a train to Penang, passing scenic countryside and crossing Bukit Merah Lake before arriving in George Town.


See the iconic James Bond Island



CLASSIC

SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, THAILAND

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Make your way by train from Singapore through Malaysia to Penang, then fly across the border into Thailand to continue from Phuket to Bangkok, discovering spectacular landscapes, culture-rich cities, and plenty of local cuisine along the way.


Ride the Death Railway

DAY 9: PENANG HILL

Spend the morning exploring the heritage-rich streets of George Town and pay a visit to the Penang Peranakan Mansion to see its fascinating antiques. After lunch, head to the foot of Penang Hill and board the historic funicular train to reach the top. Pause for a cup of tea and pastry at the century-old-bungalow-turned-restaurant then take on a canopy walkway through the protected rainforest before strolling the trails of the forest floor.

DAY 10: FLY TO PHUKET

Transfer to the airport for a lunchtime flight to Phuket. On arrival, enjoy time at leisure to relax or explore at your own pace.

DAY 11: JAMES BOND ISLAND

Hop on a speedboat and head out on an exploration of the spectacular Phang Nga Bay, home to some of Thailand's most gorgeous scenery. Stop at Panak Island and discover its mysterious caves by canoe then zip around Koh Tapu, also called 'James Bond Island', featured in the 1974 film *The Man with the Golden Gun.*

DAY 12: ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

This morning, you'll support ethical tourism with a memorable visit to the Phuket Elephant Sanctuary. Observe elephants in their natural habitat of lush tropical jungle, feed them, and learn about their individual stories. Return to Phuket and embark on a street food tour, sampling the bold flavors of Southern Thailand. As dusk falls, soak up the atmosphere of a bustling night market.

DAY 13: VILLAGE LIFE

Drive to Bang Rong Community for an immersive cultural experience. Experience rural Thai life up close with hands-on activities like pineapple harvesting, rubber tapping and coconut picking. After lunch, enjoy a relaxing kayak journey through peaceful mangrove waterways, and find out more about this vital eco-system before continuing to Surat Thani.

DAY 14: TRAIN TO HUA HIN

Take the train to Hua Hin, winding along the coast with excellent seaside views throughout the journey.

DAY 15: HUA HIN & TRAIN TO BANGKOK

Enjoy a relaxed morning at leisure in Hua Hin. Perhaps take a stroll along the beach, unwind at a local café, or browse the bustling markets at your own pace before boarding the train to Bangkok this afternoon.

DAY 16: DEATH RAILWAY

Take a day trip to Kanchanaburi and explore its historic role during WWII amidst a beautiful forest setting. Visit the railway museum, Allied War Cemetery, Hellfire Pass and ride the Death Railway, crossing the famous bridge on the River Kwai.

DAY 17: BANGKOK CITY TOUR

This morning, discover Bangkok's highlights on a city tour that features the Grand Palace, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and Wat Pho. Stop by the amulet market to learn about these Buddhist charms. After lunch, enjoy time at leisure until your farewell dinner.

DAY 18: FLY BANGKOK TO UK

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

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ALL MEALS


Journey to the sacred 14th-century Wat Phra That Doi Suthep

TOUR TICKLIST

- Discover vibrant Bangkok
- Explore the Thai highlands
- Cruise the Mekong through Laos
- Visit pandas in Chengdu
- See China's Wall and Warriors

PRICE INCLUDES

- 17 breakfasts, 16 lunches & 17 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation and eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees


Enjoy a Thai cooking class

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- In the heart of a lush garden, set in the peaceful countryside around Chiang Mai, learn the secrets of traditional Thai food in an open-air kitchen. With expert guidance full of tips and techniques, cook with fresh local ingredients, and create something delicious!
- Join a family in their home for an atmospheric Baci ceremony; a traditional Laotian ritual for blessing and good fortune, before sitting down to a home-cooked dinner shared with your hosts.
- Dine on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings, a Chinese culinary delight with savoury fillings and be immersed in the Tang Dynasty's opulence through a vibrant dance show, capturing the elegance and cultural richness of ancient China.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY UK TO BANGKOK
Arrive in Bangkok and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: BANGKOK CITY TOUR
Bangkok is a whirlwind of exotic energy and one that is exciting to explore! Spend the morning seeing some of the city's most iconic sights, including the Grand Palace and Wat Pho, before an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 4: FLY TO CHIANG MAI
Cruise down the Chao Phraya River, seeing the city from a different perspective, before wandering the alleyways of Bangkok's charming river neighbourhoods and visiting the world's largest solid gold Buddha statue at Wat Traimit. Fly north to Chiang Mai this afternoon.

DAY 5: THAI COOKING CLASS
Head into the peaceful countryside that surrounds the city for a cooking experience. Using local ingredients and fresh herbs and spices grown in the lush gardens, a chef will teach you about the flavours used in traditional Thai cooking techniques and its culinary heritage. Later, wind your way up Doi Suthep Mountain to visit the sacred 14th-century Wat Phra That Doi Suthep.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO CHIANG RAI
Enjoy some time at leisure in Chiang Mai this morning before journeying to Chiang Rai. Stop en route at Wat Rong Khun, the White Temple, famous for its unique, contemporary aesthetic. Arrive in Chiang Rai where you can relax or begin exploring the city.

DAY 7: INTO LAOS
Rise early to reach the Thailand-Laos border to cross the Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge over the Mekong River. Transfer to the pier to board a traditional boat for a scenic cruise to Pakbeng.

DAY 8: BACI CEREMONY
Cruise downstream in a slow boat towards Luang Prabang, stopping off to visit the Pak Ou Caves, home to thousands of Buddha images, en route. Stop by Xang Khong Craft Village to see artisans at work on traditional Saa paper making and woven textiles. Then, visit a family home and take part in a Baci ceremony to bring good fortune. Conclude the day with a home-cooked dinner shared with your hosts.

DAY 9: LUANG PRABANG
Soak up the timeless charms of Luang Prabang, exploring its rich cultural heritage and beautiful temples. Visit the National Museum, Wat Xieng Thong, Wat Visoun and Wat Mai. Later, venture out into the countryside to the magnificent Kuang Si Waterfall, where turquoise waters cascade between limestone pools in the dense, green forest.

DAY 10: BULLET TRAIN TO CHINA
Today, you will board a high-speed train to Kunming, China, on one of Southeast Asia's most scenic rail journeys. Wind your way through limestone mountains and deep valleys, arriving in Kunming this evening.

DAY 11: STONE FOREST
Wander through the fascinating limestone formations of the Stone Forest, a captivating karst landscape. Later, dine on 'Across the Bridge Noodles', and learn the story behind this local dish.



CLASSIC
THAILAND, LAOS, CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey from one megacity to another, starting among the serene golden temples and lush highlands of Thailand and crossing to the culture-filled cities, giant pandas and ancient history of China on an adventure of mesmerising contrasts.


Observe the pandas of Chengdu


Walk on the mighty Great Wall of China

DAY 12: TRAIN TO CHENGDU
Transfer to the train station and board a bullet train to Chengdu, crossing from Yunnan province into Sichuan province.

DAY 13: PANDAS
Spend the morning observing the adorable giant pandas at Chengdu's Panda Conservation Centre and learning about the conservation efforts that have successfully reclassified pandas from 'endangered' to 'vulnerable'. Later, stroll through People's Park to enjoy a tea tasting at a local teahouse and a visit to Matchmakers' Corner. Explore Wide and Narrow Alley, seeking out local snacks, teahouses and handicraft shops.

DAY 14: TRAIN TO XIAN
Board a bullet train bound for the ancient city of Xian. On arrival, stretch your legs with a walk through the bustling Muslim Quarter with its street food and market stalls. Later, feast on local Shui Jiao dumplings before enjoying a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 15: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
A silent army standing guard over Emperor Qin Shi Huang for two millennia, the Terracotta Warriors are one of the world's greatest archaeological discoveries. Viewing the ranks of these life-size pottery soldiers is bound to be a memorable travel moment. Back in Xian, walk the city's wonderfully preserved 14th-century walls.

DAY 16: TRAIN TO BEIJING
Take a bullet train to Beijing, China's history-filled capital.

DAY 17: TIANANMEN SQUARE
The imposing square at the heart of the city, Tiananmen is a good place to begin unravelling the complex history of Beijing. From here, walk into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City, through one of its ancient gateways to explore some of its magnificent rooms. Contrast this lavish imperial residence with the traditional courtyard houses of the atmospheric hutongs, visiting a local family in their home. This evening, Peking duck is on the menu!

DAY 18: THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA
The greatest monument to China's epic history, the Great Wall coils across the undulating landscape just north of Beijing. Spend the morning walking on this magnificent structure. Later, stop by a jade factory, then take a serene stroll through the glorious traditional gardens of the Summer Palace.

DAY 19: FLY BEIJING TO UK
Transfer to the airport for your flight home, arriving the same or the following day.


Discover Kuang Si Waterfall

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Departing Sunday returning Thursday

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TOUR TICKLIST

- Explore Singapore's iconic landmarks
- Cruise along Malacca's canals
- Cross the bridge over the River Kwai
- Discover elephants in Phuket
- Visit pandas in Chengdu
- See China's Warriors and Great Wall



Ride the Death Railway, crossing the famous bridge on the River Kwai

PRICE INCLUDES

- 33 breakfasts, 32 lunches & 33 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation and eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Take part in pineapple harvesting

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Experience authentic village life in Bang Rong, taking part in hands-on activities including pineapple harvesting, rubber tapping and coconut picking, before a tranquil kayak journey through mangrove waterways rich in wildlife and natural beauty.
- Join a family in their home for an atmospheric Baci ceremony, a traditional Laotian ritual for blessing and good fortune, before sitting down to a home-cooked dinner shared with your hosts.
- Dine on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings, a Chinese culinary delight with savoury fillings and be immersed in the Tang Dynasty's opulence through a vibrant dancing show, capturing the elegance and cultural richness of ancient China.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SINGAPORE
Fly overnight to Singapore and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE SINGAPORE
Admire the colonial landmarks of the Civic District, explore Orchard Road and take a bumboat cruise. Go on to visit the iconic Gardens by the Bay, Cloud Forest and Flower Dome.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO MALACCA
Cross the bridge from Singapore to Johor Bahru in Malaysia and drive to historic Malacca. Later, cruise Malacca's old canals as the sun sets.

DAY 5: DISCOVER MALACCA
Tour Malacca's Old Town and stroll along the Street of Harmony. This afternoon, hop on the train to Kuala Lumpur. Here, your explorations begin with a street food tour.

DAY 6: BATU CAVES
Take a 30-minute metro ride out of the city to visit the Batu Caves. Return to Kuala Lumpur to see the city's highlights and ascend to the KL Tower's Skydeck for magnificent views.

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO THE CAMERON HIGHLANDS
Take the train to Tapah Road then drive into the Cameron Highlands. Pause at an indigenous Orang Asli roadside shop, where the chief may extend an invitation to visit the village.

DAY 8: MOSSY FOREST WALK
Embark on a gentle uphill hike through the Mossy Forest, then visit a tea plantation before driving to Ipoh. Board a train to George Town, Penang.

DAY 9: PENANG HILL
Ride the historic funicular train to the top of Penang Hill, where you'll stroll along an elevated walkway through the rainforest canopy.

DAY 10: FLY TO PHUKET
On arrival, enjoy time at leisure to relax or explore at your own pace.

DAY 11: JAMES BOND ISLAND
Hop on a speedboat and head out on an exploration of the spectacular Phang Nga Bay. At Panak Island discover mysterious caves by canoe, then zip around Koh Tapu or 'James Bond Island' on a local boat.

DAY 12: ELEPHANT SANCTUARY
This morning, you'll enjoy a memorable visit to the Phuket Elephant Sanctuary, home to rescued and retired elephants, followed by a street food tour.

DAY 13: VILLAGE LIFE
Experience the rural life of the Bang Rong community with hands-on activities like pineapple harvesting and coconut picking. Later, enjoy a relaxing kayak journey through peaceful mangroves. Drive to Surat Thani.

DAY 14: TRAIN TO HUA HIN
Take the train to Hua Hin, winding along the coast with excellent seaside views.

DAY 15: TRAIN TO BANGKOK
Enjoy a relaxed morning at leisure in Hua Hin before boarding the train to Bangkok this afternoon.

DAY 16: DEATH RAILWAY
Take a day trip to Kanchanaburi where you will ride the Death Railway, crossing the famous bridge on the River Kwai.



CLASSIC

SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, LAOS, CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the tip of the Malay Peninsula to Northern China, embark on an epic journey through five fascinating nations, making use of local and high-speed trains, flights, boats and scenic roads.



Discover the ancient Terracotta Army

DAY 17: BANGKOK CITY TOUR
This morning, discover Bangkok's highlights on a city tour that features the Grand Palace, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and Wat Pho.

DAYS 18-19: BANGKOK
Spend some time at leisure, exploring Bangkok at your own pace.

DAY 20: FLY TO CHIANG MAI
Cruise down the Chao Phraya River to wander the alleyways of charming river neighbourhoods and visit Wat Traimit. Fly north to Chiang Mai.

DAY 21: THAI COOKING CLASS
Head into the peaceful countryside that surrounds the city for a Thai cooking experience. Later, wind your way up Doi Suthep Mountain to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep.

DAY 22: TRAVEL TO CHIANG RAI
Enjoy some time at leisure in Chiang Mai before journeying to Chiang Rai, stopping at the famous White Temple en route.

DAY 23: INTO LAOS
Cross the Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge into Laos, transferring to the pier to board a traditional boat for a scenic cruise to Pakbeng.

DAY 24: BACI CEREMONY
Take a slow boat to Luang Prabang, stopping at the Pak Ou Caves. Later, visit a family home for a Baci ceremony and a home-cooked dinner.

DAY 25: LUANG PRABANG
Soak up the timeless charms of Luang Prabang, visiting the National Museum, Wat Xieng Thong, Wat Visoun and Wat Mai, followed by the magnificent Kuang Si Waterfall.

DAY 26: BULLET TRAIN TO CHINA
Board a high-speed train to Kunming, China, arriving in the evening.

DAY 27: STONE FOREST
Wander through the fascinating limestone formations of the Stone Forest. Later, dine on a local delicacy, 'Across the Bridge Noodles'.

DAY 28: TRAIN TO CHENGDU
Board a bullet train to Chengdu in Sichuan.

DAY 29: PANDAS
Spend the morning observing the adorable giant pandas at Chengdu's Panda Conservation Centre. Later, stroll through People's Park and visit Matchmakers' Corner.

DAY 30: TRAIN TO XIAN
Board a bullet train bound for the ancient city of Xian. Walk through the bustling Muslim Quarter then feast on Shui Jiao dumplings before enjoying a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 31: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
View the ranks of these life-size terracotta soldiers, one of the world's greatest archaeological discoveries. Back in Xian, walk the city's wonderfully preserved 14th-century walls.

DAY 32: TRAIN TO BEIJING
Take a bullet train to Beijing, China's history-filled, megacity of a capital.

DAY 33: TIANANMEN SQUARE
Delve into Beijing's complex history in Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, then visit a local family in their hutong home. This evening, Peking duck is on the menu!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Thursday

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29 Oct - 02 Dec	£10,890	12 Nov - 16 Dec	£10,890
05 Nov - 09 Dec	£10,890	19 Nov - 23 Dec	£10,890

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Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £10,290 (Singapore - Beijing)
- Single room from £2,340
- Tipping paid locally US$190 & RMB 650

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DAY 34: THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA
Spend the morning walking on the Great Wall, the greatest testament to China's epic history. Later, stop by a jade factory, then discover the gardens of the Summer Palace.

DAY 35: FLY BEIJING TO UK
Transfer to the airport for your flight home, arriving the same or the following day.

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China and Central Asia are lands of unrivalled history, diverse cultures, and stunning landscapes. With our expertise, we reveal every extraordinary corner; here are some of our favourite destinations…

WENDY'S TOP 9 CHINA & CENTRAL ASIA SIGHTS

1 BEIJING

Capital city, imperial treasure trove and home to the Forbidden City and the Great Wall of China, Beijing is featured on the majority of China tours.



2 XIAN

Xian is best known for the Terracotta Warriors. With its illustrious past and rich history, it's a must-see on most of our China tours.



3 SHANGHAI

Shanghai, China's great metropolis, appears on most itineraries. Here, East and West collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples.



4 CHENGDU

The gateway to Sichuan province and the home of the cuddly giant panda. As we all love pandas, Chengdu appears on a number of tours.



5 YANGTZE RIVER

China's vital waterway brings together a plethora of unmissable sights. A Yangtze River cruise is included on a number of our tours.



6 GUILIN

Cruise through the breathtaking landscapes of the Li River to vibrant Yangshuo. Both Guilin and Yangshuo are featured on a number of tours.



7 ZHANGJIAJIE

A landscape of towering sandstone pillars, lush forests, glass bridges, and misty peaks that inspired Avatar's floating mountains.



8 QINGHAI-TIBET TRAIN

Journey on the 21-hour sleeper train from Xining to Lhasa, the world's highest railway, reaching over 5,000 meters through stunning Himalayan landscapes.



9 SAMARKAND

A legendary Silk Road jewel. Explore dazzling mosaic-tiled madrasas, ancient mausoleums, and the magnificent Registan Square.



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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Feast on Peking duck
- Explore the Summer Palace
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Travel on a bullet train
- Watch giant pandas play



See pandas at Dujiangyan Panda Base and Chengdu Panda Reserve

PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Watch a dazzling Tang Dynasty performance

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▸ Dine on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings, a Chinese culinary delight with savoury fillings and be immersed in the Tang Dynasty's opulence through a vibrant dancing show, capturing the elegance and cultural richness of ancient China.
- ▸ Indulge in a traditional Sichuanese dinner in Chengdu, where savoury, tangy, and spicy flavours mingle with the signature mild numbing sensation of Sichuan peppercorns.
- ▸ At the heart of a huge tea-producing region and once a stop on the Tea Horse Road, drinking tea is an essential element of life in Chengdu. Visit a traditional tea house to experience the history, customs and taste the perfect brew.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across vast Tiananmen Square, flanked by grand government buildings and Mao's mausoleum. Step into the Forbidden City, a maze of golden rooftops, serene courtyards and imperial treasures, once home to China's emperors. Later, wander through the Temple of Heaven, a vision of Ming design and harmony, then savour a dinner of Peking duck, Beijing's cherished local delicacy.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, over all sorts of dramatic landscapes, it is one of the world's most impressive feats of engineering. Taking a walk on the wall is the best way to appreciate its incredible scale and the magnificent views. Later, spend a peaceful afternoon wandering the exquisite gardens of the Summer Palace. You'll also stop by a jade factory to learn about this precious stone and have the opportunity to purchase a handcrafted piece. A spectacular Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

DAY 5: SHUI JIAO DUMPLINGS

Take the bullet train to Xian. An illustrious and age-old city, Xian is one of the four great ancient capitals of China. It is also the capital of Shaanxi province and the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years. Tonight, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery by local farmers in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and perhaps buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that encircle Xian's old town and stop at a local brewery for a refreshing beer tasting.

DAY 7: YUANJIA VILLAGE

Step back in time with a visit to Yuanjia Village, a beautifully restored heritage village offering a glimpse into Qing Dynasty architecture, traditional crafts, and authentic local flavours. Later, board a bullet train to Chengdu, the vibrant capital of Sichuan province.

DAY 8: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE

This morning visit Dujiangyan Panda Base for your first panda encounter! Located 1.5 hours outside of Chengdu, this centre is dedicated to the study of disease control and the rescue of wild pandas – the perfect place to gain insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this vulnerable species. Later, enjoy the atmosphere of Jinli Street – a lively street lined with antique shops and restaurants before sampling a delicious Sichuanese meal.

DAY 9: CHENGDU PANDA RESERVE

Your second panda experience will take place at Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre, located right in the city. An education centre and breeding facility, here you'll see both pandas and red pandas up close as they chomp through piles of bamboo, sleep and play, and learn all about their physiology and conservation. Back in Chengdu, enjoy a cup of tea at a traditional teahouse, then visit Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children.

DAY 10: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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





Walk on the mighty Great Wall



Gaze at the Terracotta Warriors in Xian

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Walk across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling Forbidden City

CLASSIC
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover the imperial treasures of historic Beijing, then journey through atmospheric Xian with its Terracotta Warriors to reach the charming city of Chengdu, where you will see the captivating giant pandas, not once, but twice!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Thursday

2027 DATES			
09 Mar - 18 Mar	£3,090	10 Aug - 19 Aug	£3,490
23 Mar - 01 Apr	£3,390	07 Sep - 16 Sep	£3,490
06 Apr - 15 Apr	£3,490	14 Sep - 23 Sep	£3,490
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06 Jun - 15 Jun	£3,490	14 Nov - 23 Nov	£3,190

Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,390 (Beijing – Chengdu)
- Single room from £400
- Tipping paid locally RMB 495 (2027), RMB 510 (2028)

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Visit a traditional teahouse in Chengdu

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ALL MEALS


Discover the Yangtze River on your four-night cruise

TOUR TICKLIST

- Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- Cruise the Yangtze River
- Watch giant pandas play
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Walk on the Great Wall
- Discover ancient Ciqikou

PRICE INCLUDES

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


Get a sky-high view of Shanghai

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Soaring above Shanghai's Pudong skyline, Jin Mao Tower blends modern engineering with traditional Chinese design. Head to the top for sweeping views over the Huangpu River and historic Bund.
- Explore the narrow cobbled lanes of Ciqikou's old town, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties as well as its traditional architecture.
- Cruise through Qutang, Wu and Xiling gorges, otherwise known as the Three Gorges, admiring the magnificent scenery from the comfort of your Yangtze River cruise vessel and learning about its epic history from your onboard expert.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

Fly overnight to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Today explore the classical Yu Garden, stroll through the charming old town, visit a silk mill and take in sweeping views of Shanghai's stunning skyline from Jin Mao Tower. Later, admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund and view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. The skyscrapers and glimmering lights are a sight to behold. Tonight, savour some traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 4: TRAIN TO YICHANG

Take the bullet train to Yichang and board your home for the next four nights – a relaxing cruise along the majestic Yangtze River.

