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The Award-Winning Escorted Tours and Tailormade Holiday Specialist

WELCOME TO ASIA & LATIN AMERICA



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

CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of expert guides so you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our classic tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. The tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme. You will be travelling with a group of up to 28 fellow passengers.

FLEXIBLE

Ideal for those who want more choice in what they do. Flexible tours include all the main sights but allow some free time for your own exploration or relaxation. Optional excursions, often more active in nature, are available for those that want to discover more. You will be travelling with a small group of up to 18 fellow passengers.

SOLO

Designed exclusively for customers travelling solo, these tours provide a ready-made group of like-minded travellers to enjoy your holiday with. You will be looked after all the way by an expert guide who will involve you in the group activities discovering the sights and enjoying cultural experiences. A room of your own is guaranteed with no supplement to pay. You will be travelling with a small group of up to 18 fellow passengers.

GO BEYOND

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. You will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. These tours take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime. You will be travelling with a group of up to 24 fellow passengers.

ACTIVE

Active tours combine the key sights with more energetic pursuits such as hiking and cycling. This allows you to explore more and discover the destination in greater depth. These tours are designed to provide a wide range of activities to ensure a varied and culturally immersive experience. You will be travelling with a small group of up to 18 fellow passengers.

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

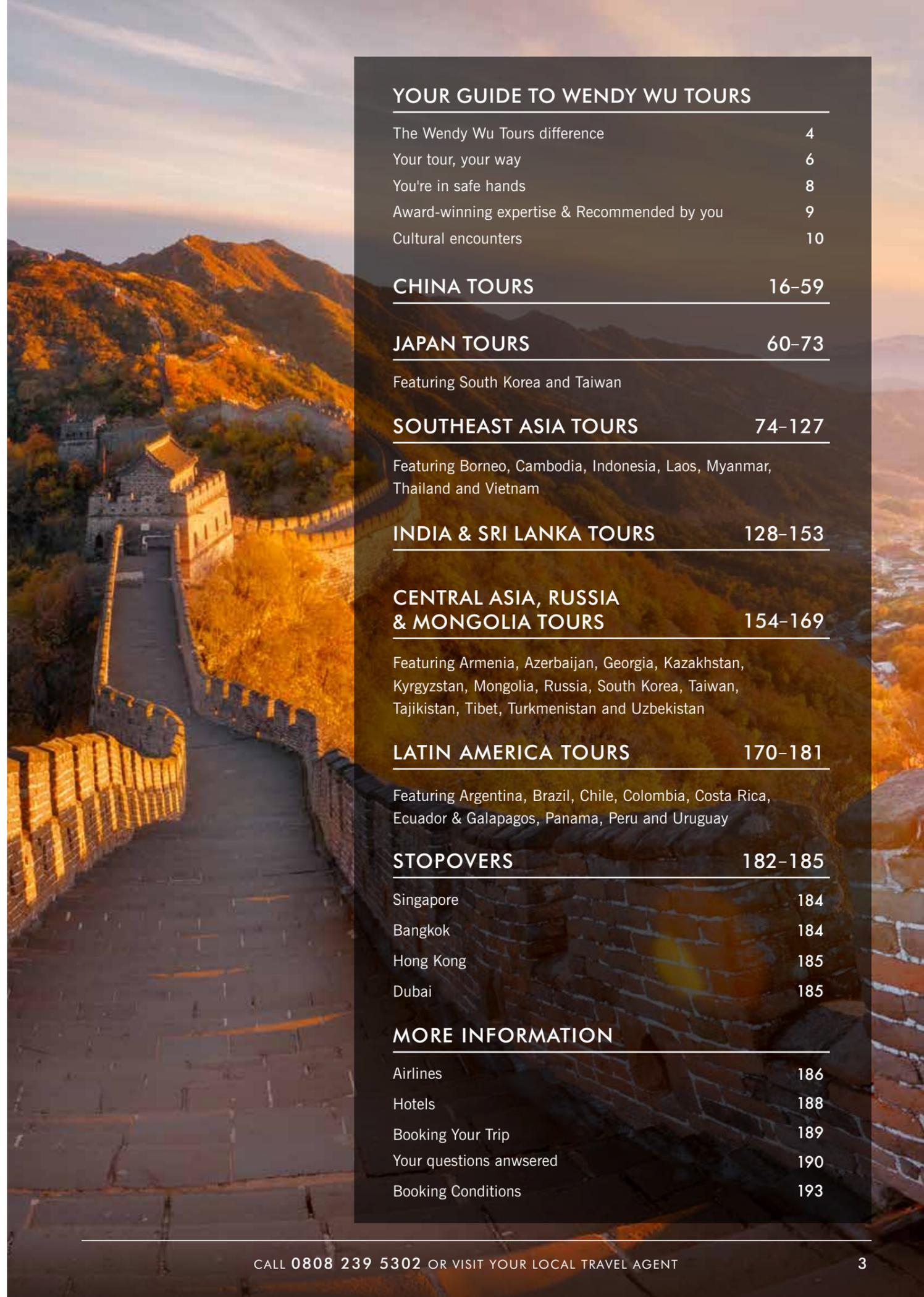
The Exclusive Collection combines luxurious five-star accommodation with exclusive experiences. These hand-crafted tours feature high-class restaurants, exclusive experiences and additional touches like VIP door-to-door home transfers. If you are looking for a truly distinctive journey, the Exclusive Collection is for you. You will be travelling with a small group of up to 18 fellow passengers.

PRIVATE

A private tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide. Perfect for couples and families that want greater flexibility on when they travel and the style of accommodation. Most of our group tours can operate on a private basis.

TAILORMADE

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



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Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

Within the pages of this magnificent brochure, you'll find the complete collection of our award-winning tours. With us, you know you're in safe hands – for over 20 years we've been providing extraordinary experiences to travellers all over the globe and we've been perfecting the art of touring to some of the most iconic destinations in the world since 1998.

Whether you are looking to visit China's majestic Great Wall, Vietnam's beautiful Halong Bay, India's atmospheric Taj Mahal, Japan's spectacular Mount Fuji or the incredible sights and sounds that Latin America provides, we are confident that you'll find the perfect tour for you with Wendy Wu Tours.

We also have a wide range of tour styles to help you do just that – from classic sightseeing and off-the-beaten-track experiences to luxury journeys and tours dedicated to solo travellers.

We look forward to welcoming you on tour very soon.

THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

OUR REPUTATION AND YOUR PEACE OF MIND

We have won our industry's 'Best Long Haul Specialist Tour Operator' award for 8 years running, we have a 5-star TripAdvisor rating, a Gold Award Feefo Accreditation and 98% of our customers would recommend travelling with us! We are also fully ABTA and ATOL-protected.

OUR EXPERTISE

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

OUTSTANDING GUIDES

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

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE AND INCLUSIONS

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

VISAS

All visa costs are included in the price, with expert guidance throughout. We are one of very few companies launching a China e-visa (applicable at limited entry points with more to launch) which, for many people, will streamline and simplify the process of getting your visa.

FANTASTIC OFFERS

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

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

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

AMAZING TOURS & AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

OUR ONLY GOAL

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

TIPPING MADE EASY

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





YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

We want every person who travels with us to enjoy each extraordinary second of their Wendy Wu adventure, so we've made it easy to ensure that you are getting a holiday that is perfect for you. As well as Tour Styles (which you'll find on page 2), we also give each tour a physical rating, choose accommodation that fits the tour and allow you to tailor your trip...

TOUR PACE

We're not going to deny it, on many of our tours you're going to be busy! But we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of extraordinary experiences means some early starts and late finishes, but you can be sure that you'll return home with some incredible memories! Take a look at our Flexible tours if you are looking for a holiday with a bit more free time included.

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the locations you'll visit. Our Classic tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3 star to 4 star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Active/Flexible/Go Beyond tours, you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit. Our Exclusive Collection features world class, luxury 5 star properties.

CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

Interested in exploring your destination further, stopping off en route or adding on some relaxation time? All you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of stopover packages (see page 182) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, a knowledgeable team of experts who can help you create your very own add-on, to any tour in this brochure!

PHYSICAL RATING



LEVEL 1

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

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

A Level 2 tour will involve a little more time on your feet than a Level 1 tour and may involve more steps and/or walking.



LEVEL 3

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

A Level 4 tour will feature similar physical activities but these may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.



LEVEL 5

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

You're in Safe Hands

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



"We did the A China Experience tour and our national guide was absolutely amazing. The whole trip went so smoothly because she is experienced and incredibly organised. She made us feel right at home; her warm, friendly and kind nature put everyone at ease. She was so informative and knowledgeable; you could tell how much pride she has in her work and how much love she has for her home country."

Sophie Burton

AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

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

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

ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

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



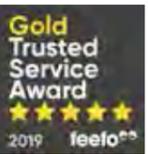
Award-winning expertise

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



Recommended by you

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



Cultural encounters, every step of the way

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



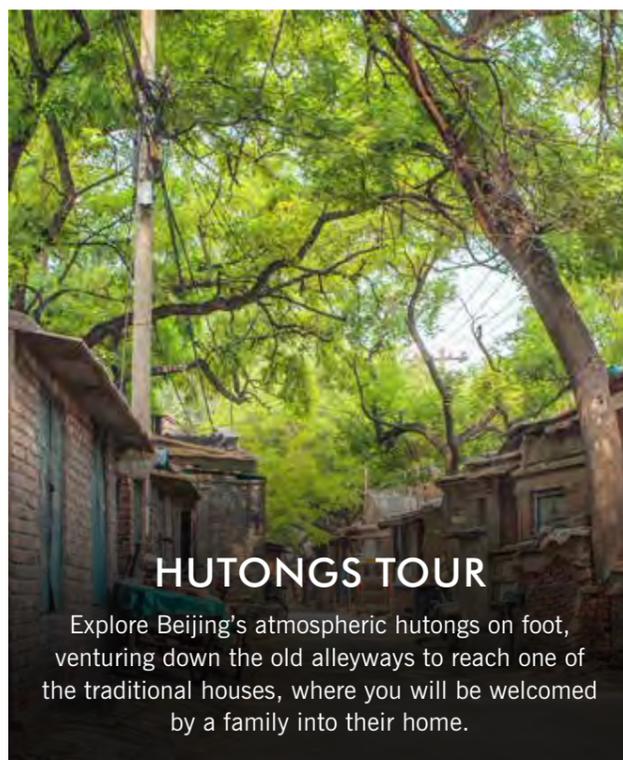
TAI CHI

Many locals begin their days with an invigorating session of Tai Chi, and you can join them or learn some basic steps from a Tai Chi master.



BREAKFAST TOUR OF SHANGHAI

Join the locals on their morning commute and stop at their favourite places to pick up breakfast, sampling local delicacies such as pancakes and fried bread sticks.



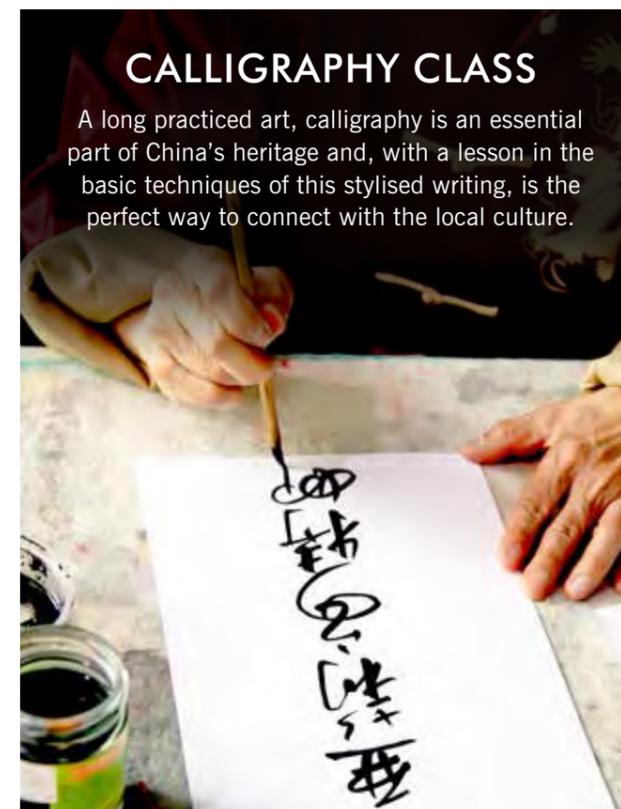
HUTONGS TOUR

Explore Beijing's atmospheric hutongs on foot, venturing down the old alleyways to reach one of the traditional houses, where you will be welcomed by a family into their home.



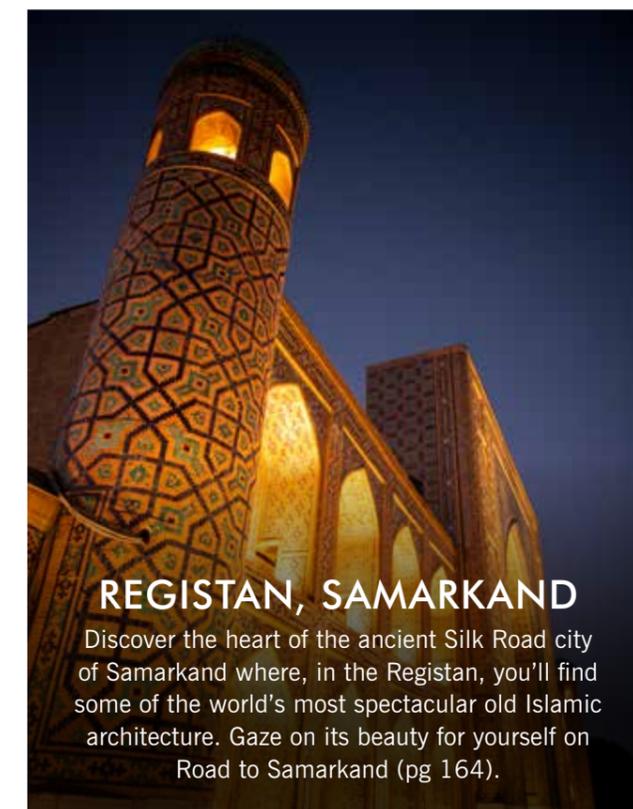
MATCHMAKER'S CORNER

Found in People's Parks across the country, Matchmaker's Corner is the place where parents search for love for their children – it's fascinatingly unique!



CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

A long practiced art, calligraphy is an essential part of China's heritage and, with a lesson in the basic techniques of this stylised writing, is the perfect way to connect with the local culture.



REGISTAN, SAMARKAND

Discover the heart of the ancient Silk Road city of Samarkand where, in the Registan, you'll find some of the world's most spectacular old Islamic architecture. Gaze on its beauty for yourself on Road to Samarkand (pg 164).



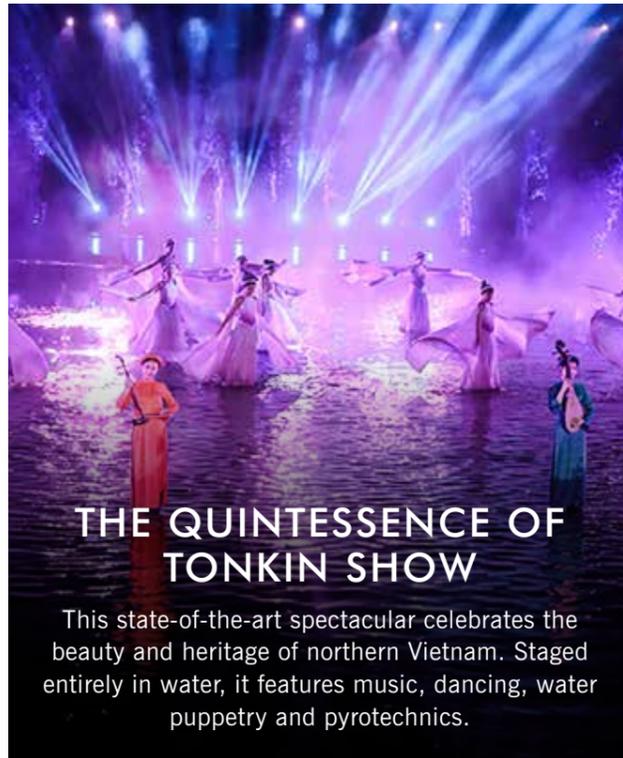
GOLDEN EAGLE HUNTING

An ancient tradition of Kyrgyzstan's nomadic people, witness a demonstration of this old hunting technique which demonstrates the complex and familial bond between human and majestic golden eagle on Eurasia Explorer (pg 162).



VISIT AN IBAN LONGHOUSE

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



THE QUINTESSENCE OF TONKIN SHOW

This state-of-the-art spectacular celebrates the beauty and heritage of northern Vietnam. Staged entirely in water, it features music, dancing, water puppetry and pyrotechnics.



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.



TREKKING IN SAPA

Hike through the lush rice paddies surrounding Sapa on a route that showcases the area's very best views and stop at ethnic minority villages so you can spend time with the friendly communities.



SOBA NOODLE MAKING

One of the many, many types of Japanese noodles, learn to craft, roll and slice soba noodle dough before cooking and devouring the delicious results! Enjoy this experience on Jewels of Japan.



SUMO WRESTLING

Witness a sport that preserves many of Japan's most ancient traditions – the rituals involved are as fascinating as the wrestling itself. Enjoy this experience on Japan Uncovered and Trails of Japan.



INLE LAKE LEG ROWERS

Cruise the beautiful Inle Lake in Myanmar's highlands and admire the unique rowing technique of the local Intha people as they fish in its tranquil waters.



JAVANESE LEATHER PUPPETS

Learn the age-old art of Javanese leather shadow puppet making in the cultural heart of Java, the heritage-filled city of Yogyakarta.



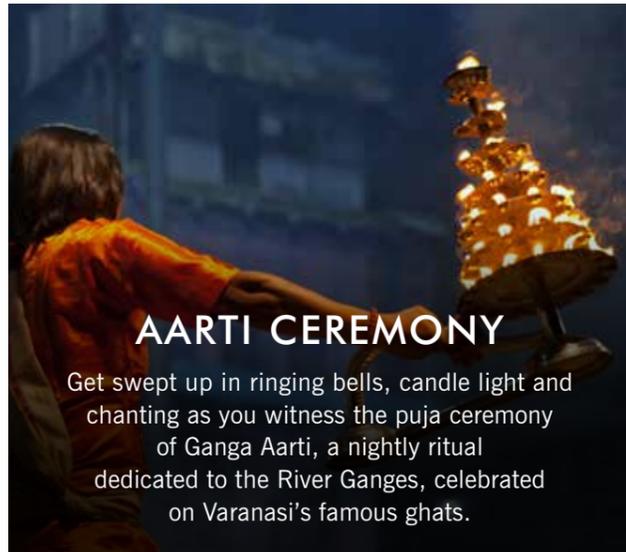
WASHI PAPER MAKING

Learn about this traditional process before getting your hands dirty making 'washi' (Japanese paper) the age-old way for yourself! Enjoy this experience on Discover Japan and Japan Uncovered.



CINNAMON CULTIVATION

Discover the art of cinnamon cultivation, Sri Lanka's most famous export, and learn about both the culinary uses and ayurvedic properties of this versatile spice.



AARTI CEREMONY

Get swept up in ringing bells, candle light 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.



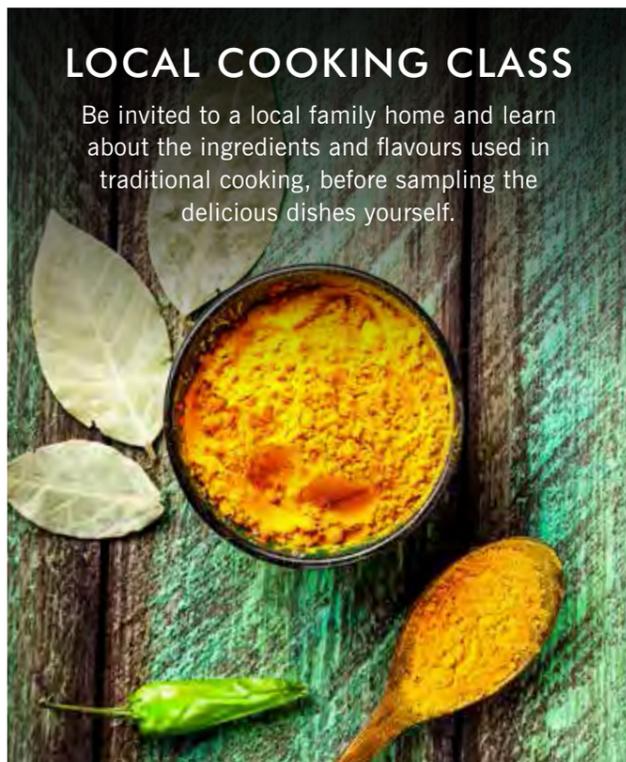
CARNIVAL FEVER

Joining the party during the Latin American carnival season is an unforgettable experience. Watch the performers in their colourful costumes and sing and dance along with the locals at the Rio de Janeiro carnival – the biggest celebration on the planet!



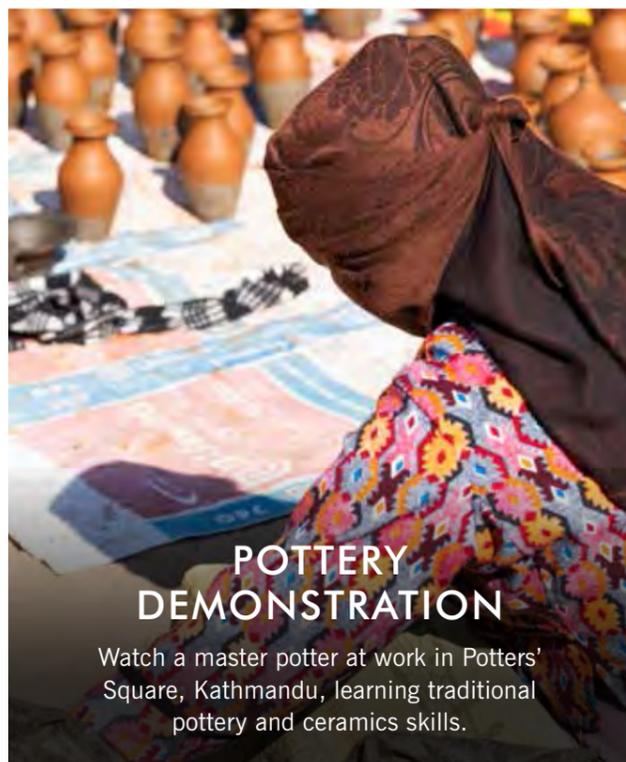
KATHAKALI DANCE PERFORMANCE

Be mesmerised by elaborate Kathakali dancers, who perform in colourful dresses and masks to tell ancient Hindu stories.



LOCAL COOKING CLASS

Be invited to a local family home and learn about the ingredients and flavours used in traditional cooking, before sampling the delicious dishes yourself.



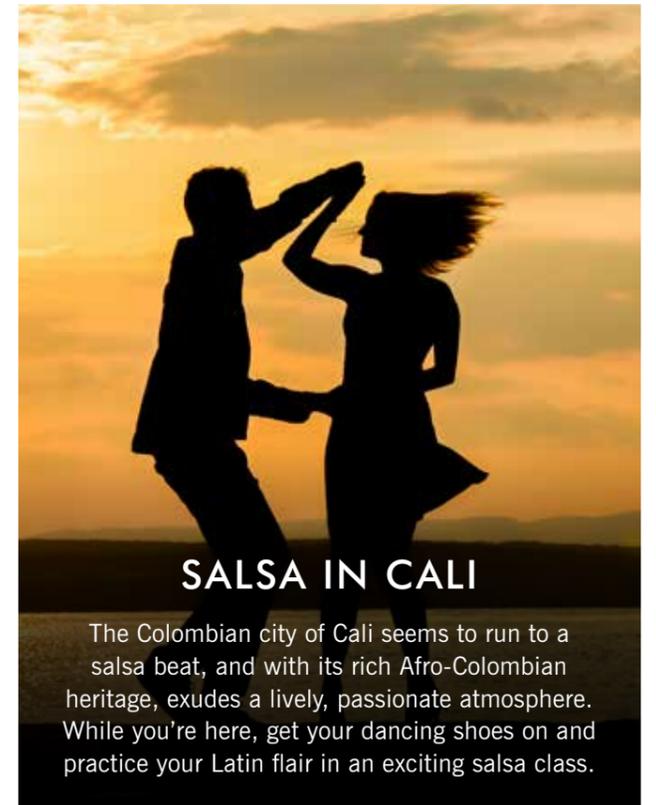
POTTERY DEMONSTRATION

Watch a master potter at work in Potters' Square, Kathmandu, learning traditional pottery and ceramics skills.



UROS TRIBE OF LAKE TITICACA

Journey to the Uros Islands, 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 cooking and basket weaving.



SALSA IN CALI

The Colombian city of Cali seems to run to a salsa beat, and with its rich Afro-Colombian heritage, exudes a lively, passionate atmosphere. While you're here, get your dancing shoes on and practice your Latin flair in an exciting salsa class.



PAMPAS EXPERIENCE

Spend time on the vast, fertile grasslands of Argentina known as the pampas, on a traditional estancia (ranch). Here you'll get some insight into the life of folk heroes, the gaucho and feast on a typical asado lunch.

CHINA TOURS

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Cities of the Orient	CLASSIC	16 days	30	Silk Road Explorer	GO BEYOND	27 days	50
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Discover China with Wendy Wu Tours

China is a colossal nation of unrivalled history, incredible sights and fascinating culture. We have the expertise to cover every corner of this extraordinary land; here are some of our favourite destinations...

WENDY'S TOP 8 CHINA 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

Once known as 'Paris of the East', Shanghai is China's great metropolis where 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 a giant panda, 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 LIJIANG

Located amongst Yunnan's most dramatic mountain landscapes, you can explore Lijiang on several of our tours.



8 LHASA

Tibet's magical capital, a city on the roof of the world, Lhasa features on our Ultimate China, China & Tibet Discovery, Himalayan Adventure and Tibetan Wonders tours.



IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

- 9 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON **£2,190**
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- 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 the pandas of Dujiangyan Panda Base

PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Enjoy down-time in a Beijing park

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit the park surrounding the Temple of Heaven to soak up the beautiful surroundings and mingle with the local people who gather here daily to exercise, socialise, play cards and relax – you can even take part in a group dance session!
- ▶ One of Beijing's must-see shows, enjoy a Chinese acrobatic spectacular featuring many forms of dramatic arts such as contortionism, juggling and plate spinning and full of edge-of-your-seat action.
- ▶ At the heart of Sichuan province, the native land of the giant panda, visit the excellent Dujiangyan Panda Base where you'll learn all about China's iconic bear, the conservation projects in action to increase their numbers and, of course, see these beautiful animals for yourself.

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 Tiananmen Square, flanked by imposing government buildings and the mausoleum of Chairman Mao, towards the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. A monument to dynasties past, enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, into a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class and mingle with the locals. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck before deciding on an option to enjoy a kung fu show.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of miles from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, over all sorts of dramatic landscapes, it is one of the world's most impressive feats of engineering. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the magnificent scenery that it crosses. Drive back to Beijing and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace. Also included is a visit to a jade factory. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

DAY 5: XIAN CITY WALLS

Fly 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. Take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. 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-like 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, take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province.

DAY 7: 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 these endangered species. Later, enjoy the atmosphere of Jinli Street – a lively street lined with antique shops and restaurants before sampling a delicious Sichuanese meal.



Visit the Summer Palace in Beijing



Walk the Great Wall

DAY 8: 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 hot beverage in a traditional teahouse before visiting Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children.

DAY 9: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?
Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



Gaze at the Terracotta Warriors in Xian

IN PURSUIT OF PANDAS

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



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 Sunday returning Monday

2020 DATES

01 Mar - 09 Mar	£2,190	09 Aug - 17 Aug	£2,790
15 Mar - 23 Mar	£2,390	30 Aug - 07 Sep	£2,790
05 Apr - 13 Apr	£2,590	06 Sep - 14 Sep	£2,790
19 Apr - 27 Apr	£2,590	20 Sep - 28 Sep	£2,790
03 May - 11 May	£2,590	04 Oct - 12 Oct	£2,690
10 May - 18 May	£2,590	18 Oct - 26 Oct	£2,590
17 May - 25 May	£2,590	15 Nov - 23 Nov	£2,190
12 Jul - 20 Jul	£2,790	23 Dec - 02 Jan*	£2,990

2021 DATES

21 Feb - 01 Mar	£2,290	08 Aug - 16 Aug	£2,790
07 Mar - 15 Mar	£2,290	05 Sep - 13 Sep	£2,790
14 Mar - 22 Mar	£2,490	12 Sep - 20 Sep	£2,790
04 Apr - 12 Apr	£2,590	19 Sep - 27 Sep	£2,790
11 Apr - 19 Apr	£2,590	17 Oct - 25 Oct	£2,790
18 Apr - 26 Apr	£2,590	24 Oct - 01 Nov	£2,690
09 May - 17 May	£2,590	07 Nov - 15 Nov	£2,590
16 May - 24 May	£2,590	14 Nov - 22 Nov	£2,390
13 Jun - 21 Jun	£2,690	23 Dec - 02 Jan*	£2,990
11 Jul - 19 Jul	£2,790		

*Christmas departures. Days of the week different from those stated.

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,590 (Beijing – Chengdu)
- Single room from £290
- Tipping paid locally RMB 320
- Christmas departure tipping RMB 350

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



LHASA SHORT STAY EXTENSION
4 days from £850pp

HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER
3 days from £290pp (see page 185)

ESSENTIAL DUBAI STOPOVER
3 days from £190pp (see page 185)

For more information about our stopovers & extensions please see our website, call us or visit your travel agent.

A CHINA EXPERIENCE

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- ✓ Find the past in Zhujiajiao
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Spend time in traditional hutongs
- ✓ Explore the Summer Palace



Explore the sleepy water town of Zhujiajiao

PRICE INCLUDES

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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Learn about jade, the sacred stone

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Jade has long been a sacred stone to the Chinese people, bringing fortune and prosperity to those who wear it. Visit a jade factory where you can learn more about its origins, its importance and how it is crafted.
- ▶ Step back in time to relive the majesty of the Tang Dynasty, of which Xian was the prosperous and glorious capital, with a colourful spectacular of traditional music and dancing.
- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SHANGHAI

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DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

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DAY 4: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

Visit Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns, built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Return to Shanghai and visit the Shanghai Museum and explore People's Square. End the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAY 5: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. This afternoon take a visit to the fascinating Little Wild Goose Pagoda and spend time walking through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of Silk Road.

DAY 6: 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 who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.



See the Little Wild Goose Pagoda



Explore People's Square, Shanghai



See the famous Terracotta Army

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing, China's historic capital city. After dinner, there is an option to enjoy a kung fu show.

DAY 8: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart and stroll across Tiananmen Square 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, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they spend their afternoon practising Tai Chi, dancing and playing cards. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the traditional hutongs, where the narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of old Beijing. Meet a local family and learn first-hand about hutong life.



Walk on the Great Wall

DAY 9: THE GREAT WALL

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DAY 10: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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

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CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This introductory tour offers a glimpse of China's glorious past, fascinating present and bright future. Visit the contrasting cities of Xian, Beijing and Shanghai. The pace is full on, but well worth it.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Monday

2020 DATES

01 Feb - 10 Feb	£2,190	20 Jun - 29 Jun	£2,790
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Flight and supplement information

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GLORIES OF CHINA

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Cruise the tranquil Li River
- ✓ Explore friendly Yangshuo
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Discover the Forbidden City



Stop for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See Terracotta Army replicas being made

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a busy workshop where craftsmen create replicas of the famous Terracotta Warriors and watch them going about their age-old craft with astonishing speed and dexterity.
- ▶ Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi – do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.

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: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Start with a visit to the classical Yu Garden, pass through the old town and visit a silk factory. View the city at night from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. This evening, enjoy a meal of Shanghai cuisine.

DAY 4: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Travel to Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns and explore its many charms. Return to Shanghai to see the antiquities of the Shanghai Museum before admiring magnificent architecture with a stroll along the Bund.

DAY 5: SEVEN STAR PARK

Fly to the scenic city of Guilin. Enjoy a stroll through the Seven Star Park and explore the spectacular formations of Seven Star Cave.

DAY 6: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of 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 evening there is an option to watch the spectacular Impression Liu Sanjie music and light show.

DAY 7: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Start the day with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Spend the rest of the morning exploring the countryside and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. There are many optional activities available including cycling, rafting and walking.

DAY 8: CORMORANT FISHERMEN

Return to Guilin. En route, stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture. Visit the South China Pearl Factory which covers the fascinating 1,700-year-old history of pearling and see the many displays and demonstrations on offer.

DAY 9: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Fly to Xian and visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before feasting on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watching a lively performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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See Shanghai's futuristic skyline

DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing, the capital of China. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the warren-like hutongs and visit a local family to gain a deeper insight into Chinese culture and local customs.

DAY 12: 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 and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. In the afternoon, return to Beijing and enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. End the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.



Explore the Summer Palace

DAY 13: FORBIDDEN CITY

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in a dance class and mingle with the locals. Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. This evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy – Peking duck.

DAY 14: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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Discover the extraordinary karst landscapes of the Li River and Guilin as well as enjoying the highlights of China, including the urban splendour of Shanghai, Beijing and Xian on this popular tour.

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Visit the Forbidden City

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- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
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- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Discover ancient Ciqikou



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Savour the local cuisine

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Tuck into a delicious feast of Beijing's best known dish, Peking duck, a food that offers a true taste of imperial China and a long-time favourite of locals and visitors alike!
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Step back in time to relive the majesty of the Tang Dynasty, of which Xian was the prosperous and glorious capital, with a colourful spectacular of traditional music and dance.

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DAY 4: MODERN PUDONG

Take the morning to see the sights of the ultramodern Pudong area of the city with its sci-fi skyscrapers. Later, fly to Wuhan and travel by coach to Yichang where you will board the Yangtze River cruise vessel.

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, take a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

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

Begin this morning with a visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre, which allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, take a bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing awaits.

DAY 10: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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Explore the delights of Shanghai

DAY 11: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Today, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and walk through the lively atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Later, fly to Beijing, China's capital city.

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. Also soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, and end the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.



Walk on the Great Wall

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Sunday

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WONDERS OF CHINA

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Stay in rural Yangshuo
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights



Admire magnificent views between the turrets of the Great Wall

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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Enjoy a Yangtze River cruise

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- 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.
- Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways, passing traditional courtyard houses and getting a glimpse into daily life here.
- Zoom across China aboard a superfast bullet train, on what is the world's longest high-speed railway network, travelling at up to 350 kilometres an hour in comfort.

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DAY 5: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Take a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the lively Muslim Quarter and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and travel to Yichang to board your Yangtze River Cruise vessel.

DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. But as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another, take a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

DAY 11: CHONGQING PANDA HOUSE

Disembark from the cruise vessel and visit the Panda House in Chongqing. Later, board the bullet train to Guilin.



Explore the amazing landscape of Yangshuo

DAY 12: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of 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.

DAY 13: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before returning to Guilin by road. Explore the impressive Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Factory before stopping for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River to meet a cormorant fisherman.

DAY 14: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Take a walk around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas and then fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

DAY 15: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Visit the charming Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory and admire the colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening, enjoy some tasty traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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Discover the Terracotta Warriors

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This hugely popular tour journeys through some of China's most iconic sights from Beijing's Great Wall, Xian's warriors, and picturesque Guilin to the mighty Yangtze River. Expect a busy but fun-filled tour.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Monday

2020 DATES			
02 Mar - 17 Mar*	£3,190	21 Jun - 06 Jul	£3,690
09 Mar - 24 Mar*	£3,290	05 Jul - 20 Jul	£3,790
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2021 DATES			
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Flight and supplement information

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- Single room from £620
- Tipping paid locally RMB 770

CITIES OF THE ORIENT

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,790**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Enjoy time in Hong Kong



Admire Hong Kong's renowned jaw-dropping skyline

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See the giant Buddha of Lantau Island

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Soar over the spectacular landscapes of Hong Kong's Lantau Island on the Ngong Ping 360 cable car, flying ever closer to the giant Buddha perched serenely on his hilltop.
- ▶ Explore the quirks of local culture in Chengdu at the fascinating 'Matchmaker's Corner', a place where parents search for potential suitors for their children.
- ▶ Discover the bustling harbour of Aberdeen fishing village from a different perspective, watching the coming and goings of the local fleet from your seat onboard one of the many traditional sampans that ply the waters.

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. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Explore Beijing's old hutongs by foot and visit the home of a local family. Eat traditional Peking duck for dinner and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAY 4: 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 wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon strolling through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese landscapes and see the exquisite architecture.

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and perhaps even join them as they start their day by practising Tai Chi, dancing and playing cards. Transfer to the airport and fly to the ancient city of Xian. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 6: 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 who stand in their original formations at the exact location they were excavated. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate the Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts and buy a souvenir to take home! Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Enjoy a relaxed morning with time to walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. Later, take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

DAY 8: GIANT PANDAS

A visit this morning to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitors for their children.

DAY 9: OLD CIQIKOU

Drive from Chengdu to Chongqing and spend some time wandering the picturesque old alleyways of Ciqikou. Later, board your Yangtze cruise vessel and set sail for the next three days on the Yangtze River.



See pandas in Chengdu



Explore the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City

DAYS 10-12: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Cruise down the Yangtze through some of China's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions. A man-made marvel, you will also see the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and travel to Wuhan for your flight to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

DAY 13: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Begin today with a visit to Yu Garden and the old town before admiring the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Learn about the age-old silk production process at a silk factory and take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 14: FLY TO HONG KONG

Fly to Hong Kong. No other city in Asia encapsulates the concept of east-meets-west quite like Hong Kong. Known for its spectacular harbour and jaw dropping skyline, Hong Kong is a city that never sleeps! Upon arrival, embark on an island tour, starting with a visit to Stanley Market and Aberdeen fishing village, where you take to the water and enjoy a sampan ride.

DAY 15: LANTAU ISLAND

Spend the day at Lantau Island. Start by taking a ride on the cable car which offers stunning views of the island's breathtaking coastline to Ngong Ping Plateau, where the Giant Buddha sits majestically close to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the Po Lin Monastery, a vegetarian meal is served. Enjoy a farewell dinner atop Victoria Peak.

DAY 16: FLY TO THE UK

Today is at leisure until your flight home. With over 260 outlying islands, choose to tour the New Territories, explore Kowloon or take a short hike on Lamma Island. Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on a comprehensive journey through the great cities of China – Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Also included is a three-night cruise on the mighty Yangtze River, another essential China experience!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

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18 May - 02 Jun	£3,990		

Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,490 (Beijing – Hong Kong)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally RMB 660 & HKD 280



Stroll along the Bund, Shanghai

CHINA & TIBET DISCOVERY

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,990**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Wander the Barkhor Circuit
- ✓ Explore the Potala Palace
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Three nights on the Yangtze



Admire the impressive Potala Palace

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Stroll along Xian's city walls

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Take a relaxed walk above Xian's old town, strolling on the magnificent city walls that encircle it and taking in the views as you go.
- ▶ Wander the Barkhor circuit, the pilgrimage route that surrounds the sacred Jokhang temple, pausing to browse the plentiful market stalls and watch the traditionally-dressed pilgrims, who have come from all over Tibet, complete their journey.
- ▶ Spend an evening revelling in the traditions of Tibet, dining on delicious local food and watching a performance of native dance and music.

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DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

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DAY 5: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Take the bullet train to Xian. Explore the streets of the Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and enjoy a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 6: 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 Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century ancient city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 7: 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.



See adorable pandas



See Tibetan monks



Spin traditional prayer wheels in Jokhang Temple

DAY 8: JOKHANG TEMPLE AND THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

Lhasa is a contemporary, fast-growing city, but among the narrow, old streets at its heart you'll feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit to see traditionally-dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and prostrating pilgrims. Inside the Jokhang Temple, the sacred centre of Tibetan Buddhism, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning.

DAY 9: POTALA PALACE

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures from intricate shrines to beautiful frescoes. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside the city. Also visit a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop. Enjoy a traditional Tibetan dinner and dance performance in the evening.

DAY 10: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. This evening, there will be a delicious Sichuanese meal to savour.

DAY 11: PANDAS

Begin today with a visit to Chengdu's Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China's celebrated icons up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Watch them play and chomp on bamboo before travelling to Chongqing to board your Yangtze River cruise ship.

DAYS 12-13: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Over the next two days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another as you marvel at the spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess and Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

DAY 14: THREE GORGES DAM

The Three Gorges Dam is a massive feat of engineering that saw the century-old dreams of Chinese luminaries come to fruition. Created to harness the power of the Yangtze, it is difficult not to be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Disembark your cruise vessel and travel to Wuhan to board your flight to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

DAY 15: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Sightseeing today includes a visit to the traditional Yu Garden, a silk factory and a stop in the old town. Also admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the historical waterfront, the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise followed by a delicious Shanghaiese meal.

DAY 16: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey to the roof of the world to the incredible city of Lhasa whilst enjoying the very best cultural, historical and natural treasures that China has to offer – from the Great Wall and Terracotta Army to the Yangtze River.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Saturday

2020 DATES

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2021 DATES

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07 May - 22 May	£3,990	08 Oct - 23 Oct	£4,090
27 Aug - 11 Sep	£4,290		

Flight and supplement information

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CHINA DELIGHTS

18 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise Hangzhou's West Lake
- ✓ Discover old gardens in Suzhou
- ✓ Stay in rural Yangshuo
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall



Cruise the waterways of Suzhou's Grand Canal

PRICE INCLUDES

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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
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Start the day with a Tai Chi class

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi - do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- ▶ Visit a plantation and learn all about the process of cultivating, plucking, processing and producing that wonderful beverage, tea! There will also be a taster, to keep your refreshed.
- ▶ Cruise on the historic Grand Canal, built over 1,000 years ago to transport goods around the kingdom, through the picturesque old town of Suzhou.

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

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th century temples. Sightseeing today begins with a visit to the classical Yu Garden and a stop in the old town before admiring the colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. Round off the day with a delicious meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 4: EVEN MORE SHANGHAI

Explore ultra-modern Pudong followed by a visit to a silk factory and the Shanghai Museum to see the collection of fine arts and antiquities. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

DAY 5: HISTORIC SUZHOU

Suzhou's centre has managed to retain a sense of quaint charm even as the city has grown up around it. Renowned for its traditional gardens, visit the Humble Administrator's Garden, typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Later, cruise on the thousand-year-old Grand Canal.

DAY 6: WUZHEN

Travel to the water town of Wuzhen. A charming place of old-world timber buildings, cobbled streets and narrow waterways, it is an easy place to while away the day. Later, continue to the garden city of Hangzhou.

DAY 7: HISTORIC HANGZHOU

A restful morning is spent wandering around the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, one of China's most renowned Buddhist temples. Later, enjoy a cruise on Hangzhou's West Lake, admiring the gardens, pagodas and old bridges on its shores.

DAY 8: LUSH TEA PLANTATIONS

Browse the bustling local markets and visit the plantations of Meijiawu to learn the tea-making process, from bush to brew. Enjoy a cup of organic green tea and decide which of the locally produced teas you might like to purchase. Later, fly to the beautiful city of Guilin and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 9: LI RIVER CRUISE

Begin today with a relaxing cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery and grazing buffalo. Wander through the cobbled streets and visit the local market, then stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman.

DAY 10: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Start the day with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Spend the rest of the morning exploring the countryside and enjoy some time at leisure. Later, travel through the countryside as you return by road to Guilin.



Visit a tea plantation in Hangzhou

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy the classical gardens of Suzhou and explore the lakes, temples and tea plantations of Hangzhou on a tour that also encompasses China's myriad delights - the Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors, pandas and Shanghai.



Explore rural Yangshuo

DAY 11: CHENGDU

Visit Reed Flute Cave to admire the colourful stalagmites and stalactites. Continue to the pearl factory, then fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. This evening, enjoy an optional performance of Sichuan opera for the actors' famous 'face-changing'.

DAY 12: GRAND BUDDHA OF LESHAN

Travel to Leshan to visit the UNESCO-listed Grand Buddha which, at 71 metres, is the world's largest stone-carved Buddhist monument. Get a bird's eye view of the Buddha from the adjacent park, then a short boat trip will give excellent views from the river. Return to Chengdu and in the evening, sample a delicious Sichuanese meal.

DAY 13: GIANT PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous giant panda reserve to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, take the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital.

DAY 14: 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 of the craftsmen to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. This evening, sit down to a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 15: BEIJING

Visit the fascinating Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later, fly to Beijing, the capital of China.

DAY 16: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Spend the morning soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Next, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

DAY 17: THE GREAT WALL

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DAY 18: FLY BEIJING TO UK

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CLASSIC CHINA

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Explore friendly Yangshuo
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Discover the past in Lijiang
- ✓ Explore Tiger Leaping Gorge



Explore beautifully preserved Lijiang

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
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Stroll through Baisha Village

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the peaceful village of Baisha, home to the Naxi, one of China's many minority peoples. Whilst here you can meet the friendly locals, delve into their rich culture and get a glimpse of their day to day lives.
- ▶ Sail high above the breathtaking landscapes of Yunnan into the majestic heights of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain by cable car, reaching an observation point at 4,500 metres and exploring a beautiful high-altitude meadow.
- ▶ Step back in time to relive the majesty of the Tang Dynasty, of which Xian was the prosperous and glorious capital, with a colourful spectacular of traditional music and dancing.

ITINERARY

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DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian and visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. In the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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Fly to Guilin and visit the Reed Flute Cave to see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites.

DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE

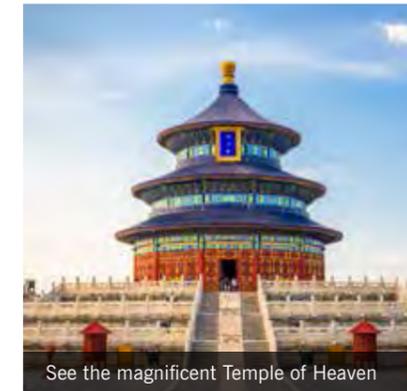
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This afternoon you can spend some time browsing Yangshuo's vibrant markets.

DAY 9: YANGSHUO

Begin with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Explore the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy time at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities available including cycling or bamboo rafting.

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO KUNMING

Drive back to Guilin and visit the Pearl Factory before flying to Kunming, capital of Yunnan province. This evening, dine on a local dish, Across the Bridge Noodles.



See the magnificent Temple of Heaven



Walk in the Stone Forest

DAY 11: THE STONE FOREST

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland.

DAY 12: EXPLORE LIJIANG

Fly to Lijiang, set in the foothills of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Discover the old quarter; the quintessential Chinese 'old town' and wander the jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. Continue to the Black Dragon Pool Park, where there are wonderful views of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain itself.

DAY 13: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights. Later, return to Lijiang.

DAY 14: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

A magnificent mountain, the 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 the fascinating frescoes painted during the early Ming Dynasty and Baisha Village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.

DAY 15: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province. Tonight, dine on some fantastic local cuisine followed by an option to watch a traditional Sichuan Opera performance.

DAY 16: PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel.

DAYS 17-19: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions as well as the Three Gorges Dam which showcases a simply massive feat of engineering. Disembark and travel to Wuhan for your flight to Shanghai.

DAY 20: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, the Silk Factory and stroll along the Bund. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take an optional trip on the super-fast Maglev train or ascend Jin Mao Tower. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Cruise along the Yangtze and Li rivers and let the spectacular landscapes take your breath away. Explore the cobbled streets of old Lijiang, gaze on the magnificent Tiger Leaping Gorge and visit the giant pandas in Chengdu.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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Visit a traditional tea house in Chengdu

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ 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 the perfect brew.
- ▶ Visit the park surrounding the Temple of Heaven to soak up the beautiful surroundings and mingle with the local people who gather here daily to exercise, socialise, play cards and relax – you can even take part in a group dance session!
- ▶ Spend an evening exploring China's long and fascinating history in a breathtaking show of martial arts, acrobatics and stunning special effects – the fantastic ERA Show at the Shanghai Circus World.

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 to discover a complex full of imperial riches. Take a leisurely stroll through the narrow alleys of the warren-like hutongs and learn more about living in this traditional area. This evening, sit down to a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. 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 surrounds it. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture.

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Spend the morning soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape and mingle with the locals as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Later, take the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital.

DAY 6: 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 Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and watch a Tang Dynasty dance show.

DAY 7: ANCIENT CITY WALL

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and take a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. Later this afternoon, explore the narrow streets of the atmospheric Muslim Quarter, which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Here, you will gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road.

DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

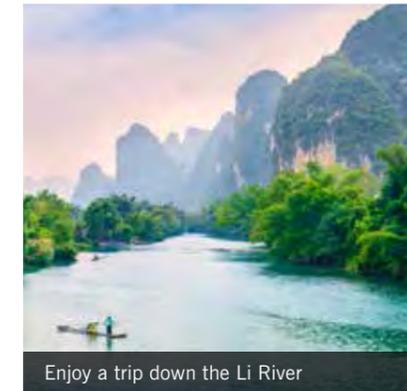
Fly to Wuhan and travel to Yichang to board your Yangtze River cruise vessel, where you will stay for the next four nights.

DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

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 few days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream, as well as various shore excursions.

DAY 12: TRANSFER TO CHENGDU

Disembark in Chongqing and transfer by road to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province. Tonight, there is an option to see a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for 'face-changing'.



Enjoy a trip down the Li River



Visit the Humble Administrator's Garden

DAY 13: GIANT PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, stroll through the vibrant People's Park with a stop at Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. Also stop at a traditional tea house and wander through the Wide and Narrow Alleys. Tonight, dine on delicious Sichuanese food.

DAY 14: FLY TO GUILIN

Stop by the Taiguli area, the centre of Chengdu, before flying to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 15: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of 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.

DAY 16: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. This afternoon is at leisure where you can choose from the many optional activities available including cycling, bamboo rafting and hiking.

DAY 17: DISCOVER GUILIN

Travel back to Guilin and enjoy a walk around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture. Discover the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave and continue to the South China Pearl Factory to see the fascinating 1,700-year history of pearling in the South China Sea with displays and demonstrations.

DAY 18: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Later, spend some time in the city's Xintiandi area, a vibrant entertainment district made up of traditional 19th-century Shikumen architecture.

DAY 19: HISTORIC SUZHOU

Travel to Suzhou. Suzhou is renowned for its gardens – visit one of its finest, the Humble Administrator's Garden. Cruise the Grand Canal before returning to Shanghai for a dinner of Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAYS 20-21: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide. Visit the Shanghai Museum, People's Square and admire the architecture on the Bund. Later, view the city from the Huangpu River on a cruise. The next day visit a silk factory, the classical Yu Garden and stop in the old town before exploring futuristic Pudong. Tonight, enjoy the ERA acrobatic show.

DAY 22: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

CLASSIC CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the Great Wall and Terracotta Warriors, to cruising on the Yangtze and the breathtaking Li River, this tour encompasses China's most magnificent sights as well as spending a little extra time in its most exciting cities.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Discover old China in Dali
- ✓ Stroll the gardens in Suzhou



Admire Shanghai's futuristic skyline

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Visit the traditional hutongs of Beijing

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.
- ▶ Long practised in China, many people start their day with a session of Tai Chi – do the same with a morning class with an instructor and continue your day feeling invigorated.
- ▶ Cruise on the waters on the Huangpu, the river that bisects Shanghai, the perfect way to appreciate the contrast of the west bank, where you'll find the colonial architecture of The Bund, and the east bank, home to the ultramodern skyscrapers of Pudong.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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DAYS 3-4: THE GREAT WALL

Visit Tiananmen Square and discover the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City before exploring Beijing's old hutongs where you can meet a local family and visit their home. This evening, eat traditional Peking duck. The next day, spend the morning taking a walk on the Great Wall and in the afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace.

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

In the morning, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape and wander through the park, where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate in Tai Chi or play cards. Later, take a bullet train to Xian.

DAYS 6-7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before wandering around the narrow alleys of the Muslim Quarter. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. The next day, view the enigmatic ranks of warriors that make up the Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Later, stroll on Xian's beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls.

DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Wuhan and travel to Yichang to board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

The Three Gorges Dam may be an impressive 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 prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

DAY 12: OLD CIQIKOU

Disembark in Chongqing then explore old Ciqikou, whose narrow streets are perfect for a stroll to admire the traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu where tonight you will be served a traditional Sichuanese dinner with the option to watch a Sichuan Opera performance.

DAY 13: GIANT PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about these celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, fly to the charming city of Dali.

DAYS 14-15: ENCHANTING DALI

Dali offers a peek of the China of times-gone-by. Over the next two days, travel to Xizhou village to browse around the local market, see the Yan Family House, cruise on Erhai Lake, explore Dali's ancient quarter and visit the Three Pagodas. Transfer to Kunming.

DAY 16: STONE FOREST

Explore the fascinating limestone formations of the picturesque Stone Forest and tuck in to local delicacy, Across the Bridge Noodles, for dinner tonight.



See the Three Pagodas in Dali



Explore charming Suzhou

DAY 17: FLY TO GUILIN

Fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 18: LI RIVER

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 and grazing buffalo.

DAY 19: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

Begin with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Explore the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy time at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities available.

DAY 20: GUILIN

Return to Guilin and visit a pearl factory and Reed Flute Cave. Also stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture.

DAYS 21-22: DISCOVER HANGZHOU

Fly to Hangzhou and visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion and the tea plantations of Meijiawu. The next day, enjoy a cruise on West Lake and visit Xihutiandi before continuing to Suzhou.

DAY 23: SUZHOU

Suzhou's centre has managed to retain a sense of quaint charm. Renowned for its elegant gardens, visit one of the finest, the Humble Administrator's Garden – typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Also cruise on the Grand Canal.

DAY 24: SHANGHAI

Travel to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Visit Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children, the Shanghai Museum and People's Square. Later, enjoy a view of the glittering city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. This evening, dine on a delicious meal of Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory and stroll along the Bund. End the evening with the ERA acrobatic show.

DAY 26: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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- ✓ Visit the Stone Forest
- ✓ Explore Dali and Zhongdian
- ✓ Stay in mystical Lhasa
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Explore the temples of Zhongdian

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Meet Tibetan locals

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Painted during the Ming Dynasty (1368 and 1644) the incredible Baisha Frescoes tell fascinating stories of the daily life, religion and politics of their time and have retained their bright colours and vivid patterns.
- ▶ Cruise on the crystal-clear, tranquil waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the views over the Cangshan Mountains and passing its many famous islands, many of them complete with colourful temples.

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DAY 4: 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 wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon in the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace. This evening, there is an option to see kung fu masters in action.

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

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.

After lunch, stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 7: FLY TO GUILIN

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Next, fly to Guilin and visit a pearl factory.

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DAY 11: THE STONE FOREST

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. This evening, dine on the local dish, Across the Bridge Noodles.



Discover the beauty of Guilin



Walk the Great Wall of China

DAY 12: BULLET TRAIN TO DALI

Board the bullet train to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek at bygone China and discover the magnificent Three Pagodas.

DAY 13: ENCHANTING DALI

Today, explore the village of Xizhou to browse its local market, visit the Yan family home and watch a tie-dyeing demonstration and wander through Dali's ancient quarter. Also enjoy a relaxing cruise on Erhai Lake.

DAY 14: EXPLORE LIJIANG

Drive to Lijiang, set in the foothills of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and visit Shaxi village.

DAY 15: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

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DAY 16: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights. Next, continue to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 17: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN

Begin the day with a visit to a Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life. Also visit Dafo Temple, explore the spectacular Songzanlin Monastery and end the day with a tour of the old town.

DAY 18: 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 19: 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 around the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally-dressed locals and explore the Jokhang Temple, the sacred centre of Tibetan Buddhism. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning, and a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop.

DAY 20: POTALA PALACE

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures from intricate shrines to beautiful frescoes. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama.

DAY 21: 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. Tonight, dine on local Sichuan cuisine.

DAY 22: PANDAS

Begin the day with a visit to Chengdu's famous conservation centre. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

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PHYSICAL RATING



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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Tuesday

2020 DATES

07 May - 02 Jun	£4,790	08 Oct - 03 Nov	£4,990
10 Sep - 06 Oct	£4,990		

2021 DATES

06 May - 01 Jun	£5,190	09 Sep - 05 Oct	£5,390
20 May - 15 Jun	£5,190	07 Oct - 02 Nov	£5,290

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,190 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £990
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1,200

DAYS 23-25: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Enjoy various side trips and shore excursions including the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark and transfer to Wuhan for your flight to Shanghai.