DAYS 5-7: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering. But as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days, enjoy a range of shore excursions and onboard entertainment. Take a scenic side trip to either the tranquil Shennong or Goddess Stream, where smaller boats allow for deeper exploration of lush gorges and hidden valleys.

DAY 8: HISTORIC CIQIKOU

Disembarking the cruise vessel in Chongqing, explore old Ciqikou, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Ciqikou's narrow streets are perfect for a morning stroll to admire the historical, traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu and enjoy a delicious Sichuanese meal for dinner with the option of a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for its 'face-changing'.

DAY 9: PANDAS

Start your day with a visit to Chengdu's renowned Panda Conservation Base, where you can see and learn about China's cherished pandas in a habitat mirroring their natural surroundings. Explore the museum to gain insights into the reserve's breeding efforts. Later, take a bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a captivating performance of Tang Dynasty dancing awaits.

DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses, and visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that encircle Xian's old town, stop at a local brewery for a refreshing beer tasting, then walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.




Explore the old town of Ciqikou


Feel peaceful at the Temple of Heaven

CLASSIC
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

One of our most popular tours covers the enthralling cities of Shanghai, Xian and Beijing as well as the unforgettable giant pandas of Chengdu. The highlight, though, is a relaxing four-night cruise on the majestic Yangtze River.

DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing, a fast-paced capital where modern life meets 3,000 years of rich, tumultuous history.

DAY 12: IMPERIAL BEIJING

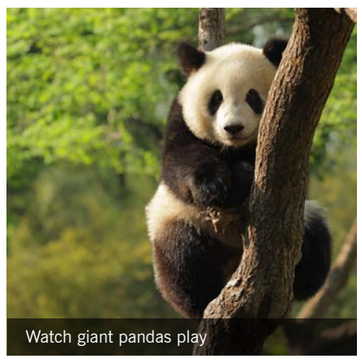
Head to Tiananmen Square, Beijing's symbolic heart, and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, stroll through the peaceful grounds of the Temple of Heaven, where emperors once prayed for good harvests. As evening falls, enjoy a dazzling Chinese acrobatic show – a thrilling display of skill, strength, and tradition.

DAY 13: 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 both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Next, visit a jade factory then enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens. This evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy – Peking duck.

DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.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- Land only from £3,290 (Shanghai – Beijing)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally RMB 735 (2027), RMB 760 (2028)

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- Face the Terracotta Warriors
- Wander the Barkhor circuit
- Watch monks debate at Sera
- Cross the Tibetan Plateau
- Witness sunrise over Mt Everest
- Explore magnificent Potala Palace



Ride the highest railway in the world

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts (B), 12 lunches (L) & 12 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus a simple guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Overnight on the Qinghai-Tibet train

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Overnight on the 21-hour sleeper train between Xining and Lhasa. Barren plateau, snow-capped peaks, desert, grassland, and lakes will all pass your window before crossing the Tanggula Pass which at 5,231 metres is the highest point of any railway in the world.
- Visit the Tsang Traditional Folk House, a beautifully preserved example of Tibetan architecture. Try a cup of 'chang', a traditional Tibetan barley wine shared during festivals and gatherings.
- Watch the sun's rays spread over the rugged, snowy peak of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, in what must surely be considered one of the most dramatic and spectacular places to watch the sunrise (weather permitting).

ITINERARY

DAYS 1–2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO XIAN

Fly overnight to Xian, an ancient city with an illustrious history. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

DAY 3: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts and stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XINING

Board the five-hour bullet train to Xining, the capital city of Qinghai province in western China. See the 618-metre-long hand-painted thangka at the Qinghai Tibet Cultural Centre, then explore the local night markets. (B,L,D)



Try delicious momos, a local favourite

DAY 5: OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO LHASA

Spend the morning exploring the sacred Kumbum Monastery, also known as Ta'er Temple. Later transfer to the railway station to embark on one of the most adventurous rail journeys of all, the 21-hour overnight train to Lhasa onboard the Qinghai-Tibet Railway. (B,L)

DAY 6: ARRIVE LHASA

Continue riding the highest railway in the world today, crossing vast high-altitude landscapes beneath 5,000-metre-plus peaks, and traversing the breathtaking Tanggula Pass (5,231 metres) on your journey across the 'roof of the world'. Arrive in Lhasa this afternoon, the heart and soul of Tibet. The rest of the day is free to relax and acclimatise to the altitude. (D)

DAY 7: JOKHANG TEMPLE

Lhasa is a modern city growing fast, but among the old streets at its heart, you will feel a million miles from today's world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally dressed locals and prostrating pilgrims before entering the Jokhang Temple. Inside, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. Continue to the great monastery of Sera, where you'll see a famous monk debate. This evening, enjoy a tasty Tibetan dinner and dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: POTALA PALACE

Visit the magnificent Potala Palace, the world's largest monastery and the seat of the Dalai Lama. Then, visit Norbulingka, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside of the city. (B,L)





Explore Tibet's sacred monasteries



Watch the sunrise over Mt. Everest's North Face

GO BEYOND

CHINA, TIBET

PHYSICAL RATING 4

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Take the world's highest railway journey to reach the 'roof of the world' where you'll be immersed in the epic landscapes and spirituality of Tibet. Much of this tour is spent at altitude, including the experience of a lifetime – a visit to Everest Base Camp.

DAY 9: TRAIN TO SHIGATSE

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort reminiscent of the Potala, this is Tibet's second city and the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama. Enjoy some free time to explore the local markets. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: SHIGATSE

Visit Shalu and Tashilhunpo Monastery, which was founded in 1447 by the first Dalai Lama. Join the pilgrims on their 'kora' – a circumambulation of the sacred building. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: EVEREST BASE CAMP

Rise early to drive through incredible Himalayan scenery to Rongbuk Township. Here, with Mount Everest (called Qomolangma in Tibetan) dominating the horizon, you can stop by the world's highest post office and the Everest Base Camp Boundary Monument. Situated under the gaze of the mountain's north face, the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed (weather permitting). Stay overnight in a simple Tibetan guesthouse. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SUNRISE OVER EVEREST

Get up at dawn to see the most glorious sunrise over Everest (weather permitting). Return to Shigatse, via the Tso La Pass and Gyatso La Pass for awe-inspiring views. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: GYANTSE

Travel to the charming town of Gyantse, where you'll visit the Kumbum and the Tsang Traditional Folk House to see a traditional kitchen and taste some local snacks and homebrewed 'chang'. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: TSEDANG

Travel along the Brahmaputra River to Tsedang. Visit Gangpo Ri, where legend tells the Tibetan people were born. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: YUMBULHAKANG PALACE

Perched on a hill over the Yarlung River, the ancient Yumbulhakang Palace is said to have been the first building in Tibet and the palace of the first Tibetan king. Continue to Tradruk Monastery and the King's Tomb. Return to Lhasa. (B,L)

DAY 16: CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, transferring to your hotel on arrival. The rest of the day will be at leisure for you to relax or explore, with a farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

DAY 17: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

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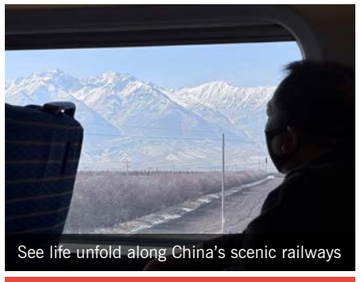


See life unfold along China's scenic railways

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Travel overland across China. Glide through diverse landscapes, bustling cities and bucolic countryside, watching local life unfold at every turn as the country's extraordinary transformation speeds past.
- Batik has been woven into the fabric of Guizhou village life for generations. Wax, dye and decorate your own piece of cloth to take home as a truly personal souvenir.
- In the quaint setting of the 900-year-old Hongcun village, learn to create a delicious local delicacy, pouch dumplings. Pick up tips and tricks to prepare and mix the filling, ready the dumpling wrappers, fold into a pouch and cook, before the best part – eating them all up!

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly overnight to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the Yu Garden, a silk mill, and the quaint old town before admiring the colonial architecture along the Bund. Then board the super-fast Maglev train, one of only a few in the world, and be whisked along at top speeds of up to 300 km/h. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

DAY 4: YELLOW MOUNTAIN

Board the bullet train to Huangshan City, then take a cable car to the summit of Mount Huang, commonly known as Yellow Mountain, for an overnight stay at the mountain top. Soak up the magnificent views of the ragged peaks, rock formations, thousand-year-old pine trees and ever-changing mist that have inspired local artists for centuries. Spend the afternoon exploring this spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 5: MOUNT HUANG SUNRISE

Wake before dawn to fully appreciate the beauty of Mount Huang's mesmeric landscapes (and mists!) in the red and orange hues of sunrise. This afternoon, head back down the mountain by cable car and visit the atmospheric town of Tunxi. Wander narrow cobbled streets lined with pretty little shops selling anything from local snacks and tea to paintbrushes, cultural relics and intricate wood carvings.

DAY 6: DUMPLINGS

Travel to Hongcun, a 900-year-old UNESCO-listed village, known for its striking, well-preserved Hui-style architecture. Discover more about its fascinating shape and its water systems before a cooking class in which you'll learn to make pouch dumplings, a local delicacy.

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO CHANGSHA

Board a bullet train to Changsha. A city with a three millennia long history and a thoroughly modern look and feel, Changsha exudes an energetic and friendly vibe. This evening, stroll through the bustling night markets, where the air is thick with the aromas of sizzling street food.

DAY 8: EXPLORE CHANGSHA

Visit the fascinating Yuelu Academy, a long-time hub of learning at the foot of Mount Yuelu. Later, travel to Zhangjiajie National Park by road and prepare to be awestruck by its otherworldly landscapes.

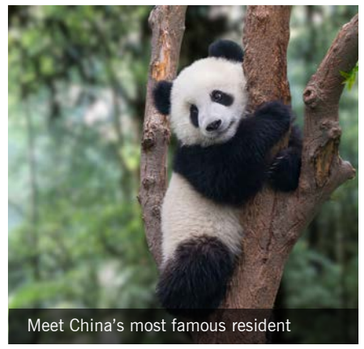
DAY 9: ZHANGJIAJIE

Today you'll explore the breathtaking Yuanjiajie, renowned for its towering pillars and misty valleys. Ride the remarkable Bailong glass elevator; embedded into a cliff face, the elevator shoots up a 326-metre mountain side in as little as two minutes! Soak up the amazing views of the 'First Bridge under the Sun' and Hallelujah Mountain. Continue your explorations at Emperor Mountain, before descending by cable car.





Wander the terraces around Zhaoxing village



Meet China's most famous resident

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING 2

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on an extraordinary rail journey through China's diversity of landscapes and cultures, pausing at ancient towns, natural wonders, iconic sights and mega-cities as you go to explore, discover and experience the things that make China the country that it is today.

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DAY 10: TIANMEN MOUNTAIN

Soar up to the heights of Tianmen Mountain by scenic cable car where you can marvel at Tianmen Cave, nicknamed 'Heaven's Door', standing atop a 999-step staircase above you. For the brave, take a thrilling walk on a glass skywalk, the 'Walk of Faith'.

DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO GUILIN

Board a bullet train to Guilin, departing one spectacularly scenic area to arrive in another.

DAY 12: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Disembark and wander Yangshuo's cobbled streets and vibrant markets. Later, relax with a Chinese reflexology massage.

DAY 13: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

This morning, explore the bucolic landscapes around Yangshuo, where limestone karst cliffs and pinnacles tower over a patchwork of paddy fields. This afternoon is yours to spend as you wish.

DAY 14: ZHAOXING VILLAGE

Return to Guilin by road and board a bullet train to Zhaoxing. This large and well-preserved Dong village, considered one of the most beautiful villages in China, gives a fascinating glimpse into the life and culture of this ethnic minority people. You'll be welcomed into the village with a special ceremony before having a free afternoon to explore, then see the town lit up at night.

DAY 15: RICE TERRACES

Travel to the top of a remarkable set of stepped rice terraces close to Zhaoxing. Take a walk through the terraces to different vantage points, admiring their engineering and, depending on the time of year, their vibrant colour or moody reflections of the sky above. This afternoon enjoy a batik workshop, a local living tradition, and create something special to take home.

DAY 16: TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Board a bullet train to Chengdu. Chengdu is a harmonious blend of modernity and tradition, where teahouses, spicy cuisine, and a relaxed pace of life create an inviting and culturally rich urban landscape.

DAY 17: PANDAS!

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Base to see and learn about these celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Take the bullet train to Xian, the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years.

DAY 18: EXPLORE XIAN

One of the 20th century's greatest archaeological discoveries, the enigmatic Terracotta Warriors stand ready for battle around the, as yet unexcavated, tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang. Spend the morning viewing their ranks then visit a workshop to see where they are intricately recreated. Stroll the beautifully preserved city walls that encircle Xian's old town, pausing for a refreshing beer tasting at a local brewery. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling dinner and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

DAY 19: TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board a train to Beijing, China's historic capital city.

DAY 20: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Start the day in the vast and emblematic Tiananmen Square, before delving into the imperial treasure trove of the Forbidden City and its 250-acre maze of halls, palaces and gardens, filled with priceless artefacts. Take a step back in time as you stroll through the warren-like hutongs, Beijing's historic neighbourhoods, and discover what it is like to live in these traditional areas. Later, dine on delicious local delicacy, Peking duck.

DAY 21: THE GREAT WALL

Just outside of Beijing, a true bucket-list sight snakes its way across the landscape – the Great Wall of China. Today you'll get to walk on this iconic structure, climbing to one of its many watchtowers if you're feeling energetic. Visit a jade factory, then spend the afternoon wandering the gardens of the Summer Palace.

DAY 22: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- Visit Kashgar Sunday Bazaar
- Admire Jiayu Fortress
- Explore Tibetan Xiahe
- See the Rainbow Mountains
- Discover Mogao Grottoes
- Experience the Taklamakan Desert



Discover Crescent Moon Spring, an oasis in the heart of the Singing Sand Dunes

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Explore Kashgar's Sunday Bazaar

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Wander through the bustling Sunday Bazaar in Kashgar, one of the largest and most vibrant markets in the region. Soak up the lively atmosphere as locals trade everything from spices and silks to livestock and handcrafted wares.
- Delicious Lanzhou noodles have been made for centuries in a very unique way - hand-stretching. Trying them in Lanzhou beef noodle soup is a must!
- Visit a traditional, nomadic Kazakh family in their yurt home, where you'll learn more about this minority community and their culture.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO XIAN
Fly overnight to Xian, the ancient former capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
Gaze over the ranks of the Terracotta Warriors, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Later, enjoy a walk along the ancient city wall and down the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter, then have dumplings for dinner.

DAY 4: TRAIN TO LANZHOU
Begin the day with a visit to the ancient City Wall Park and Sculptures of the Silk Road before boarding the bullet train to Lanzhou.

DAY 5: EXPLORE LANZHOU
Take a walk along the Yellow River before heading to the hilltop Baita Temple for a moment of tranquillity. Along the river and in Baita Park you can see locals practising Tai Chi. Later, tuck into delicious Lanzhou-style noodles made with hand-stretched dough.

DAY 6: BINGLING CAVES & XIAHE
Cross Liujiaxia Lake by speedboat and head into the green hills to explore the extraordinary Thousand Buddha Caves of Bingling Temple, with their wealth of Buddhist murals, statues and sculptures. Also visit the statue of Maitreya, before continuing to Tibetan Xiahe.

DAY 7: LABRANG MONASTERY
Visit Labrang Monastery, a fascinating maze of prayer wheels, chapels and chortens for a taste of Tibetan mystery. Explore Xiahe town and enjoy a traditional Tibetan lunch including momos, the much-loved Tibetan dumplings.

DAYS 8-9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE
Drive back to Lanzhou with the afternoon free to explore at your leisure. The following day, board the bullet train to Zhangye West, once an important commercial town along the Silk Road.

DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAINS
Rise early this morning to witness the sunrise over the kaleidoscopic mountains in Danxia National Park. Return to Zhangye and visit the Giant Buddha Temple before boarding your bullet train to Jiayuguan.

DAY 11: GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN
Seen as China's western gateway, Jiayuguan is the perfect place to get to grips with your Silk Road history. Visit the Jiayu Fortress and take a walk on the western extremes of the magnificent Great Wall for panoramic views over the starkly beautiful Gobi Desert.

DAY 12: CITY OF SANDS
Drive to Dunhuang. Located on a major trade and cultural crossroads, Dunhuang, known as the 'City of the Sands', sits in a verdant oasis on the edge of the Taklamakan Desert. Visit the Shazhou Night Market where you can wander amongst the stalls.

DAY 13: MOGAO GROTTOES
Visit the Mogao Grottoes, a collection of temples and sanctuaries that exhibit wonderful examples of Buddhist paintings and statues that span thousands of years.

DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES
Visit Crescent Moon Spring, a beautiful oasis nestled amongst the famous Singing Sand Dunes, a phenomenon produced by the wind blowing through grains of sand.



GO BEYOND
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING 2

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Follow in the footsteps of intrepid adventurers by journeying along one of the world's most famous trading routes, the Silk Road. Beginning in ancient Xian, venture across this vast land to Kashgar. Expect long journeys on this tour.



Wander the sacred Labrang Monastery



Walk the Great Wall at its dramatic westernmost point in Jiayuguan

DAY 15: TURPAN
Take the bullet train to Turpan, a lush green oasis set in a barren landscape. An easy-going town famed for its grapes, its pleasant streets are lined with lush vine trellises.

DAY 16: EXPLORE TURPAN
Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and see the elegant Emin Minaret, the tallest in China. In the afternoon, visit Grape Valley, located in the Turpan region, which produces over 80% of China's grapes and raisins.

DAY 17: KURLA
Learn about the fascinating 2000-year-old Kerez irrigation canals and drive to Kurla.

DAYS 18-20: THE SILK ROAD
Over the next three days travel along the original Silk Road through the Xinjiang Region, viewing ruins and sights largely unvisited by tourists. Start with a visit to see the ruins of Subashi, before arriving in Kuqa to see the Kyzil Thousand Buddha Caves. Continue travelling to Aksu, and on to the fabled city of Kashgar.

DAY 21: EXPLORE KASHGAR
Its skyline punctured by minarets, Kashgar feels a million miles from China – in fact, it feels a million miles from anywhere! Although now a modern city, the sights and sounds of Kashgar's bazaar have remained unchanged for millennia. Sightseeing today includes a visit to Abakh Hoja Tomb, Id Kah Mosque and a stroll through the narrow atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square.

DAY 22: KASHGAR SUNDAY BAZAAR
Dive headlong into Central Asia's largest bazaar. Within this riot of textures, vivid colours and traditional dress, you can browse hundreds of stalls selling anything from spices and carpets to boots and blenders. Later, fly to Urumqi.

DAY 23: HEAVENLY LAKE
Escape to the tranquillity of Tianchi (Heavenly Lake), formed in a crater. Visit a Kazakh Folk Cultural Village and spend some time learning about their way of life.

DAY 24: URUMQI
Make a short visit to the Xinjiang Museum before flying to Beijing, China's historic capital.

DAY 25: 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 the sheer magnificence of the wall itself. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture.

DAY 26: IMPERIAL BEIJING
Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Soak up the ambience of the Temple of Heaven then dine on Peking duck and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAY 27: FLY BEIJING TO UK
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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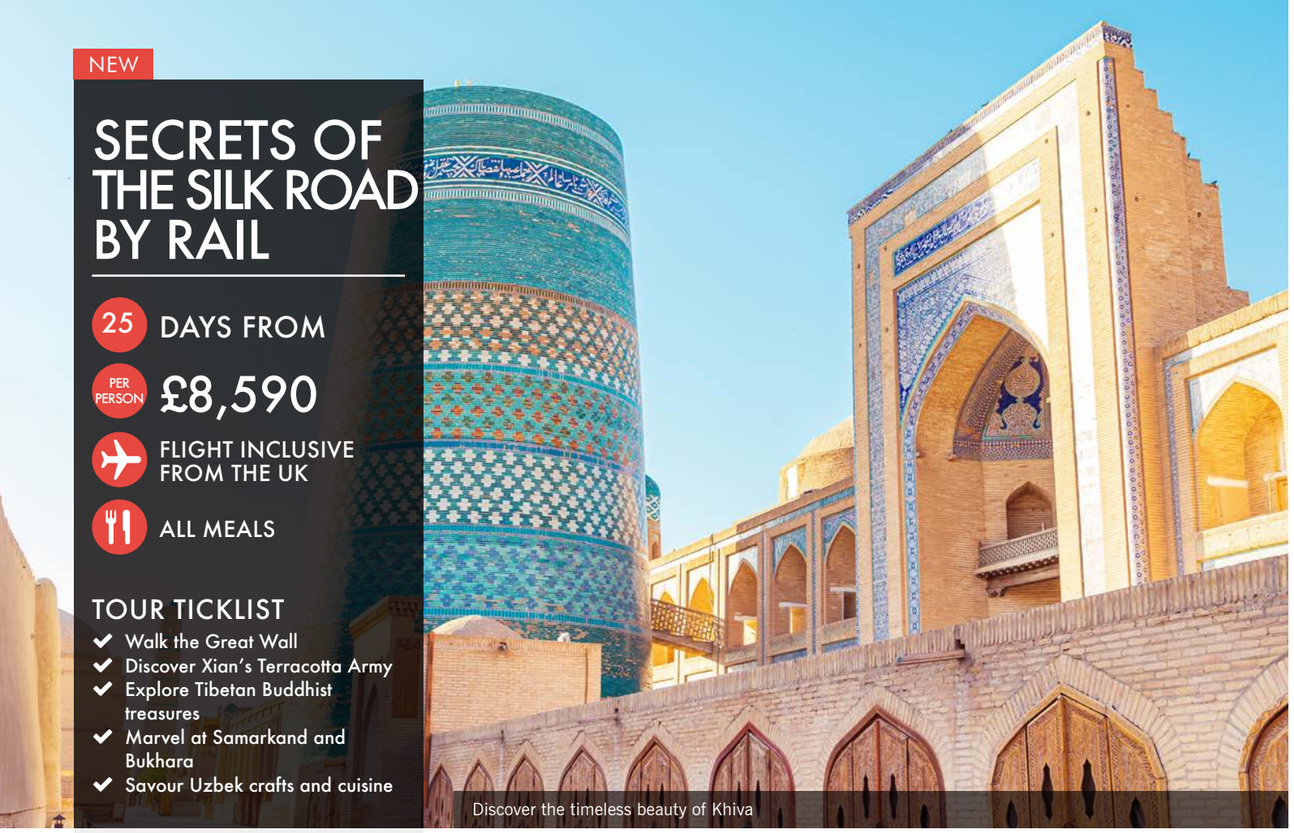
- Explore Tibetan Buddhist treasures
- Marvel at Samarkand and Bukhara
- Savour Uzbek crafts and cuisine



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Discover Uzbekistan's suzani craft

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Meet a local suzani artisan in Bukhara, explore his beautiful collection of embroidered textiles and discover the intricate skills and stories behind this traditional Uzbek craft.
- Savour a Shui Jiao dumpling feast in Xian, enjoying these delicious local specialities alongside a captivating performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.
- Visit the traditional workshop at Konigil and try your hand at Samarkand's ancient paper-making craft, using techniques passed down through generations.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING
Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your arrival time, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING
Explore Tiananmen Square before discovering the Forbidden City, once home to China's emperors, with its golden rooftops and tranquil courtyards. Continue to the magnificent Temple of Heaven, then enjoy a classic Peking duck dinner.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL
Walk along the iconic Great Wall of China, admiring its extraordinary scale and spectacular views. Later, explore the gardens of the Summer Palace and visit a jade factory to learn about this precious stone, with the opportunity to purchase a handcrafted piece.

DAY 5: SHUI JIAO DUMPLINGS
Travel by bullet train to Xian, one of China's four ancient capitals and the starting point of the legendary Silk Road, with over 3,100 years of history. On arrival, explore the lively Muslim Quarter, known for its bustling markets and rich cultural heritage. Enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dance performance this evening.

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
Discover the remarkable Terracotta Army, unearthed by local farmers in the 1970s, and see its life-sized warriors and horses in their original formations. Visit a workshop to watch craftsmen recreate the figures using traditional techniques, with the opportunity to buy a souvenir. Later, enjoy a beer tasting at a local brewery.

DAY 7: TRAIN TO XINING
Travel by bullet train to Xining, gateway to the Tibetan Plateau. Visit the Qinghai Tibetan Culture Museum to discover the region's traditions, art and spiritual heritage.

DAY 8: KUMBUM MONASTERY
Explore Kumbum Monastery, an important centre of Tibetan Buddhism, renowned for its architecture and religious artwork. Continue to Qinghai Lake and the Erlangjian area, where blue waters meet dramatic mountain scenery.

DAY 9: XINING – DUNHUANG
Enjoy a morning exploring Xining's local food street before taking the bullet train west to Dunhuang, an ancient Silk Road trading post. Experience the lively Shazhou Night Market this evening.

DAY 10: DESERT WONDERS
Visit the UNESCO-listed Mogao Grottoes, renowned for their Buddhist art and ancient Silk Road murals. Later, discover Crescent Moon Spring, nestled among the spectacular Singing Sand Dunes.

DAY 11: DUNHUANG – TURPAN
Travel by road to Liuyuan before boarding a bullet train to Turpan, a historic Silk Road oasis town famed for its vineyards and desert landscapes.

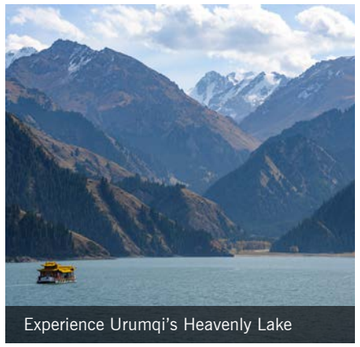
DAY 12: EXPLORE TURPAN
Discover Turpan's heritage, visiting the striking Emin Minaret, the ingenious underground Karez Well System and the atmospheric Jiaohe Ruins, an ancient city perched on a plateau.



CLASSIC
CHINA, UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Journey along the legendary Silk Road by rail, from China's imperial treasures to Uzbekistan's ancient cities. Discover the Great Wall, Terracotta Army, magnificent mosques, desert landscapes and vibrant bazaars.



Experience Urumqi's Heavenly Lake



Marvel at the Kumbum Monastery



Explore Turpan's ancient Jiaohe Ruins

DAY 13: BUDDHIST CAVES
Visit the Bezeklik Thousand Buddha Caves, admiring their surviving murals and learning about the region's Buddhist heritage. Later, travel by road to Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang.

DAY 14: HEAVENLY LAKE
Visit spectacular Tian Chi, or Heavenly Lake, nestled among the Tianshan Mountains. Admire its forested slopes, snow-capped peaks and beautiful alpine scenery.

DAY 15: URUMQI & FLY TO TASHKENT
Explore Xinjiang International Grand Bazaar, browsing colourful textiles, handicrafts, spices and local specialities. Transfer to the airport for your late-night flight to Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

DAY 16: DISCOVER TASHKENT
Explore historic Tashkent, visiting Barak Khan Madrassah, Tila Shaikh Mosque and its renowned Quran manuscript collection. Meet local artisans practising miniature painting, woodcarving, metalwork and ikat weaving. Continue to Kukeldash Madrassah and lively Chorsu Bazaar.

DAY 17: TRAIN TO SAMARKAND
Travel by high-speed Afrosiob train to legendary Samarkand. Discover magnificent Registan Square and Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum, the resting place of Amir Timur. Continue to Bibi-Khanum Mosque and browse the colourful Siab Bazaar.

DAY 18: EXPLORE SAMARKAND
Visit a traditional paper-making workshop in Konigil and try this ancient craft. Explore Ulugbek's Observatory, the Afrasiab archaeological site and Shah-i-Zinda Necropolis, before enjoying a wine tasting at Bagizagan.

DAY 19: SHAKHRISABZ
Journey to Shakhrisabz, birthplace of Amir Timur, to explore the remains of Ak-Sarai Palace, Dorus Tilavat and Kok-Gumbaz Mosque before returning to Samarkand.

DAY 20: SAMARKAND – BUKHARA
Travel by high-speed train to historic Bukhara. Visit the Ark Fortress, Bolo Hauz Mosque, Ismail Samani Mausoleum and Chashma-Ayub. Discover local craftsmanship at artisan workshops.

DAY 21: DISCOVER BUKHARA
Explore Bukhara's old town, including the Lyabi-Hauz Ensemble, Magoki Attori Mosque, Poi-Kalyan complex and Nadir Divan-Begi, Abdulaziz Khan and Ulugbek Madrassahs. Enjoy lunch with a local suzani artisan, view his embroidered textile collection and join a hands-on masterclass preparing Uzbekistan's national dish, plov.

DAY 22: JOURNEY TO KHIVA
Travel by train to Khiva, a historic Silk Road city famed for its beautifully preserved old town, fully intact city walls and ancient architecture.

DAY 23: EXPLORE KHIVA
Explore the walled city of Itchan Kala, visiting Kalta Minor, Kunya Ark, the Mausoleum of Pakhlavan Mahmud and Islam Khodja Minaret. Enjoy silk-dyeing and carpet-weaving demonstrations with local craftspeople before visiting Juma Mosque and the ornate Tash Hauli Palace.

DAY 24: RETURN TO TASHKENT
Transfer to Urgench for your flight to Tashkent. Visit the Museum of Applied Arts, ride the Metro to admire its distinctive stations and explore the State Museum of History of Uzbekistan. Finish at Independence Square and Amir Timur Square.

DAY 25: FLY TASHKENT TO UK
Transfer to the airport for your flight home, arriving the same or following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Departing Wednesday returning Saturday

2027 DATES			
08 Sep - 02 Oct	£8,590	20 Oct - 13 Nov	£8,590
2028 DATES			
19 Apr - 13 May	£8,990	30 Aug - 23 Sep	£8,990
10 May - 03 Jun	£8,990	06 Sep - 30 Sep	£8,990
24 May - 17 Jun	£8,990	18 Oct - 11 Nov	£8,990
31 May - 24 Jun	£8,990		

Flight and supplement information
- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 103 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £7,890 (Beijing - Tashkent)
- Single room from £1,590
- Tipping paid locally RMB 975 (China) + USD 100 (Uzbekistan)

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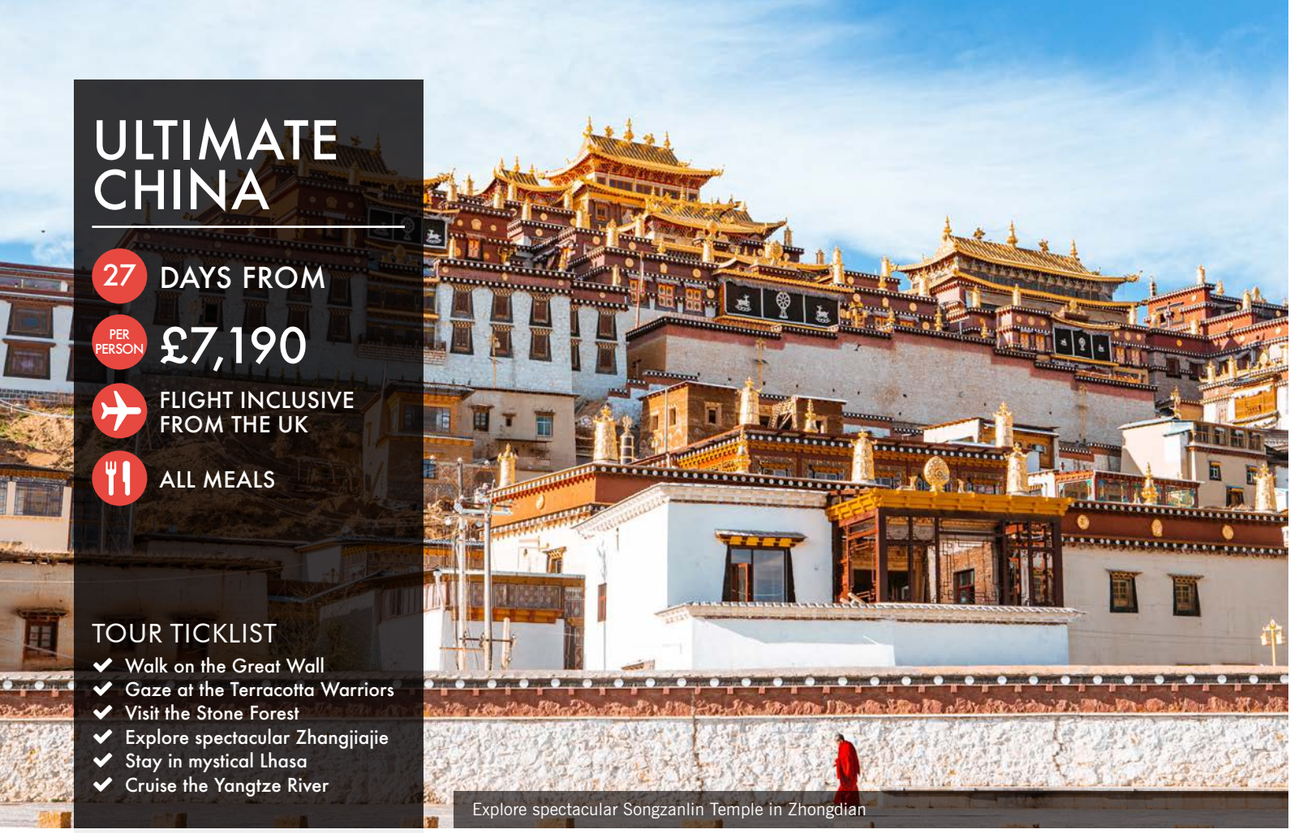
Explore spectacular Songzanlin Temple in Zhongdian

TOUR TICKLIST

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Gaze at the Terracotta Warriors
- Visit the Stone Forest
- Explore spectacular Zhangjiajie
- Stay in mystical Lhasa
- Cruise the Yangtze River

PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches & 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees


Connect with Tibetan communities

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▸ Venture to a Tibetan village in the highlands of Yunnan province to meet the local community, visit a traditional family home and experience the intriguing blend of the Tibetan and Chinese way of life.
- ▸ Take a deep breath and step out on Tianmen Mountain's famed glass skywalk, aptly named the 'Walk of Faith'. Hugging a cliff face, follow it around the mountain for unparalleled views of Zhangjiajie.
- ▸ Watch the monks at Sera Monastery debate complex philosophical questions with lively and intense gestures and hand claps.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING
Fly overnight to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: IMPERIAL BEIJING
This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven and enjoy a traditional Peking duck dinner.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL
This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Take a walk on this incredible structure for an appreciation of its magnitude and for ancient engineering capabilities. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace.

DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN
Take the bullet train to Xian and in the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
China's Terracotta Army with its enigmatics ranks of warriors and horses, has long intrigued visitors. Spend the morning viewing them before visiting a workshop where they are expertly recreated. After lunch, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 7: REED FLUTE CAVE
Fly to Guilin and visit Reed Flute Cave to see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites.

DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This afternoon you can spend some time browsing Yangshuo's vibrant markets.

DAY 9: YANGSHUO
Start the day learning the flowing movements of Tai Chi from a local master. Explore the picturesque countryside then enjoy free time.

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO KUNMING
Take a bullet train to Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province.

DAY 11: THE STONE FOREST
Take a fascinating wander through the towering limestone pillar formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest.
This evening, dine on the local dish, 'Across the Bridge' noodles.

DAY 12: BULLET TRAIN TO LIJIANG
Board the bullet train to Lijiang, set in the foothills of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

DAY 13: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN
The magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of which soars to 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, visit Baisha old town to view its spectacular Ming Dynasty frescoes and Baisha village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.



CLASSIC
CHINA, TIBET

PHYSICAL RATING 3

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This really is the ultimate tour for those who want to experience China and Tibet in depth! From modern cities and ancient history to rural villages and spectacular landscapes, this is the tour to discover all of China's highlights in just one visit.


Explore Buddhist monasteries


Discover the otherworldly peaks of Zhangjiajie

DAY 14: TIGER LEAPING GORGE
Journey to the extraordinary 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. Next, continue to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 15: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN
Visit a Tibetan-style village for a glimpse of a rural way of life. Also visit Dafo Temple, explore Songzanlin Monastery and tour the old town.

DAY 16: MYSTICAL LHASA
Fly to the city of Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. This afternoon is at leisure to help acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 17: THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT
Lhasa is a modern, fast-growing city, but among the narrow, old, atmospheric streets you will feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally dressed locals and explore the sacred Jokhang Temple. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning, and a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop.

DAY 18: POTALA PALACE
The Potala Palace towers over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). Explore the former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, and later the nearby Norbulingka that served as his summer retreat.

DAY 19: FLY TO CHENGDU
Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children.

DAY 20: PANDAS
Visit the adorable resident pandas of Chengdu's famous conservation centre. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

DAYS 21-23: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE
Over the next three days, enjoy various side trips and shore excursions including the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark and drive to Zhangjiajie, a scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars.

DAY 24: DISCOVER ZHANGJIAJIE
Zhangjiajie's forest of towering sandstone pillars is nature at its most surreal. Ride the Bailong glass elevator skyward, soak up the incredible views before a scenic train through the Ten-Mile Natural Gallery.

DAY 25: TIANMEN MOUNTAIN
Soar up Tianmen Mountain on China's longest cable car. At the summit, climb 999 steps to the dramatic Tianmen Cave, 'Heaven's Door', and brave the thrilling glass 'Walk of Faith'. Later, fly to Shanghai.

DAY 26: EXPLORE SHANGHAI
Explore China's great metropolis, visiting the Yu Garden, old town, and a silk mill, before ascending Jin Mao Tower and admiring colonial architecture on the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a farewell meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 27: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK
Fly to the UK, arrive home the same or following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Departure days of the week vary

2027 DATES			
24 Mar - 19 Apr	£7,190	01 Sep - 27 Sep	£7,190
31 Mar - 26 Apr	£7,190	06 Oct - 01 Nov	£7,190
04 Apr - 30 Apr	£7,190	13 Oct - 08 Nov	£7,190
05 May - 31 May	£7,190	20 Oct - 15 Nov	£7,190
12 May - 07 Jun	£7,190	03 Nov - 29 Nov	£7,190
25 Aug - 20 Sep	£7,190		

2028 DATES			
22 Mar - 17 Apr	£7,490	30 Aug - 25 Sep	£7,490
29 Mar - 24 Apr	£7,490	04 Oct - 30 Oct	£7,490
02 Apr - 28 Apr	£7,490	11 Oct - 06 Nov	£7,490
03 May - 29 May	£7,490	18 Oct - 13 Nov	£7,490
10 May - 05 Jun	£7,490	01 Nov - 27 Nov	£7,390
23 Aug - 18 Sep	£7,490		

Flight and supplement information
- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 103 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £6,490 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £1,320
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1435 (2027), RMB 1480 (2028)

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ULTIMATE UZBEKISTAN

12 DAYS FROM

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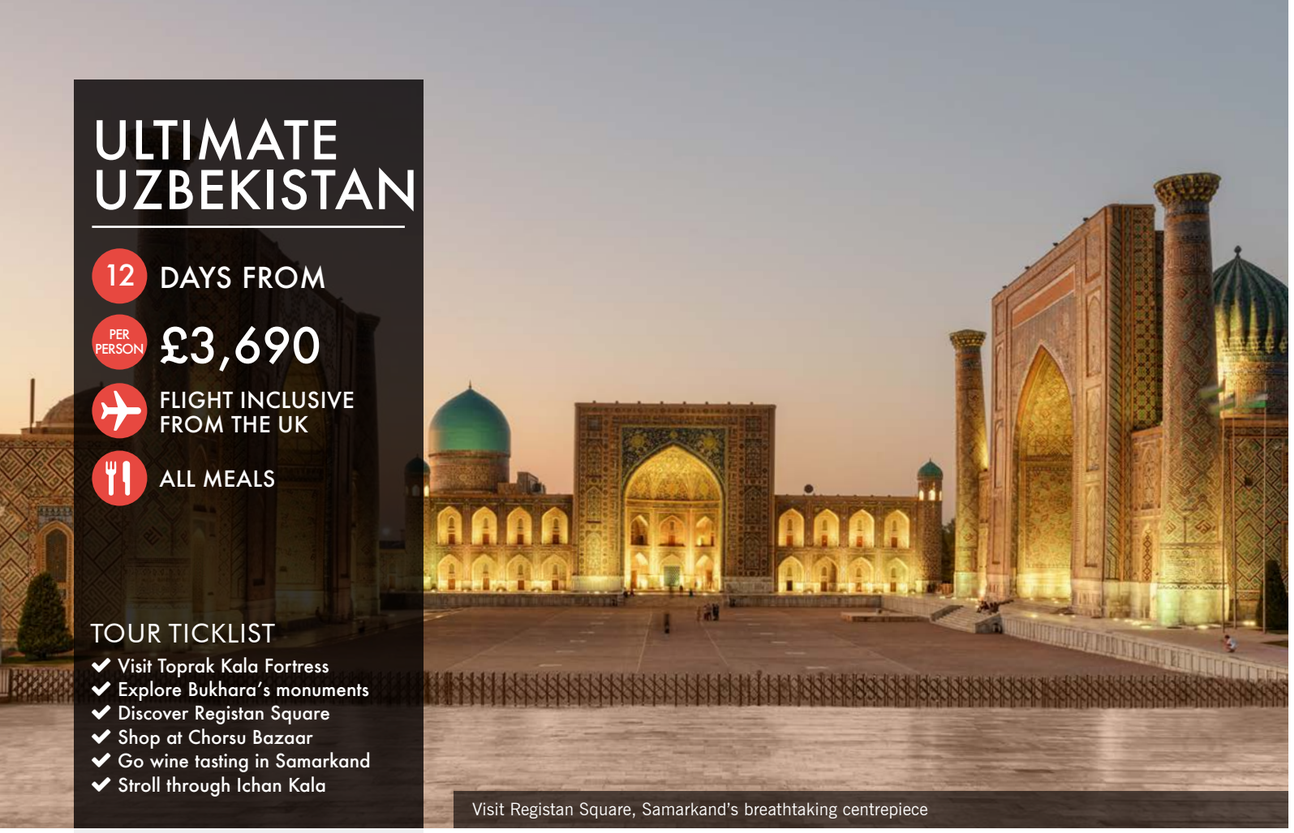
ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✔ Visit Toprak Kala Fortress
- ✔ Explore Bukhara's monuments
- ✔ Discover Registan Square
- ✔ Shop at Chorsu Bazaar
- ✔ Go wine tasting in Samarkand
- ✔ Stroll through Ichan Kala



Visit Registan Square, Samarkand's breathtaking centrepiece

PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 20



Visit a family-run ceramics workshop

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▸ Visit the workshop of the renowned Rakhimov family and discover the rich history of Uzbek ceramics. Explore their unique collection of exquisite handcrafted pieces and see traditional techniques brought to life.
- ▸ Enjoy a wine tasting at Bagizagan Winery in Samarkand, sampling a selection of local vintages. Explore the wine museum and learn about the rich history of winemaking in this historic Silk Road region.
- ▸ Step into the bustling world of Uzbekistan's bazaars, where vibrant colours, rich aromas, and lively chatter fill the air. Wander through stalls brimming with handwoven carpets, intricate ceramics, spices, and local delicacies.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TASHKENT

Fly overnight to Tashkent. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

DAY 3: DISCOVER TASHKENT

Explore the historic old town, visiting Barak Khan Madrassah and Tila Shaikh Mosque, home to precious Islamic archives. Wander the vibrant Chorsu Bazaar, then visit a ceramics workshop. Finish the day in modern Tashkent at Amir Temur Square and the strikingly decorated Tashkent Metro.