DAY 26: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory and stroll along the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 27: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

ANCIENT EMPIRES OF CHINA & JAPAN

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £6,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover historic Beijing
- ✓ See the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Admire Kyoto's temples
- ✓ Explore bustling Tokyo



Visit Kinkakuji 'Golden Pavilion' Temple

PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 18 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders (China)



See the beautiful canals in Kurashiki

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Wander through the delightful Bikan Historical Quarter, stretched along Kurashiki's Edo Period canals, taking in the picturesque scenes of weeping willows, old stone bridges and lovely, traditional architecture.
- ▶ Explore the narrow, atmospheric alleyways of Beijing's old hutongs. Visit a family in their home, a traditional courtyard residence, to get a better idea of the culture and history of these neighbourhoods.
- ▶ Ascend to the observation deck of the new Orizuru Tower. Rising high above Hiroshima it offers beautiful views over the Peace Memorial Park, the A-Bomb Dome and the city as a whole.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: WALK ON 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 and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. End the day enjoying a traditional Peking Duck dinner.

DAY 4: EXPLORE THE FORBIDDEN CITY

Begin the day soaking up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven where you can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Next, take a leisurely stroll through a traditional hutong neighbourhood and visit a family at home, to learn about life living in the hutongs. Later, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, before entering the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to explore this complex full of imperial riches.

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO XIAN

Board the bullet train to the ancient city of Xian. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling dinner and a lively Tang Dynasty dance show.

DAY 6: 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, followed by a visit to the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate them. Later, stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

DAY 7: FLY TO GUILIN

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and then fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 8: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks tower over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Here, enjoy some time strolling along West Street and visit the local markets.

DAY 9: VISIT REED FLUTE CAVE

Return to Guilin. En route, see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Factory.

DAY 10: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Begin today with a stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese Buddhist architecture before flying to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'.

DAY 11: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Start with a visit to the peaceful Yu Garden, pass through the old town and visit the Silk Factory. View the city at night from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.



Discover the majestic landscapes of Guilin



Explore the manicured gardens of Korakuen

DAY 12: GOODBYE CHINA, HELLO JAPAN

It's time to say goodbye to China and hello to Japan! Fly to the vibrant city of Osaka.

DAY 13: OSAKA CASTLE

Explore Osaka Castle, take a short cruise along the Yodogawa River and stroll through vibrant Dotonbori, a restaurant mecca, where you can sample local delicacies for lunch. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore this fascinating city.

DAY 14: DISCOVER OKAYAMA & KURASHIKI

Transfer by bullet train to Okayama and visit Korakuen Garden, one of the 'Three Great Gardens of Japan'. Continue to Kurashiki to explore the beautifully-preserved Bikan Historical Quarter, where the streets along the banks of the Kurashiki River are lined with white-walled kominka (traditional houses).

DAY 15: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hop on a ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and visit Itsukushima Shrine. After lunch, return to Hiroshima and find a moment to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Later, ascend to the observation deck of Orizuru Tower and enjoy the panoramic views.

DAY 16: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Transfer by bullet train to Kyoto, imperial capital for 1,000 years. Visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden and Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'.

DAY 17: EXPLORE KYOTO

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 torii gates and then head to Nishiki Market, also known as 'Kyoto's Kitchen' with its lively open-air market specialising in all things food! Also visit a restored wooden Japanese townhouse to experience the rituals of a tea ceremony and try your hand at the traditional art of origami.

DAY 18: BULLET TRAIN TO HAKONE

Transfer by bullet train to Hakone. Upon arrival, enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway where the views of the surrounding landscape and Mount Fuji will be breathtaking but weather dependent of course! Later, continue to Tokyo, Japan's capital city.

DAY 19: CONTRASTS OF TOKYO

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Begin at the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, before wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to explore the ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple and drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. Later, soak up the atmosphere at the peaceful Meiji Jingu Shrine. End your tour with a dinner cruise on the Tokyo Bay.

DAY 20: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The ultimate tour for those wishing to combine the very best of two ancient nations. Join us on an incredible journey from Beijing to Tokyo by road, boat, rail and air on this epic three-week tour!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Saturday

2020 DATES

23 Mar - 11 Apr	£6,490	14 Sep - 03 Oct	£6,690
18 May - 06 Jun	£6,490	12 Oct - 31 Oct	£6,690

2021 DATES

22 Mar - 10 Apr	£6,990	13 Sep - 02 Oct	£6,990
17 May - 05 Jun	£6,790	11 Oct - 30 Oct	£6,990

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,890 (Beijing - Tokyo)
- Single room from £1,490
- Tipping paid locally RMB 410 (China)



Meet the Terracotta Army

ENCHANTING CHINA

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Visit pandas in Chengdu
- ✓ See Shanghai like a local
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Explore the Temple of Heaven
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Warriors



Walk the scenic Huanghuacheng section of the Great Wall

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L) & 4 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Try local snacks in Xian

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ From hand-stretched noodles to barbecued meat on skewers, Xian's Muslim Quarter is a street food heaven! As you explore these atmospheric streets and soak up the history, why not grab a delicious snack or two, to keep your energy up?
- ▶ Spend an evening exploring China's long and fascinating history in a breathtaking show of martial arts, acrobatics and stunning special effects – the fantastic ERA Show at Shanghai's Circus World.
- ▶ 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 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 today in Beijing's symbolic heart with a stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Visit Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Enjoy lunch in the hutongs and then spend the evening at leisure exploring the vibrant Houhai district. (B,L)

DAY 4: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL AND WANGFUJING

This morning, visit Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall reached by boat that boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing street which is one of the largest and best-known shopping streets in Beijing. This evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

DAY 5: SUMMER PALACE

Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling along the lake and admire the Chinese architecture, followed by a walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy the panoramic views. Also make a stop at the Olympic Park for a photo opportunity. (B)

DAY 6: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Begin today soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Here, mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they begin their day practising Tai Chi, dancing or playing cards. Later, fly to the former capital city, ancient Xian. (B,L)

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first emperor. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and maybe sample some of the freshly cooked snacks. Enjoy the evening at leisure with a cold beer in Defu Lane or take an optional tour of Xian by night. (B,L)

DAY 8: CYCLE THE WALL (OPTIONAL)

Today is a day at leisure to explore Xian. There is the option to enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the nine miles around Xian's beautifully preserved city wall for a fantastic overview of the city. This evening, enjoy an optional Tang Dynasty show. (B)

DAY 9: CHENGDU LIKE A LOCAL

Take the bullet train to Chengdu and walk around People's Park, a hive of activity. See beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practising Tai Chi, visit a local teahouse, and most interesting of all spend time in Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitors for their children. This evening, enjoy an optional Sichuan hot pot dinner and a 'Changing Faces' show. (B,L)



See the Terracotta Army



Visit Chengdu Panda Base

DAY 10: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN (OPTIONAL)

Today is a day at leisure to relax in Chengdu or take the option of visiting the old town of Pingle. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on the Jinji Rope Bridge. (B)

DAY 11: GIANT PANDAS

Spend the morning visiting the famous pandas at Chengdu's Panda Conservation Centre. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Drive to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

DAYS 12-13: YANGTZE CRUISE

As you cruise downstream, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. A voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. Over the next two days, take a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream and enjoy various shore excursions. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: THREE GORGES DAM

Disembark your cruise vessel in Yichang and visit the Three Gorges Dam. A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering. Travel to Wuhan, then fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. (B,L)

DAY 15: SHANGHAI SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety old buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory. Later, take an evening stroll along the Bund and cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

DAY 16: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai and explore this action-packed city. Alternatively, take an optional tour to Zhujiajiao, one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Tonight, enjoy the ERA show and a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. (B,D)

DAY 17: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

FLEXIBLE CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Slow down the pace and enjoy China with several leisure days and a gentle cruise on the Yangtze. See the classic sights and take time to relax. But if you want to keep busy, there are optional activities available.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

2020 DATES			
03 Apr - 19 Apr	£3,190	04 Sep - 20 Sep	£3,390
01 May - 17 May	£3,190	11 Sep - 27 Sep	£3,390
15 May - 31 May	£3,190	16 Oct - 01 Nov	£3,290
2021 DATES			
02 Apr - 18 Apr	£3,190	03 Sep - 19 Sep	£3,390
23 Apr - 09 May	£3,190	10 Sep - 26 Sep	£3,390
30 Apr - 16 May	£3,190	08 Oct - 24 Oct	£3,290
14 May - 30 May	£3,190		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,590 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room from £750
- Tipping paid locally RMB 870

+ EXTEND YOUR STAY...

SUZHOU & HANGZHOU EXTENSION

5 days from £790pp

HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER

3 days from £290pp (see page 185)

ESSENTIAL DUBAI STOPOVER

3 days from £190pp (see page 185)

For more information about our stopovers & extensions please see our website, call us or visit your travel agent.

CAPTIVATING CHINA

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,590

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Discover the Forbidden City
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ See Shanghai's bright light
- ✓ Ride the bullet train to Chengdu



See the adorable pandas in Chengdu

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts (B), 10 lunches (L) & 7 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Try traditional 'guohua' painting

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try the traditional craft of 'guohua', the art of painting with black ink. After a bit of practice and some expert guidance, we'll each decorate our own quintessential Chinese accessory, a fan!
- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family where we'll enjoy lunch and get a glimpse of their daily life.
- ▶ Visit the serene Temple of Heaven park for an afternoon with the locals who congregate there for a game of cards, to practice Tai Chi or simply for a chat – we will be more than welcome to join in the activities!

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: FORBIDDEN CITY

Meet the group in the hotel lobby and together begin your first day exploring China! We start in Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, before entering the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City to explore this complex full of imperial riches. Together, we will then take a leisurely stroll through a traditional hutong neighbourhood, popping in to visit a family at home for lunch and to learn about life living in the hutongs. This afternoon, soak up the harmonious ambience of the glorious Temple of Heaven, where we can mingle with the locals and watch or participate as they practise Tai Chi, dance or play cards. Tonight, the group will dine on local delicacy Peking duck. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. This afternoon, stroll through the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace, discovering traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture. (B,L)

DAY 5: LITTLE WILD GOOSE PAGODA

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. We start at the lovely Little Wild Goose Pagoda, where we can try 'Guohua', traditional Chinese painting with black ink, to decorate a fan. Next, we

will stroll through the atmospheric Muslim Quarter, browsing the food stalls and learning about the significant importance of this city as the start of the Silk Road. This evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

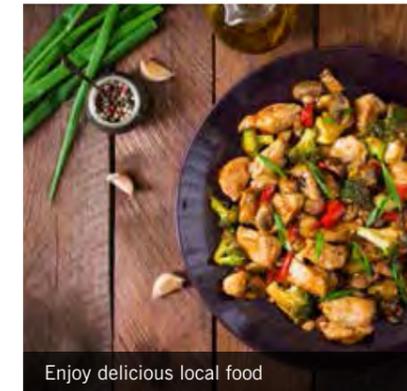
After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. We spend the morning admiring the enigmatic ranks of the life-size warriors and horses, before stopping by the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, we will enjoy a stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. (B,L)

DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU

As a group we will take the bullet train to the city of Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province. On arrival, we will take a walk through People's Park and visit the fascinating Matchmaker's Corner where parents search for worthy suitors for their children. Enjoy a delicious Sichuanese meal for dinner with the option of a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for its 'face-changing'. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: PANDAS

A visit this morning to Chengdu's Panda Conservation Centre allows us to learn about China's famous bears and we also get a chance to see them up close as they munch through piles of bamboo and play. We then continue to Chongqing where we will board our Yangtze River cruise vessel. (B,L,D)



Enjoy delicious local food



See Shanghai's bright lights

DAYS 9-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Over the next three days as we cruise downstream, we will pass through some of China's most celebrated scenery – be prepared for one breathtaking panorama after another. Join side trips and shore excursions, ending with the Three Gorges Dam, a massive and impressive feat of engineering. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Disembark the cruise vessel in Yichang and transfer to Wuhan; from here we fly to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. (B,L)

DAY 12: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

This morning, the group will visit the traditional Yu Garden, old town, silk factory and stroll along the Bund. After lunch together, the afternoon is at your leisure.

This evening, we will all head to see the spectacular ERA Show, a mesmerising display of martial arts and acrobatics. (B,L)

DAY 13: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Today is a free day to spend in Shanghai as you wish. Choose to further explore this city on your own or with your new-found friends or choose from optional tours including a ride on the super speedy Maglev train or ascending the Jin Mao Tower. This evening the group will meet for a panoramic cruise on the Huangpu River before a final dinner together where we can reflect on the adventure we've shared. (B,D)

DAY 14: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



Enjoy side trips on the Yangtze River

SOLO CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Combine the history of Beijing with the pandas in Chengdu, the warriors in Xian, the bustle of Shanghai and a three-night Yangtze River cruise and you have the very best China has to offer on this tour exclusively for solo travellers.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

2020 DATES

11 Apr - 24 Apr	£3,690	12 Sep - 25 Sep	£3,890
02 May - 15 May	£3,590	10 Oct - 23 Oct	£3,790

2021 DATES

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01 May - 14 May	£3,690	09 Oct - 22 Oct	£3,890
31 Jul - 13 Aug	£3,990		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room for sole use included
- Tipping paid locally RMB 600

EXTEND YOUR STAY...

SUZHOU & HANGZHOU EXTENSION
5 days from £790pp

HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER
3 days from £290pp (see page 185)

TASTE OF MACAO STOPOVER
3 days from £340pp

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SILK ROAD EXPLORER

27 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

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

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Try momo dumplings

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Sample Tibetan foods and flavours with a traditional Tibetan lunch, featuring 'momos', the tasty steamed and stuffed dumpling whose popularity has spread from the Tibetan Plateau throughout Asia.
- ▶ Wander amongst the packed stalls of the atmospheric Shazhou Night Market in the Silk Road frontier city of Dunhuang, browsing delicious foods, fascinating local wares and a wealth of souvenirs.
- ▶ Visit a traditional, nomadic home of a family of the Kazakh minority community, and spend some time with them, learning about their culture, and get a glimpse of life living in a yurt.

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 warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Later, enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the nine miles around the ancient city wall and take a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. Tonight, enjoy a traditional dumpling dinner and take an optional 'Xian by night' tour.

DAY 4: TRAIN TO LANZHOU

Start the day with a visit to Xian Museum and the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later, board the bullet train to Lanzhou.

DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE LANZHOU

Begin today with a leisurely walk along the Yellow River and then head 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 some delicious Lanzhou-style noodles made with hand stretched dough. The next day, cross Liujiaxia Lake by speed boat and head into the green hills around Liujiaxia to explore the extraordinary Thousand Buddha Caves of Bingling Temple and their wealth of Buddhist murals, statues and sculptures. Also visit the statue of Maitreya.

DAY 7: TIBETAN XIAHE

Conquer the scenic Jishi Mountain Pass to arrive at Tibetan Xiahe and spend time acclimatising to the altitude.

DAY 8: LABRANG MONASTERY

Giving a taste of the mysteries of Tibet, Labrang Monastery is a fascinating maze of prayer wheels, chapels and chortens. Dine on traditional Tibetan food for lunch, including Tibetan dumplings, known as momos.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE

Return to Lanzhou and take the speedy bullet train to Zhangye, 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

A system of temples and sanctuaries, visit the Mogao Grottoes that exhibit wonderful examples of Buddhist paintings and statues that span thousands of years.



Spin prayer wheels at Labrang Monastery



See the sunrise over the beautiful Rainbow Mountains

DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES

Visit Crescent Moon Spring, nestled amongst rolling dunes and the famous Singing Sand Dunes, a phenomenon produced by the wind blowing through grains of sand.

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.

DAYS 16-17: EXPLORE TURPAN

Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and see the elegant Emin Minaret, the tallest in China. Later, see the striking red sandstone Flaming Mountains. The next day, learn about the fascinating 2000-year-old Karez 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 around the 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.

DAYS 23-24: HEAVENLY LAKE

Escape to the tranquillity of Tianchi (Heavenly Lake), formed in a crater. Pay a visit to a Kazakh minority family in their yurt and spend some time with them, learning their way of life. Tonight, enjoy local Uyghur lamb skewers for dinner. The following day, 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. 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 before visiting Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander the hutongs. This evening, 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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GO BEYOND CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Friday

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Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,590 (Xian - Beijing)
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Visit Abakh Hoja Tomb in Kashgar

CHINA TRAILBLAZER

21 DAYS FROM

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Hike the Great Wall
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Visit pandas in rural Dujiangyan
- ✓ Cycle Yangshuo's countryside
- ✓ Ramble Longji's rice terraces
- ✓ See Shanghai like a local



Hike the Longji rice terraces

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts (B), 18 lunches (L) & 12 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Enjoy a hike on the Great Wall

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Soar up to the heights of the Great Wall by cable car and watch a beautiful sunset in one of the world's most spectacular locations.
- ▶ Get your adrenaline pumping, making your way over the magnificent scenery of dense bamboo forest on the breathtaking Jinji suspended rope bridge.
- ▶ Hike amongst the unique beauty of the Longji rice terraces, where you'll not only get to marvel at the intricately-carved landscapes but experience rural life and meet some of China's minority hilltribe communities.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING
Fly 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: BEIJING'S HUTONGS
This morning visit Yandaixiejie where you will have some free time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short hike up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Stop for a photo at the Olympic Stadium. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FORBIDDEN CITY
Stroll across Tiananmen Square into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Drive to Simatai Great Wall where you will ride up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to see the sunset. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: HIKE THE GREAT WALL
Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section that is much less frequented by tourists than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself in the shoes of those who walked this incredible structure hundreds of years ago. Your trek will last approximately four hours as the wall dramatically courses through spectacular landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 6: EXPLORE XIAN
Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with Islamic food stalls. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS
Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first emperor in the afterlife. Spend the morning gazing over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Also visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately created. Continue to the ancient city wall for a cycle on the fortifications surrounding the heart of the city. In the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE
Fly to Wuhan and travel to Yichang to board your Yangtze Cruise vessel. (B,L,D)

DAYS 9-11: YANGTZE CRUISE
Over the next few days, be prepared for one breathtaking scene after another. Visit the Three Gorges Dam and enjoy a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream as well as various shore excursion. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: BULLET TRAIN TO CHENGDU
Disembark your cruise vessel and take a bullet train to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Tonight, there is an option to see a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for 'face-changing'. (B,L,D)



Cross the Jinji Rope Bridge



Visit the giant panda conservation centre in Chengdu

DAY 13: PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN
Drive to Pingle ancient town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji suspended rope bridge. Return to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: DUJIANGYAN PANDA BASE
Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you will gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mount Qingcheng, the most sacred Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a truly beautiful spot with numerous lush, green peaks and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: FLY TO GUILIN
Take an early morning flight to the beautiful city of Guilin. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 16: RICE TERRACES HIKE
Travel to the misty, stepped hills of Longji. Today's four-hour hike among the terraces will take you past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the rice terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Later, return to Guilin. (B,L)

DAY 17: LI RIVER CRUISE
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of 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 evening, there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular 'Liu Sanjie'. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: TAI CHI, CYCLING OR RAFTING
Start the day with an invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon, there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or joining a bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River before driving back to Guilin. (B,L)

DAY 19: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE
Enjoy a stroll around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese – Buddhist architecture. Visit the pearl factory, then fly to Shanghai. This evening, cruise down the Huangpu River being serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

DAY 20: SHANGHAI SHANGHAI
Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory before taking an evening stroll along the Bund. Enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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Flight and supplement information

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- Tipping paid locally RMB 1,130

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- HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER**
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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Enjoy a 3 night deluxe cruise on the Yangtze River
- ✓ Meet the discoverer of the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Talk about pandas with an expert
- ✓ Sip champagne on the Great Wall
- ✓ Visit the water town of Zhujiajiao



Explore the Forbidden City

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts (B), 11 lunches (L) & 7 dinners (D)
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 5 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Learn the art of calligraphy

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at the long-practised art of calligraphy, with a lesson in the basic techniques of this beautiful, stylised writing – the perfect way to connect with local culture.
- ▶ Your visit to the exceptional Terracotta Warriors is made all the more unforgettable by a meeting with one of the farmers who discovered this archaeological wonder in 1974.
- ▶ In the tranquil surroundings of the Temple of Heaven Park, a Tai Chi master will give a private tuition of the basic steps of this graceful martial art, an essential element of Chinese wellbeing practice.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BEIJING

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin the day like many locals with gentle exercise, as you partake in a private Tai Chi lesson with a master in the Temple of Heaven Park. Cross vast Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City and enter the intimate Treasure Hall, a glittering showcase of royal life. In the evening, dine on Peking duck and enjoy an optional kung fu show. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: CHAMPAGNE ON THE GREAT WALL

Ride the cable car up the beautiful Mutianyu section, stopping at an ideal spot to enjoy a glass of champagne whilst admiring the views of the Wall as it snakes over craggy peaks. Return to Beijing via a jade factory, then take a leisurely stroll through the traditional hutongs where you will stop for a lesson in calligraphy with a learned scholar. Enjoy a free evening at lively Houhai Lake. (B,L)

DAY 5: ANCIENT CITY WALLS

Fly to Xian. Walk on the 14th-century walls for an excellent overview of the city and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. This evening, enjoy an optional exuberant and colourful Tang Dynasty dance performance. (B,L)

DAY 6: THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of the life-sized warriors and horses in the company of an expert. We have also exclusively arranged for you to meet one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in

1974. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts and perhaps buy a souvenir to take home. With the evening at leisure, you may also wish to take an optional night tour of the city which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum and visit the restoration laboratory. The artefacts recovered here give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Chengdu, where the evening is at leisure with the option to puzzle over a national secret at the Sichuan Opera – the face-changing art of Bian Lian. (B,L)

DAY 8: PANDAS WITH AN EXPERT

Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre, where an expert will talk to you about the centre's work and the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears. Stroll through the vibrant People's Park, one of the city's social hubs. Visit Matchmaker's Corner to see parents searching through reams of notices looking for worthy suitors for their sons and daughters before sipping tea in a traditional teahouse. This evening, sit down to the quintessential Sichuanese dining experience – hot pot. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Transfer to Chongqing and make a relaxed exploration of Cikiqou, a historic district full of traditional architecture with time for your own leisurely lunch. Board your five star Century Legend cruise ship. (B,D)



Enjoy a voyage down the Yangtze River



Savour the views of Shanghai's skyline whilst enjoying an evening cocktail

DAY 10: CAPTAIN'S WELCOME

The Yangtze has played a pivotal role in the history, culture and economy of China – this voyage is the perfect way to get an insight into its importance. The first excursion will be to Shibaozhai, a hilltop pagoda. This evening the captain will host a welcome reception before a lavish dinner is served. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: DRAMATIC YANGTZE GORGES

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as you sweep through the Wu and Qutang gorges before sailing along the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to explore further. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: THREE GORGES DAM PROJECT

The Three Gorges Dam is a massive feat of engineering that saw the century-old dreams of Chinese luminaries come to fruition. It is difficult not to be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Disembark and travel to Wuhan, then fly to Shanghai. (B,L)

DAY 13: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

Travel to the 1,700-year-old water town of Zhujiajiao which boasts old stone bridges, wood-panelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways once used to transport goods. Return to Shanghai and enjoy an optional acrobat show or a cruise on the Huangpu River. (B,L)

DAY 14: STYLISH SHANGHAI

Visit the old town, Yu Garden, colonial Bund, a silk factory and Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner then end the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower, with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

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Discover the canals of Zhujiajiao

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



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Enjoy a relaxed paced tour and many special experiences as you journey through China indulging in a deluxe Yangtze cruise, staying in handpicked 5 star hotels and sampling delicious cuisine along the way.

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- Walk on the Great Wall
- Marvel at the Hanging Temple
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- Witness Shaolin kung fu
- Stroll Pingyao's ancient streets



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- Explore Wulong National Park
- Watch giant pandas play
- Admire the Leshan Buddha
- Walk on the Great Wall
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Discover modern Shanghai



YUNNAN & SICHUAN
CLASSIC

16 days from £3,490

- Glimpse the past in Lijiang
- Admire Tiger Leaping Gorge
- Find peace at Mount Emei
- Explore Wulong National Park
- Watch giant pandas play
- Discover delightful Dali



NEW

SCENIC SOUTH KOREA
CLASSIC

13 days from £4,490

- Explore bustling Seoul
- Enjoy tea tasting in Boseong
- Discover picturesque Busan
- Take a ride on a cable car
- Visit Mt Seorak National Park
- Spend time in Gyeongju



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CLASSIC

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- Explore bustling Taipei
- Unwind at Sun Moon Lake
- Visit the Foguangshan Monastery
- Relax on the beach at Kenting
- Discover the Taroko Gorge
- Journey by high-speed railway



LAND OF THE DRAGON
FLEXIBLE

21 days from £3,490

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Cruise the Li River
- Watch giant pandas play
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Explore bustling Shanghai



CHINA: THE BIG ONE
FLEXIBLE

28 days from £4,290

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Face the Terracotta Army
- See Dali & Shaxi ancient towns
- Spend three nights on the Yangtze
- Admire Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
- Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge



CHARMING CHINA

SOLO

14 days from £3,190

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Discover the Forbidden City
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Explore friendly Yangshuo
- Cruise the tranquil Li River
- Admire Shanghai's bright lights



DREAMS OF NATURE

GO BEYOND

22 days from £3,490

- Spend four nights on the Yangtze
- Cruise on the Li River
- Explore Wulong National Park
- View Zhangjiajie's pinnacles
- Discover Buddhist Emeishan
- See pandas in Chengdu

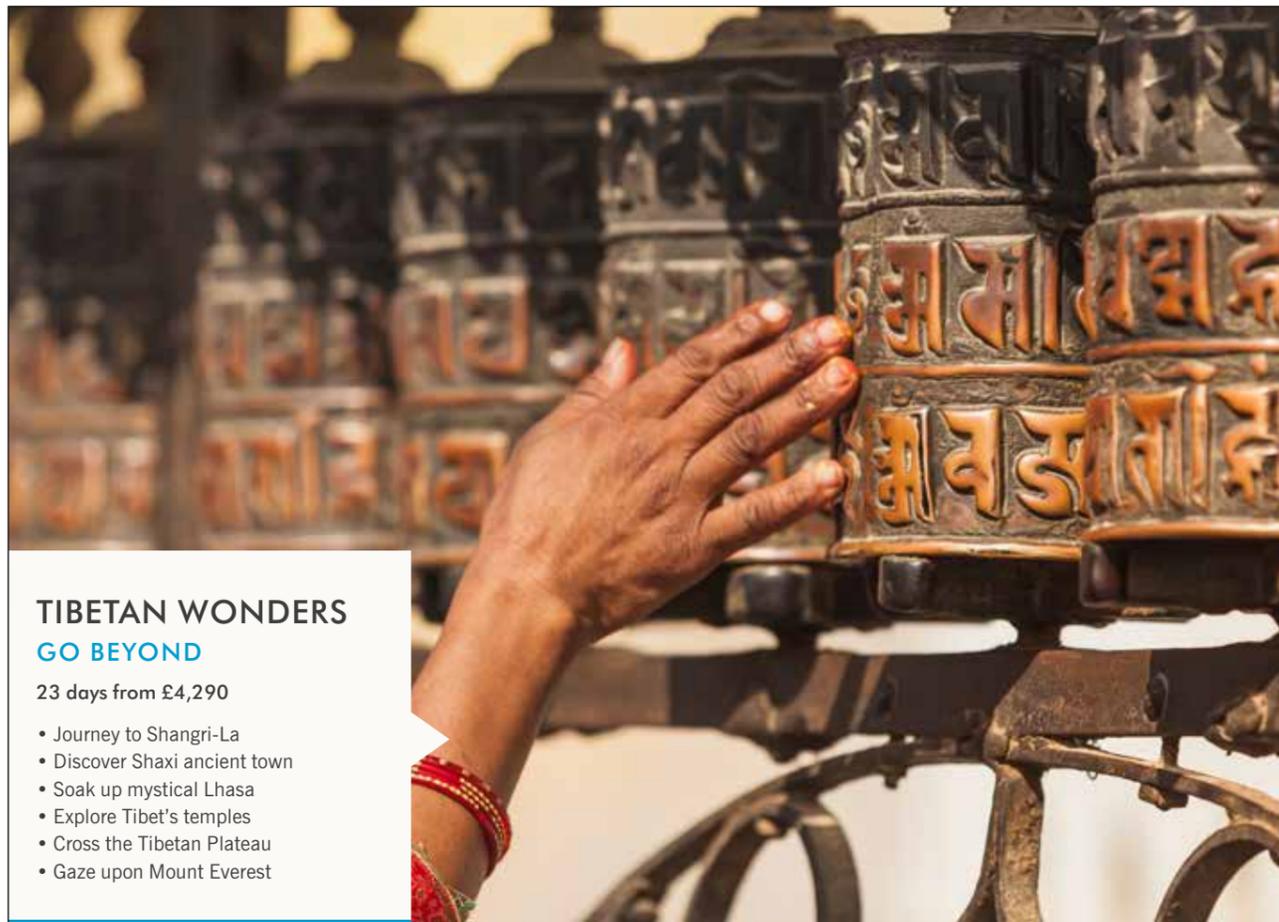


CHINA EXPLORER

ACTIVE

15 days from £3,590

- Hike the Great Wall
- Conquer Jinji Rope Bridge
- Cycle Xian's city wall
- Visit pandas in Dujiangyan
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Spend three nights on the Yangtze