DAY 4: JOURNEY TO KHIVA

Rise early for your flight to Nukus. Begin your day at the Igor Savitskiy Museum, often called the 'Louvre of the Desert', home to Russian avant-garde art, Soviet-era masterpieces, and fascinating Karakalpak treasures. Then, drive 200km to Khiva, stopping at Chalpik Kala, an ancient Zoroastrian funerary site, and Toprak Kala, the historic fortress town of Khorezm.

DAY 5: UNESCO ITCHAN KALA

Step inside Ichan Kala, Uzbekistan's first UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore Kukhna Ark Fortress, the turquoise Islom-Khodja Minaret, and Pakhlavan Makhmud Mausoleum. Visit Madrassah Rakhimkhon, the striking Kalta Minor Minaret, and the 19th-century Tash Hauli Palace. In the evening, enjoy a traditional folklore performance.

DAY 6: THE KYZYL KUM DESERT

Travel across the iconic Kyzyl Kum Desert, the 'Red Sands,' along the ancient Silk Road. Enjoy photo stops of the desert landscapes and a visit to the Amudarya River, the legendary Oxus. Arrive in Bukhara in the late afternoon, ready to explore this historic city.

DAY 7: HISTORIC BUKHARA

Uncover Bukhara's highlights, from the serene Lyab-i Hauz to the mighty Ark Fortress and the impressive Poi Kalan Complex. Visit a master suzani maker, watch a plov cooking demonstration before enjoying it for lunch, then wander the workshops showcasing centuries-old traditions of block printing, embroidery, and goldwork.

DAY 8: TRAIN TO SAMARKAND

This morning, explore Sitora-i-Mokhikhosa, the former summer residence of the emir, a stunning blend of Russian and local architectural styles. Later, travel by train to Samarkand, arriving in the late afternoon and ready to begin your next adventure.



Discover historic Bukhara



CLASSIC UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy this in-depth tour throughout Uzbekistan, famous for its ancient cities, beautiful mosques and mausoleums, as you travel the ancient trade route - the Silk Road. Explore among spectacular scenery, discovering architectural wonders and epic history.



See the ruins of the Toprak Kala fortress



Marvel at the tilework of Khiva's Itchan Kala

DAY 9: REGISTAN SQUARE

Explore the highlights of Samarkand, starting at the iconic Registan Square with its three stunning madrassahs: Ulug-Bek, Tillya-Kori, and Sher-Dor. Visit Gur Emir, the mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane, and the grand Bibi-Khanum Mosque. Wander the Silk Road bazaar, admire the Shahi Zinda necropolis, and end the day with a tour and tasting at Bagizagan winery.

DAY 10: SHAKHRISABZ

Travel 90km south of Samarkand to Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of conqueror Amir Timur. Explore the city's highlights, including the ruins of Ak-Sarai Palace, Dorus-Tilavat cemetery, and Kok-Gumbas Mosque, before returning to Samarkand in the afternoon.

DAY 11: RETURN TO TASHKENT

Explore Ulugbek's 15th-century Observatory, where the great astronomer once mapped the stars, then uncover the ruins of Afrosiab, the ancient settlement that predates Samarkand itself. Enjoy some free time for last-minute shopping before boarding a scenic train to Tashkent, watching the landscapes shift along the way. Arrive in the capital for a final farewell dinner.

DAY 12: FLY TASHKENT TO UK

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



Browse vibrant stalls of a traditional bazaar

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Tuesday

2027 DATES			
16 Apr - 27 Apr	£3,690	15 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,690
21 May - 01 Jun	£3,690	22 Oct - 02 Nov	£3,690

2028 DATES			
14 Apr - 25 Apr	£3,890	08 Sep - 19 Sep	£3,890
28 Apr - 09 May	£3,890	22 Sep - 03 Oct	£3,890
12 May - 23 May	£3,890	06 Oct - 17 Oct	£3,890
25 Aug - 05 Sep	£3,890		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 103 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,090 (Tashkent - Tashkent)
- Single room from £430
- Tipping paid locally USD$100

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Try local wine in Samarkand

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ALL MEALS

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TOUR TICKLIST

- Stand on the Great Wall
- Visit the Terracotta Army
- Cruise the Yangtze River
- Explore vibrant Tokyo



Discover the Terracotta Warriors



Map itinerary as per 25 Apr - 19 May 2027 departure



Take a Yangtze River cruise



Admire Mount Fuji

CRUISE & TOUR

CHINA, SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Travelling between two great capitals, experience China's historic and cultural highlights by land and river cruise before boarding a Royal Caribbean cruise ship in Shanghai to cross the East China Sea to Japan for more natural beauty and rich culture.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Itineraries and departure days of the week vary

2027 DATES	Days	Outside	Balcony
25 Apr - 19 May[1]	25	£6,590	£6,990
27 Sep - 23 Oct[2]	27	£7,190	£7,590

CRUISE ITINERARIES

1 - As shown

2 - Shanghai | At Sea | Jeju | Fukuoka | Sakaiminato At Sea | Hakodate | Muroran (Sapporo) | At Sea Tokyo | Tokyo

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 103 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Single room from £1,990
- Land only from £5,790 (Beijing - Tokyo)
- Tipping paid locally RMB 910
- Gratuities on cruise from USD 148

MORE INFORMATION

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Make iconic dumplings

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Learn to make China's iconic dumplings at a cooking class with a professional chef. Make everything from scratch, kneading the dough, rolling it out and pinching in the fillings. Then it's time to cook these bitesize delights before devouring them.
- Visit the Dujiangyan Panda Base where you can not only see this adorable bear up close but learn more about the conservation projects that saw giant pandas downgraded from 'endangered' to 'vulnerable'.
- Learn to tell your nori from your nigiri in a sushi making masterclass! With plenty of tricks and tips, you'll learn to roll the perfect makizushi and much more before feasting on your creations for lunch.

PRICE INCLUDES

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



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ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

Just outside of Beijing, a true bucket-list sight snakes its way across the landscape – the Great Wall of China; today you'll get to stand on this iconic structure. Visit a jade factory (there is an opportunity to shop for a small, handcrafted piece), then spend the afternoon wandering the gardens of the magnificent Summer Palace.

DAY 4: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Cross the vast and emblematic Tiananmen Square, before delving into the imperial treasure trove of the Forbidden City and its 250-acre maze of halls, palaces and gardens. Later, admire the Confucian design of the harmonious Temple of Heaven.

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO PINGYAO

Transfer to the train station and board a bullet train to Pingyao. A living museum and home to China's best preserved ancient city walls, walk the characterful streets to see the Qing Dynasty Yamen building and the Rishengchang Financial House Museum.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO XIAN

This morning is at leisure, with the option of taking part in a fun, hands-on noodle making class (additional expense). Board a bullet train to Xian, capital city of multiple bygone dynasties and terminus of the ancient Silk Road trading route.

DAY 7: ANCIENT XIAN

Stand before one of the 20th century's greatest archaeological discoveries, the enigmatic Terracotta Warriors; spend the morning viewing their ranks. Then visit a workshop where they are intricately recreated followed by a stroll on Xian's beautifully preserved city walls. Later, enjoy a dumpling making class, dining on the results for dinner, and a Tang Dynasty dancing show.

DAY 8: TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Take a walking tour of Xian's lively Muslim Quarter, discovering some fascinating history as you go. Board a bullet train to Chengdu.

DAY 9: PANDAS

Today is dedicated to Chengdu's most famous resident, the lovable giant panda. Visit the Dujiangyan Panda Base, located outside the city at the foot of the mountains that are the bears' natural habitat, to learn all about pandas and to see them relaxing, playing, and chomping on bamboo. Choose to take part in a panda volunteer experience while you're here (additional expense).

DAYS 10-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel. As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next days, prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another, including the Three Gorges themselves, small boat trips down attractive side streams and the massive feat of engineering that is the Three Gorges Dam.

DAY 13: TRAIN TO SHANGHAI

Arrive in Yichang and disembark your cruise vessel. Board a bullet train to Shanghai.

DAY 14: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Explore China's great metropolis, visiting the Yu Garden and the quaint old town before admiring the colonial architecture along the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

DAY 15: BOARD THE ROYAL CARIBBEAN SPECTRUM OF THE SEAS

Transfer to Baoshan cruise terminal to board your cruise. The rest of the day is free to explore the ship's facilities and settle in. Throughout your cruise, when your ship comes into port, there will be a range of excursions available to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation.

DAY 16: CRUISE – AT SEA

Make the most of the plentiful activities available aboard the Spectrum of the Seas.

DAY 17: CRUISE – JEJU

Welcome to South Korea! Port at Jeju Island, South Korea's favourite holiday port. A volcanic island of rugged peaks, lush forest and white sand beaches, it is an excellent place to explore a wealth of unique ancient traditions.

DAY 18: CRUISE – FUKUOKA

On the north coast of the island of Kyushu, the city of Fukuoka is not only full of fascinating history, it is also the gateway to plentiful natural beauty, historic sights, and some wonderful local food.

DAY 19: CRUISE – AT SEA

DAY 20: CRUISE – KOBE

Arrive in Kobe, a port city nestled between mountains and the sea, best known for its world renowned beef – where better to try it? Also reachable from Kobe is Kyoto. Japan's capital for over 1,000 years, it is a treasure trove of history and timeless culture.

DAY 21: CRUISE – AT SEA

DAY 22: CRUISE – SHIMIZU (MT FUJI)

Port at Shimizu, a city of medieval castle ruins, ancient pine groves and traditional gardens. Here, you are ideally located for viewing Mount Fuji or exploring the series of fascinating cultural sights around its base.

DAY 23: ARRIVE IN TOKYO

Disembark the Spectrum of the Seas. You'll be met by a guide and transferred to your hotel; the rest of the day is free.

DAY 24: EXPLORE TOKYO

The day begins in a pocket of deep tradition, Senso-ji, the city's oldest temple, before ascending the Tokyo Skytree. Enjoy a sushi making masterclass before feasting on your creations for lunch. Visit Meiji Jingu Shrine and taste local treats on Takeshita Street and stop at the world-famous Shibuya Crossing.

DAY 25: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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



Discover India with Wendy Wu Tours

Explore India's vibrant streets, grand palaces and iconic monuments. Wander through the sacred ghats and historic forts as you experience the rich culture, traditional cuisine and timeless customs that showcase this diverse country's heritage.

WENDY'S TOP 9 INDIA SIGHTS

1 TAJ MAHAL

Discover the breathtaking beauty of the Taj Mahal, India's most iconic symbol of love. Rising elegantly on the banks of the Yamuna River, this white marble masterpiece tells a story of love and devotion.



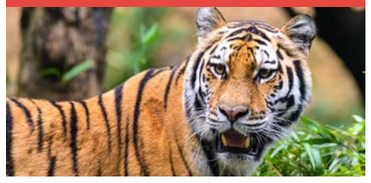
2 GATEWAY OF INDIA

Visit the Gateway of India, Mumbai's landmark waterfront arch. Admire its intricate stone latticework and take in views across the harbour towards the Arabian Sea.



3 RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Head into Ranthambore National Park for an afternoon game drive as you search for Bengal tigers, spotted deer, sambar and langurs along the way.



4 AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

At Ajanta, step inside rock-cut caves to admire murals that tell stories of the Buddha's past lives. At Ellora, discover Buddhist, Hindu and Jain shrines and marvel at the Kailasa Temple.



5 HAMPI RUINS

Discover the UNESCO-listed ruins of Hampi, once the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire. Walk past the stone pillars of a former bazaar and admire the carved stone chariot at Vittala Temple, set amid a landscape of granite boulders.



6 BACKWATERS CRUISE

Board a traditional houseboat and glide through Kerala's palm-lined backwaters. Pass waterside villages and green rice paddies, and watch fishermen cast their nets.



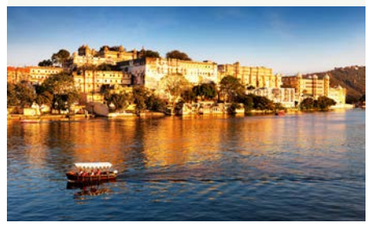
7 AMBER FORT

Perched on the hills of Jaipur, this beautiful fortress with its red sandstone and marble architecture, reflects the royal lifestyle of Rajasthan's rulers in the past.



8 LAKE PICHOLA CRUISE

Cruise across the lake, taking in views of Udaipur's City Palace and the ghats lining the shore. Glide past the white marble Lake Palace and the island of Jag Mandir.



9 ST ALOYSIUS CHAPEL

Step inside St Aloysius Chapel in Mangalore and look up to admire the painted ceiling. Take time to explore the murals that cover the walls and depict scenes from the life of St Aloysius Gonzaga.



INDIA BY RAIL

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- Witness the Ganga Aarti ceremony
- Visit the historic Residency complex
- Capture the beauty of Taj Mahal
- Explore magnificent Amber Fort
- Ride the toy train in Shimla
- Admire the spiritual Golden Temple



Ride Shimla's toy train

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & IE passport holders



Discover local Artisan traditions

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a hands-on pottery session and a fascinating gem-cutting demonstration, where you'll meet skilled local artisans and gain insight into the traditional techniques passed down through generations.
- Travel aboard the iconic toy train, winding through pine forests, hillside villages and spectacular scenery, offering a memorable glimpse into the beauty of the Himalayan foothills.
- Witness the mesmerising Ganga Aarti on the banks of the Ganges. As the sun sets, priests perform this sacred ritual with chanting, bells and flaming oil lamps before flower offerings and flickering lamps are released onto the river.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: DELHI TO VARANASI

Explore the vibrant streets of Old Delhi, passing the impressive Red Fort before visiting the historic Jama Masjid, one of the country's most revered mosques. Discover the sights and sounds of Chandni Chowk on a traditional cycle rickshaw ride, then drive through the grand boulevards of New Delhi, passing India Gate, Parliament House and the Presidential Palace. Later, fly to Varanasi, one of Hinduism's holiest cities.

DAY 4: DISCOVER VARANASI

Begin the day with a sunrise boat cruise on the sacred Ganges, watching pilgrims gather along the ghats as the city comes to life. Continue with a visit to Bharat Mata Temple before travelling to nearby Sarnath, where Buddha delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment.

This evening, witness the captivating Ganga Aarti ceremony, as priests perform rituals along the riverbank amid chanting, music and flickering lamps.

DAY 5: VARANASI TO LUCKNOW

Board the train and travel to Lucknow, the refined capital of Uttar Pradesh. On arrival, explore The Residency, whose atmospheric ruins tell the story of the 1857 Indian Rebellion.

DAY 6: LUCKNOW TO AGRA

Discover Lucknow's architectural treasures, beginning at the grand Bara Imambara before visiting the ornate Chota Imambara. Later, continue by train to Agra, home of India's most famous monument.

DAY 7: THE TAJ MAHAL

Explore the mighty Agra Fort, once the principal residence of the Mughal emperors. Enjoy some free time before visiting the magnificent Taj Mahal, the ivory-white marble mausoleum, housing the tomb of Mumtaz Mahal.



Travel from Varanasi to Lucknow by train





Marvel at the magnificent Taj Mahal

DAY 8: AGRA TO JAIPUR

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Agra before boarding the train to Jaipur, the colourful capital of Rajasthan. On arrival, transfer to your hotel and settle into the Pink City.

DAY 9: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Visit the magnificent Amber Fort, ascending to the hilltop citadel by jeep. Explore its ornate palaces, peaceful courtyards and glittering Hall of Mirrors before returning to the city with a pottery workshop and gem-cutting demonstration en route. Continue to the City Palace and the UNESCO-listed Jantar Mantar Observatory before ending the day with a home-hosted dinner and an insight into local family life.

DAY 10: JAIPUR TO SHIMLA

Fly to Chandigarh and continue by road into the Himalayan foothills. Arrive in Shimla, the former summer capital of British India, renowned for its colonial architecture and mountain scenery.

DAY 11: RIDE SHIMLA'S TOY TRAIN

Board the famous toy train for a scenic journey through pine-clad hills and mountain landscapes. On your return drive to Shimla, you will visit Sankat Mochan Temple. Later, discover the city's colonial heritage at the Voice Regal Lodge and Gaiety Theatre, stroll along the bustling Mall Road and enjoy free time to browse local markets.

DAY 12: SHIMLA TO AMRITSAR

Journey through the foothills to Amritsar. Join the moving Palki Ceremony at the Golden Temple, where the Sikh holy book is carried in a candlelit procession.

DAY 13: GOLDEN TEMPLE

Visit the shimmering Golden Temple and the poignant Jallianwala Bagh memorial. Discover the city's rich culinary traditions on a guided food walk, sampling local specialities while learning about their origins. Later, visit the fascinating Partition Museum, which tells the human stories behind the division of India in 1947.

DAY 14: AMRITSAR TO DELHI

This morning you will be returning to Delhi by train. Spend the afternoon at leisure, perhaps relaxing at your hotel or enjoying some final exploration of the capital.

DAY 15: FLY DELHI TO UK

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving home the same day.



Experience a Ganga Aarti ceremony

CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING 2

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Set off on an extraordinary rail adventure through northern India, passing from bustling metropolises to serene countryside, embracing the myriad scenic landscapes, cultures, and traditions that are unfolding through your window.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Thursday

2027 DATES			
04 Feb - 18 Feb	£4,490	30 Sep - 14 Oct	£4,490
11 Mar - 25 Mar	£4,490		

2028 DATES			
10 Feb - 24 Feb	£4,590	21 Sep - 05 Oct	£4,490
16 Mar - 30 Mar	£4,590	12 Oct - 26 Oct	£4,590

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 103 for details)
- Flight upgrades on request
- Land Only from £3,890 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £910
- Tipping paid locally USD$165

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Cruise Kerala's famous backwaters aboard a traditional houseboat, gliding through a network of canals, lakes and lagoons. Watch daily life unfold along the water's edge, enjoy authentic Keralan cuisine and spend two relaxing nights immersed in one of India's most picturesque regions.

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DECCAN ODYSSEY

One of India's most luxurious trains, the Deccan Odyssey is a five-star hotel on rails, taking guests on journeys that highlight culture and history, while exploring parts of the country that are otherwise hard to reach.







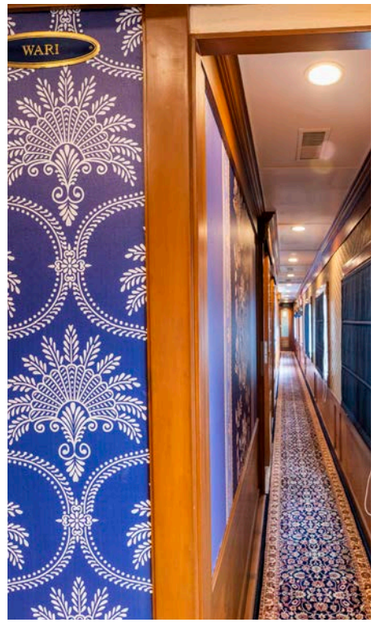


LIFE ON BOARD

THE DECCAN ODYSSEY

On board, the intricate décor and plush furnishings of each carriage have been designed to reflect the grandeur of India's royal palaces. Such unique and opulent touches, along with impeccable service (each guest has a dedicated team, including a Khidmatgar, a butler who provides personalised attention), bring an indulgent ambiance to the adventure.

The train's facilities are second to none – the two restaurants, well-stocked bar car and library are convivial places to relax and unwind; thanks to their picture windows they are also the perfect spots to watch India's diverse landscapes drift past. There is also a small gym as well as a spa, where you can enjoy rejuvenating treatments. The Deccan Odyssey is well-known for its exceptional food. Served in lavish surroundings by waiters in traditional Maharashtrian attire, each meal offers multiple options per course, including local and international dishes that change depending on your destination at the time of service. Cabins are the epitome of the opulence of royal Indian heritage paired with modern luxury. Wood panelling and characterful touches keep things cosy, while a provided mobile phone keeps you in contact with your carriage's 24-hour personal attendant. With an en suite bathroom, twin beds, air conditioning, Wi-Fi and thoughtful extras like earplugs and eye masks, each cabin provides a haven in which to relax and rest.



NEW

DECCAN ODYSSEY: NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS & KERALA

15 DAYS FROM

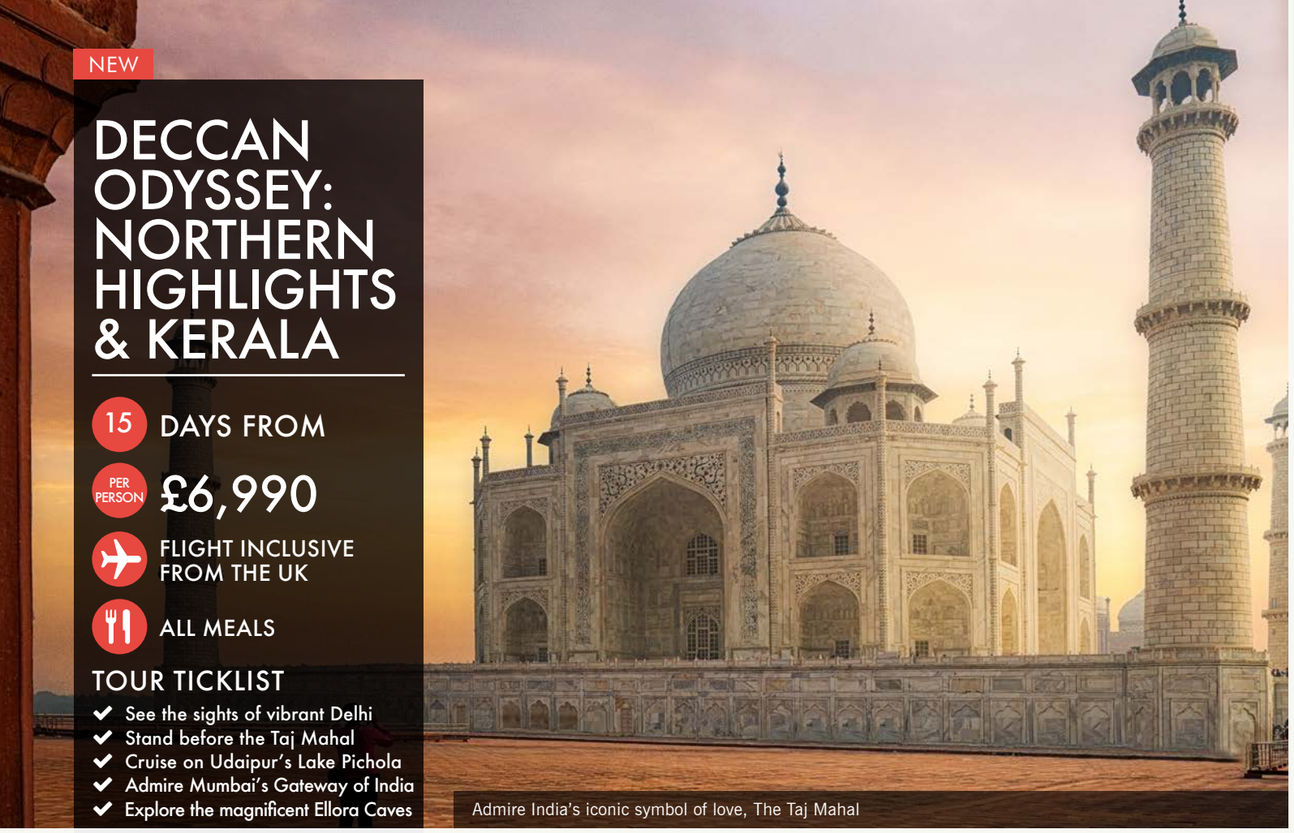
PER PERSON £6,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- See the sights of vibrant Delhi
- Stand before the Taj Mahal
- Cruise on Udaipur's Lake Pichola
- Admire Mumbai's Gateway of India
- Explore the magnificent Ellora Caves



Admire India's iconic symbol of love, The Taj Mahal



CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A tour of two halves. Explore northern India aboard the luxurious Deccan Odyssey, leaving the opulent comforts of the train to explore the region's most famous sights. Then, fly to Kerala to experience another side of India, enjoying the tranquil backwaters and laidback vibes.



Glide the backwaters aboard a shikara

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- 7 nights on board the 5-star Deccan Odyssey
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & IE passport holders



Journey aboard the luxurious Deccan Odyssey

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- India's most luxurious train, the Deccan Odyssey is a five-star hotel on rails. With facilities that are second to none, impeccable service and décor that reflects the grandeur of India's royal palaces, expect a journey where you'll not only explore but relax too.
- At sunset, Kerala's backwaters reflect the warm hues of the sky, the atmosphere is serene and the air still apart from a gentle breeze. Cruise through this peaceful scene and watch life wind down slowly and gently around you.
- Be warmly welcomed into the home of a local family in Cochin where you'll pick up traditional cooking tips and techniques as they prepare a delicious meal for you all to share.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY UK TO DELHI

Fly overnight to Delhi, India's lively capital. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel, where the rest of the afternoon will be at leisure. Later, meet up with your guide and fellow travellers for a briefing followed by dinner.

DAY 3: BOARD THE DECCAN ODYSSEY

Spend much of the day exploring Delhi. Sightsee in Old Delhi, driving past the Red Fort and visiting Jama Masjid, before taking a rickshaw ride through narrow, atmospheric streets. Pass into New Delhi, seeing India Gate and other colonial-era architecture and visit Gandhi Smriti. Visit the railway museum before admiring the magnificent Humayun's Tomb, then transfer to the station to board the Deccan Odyssey, bound for Sawai Madhopur.

DAY 4: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Spend the morning settling into life on board the Deccan Odyssey. With opulent surroundings and impeccable service, find a spot to watch the landscapes drift by, or pick a game to play in the conference coach. This afternoon, step off the train and into the wilds of Ranthambore National Park, in search of majestic Bengal tigers. Be welcomed back on board the train and enjoy drinks and a delicious dinner in one of the restaurant cars.

DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

Disembark the train and travel to Agra by road. Spend the morning at the breathtaking Taj Mahal and admire its ethereal façade, its white marble reflecting the moods of the sky. After lunch, wander through Agra Fort's magnificent Mughal architecture, then visit a fascinating workshop to learn about the art of inlay, a technique known as pietra dura, which was used on the Taj Mahal.

DAY 6: JAIPUR, THE 'PINK CITY'

Receive a warm welcome on arrival in Jaipur, Rajasthan's Pink City. Your explorations will start with the majestic, hilltop Amber Fort in the nearby town of Amer. Next, discover the city itself, visiting the City Palace, the 18th-century royal complex, and driving past the beautiful Hawa Mahal. Return to the Deccan Odyssey and continue your journey.

DAY 7: CITY OF LAKES

Pull into Udaipur, known as India's 'City of Lakes'. Explore the famous City Palace before taking to the waters of Lake Pichola for a scenic cruise. Set out on foot through the old city, enjoying time in the lively bazaar for a glimpse of local charm.

DAY 8: CHAMPANER

Arrive at Vadodara and transfer to the historic town of Champaner to discover Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park. Encompassing the only complete and unchanged pre-Mughal Islamic city in India, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is centred around a magnificent hilltop fortress. Return to the train for lunch, then browse the exhibits of the Maharaja Fateh Singh Museum and sit down to tea and snacks in the resplendent Laxmi Vilas Palace.

DAY 9: ELLORA CAVES

Spend the morning relaxing onboard the Deccan Odyssey as you journey further south. Have lunch on board and then disembark in Aurangabad, ready to enter the sensational Ellora Caves. One of the largest rock-cut cave complexes in the world, the site holds artwork dating from 600-1000 AD.

DAY 10: DISEMBARK THE DECCAN ODYSSEY

Bid farewell to the Deccan Odyssey this morning as you disembark one final time. You'll spend the day seeing the sights of Mumbai – visiting the Gateway of India and the Prince of Wales Museum, with a photo stop at Victoria Terminus. Later, drive along Marine Drive to see Mani Bhavan, followed by some free time at Crawford Market.

DAY 11: FLY TO COCHIN

Fly to Cochin, then drive to Kumarakom. As the sun sets, embark on a serene cruise on Lake Vembanad, drifting gently along in a traditional wooden boat, a shikara.

DAY 12: KUTTANADAN VILLAGE

This morning, explore a traditional Kuttanadan village on a walk that follows narrow paths past canals and paddy fields, learning about daily life in this close-knit community. In the late afternoon, cruise along Kerala's famous backwaters, viewing stilt houses and local fishermen.

DAY 13: COOKING IN COCHIN

Return to Cochin by road, where you have the afternoon free to explore at your own pace. You may wish to wander Fort Cochin's historic streets, browse the antique shops or stroll along the waterfront. This evening, head out to meet a local family for a cooking demonstration and dinner.

DAY 14: KATHAKALI PERFORMANCE

Explore the sights of Cochin, starting at the Mattancherry Palace to see the exquisite murals followed by the ancient synagogue and the iconic Chinese fishing nets in the charming Fort Cochin area. This afternoon, take some free time to browse the wares at a local market then, in the evening, experience a traditional Kathakali performance – a colourful spectacular of music, dance and storytelling.

DAY 15: FLY COCHIN TO UK

Transfer to the airport to fly home to the UK, arriving the same or following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departs Thursday returning Thursday

2027 DATES			
14 Oct - 28 Oct	£6,990		
2028 DATES			
06 Jan - 20 Jan	£7,390	12 Oct - 26 Oct	£7,390

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 103 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £6,390 (Delhi - Cochin)
- Single room from £3,590
- Tipping paid locally USD$240

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Pause to admire Hawa Mahal



Experience a traditional Kathakali performance



Cruise Lake Pichola, passing elegant palaces

NEW

DECCAN ODYSSEY: SOUTHERN SPLENDOURS

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £7,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- Explore Mumbai's lively streets
- View the magnificent caves of Ajanta & Ellora
- Discover the Hampi ruins
- Wander regal Mysore
- See the sights of Cochin



Discover the grandeur of Mysore Palace



CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

All aboard the Deccan Odyssey for a cultural and architectural adventure through India's south. Explore vibrant Mumbai before a decadent journey begins, with stops to soak up the treasures of Mysore and Hampi and the laidback vibes of Cochin and Goa.



Visit the magnificent Sé Cathedral

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
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Explore the colourful stalls of Crawford Market

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Browse the stalls selling regional produce, spices and handicrafts at the vibrant Crawford Market, taking in the colours, aromas and bustle of a working market and seeing how it serves the surrounding community.
- An introduction to Kolhapur's warrior traditions, watch a performance of Mardani Khel, a traditional martial art featuring skilled weapon handling, agile movements and coordinated combat sequences.
- The Deccan Odyssey is a five-star hotel on rails. With impeccable service and decor that reflects the grandeur of India's royal palaces, expect a journey where you'll not only discover India but be able to relax in style.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY UK TO MUMBAI

Fly overnight to Mumbai. You'll be welcomed on arrival and transferred to your hotel, where the rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Meet up with your fellow travellers for dinner this evening.

DAY 3: DISCOVER MUMBAI

Spend the day seeing the sights of the city, India's economic hub. View the majestic Gateway of India, then take a ferry across to the UNESCO-designated Elephanta Caves. Explore these ancient rock-cut temples to discover their intricate sculptures and carvings. Then, visit the Prince of Wales Museum, drive past some of the city's magnificent heritage buildings, such as the Bombay High Court and University of Mumbai, and browse the stalls of the bustling and historic Crawford Market.

DAY 4: TRAIN TO AURANGABAD

This morning is at leisure before you board a train to Aurangabad, passing by rural landscapes, farmland and villages, as you journey inland across Maharashtra.

DAY 5: AJANTA CAVES

Visit the breathtaking caves at Ajanta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you will discover the exquisite ancient paintings, sculptures and carvings, between the 2nd century BC and the 6th century AD, for which they are so famous. There is no better place to glimpse India's rich artistic and religious heritage.

DAY 6: ELLORA CAVES

Today is dedicated to the Ellora Caves, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Like Ajanta but more recent (6th to 10th century), these caves are filled with Buddhist, Hindu and Jain temples, carved intricately into the stone walls. Later, visit the historic Daulatabad Fort and the Bibi Ka Maqbara, known as the 'Mini Taj Mahal'.

DAY 7: BOARD THE DECCAN ODYSSEY

Early this morning, take a train back to Mumbai where you'll board the opulent Deccan Odyssey. After a traditional Indian greeting and a refreshing welcome drink, settle into your beautifully appointed cabin as you pull out of the city, heading south.

DAY 8: KOLHAPUR

Sweep across the hinterlands of Maharashtra as you enjoy breakfast. This morning, you'll have time to make use of the excellent facilities on board the train, such as the spa and the gym. On arrival into Kolhapur, disembark to explore the city, visiting the New Palace Museum, the Town Hall Museum and vibrant local markets. Enjoy tea in a special venue, followed by Lavanya Sandhya, a folk performance. Then, explore the 1,300-year-old Mahalakshmi Temple and witness a traditional martial arts performance.



Admire the ruins of Hampi

DAY 9: HAMPI RUINS

Disembark the train to visit the magnificent Hampi ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you can explore among ancient temples, royal palaces and monuments, the remnants of the Vijayanagara Empire. This afternoon is free to relax on board as you travel towards Mysore.

DAY 10: MYSORE

Pull into Mysore, leaving the train to visit the magnificent Mysore Palace and admire its Indo-Saracenic architecture. After lunch, there is an optional visit to the historic island town of Srirangapatna, known for its rich cultural heritage and notable attractions such as the Ranganathaswamy Temple.

DAY 11: COCHIN

Arrive at Cochin Harbour Terminus and prepare to discover the city. Begin at Mattancherry Palace in Fort Cochin before enjoying an exuberant dance performance. Return to the train for lunch, followed by an afternoon of optional activities which include seeing the Chinese fishing nets and St Francis Church.

DAY 12: MANGALORE

In Mangalore, visit Mangaladevi Temple and Kadri Manjunath Temple, then see the historic riverside watchtower in the Sultan Battery area. Continue to St Aloysius, a chapel with European influences, and the busy local market to browse Mangalore's produce, from spices to handicrafts.

DAY 13: GOA

Take a sightseeing tour of North Goa to explore the region's celebrated Portuguese-influenced architecture. You'll visit the principal churches of Old Goa before returning to the train, where the rest of the day is free to enjoy your final journey onboard.

DAY 14: DISEMBARK THE DECCAN ODYSSEY

Bid farewell to the Deccan Odyssey as you arrive back in Mumbai. Enjoy further explorations of the city, stopping at Dhobi Ghat, the world's largest outdoor laundry, and Mani Bhavan. The afternoon is free for you to spend as you wish.

DAY 15: FLY MUMBAI TO UK

Transfer to the airport and fly home to the UK, arriving the same day.



Step inside the beautiful St Aloysius Chapel

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departs Sunday returning Sunday

2027 DATES					
26 Sep - 10 Oct	£7,990				
2028 DATES					
12 Mar - 26 Mar	£7,990	10 Sep - 24 Sep	£8,390		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 103 for details)
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Journey in style aboard the Deccan Odyssey



Discover Canada with Wendy Wu Tours

Unrivalled in the scale and variety of its spectacular landscapes, Canada is far more than just the great outdoors. You'll also find vibrant cities and quaint towns, friendly locals, diverse cultures, rich Indigenous heritage and a laid-back way of life that are just as inspiring.

WENDY'S TOP 7 CANADA SIGHTS

1 BUTCHART GARDENS

The world-famous Butchart Gardens delights visitors with exquisite floral displays, peaceful garden settings and vibrant seasonal colours, making it one of Vancouver Island's most treasured attractions. Featured on our Great Canadian West with Rocky Mountaineer (page 80) and Rockies, Rail & Alaska Cruise & Tour (page 82).



2 STANLEY PARK

A peaceful oasis in the heart of Vancouver, with towering trees, waterfront scenery and iconic totem poles offering a fascinating glimpse into Indigenous culture and history. Discover on our Great Canadian West with Rocky Mountaineer tour (page 80) and Rockies, Rail & Alaska Cruise & Tour (page 82).



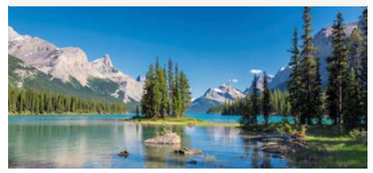
3 SEA TO SKY HIGHWAY

Travel between ocean and mountains, where soaring peaks, sparkling waters and lush forests create breathtaking scenery around every turn on our Great Canadian West with Rocky Mountaineer tour (page 80).



4 SPIRIT ISLAND

Cruise to Spirit Island, spectacularly set amid the turquoise waters of Maligne Lake in Jasper National Park, on our Great Canadian West with Rocky Mountaineer tour (page 80).



5 ATHABASCA GLACIER

Discover the awe-inspiring Athabasca Glacier, set within the vast Columbia Icefield. Journey onto the ice on our Great Canadian West with Rocky Mountaineer tour (page 80) and Rockies, Rail & Alaska Cruise & Tour (page 82).



6 ICEFIELDS PARKWAY

Journey through the heart of the Canadian Rockies, where glaciers, soaring mountains and vast wilderness create dramatic scenery around every bend. Experience it on all our Great Canadian West with Rocky Mountaineer tour (page 80) and Rockies, Rail & Alaska Cruise & Tour (page 82).



7 LAKE LOUISE

Surrounded by majestic mountains, Lake Louise transforms with the seasons, from shimmering turquoise waters to a frozen wonderland, framed by breathtaking alpine scenery. See it on our Great Canadian West with Rocky Mountaineer tour (page 80) and Rockies, Rail & Alaska Cruise & Tour (page 82).



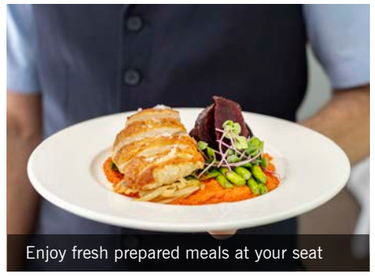
ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

Journey through the spectacular landscapes of the Canadian Rockies aboard the iconic Rocky Mountaineer. Combining superb comfort, attentive service and warm Canadian hospitality, this world-renowned rail adventure showcases some of Western Canada's most breathtaking scenery.

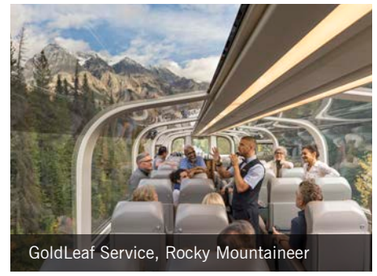




Pass landmarks like Mount Rundle



Enjoy fresh prepared meals at your seat



GoldLeaf Service, Rocky Mountaineer

LIFE ON BOARD

Settle into your glass-dome coach as snow-capped peaks, turquoise rivers, dense forests and dramatic canyons unfold beyond your window. The outdoor viewing platform lets you step outside, breathe in the fresh mountain air and appreciate the scale of the scenery.

With Rocky Mountaineer travelling by daylight, your days are devoted to the ever-changing views, while an overnight hotel stay provides added comfort between days on board.

Adding to the experience are the friendly onboard Hosts, who share their knowledge and stories, alongside delicious regionally inspired meals and a range of beverages.

TWO LEVELS OF WORLD-CLASS SERVICE

SilverLeaf Service

Sit back in comfort and experience the spectacular scenery of the Rocky Mountains in style.

- Travel in a custom-designed, single-level glass-dome coach
- Take in panoramic views through oversized glass-dome windows
- Relax in the comfort of your reclining seat
- Step outside to enjoy the scenery from the outdoor viewing area
- Savour a delicious breakfast and lunch served at your seat
- Enjoy alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and snacks throughout the journey
- Receive warm, attentive service from friendly Hosts, who share fascinating stories and bring the journey to life

GoldLeaf Service

Elevate your Rocky Mountaineer journey with panoramic views, fine dining and exceptional service.

- Travel in a bi-level glass-dome coach with oversized panoramic windows
- Relax in a spacious upper-level seat with uninterrupted views
- Savour gourmet breakfasts and lunches, prepared with locally inspired ingredients and served in the dedicated lower-level dining room
- Step onto the exclusive outdoor viewing platform for a closer look at the ever-changing scenery
- Enjoy a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages along with snacks throughout your journey
- Allow onboard Hosts to take care of every detail, sharing local knowledge and stories while delivering Canadian hospitality throughout the journey

NEW

GREAT CANADIAN WEST WITH ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £8,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✔ Encounter majestic wolfdogs
- ✔ Marvel at Lake Louise
- ✔ Cruise Maligne Lake
- ✔ Walk on the Athabasca Glacier
- ✔ Journey aboard the renowned Rocky Mountaineer
- ✔ Travel along the Sea to Sky Highway



Enjoy panoramic views from the iconic Rocky Mountaineer



CLASSIC FLEX
CANADA

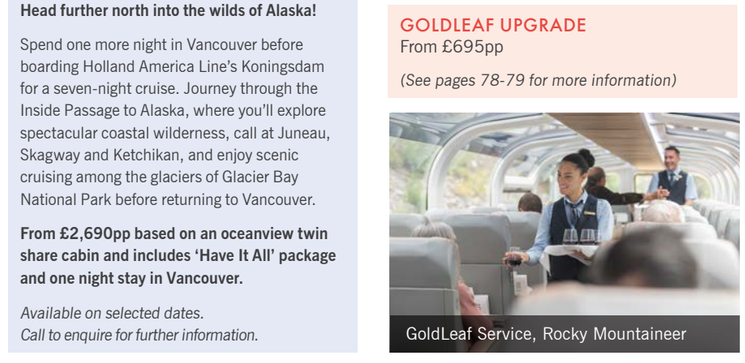
PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Experience the majesty of the Canadian Rockies before boarding the luxurious Rocky Mountaineer for a journey from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Coast, to explore Vancouver, Victoria and Whistler.