TIBETAN WONDERS

GO BEYOND

23 days from £4,290

- Journey to Shangri-La
- Discover Shaxi ancient town
- Soak up mystical Lhasa
- Explore Tibet's temples
- Cross the Tibetan Plateau
- Gaze upon Mount Everest

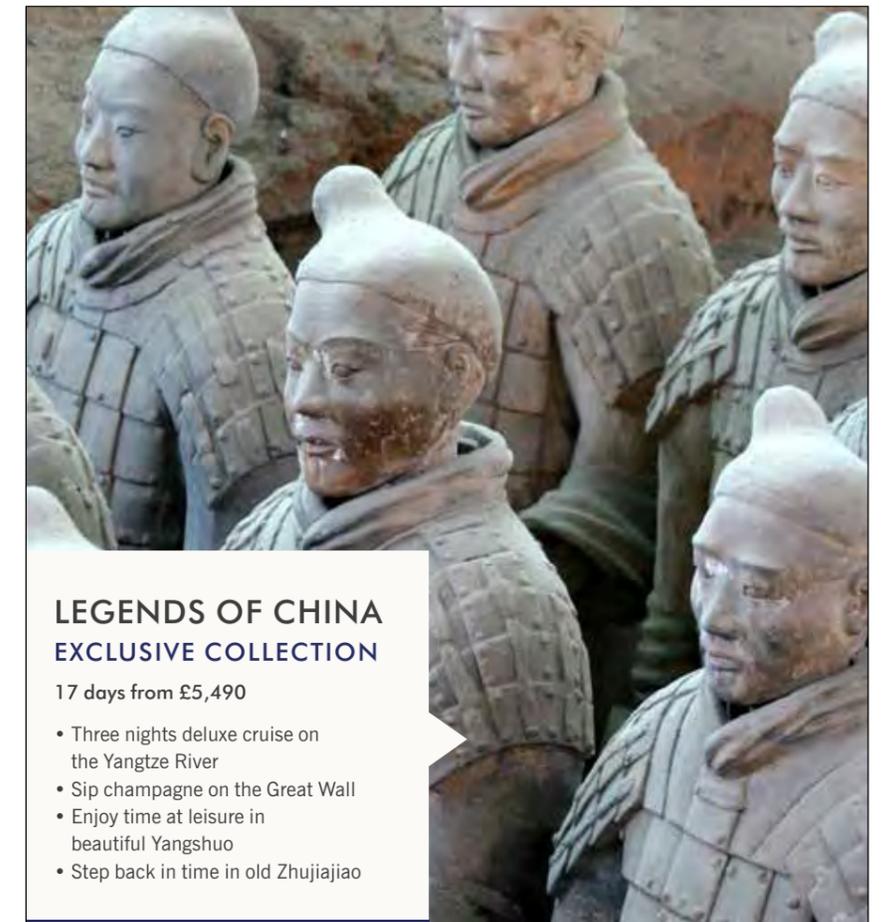


A CHINA ADVENTURE

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- Face the Terracotta Army
- Stay in Pingle Ancient Town
- Ramble Longji's rice terraces
- Cycle Yangshuo's countryside
- Conquer Jinji Rope Bridge



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- Sip champagne on the Great Wall
- Enjoy time at leisure in beautiful Yangshuo
- Step back in time in old Zhujiajiao



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2 HIROSHIMA

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3 KYOTO

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4 NARA

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5 KOYASAN

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6 TOKYO

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7 SNOW MONKEYS

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll through vibrant Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ Discover Kyoto's temples
- ✓ Explore historic Nara
- ✓ Experience the super-fast bullet train



Admire majestic Mount Fuji

PRICE INCLUDES

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 6 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore the ancient art of calligraphy

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ With traditional brushes, ink and paper, try your hand at the beautiful art of calligraphy, an important aspect of Japanese culture since its introduction from China in the 6th century.
- ▶ Experience the perfect display of Japanese culture as you witness the preparation and performance involved in the 'Way of Tea', a traditional tea ceremony.
- ▶ Embark on a relaxed dinner cruise on the waters of Tokyo Bay, enabling you to look back and admire the bright, twinkling lights of the city by night.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TOKYO

Fly overnight to the vibrant, neon-bright 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: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo is a city that is always moving forward – from the ever-changing skyline to the fashions and trends of the people who call it home. As modern as it may appear, behind the neon façade is a traditional soul that is easy to find amongst the old alleyways, temples and shrines of the Edo era. Today you will experience both sides of the city, ascending the soaring Tokyo Skytree, the world's tallest tower, for panoramic views of the old district of Asakusa. Stop to soak up the atmosphere at Sensoji, Tokyo's most famous and beloved temple and browse the stalls



Experience the buzzing Tokyo metropolis

of Nakamise shopping street. You will also drive by the Imperial Palace Plaza and take a stroll through Hamarikyu Gardens. This evening, cruise the waters of Tokyo Bay and enjoy dinner from the perfect vantage point to admire the supercharged lights of the city.

DAY 4: MOUNT FUJI

Travel by road from Tokyo to the iconic Mount Fuji, where you will ascend 2,400 metres up its slopes to the 5th Station (weather permitting) for magnificent views of both Fuji's cone and the surrounding landscapes. Transfer to the spa region of Hakone. Embark on a cruise on the spectacular Lake Ashi, keeping an eye out for the bright red of vermilion torii gates that nestle on the surrounding hills and in the shallows of the lake itself. Next, fly high above the lake on the Komagatake Ropeway to the summit of Mount Komagatake where the views of Mount Fuji will be breathtaking but weather dependent of course!

DAY 5: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Transfer to Odawara Station to jump onboard the Hikari bullet train and whizz your way to Kyoto. Capital for a millennium, Kyoto was also the heart of religion, philosophy, art and cuisine, making it a treasure trove of history and culture. It is here that all of the best-known cultural arts were born – the tea ceremony, Kabuki and geisha to name a few. This afternoon, visit the magnificent Fushimi Inari Shrine, the most important of several thousands of shrines dedicated to the god Inari. Follow the pathway through thousands of vermilion torii gates that leads through a complex of shrines spread over a peaceful, forested hillside.



Sample local cuisine



Discover the majestic Osaka Castle

DAY 6: EXPLORE KYOTO

Visit one of Japan's most famous temples, Kinkakuji, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Set amongst classical Japanese zen gardens and on the edge of a reflecting pool, the temple's main hall is covered in gold leaf – a breathtaking sight no matter what season you visit in. Continue to Ryoanji Temple, where you can contemplate Japan's most famous zen garden. Enjoy a taste of authentic Japanese culture, experiencing the elegant ritual of a tea ceremony and learn the traditional art of calligraphy.

DAY 7: EXPLORE NARA & OSAKA

This morning, depart for Nara. Another former capital, Nara also has a huge cultural legacy, considered second only to Kyoto's. This picturesque, compact city is truly charming. Spend the morning discovering Todaiji Temple which houses the magnificent Daibutsu, a 15-metre-tall bronze statue of Buddha. Here, you will also meet Nara's famous sika deer, believed to be the messengers of the Shinto gods. Stroll around Isuien, a prime example of a Meiji-era (1868-1912) garden. Continue to Osaka, where you will have lunch at a local restaurant and explore the Dotonbori district. Later, you can learn about the turbulent history of the magnificent Osaka Castle.

DAY 8: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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

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Nara's Daibutsu Buddha

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20 Apr - 27 Apr	£3,990	19 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,990

2021 DATES

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19 Apr - 26 Apr	£4,290	21 Oct - 28 Oct	£4,190

Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,290 (Tokyo - Osaka)
- Single room from £790



Visit the beautiful Kinkakuji Temple

JEWELS OF JAPAN

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ Puzzle over Ryoanji
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Explore relaxed Miyajima



Sail to the holy island of Miyajima

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



Experience geisha culture

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ The most iconic symbol of Japanese culture, no trip to Japan is complete without at least a glimpse of a geisha. On this tour you'll meet a geisha in Kyoto and learn about their fascinating culture.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.

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

Begin today with a stroll through the Imperial Palace East Garden and then take time to explore the Edo-Tokyo Museum to learn about Tokyo's historical heritage. After lunch, seek out the tranquillity at Sensoji Temple in Asakusa district, followed by a visit to the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree for panoramic views over the sprawling city below.

DAY 4: MEIJI SHRINE

Start the day with a relaxing wander around the classical landscapes of the Hamarikyu Garden. Continue to the Meiji Shrine, a Shinto shrine dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken, before driving past the famous Shibuya Crossing. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore as you wish. End the day with a dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay and witness the city lit up at night.

DAY 5: MOUNT FUJI & FUJI FIVE LAKES

Journey through the foothills of the iconic Mount Fuji to its base where we find the Fuji Five Lakes. The region is spectacularly dotted by the calm waters of five lakes, formed by past volcanic eruptions, reflecting Mount Fuji's picture-perfect cone. Upon arrival, ascend 2,000 metres up to Mount Fuji's 5th Station (weather permitting) where, with its perfectly conical peak looming overhead, you can take

in the breathtaking views over the landscapes below. After lunch, continue to Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to view the artist's elaborate dyed silk creations and spend some time strolling around the beautiful garden. Also explore Iyashi no Sato Historical Village, a former farming village on the shores of Lake Saiko. Destroyed by a landslide in 1966, the remaining thatch-roofed houses of this old village have been transformed into an open-air museum and craft village.

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Start the day with a visit to Oshino Hakkai before learning how to make your very own traditional Japanese soba noodles which you will then tuck into for lunch! Later, transfer to Mishima station and journey on the bullet train to Kyoto. An enchanting city, Kyoto was capital for 1,000 years; today it is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens.

DAY 7: EXPLORE KYOTO

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 the culture by experiencing the ritual of the sacred tea ceremony and try your hand at the art of origami. Also meet with either a maiko (apprentice geisha) or geisha and learn about their way of life and culture before exploring the impressive Fushimi Inari Shrine with its remarkable 10,000 red torii gates.



Visit the village of Oshino Hakkai in Fuji Five Lakes

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO HIROSHIMA

Begin the day with a visit to Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous zen garden and the famous Kinkakuji Temple, known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Continue to Osaka, arriving in time for lunch in the vibrant Dotonbori district. Later, travel by bullet train to Hiroshima. A city that needs no introduction, Hiroshima today is vibrant and modern with a forward thinking, sunny outlook.

DAY 9: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Hop on the ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and visit the Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Japan's most recognisable, rising majestically out of the waters of the Seto Inland Sea. Enjoy some free time and take an optional ride on the cable car up Mount Misen to enjoy the panoramic views. Return to Hiroshima and take a moment to reflect at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb and also visit the Orizuro Tower.

DAY 10: HIMEJI CASTLE

Travel to Himeji to visit its famous castle. The feudal era fort, one of the most impressive in Japan, towers over the city and is recognisable as the backdrop to several major films. Appreciate its turbulent past before strolling around Koko-en, the Edo-style gardens just across the castle moat. Later, transfer to Osaka for an overnight stay.

DAY 11: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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

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SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

During the month of May, a special visit to the Fuji Shibazakura Festival has been included on day 5. This is the best time of the year and one of the most scenic places in Japan to see the pink moss phlox in full bloom! Contact us for more information.

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2 days from £390pp

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CLASSIC
JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



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

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Flight and supplement information

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See Hiroshima Peace Memorial

DISCOVER JAPAN

13 DAYS FROM

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FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo
- ✓ Admire great Mount Fuji
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Visit Buddhist Koyasan
- ✓ See ancient Nara
- ✓ Explore the Japanese Alps



Explore the rural UNESCO-listed Shirakawago

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Learn about miso seasoning

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Learn all about the traditional production of an essential element of Japanese cooking, the fermented soybean paste 'miso', at an old wooden miso house.
- ▶ Join a dedicated craftsman in a small workshop to learn all about the lovely and intricate art of gold leaf making, discover what the gold leaf is then used for and have a go at doing it yourself!
- ▶ Discover the traditional process of paper making before getting your hands dirty making 'washi' (Japanese paper) the age-old way.

ITINERARY

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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: TOKYO CITY TOUR

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Begin at the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree, the world's tallest tower, before wandering through the old district of Asakusa. Stop to seek out the tranquillity of the ancient Buddhist Sensoji Temple, Tokyo's oldest. Discover Tokyo's historical heritage with a drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza. Later, stroll through the classical landscapes of Hamarikyu Gardens. This evening, take a relaxed dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay for some excellent city vistas.

DAY 4: MOUNT FUJI

Take the super-fast bullet train to Odawara. Enjoy a boat trip on Lake Ashi for spectacular panoramas of this beautiful area before venturing up the Komagatake Ropeway. Next, ascend over 2,000 metres up Mount Fuji to the 5th Station, (weather permitting) and take in the breathtaking views over the Fuji Five Lakes area below.

DAY 5: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Transfer to Matsumoto and explore the formidable 16th-century Matsumoto Castle. Stop at a Miso House to learn about the process of making this famous Japanese seasoning. Travel on to Takayama, nestled high in the mountainous Hida region, also known as the Japanese Alps.

DAY 6: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

Browse the local handicrafts and fresh produce at the Miyagawa morning market and wander past some of the lovely traditional houses. You'll also visit several of the excellent local museums – including the Festival Floats Museum, Kusakabe Folk Crafts Museum and Takayama Jinya. Also enjoy some free time in Kamisannomachi Street.

DAY 7: SHIRAKAWAGO & KANAZAWA

Get a glimpse of rural Japan at the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Shirakawago which is famous for its farmhouses built in the unique gassho-zukuri architectural style. Continue to Gokayama to have a go at washi paper making, then travel to Kanazawa and meander through the beautiful Kenrokuen Garden, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan.

DAY 8: GOLD LEAF MAKING

Begin the day learning the process of making gold leaf. Next, stroll through traditional Higashi Chaya (Eastern Teahouse District), visiting Ochaya Shima – a historical geisha house. Later, journey to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, until 1879, today Kyoto is the legacy of ancient Japan, full of tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens.

DAY 9: EXPLORE KYOTO

Start the day with a visit to Ryoanji, the 'temple of the peaceful dragon' and the famous Kinkakuji, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. In the afternoon, head to a restored Japanese wooden townhouse and try your hand at origami and enjoy the age-old rituals of a tea ceremony.



Explore the beautiful Matsumoto Castle

DAY 10: DISCOVER NARA

Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, remarkable for its 10,000 vermilion torii gates. Continue to Nara, a relaxed and charming town virtually untouched by the ravages of modernity. Home to many archetypal pieces of early art and architecture, stroll through Nara Park to Todaiji Temple, meeting the resident sika deer en-route, before exploring Isuien Garden.

DAY 11: KOYASAN

The holy mountain of Koyasan is home to a cluster of over 100 monasteries nestled in a valley enclosed by peaks said to resemble a lotus flower. Wander around Okunoin – a vast cemetery of 200,000 stupas. Full of atmosphere, enjoy the tranquillity and spectacular views as you discover Kongobuji Temple and the Garan Temple Complex. Later, continue to Osaka.

DAY 12: EXPLORE OSAKA

Today, explore Osaka Castle, take a short cruise along the Yodogawa River and stroll through Dotonbori, a restaurant mecca, where you can sample the local delicacies for lunch. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore this fascinating city.

DAY 13: FLY OSAKA TO UK

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

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Discover the sacred mountain of Koyasan

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA EXTENSION
3 days from £950pp

HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER
3 days from £290pp (see page 185)

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DISCOVER JAPAN

CLASSIC JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See the classic sights of Japan including Tokyo, Mount Fuji and the historic capitals of Kyoto and Nara. Also travel across the Japanese Alps to the cultural centres of Takayama, Shirakawago and Kanazawa.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2020 DATES

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Flight and supplement information

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See the local Sika deer

JAPAN UNCOVERED

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £6,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover historic Kyoto & Nara
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima & Miyajima
- ✓ Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- ✓ See the snow monkeys
- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo & Osaka
- ✓ Explore Kanazawa & Takayama



Stroll through the gates at Fushimi Inari Shrine

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit a wasabi farm

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ One of Japan's most famous condiments, wasabi, is an essential element in Japanese cuisine. Learn about its cultivation on a traditional farm and admire the landscapes.
- ▶ Admire the elaborately dyed silk creations of artist Kubota Itchiku at his eponymous art museum. Itchiku singlehandedly revived the traditional and beautiful technique of 'tsujigahana'.
- ▶ Arguably the world's most famous pedestrian crossing, seen in many a film and television show, witness the organised chaos and bright lights of Tokyo's Shibuya Crossing for yourself.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO OSAKA

Fly overnight to the lively, fast-paced city of Osaka! Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: DISCOVER NARA

Spend the morning in Nara, the small, history-filled city that was Japan's first capital. Stroll through Nara Park to Todaiji Temple and admire the traditional Isuien Garden. Return to Osaka and visit the impressive Osaka Castle before cruising along the Yodogawa River.

DAY 4: HIMEJI CASTLE

Depart Osaka for Hiroshima, stopping en route to explore the magnificent 17th-century Himeji Castle and the neighbouring Koko-en, a traditional-style garden.

DAY 5: EXPLORE HIROSHIMA

Hiroshima is a vibrant, forward-thinking city that is a pleasure to explore. Reflect on the city's tragic past at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum paying homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Next, take the ferry to the holy island of Miyajima to visit the Itsukushima Shrine and enjoy some time at leisure.

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO KYOTO

Start the day with a journey by bullet train to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's most famous zen garden and Kinkakuji Temple, also known as 'Golden Pavilion'.

DAY 7: JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

Enjoy one of Kyoto's most delightful spots, Kiyomizu, a 17th-century Buddhist temple,

before experiencing the age-old rituals of a traditional tea ceremony. After lunch, visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its 10,000 red torii gates.

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO KANAZAWA

Travel by road to Kanazawa. Meander through Kenrokuen, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, before viewing the excellent art collection of the Kanazawa 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art.

DAY 9: WASHI PAPER MAKING

Visit the Nomura Samurai House and Garden before departing Kanazawa. Stop in Gokayama for lunch and a hands-on washi paper making workshop. Continue to Shirakawago, where you will explore the 300-year-old Gassho-style Wada House, before reaching Takayama.

DAY 10: EXPLORE TAKAYAMA

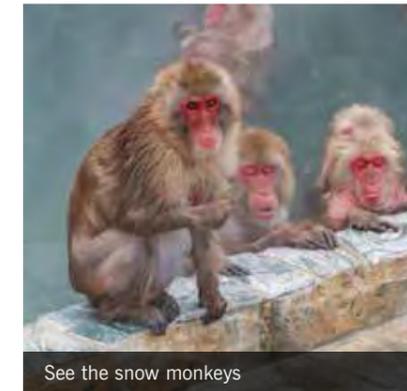
Browse the local handicrafts and fresh produce at the Miyagawa morning market and wander past some of the lovely traditional houses. Also visit several of the excellent local museums, including the Festival Floats Museum, Kusakabe Folk Crafts Museum and Takayama Jinya followed by a stroll down Kamisannomachi Street.

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO NAGANO

Travel to Matsumoto and explore the formidable 16th-century Matsumoto Castle. Visit a miso house and learn about this famous Japanese seasoning. Also spend some time at a wasabi farm to learn about its cultivation before continuing to Nagano.



COACH BOAT TRAIN



See the snow monkeys



Walk the Shibuya Crossing

DAY 12: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel deeper into the Japanese Alps to see the Japanese macaques (snow monkeys) bathe and play in their hot spring pool at the Jigokudani Monkey Park. Continue to Zenkoji, one of Japan's most prolific Buddhist temples.

DAY 13: MOUNT FUJI

Travel to the Fuji Five Lakes area. Ascend by road to the 5th station (weather permitting), roughly halfway up Mount Fuji, for fantastic views over the surrounding landscapes. Also visit the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to view the elaborate dyed silk creations of artist Kubota Itchiku.

DAY 14: EXPLORE HAKONE

Begin the day with a cruise on the peaceful waters of Lake Ashi. Next, soar high on the Hakone Ropeway over the hilltops to the volcanic Owakudani Valley and discover the dramatic natural hot springs of Mount Hakone. Later, proceed to Tokyo.



SEE SUMO WRESTLING

On most May and September departures*, there is an extra special addition to day 15: a sumo tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the rituals involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself. Contact us for more information.

DAY 15: DISCOVER TOKYO

A dazzling, high-tech metropolis, Japan's capital has wonderfully traditional roots. Start your explorations at the Imperial Palace East Garden, visit Meiji Shrine and stop by the famous Shibuya Crossing.

DAY 16: MORE TOKYO

Stroll the vibrant Asakusa district and soak up the ambiance of Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple. Ascend to the observation deck of the 634-metre Skytree and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. The afternoon is free until the evening, when you will board a traditional yakata boat for a dinner cruise.

DAY 17: FLY TOKYO TO UK

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

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SEE SHIBAZAKURA FESTIVAL

On the May departures, instead of visiting the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum on day 13, a visit to the Fuji Shibazakura Festival has been included. This is the best time of the year and one of the most scenic places in Japan to see the pink moss phlox in full bloom! Contact us for more information.

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Our most extensive tour of Japan includes all the classic sights and key cultural activities. Featuring modern cities, historical sights and beautiful landscapes it ensures you'll get the most from this fascinating land.

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*includes the sumo wrestling tournament

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HONG KONG GLIMPSES STOPOVER
3 days from £290pp (see page 185)

ESSENTIAL DUBAI STOPOVER
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HONG KONG & MACAO STOPOVER
5 days from £640pp

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JAPAN & THE SCENIC SOUTH

CLASSIC

16 days from £5,790

- Explore charming Fukuoka
- Discover Kumamoto
- See the impressive Mount Aso
- Reflect in Hiroshima
- Admire Kyoto's past
- Gaze at Mount Fuji



NEW

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CLASSIC

26 days from £6,290

- Discover Hokkaido's nature
- Explore vibrant Sapporo
- Spend time in Hakodate
- See Tokyo's bright lights
- Gaze at Mount Fuji
- Uncover Kyoto's past



HIGHLIGHTS OF JAPAN

SOLO

11 days from £5,490

- Explore historic Himeji & Nara
- Head to holy Koyasan
- Discover delightful Kyoto
- Admire beautiful Mount Fuji
- Be amazed in bustling Tokyo
- Journey on the super-fast bullet train

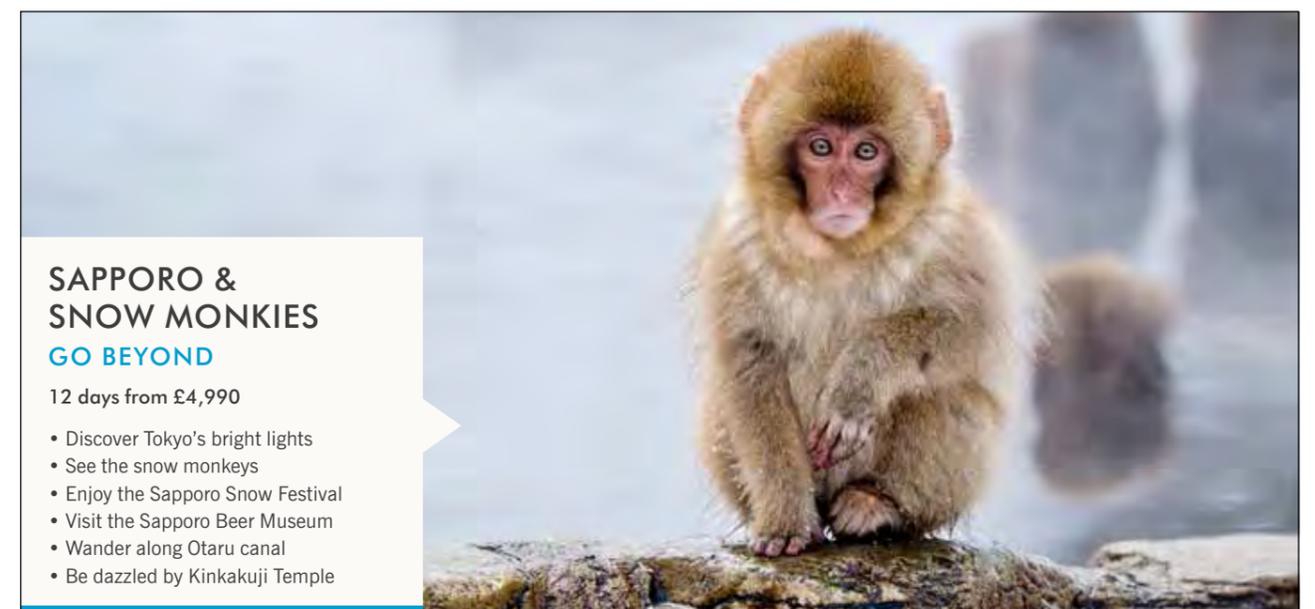


TRAILS OF JAPAN

GO BEYOND

13 days from £5,490

- Visit the Robot Restaurant
- Take a Taiko drumming class
- Walk around Mount Fuji's base
- Stay at a traditional ryokan
- Explore sacred Koyasan
- Chant with Buddhist monks



SAPPORO & SNOW MONKIES

GO BEYOND

12 days from £4,990

- Discover Tokyo's bright lights
- See the snow monkeys
- Enjoy the Sapporo Snow Festival
- Visit the Sapporo Beer Museum
- Wander along Otaru canal
- Be dazzled by Kinkakuji Temple



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Discover Southeast Asia with Wendy Wu Tours

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

WENDY'S TOP 8 SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGHTS

1 HALONG BAY

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



2 ANGKOR

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



3 MEKONG DELTA

Explore the lush Mekong Delta, meeting the locals and experiencing the culture, as part of a deluxe 3-night or 4-night cruise on the 'Victoria Mekong'. (See pages 88, 92, 96, 100 and 126).



4 LUANG PRABANG

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



5 CHIANG MAI

The culturally rich city of Chiang Mai is an excellent destination for those seeking unique activities such as trekking, rafting or meeting hill tribes. Visit on Thailand Highlights (See pages 104-105).



6 BAGAN

With hundreds of temples dotting the sacred landscape of the central plains, Bagan is Myanmar's most sublime sight. Experience it for yourself on any Myanmar itinerary (See page 126).



7 BORNEO

Borneo offers stunning beaches, untouched rainforests, tribal traditions and a wonderful range of activities to delve into. Cruise on the Kinabatangan River to spot abundant wildlife (See pages 118-119).



8 INDONESIA

Explore the rich culture and volcanic landscapes of the island of Java, and the incredible nature of Komodo National Park, home of the legendary Komodo Dragon (See pages 120-121).



VIETNAM IMPRESSIONS

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll through old Hanoi
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on magnificent Halong Bay
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Explore vibrant Saigon
- ✓ Drift along the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Visit the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels



See the local life in Vietnam

PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Experience traditional Vietnamese egg coffee

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Forget your skinny lattes and americanos, in Hanoi you'll taste traditionally-prepared Vietnamese egg coffee in an atmospheric local café.
- ▶ Master the art of Vietnamese cooking, visiting a local market in Hoi An to talk to sellers and buy fresh ingredients that you'll then use to whip up your own culinary masterpiece!
- ▶ Enjoy Saigon's most extraordinary production, the A O Show! This breathtaking performance showcases the beauty and cultural richness of Vietnamese rural life through music, dance and acrobatics.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO HANOI

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

DAYS 3-4: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Spend the day cruising amongst spectacular seascapes, fringed by jagged karst formations jutting from emerald waters. Halong Bay, with its 1,600 islands and islets, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 and is a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. You'll even explore one of the bay's many caves. Spend a night onboard before returning to Hanoi the next day.

DAY 5: EXPLORE HANOI

Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new bringing together all of the charms of a colonial past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet graceful city. Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets followed by a Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake. Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass Ho Chi Minh's monumental mausoleum and Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House and see One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An.