Discover Vancouver by night



Take the Sea to Sky Highway, considered one of the world's most beautiful drives

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L), 5 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Ascend the Malahat Skywalk

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▸ Experience Vancouver Island as you travel along the scenic coastline, with views of mountains, forests and ocean, pausing to admire the famous murals of Chemainus, discover the totem poles of Duncan, and ascend the Malahat Skywalk.
- ▸ Explore Banff National Park with a knowledgeable naturalist guide, gaining fascinating insights into the wildlife, landscapes and ecology, and hearing stories amidst the Rocky Mountain wilderness.
- ▸ Settle around a campfire for an inspiring conversation with an Indigenous warrior woman, an authentic way to engage with the First Nations culture of the region. Through the tradition of storytelling, discover perspectives and traditions passed down through generations.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO CALGARY

Arrive in Calgary, a lively city in the province of Alberta. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, where you can relax or begin exploring. This evening, meet your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Depart Calgary for Banff, stopping en route at a Wolfdog Sanctuary. In the heart of the Canadian Rockies, the town of Banff is the gateway to Banff National Park, where this afternoon you will embark on a scenic walk with a naturalist guide. Later, soar to the summit of Sulphur Mountain on the Banff Gondola for magnificent 360-degree views. (B,L)

DAY 3: LAKE LOUISE

This morning, explore Johnston Canyon with an easy hike through its dramatic landscape of towering canyon walls and waterfalls. Travel to Lake Louise for a walk along the shores of this striking glacial lake. Continue to Cave and Basin National Historic Site, whose hot springs have long been a place of cultural significance for Indigenous Peoples. The rest of the day has been left free for independent exploration of Banff. (B)

DAY 4: COLUMBIA ICEFIELD ADVENTURE

Bid farewell to Banff's spectacular scenery and head towards Jasper on the Icefields Parkway, stopping at the Saskatchewan River Crossing for panoramic views. Board an Ice Explorer all-terrain vehicle and venture onto the Athabasca Glacier, where you'll walk on this ancient sheet of ice. Then, step onto the glass-floored Skywalk for thrilling views. Arrive in the alpine town of Jasper, in the heart of Jasper National Park. Later, take part in an immersive cultural experience, with a fireside chat hosted by Indigenous Warrior Women. (B,L)

DAY 5: EXPLORE JASPER NATIONAL PARK

This morning has been left free for independent exploration of Jasper. Then, cruise the turquoise waters of Maligne Lake to the deeply sacred Spirit Island. Later, join a food tour of downtown Jasper, exploring the town's vibrant culinary scene through a selection of carefully curated food and drink pairings, accompanied by fascinating local tales. (B,D)

DAY 6: BOARD THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

Transfer to Jasper's historic train station to board the iconic Rocky Mountaineer. With SilverLeaf Service, you will enjoy panoramic views from your glass-dome coach and delicious meals and beverages brought right to your seat. Journey through spectacular forests, along rushing rivers and beneath towering mountains, passing mighty Mount Robson and Pyramid Falls. Arrive in Kamloops, British Columbia, and transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay. (B,L)

DAY 7: ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

Back on board the Rocky Mountaineer, wind along the banks of the Fraser and Thompson rivers, passing through the Coast Mountains and the Cascade Range. Soak up the last of the scenery before arriving in Vancouver. From here transfer to nearby Richmond with the rest of the evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 8: FERRY TO VANCOUVER ISLAND

Board a ferry from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island, then continue to the renowned Butchart Gardens. Stroll through its 55 acres of floral displays and indulge in a traditional afternoon tea before heading to Victoria, the provincial capital. An orientation tour will introduce you to the highlights of this charming city. (B,D)

DAY 9: VICTORIA FLEX

Enjoy a Flex day to relax or continue exploring Victoria. You may wish to visit one of the city's museums or gardens, embark on a harbour cruise, or join a whale-watching excursion in search of orcas, seals and seabirds. (B)

DAY 10: VANCOUVER ISLAND

Head north from Victoria, stopping first at the Malahat Skywalk. Designed in collaboration with the Malahat Nation, it offers a unique opportunity to connect with nature amid a coastal temperate rainforest. Continue to Duncan, the 'City of Totems,' to view some of the 40 hand-carved cedar totem poles that stand throughout the community, before visiting Chemainus, the 'Mural Capital of Canada'. Take the ferry from Nanaimo back to the mainland before heading to the mountain resort of Whistler. (B,D)

DAY 11: WHISTLER FLEX

Today is Flex time for indepedent exploration in Whistler. Wander the charming pedestrian village, discover local shops, galleries and cafés, or venture onto scenic walking trails that wind through the surrounding forests and lakes. (B)

DAY 12: SEA TO SKY HIGHWAY

Visit the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre for an authentic glimpse into First Nations culture, exploring the museum's collection of carved house posts, story poles, canoes, regalia and more. Take the Sea to Sky Highway, considered one of the world's most beautiful drives, back to Vancouver, stopping at the impressive Shannon Falls en route. Back in the city, enjoy some free time to browse the shops, galleries and food stalls of Granville Island. (B)

DAY 13: VANCOUVER

This morning, scale Grouse Mountain by Skyride or Gondola for incredible views across Vancouver, before visiting Stanley Park to explore this green oasis in the heart of the city. Enjoy a free afternoon in Vancouver, perfect for some last-minute shopping, before rejoining the group for this evening's farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAYS 14-15: FLY VANCOUVER TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, arriving the following day. (B)

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Departing Saturday returning Saturday

2028 DATES

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Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 103 for details)
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ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO CALGARY

Arrive in the vibrant city of Calgary, the gateway to the Canadian Rockies. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel in Banff, where the rest of the day is yours to relax until a welcome dinner this evening.

DAY 2: LAKE LOUISE & COLUMBIA ICEFIELD ADVENTURE

Discover some of the Canadian Rockies' most spectacular scenery today as you visit Lake Louise before travelling along the iconic Icefields Parkway to the Columbia Icefield. Following lunch, board an Ice Explorer all-terrain vehicle and venture onto the ancient surface of the Athabasca Glacier before returning to Banff.

DAY 3: ALL ABOARD THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

Transfer to Banff station where you'll board the celebrated Rocky Mountaineer, a train renowned for its world-class experience. Enjoy breakfast onboard as the train pulls out of Banff and winds its way through majestic, untouched landscapes. In the dome car, alongside the views, you'll learn about Spiral Tunnels and Glacier National Park; after a full day of mountain peaks and delicious food, you'll arrive into Kamloops and transfer to your hotel for the night.

DAY 4: ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER

Continue your journey aboard the Rocky Mountaineer, passing through thick fir forests and along the Fraser River, passing Hell's Gate, where the river is forced through a narrow canyon in a powerful surge. Pull into Vancouver in the late afternoon and bid farewell to the Rocky Mountaineer before transferring to your hotel.

DAY 5: EXPLORE VANCOUVER ISLAND

Board a ferry across the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver Island, where you will spend the day exploring its beautiful coastal scenery and world-famous gardens. Explore the renowned Butchart Gardens with a guided walk through their magnificent 122-year-old display garden, followed by lunch. Later, return by ferry, taking in more beautiful coastal scenery along the way.

DAY 6: BOARD THE HOLLAND AMERICA LINE KONINGSDAM

Transfer to Vancouver's cruise terminal to board your cruise ship, Koningsdam. The rest of the day is free to explore the ship's facilities and settle in. Throughout your cruise, when your ship comes into port, there will be a range of excursions available to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation.

DAY 7: CRUISE – AT SEA

Journey northwards along the Inside Passage. Sheltered by the islands and bays along the Pacific coast of Canada and Alaska, the route is renowned for its calm waters and incredible scenery of huge tracts of forest, mountain peaks, glaciers and fjords. On deck, you may get to spot wildlife like whales and eagles.

DAY 8: CRUISE – JUNEAU

Welcome to Alaska! Juneau is set among water, forest and mountains and feels a million miles from the world, being the most remote state capital of the USA. While the city is pleasant to explore, Juneau is really about the great outdoors, and it is easy to spot wildlife in the nature that is right on its doorstep.

DAY 9: CRUISE – SKAGWAY

A raucous frontier town at the height of the Gold Rush, Skagway today is a hub of Alaska's rich history and pristine nature. Here, you can learn all about the Klondike Gold Rush and the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad in the historic district or step out into the glorious nature that surrounds the city.

DAY 10: CRUISE – AT SEA

Today you'll cruise through Glacier Bay. You'll be surrounded by a landscape of mountains, temperate rainforest and ice-carved fjords, with views of the glaciers that calve into the bay and the chance to hear the cracks and creaks of their slow movement. Keep an eye out for humpback whales breaching from the water.

DAY 11: CRUISE – KETCHIKAN

Ketchikan is flanked by forests of vibrant green, a major hub of salmon-fishing and a town of vibrant native culture and a rich history. Sportfishing and eating fresh seafood are two possible activities here, or you can visit the intricate totem poles of the indigenous Alaskan nations.

DAY 12: CRUISE – AT SEA

Cruise southwards back into the Inside Passage, another opportunity to watch the spectacular scenery drift by. Gaze out over the tracts of the Great Bear Rainforest, snow-capped peaks and glacier-cut fjords of this astonishing coastline.

DAY 13: ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER

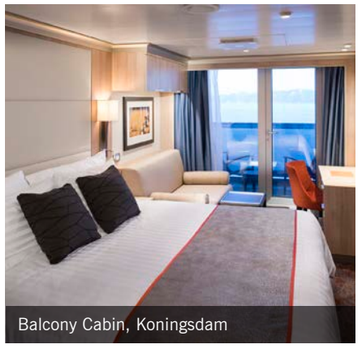
Disembark the Holland America Line Koningsdam. You'll be met by your guide and depart for a city tour of Vancouver, including Stanley Park and Granville Island, with a stop for lunch along the way. Later, transfer to your hotel. This evening, share a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

DAYS 14-15: FLY VANCOUVER TO UK

Transfer to the airport and fly home to the UK, arriving home the following day.




Explore around Skagway, Alaska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CANADA, ALASKA

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Exploring among some of the world's most magnificent landscapes, on this adventure by train and cruise ship you'll cross the Canadian Rockies onboard the esteemed Rocky Mountaineer before cruising up the renowned Inside Passage and into Alaskan waters.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Monday

2027 DATES	Outside	Balcony
14 Jun - 28 Jun	£9,790	£10,290
12 Jul - 26 Jul	£9,990	£10,590
09 Aug - 23 Aug	£9,790	£10,090

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 103 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Single room outside from £2,500
- Land only from £8,890
- Tipping paid locally from CAD 110
- Gratuities on cruise included
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▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Be whisked 700 metres up a towering mountainside, flying high above forest and valley, to reach the awe-inspiring viewpoint atop Sulphur Mountain. Gaze towards a horizon lined with snow-capped peaks and the valley far below.
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LIMA
CUSCO
6 BOLIVIA
SALVADOR
AREQUIPA
LAKE TITICACA
BRASILIA
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7 SALAR DE UYUNI
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RIO DE JANEIRO
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WENDY'S TOP 8 SOUTH AMERICA SIGHTS

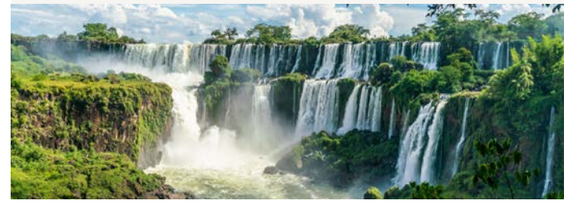
1 MACHU PICCHU

Travel high into the Andes and uncover the mysteries of the Incas at the incredible Machu Picchu, Peru's crowning glory and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, featured on our Panoramic Peru (page 86) and Ultimate South America (page 92) tours, among others.



2 IGUAZÚ FALLS

Iguazú's hundreds of cascades tumble over the border between Argentina and Brazil in spectacular fashion! Visit the falls from both sides on our Treasures of South America (page 90) and Ultimate South America (page 92) tours.



3 SALAR DE UYUNI

Spanning nearly 11,000-sq. km, Bolivia's salt flats are the largest in the world. The vast other-worldly landscape plays with your sense of perspective and will leave you awestruck. See for yourself on our Andes to Atacama Adventure (page 88) or on our Ultimate South America tour (page 92).



4 RIO DE JANEIRO

Set between forested mountains and the Atlantic Ocean, Rio is a spectacularly situated city. Admire iconic Christ the Redeemer and Sugarloaf Mountain on our Treasures of South America (page 90) and Ultimate South America (page 92) tours.



5 BUENOS AIRES

Argentina's captivating capital blends grand European-style architecture with a distinctly Latin spirit. Experience the city's lively neighbourhoods, excellent food and renowned passion for tango on our Ultimate South America tour (page 92).



6 LAKE TITICACA

Straddling the border between Peru and Bolivia, Lake Titicaca is the world's highest navigable lake. Discover its indigenous communities on our Panoramic Peru (page 86), and Andes to Atacama Adventure (page 88) tours, among others.



7 SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

San Pedro de Atacama is a gateway to salt flats, colourful lagoons, dramatic rock formations, and exceptional stargazing opportunities. Explore this extraordinary area on our Andes to Atacama Adventure (page 88) and Ultimate South America (page 92) tours.



8 MENDOZA

Set against the magnificent backdrop of the Andes, Mendoza lies at the heart of Argentina's most celebrated wine region. Visit wineries and sample the region's signature Malbec on our Ultimate South America tour (page 92).



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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- Explore Machu Picchu
- Journey through awe-inspiring Andean landscapes
- Meet the local Quechua community
- Stroll the colonial streets of Cusco
- Learn to cook Peruvian delicacies



Visit one of the wonders of the world, the citadel of Machu Picchu

PRICE INCLUDES

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- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit the Uros people of Lake Titicaca

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▸ Set foot on the floating reed islands of Lake Titicaca, home of the indigenous Uros people. Learn about life out on the water and get a glimpse of this fascinating culture.
- ▸ Choose a selection of fresh ingredients from one of Lima's bustling local markets before participating in a cooking class with a local chef, preparing some delicious Peruvian dishes.
- ▸ Learn all about Peru's national beverage at a pisco tasting in Lima. Discover the subtle flavours and variations of this celebrated drink.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO LIMA

Today you will fly to Lima, the capital of Peru, where you arrive in time to experience a traditional Peruvian-style evening dinner.

DAY 2: LIMA CITY TOUR

This morning embark on an informative tour of Lima, formerly known as the 'City of Kings'. Kick your Peruvian adventure off with a mouth-watering culinary tour. Begin by gathering your ingredients from the local markets before heading to the kitchen workshop where a local chef will teach you how to prepare some traditional Peruvian delicacies.

After lunch, visit Lima's UNESCO World Heritage centre with its striking colonial architecture. Later uncover the fascinating Huaca Pucllana, an ancient pyramid built by a pre-Incan civilisation known as the Lima culture. Take in the sights and sounds of the bohemian Barranco district this afternoon, before becoming acquainted with pisco, Peru's national drink, at an insightful pre-dinner tasting session.

DAY 3: SACRED VALLEY

Fly to Cusco before transferring to the famous Sacred Valley of the Incas, home to hillside citadels and striking foothills. Stop at Manos de la Comunidad, learning traditional crafts from local artisans, and understanding the significance of preserving these ancient techniques. After the tour, you'll be transferred to your hotel in Sacred Valley.

DAY 4: OLLANTAYTAMBO

A visit to Maras, Moray, and Ollantaytambo offers a journey through Peru's rich history and breathtaking landscapes.

In Maras, you'll explore the stunning salt mines, where families harvest salt in ancient terraced pans. Moray unveils impressive circular terraces, thought to be an agricultural laboratory of the Incas, showcasing their advanced farming techniques. Finally, in Ollantaytambo, you'll wander through a living Inca town, with its massive stone fortress and narrow cobbled streets, offering a glimpse into ancient Andean civilisation. Today's activities will be undertaken at high altitudes.

DAY 5: TRAIN TO MACHU PICCHU

This morning you'll board the Vistadome train and begin your epic rail journey to Machu Picchu. Travel through stunning Andean mountain landscapes as you make your way to the small town of Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. Ascend to the citadel and spend some time exploring these extraordinary ruins. Abandoned by the Inca in the 16th century, Machu Picchu lay undiscovered until Hiram Bingham stumbled upon its vegetation-covered remains in 1911. Machu Picchu is now one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

DAY 6: MACHU PICCHU

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Aguas Calientes, perhaps unwinding in the soothing thermal baths surrounded by lush mountain scenery. In the afternoon, board the train for a scenic journey back to Poroy, continue by road to Cusco, returning once more to the heart of the Andes.

DAY 7: DISCOVER CUSCO

After breakfast, embark on a full-day tour of Cusco, the Imperial Capital of the Incas. Start at Koricancha and the Santo Domingo Church, where you'll discover the sacred site once adorned with gold and life-size golden statues. Next, visit the Cusco Cathedral, home to stunning Cusco School paintings and intricate gold and silver reliefs. Participate in a traditional Quechua ritual with a Shaman, offering thanks to Pachamama (Mother Earth). This evening enjoy a vibrant folklore show featuring traditional music and dancing.

DAY 8: TRAIN TO PUNO

This morning, board your train to Puno. Travel through the spectacular Peruvian highlands in comfort and style. Travel past rolling hills, snow-capped peaks and traditional Andean villages. Indulge in a gourmet lunch, prepared with delicious local ingredients, and enjoy lively music and dance performances.

DAY 9: LAKE TITICACA

Journey by boat across Lake Titicaca to the floating reed-constructed islands of Uros. Here you'll meet the local Uros people before continuing to the island of Taquile, which was once an Inca stronghold. Today the islanders depict their long history in complex textile designs, which are recognised by UNESCO.

DAY 10: COLCA CANYON

An early start this morning for your journey to Chivay village. Pass through Lagunillas and Torca along the way, keeping an eye out for flamingos, Andean ducks and llamas. Eventually, you'll reach Patapampa which sits at 4,820 metres altitude. Marvel at the wonderful view of the Ampato, Sabancaya, Hualca-Hualca and Mismi volcanoes. Once in Chivay, admire the views of the Colca Valley terraces before enjoying a relaxing dip in the natural hot springs.

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO AREQUIPA

This morning you'll travel to Arequipa via Condor Cross. Here you'll stop to watch the mighty condors gliding on the thermals. We'll also visit several of the local villages and viewpoints. On arrival at Arequipa, you'll have the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 12: EXPLORE AREQUIPA

Peru's spectacularly situated second city is set to a backdrop of volcanoes and is home to stunning colonial architecture. Today you'll visit the Carmen Alto viewpoint before exploring the Yanahuara Quarter and admiring the UNESCO-listed Plaza de Armas and the Monastery of Santa Catalina. Later this afternoon, take a flight back to Lima, with a farewell dinner this evening.

DAYS 13-14: FLY LIMA TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.



Explore the "White City" of Arequipa



Totora reed boat, Lake Titicaca



Journey through the Peruvian highlands

CLASSIC
PERU

PHYSICAL RATING 2

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

On this thrilling journey, you'll spend quite a bit of time at altitude in the Andes Mountains. Along the way you'll discover the heart of the Inca Empire at Machu Picchu, encounter soaring condors and sail the deep-blue waters of Lake Titicaca.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

2027 DATES			
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- ✔ Discover the mysteries of Machu Picchu
- ✔ Ride the scenic train to Puno
- ✔ Experience the Salar de Uyuni
- ✔ Tour the night sky in the Atacama
- ✔ Savour a Chilean wine tasting
- ✔ Wander the streets of Valparaiso


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Stargaze in the Atacama

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▸ Renowned for its exceptionally clear, dark skies, the Atacama is one of the best places on Earth to explore the cosmos. Marvel at the Milky Way, spot distant stars and discover the constellations of the Southern Hemisphere in the quiet tranquillity of a desert night.
- ▸ Journey from Cusco, heartland of the Incas, to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca, by train. Crossing the scenic Peruvian highlands, you'll pass rolling hills, serene lakes and traditional villages, the views made even more appealing by a gourmet lunch and cultural entertainment.
- ▸ Cross the waters of the great Lake Titicaca, gazing across the lake to the mountain peaks beyond. Explore Isla del Sol, delving into its rich Incan history and discovering the traditions and culture that have shaped life on this legendary island.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO LIMA

Fly to Lima, Peru's capital. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day is yours to relax and acclimatise before a delicious Peruvian-style welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: EXPLORE LIMA

Founded by conquistador extraordinaire Francisco Pizarro in 1535 and known as the 'Ciudad de los Reyes' (City of Kings), Lima is a fascinating and stately city. Your city tour starts with a visit to the intriguing Huaca Pucllana, a pyramid constructed by an ancient culture. Then, stroll the streets in and around the UNESCO-listed historic city centre, renowned for its magnificent colonial architecture. (B)

DAY 3: INTO THE SACRED VALLEY

Hop on a plane and fly to Cusco, passing through the city and heading straight into the renowned Sacred Valley of the Incas, known for its breathtaking scenery and hillside citadels. As you explore, visit one of its many charming towns, where a local community will introduce you to their more traditional way of life. (B,L)

DAY 4: TRAIN TO MACHU PICCHU

Begin the day in Moray, walking through the striking circular terraces, believed to have been used by the Incas for agricultural experiments. Afterwards, you'll visit Maras, where over 3,000 salt ponds carved into the mountainside capture salty spring water, producing the famous sal de Maras. In Ollantaytambo explore the impressive ruins, including the Temple of the Sun, and observe the still-functioning Inca terraces and water systems, before heading to Aguas Calientes, gateway to Machu Picchu. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: DISCOVER MACHU PICCHU

From the floor of the valley, ascend to Machu Picchu perched high on a mountain ridge. Abandoned by the Incas in the 16th century, the citadel remained a local secret until it was brought to the world's attention by explorer Hiram Bingham in 1911. You'll have plenty of time to explore these remarkable and wonderfully atmospheric ruins before hopping back on the Vistadome train in the afternoon. Disembark in Poroy and transfer to Cusco. (B)

DAY 6: EXPLORE CUSCO

At the heart of modern-day Cusco is the city that was once the glorious capital of the Inca Empire, razed and built over by the conquering Spanish in the 16th century. This area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, represents a captivating blend of Incan and colonial heritage and is a big part of your explorations today. Wander the Plaza de Armas and the Convent of Santo Domingo while also learning about the Incan architecture beneath your feet. Then, visit the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, experiencing a traditional Quechua ritual led by a Shaman, providing a spiritual connection to Andean traditions and Inca heritage. (B)

DAY 7: TRAIN TO LAKE TITICACA

All aboard the train to one of the world's highest lakes! Journey across the Peruvian highlands to Puno, enjoying the views as you relax in comfort and style. Four dining cars, where a gourmet lunch of Andean ingredients will be served, and a bar car will keep you refreshed throughout your travels, while music and dance performances will keep you entertained. (B,L)



DAY 8: ACROSS LAKE TITICACA

Bid farewell to Puno and Peru and cross the border into Bolivia, continuing to Copacabana on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Board a catamaran and sail across the lake to Isla del Sol, enjoying panoramic views along the way. Explore the Inti Wata Cultural Complex with its underground museums, and witness an ancestral ceremony led by a local indigenous guide. Return to the catamaran for lunch on board as you cruise back to Copacabana, where you'll spend the night. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO LA PAZ

Traverse the Andes to reach La Paz. Bolivia's administrative capital and one of the world's most spectacularly set cities, La Paz is a fascinating assault on the senses. A half day city tour will immerse you in its history with visits including Moon Valley and a ride in the teleférico (cable car) up to a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the city and the Andean peaks beyond. (B,L,D)


Explore the Uyuni Salt Flats

DAY 10: SALAR DE UYUNI

Fly to the Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia's incredible salt flats. Enjoy a picnic lunch while admiring the surreal landscapes and experiment with perspectives on this vast, flat expanse. Tonight, sleep in a unique salt hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: MEET THE MUMMIES

Explore the salt flats where, weather permitting, you'll meet the intriguing Coquesa Mummies, ancient human remains preserved in a cave near the Tunupa Volcano. Pause to take in the views from this incredible vantage point, the shimmering white flats spreading out into the distance. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12-13: INTO THE ATACAMA

Wave farewell to Bolivia as you cross into Chile and the stark beauty of the Atacama Desert, travelling to the desert outpost of San Pedro de Atacama. (B,L)

The next day, visit the charming desert village of Toconao then drive to the otherworldly Moon Valley, where you can watch the colours of lonely volcanoes and jagged cliffs shift through a spectrum of yellows, reds and purples as night falls. (B,L)

DAY 14: VENTURE TO EL TATIO

Rise before dawn to travel through the twilight to reach El Tatio Geysers, set within a ring of volcanoes. As the sun rises, watch as they eject powerful bursts of steam from deep underground.. Relax this afternoon before setting out again late in the evening to make the most of the Atacama's dark skies. There is nowhere better in the world for stargazing; tonight, you will be given a guided tour of the heavens with a glass of local wine in hand. (B)


Wander the old streets of La Paz


Admire magnificent Machu Picchu

GO BEYOND

PERU, BOLIVIA, CHILE

PHYSICAL RATING 2

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the heartlands of the Incan Empire in Peru, through the surreal landscapes of Bolivia's Salar de Uyuni, and into the stark beauty of the Atacama Desert, on this adventure there is always something to take your breath away.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Thursday

2027 DATES			
10 May - 27 May	£9,690	13 Sep - 30 Sep	£9,690
12 Jul - 29 Jul	£9,690	20 Sep - 07 Oct	£9,690

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12 Jun - 29 Jun	£9,990	02 Oct - 19 Oct	£9,990
10 Jul - 27 Jul	£9,990		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 103 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £8,690pp (Lima - Santiago)
- Single room from £1,790
- Tipping paid locally US$170

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DAY 15: TRAVEL TO SANTIAGO

Transfer to Calama and fly down to Santiago, Chile's capital city. Tour the city, stopping at the Plaza de Armas, home to the impressive 18th-century cathedral and 19th-century post office. Take a cable car to the top of Santa Lucia Hill for views over the city and, on clear days, to the mountain peaks beyond. (B,D)

DAY 16: DISCOVER VALPARAISO

Take a day trip to the port city of Valparaiso. Unique and full of roguish charm, the city is set along the seafront and on the hills above, the two parts connected by vintage funiculars. The hilltop 'cerros' (neighbourhoods) are packed with colourful mansions and cobbled streets and are a delight to wander. Continue to the Casablanca Valley for a leisurely lunch and tasting of local wines. (B,L)

DAYS 17-18: FLY SANTIAGO TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, arriving the next day. (B)

This tour can be extended to include Argentina and Brazil - see Ultimate South America (page 92).

TREASURES OF SOUTH AMERICA



20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£12,090**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- Marvel at Machu Picchu
- Cruise across Lake Titicaca
- Enjoy a samba and dinner show
- Explore both sides of the Iguazú Falls
- Ascend Sugarloaf Mountain
- Discover the traditions behind Carnival

Experience the awe-inspiring Iguazú Falls

PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 18 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Join gauchos on an Argentinian estancia

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Visit a traditional Argentinian estancia (ranch) for a lesson in local folklore. Discover the history of the legendary gauchos (cowboys) before enjoying a typical asado lunch, expertly prepared on a traditional outdoor parrilla (grill).
- Immerse yourself in the rhythm of Rio in one of the city's many samba bars. Whether you choose to sit back and enjoy the show or get involved in the action, the irresistible beats are sure to leave you with a spring in your step for days to come.
- Meet the Mbororé Aldea tribe, an indigenous community that lives in the depths of the rainforest. Gain a fascinating insight into a unique culture and learn all about their lifestyle, ancestry, folklore and knowledge of their jungle home.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO LIMA
Fly to Lima and check-in at your hotel before enjoying a delicious, Peruvian-style welcome dinner.

DAY 2: EXPLORE LIMA
Become acquainted with Lima, formerly known as the 'City of Kings', on today's tour. Start with the fascinating Huaca Pucllana, an ancient pyramid built by a pre-Incan civilisation known as the Lima culture. After lunch, soak up the sights and sounds of the bohemian Barranco district before sampling some pisco, Peru's national drink, at an insightful pre-dinner tasting session.

DAY 3: SACRED VALLEY
Fly to Cusco before transferring to the famous Sacred Valley of the Incas, home to hillside citadels and striking foothills. Stop at Manos de la Comunidad, a local community who will share their rich heritage and traditions with you. Your last stop will be the archaeological site of Pisac.

DAY 4: MORAY & MARAS
Today visit the impressive circular terraces of Moray. These are thought to have been used by the Incas for agricultural experiments. In Maras gaze at the salt ponds that collect salty water from a spring, producing the famous sal de Maras. A stop at Ollantaytambo, an ancient Inca town built by Emperor Pachacuti, to explore the remarkable ruins, before proceeding to Aguas Calientes.

DAY 5: MACHU PICCHU
Ascend to Machu Picchu and spend some time exploring these extraordinary ruins. Abandoned by the Inca in the 16th century, Machu Picchu lay undiscovered until Hiram Bingham stumbled upon its vegetation-covered remains in 1911. Machu Picchu is now one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Board the return train to Poroy. Overnight in Cusco.

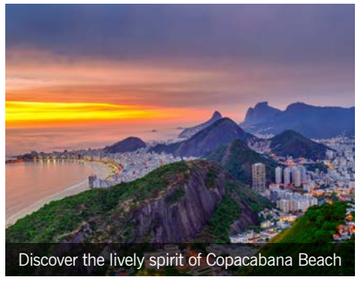
DAY 6: DISCOVER CUSCO
After breakfast, you'll begin a full tour of Cusco, starting at Koricancha and Santo Domingo Church, once the most sacred Inca site with walls covered in gold. Next, visit Cusco Cathedral to admire its stunning artwork and gold-silver details. You'll then explore the impressive Fortress of Sacsayhuaman, famous for its massive stone walls. Take part in a traditional Quechua ritual led by a Shaman, offering a spiritual connection to Andean traditions and Inca heritage.

DAY 7: TRAIN TO PUNO
This morning, board your train to Puno. Travel through the spectacular Peruvian highlands in comfort and style. Enjoy a gourmet lunch, prepared with delicious Andean ingredients. There will also be music and dance shows on board.



Wander through Santo Domingo





Discover the lively spirit of Copacabana Beach



Explore the wonders of Machu Picchu

DAY 8: LAKE TITICACA
Journey by boat across Lake Titicaca to the floating islands of Uros, which are constructed entirely from reeds. Spend time exploring and meeting the local Uros people before continuing to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Taquile. This island was once an Inca stronghold and today the islanders depict their long history in complex textile designs. After your tour of the island, head back to Puno.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO LIMA
On the way to the airport you'll stop off at the pre-Incan towers of Sillustani, built by the ancient Colla people. The towers are encircled by the sparkling Lago Umayo which is home to a diverse range of plants and wildlife. Enjoy a traditional Andean lunch before boarding your flight to Lima.

DAY 10: FLY TO BUENOS AIRES
Bid farewell to Peru and fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina's flamboyant capital city. Later, enjoy a quintessential Argentine experience; the tango! Take a dance class before sitting down to enjoy dinner and a sultry tango show.

DAY 11: EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES
An irresistible combination of Latin flair and European elegance, Buenos Aires is a delight to explore and that's exactly what you'll do on today's city tour. Discover the vibrant districts of La Boca, San Telmo, Recoleta, Palermo and Puerto Madero.

DAY 12: DAY TRIP TO URUGUAY
Embark on a day trip to Uruguay today, taking a ferry across the Rio de La Plata to Colonia del Sacramento. A picture-perfect colonial town, Colonia was founded by the Portuguese in 1680 and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The beautiful Barrio Historico, occupying a small peninsula that juts out into the river is an atmospheric maze of old cobbled streets. Admire the main square, see the ruins of San Francisco Church and visit the lighthouse.

DAY 13: THE PAMPAS
Spend the day on the vast, fertile grasslands, known as the pampas, at a traditional estancia (ranch). Here you'll learn all about gaucho life. After a delicious asado lunch, enjoy a fun folklore show.

DAY 14: PUERTO IGUAZÚ
Fly north to Puerto Iguazú to see the incredible Iguazú Falls, a huge waterfall that straddles the border between Argentina and Brazil.

DAY 15: DISCOVER IGUAZÚ
Today you'll visit the Argentinian side of Iguazú and witness the thundering roar of these powerful falls. Later you'll meet the native Mbororé Aldea people – learn about this intriguing culture as the community members share fascinating tales of their ancestors, rituals, myths and legends.

DAY 16: FLY TO RIO DE JANEIRO
This morning cross into Brazil for a panoramic view of the falls. This afternoon, hop on a plane to Rio de Janeiro, affectionately known as the *Cidade Maravilhosa* (marvellous city).

DAY 17: CHRIST THE REDEEMER
Set off in your jeep to discover the very best of Rio. Visit the historic Santa Teresa neighbourhood, then stop at the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue onCorcovado Hill, before a refreshing stroll in the Tijuca Forest.

After lunch enjoy a Carnival Experience, visiting the Cidade do Samba and Academicos da Grande Rio warehouse to learn about the history and extravagant costumes behind Samba culture. Try on some carnival attire and toast with a Caipirinha.

As night descends, join the Rio by Night tour in Lapa, the epicenter of Rio's nightlife. Your local guides will lead you to Rio Scenarium, a unique venue blending an antique shop and an auction room, where you'll experience traditional Brazilian jazz and samba while enjoying dinner.

DAY 18: RIO DE JANEIRO CITY TOUR
Journey by cable car to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain, named for its resemblance to moulded masses of sugar. Enjoy 360-degree views of the city skyline, Guanabara Bay, Copacabana and Ipanema beaches. In the afternoon, explore downtown Rio, with stops at the impressive Candelária Church and Maracanã, Brazil's largest and most famous stadium. Your day ends with a drive through the renowned Sambódromo on the way back to your hotel.

DAYS 19-20: FLY RIO TO UK
Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

CLASSIC
PERU, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, BRAZIL

PHYSICAL RATING 2

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
This South American odyssey showcases the very best of this fantastic continent. Embark on the journey of a lifetime, visiting Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, Buenos Aires, Iguazú Falls, Rio de Janeiro and more.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Departure days of the week vary

2027 DATES			
06 May - 25 May	**£12,090**	14 Oct - 02 Nov	**£12,090**
09 Sep - 28 Sep	**£12,090**		

2028 DATES			
27 Apr - 14 May*	**£10,790**	07 Sep - 24 Sep*	**£10,790**
18 May - 04 Jun*	**£10,790**	12 Oct - 29 Oct*	**£10,790**

Flight and supplement information

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- Tipping paid locally US$270

***Please note from 2028 the itinerary will be 2 nights shorter and omit Lake Titicaca. Please refer to our website for further details.**

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- Marvel at Machu Picchu
- Explore the salt flats of Uyuni
- Join gauchos in the pampas
- See the incredible Iguazú Falls
- Enjoy Maipu Valley winelands
- Ascend Sugarloaf Mountain



Admire Rio's iconic Christ the Redeemer

PRICE INCLUDES

- 26 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Taste the wines of Mendoza

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Explore Mendoza, Argentina's spectacular wine region, where you can enjoy huge skies, gorgeous mountain views, endless vineyards and, of course, plenty of local wine, including local speciality, malbec.
- Stop at Manos de la Comunidad, where the locals will share their rich cultural heritage. Participate in workshops led by skilled artisans, learning traditional crafts such as weaving, pottery, and jewelry making, gaining a deeper appreciation for these ancient techniques.
- After exploring the surreal landscapes of Bolivia's Salar de Uyuni, spend the night in a salt hotel right on the edge of the salt flats with uninterrupted views of the incredible other-worldly topography before you.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO LIMA

Fly to Lima, Peru's historic capital. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel, in time for tonight's delicious, Peruvian-style welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: LIMA CITY TOUR

This morning, embark on an informative tour of Lima, formerly known as the 'City of Kings'. Begin your exploration with the fascinating Huaca Pucllana, an ancient pyramid built by a pre-Incan civilisation known as the Lima culture. Later wander through the streets of Lima's UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic centre with its striking colonial architecture. (B)

DAY 3: SACRED VALLEY

Fly to Cusco before transferring to the famous Sacred Valley of the Incas, home to hillside citadels and striking foothills. Stop at a small, scenic town hidden in the Peruvian Andes to participate in various workshops like weaving or pottery, led by local artisans. Afterwards visit Pisac town, strolling the vibrant markets where locals sell their wares. Transfer to your hotel in Sacred Valley. (B,L)

DAY 4: TRAIN TO MACHU PICCHU

At Moray, you'll be shown the impressive terraced structures carved in a circular pattern, believed to be an agricultural testing ground for the Incas. Head to Maras, where over 3,000 salt ponds catch salty water from a mountain spring, producing the famous sal de Maras. Then you will continue to Ollantaytambo, an Inca town built by Emperor Pachacuti. Afterward, you'll head to the train station for the journey to Aguas Calientes. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: MACHU PICCHU

Ascend to Machu Picchu and spend some time exploring these extraordinary ruins. Abandoned by the Inca in the 16th century, the citadel lay undiscovered until Hiram Bingham stumbled upon its vegetation-covered remains in 1911. This afternoon board your train back to Poroy before transferring to Cusco. (B)

DAY 6: DISCOVER CUSCO

Modern Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a fascinating combination of Incan and colonial heritage. Your explorations will include visits to the Plaza de Armas and the Convent of Santo Domingo, both built on the foundations of significant Incan sites. Then, visit the ruins of Sacsayhuaman, an old Incan fortress overlooking the city. Experience a traditional ritual with a Shaman, including offerings to Pachamama (Mother Earth) and the use of sacred plants. (B)

DAY 7: TRAIN TO PUNO

This morning, board the train to Puno and journey through the spectacular Peruvian highlands in comfort and style. Dine on a gourmet lunch prepared with fresh Andean ingredients, and immerse yourself in the lively music and dance performances on board. (B,L)

DAY 8: LAKE TITICACA

Leave Puno and cross into Bolivia, continuing to Copacabana on Lake Titicaca's shores. Take to the water and journey to Isla del Sol, admiring views of the surrounding peaks. Explore the Inti Wata Cultural Complex, discovering its underground museums and Andean heritage, before witnessing an ancestral ceremony. Enjoy lunch as you return across the lake to Copacabana, where you'll spend the night. (B,L,D)



DAY 9: TRAVEL TO LA PAZ

This morning you will journey to La Paz, travelling through the majestic peaks of the Andes. On reaching the city, delve into its history with a half-day tour, that includes venturing to Moon Valley, an extraordinary clay formation that resembles the lunar surface. The day concludes with a cable car ride on the teleferico, offering a bird's-eye view of the sprawling city of La Paz. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: SALAR DE UYUNI

Transfer to the airport and fly to the beautiful Salar de Uyuni, the world's largest salt flat. Enjoy a picnic lunch out on the salt flats before spending the night in a salt hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: EXPLORE SALAR DE UYUNI

Today will be spent exploring the Salar De Uyuni. Weather permitting, pay a visit to the fascinating Coquesa Mummies - human archaeological remains that have been preserved in a cave close to the Tunupa Volcano. This is a perfect spot to appreciate the immensity of the salt flats. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Today, bid farewell to Bolivia as you cross the border travelling to San Pedro de Atacama, Chile. (B,L)

DAY 13: ATACAMA DESERT

This morning, you'll explore the Salar de Atacama, the driest non-polar desert on earth, before visiting the quaint desert village of Toconao. Later today you'll experience some of San Pedro's most famous landscapes on a sunset drive out to the Moon Valley. (B,L)

DAY 14: EL TATIO

Rise early today to visit the spectacular El Tatio Geysers, set within a ring of volcanoes. Later this evening prepare to be in awe of the universe! The Atacama has some of the world's darkest skies making it perfect for a stargazing tour, which you'll enjoy with a glass of local wine. (B)

DAY 15: EXPLORE SANTIAGO

This morning transfer back to Calama for your flight to Chile's capital city, Santiago. Embark on a tour of Santiago and experience the city's eclectic contrasts. Stroll around the Plaza de Armas, home to the 18th-century cathedral and 19th-century Post Office. Visit Santa Lucia Hill and take in the panoramic views of the city below. (B,D)

DAY 16: VALPARAÍSO

Travel to the coast to visit the bohemian port town of Valparaíso. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Valparaiso is unique, charming and a little bit roguish. Home to some of the best street art in Latin America, Valparaíso's magnetism simply needs to be experienced first-hand. (B,L)

DAY 17: ACROSS THE ANDES

Fly over the breathtaking Andes Mountains, getting a spectacular view of this colossal range, as you pass over the border to Argentina, landing in the lively city of Mendoza. (B)

DAY 18: MENDOZA

It is Mendoza's pace of life and joie de vivre that keeps visitors coming back. Take a walking tour before an afternoon at leisure. (B,D)

DAY 19: MAIPÚ VALLEY

Head to the Maipú Valley, the heart of Argentina's most important and oldest wine region. Visit some of the prominent wineries and taste fine wines, including Argentina's most famous red, Malbec, over a delicious lunch. (B,L)

DAY 20: BUENOS AIRES

Board your morning flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's flamboyant capital. (B)

DAY 21: EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES

Explore the vibrant districts of La Boca, San Telmo and Recoleta on a city tour. This evening, feast on traditional Argentine food while losing yourself in a passionate tango show. (B,L,D)

DAY 22: THE PAMPAS

Spend the day on the vast, fertile grasslands known as the pampas, on a traditional estancia (ranch). Here you'll learn all about gaucho (cowboy) life. After a delicious asado lunch, enjoy a fun folklore show. (B,L)

GO BEYOND

PERU, BOLIVIA, CHILE, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL

PHYSICAL RATING 2

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The ultimate South American adventure, this all-encompassing journey will take you from the iconic Machu Picchu and the salt flats of Bolivia to Chile's Atacama Desert to the vineyards of Argentina and the incredible Iguazu Falls.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

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Flight and supplement information

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DAY 23: IGUAZÚ FALLS

Fly north to see the incredible Iguazú Falls, a huge waterfall that straddles the border between Argentina and Brazil. (B,D)

DAY 24: MEET THE MBORORÉ ALDEA PEOPLE

Today, visit the Argentinian side of Iguazú to experience the power of these mighty falls. Later, visit the native Mbororé Aldea people to meet community members and learn about their intriguing culture. (B,L,D)

DAY 25: FLY TO RIO DE JANEIRO

This morning cross into Brazil for a panoramic view of the falls. This afternoon, hop on a plane to Rio de Janeiro and arrive in time to watch the sunset on Copacabana Beach. (B)

DAY 26: EXPLORE RIO

Today begins at the foot of Corcovado mountain – travel to the peak by cog railway to the spot where the iconic Christ the Redeemer watches over the city. After lunch, take part in a city tour before ascending the distinctive Sugarloaf Mountain by cable car. (B,L,D)

DAYS 27-28: FLY RIO TO UK

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight home, arriving the next day. (B)



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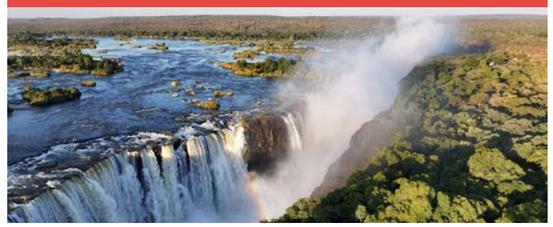
An incredibly diverse and rich continent, Africa boasts vast, wildlife-filled landscapes, deeply rooted cultures and a diversity of sights that range from starkly beautiful expanses of desert and thundering waterfalls to fragrant spice markets and vibrant cities. Be prepared for adventure!

WENDY'S TOP 6 AFRICA SIGHTS

1 VICTORIA FALLS

Experience the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls, one of the world's greatest natural wonders. Known locally as 'the Smoke That Thunders', the falls send the Zambezi plunging into a narrow gorge.



2 SAFARI IN GREATER KRUGER

Discover the Greater Kruger, following fresh tracks as you watch out for elephants gathering at waterholes and scan the shade for lions or an elusive leopard.



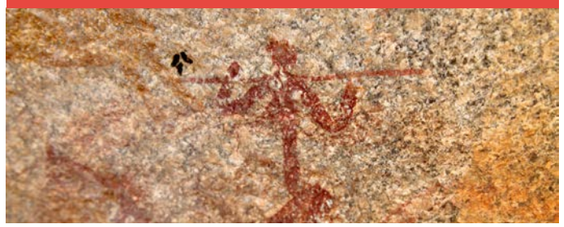
3 VOORTREKKER MONUMENT

Visit the hilltop Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria. Step inside the Hall of Heroes and follow the carved marble frieze, which depicts scenes from the Great Trek of the 1830s and 1840s.



4 MATOBO NATIONAL PARK

Explore Zimbabwe's Matobo National Park, where granite boulders balance on rugged hills. See ancient San rock paintings in sheltered caves, then enjoy panoramic views from World's View.



5 HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Set out on a game drive in Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park. Watch for elephant herds at waterholes and scan the open grasslands and woodlands for giraffes, zebras and lions.



6 CRUISE ON THE ZAMBEZI

Enjoy a shared sunset cruise on the Zambezi River. Watch for hippos and waterbirds along the banks, then dine on board as the last light fades over the water.