DAY 6: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An. A wonderfully laidback, graceful and traditional place the streets of the town, lined with lanterns, shops and tailors, are a delight to wander. Visit a lovely old house, still

occupied by the descendants of the merchants who built it over 200 years ago, before seeing the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work. Vietnamese cooking is renowned across the world for its innovative use of fresh ingredients and spices – this evening, learn all about the local produce and the necessary skills in a hands-on cookery class.

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO SAIGON

Spend your day in Hoi An at leisure before flying to Saigon in the afternoon. A seamless blend of past and present, Saigon offers a high-octane ride into Vietnam's ever brighter future.

DAY 8: MEKONG DELTA

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals, getting a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta, and enjoy a lunch of typical Mekong fare. Return to Saigon.

DAY 9: CU CHI TUNNELS

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, where you'll see the legendary tunnel network used by the Viet Cong to infiltrate South Vietnam during the war. Following this, head into the centre of Saigon to see Notre Dame Cathedral and the neoclassical Central Post Office – both grandiose legacies of a colonial past. Also



Enjoy the stunning Halong Bay

visit the Reunification Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. Finish up by browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market. This evening enjoy a performance of the A O Show – a music, dance and acrobatic spectacular at the Saigon Opera House.

DAY 10: FLY SAIGON TO UK

Spend your day at leisure before transferring to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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Explore vibrant Saigon

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



MUI NE BEACH EXTENSION
3 nights from £520pp

CAMBODIA 4 NIGHTS OR ANGKOR WAT 3 NIGHTS EXTENSION
from £490pp

HONG KONG STOPOVER
2 nights from £290pp (see page 185)

For more information about our stopovers & extensions please see our website, call us or visit your travel agent.



Taste the local cuisine

VIETNAM IMPRESSIONS

CLASSIC VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The perfect way to see the key highlights of Vietnam in a concise 10-day tour. From the beauty of Halong Bay to the fertile Mekong Delta you'll get a fascinating snapshot of this captivating country.



Be charmed by Hoi An

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

2020 DATES

21 Feb - 01 Mar	£2,390	11 Sep - 20 Sep	£2,390
06 Mar - 15 Mar	£2,290	23 Oct - 01 Nov	£2,490
03 Apr - 12 Apr	£2,490		

2021 DATES

19 Feb - 28 Feb	£2,490	10 Sep - 19 Sep	£2,590
05 Mar - 14 Mar	£2,390	22 Oct - 31 Oct	£2,690
02 Apr - 11 Apr	£2,590		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,690 (Hanoi – Saigon)
- Single room from £270
- Tipping paid locally US\$60

VIETNAM AT A GLANCE

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Enjoy magnificent views of Halong Bay

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Visit Tra Que Village

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Explore the vibrant streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo, stopping off at a café to sample a traditionally-made, local speciality, egg coffee.
- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', an outdoor spectacular that perfectly showcases the rich culture and daily life of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented performers, water puppetry, and lights.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAIGON

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

This morning, contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. This exuberant city is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but it is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and visit the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace, and the chilling War Remnants Museum.

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Enjoy a lunch of typical Mekong dishes and make a stop at Vinh Trang Pagoda en route back to Saigon.

DAY 5: JOURNEY TO HOI AN

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

DAY 6: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community that supplies many hotels and restaurants in the area with

vegetables and herbs. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside, stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work and try your hand at their traditional techniques. Later spend the afternoon at leisure back in Hoi An.

DAY 7: IMPERIAL HUE

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

DAY 8: FLY TO HANOI

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

DAY 9: EXPLORE HANOI

Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll see Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and the Stilt House set in the gardens of the Presidential Palace. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese egg coffee.

DAY 10: HALONG BAY

Board a traditionally-designed boat on Halong Bay, cruising amongst the karst peaks on the tranquil green waters. A UNESCO World



Marvel at Hue's Royal Tomb



See the Quintessence of Tonkin

Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. This evening enjoy a dinner of delicious seafood and spend the night onboard your cruise.

DAY 11: THE QUINTESSENCE OF TONKIN

Rise early this morning for a beautiful sunrise over the bay. Return to Hanoi this afternoon and later, see the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAY 12: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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Explore the waters of the Mekong Delta

VIETNAM AT A GLANCE

CLASSIC VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



SAPA EXTENSION
3 nights from £730pp

BANGKOK STOPOVER
3 nights from £430pp (see page 184)

HONG KONG STOPOVER
2 nights from £290pp (see page 185)

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PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Saturday

2020 DATES			
07 Jan - 18 Jan	£2,590	12 May - 23 May	£2,390
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04 May - 15 May	£2,490	02 Nov - 13 Nov	£2,790

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,790 (Saigon – Hanoi)
- Single room from £300
- Tipping paid locally US\$65

VIBRANT VIETNAM

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,590

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- ✓ Learn of grand dynasties past in Hue
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Unwind on Nha Trang beach
- ✓ Ride through Dalat by steam train
- ✓ Drift on the Mekong Delta



Admire the Imperial City of Hue

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Learn about the art of Zen

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Spend a relaxing few hours in Zen House, where you'll learn about the art of Zen, how the house's architecture achieves a peaceful space and enjoy some refreshments. The profits from the house support the local community.
- ▶ Make a stop at the wonderful Reaching Out workshop, where you can meet local artisans who are part of a project that helps people with disabilities become integrated into society and lead productive lives.
- ▶ Enjoy Saigon's most extraordinary production, the A O Show! This breathtaking performance showcases the beauty and cultural richness of Vietnamese rural life through music, dance and acrobatics.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO HANOI

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

DAY 3: HALONG BAY

Transfer to Halong City, board your cruise and sail out into the spectacular Halong Bay. You'll spend the day drifting amongst the karst peaks on the tranquil green waters. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. Spend the night onboard.

DAY 4: SUNRISE OVER HALONG BAY

Rise early to watch the sun rise over the bay and enjoy an invigorating session of Tai Chi. Transfer back to Hanoi and enjoy a cyclo ride through the vibrant backstreets of the Old Quarter. Later, explore the Museum of Ethnology where you learn about 54 officially recognized ethnic groups in Vietnam. Dinner tonight will feature a cooking demonstration of Hanoi's speciality dish, bun thang.

DAY 5: EXPLORE HANOI

Start the day as the locals do, sipping a coffee in a local coffee shop, before heading to visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and the Temple of Literature. Fly on to Hue, Vietnam's imperial capital.

DAY 6: CRUISE THE PERFUME RIVER

This morning visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City at the heart of Hue, once the home of Vietnam's emperors. Cruise on the picturesque Perfume River and admire the Thien Mu Pagoda. Later, see the

magnificent tomb of Minh Mang before heading to peaceful Zen House where you'll learn about its architecture and spiritual meaning.

DAY 7: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

Leave Hue for Hoi An, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laidback place, Hoi An's streets are a delight to wander – visit the Japanese Bridge, the colourful market and Chinese temple. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work.

DAY 8: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into Hoi An's verdant surroundings to Tra Que, where you'll see the local farmers at work, tending lush gardens of vegetables and herbs. Join a local family for lunch and a cooking demonstration. Back in Hoi An, the rest of the day is free.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO NHA TRANG

Transfer to Danang and fly to the sunny city of Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. The rest of the day is free.



Experience local life in Hanoi



Ride Dalat's steam train



Relax on Nha Trang Beach

DAY 10: NHA TRANG COASTAL CRUISE

Take to the turquoise waters for a cruise around the many little islands off Nha Trang's coast. There'll be a stop at an island to enjoy the balmy waters for yourself, and a visit to a fishing village. Head up into the cooler climes of the South Central Highlands to the lovely town of Dalat.

DAY 11: EXPLORE DALAT

Spend today sightseeing with visits to the Domaine de Marie Church, the Flower Gardens and an embroidery workshop. Climb aboard an open-air steam train from the old railway station to journey out through the fantastic scenery to Trai Mat village. This afternoon browse the stalls of Dalat's busy market, ending the day with a cup of locally-grown coffee as you take in the picturesque views.

DAY 12: TRAVEL TO SAIGON

Journey across the scenic highlands to Saigon with a stop en route at the Bao Loc tea plantation. On arrival, the rest of the day is free.

DAY 13: CU CHI TUNNELS

Head out of the city to the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels, a network of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong during the war. Return to Saigon and spend the afternoon discovering the city's sights. See the colonial architecture of Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, as well as the Reunification Palace and chilling War Remnants Museum.

DAY 14: MEKONG DELTA

Journey to Ben Tre to cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is called the 'Rice Basket

of Vietnam', the rich and fertile soil producing a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Here you'll paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals, taste local produce, visit a local family, lunch on typical Mekong dishes and enjoy traditional music. Return to Saigon and enjoy a farewell dinner and the visually spectacular A O Show this evening.

DAY 15: FLY SAIGON TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?
Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



HUA HIN BEACH EXTENSION

3 nights from £330pp

MUI NE BEACH EXTENSION

3 nights from £520pp

BANGKOK STOPOVER

3 nights from £430pp (see page 184)

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CLASSIC VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A signature Vietnam experience, this 2-week journey takes you from top to toe, featuring all of Vietnam's must-see sights, as well as plenty of opportunities to soak in the wonderful culture and interact with the local people.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Friday

2020 DATES

06 Mar - 20 Mar	£2,690	04 Sep - 18 Sep	£2,690
03 Apr - 17 Apr	£2,790	02 Oct - 16 Oct	£2,790
05 Jun - 19 Jun	£2,590		

2021 DATES

12 Mar - 26 Mar	£2,790	01 Oct - 15 Oct	£2,990
10 Sep - 24 Sep	£2,890		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,990 (Hanoi – Saigon)
- Single room from £390
- Tipping paid locally US\$84



See traditional Vietnamese Ao Dai

VIETNAM PANORAMA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Be charmed by Dalat

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Explore Hanoi by cyclo

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the vibrant streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo, stopping off at a café to sample a traditionally-made, local speciality, egg coffee.
- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', an outdoor spectacular that perfectly showcases the rich culture and daily life of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented performers, water puppetry, and lights.
- ▶ Cruise lazily through the crystal-clear waters of Nha Trang bay, passing amongst beach-fringed islands, stopping off at small fishing villages and, if you feel like it, taking a dip in the balmy waters yourself.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAIGON

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

DAY 3: VISIT THE CU CHI TUNNELS

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. Seamlessly blending past and present, Saigon is the city that is driving Vietnam towards a brighter future. See Notre Dame Cathedral and visit the Central Post Office, both legacies of a colonial past. Spend time at the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum.

DAY 4: CRUISE THE MEKONG DELTA

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



Discover My Son Sanctuary

DAY 5: EXPLORE FLOATING MARKETS

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

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO DALAT

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

DAY 7: RIDE DALAT'S STEAM TRAIN

Visit the Domaine de Marie Church, the Flower Gardens and an embroidery workshop before boarding an open-air train to journey out through the fantastic scenery to Trai Mat village. End the day with a local coffee by Xuan Huong lake.

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO NHA TRANG

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

DAY 9: VISIT THE CHAM TOWERS

Wander Dam market before visiting the Po Nagar Cham Towers and continue on to the city of Qui Nhon.

DAY 10: VISIT SON MY

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



Admire stunning Halong Bay

DAY 11: EXPLORE HOI AN ON FOOT

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

DAY 12: SEE THE ROYAL TOMB

Take the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang.

DAY 13: DISCOVER HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

Take a drive to the imposing Imperial Citadel to explore. Cruise along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda after visiting the charming An Hien garden house.

DAY 14: OLD QUARTER CYCLO TOUR

Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Fly here to admire the collections of the Fine Arts Museum and take a cyclo through the atmospheric tangle of streets that make up the Old Quarter. Later enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese coffee.

DAY 15: DISCOVER HANOI

Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you will pass the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, visit the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature.

DAYS 16-17: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Spend the day aboard your comfortable cruise

boat sailing through the awe-inspiring beauty of Halong Bay. You'll even explore one of the bay's many caves. A delicious seafood meal is included during your voyage. Spend a night onboard before returning to Hanoi the next day. On your last evening, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAY 18: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



BANGKOK STOPOVER

3 nights from £430pp (see page 184)

HUA HIN BEACH EXTENSION

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CLASSIC VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This all-encompassing tour not only showcases Vietnam's highlights but fully absorbs you in the rich history and culture too. Spend more time interacting with locals and visiting lesser-known places alongside the usual highlights.



Visit Imperial Hue

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Wednesday

2020 DATES

09 Feb - 26 Feb	£2,890	19 Apr - 06 May	£2,790
23 Feb - 11 Mar	£2,890	10 May - 27 May	£2,790
08 Mar - 25 Mar	£2,790	09 Aug - 26 Aug	£2,890
15 Mar - 01 Apr	£2,790	06 Sep - 23 Sep	£2,790
29 Mar - 15 Apr	£2,790	20 Sep - 07 Oct	£2,890
05 Apr - 22 Apr	£2,890	11 Oct - 28 Oct	£2,890
12 Apr - 29 Apr	£2,890	08 Nov - 25 Nov	£2,890

2021 DATES

14 Feb - 03 Mar	£2,990	09 May - 26 May	£2,890
21 Feb - 10 Mar	£2,990	08 Aug - 25 Aug	£3,190
07 Mar - 24 Mar	£2,890	12 Sep - 29 Sep	£2,990
14 Mar - 31 Mar	£2,890	19 Sep - 06 Oct	£2,990
28 Mar - 14 Apr	£3,090	03 Oct - 20 Oct	£3,090
04 Apr - 21 Apr	£3,090	17 Oct - 03 Nov	£3,090
18 Apr - 05 May	£2,890	14 Nov - 01 Dec	£3,090

Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,090 (Saigon – Hanoi)
- Single room from £420
- Tipping paid locally US\$95

AROUND CAMBODIA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover captivating Phnom Penh
- ✓ Learn Cambodian history at the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng
- ✓ Kick back in coastal Kampot
- ✓ Relax in Sihanoukville
- ✓ Explore colonial Battambang
- ✓ Be inspired by majestic Angkor
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap



Visit the ancient Bayon temple

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See the famous Kampot pepper plantations

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Learn all about the cultivation and production of Kampot pepper, considered by many to be the world's best, as you tour a peaceful pepper farm in southern Cambodia's lush countryside.
- ▶ Pay a visit to the wonderful 'La Maison de Coco', an NGO-run centre where local people are taught traditional arts such as weaving, to give them skills that will help them earn a living.
- ▶ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and circus, Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique, magical and authentically-Cambodian way.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SIEM REAP

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over 1,000 temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Rising early, journey to the old city of Angkor Thom and pass through the magnificent South Gate flanked by 54 gods and demons. At Angkor Thom's centre is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Also admire the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm before the rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent, and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. Later, take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems.

DAY 4: CAMBODIAN PHARE CIRCUS

Journey to Kbal Spean to see the intricate stone carvings of Hindu gods and sacred linga carved into the river bed and banks. Continue to the captivating Banteay Srei – a richly embellished Hindu temple constructed in rose sandstone. The work is so intricate it is said that it could only have been carved by the hand of a woman. This evening enjoy a rollicking performance of the Phare Cambodian Circus.

DAY 5: CRUISE TONLE SAP LAKE High Water Season (Aug to Feb)

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

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

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

DAY 6: THE NATIONAL SILK CENTRE

Begin the journey towards Battambang, stopping in Puok District to visit the National Silk Centre. Learn about the cultivation of silk, from the planting of mulberry trees used to raise the silkworms to the harvesting of silk threads. Observe the artisans using the dyed and treated silk threads to create beautiful products in the workshops. On arrival in Battambang, the rest of the day is at leisure. Set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes, Battambang is also home to Cambodia's grandest colonial architecture.

DAY 7: LA MAISON DE COCO

Head out of town to the 12th-century Prasat Banan Temple and admire the breath-taking hilltop views. Return to Battambang and take a stroll through the village of Wat Kor, then explore a local house for a glimpse of



Watch the silk making process



Marvel at Wat Phnom

traditional Khmer life. Visit a local NGO, La Maison de Coco, where traditional skills such as weaving are taught to locals before a visit to Phnom Sampov to see the bat cave.

DAY 8: VENTURE TO PHNOM PENH

Journey south to Phnom Penh, stopping at the former capital city Udong, a potters' village and Touch Hill.

DAY 9: PHNOM PENH CYCLO TOUR

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

DAY 10: KAMPOT PEPPER FARM

Depart for the beach town of Kampot and visit a pepper farm to learn about the renowned Kampot pepper. Enjoy a walking tour of Kampot, a charming riverside town, which has a wealth of colonial architecture to discover.

DAY 11: RABBIT ISLAND

Take a boat ride out to Koh Thonsay, known as Rabbit Island for its unique shape, where you can spend a few hours relaxing on the beach. You will also visit the Kep Crab Market, a seafood lovers' heaven. Later travel onwards to your hotel near Sihanoukville, Cambodia's premier beach resort.

DAY 12: SIHANOUKVILLE AT LEISURE

Spend today at leisure. Make good use of the

facilities of your five-star resort, from the bar and pool to the beautiful beach that you can stroll onto directly from the hotel or for those feeling more active, why not explore the lively town?

DAY 13: RETURN TO PHNOM PENH

Return to Phnom Penh and spend the day at leisure.

DAYS 14-15: FLY PHNOM PENH TO UK

Grab your last-minute souvenirs before boarding an overnight flight to the UK, arriving home the following day.

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



BANGKOK STOPOVER

3 nights from £430pp (see page 184)

HUA HIN BEACH EXTENSION

3 nights from £330pp

For more information about our stopovers & extensions please see our website, call us or visit your travel agent.

CLASSIC CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The perfect introductory tour, spend two weeks embracing Cambodia's complicated history and fascinating heritage whilst you cover all the best bits of this charming kingdom, including time on the beach and two full days at Angkor.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Sunday

2020 DATES

02 Feb - 16 Feb	£2,390	29 Mar - 12 Apr	£2,390
16 Feb - 01 Mar	£2,390	27 Sep - 11 Oct	£2,290
08 Mar - 22 Mar	£2,290	25 Oct - 08 Nov	£2,390

2021 DATES

31 Jan - 14 Feb	£2,490	28 Mar - 11 Apr	£2,590
14 Feb - 28 Feb	£2,490	26 Sep - 10 Oct	£2,390
07 Mar - 21 Mar	£2,390	24 Oct - 07 Nov	£2,490

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,690 (Siem Reap – Phnom Penh)
- Single room from £460
- Tipping paid locally US\$70



Relax on stunning Sihanoukville beach

NEW

A MEKONG EXPERIENCE

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Spend four nights on the 4 star Victoria Mekong
- ✓ Explore Phnom Penh by cyclo
- ✓ Learn Cambodian history at the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Museum
- ✓ Be inspired by spectacular Angkor temples



See life on the Mekong River

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Watch the incredible Phare Circus

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

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

DAY 4: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

Transfer to the meeting point to board a Victoria Mekong shuttle to Can Tho, stopping en route in Cai Be for a delicious local lunch at Le Longanier Restaurant. Board the Victoria Mekong which, after a welcome briefing, will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Relax with a sunbather on deck and sit down to a sumptuous gala dinner whilst enjoying a performance of Don Ca Tai Tu – traditional music of the Mekong. Drop anchor at Tiger Island.

DAY 5: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

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

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

DAY 6: TAN CHAU

Cast off early to arrive in Tan Chau. On arrival, head to shore to visit a colourful Cao Dai temple and a silk-making village, where you'll learn all about the traditional manufacturing process, by xe loi (local rickshaw). Eat lunch back on the ship before more shore excursions around Tan Chau, with the option to take an exhilarating speedboat ride to Tra Su Forest. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance!

DAY 7: INTO CAMBODIA

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

DAY 8: DISEMBARK IN PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking and bidding farewell to the Victoria Mekong. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before perusing the treasures of the National Museum. After a final stop at Wat Phnom, enjoy a cold glass of local beer with beautiful views over the riverfront.



Explore Phnom Penh's Royal Palace



Relax on the Victoria Mekong

DAY 9: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields and pick up some souvenirs from the labyrinthine Russian Market. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Temples of Angkor.

DAY 10: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

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

DAY 11: TONLE SAP

Travel to the shores of Tonle Sap and visit the floating village of Kampong Phluk (Oct to Feb) or Chong Kneas (Mar to Sep). Stop at Chansar village for a glimpse at rural life before boarding an ox cart to ride to the home of a local Khmer family. This evening, sit down to a rollicking performance of the Phare Cambodian Circus.

DAY 12: LOCAL COOKING CLASS

This morning, take a tuk tuk to join fellow chefs in a cooking class held in a traditional-style Cambodian house. Visit a fresh produce market to shop for your ingredients, before learning to prepare authentic Khmer food. You'll then get to dine on the delicious meal you made.

DAYS 13-14: DEPART SIEM REAP

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



MUI NE BEACH EXTENSION

3 nights from £520pp

BANGKOK STOPOVER

3 nights from £430pp (see page 184)

HONG KONG STOPOVER

2 nights from £290pp (see page 185)

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A MEKONG EXPERIENCE

CLASSIC
VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Saturday

2020 DATES

08 Mar - 21 Mar	£3,290	04 Oct - 17 Oct	£3,490
05 Apr - 18 Apr	£3,190		

2021 DATES

07 Feb - 20 Feb	£3,690	19 Sep - 02 Oct	£3,490
07 Mar - 20 Mar	£3,690	17 Oct - 30 Oct	£3,790

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available)

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,390 (Saigon – Siem Reap)
- Single room from £720
- Tipping paid locally US\$40



Enjoy a Cambodian cooking class

ANGKOR TO THE BAY

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Admire the majestic Angkor temples

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Discover local life on Tonle Sap

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SIEM REAP

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

DAY 3: TONLE SAP LAKE

High Water Season (Aug to Feb)

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

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

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

DAY 4: EXPLORE ANGKOR

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

DAY 5: DISCOVER PHNOM PENH

Fly to Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Visit the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before admiring the artefacts at the National Museum.

DAY 6: FLY TO SAIGON

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

DAY 7: CU CHI TUNNELS

Get to grips with the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, used by the Viet Cong during the war. Return to the city and gain further insights at the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum, finishing at the lively Ben Thanh Market.

DAY 8: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

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

DAY 9: FLY TO HOI AN

The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See Notre Dame Cathedral and visit the



Wander charming Hoi An



Explore magnificent Halong Bay

Central Post Office and Thien Hau Pagoda before flying to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 10: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Drive out into the countryside to the small farming community of Tra Que. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside and try your hand at age-old farming techniques before taking part in a cooking demonstration, learning the art of a local dish. After lunch take a walking tour of Hoi An, to see the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work.

DAYS 11-12: EXPLORE HUE

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Hoi An before heading to Hue, travelling over the Hai Van Pass. Visit the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda and cruise along the Perfume River. The next day, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tombs of Emperors Khai Dinh and Minh Mang. Move on to a beautiful old 'maison' that has been transformed into a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create art with bamboo paper. Continue to visit the imposing Imperial Citadel.

DAY 13: HANOI CYCLO

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

DAYS 14-15: HALONG BAY

Spend two days aboard a comfortable cruise boat sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks

on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Spend the night on the boat before returning to Hanoi and attending the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAY 16: EXPLORE HANOI

Explore the sights of Hanoi, visiting the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature.

DAY 17: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



SAPA EXTENSION

3 nights from £730pp

BANGKOK STOPOVER

3 nights from £430pp (see page 184)

HONG KONG STOPOVER

2 nights from £290pp (see page 185)

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ANGKOR TO THE BAY

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CAMBODIA & VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Monday

2020 DATES			
18 Jan - 03 Feb	£3,490	02 May - 18 May	£3,190
01 Feb - 17 Feb	£3,490	09 May - 25 May	£3,190
08 Feb - 24 Feb	£3,490	01 Aug - 17 Aug	£3,490
15 Feb - 02 Mar	£3,490	15 Aug - 31 Aug	£3,290
22 Feb - 09 Mar	£3,490	05 Sep - 21 Sep	£3,290
29 Feb - 16 Mar	£3,390	19 Sep - 05 Oct	£3,290
07 Mar - 23 Mar	£3,390	03 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,390
14 Mar - 30 Mar	£3,390	10 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,390
21 Mar - 06 Apr	£3,390	17 Oct - 02 Nov	£3,390
28 Mar - 13 Apr	£3,390	24 Oct - 09 Nov	£3,390
04 Apr - 20 Apr	£3,490	31 Oct - 16 Nov	£3,490
11 Apr - 27 Apr	£3,490	07 Nov - 23 Nov	£3,490
18 Apr - 04 May	£3,290	14 Nov - 30 Nov	£3,490

2021 DATES			
09 Jan - 25 Jan	£3,690	08 May - 24 May	£3,490
16 Jan - 01 Feb	£3,690	31 Jul - 16 Aug	£3,790
06 Feb - 22 Feb	£3,690	14 Aug - 30 Aug	£3,590
13 Feb - 01 Mar	£3,690	21 Aug - 06 Sep	£3,590
20 Feb - 08 Mar	£3,690	11 Sep - 27 Sep	£3,590
27 Feb - 15 Mar	£3,690	18 Sep - 04 Oct	£3,590
06 Mar - 22 Mar	£3,590	02 Oct - 18 Oct	£3,590
13 Mar - 29 Mar	£3,590	09 Oct - 25 Oct	£3,590
20 Mar - 05 Apr	£3,590	16 Oct - 01 Nov	£3,590
27 Mar - 12 Apr	£3,690	23 Oct - 08 Nov	£3,590
03 Apr - 19 Apr	£3,690	06 Nov - 22 Nov	£3,690
10 Apr - 26 Apr	£3,590	13 Nov - 29 Nov	£3,690
17 Apr - 03 May	£3,590	20 Nov - 06 Dec	£3,690
01 May - 17 May	£3,490		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,590 (Siem Reap - Hanoi)
- Single room from £420
- Tipping paid locally US\$97

NEW

CLASSIC MEKONG

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Drift along Angkor's moat at sunset
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap
- ✓ Cruise the Mekong for 3 nights
- ✓ Discover vibrant Saigon
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo
- ✓ Enjoy spectacular views of Halong Bay



Discover enchanting Ta Prohm

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Enjoy a Cambodian Living Arts experience

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Immerse yourself in Cambodia's cultural traditions on a tour with an expert guide through the country's unique and fascinating living arts and how they are being preserved.
- ▶ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the 4 star ship, Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- ▶ Visit Hanoi's charming Reaching Out Teahouse for a rejuvenating cup of tea and the chance to learn about the work the project does with local people with disabilities.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

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

DAY 3: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

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

DAY 4: TONLE SAP

Travel to the shores of Tonle Sap and visit the floating village of Kampong Phluk (Oct to Feb) or Chong Kneas (Mar to Sep). Stop at Chansar village for a glimpse at rural life before boarding an ox cart to ride to the home of a local Khmer family. The afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 5: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

Fly to Cambodia's charming capital, Phnom Penh. Board a cyclo and head into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before perusing the treasures of the National Museum. After a stop at Wat Phnom, join a cultural ambassador for a guided tour through the Cambodian Living Arts, and experience how traditional arts are kept alive through teaching from masters. Finish the day with a cold glass of local beer with beautiful views over the riverfront.

DAY 6: BOARD THE VICTORIA MEKONG

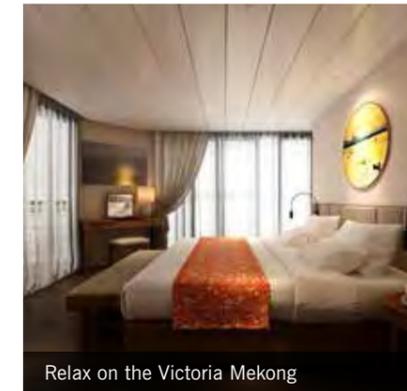
Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. Transfer to Sisowath Quay and board the Victoria Mekong whilst being serenaded with traditional music. Relax with a sundowner on deck and enjoy an apsara dance performance before sitting down to a sumptuous gala dinner.

DAY 7: INTO VIETNAM

Sail towards the border, passing into Vietnam in the early afternoon. Spend a relaxed morning enjoying the passing scenery and a wealth of onboard activities, such as lectures and cocktail making. At the border area of Vam Nao, visit a few traditional cottage industries, such as traditional clay pottery and local rice cake makers, by sampan. This evening, before dinner, experience a thrilling lion dance performance. Drop anchor at Vam Nao.

DAY 8: FLOATING MARKET AND TAN LOC ISLAND

Continue downstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit the bustling floating market and a local museum. After lunch back onboard, arrive at Tan Loc Island, where you'll be able to explore the Ancient House and a lush garden for tea and fruit – a taste of Mekong hospitality. Later, go by local motorcart to a plum farm where plum wine is produced, which you can taste. Sail on to Can Tho, a Mekong Delta city where the ship will dock. Enjoy a performance of Don Ca Tai Tu – traditional music of the Mekong, while you sip a farewell cocktail and dinner.



Relax on the Victoria Mekong



Stroll through ancient Hoi An

DAY 9: DISEMBARK IN CAN THO

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

DAY 10: EXPLORE SAIGON

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

DAY 11: DISCOVER HOI AN

Fly from Saigon to Danang and transfer to the enchanting town of Hoi An. Head out to explore, with visits including Chua Ong Pagoda and the spectacular Japanese Covered Bridge. Grab some refreshments at the Reaching Out Tea House, a wonderful social project in the heart of town.

DAY 12: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into Hoi An's countryside surroundings to visit a small farming community that supplies much of the area's vegetables and herbs. Here you can enjoy the lush, green landscapes and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 13: HANOI CYCLO TOUR

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

DAY 14: THE QUINTESSENCE OF TONKIN

Today, head to the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass 'Uncle Ho's' monumental mausoleum and Stilt House, before seeing the Old Pillar Pagoda and exploring the Museum of Ethnology. Tonight, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAYS 15-16: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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

DAY 17: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Starting on a high at the Temples of Angkor, spend 3-nights onboard the Victoria Mekong cruising downstream into Vietnam, where you'll discover the top sights – Saigon, Hoi An, Hanoi and Halong Bay.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Thursday

2020 DATES

04 Feb - 20 Feb	£3,890	22 Sep - 08 Oct	£3,690
25 Feb - 12 Mar	£3,890	06 Oct - 22 Oct	£3,990
03 Mar - 19 Mar	£3,890	27 Oct - 12 Nov	£3,990
08 Sep - 24 Sep	£3,690	10 Nov - 26 Nov	£3,990

2021 DATES

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16 Feb - 04 Mar	£4,190	21 Sep - 07 Oct	£3,990
09 Mar - 25 Mar	£4,190	05 Oct - 21 Oct	£4,290
30 Mar - 15 Apr	£4,190	26 Oct - 11 Nov	£4,290

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available)

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,090 (Siem Reap – Hanoi)
- Single room from £740
- Tipping paid locally US\$66



Cruise magnificent Halong Bay

MEKONG ODYSSEY

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Hanoi by rickshaw
- ✓ Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Experience a 7-night Mekong river cruise
- ✓ Discover the wonders of Angkor
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap



Explore the Mekong Delta

PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 18 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



See the Phare circus

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and circus, Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique, magical and authentically Cambodian way.
- ▶ Explore the vibrant streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo, stopping off at a café to sample a traditionally-made, local speciality, egg coffee.
- ▶ Master the art of Vietnamese cooking, visiting a local market in Hoi An to talk to sellers and buy fresh ingredients that you'll then use to whip up your own a culinary masterpiece!

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO HANOI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE HANOI

Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature before taking a cyclo ride through the Old Quarter, stopping off for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route. Continue on foot, sampling a range of local cuisine as you explore further!

DAYS 4-5: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Spend two days aboard your comfortable cruise boat sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi. From here, fly to Danang for Hoi An.

DAY 6: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

Explore the charms of Hoi An on a walking tour. A wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful market, a Chinese temple and the Reaching Out Arts & Crafts workshop. This afternoon a cookery class will teach you the art of the local cuisine.

DAY 7: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

Transfer by road to Hue. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. This afternoon explore the Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City before visiting the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang.

DAY 8: FLY TO SAIGON

Visit the Thien Mu Pagoda, which overlooks the Perfume River. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Saigon. A seamless blend of past and present, Saigon is the city that is driving Vietnam towards an ever-brighter future.

DAY 9: CU CHI TUNNELS

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, where you'll see the legendary tunnel network used by the Viet Cong to infiltrate South Vietnam during the war. Return to the city to visit the neoclassical Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. Finish up browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market.

DAY 10: MEKONG RIVER CRUISE

Transfer to My Tho, a city on the Mekong Delta, to board the boutique cruise vessel Mekong Prestige II. Dine on delicious local cuisine at the welcome dinner and enjoy a traditional music show as you cruise upstream. Later, retire to your comfortable stateroom for the night.

DAY 11: CAI BE AND SA DEC

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

DAY 12: TAN CHAU

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



Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels



Relax on the Mekong Prestige II

DAY 13: PHNOM PENH

Cambodia's capital is a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. After an introductory lecture, take a city tour that includes the dazzling Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. Later, explore the National Museum with outstanding displays of Khmer crafts, before heading to the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum and Wat Phnom. This evening, watch an apsara dance performance onboard.

DAY 14: RURAL CAMBODIA

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

DAY 15: OUDONG

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

DAY 16: TONLE SAP RIVER

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

DAY 17: SIEM REAP

Disembark from the cruise vessel and transfer to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor. This afternoon, visit the captivating Banteay Srei – a richly-embellished rose-coloured sandstone temple, before taking a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom to view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems.

DAY 18: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Rising early, the

tour begins in the heart of Angkor Thom, the old walled city – passing through its South Gate you'll reach the enigmatic Bayon and visit the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. The best preserved of Angkor's temples, examine the vast number of intricate details and relish the sheer magnificence of its architecture. This evening enjoy a rollicking performance of the Phare Cambodian Circus.

DAY 19: TONLE SAP LAKE

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

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

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

DAYS 20-21: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Featuring a relaxing 7-night cruise on the mighty Mekong, not only is this tour perfect for the cruise lover, it also explores the charming cities, natural wonders and cultural treasures of both Vietnam and Cambodia.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Monday

2020 DATES

14 Jan - 03 Feb	£4,490	06 Oct - 26 Oct	£4,390
25 Feb - 16 Mar	£4,490	20 Oct - 09 Nov	£4,490
10 Mar - 30 Mar	£4,390	03 Nov - 23 Nov	£4,490
24 Mar - 13 Apr	£4,290	17 Nov - 07 Dec	£4,490
22 Sep - 12 Oct	£4,290		

2021 DATES

26 Jan - 15 Feb	£4,690	09 Mar - 29 Mar	£4,590
09 Feb - 01 Mar	£4,690	23 Mar - 12 Apr	£4,690
23 Feb - 15 Mar	£4,690		

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available)

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,690 (Hanoi – Siem Reap)
- Single room from £1,490
- Tipping paid locally US\$105



Visit the National Museum of Cambodia

NEW

MEKONG EXPLORER

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,190

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Admire the spectacular Golden Bridge

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Enjoy the Quintessence of Tonkin show

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', an outdoor spectacular that perfectly showcases the rich culture and daily life of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented performers, water puppetry, and lights.
- ▶ Stroll across Danang's striking 'Golden Bridge' – a hilltop structure held aloft by a pair of huge, stone hands – and admire the beautiful views over the Ba Na Hills.
- ▶ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the 4 star ship, Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

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

DAY 3: HANOI CYCLO TOUR

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

DAYS 4-5: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Board a cruise boat and set sail on the tranquil blue-green waters of Halong Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has long enthralled visitors with its awe-inspiring beauty. After a night anchored out on the water, rise early to see the sun come up before cruising back to port. Return to Hanoi and fly to Hue.

DAY 6: EXPLORE HUE

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

DAY 7: ADMIRE THE GOLDEN BRIDGE

Depart Hue, taking the scenic route over the Hai Van Pass to charming Hoi An. En route, stop at Lang Co and admire the views from the spectacular Golden Bridge in Ba Na Hills.

DAY 8: TRA QUE VILLAGE

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

DAY 9: FREE TIME IN HOI AN

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

DAY 10: DISCOVER SAIGON

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

DAY 11: CU CHI TUNNELS

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels before a free afternoon back in Saigon.

DAY 12: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

Transfer to the meeting point to board a Victoria Mekong shuttle to Can Tho, stopping en route in Cai Be for a delicious local lunch at Le Longanier Restaurant. Board the Victoria Mekong and attend a welcome briefing before relaxing with a sundowner on deck. Sit down to a sumptuous gala dinner whilst enjoying a performance of traditional music of the Mekong. Drop anchor at Tiger Island.



Relax on the Victoria Mekong

DAY 13: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

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

DAY 14: TAN CHAU

Cast off early to arrive in Tan Chau. On arrival, head to shore to visit a colourful Cao Dai temple and a silk village, where you'll learn all about the traditional silk making process, by xe loi (local rickshaw). Eat lunch back on the ship before more shore excursions around Tan Chau, with the option to take an exhilarating speedboat ride to Tra Su Forest. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance.

DAY 15: INTO CAMBODIA

Today, the Victoria Mekong will pass over the border into Cambodia. Spend a relaxed day enjoying the passing scenery and a wealth of onboard activities. In the late afternoon, dock at Phnom Penh's Sisowath Quay where you will be entertained with a traditional apsara performance by local children. Sip a farewell cocktail before a final gala dinner.

DAY 16: DISEMBARK IN PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. After a final stop at Wat Phnom, enjoy a cold glass of local beer on the riverfront.

DAY 17: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Spend the morning visiting Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields before picking up some souvenirs at the Russian Market. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Temples of Angkor.

DAY 18: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

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

DAY 19: TONLE SAP

Travel to the shores of Tonle Sap and visit the floating village of Kampong Phluk (Oct to Feb) or Chong Kneas (Mar to Sep). Stop at Chansar village for a glimpse at rural life before boarding an ox cart to ride to the home of a local Khmer family. This evening, sit down to a rollicking performance of the Phare Cambodian Circus.

DAY 20: LOCAL COOKING CLASS

This morning, take a tuk tuk to join fellow chefs in a cooking class held in a traditional-style Cambodian house, visiting a fresh produce market to shop for your ingredients. This afternoon is at leisure before an evening dinner and an apsara dance show.

DAYS 21-22: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Find yourself amongst the wonders of Vietnam as you traverse the country before embarking on a 4-night Mekong River cruise on the Victoria Mekong. Pass into Cambodia where you'll admire the majestic Temples of Angkor.



Take a local cooking class

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Saturday

2020 DATES

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13 Mar - 03 Apr	£4,790	09 Oct - 30 Oct	£4,890

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Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,590 (Hanoi – Siem Reap)
- Single room from £990
- Tipping paid locally US\$85

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3 nights from £730pp

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INDOCHINA DELIGHTS

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Explore Wat Xieng Thong

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Learn ancient cultivation techniques

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ After a day of exploration relax as you float on the gentle waters of the moat of Angkor Thom, seeing the old walled city from a different perspective and savouring the beauty of a peaceful sunset.
- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', an outdoor spectacular that perfectly showcases the rich culture and daily life of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented performers, water puppetry, and lights.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

Sightseeing today includes a visit to the Central Post Office, Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum. Later, visit Cholon and the Thien Hau Pagoda.

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

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

DAY 5: CU CHI TUNNELS

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

DAY 6: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An, a wonderfully laidback, graceful and traditional town. Visit one of the oldest homes, still occupied by descendants of merchants that built it over 200 years ago. Also visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, Hoi An Market and a local Chinese Temple with a stop en route at Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work. The afternoon is at leisure to relax at the beach or in a riverside café.

DAY 7: TRA QUE VILLAGE

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

DAYS 8-9: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Spend the day aboard your comfortable cruise boat sailing amongst the spectacular seascapes, fringed by jagged karst formations jutting from emerald waters. Halong Bay, with its 1,600 islands and islets, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 and is a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. It isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. Enjoy delicious meals on board and spend the night anchored on the tranquil waters. Return to Hanoi the next day. This evening, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAY 10: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

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

DAY 11: TAKBAT ALMS GIVING CEREMONY

Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid colours, an extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. Today, rise early to watch a Takbat alms giving



Observe Buddhist monks chanting in Laos



Experience local life in Hoi An

ceremony. Ascend Phousi Hill for city vistas, visit Wat Xieng Thong, then cruise along the Mekong River to see the Pak Ou Caves. Return to Luang Prabang and visit Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong Village en route.

DAY 12: VISIT KUANG SI WATERFALLS

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

DAY 13: FLY TO SIEM REAP

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

DAY 14: EXPLORE ANGKOR WAT

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over 1,000 temples, the remains of the mighty Khmer Empire that ruled between the 9th and 15th centuries. Enter the walled city of Angkor Thom and head to its heart to see the enigmatic Bayon, followed by the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. This afternoon is dedicated to the magnificence of Angkor Wat and intricate beauty of Banteay Srei temple. Take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems.

DAY 15: TONLE SAP LAKE

High Water Season (Aug to Feb)
Visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting the floating village of

Kampong Kleng and observing the way of life of these lake communities. This evening sit down to dinner and an apsara dance show.

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

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

DAYS 16-17: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

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Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
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Discover magnificent Angkor Wat

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Wander charming Luang Prabang
- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo
- ✓ Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- ✓ Learn ancient farming techniques in Hoi An
- ✓ Enjoy a 4-night cruise on the contemporary Victoria Mekong
- ✓ Embark on a Cambodian Living Arts experience



Observe Buddhist monks chanting in Laos

PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)



Relax on the Victoria Mekong

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Cruise the Mekong in style aboard a 4 star ship, the Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.
- Dine like an emperor at a special royal dining experience in the courtyard of one of Hue's beautiful old garden houses, hosted by a man with royal connections.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

Fly to the enchanting city of Luang Prabang. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to soak up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE LUANG PRABANG

Start the day exploring the beautiful Wat Xieng Thong, before discovering the treasures of the National Museum. Later, stroll around the vibrant night market.

DAY 4: TAKBAT

Rise early to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat then wander the busy morning market and visit the cascading turquoise waters of Kuang Si Waterfalls. Later, fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city.

DAY 5: EXPLORE HANOI

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and explore the Temple of Literature. Later, take a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route.

DAYS 6-7: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Board a cruise boat and sail on the tranquil blue-green waters of Halong Bay. After a night anchored out on the water, rise early to see the sun come up before cruising back to port. Return to Hanoi and fly to Hue.

DAY 8: EXPLORE HUE

The capital of imperial Vietnam, Hue is a sophisticated and scholarly city with a wealth of history to explore. Start your morning city tour at the centrepiece of the Royal Empire, the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, continuing to the old

Thien Mu Pagoda before a cruise on the Perfume River. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 9: HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN

Depart Hue, taking the scenic route over the Hai Van Pass to reach Hoi An. Explore this charming town, grabbing some refreshments at the wonderful Reaching Out Tea House.

DAY 10: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out to a small farming community to enjoy the lush, green landscapes and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 11: EXPLORE SAIGON

Transfer to Danang and fly to Saigon. Spend the afternoon exploring, visiting the chilling War Remnants Museum, see the imposing Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. There'll also be a coffee break at one of Saigon's best coffee workshops.

DAY 12: CU CHI TUNNELS

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels. After an afternoon at leisure, enjoy a 'dinner in the dark' experience at Noir.

DAY 13: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

Transfer to the meeting point to board a Victoria Mekong shuttle to Can Tho, stopping en route in Cai Be for a delicious local lunch at Le Longanier Restaurant. Board the Victoria Mekong which, after a welcome briefing, will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Relax with a sundowner on deck and sit down to a sumptuous gala dinner whilst enjoying a performance of traditional music of the Mekong. Drop anchor at Tiger Island.



Meet the local farmers



Discover Bayon temple

DAY 14: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

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

DAY 15: TAN CHAU

Cast off early to arrive in Tan Chau. On arrival, head to shore to visit a colourful Cao Dai temple and a silk village by xe loi (local rickshaw). Eat lunch back on the ship before more shore excursions around Tan Chau. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance.

DAY 16: INTO CAMBODIA

Today, the Victoria Mekong will pass over the border into Cambodia. Spend a relaxed day enjoying the passing scenery and a wealth of onboard activities. In the late afternoon, dock at Phnom Penh's Sisowath Quay where you will be entertained with a traditional apsara performance by local children.

DAY 17: DISEMBARK IN PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast in the restaurant before disembarking. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Pick up some souvenirs and the labyrinthine Russian Market before a final stop at Wat Phnom.

DAY 18: CAMBODIAN LIVING ARTS

Spend the morning visiting Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. Join a cultural ambassador for a guided tour through the

Cambodian Living Arts, and experience how traditional arts are kept alive through teaching from masters. Finish the day with a cold glass of local beer on the riverfront.

DAY 19: FLY TO SIEM REAP

Fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to the temples of Angkor! Start your explorations with visits to Kbal Spean and Banteay Srei, an intricately-decorated temple from the 10th century.

DAY 20: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom and visit the Bayon, the Elephant Terrace, Terrace of the Leper King and atmospheric Ta Prohm. Continue to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent of Angkor's treasures then float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom as the sun sets. This evening, sit down to a rollicking performance of the Phare Cambodian Circus.

DAY 21: TONLE SAP

Travel to the shores of Tonle Sap and visit the floating village of Kampong Phluk (Oct to Feb) or Chong Kneas (Mar to Sep). Stop at Chansar village for a glimpse at rural life before boarding an ox cart to ride to the home of a local Khmer family. Sit down to enjoy a delicious farewell dinner.

DAYS 22-23: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

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Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

INSPIRING INDOCHINA

CLASSIC

VIETNAM, LAOS & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Tick off the treasures of Indochina, from the golden temples of tranquil Laos, across Vietnam, from where you'll voyage from the Mekong Delta into Cambodia on a 4-night Mekong cruise. The tour ends with a flourish at spectacular Angkor.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Saturday

2020 DATES

21 Feb - 14 Mar	£4,690	16 Oct - 07 Nov	£4,890
20 Mar - 11 Apr	£4,490		

2021 DATES

05 Feb - 27 Feb	£4,990	26 Mar - 17 Apr	£4,690
19 Feb - 13 Mar	£4,990	15 Oct - 06 Nov	£5,190

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available)

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,890 (Luang Prabang – Siem Reap)
- Single room from £990
- Tipping paid locally US\$92

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



BANGKOK STOPOVER

3 nights from £430pp (see page 184)

HONG KONG STOPOVER

2 nights from £290pp (see page 185)

For more information about our stopovers & extensions please see our website, call us or visit your travel agent.

GRAND TOUR OF INDOCHINA

28 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



See the dramatic limestone karst countryside at Vang Vieng

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Meet the local people in Sapa

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Embark on an easy trek through the incredible landscapes of Sapa. Admire views of the famous rice terraces and visit the villages of Black H'mong and Red Dzao minority people and meet the communities that call them home.
- ▶ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and circus, Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique, magical and authentically-Cambodian way.
- ▶ Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAIGON

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

This morning, contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Visit the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum.

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

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

DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. In the afternoon take a walking tour of Hoi An including the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the workshop of social enterprise 'Reaching Out'. The next morning visit the beautiful, rural Tra Que Village.

DAY 7: HOI AN AT LEISURE

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

DAYS 8-9: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

Travel the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. Visit the UNESCO Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. The next day explore the imposing Imperial Citadel before seeing Thien Mu Pagoda and cruising along the Perfume River.

DAY 10: JOURNEY TO HANOI

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

DAY 11: MUSEUM OF ETHNOLOGY

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

DAYS 12-13: SAPA COUNTRYSIDE

Spend the next two days discovering this verdant area of rolling hills and rice terraces, exploring colourful markets, minority villages including Cat Cat, and tribal architecture. Board the overnight train back to Hanoi.

DAYS 14-15: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Arrive back in Hanoi this morning travel to Halong City by road. Spend two days aboard your comfortable cruise boat sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi. This evening enjoy the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAY 16: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

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

DAY 17: TAKBAT

Rise early to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat. Ascend Phousi Hill for city views and visit Wat Xieng Thong. Take to the waters of the Mekong to visit the sacred caves of



Explore Angkor's temples



Visit the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh

Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of Buddhist sculptures that reside within.

DAY 18: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

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

DAY 19: TRAVEL TO VANG VIENG

Fly to Vientiane and travel to Vang Vieng, a town beautifully set in a spectacular karst landscape.

DAY 20: EXPLORE VANG VIENG

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

DAY 21: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

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

DAY 22: ROYAL PALACE

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

DAY 23: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Visit the children of the Apsara Arts Association and discover the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum. Later explore the Russian and Central markets.

DAY 24: SUNSET OVER ANGKOR

Ascend to hilltop Wat Phnom before

transferring to the airport to fly to Siem Reap. Visit the captivating Banteay Srei, before taking a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems.

DAY 25: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Begin at atmospheric Ta Prohm, continuing to Angkor Thom and passing through the South Gate to reach the enigmatic Bayon. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. This evening enjoy a rollicking performance of the Phare Cambodian Circus.

DAY 26: TONLE SAP

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

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

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

DAYS 27-28: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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

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Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

GRAND TOUR OF INDOCHINA

CLASSIC

VIETNAM, LAOS & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

For those with more time, this tour not only covers the highlights of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, but helps you explore further into the region's magnificent beauty, fascinating culture and friendly communities.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

2020 DATES

18 Jan - 14 Feb	£4,590	28 Mar - 24 Apr	£4,690
22 Feb - 20 Mar	£4,590	29 Aug - 25 Sep	£4,590
07 Mar - 03 Apr	£4,490	31 Oct - 27 Nov	£4,690

2021 DATES

20 Feb - 19 Mar	£4,890	28 Aug - 24 Sep	£4,890
06 Mar - 02 Apr	£4,790	13 Nov - 10 Dec	£4,990
27 Mar - 23 Apr	£4,990		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,890 (Saigon - Siem Reap)
- Single room from £740
- Tipping paid locally US\$160

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



MUI NE BEACH EXTENSION

3 nights from £520pp

For more information about our stopovers & extensions please see our website, call us or visit your travel agent.

THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,590

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Marvel at Bangkok's Grand Palace
- ✓ Cross the infamous River Kwai
- ✓ Explore historic Ayutthaya
- ✓ Meet minority hill tribes
- ✓ Stroll through laidback Chiang Rai
- ✓ Master Thai cuisine with Chiang Mai's cooking class



See Chiang Rai's contemporary White Temple

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Be amazed at Samut Songkhram market

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit Samut Songkhram market, famous for being set along a railway line – witness the fascinating bustle of activity by stallholders, moving their wares speedily out of the way as a train passes through!
- ▶ Venture deep into the northern highlands and spend the night at one with nature at the Lisu eco-lodge, where you'll enjoy a local dinner and a Lisu folklore experience.
- ▶ Spend the day with Asian elephants at Chiang Mai's Thai Elephant Care Centre, a home for elderly pachyderms, where you'll meet, feed and bathe the gorgeous residents.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BANGKOK

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER BANGKOK

Bangkok is an exotic assault on the senses, a whirlwind of chaos, refinement and rewarding sights where you can hop from tranquil golden temples to forests of gleaming skyscrapers before experiencing authentic Asia on bustling streets. Today's sightseeing includes Wat Pho, the dazzling Grand Palace and a stroll through Chinatown. Later, take to the Chao Phraya River on a longboat to get an alternative view of the city as you travel to the Pak Khlong Talaat Flower Market.

DAY 4: BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and the bizarre Samut Songkhram market before heading out of Bangkok to Kanchanaburi. Stop at the famous bridge over the River Kwai before visiting the Allied Cemetery and War Museum.

DAY 5: EXPLORE KANCHANABURI

Drive to Hellfire Pass and visit the fascinating museum before a short walk through the pass. Hop on board an old locomotive to travel along a section of the notorious Death Railway passing through the Kwai Gorge. Return to Bangkok in the afternoon. This evening enjoy a dinner accompanied by Thai classical dancing.

DAY 6: AYUTTHAYA

A sacred city and former royal capital, Ayutthaya today is a crumbled kingdom that

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

DAY 7: GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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



Visit Mae Salong Mountain tea plantations



Explore a vibrant flower market



Spend the day with Asian elephants

DAY 8: QUIANT MAE SALONG

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

DAY 9: THE STUNNING WHITE TEMPLE

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

DAY 10: DISCOVER CHIANG MAI

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

DAY 11: THAI ELEPHANT CARE CENTRE

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

DAY 12: CHIANG MAI COOKING CLASS

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

be entertained by a selection of cultural performances.

DAY 13: FLY CHIANG MAI TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



LAOS OR LUANG PRABANG EXTENSION
4 nights from £640pp

PHUKET BEACH OR KOH SAMUI BEACH EXTENSION
3 nights from £230pp

YANGON EXTENSION
2 nights from £190pp

For more information about our stopovers & extensions please see our website, call us or visit your travel agent.

THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS

CLASSIC THAILAND

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Wednesday

2020 DATES

14 Feb - 26 Feb	£2,590	03 Apr - 15 Apr	£2,790
13 Mar - 25 Mar	£2,590	30 Oct - 11 Nov	£2,590

2021 DATES

12 Feb - 24 Feb	£2,690	09 Apr - 21 Apr	£2,790
19 Feb - 03 Mar	£2,690	05 Nov - 17 Nov	£2,690

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,990 (Bangkok – Chiang Mai)
- Single room from £220
- Tipping paid locally US\$60



Experience local Thai cuisine

VIETNAM EXPLORER

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise on scenic Halong Bay
- ✓ Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- ✓ Discover the stunning Hue
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Drift on the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Experience the buzz of Saigon

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L), 4 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the bustling streets of Hanoi's vibrant Old Quarter by cyclo, stopping off at a café to sample a traditionally-made, local speciality, egg coffee.
- ▶ Enjoy Saigon's most extraordinary production, the A O Show! This breathtaking performance showcases the beauty and cultural richness of Vietnamese rural life through music, dance and acrobatics.
- ▶ Personalise this tour to suit how you want to spend your holiday! Use your free time to make your own explorations or add on cultural experiences, such as a royal dining experience, a bamboo paper craft workshop or a street food adventure.



Take a boat trip through the palm-lined canals of Ben Tre

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO HANOI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER HANOI

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

DAY 4: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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

DAY 5: TAI CHI

Rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. After brunch onboard, return to the dock and travel back to Hanoi. On arrival, enjoy free time or choose from two optional activities. 1) Watch the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam, followed by dinner. Or 2) discover the varied and delicious

flavours of Vietnamese street food on a tour of Hanoi's very best street eats. (B)

DAY 6: IMPERIAL HUE

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

DAY 7: HUE EXPERIENCES

Today is a day at leisure for your own explorations, or you can choose between the following experiences: 1) a half day cycling tour of Hue and its beautiful rural surroundings, stopping for lunch with the nuns of a nearby pagoda, or 2) learn 'truc chi', creating art with bamboo paper, on a half day visit to a workshop. (B)



See the acrobatic A O Show



Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel

FLEXIBLE VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Explore the best bits of Vietnam, on a flexible itinerary that gives you the choice to discover each destination independently or choose between a series of wonderful cultural experiences. This tour is Vietnam, your way!



Visit the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO HOI AN

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

DAY 9: HOI AN EXPERIENCES

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

DAY 10: FLY TO SAIGON

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

DAY 11: MEKONG DELTA

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

DAY 12: CU CHI TUNNELS

This morning, discover the Cu Chi Tunnels, an amazing underground network used by the Viet Cong during the war. Return to

Saigon and tour the city, visiting the Central Post Office as well as delving into Vietnam's recent history at the Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner and a performance of the A O Show, a music, dance and acrobatic spectacular at the Saigon Opera House. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13-14: FLY SAIGON TO UK

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



MUI NE BEACH EXTENSION

3 nights from £520pp

BANGKOK STOPOVER

3 nights from £430pp (see page 184)

HUA HIN BEACH EXTENSION

3 nights from £330pp

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PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Thursday

2020 DATES

21 Feb - 05 Mar	£2,590	09 Oct - 22 Oct	£2,590
13 Mar - 26 Mar	£2,490		

2021 DATES

19 Feb - 04 Mar	£2,690	08 Oct - 21 Oct	£2,790
12 Mar - 25 Mar	£2,590		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,890 (Hanoi - Saigon)
- Single room from £320
- Tipping paid locally US\$72



Learn to cook a Vietnamese dish

SCENIC VIETNAM

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore vibrant Saigon
- ✓ Discover the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Learn traditional farming techniques in Hoi An
- ✓ Meet the locals in Mai Chau
- ✓ Cruise the magical Halong Bay
- ✓ Plenty of chances to mingle with your group



Experience local life in Mai Chau valley

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L), 5 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation and eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



See talented performers and water puppetry

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', an outdoor spectacular that perfectly showcases the rich culture and daily life of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented performers, water puppetry, and lights.
- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ In the rural village of Mai Chau, dine on a delicious barbecue dinner at a local stilt house, washed down with tasty local rice wine, and accompanied by a traditional dance performance.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most vibrant city. On arrival at the airport you will be met by a member of the Wendy Wu Tours team and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is free.