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ALL MEALS

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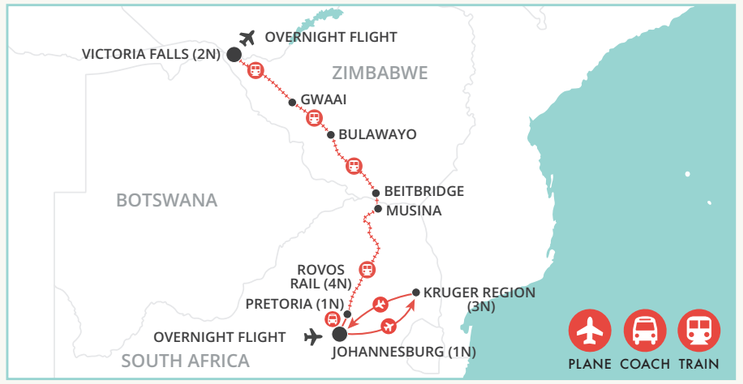
- Cruise the Zambezi at sunset
- Stand before Victoria Falls



Encounter lion in the Greater Kruger region



CLASSIC
SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE

PHYSICAL RATING 1

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover the magic of southern Africa on a journey that brings together three of the continent's most iconic names. Get up close to the wildlife of Kruger National Park, ride the elegant and timeless Rovos Rail, and feel the power of Victoria Falls.



View the spectacular Victoria Falls



Journey through breathtaking landscapes aboard the Rovos Rail

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfast, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 - 5 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Excludes Zimbabwe visa (pay on arrival)



Experience the world-famous Rovos Rail

▸ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Step back into a golden age of travel aboard one of the world's most luxurious trains, Rovos Rail, enjoying elegant surroundings and ever-changing African landscapes.
- Enjoy traditional Zimbabwean cuisine in a vibrant township setting while gaining authentic insights into local culture and community life at Dusty Road.
- Experience the flavours, music and traditions of Zimbabwe at a lively Boma evening, featuring local cuisine, dancing and interactive drumming.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO JOHANNESBURG

Fly overnight to Johannesburg. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring your surroundings

DAY 3: GREATER KRUGER REGION

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight into the Kruger region. Settle into your lodge for the next few days of adventure.

DAYS 4-5: TWO DAYS ON SAFARI

The next two days will be dedicated to exploring the incredible wilderness of this region. You'll head out in the early morning on game drives to spot the vast array of wildlife living in its natural habitat. This is the perfect time of day to catch predators returning from their nocturnal hunts. After some time to relax, you will set off again in the afternoon; as the sun begins to set, you may spot creatures emerging to begin their 'day'.

DAY 6: FLY TO JOHANNESBURG

A final game drive this morning offers a last chance to soak up the majesty and incredible beauty of the bush before you fly back to Johannesburg, transferring to Pretoria for your overnight stay.

DAY 7: BOARD ROVOS RAIL

Start the day with a tour of Pretoria, one of South Africa's three capital cities, to see the highlights. Stop at the Union Building with the statue of Nelson Mandela in the gardens, visit the Voortrekker Monument incorporating the Hall of Heroes and Cenotaph Hall. In the late afternoon, transfer to the elegant Rovos Rail station to board this renowned train. Settle into your suite as you pull out of Pretoria, travelling through Bela-Bela and Nylstroom, watching as the Highveld drops precipitously away. Dinner this evening will be served onboard, an elegant affair in the exquisite surroundings of the dining car.

DAY 8: ROVOS RAIL AT LEISURE

Wake for breakfast as the train crosses the Tropic of Capricorn. Today, you can simply relax on board, watching the ever-changing landscapes that pass the windows of the observation car, take tea in the lounge or relax in your cabin. In the afternoon you'll cross the Limpopo River into Zimbabwe, with dinner served as you approach Gwanda.

DAY 9: MATOBO NATIONAL PARK

Pass through baobab country – a spot in the observation car or on the open balcony is the perfect place to admire these distinctive trees. Ascend into the city of Bulawayo before lunch. This afternoon, leave the train to explore the ancient landscapes of Matobo National Park, where you'll visit the bushmen caves, some ancient rock art, and the grave of Sir Cecil Rhodes. Back onboard, the train trundles on as dinner is served.

DAY 10: HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy breakfast as you travel along one of the world's longest stretches of straight railway line, which runs 114 kilometres along the edge of Hwange National Park. This afternoon, venture out on a game drive into the wilds of Hwange National Park, where you may spot lions, leopards, elephants, buffalo and much, much more. Dinner will be served as the train continues towards Thompsons Junction.

DAY 11: ARRIVE IN VICTORIA FALLS

Enjoy a final breakfast onboard the train before pulling into Victoria Falls. After lunch you will have some time to relax before boarding a boat on the mighty Zambezi River for a shared dinner cruise, the perfect opportunity to spot incredible wildlife like hippos, crocodiles and a variety of birds.

DAY 12: VISIT VICTORIA FALLS

Visit the incomparable Victoria Falls, which you'll explore with a local guide. Traverse the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe, finding the best vantage points to admire this spectacular natural wonder, standing in awe as 550,000 cubic metres of water plunge into the Zambezi Gorge. You'll soon see why it is nicknamed the 'Smoke That Thunders' in the local Sotho language! For lunch, head to Victoria Falls' oldest township. Soak up the vibrancy of the community, where you can watch (and smell!) the delicious food being cooked the Zimbabwean way – on open fires in cast iron pots and ovens. Relax for the rest of the afternoon before dinner at The Boma, accompanied by energetic dancing and drums.

DAYS 13-14: FLY VICTORIA FALLS TO UK

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

WHY GO TAILORMADE WITH WENDY WU?

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



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

Kevin & Shirley Mears

1: Research

Do some research to decide where you want to go – it could be one, two or even more countries! Think about when you'd like to go, how long for and what your budget may be. For inspiration, you can always have a look at our website, or have a flick through our brochure and see not only the showstopping sights on offer, but the exciting and unusual experiences too!

2: Call us

Give us a call or fill in a quote request form on our website and we'll call you! Together we'll go through all your thoughts and ideas, making recommendations here and advice there. Also, don't forget to mention if you have any specialist interests – you can't live without your regular game of golf, or have a penchant for migratory birds – these are the little details we can use to make the holiday extra special.

3: Sit back

Sit back, relax and leave it with us. We'll create you an itinerary that combines all your ideas and come back to you with a proposed itinerary and quote in no time.

4: Perfect it

Tweak it, switch it around, change a hotel here, a meal there – you can make all the adjustments you need to make your trip exactly what you're after. We are extremely flexible and always happy to help.

5: Book it!

When your adventure has reached that ultimate level of perfection and includes everything that you want and need, it's time to book! Call your tailormade consultant, say the word and they will do the rest. Other than a visa form or two, all there is left to do is think about what to pack and get excited!









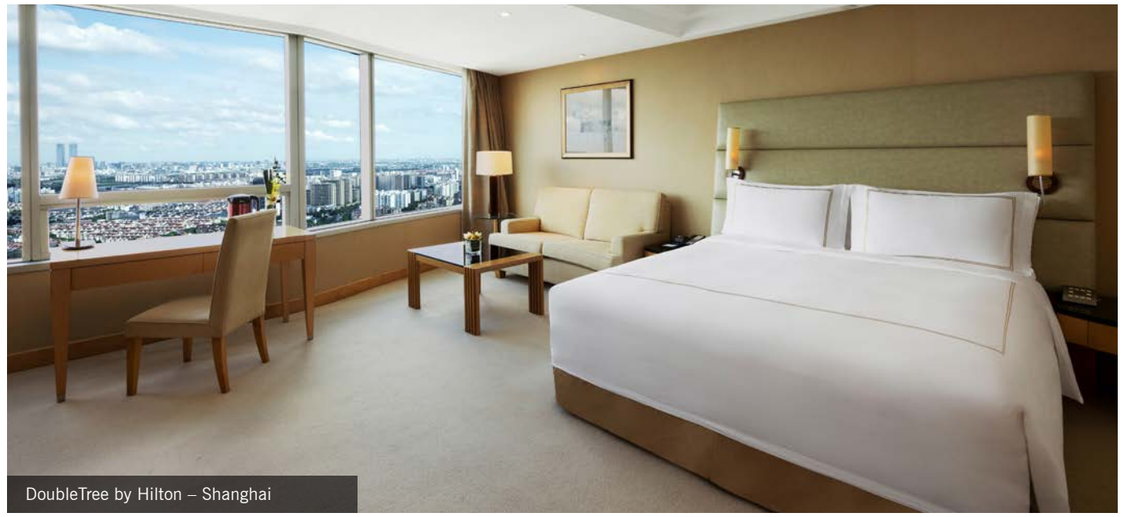


Hotels

Our group tours feature hand-picked four-star properties selected for their comfort, modern amenities and convenient location for sightseeing. We occasionally include a stay in three-star plus hotels or lodges where we feel the location or character of the property will enhance your tour, or to allow access to a more unique and memorable location.

Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

SAMPLE TOUR HOTELS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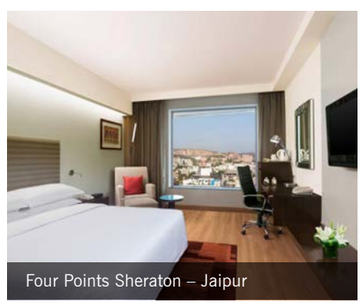
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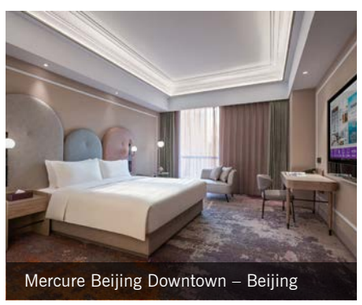
Mercure Beijing Downtown – Beijing


Bhaya Classic – Vietnam

Please note that there is no universal hotel classification system, and standards of facilities and service may differ from those in the UK. A sample list of hotels is available on each tour page of our website, and full accommodation details will be provided in your final travel documents.

Fly from your Local Airport

We offer one of the widest choices of regional departures, so you can start your holiday from your nearest airport. Fly from London, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham or Belfast with no supplement to pay in most cases.

Fare supplements may apply for certain tour dates and departures. Please call our reservations team for a quote if you'd like to fly from an airport not listed here.

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Wendy Wu Tours is delighted to be a British Airways preferred partner. Choose from four travel classes and experience more than a flight. Fly in comfort to key international hubs with a wide range of connecting regional flights from all over the UK. We recommend the extra space and comfort of British Airways premium economy cabin, World Traveller Plus, which is offered on selected long-haul flights.



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Fly with Emirates via Dubai from eight UK airports including London Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Enjoy exceptional inflight service, award-winning entertainment and a more generous seat pitch.

Other airline partners to include: Qatar Airways, Japan Airlines, Vietnam Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Etihad Airways, All Nippon Airways, Air China, Finnair, Vietnam Airlines, KLM, Air France and Malaysia Airlines.

Your questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Q. Where can I find detailed tour information?
A. Before booking, please read the Detailed Tour Itinerary for your chosen tour, available on our website. Here you'll find everything you need to know, from time spent on your feet and journey times to accommodation standards. Final documents including a day-by-day itinerary, hotel list, flight tickets, visa (if applicable) and travel guide will be sent two weeks before departure.

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.

Q. How do I get my visa?
A. When you make your booking, we will advise you on the latest visa requirements for your destination. If a visa is required, our Operations team will contact you around 10 weeks prior to your departure date to guide you through the visa process.

Please visit our website for the latest updates: https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-visas/passports-and-visas/

Q. How fit do I need to be?
A. All of our group tours are assigned a Physical Rating, with the specific requirements for each tour clearly outlined in the Detailed Tour Itinerary on our website. Please don't hesitate to contact us for advice. Our Private Tours are also available for those who need a more flexible itinerary.

Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?
A. We have several options to suit solo travellers. Our dedicated Solo Departures are reserved exclusively for single travellers and include a private double room and airport lounge access on departure from UK, all included in the tour price. If you'd prefer to join a standard departure, you can add the single room supplement for a room of your own. Alternatively, our 'Happy to Share' option will match you with a same-gender travel companion, removing the supplement entirely. Please note that 'Happy to Share' requests must be made more than 75 days before departure.

Q. Will I have a guide with me throughout my trip?
A. Yes – on any group tour of 10 or more passengers, a dedicated National Escort will be with you from the moment you arrive to the moment you depart. Smaller groups of less than 10, Private Tours and Short Stays may be looked after by our expert local guides at every location.

Q. What vaccinations do I need?
A. Wendy Wu Tours does not give specific health advice, but we do recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations.

Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?
A. Luggage allowances vary depending on your destination and mode of transport. Where domestic flights or rail journeys are included, local baggage restrictions may apply and can differ from your international airline allowance. We recommend checking your Detailed Tour Itinerary for specific requirements and packing only what you can comfortably manage.

Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying at?
A. Every hotel on our tours has been hand-picked for its comfort, amenities and location. You'll mainly stay in four-star properties, though we occasionally choose a characterful lodge or three-star-plus hotel where it adds something special to the experience or opens up a more unique destination. A sample hotel list is available on each tour page on our website, with your confirmed hotels included in your final documents.

Q. What size are your tour groups?
A. Our Classic and Classic Flex tours average around 20 passengers, with a maximum of 28, while our Go Beyond tours and Solo Departures are smaller, averaging 14 with a maximum of 18. You may cross paths with other Wendy Wu Tours groups at some destinations.

Q. Can special requests be arranged?
A. For dietary requirements, special occasions or any other requests, please let us know at the time of booking and we'll do everything possible to help. While we can't guarantee every request, we'll always do our best to accommodate you.

Q. Do you allow children on your tours?
A. Children aged 12 and over are welcome on all group tours. For younger children, our Private/Tailormade Holidays are suitable for all ages.

Q. What currency should I take?
A. We recommend carrying a mix of local currency cash and a credit/debit card for your trip.

In China, mobile payment apps (such as Alipay and WeChat Pay) are the most widely used payment methods.

Scan to view our Guide to Paying in China







WHILE ON TOUR

Q. What sort of transportation is included?
We use a mix of transport to make the most of your journey.

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

Road: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for sightseeing and longer transfers where necessary. Cars or vans may be used for airport transfers. On Classic and Classic Flex tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy on coaches, giving you extra space and comfort throughout, except where a smaller coach is required to access scenic areas.

Rail: Rail journeys are an integral part of our Rail Collection, offering a comfortable and scenic way to explore each destination. The type of train, seating class and facilities vary by route, with details outlined in your Detailed Tour Itinerary.

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

Q. 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 required when visiting some religious buildings.

Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?
A. Tipping is expected throughout much of the world (excluding Japan), but knowing when and how much can be tricky. For your convenience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on group tours where your National Escort manages everything on your behalf, ensuring amounts are fair for local people and stress-free for you. The contribution is stated on each tour page and confirmed in your final documents.

Any additional tipping is entirely at your discretion. Restaurant staff, porters, local guides and river guides always appreciate a personal thank-you for exceptional service. In Canada, tipping in restaurants is customary, with 15–20% generally expected. For groups of fewer than 10, contributions will be slightly higher. On Private Tours and Short Stays, we recommend allowing £10 per person, per day.

Q. Are meals included?
A. On our Classic tours and Cruise & Tours, all meals are included. On our Classic Flex and Go Beyond Tours, most meals are included, with some left free so you can dine out locally where it's best to do so.

On all tours, daily breakfast is included at your hotel, while the lunches and dinners we include showcase the best regional cuisine.

Q. What are the tour hours?
A. Tours generally start at around 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally an earlier start is required to meet a flight departure or to visit a sight at its very best.

Q. Are there shopping opportunities on your tours?
A. Shopping is a wonderful way to discover local culture, from traditional markets and artisan crafts to local produce and regional specialities. Many of our itineraries include opportunities to browse local shops and markets, and your National Escort will be happy to recommend the best places to visit. As always, enjoy the experience and shop wisely.

Q. Who will I be travelling with?
A. Our groups are made up of like-minded travellers from the UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand, typically ranging in age from 40 to 65 – though passengers of all ages travel with us. What everyone has in common is a love of travel and adventure.

Q. Can I access the internet while travelling?
A. Internet access is generally available in our destinations, particularly in hotels, restaurants and larger towns and cities. Wi-Fi availability and mobile coverage can vary, particularly in rural and remote areas, and access to certain websites and apps may be restricted in some countries due to local regulations.

In China, some Western apps and platforms are blocked due to government restrictions, including Google services (Gmail, Google Maps), Facebook and WhatsApp. Some travellers choose to download a VPN (Virtual Private Network) before departure to access blocked apps, though we strongly advise researching the legal implications, as VPN usage is subject to Chinese government regulations. eSIM providers such as Airalo offer built-in VPN capabilities.

For more information, scan to view our Guide to Accessing Internet in China.



Health & Safety

Your health, safety and well-being on holiday are of paramount importance to us. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, our local partners carry out health and safety checks on accommodation, transport and excursions; and work with our destination partners and suppliers towards improving health and safety standards throughout the regions in which we operate. All travellers should be aware that safety standards vary across the different regions we visit and may not match the standards we enjoy in the UK and Ireland. 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.



Travelling Responsibly

For the last 25 years we've been taking groups of travellers to unique and spectacular places, and know full well how impactful, inspiring and horizon-broadening exploring the world can be. Over the years we have been building as many mutually beneficial, sustainable and responsible relationships as possible in the destinations that we visit, so they too are able to thrive.





Local Economic Empowerment

We believe travel should positively benefit the communities we visit. That's why we prioritise locally-owned restaurants, hotels, and experiences that support local businesses and create sustainable livelihoods. When traveling with us, you help empower local artisans, entrepreneurs, guides, drivers and so many others, ensuring that tourism leaves a positive, lasting impact.

Respectful Cultural Experiences

We are committed to fostering meaningful, authentic, and respectful interactions with the communities we visit. Our tours are designed to celebrate local traditions, honour cultural heritage, and support experiences led by local experts. We encourage travellers to engage with an open mind, follow local customs, and contribute to the preservation of cultural identity in a responsible way.

Lower Impact Travel

We are reducing our environmental impact by building more rail journeys into our itineraries, and promoting low-season travel. Trains offer a greener alternative to flying, lowering carbon emissions while providing a more immersive travel experience. By promoting more departures in the low season, we also help ease pressure on popular destinations, support local economies year-round, and create a more sustainable way to explore the world.

Sustainable Tourism Education

We believe responsible travel starts with awareness. That's why we provide our travellers with practical tips on reducing their environmental impact and supporting communities in a meaningful way. Through pre-departure resources and on-tour guidance, we empower our travellers to make informed, sustainable choices that help protect the destinations we visit for future generations.

Animal Welfare Matters

Some of the world's most memorable travel experiences involve encounters with animals. We believe travel should foster understanding and appreciation of the natural world, local cultures and different ways of life, while contributing positively to the environments and communities we visit. That is why we are committed to promoting responsible animal experiences with consideration for respect, care and welfare, and align with best practice standards. Visit our website to learn more.

Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

WENDY'S LOYALTY CLUB

Our Wendy Wu Tours loyalty scheme will get you exclusive offers and updates before anyone else plus you'll move up membership levels with every new trip you take – which means bigger savings!

BRONZE

Enjoy £100pp off your next booking after completing your first tour with us.

GOLD

Save £200pp off your 5th and 6th bookings after four tours with us.

SILVER

Receive £150pp off your 3rd and 4th bookings once you've travelled with us twice.

PLATINUM

Unlock £250pp off every booking once you've travelled with us six times.

These exceptional discounts can even be combined with any special offer.

RECOMMEND A FRIEND

Recommend us to a friend, and if they book, we'll give you an extra £50 off your next booking with us as a token of our appreciation.

Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.



Essential Booking Information

Before you book with Wendy Wu Tours, please take a moment to read this summary along with the Detailed Tour Itinerary for your tour and our full Booking Conditions (available on our website). When you book with us it's on the understanding that you've read and understood these.

Your Financial Protection

Your holiday is in safe hands. For flight-based holidays, we hold an ATOL licence (No. 6639), issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, meaning your money is protected if anything goes wrong. You'll receive an ATOL Certificate when you book, clearly outlining exactly what's covered.

For non-flight package holidays, we're a proud member of ABTA (No. W7994), providing further peace of mind through a bond held by ABTA The Travel Association.

Book With Confidence

Your holiday also falls under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, meaning we are fully responsible for the proper performance of your entire package. In the unlikely event of insolvency, your payments are protected and – where transport is included – your safe return home is guaranteed.

Book with confidence. Your holiday is protected every step of the way.

Payment

To secure your booking, we ask for a non-refundable deposit of £350 per person. The remaining balance is due at least 75 days before departure. In some cases (for example flight upgrades) a higher deposit may be needed.

Travel Documents

For most destinations, you'll need a passport with at least 6 months' validity and two blank pages. While we assist and cover the cost of pre-arranged travel visas for UK and Irish passport holders (unless otherwise specified), you are ultimately responsible for ensuring you have the correct passport and visas to travel.

Health & Travel Insurance

Please arrange any recommended vaccinations in good time before your trip. You'll also need suitable travel insurance in place before booking.

Changing Your Booking

If you need to make changes before paying your balance, there's a £50 admin fee plus any additional costs incurred, such as non-refundable flights or cruise deposits.

Cancelling Your Booking

If you need to cancel, the following charges usually apply:

- 75+ days before departure: loss of deposit
- 42–74 days: 30%
- 28–41 days: 60%
- 15–27 days: 90%
- 14 days or less: 100%

Some parts of your trip may be non-refundable – if this is the case, we will explain it to you when you book.

If We Need to Change Your Holiday

Occasionally, we may need to make changes to your holiday. If this happens, we'll let you know as soon as possible. If it's a major change, you can choose a different holiday or receive a full refund.

Special Requests

If you have any special requirements (such as dietary needs), please let us know before booking. We'll do our best to accommodate them, though we can't guarantee every request.

Fitness & Medical Conditions

Each tour has a 'physical rating' and the activity levels are described in the tour's Detailed Tour Itinerary. It is your responsibility to check these carefully and be sure you can participate without adverse effect on the group.

Booking Conditions

You can find the full Booking Conditions on our website or via the QR code. They include important additional details, so please read them carefully before booking.

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- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
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