DAY 3: CU CHI TUNNELS

This morning, you will meet your fellow travellers and head out as a group to the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels, an underground network of passageways used by the Viet Cong during the war. Returning to the city, we'll admire Vietnam's colonial past with a visit to the Central Post Office before exploring the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum. This evening, we'll ascend to a downtown rooftop and mingle with cocktails, followed by dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

We journey to Ben Tre to discover the Mekong Delta. This area is called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruit. Today, we'll taste some of the produce of the area, enjoy traditional music, paddle through the palm-lined canals in a sampan and pass local fish farms. (B,L)

DAY 5: JOURNEY TO HOI AN

Catching a flight to Danang, we transfer to the wonderfully laidback and charming Hoi An. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 6: TRA QUE VILLAGE

This morning, we will share a community experience in the rural village of Tra Que, admiring the gardens of vegetables and herbs, and joining a local family for lunch and a

cooking demonstration. This afternoon we will wander the sights of Hoi An, stopping at Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, where we'll meet the artisans before enjoying a well-deserved tea break in the tea house. (B,L)

DAY 7: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's elegant capital city. This afternoon, we'll begin our explorations, with visits to the Museum of Ethnology and the gatehouse of the infamous Hanoi Hilton. Later, we'll take a twilight walking tour of the Ho Chi Minh Quarter of the city, with a stop for a refreshing glass of beer at Ta Hien beer corner. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: EXPLORE HANOI

Return to the Ho Chi Minh Quarter this morning to see Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and Confucian monument, the Temple of Literature. We'll then sit down together to sample traditional Vietnamese egg coffee. The afternoon is free – you may wish to wander the Old Quarter to do some shopping. (B,L)

DAY 9: MAI CHAU

Travel to Mai Chau, a rural village set in a lush valley, and the home to ethnic minority communities like the White and Black Thai people. We'll walk amongst the rice paddies this afternoon, visiting hill tribe villages and meeting friendly members of these communities. Dinner tonight will be a barbecue at a local stilt house, where we'll be treated to a traditional dance performance and 'Can' rice wine tasting! (B,L,D)



Explore ancient Hoi An

DAY 10: RETURN TO HANOI

Our morning is free to relax before travelling back to Hanoi. (B)

DAY 11: HALONG BAY

A highlight of any trip to Vietnam, today we take to the waters of the incredible Halong Bay. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, we'll sail lazily amongst the limestone karst peaks, soaking up the views from the deck of our traditional vessel and docking to visit an impressive cave. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: QUINTESSENCE OF TONKIN

Rise early to watch the sun rise over the bay, and to take part in an invigorating session of Tai Chi on deck. Cruise back to the dock and transfer back to Hanoi. This final evening together will include dinner, where we can reflect on our journey together before sitting down to the visually spectacular 'Quintessence of Tonkin' show. (B,D)

DAY 13: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?
Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



HONG KONG STOPOVER

2 nights from £290pp (see page 185)

SAPA EXTENSION

3 nights from £730pp

HUA HIN BEACH EXTENSION

3 nights from £330pp

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Explore Saigon, Vietnam's most vibrant city

SCENIC VIETNAM

SOLO VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With plenty of opportunities to mingle with your fellow travellers and free time for independent exploration, this tour encompasses Vietnam's highlights as well as taking you to more undiscovered places, like the spectacular Mai Chau valley.



Taste local Vietnamese cuisine

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Thursday

2020 DATES

29 Feb - 12 Mar £2,790 12 Sep - 24 Sep £2,890

2021 DATES

27 Feb - 11 Mar £2,890 11 Sep - 23 Sep £2,990

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,190 (Saigon – Hanoi)
- Single room for sole use included
- Tipping paid locally US\$72

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA EXPERIENCE

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Explore the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Discover Angkor by tuk tuk
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap
- ✓ Plenty of chances to mingle with your group



Admire the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts (B), 10 lunches (L), 4 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Visit Reaching Out Tea House

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit Hoi An's charming Reaching Out Tea House for a rejuvenating cup of tea and the chance to learn about the work the project does with local people with disabilities.
- ▶ Relax as you float on the gentle waters of the moat of Angkor Thom, seeing the old walled city from a different perspective and savouring the beauty of a peaceful sunset.
- ▶ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and circus. Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique, magical and authentically-Cambodian way.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO HANOI

Fly overnight to Hanoi, Vietnam's elegant capital city. On arrival at the airport you will be met by a member of the Wendy Wu Tours team and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is free.

DAY 3: EXPLORE HANOI

This morning, you will meet your fellow travellers and head out to explore the city! We'll visit Ho Chi Minh's Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature, before we sit down together to sample traditional Vietnamese egg coffee. Dinner will include a cooking demonstration and feature local dish, bun thang. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HALONG BAY

A highlight of any trip to Vietnam, today we take to the waters of the incredible Halong Bay. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, we'll sail lazily amongst the limestone karst peaks, soaking up the views from the deck of our traditional vessel and docking to visit an impressive cave. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: SUNRISE OVER HALONG BAY

Rise early to watch the sun rise over the bay, and to take part in an invigorating session of Tai Chi on deck. Fly to Danang and transfer to the charming town of Hoi An. (B)

DAY 6: TRA QUE VILLAGE

This morning we will share a community experience in the rural village of Tra Que, joining a local family for lunch and a cooking demonstration. This afternoon, we will wander the sights of Hoi An, stopping at Reaching

Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, before enjoying a well-deserved tea break in the tea house. (B,L)

DAY 7: FREE TIME IN HOI AN

Today is a free day for you to spend as you wish; your guide will be on hand to give options and ideas. (B)

DAY 8: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's largest, and most vibrant city. Head out of the city to the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels, used by the Viet Cong during the war. (B,L)

DAY 9: MEKONG DELTA

We journey to Ben Tre to discover the Mekong Delta, a rich and fertile region that produces a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruit. Today, we'll taste some of the produce of the area, enjoy traditional music, paddle through the palm-lined canals in a sampan and visit a floating fishing village. (B,L)

DAY 10: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

This morning we'll see the Notre Dame Cathedral and explore the Central Post Office before visiting the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum. In the afternoon, we will fly to Phnom Penh, Cambodia's lovely capital, where we'll toast our arrival with a cold drink on the riverfront. (B,L)

DAY 11: CITY CYCLO TOUR

Together, we'll take to the roads of Phnom Penh by cyclo, before visiting the beautiful Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. This afternoon, we'll learn about Cambodia's tragic



Travel by tuk tuk to Angkor Thom



Explore incredible Halong Bay

past at the affecting Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: ANGKOR BY TUK TUK

Fly to Siem Reap, gateway to the temples of Angkor. Travelling in a fleet of tuk-tuks, we'll explore Angkor Thom, the old walled city of the Khmer Empire, where we'll see the Bayon and Terrace of the Elephants. As the sun sets, we will take to boats to float peacefully on the waters of Angkor Thom's moat. (B,L)

DAY 13: EXPLORE ANGKOR

Heading back to Angkor, we start amongst the atmospheric ruins of Ta Prohm before exploring the wonders of Angkor Wat. We'll then travel farther afield to Banteay Srei, a temple famous for its incredibly intricate carvings. What better way to end an adventure-filled day than relaxing in a rooftop bar with a group of fellow travellers and a cocktail? (B,L)

DAY 14: TONLE SAP LAKE

High water season (Aug-Feb)
Cruise the waters of Tonle Sap Lake to the floating village of Kampong Kleng, where we'll meet the community who call it home. Return to Siem Reap via Artisan D'Angkor for a spot of shopping.

Low water season (Mar-Jul)

Visit the floating village of Chong Kneas, where we'll meet the community who call it home. Return to Siem Reap via Artisan D'Angkor for a spot of shopping. The afternoon is free to spend as you wish – shopping at the local market is a good option. This last evening together, we will share a

farewell dinner to reflect on our adventures, before enjoying the fantastic Phare Circus. (B,L,D)

DAYS 15-16: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



BANGKOK STOPOVER

3 nights from £430pp (see page 184)

SAPA EXTENSION

3 nights from £730pp

HONG KONG STOPOVER

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SOLO

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Exclusively for solo travellers, on this immersive tour you'll discover the highlights of Vietnam and Cambodia with cultural experiences, group activities and a great chance to relax with your companions.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Saturday

2020 DATES

06 Mar - 21 Mar	£3,390	02 Oct - 17 Oct	£3,490
11 Sep - 26 Sep	£3,390		

2021 DATES

05 Mar - 20 Mar	£3,590	01 Oct - 16 Oct	£3,690
10 Sep - 25 Sep	£3,690		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,790 (Hanoi – Siem Reap)
- Single room for sole use included
- Tipping paid locally US\$84



Cruise the waters of Tonle Sap Lake

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore enchanting Luang Prabang
- ✓ Admire the mystical Kuang Si waterfalls
- ✓ Wonder at the Plain of Jars
- ✓ Discover scenic Vang Vieng
- ✓ Stroll through quaint Vientiane
- ✓ Unwind at the Si Phan Don



Explore the beautiful Si Phan Don

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts (B), 11 lunches (L), 9 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)



Experience the sacred alms giving

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO BANGKOK

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

DAY 3: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

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

DAY 4: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

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

DAY 5: PAK OU CAVES

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

DAY 6: PHOUSI HILL

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

DAY 7: PHONSAVAN

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

DAY 8: PLAIN OF JARS

One of the most important ancient sites in Southeast Asia, these mysterious clusters of giant jars are thought to be about 2,000 years old. We will visit Site 1 where there are over 200 jars, Site 2 which also allows you to admire the beautiful scenery of the region and Site 3, situated in picturesque woodland. There will also be a visit to the office of the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), an organisation that helps clear unexploded ordnance that are a remnant of American raids during the Vietnam War. Take the opportunity to speak with the organisation's head. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: VANG VIENG

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

DAY 10: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Drive to Vientiane, Laos' capital. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly



See the mysterious Plain of Jars



Admire the view from Phousi Hill

backwater than chaotic capital. Spend the rest of the day exploring with visits to Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument, that resembles Paris' Arc de Triomphe. (B,L)

DAY 11: SI PHAN DON

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

DAY 12: 4,000 ISLANDS

Around Si Phan Don, meaning '4,000 islands', the pace of life is slow and easy and the river views are gorgeous. See the magnificent Khone Phapheng Waterfall, Southeast Asia's largest, and pop over to Khone Island by speedboat to discover its charming colonial buildings and see Lphi Waterfall, nicknamed the Devil's Corridor. Depending on the season, you may see traditional fishing techniques in action. Spend the rest of your day at leisure. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: BOLAVEN PLATEAU

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

DAYS 14-15: FLY PAKSE TO UK

Fly from Pakse to Bangkok where you'll have

the use of a hotel room before your evening flight back to the UK, arriving home the following day. (B,D)

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



SAPA EXTENSION

3 nights from £730pp (see page 184)

BANGKOK STOPOVER

3 nights from £430pp

HONG KONG STOPOVER

2 nights from £290pp (see page 185)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

GO BEYOND LAOS

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Tuesday

2020 DATES

17 Mar - 31 Mar	£2,690	03 Nov - 17 Nov	£2,690
13 Oct - 27 Oct	£2,690		

2021 DATES

16 Mar - 30 Mar	£2,890	09 Nov - 23 Nov	£2,890
12 Oct - 26 Oct	£2,890		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,190 (Bangkok – Bangkok)
- Single room from £390
- Tipping paid locally US\$91



Discover Wat Xieng Thong

THAILAND & LAOS ADVENTURE

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£2,790**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Meet beautiful elephants in Chiang Mai

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Enjoy a guided meditation session

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a local yoga centre in Thailand's cultural hub of Chiang Mai and begin your search for inner peace with a guided meditation session, a perfect moment of relaxation.
- ▶ Visit Samut Songkhram market, famous for being along a railway line – witness the fascinating bustle of activity by the stallholders to move their wares out of the way as a train comes through!
- ▶ Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BANGKOK

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER BANGKOK

Bangkok is an exotic assault on the senses, a whirlwind of chaos, refinement and rewarding sights where you can go from tranquil golden temples to forests of gleaming skyscrapers before experiencing authentic Asia on bustling streets. Today's sightseeing includes Wat Pho, the dazzling Grand Palace and Chinatown. Take to the Chao Phraya River on a longboat, getting an alternative view of the city as you travel to the Pak Klong Talaat Flower Market. This evening enjoy a Thai dinner whilst watching a traditional music and dance show.

DAY 4: FLOATING MARKET

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and experience the Maeklong railway market. Board an overnight train to Chiang Mai.

DAY 5: EXPLORE CHIANG MAI BY CYCLO

The antithesis of Bangkok, Chiang Mai is a chilled out, nonchalant city in the foothills of Thailand's northern highlands. Take a cyclo tour of the city, visit Flok Life Museum, admire Wat Chedi Luang and ascend to Wat Doi Suthep perched on top of Doi Suthep Mountain. This evening, enjoy a traditional Khantoke dinner and a performance of the ancient songs and dances of northern Thailand and wander through the buzzing night bazaar in search of bargains.

DAY 6: H'MONG HILLTRIBE LODGE

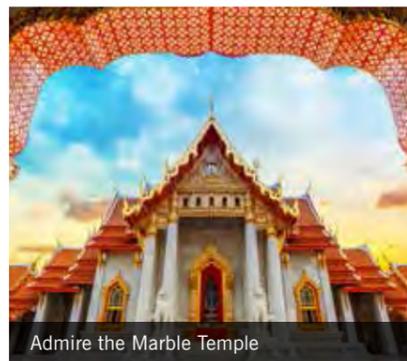
Start the day with a relaxed mind as you join a group meditation session before heading up into the Suthep-Pui Mountains. Tonight you will spend the night at the H'mong Hilltribe Lodge amidst the striking natural beauty of the region. This evening enjoy a barbecue dinner and a cultural show.

DAY 7: THAI ELEPHANT CARE CENTRE

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

DAY 8: CHIANG RAI

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



Admire the Marble Temple



Explore Damnoen Saduak Floating Market

DAY 9: CRUISE THE MEKONG

Transfer to the Thai-Laos border and climb aboard a boat to cruise along the upper Mekong taking in the scenery as you go. Stop at Pakbeng with time to visit the village of Ban Houei Lumpene before settling in for the night.

DAY 10: CRUISE TO LUANG PRABANG

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

DAY 11: EXPLORE LUANG PRABANG

An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid colours with an extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. Visit Ban Xang Khong craft village where you can see Sa Paper and local handcraft production. Take a city tour, seeing sights including Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong. Later, spend some time at a local wat, chatting with the friendly monks who love to practice their English.

DAY 12: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat. After breakfast, ascend Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the town and see the treasures at the National Museum. Head out of the town to enjoy the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls before returning to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.

DAY 13: FLY TO VIENTIANE

Catch a flight to Laos' capital city, Vientiane.

DAY 14: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

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

DAYS 15-16: FLY VIENTIANE TO UK

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



HANOI & HALONG BAY EXTENSION
4 nights from £660pp

HUA HIN BEACH EXTENSION
3 nights from £330pp

SINGAPORE STOPOVER
2 nights from £350pp (see page 184)

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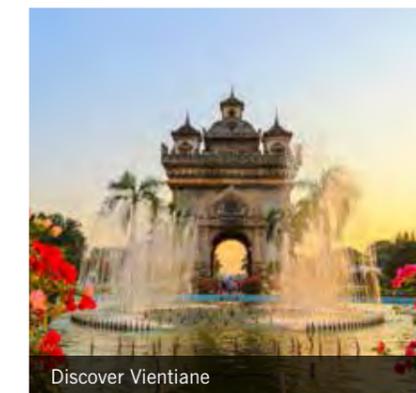
GO BEYOND THAILAND & LAOS

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Discover Vientiane

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

2020 DATES			
11 Feb - 26 Feb	£2,790	10 Nov - 25 Nov	£2,790
10 Mar - 25 Mar	£2,790		

2021 DATES			
09 Feb - 24 Feb	£2,890	09 Nov - 24 Nov	£2,890
09 Mar - 24 Mar	£2,890		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,190 (Bangkok – Vientiane)
- Single room from £420
- Tipping paid locally US\$70



Visit enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls

VIETNAM TRAILS

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



See the locals in Sapa

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus overnight train
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Cook up a Vietnamese feast

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

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

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

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

DAY 5: JOURNEY TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. Take a walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, whose streets are a delight to wander. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work.

DAY 6: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

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

DAY 7: HOI AN FREE DAY

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

DAY 8: IMPERIAL HUE

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



Discover Hue's Imperial Citadel



Take a cable car ride to Mount Fansipan



Cruise picturesque Halong Bay

GO BEYOND VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

DAYS 9-10: EXPLORE HANOI

Fly to Hanoi this morning. The rest of the day is at leisure. The next day you will see the Ho Chi Minh mausoleum and visit the Stilt House set in the gardens of the Presidential Palace. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a thrilling cyclo tour through Phan Dinh Phung street and the Old Quarter. Wrap up your ride with a strong Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking St. Joseph's Cathedral. Board your overnight train to Lao Cai.

DAYS 11-12: SAPA

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

DAY 13: MOUNT FANSIPAN

Take a cable car ride up Mount Fansipan, the highest mountain in Indochina, arriving at the summit to enjoy incredible views from a breathtaking 3,143 metres. Also visit Sapa museum and Sapa church. Board the overnight train to Hanoi.

DAYS 14-15: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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

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

DAY 16: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



BANGKOK STOPOVER

3 nights from £430pp (see page 184)

HUA HIN BEACH EXTENSION

3 nights from £330pp

HONG KONG STOPOVER

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PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

2020 DATES

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24 Mar - 08 Apr	£2,890	08 Sep - 23 Sep	£2,790

2021 DATES

09 Mar - 24 Mar	£2,990	06 Apr - 21 Apr	£3,190
23 Mar - 07 Apr	£3,190	14 Sep - 29 Sep	£2,990

Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,190 (Saigon – Hanoi)
- Single room from £420
- Tipping paid locally US\$75



Visit One Pillar Pagoda

BEST OF BORNEO

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,990**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll through charming Kuching
- ✓ Explore Bako National Park
- ✓ Immerse yourself in the nature of Batang Ai
- ✓ Experience life in an Iban longhouse
- ✓ Stand in Mount Kinabalu's shadow
- ✓ Visit Sepilok's Orangutan Centre



Visit Sepilok's Orangutan Centre

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See Rhinoceros Hornbills

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUCHING

Fly overnight to the relaxed and charismatic city of Kuching.

DAY 3: EXPLORE KUCHING

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

DAY 4: BAKO NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 5: SEMENGGOH NATURE RESERVE

This morning you have the opportunity to meet Borneo's most famous native, the orangutan! Semenggoh is a centre dedicated to the rehabilitation of rescued or orphaned young orangutans – here they are taught how to survive in the wild. The area you are visiting is where the orangutans are released after their training, to live freely in the nature reserve, so please bear in mind that it is not

guaranteed that you will spot a resident. Travel on towards Batang Ai National Park.

DAY 6: IBAN LONGHOUSE

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

DAY 7: RETURN TO KUCHING

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

DAY 8: FLY TO KOTA KINABALU

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

DAY 9: EXPLORE KOTA KINABALU

Begin your explorations at the Sabah State Museum where you can learn about the state's diverse cultural and natural heritage, before exploring some of the city's beautiful architecture, including the Blue Mosque and Chinese Temple. Browse the piles of wares at the handicraft market and spice bazaar, before strolling through the oldest part of the city. Lunch will be at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, dine on traditional Malay cuisine.

DAY 10: KINABALU PARK

Head out of the city to the foot of Mt Kinabalu, Borneo's highest mountain, where



PLANE COACH BOAT



Explore Kuching's waterfront

you will spend the day exploring Kinabalu Park, Malaysia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. Embark on a guided walk along one of the many forest trails to discover some of the unique flora and fauna that calls the area home.

DAY 11: FLY TO SANDAKAN

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

DAY 12: SEPILOK ORANGUTAN CENTRE

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

DAY 13: KINABATANGAN RIVER

Embark on an early morning cruise to the Oxbow Lake, where you can spot wildlife and

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

DAY 14: SANDAKAN TO KOTA KINABALU

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

DAYS 15-16: FLY KOTA KINABALU TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

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Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



GAYA ISLAND BEACH EXTENSION

3 nights from £480pp

SINGAPORE STOPOVER

2 nights from £350pp (see page 184)

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BEST OF BORNEO

GO BEYOND BORNEO

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Look for pygmy elephants

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2020 DATES

28 Mar - 12 Apr	£3,990	01 Aug - 16 Aug	£4,490
25 Apr - 10 May	£4,190	29 Aug - 13 Sep	£4,190
23 May - 07 Jun	£4,190	12 Sep - 27 Sep	£4,190

2021 DATES

03 Apr - 18 Apr	£4,190	31 Jul - 15 Aug	£4,690
24 Apr - 09 May	£4,390	04 Sep - 19 Sep	£4,390
22 May - 06 Jun	£4,390	11 Sep - 26 Sep	£4,390

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,290 (Kuching – Kota Kinabalu)
- Single room from £460
- Tipping paid locally MYR250



Spot birds on the Kinabatangan River

INCREDIBLE INDONESIA

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Spot Komodo dragons
- ✓ Admire the beautiful water castle
- ✓ Marvel at a Borobudur sunrise
- ✓ Visit Laweyan batik village
- ✓ Be inspired by Flores' beauty
- ✓ Cruise to Rinca island
- ✓ Swim at the stunning 'Pink Beach'



Admire the magical Borobudur temple

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Discover Yogyakarta by becak

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Embark on an evening foodie tour by becak through the streets of vibrant Yogyakarta, tasting a variety of delicious local delicacies.
- ▶ Venture out by jeep to the perfect Mount Bromo vantage point for sunrise views over the volcano and spectacular surrounding landscapes before exploring a nearby village.
- ▶ Pay a visit to a leather shadow puppet maker to learn about the process behind their creation and how they are used in this traditional Indonesian performing art.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO YOGYAKARTA

Fly overnight to Yogyakarta, the cultural and historical heart of Java. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish.

DAY 3: EXPLORE YOGYAKARTA

Today, visit the Sultan's Palace and Taman Sari Water Castle. Later, learn about the art of leather shadow puppet making, a traditional craft, before a stroll through the Beringharjo market. This evening, dine in a Javanese house with a local family.

DAY 4: YOGYAKARTA'S HIDDEN CORNERS

Explore the hidden sights of the city, visiting a Buddhist vihara, a traditional 1,300-year-old medicine shop and the Puro Pakualaman, the palace of the princely state of Pakualaman. The afternoon is at leisure before a foodie tour of the vibrant Malioboro Road.

DAY 5: HISTORIC KOTAGEDE

A dazzling day of culture starts by exploring the historical neighbourhood of Kotagede by becak. Here you'll see the thriving silver industry and visit traditional Javanese houses including an eclectic Kalang house, as well as Pasar Legi, a Javanese market. Finally, dressed in Javanese costume you'll wander the sacred royal cemetery. Transfer to Magelang.

DAY 6: BOROBUDUR SUNRISE

Get up early for a magical sunrise at the enigmatic Borobudur, a 1,200-year-old temple, said to be the largest Buddhist structure on earth, set picturesquely amongst tropical foliage. Follow in the footsteps of ancient pilgrims to discover more of the

complex before glimpsing rural life in the close-by Candirejo, visiting the village by horse drawn carriage.

DAY 7: MOUNT MERAPI BY JEEP

Transfer to Solo. Stop en route to explore the spectacular Turgo Hills by jeep, driving up to a viewpoint where you can admire a panorama of the surrounding area, including Mount Merapi. Browse the Sisa Hartaku Mini Museum before continuing to Kaliurang to visit the Museum of Mount Merapi and tuck into a Javanese buffet with beautiful views over the rice fields and volcano.

DAY 8: EXPLORE SOLO

An epicentre of Javanese culture, the city of Solo gives a wonderfully authentic glimpse of traditional island life. Explore the streets on a becak ride, stopping off at Triwindu market to browse the antiques. This afternoon, visit Laweyan batik village, to learn about this Javanese craft.

DAY 9: SCENIC TRAIN RIDE

At Solo station, board the train to Jombang, taking a scenic ride through the countryside into East Java. On arrival, transfer over to Bromo. Set in the steep hills of the Tengger Valley, you will be staying at the foot of the spectacular Tengger massif, and the famous Mount Bromo.

DAY 10: MOUNT BROMO SUNRISE

Rise early and ascend to Gunung Penanjakan by jeep for an epic sunrise over Bromo and the surrounding area. Journey across the Sea of Sand, a nature reserve, to Bromo itself where you can climb the 245 steps up to the rim to peer down into the crater.



Learn the traditional art of batik



Swim on gorgeous Pink Beach

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO SURABAYA

Drive to Surabaya, East Java's capital. Visit the quirky House of Sampoerna, a cigarette factory housed in an old Dutch colonial building with a fascinating museum.

DAY 12: FLY TO FLORES

Transfer back to Yogyakarta and fly to the island of Flores, a lush tropical island and the gateway to Komodo National Park.

DAY 13: KOMODO NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a full day boat trip to Komodo National Park. On Komodo Island, walk to Banunggulung river bed with a park ranger; keep your camera at the ready as you hunt for gigantic Komodo dragons and enjoy the unusual nature of the island. Later you'll be able to swim and snorkel at gorgeous Pink Beach and paradisiacal Kanawa Island.

DAY 14: KELOR AND RINCA ISLANDS

A second full day adventure to Komodo National Park, includes visits to Kelor and Rinca islands, two of the many tropical gems dotting the area. Head out on foot with a local ranger in search of Komodo dragons, tropical birds, buffalo, deer and pigs. Cruise on to the tiny Sembilan Island, where you can swim in the crystal-clear waters and discover enchanting Jellyfish Lake!

DAY 15: DEPART FLORES

After a morning at leisure, transfer to the airport and fly to Bali where you'll spend the night in Sanur beach.

DAY 16: FLY BALI TO UK

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



BALI BEACH EXTENSION

2 nights from £240pp

NORTH SUMATRA EXTENSION

5 nights from £730pp

SINGAPORE STOPOVER

2 nights from £350pp (see page 184)

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GO BEYOND INDONESIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An incredible introduction to the wonders of Indonesia, this tour will immerse you in fascinating cultures, and showcase magnificent nature. There's also plenty of options to extend your adventure and feel like a true explorer again!

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Saturday

2020 DATES

05 Jun - 20 Jun	£3,790	04 Sep - 19 Sep	£3,690
24 Jul - 08 Aug	£3,990		

2021 DATES

04 Jun - 19 Jun	£3,990	03 Sep - 18 Sep	£3,890
23 Jul - 07 Aug	£4,190		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Yogyakarta – Denpasar)
- Single room from £890
- Tipping paid locally US\$88



Witness an epic sunrise over Mount Bromo

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA DISCOVERY

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,290**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Walk through beautiful rice terraces

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Paddle a round basket boat in Hoi An

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER LOCAL HANOI

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

DAY 4: HOANG SU PHI

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

DAYS 5-6: LUSH RICE TERRACES

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

DAY 7: RETURN TO HANOI

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

DAYS 8-9: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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

DAY 10: FARMER AND FISHERMAN EXPERIENCE

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

DAY 11: CHARMING HOI AN

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

DAY 12: IMPERIAL HUE BY BICYCLE

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



Spot water buffalo



Explore Angkor by tuk tuk

DAY 13: SAIGON VESPA TOUR

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

DAY 14: SAIGON OLD AND NEW

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

DAY 15: BEN TRE BY BICYCLE

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

DAY 16: MEKONG DELTA

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

DAY 17: CAMBODIAN CIRCUS

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

DAY 18: ANGKOR BY TUK TUK

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

DAY 19: TONLE SAP LAKE

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

Low water season (Mar-Jul)

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

DAYS 20-21: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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

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VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover two fascinating countries. Hike through the verdant rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi and taste the street food in Hanoi. Your journey ends with an unforgettable exploration of the Angkor Wat complex by tuk tuk.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Thursday

2020 DATES

28 Feb - 19 Mar	£3,390	25 Sep - 15 Oct	£3,490
13 Mar - 02 Apr	£3,290	09 Oct - 29 Oct	£3,490

2021 DATES

26 Feb - 18 Mar	£3,590	24 Sep - 14 Oct	£3,690
12 Mar - 01 Apr	£3,490	08 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,690

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,690 (Hanoi – Siem Reap)
- Single room from £420
- Tipping paid locally US\$114

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



HUA HIN BEACH EXTENSION

3 nights from £330pp

BANGKOK STOPOVER

3 nights from £430pp (see page 184)

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CAMBODIA & VIETNAM REVEALED

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Gaze upon majestic Angkor
- ✓ Discover captivating Phnom Penh
- ✓ Marvel at the A O show
- ✓ Sunset dinner cruise in Hoi An
- ✓ Admire Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Cruise Halong Bay in style



Appreciate the magnificent monuments at Angkor

PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts (B), 14 lunches (L), 8 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- Domestic transportation
- 5 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Sumptuous dinners with drinks
- Afternoon tea experience
- Spa treatment



Learn the secrets of Angkor Wat's design

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Spend time with a leading stone conservation expert to get a 'behind-the-scenes' glimpse of the majestic Temples of Angkor and learn the secrets of their construction and design.
- ▶ Set sail on the luxurious Bonsai Legacy for a night of wining and dining, complete with live, cultural entertainment, against a backdrop of Saigon's bright lights.
- ▶ Dine like an emperor at a special royal dining experience, complete with courtly entertainment and a menu featuring a range of delicious, beautifully-presented regional dishes.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE ANGKOR

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

DAY 4: FLOATING VILLAGES

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

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

Visit a village to meet some of the locals and pop into Khapor High School to learn about their wonderful library project. Continue to Beng Mealea, a temple lost to the jungle. (B,L)

DAY 5: FOOT SPA TREATMENT

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

DAY 6: DISCOVER PHNOM PENH

See the glittering Royal Palace, the sacred Silver Pagoda and the National Museum. Ascend to hilltop Wat Phnom for picturesque vistas over the city and visit Tuol Sleng, a humbling reminder of the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge. (B,L)

DAY 7: FASCINATING A O SHOW

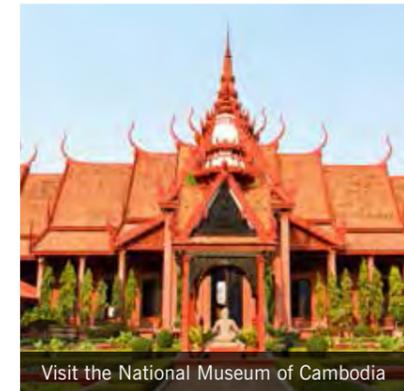
Enjoy a relaxed morning in Phnom Penh before flying to Saigon. This evening enjoy an exquisite dining experience before sitting down to the cultural extravaganza that is the 'A O Show', staged at the magnificent Saigon Opera House. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: EXPLORE SAIGON

This morning see the French-built Opera House and Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace, and the harrowing War Remnants Museum. This afternoon, take a cyclo tour of Chinatown and enjoy a walking tour of a traditional herbal medicine street, learning about herbs, spices and healing concoctions as you go. Later, ascend to the sky deck of the Bitexco Tower for a cocktail and sunset views. Finally drift gently down the Saigon River on the Bonsai Legacy, dining on delicious cuisine as you soak up the night-time views. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: DELUXE MEKONG CRUISE

Set sail through the palm-lined canals of the Mekong Delta in a traditional sampan, passing sleepy towns and stopping to explore markets bursting with fresh produce and innovative home industries. Visit a 19th-century house as well as a home that produces coconut candy and puffed rice before enjoying a lunch



Visit the National Museum of Cambodia



Explore Imperial Hue

served in a colonial-style villa set in a lush garden by the river. Return to Saigon. (B,L)

DAY 10: CU CHI TUNNELS

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

DAY 11: EXPLORE HOI AN

This morning wander the old streets, visiting Hoi An market, the Chua Ong Pagoda and the elaborate Japanese Bridge before taking tea at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House. This evening, sip cocktails and dine on delicious cuisine as you discover Hoi An's river culture with a sunset cruise along the Thu Bon River. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: FREE DAY

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

DAY 13: ROYAL DINING EXPERIENCE

Travel to Hue. Long considered a seat of culture, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. Take a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda, and take part in a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create art with bamboo paper. This evening indulge yourself with a royal dining experience. (B,D)

DAY 14: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

Enter the grandiose entrance of the Imperial Citadel and explore its grounds before visiting Minh Mang's tomb, the opulent and exotic resting place laid out in formal Chinese style. This afternoon try your hand at making paper flowers in Thanh Tien village. Later, admire

the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House - the owner, Mr Vinh, is a descendant from royalty. (B,L)

DAY 15: PRIVATE WATER PUPPETS

Fly to Hanoi and take a walking tour through the city's Old Quarter before meeting a water puppeteer who will introduce you to this traditional 11th-century art and put on a private water puppet show. Later enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment. (B,L)

DAY 16: HANOI HIGH TEA EXPERIENCE

Hanoi evokes images of an Asia of the past - European elegance mixed with Asian vibrancy. Spend the morning exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learning about the life of 'Uncle Ho' before visiting the revered Temple of Literature. Later let us treat you to a divine Afternoon Tea experience. (B,L)

DAYS 17-18: HALONG BAY IN STYLE

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

DAY 19: TRAVEL TO HANOI

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

DAY 20: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The perfect blend of sights and relaxation, this luxurious tour covers the best bits of Vietnam and Cambodia. Spending time with an expert at Angkor and a 2-night cruise on Halong Bay are just two of the magical experiences featured.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Wednesday

2020 DATES			
28 Feb - 18 Mar	£5,390	09 Oct - 28 Oct	£5,490
2021 DATES			
26 Feb - 17 Mar	£5,690	08 Oct - 27 Oct	£5,790

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,790 (Siem Reap - Hanoi)
- Single room from £1,690
- Tipping paid locally US\$152

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?
Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



Witness sunrise on Halong Bay

More tours to Southeast Asia

As well as the tours you've seen in the previous pages, we also have the tours below. For more information about them, please visit our website or call us to request a dedicated Southeast Asia brochure.

VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLASSIC

18 days from £2,990

- See local life on the Mekong
- Relax on stunning Nha Trang's beach
- Discover traditional life in Hoi An
- Learn of grand dynasties past in Hue
- Visit Duong Lam ancient village
- Marvel at a Halong sunrise



LAOS & CAMBODIA UNVEILED

CLASSIC

18 days from £2,990

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

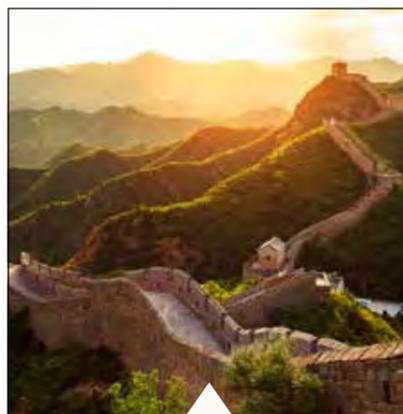


HIDDEN TREASURES OF MYANMAR

CLASSIC

17 days from £3,290

- Discover Sri Ksetra by ox cart
- Explore Pyay's countryside
- Wander majestic Mandalay
- Admire Bagan's temples
- Ascend stunning Mount Popa
- Marvel at Shwedagon Pagoda

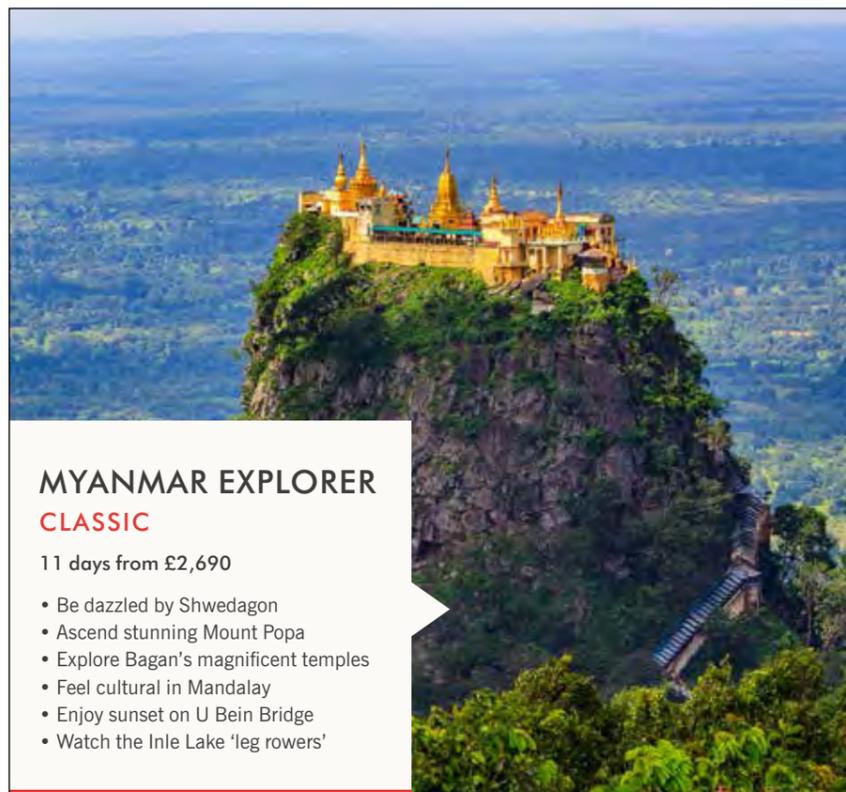


TREASURES OF VIETNAM & CHINA

CLASSIC

26 days from £4,390

- Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- Cruise spectacular Halong Bay
- Visit the adorable giant pandas
- Stand on the Great Wall



MYANMAR EXPLORER

CLASSIC

11 days from £2,690

- Be dazzled by Shwedagon
- Ascend stunning Mount Popa
- Explore Bagan's magnificent temples
- Feel cultural in Mandalay
- Enjoy sunset on U Bein Bridge
- Watch the Inle Lake 'leg rowers'



NEW

MEKONG IMPRESSIONS

CLASSIC – PRIVATE

12 days from £3,190

- Discover the Angkor temples
- See local life on Tonle Sap Lake
- Cruise the picturesque Mekong for three nights
- Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels
- Enjoy Saigon 'dining in the dark'



NEW

MEKONG DISCOVERY

CLASSIC – PRIVATE

19 days from £4,190

- Learn Cambodian history
- Relax on a three night, 4 star Victoria Mekong cruise
- Enjoy Saigon 'dining in the dark'
- Stroll around Hoi An
- Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- Cruise spectacular Halong Bay



JEWELS OF VIETNAM EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

13 days from £3,790

- Enjoy a deluxe Mekong cruise
- Explore Chinatown by cyclo
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Learn of grand dynasties past in Hue
- Meet a water puppeteer in Hanoi
- Cruise Halong Bay in 5 star luxury



CLASSICAL VIETNAM EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

18 days from £4,890

- Enjoy a deluxe Mekong sampan
- Admire Chinatown by cyclo
- Get tropical in Nha Trang
- Wander charming Hoi An
- Explore Hue's majestic Imperial Citadel
- Revel at the sunrise on Halong Bay

INDIA & SRI LANKA TOURS

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Discover India & beyond with Wendy Wu Tours

Reaching from the cloud piercing peaks of the Himalayas to the jewel bright blue of the Indian Ocean, the Indian Subcontinent encompasses a myriad of landscapes, cultures and nature. Here are some of our favourite destinations...

WENDY'S TOP 8 SIGHTS

1 RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Whether it's staking out watering holes or combing the tropical jungle of Ranthambore, looking for tigers is an exhilarating experience. That's why a safari is included on so many of our India tours!



2 TAJ MAHAL

There have been many words used to describe it, yet few do it justice. We suggest you go and see the Taj Mahal for yourself, that's why it is featured on most India tours.



3 SIGIRIYA ROCK, SRI LANKA

Explore the ruins of the ancient Sri Lankan fortress atop Sigiriya, or 'Lion Rock', including its fascinating fresco paintings. Then climb further for breathtaking views – discover it on our Sri Lanka tours (pages 142 and 153).



4 KERALA'S BACKWATERS

A network of lagoons, canals and rivers encased in verdant greenery, Kerala's backwaters are best explored by boat – do this on our South India tours (pages 138 and 152).



5 GHATS OF VARANASI

A sacred city and one of the world's oldest, Varanasi's ghats, lapped by the River Ganges, showcase humanity laid bare. See them on several tours, including Highlights of India (page 136).



6 GOLDEN TEMPLE

Amritsar's spectacular Golden Temple casting a glimmering reflection in the surrounding sacred waters is a sight to behold – see for yourself on our Northern India Discovery tour (page 152).



7 TIGER'S NEST HIKE

Perched above Bhutan's Paro Valley, hike with pilgrims through tranquil woodlands to reach this spectacular monastery. See it on our Nepal & Bhutan Adventure (page 150).



8 BOUDHNATH STUPA

One of the most sacred icons of Kathmandu, the Boudhnath Stupa is the largest in Nepal and a site for Buddhist pilgrims worldwide – visit on our Nepal tours (pages 150 and 153).



GOLDEN TRIANGLE

- 9** DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON** **£1,890**
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**
- ALL MEALS**

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the buzz of Delhi
- ✓ See the colossal Red Fort
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Explore the 'Pink City'
- ✓ Admire Amber Fort
- ✓ Visit Fatehpur Sikri



Marvel at the spectacular Taj Mahal

PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Tour the spice markets

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Take an exciting rickshaw ride through Asia's largest spice market, in Old Delhi, absorbing the heady scents and colourful sights of some of the world's most exotic powders, leaves, roots and seeds.
- ▶ Venture into the old alleyways of Jaipur to try your hand at block printing, the practice of hand printing textiles with a carved wooden block, a traditional art of the city.
- ▶ Learn astronomy the ancient way at Jaipur's fascinating Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century observatory full of old instruments used to measure the distance and positions of celestial objects.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

A city of equal chaos and charm, Delhi grabs you and doesn't let go! Spend a full day exploring the sights of Old and New Delhi: drive past the colossal Red Fort, visit India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, and take a rickshaw to Asia's largest spice market. Make a brief stop at India Gate and visit Humayun's Tomb.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Drive to Agra with a stop en route at Sikandra to see the marble and red sandstone tomb of third Mughal Emperor Akbar the Great.

DAY 5: ADMIRE THE TAJ MAHAL

Wake early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. This afternoon visit Agra Fort, a hulking mass of red sandstone set on the banks of the Yamuna River. The Fort was established in the 16th century but has had much added over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles.

DAY 6: EXPLORE FATEHPUR SIKRI

Head to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a spectacular array of Mughal palaces and temples. Continue to Chand Baori stepwell, a fascinating and exquisitely carved water storage structure built over 1,000 years ago. Arrive in Jaipur.



See India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid



Discover the Maharaja's City Palace in Jaipur

DAY 7: VISIT THE AMBER FORT

Begin the day with a brief stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort. Built in 1592, this red sandstone and marble fort effortlessly blends Hindu and Muslim architecture. This afternoon explore the Maharaja's City Palace and the Jantar Mantar Observatory, as well as learning about the local art of block printing.

DAY 8: DRIVE TO DELHI

Return to Delhi and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

DAY 9: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



VARANASI EXTENSION

4 days from £650pp

SHIMLA EXTENSION

4 days from £640pp

RANTHAMBORE EXTENSION

4 days from £430pp

For more information about our stopovers & extensions please see our website, call us or visit your travel agent.



Learn about the stars at Jantar Mantar Observatory

GOLDEN TRIANGLE

CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy a concise, classic introduction to this beautiful country. Architectural wonders await as you soak up the vibrant sights, sounds and experiences of northern India.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2020 DATES

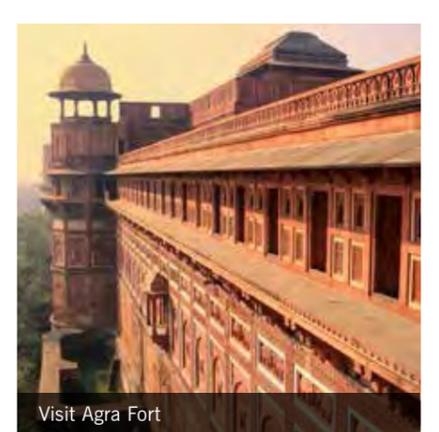
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2021 DATES

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10 Apr-18 Apr	£1,990	27 Nov-05 Dec	£2,190

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,310 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £340
- Tipping paid locally US\$60



Visit Agra Fort

INSPIRING INDIA

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Tour the spice markets of Delhi
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Explore holy Pushkar
- ✓ See the palaces of Udaipur
- ✓ Discover the 'Pink City' Jaipur



Admire Taj Lake Palace on Lake Pichola

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See traditional carpet weaving

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a workshop hidden in the bustling backstreets of old Jaipur to catch a glimpse of the age-old art of carpet-weaving, a fascinating artistry still practised the traditional way.
- ▶ Immerse yourself in local life with a walking tour through Pushkar's bustling market, admiring the enormous range of fresh produce, colourful textiles and interesting souvenirs!
- ▶ Admire the magical city of Udaipur, full of glorious, romantic architecture, from the perfect vantage point – a boat cruising the waters of Lake Pichola.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

A city equally chaotic and charming, Delhi grabs hold of you and doesn't let go! Spend the day exploring the sights of Old and New Delhi: pass the colossal Red Fort, visit India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, and take a rickshaw to Asia's largest spice market. Cross over into New Delhi to make a brief stop at India Gate, and visit Humayun's Tomb and the Qutub Minar.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Drive to Agra, the home of the Taj Mahal. On arrival, visit the Itmad-ud-Daulah, nicknamed the Baby Taj, an exquisite marble tomb that predates the Taj Mahal and is thought to have inspired it. You'll also explore the hulking mass of red sandstone that is Agra Fort, which sits on the banks of the Yamuna River. The fort was established in the 16th century but has had much added to it over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles.

DAY 5: ADMIRE THE TAJ MAHAL

Wake early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – seeing it is a magical experience. Depart Agra and head to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a spectacular, abandoned array of Mughal palaces and temples. Continue by road to Ranthambore National Park.

DAY 6: TIGERS IN RANTHAMBORE

Enjoy both morning and afternoon safaris through the national park, keeping your eyes peeled for tigers! There are around 50 majestic Bengal tigers living in Ranthambore's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and over 300 species of bird.

DAY 7: MARVEL AT BUNDI'S STEPWELLS

Travel to one of Rajasthan's hidden gems, the captivating Bundi, a town that is dominated by its immense fort. Within the fort walls is a beautiful palace, Badal Mahal, famous for its painted murals. Take a stroll through the town, discovering the unique stepwells – a vital source of water in the past, and a fascinating sight today.

DAY 8: EXPLORE CHITTOR FORT

Depart Bundi and drive to Udaipur, with a stop en route at Chittor Fort. One of the largest forts in India, Chittor sprawls across a hilltop overlooking the town of Chittorgarh. Its precinct contains grand old palaces, gates, temples and towers – its magnificence has been inspiring travellers and artists alike for centuries. Continue to Udaipur where, later this afternoon, you'll cruise on Lake Pichola, admiring the city's palaces from the water, including the incredible Lake Palace.

DAY 9: DISCOVER UDAIPUR

Today you will explore the city, starting with a drive around Fateh Sagar Lake and stops at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Garden. Later visit the ornate City Palace and take a stroll through the local shops.



Explore Amber Fort in Jaipur

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO PUSHKAR

Travel by road to Pushkar. Set on the banks of one of India's most sacred lakes, there are 52 ghats built on the edge of the water, used for bathing by Hindu pilgrims, which are backed by hundreds of blue-washed temples. Admire the Brahma Temple, the city's most important temple, and one of few in the world dedicated to the deity many Hindus believe is the creator of the universe.

DAY 11: ARRIVE IN JAIPUR

Travel to Jaipur, the 'Pink City' and Rajasthan's capital. On arrival, visit two of the city's top sights, the Maharaja's City Palace, still the home of the city's royal family today, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful instruments designed to measure the heavens.



Discover Chittor Fort

DAY 12: SEE THE AMBER FORT

Begin the day with a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, the iconic 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort, the colossal 16th century yellow and pink sandstone fort just 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Back in the city, head to a craft centre to learn about traditional artistry such as block printing and carpet weaving.

DAY 13: DRIVE TO DELHI

Return to Delhi and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

DAY 14: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

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AMRITSAR EXTENSION

3 days from £480pp

KERALA BACKWATERS EXTENSION

3 days from £340pp

GOA BEACH EXTENSION

5 days from £410pp

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CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Perfect for your first visit to India – see the Taj Mahal at sunrise, search for tigers in Ranthambore and soak up the extravagance of Rajasthan on one extraordinary itinerary.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,650 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £540
- Tipping paid locally US\$110



See tigers in Ranthambore

HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

18 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Enjoy the buzz of vibrant Delhi
- ✓ Discover Udaipur's palaces
- ✓ Search for tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Explore ancient Varanasi
- ✓ Admire the Amber Fort



Take a cruise on the holy River Ganges

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



See colourful produce at local markets

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Soak up the sights and smells of one of Jodhpur's bustling local markets, where the stalls will be piled high with locally grown fruit and vegetables, and you will learn about the essential herbs and spices needed for Indian cuisine.
- Experience the electric atmosphere created by the flickering candles and tinkling bells of a puja held on the banks of the River Ganges, a ceremony dedicated to the river goddess.
- Venture into the old alleyways of Jaipur to try your hand at block printing, the practice of hand printing textiles with a carved wooden block, a traditional art of the city.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

Experience Delhi; drive past the Red Fort, visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, and hop on a rickshaw to explore Asia's largest spice market. After lunch view India Gate before visiting Gandhi Smriti and Qutub Minar, the 12th-century, 73-metre-tall iron pillar.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Depart for Agra. On arrival, visit the colossal red sandstone Agra Fort, set on the banks of the Yamuna River. The fort was established in the 16th century but has had much added to it over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles.

DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

Wake early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical sight. Later, take a train to Jhansi with a change in Orchha en route. Continue to Khajuraho, home of the famous Khajuraho temples.

DAY 6: DISCOVER KHAJURAHO

Today, tour the eastern and western groups of Khajuraho's impressive temples. Fly to Varanasi and take a rickshaw to the atmospheric ghats on the River Ganges, where you'll witness a 'Ganga Aarti', a puja ceremony to the river goddess.

DAY 7: RIVER GANGES

Rise early for a dawn boat ride along the River Ganges, followed by a brief city tour of Varanasi. This afternoon visit the Buddhist sites at Sarnath.

DAY 8: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Fly to Jaipur where you have the rest of the day to explore the city on your own, before experiencing a traditional dance performance.

DAY 9: AMBER FORT

Start the day with a stop at Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) before visiting the majestic Amber Fort, a magnificent 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort. Visit the magnificent City Palace, still home of the city's royal family today, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of 18th-century astrological instruments designed to measure the heavens.

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur. Enjoy some leisure time before taking a walking tour to explore the huge variety of local produce at a bustling vegetable and spice market.

DAY 11: EXPLORE JODHPUR

This morning visit the mighty Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada and the museum located in the extravagant Umaid Bhawan Palace. Ride an auto rickshaw to a local restaurant for lunch before enjoying the afternoon at leisure.

DAY 12: LAKE PICHOLA

Drive to Udaipur, a city of lakes, palaces and temples. Relax on a cruise along Lake Pichola, admiring the city's grand architecture from the water.



Visit the Umaid Bhawan Palace



Explore the Jaswant Thada and Mehrangarh Fort

DAY 13: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

Today, explore the city, starting with a drive around Fateh Sagar Lake. Stop at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens. Later, visit the flamboyant City Palace and admire its delightful infusion of Rajasthani and Mughal styles.

DAY 14: BUNDI'S STEPWELLS

Drive to Bundi and take a stroll through the town, discovering its unique and beautiful stepwells, stopping en route at Chittor Fort. One of the largest forts in India, Chittor sprawls across a hilltop overlooking the town of Chittorgarh.

DAY 15: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Today, travel to Ranthambore National Park. On arrival, enjoy an afternoon at leisure.



Spot leopards on a safari tour

DAY 16: RANTHAMBORE SAFARIS

Take both early morning and afternoon safaris in Ranthambore National Park for opportunities to spot the magnificent wildlife, including leopards and Bengal tigers.

DAY 17: RETURN TO DELHI

Morning train to Delhi where the rest of the day will be at leisure.

DAY 18: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

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NEPAL HIGHLIGHTS EXTENSION

6 days from £1,290pp

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5 days from £410pp

SHIMLA EXTENSION

4 days from £640pp

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the desert forts of Rajasthan through Ranthambore, home of the majestic Bengal tiger, past the Taj Mahal and on to the holy city of Varanasi – this tour covers many of India's most magnificent sights.

KERALA & THE SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover vibrant Chennai
- ✓ Ride Ooty's toy train
- ✓ Experience Mysore
- ✓ Cool off in the tea plantations
- ✓ Cruise Kerala's backwaters
- ✓ Relax in Kovalam



Enjoy the easy pace of life on Kerala's beautiful backwaters

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts (B), 15 lunches (L), 16 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Prepare delicious Keralan dishes

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Hosted by a local family in their home, take part in a cooking demonstration of tasty, traditional treats, learning the skills and techniques needed to prepare delicious Keralan dishes.
- ▶ Marvel at the strength and agility of Kalaripayattu practitioners at a performance of Kerala's traditional art form. This old martial art combines defensive steps and stances with weaponry such as daggers, spears, maces and bows and arrows.
- ▶ Glimpse the traditional lifestyle of Kerala's fisher-folk with a visit to Kumbalangal, where you can see the villagers going about their day to day activities and discover traditional handicrafts.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO CHENNAI

Fly overnight to the city of Chennai and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: DISCOVER MAMALLAPURAM

After breakfast and tour introduction, you will travel to Mamallapuram. On arrival you will explore this coastal temple town, seeing the fascinating 7th and 8th-century rock carvings including the magnificent Shore Temple and the impressive Varaha Cave.

DAY 4: CHENNAI CITY

Return to Chennai, formerly known as Madras. This city was developed as a British trading post and is home to a number of colonial sights. A city tour begins at the 13-kilometre Marina Beach before a stop at Fort St. George and the British-built St. Mary's Church. The final stop is the colourful Shiva Kapaleeswarar Temple.

DAY 5: TRAIN TO BANGALORE

Rise early to catch the Shatabdi Express to the garden city of Bangalore, where you will enjoy an afternoon city tour to see the Bull Temple, Tipu Sultan's Palace and Vidhana Soudha.

DAY 6: MYSORE

Head to Mysore, stopping at Srirangapatna Fort en route. Visit the magnificent Maharaja's Palace and drive to Chamundi Hill to admire the 12th-century Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and Nandi Bull. Tonight, enjoy a traditional cooking demonstration hosted by a local family.

DAY 7: COONOR HILL STATION

Journey up into the cool climes of the Western Ghats to the beautiful hill station of Coonoor. Relax and appreciate the peace and natural splendour of this quaint town.

DAY 8: OOTY MOUNTAIN RAILWAY

All aboard the miniature, narrow gauge 'Toy Train' to Ooty, nicknamed the 'Queen of Hill Stations'. Upon arrival you will visit the botanical gardens and walk to a small village where you will gain insight into the lives of the local people, as well as having incredible views back over Ooty.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO COIMBATORE

Descending from the highlands there are spectacular panoramas to admire as you travel to Coimbatore. Spend the afternoon exploring this cosmopolitan city including an impressive Jain Temple, St. Michael Xavier Church and Athar Jamid, the city's oldest mosque.

DAY 10: MUNNAR

Travel to Munnar, a hill station enveloped by lush tea plantations. In the afternoon visit a tea plantation and the Tata Tea Museum.

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO THEKKADY

Today explore Eravikulam National Park where you will have the opportunity to spot the local wildlife (closed Feb-Apr, when an alternative light trek will be available). Continue your journey to Thekkady, home of Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary.



See the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram



Enjoy the 'Toy Train' ride to Ooty

DAY 12: PERIYAR WILDLIFE RESERVE

Though designated as a Tiger Reserve in 1978, the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is best known for its elephants. Take a walk through the reserve, keeping an eye out for its resident elephant population, as well as wild dogs, barking deer, mouse deer and the elusive Bengal tiger. Visit a spice village before enjoying a traditional kalaripayattu (martial art) show this evening.

DAY 13: DRIVE TO KOCHI

Travel to the coastal town of Kochi. This evening enjoy an exuberant Kathakali dance performance.

DAY 14: EXPLORE KOCHI

Take a full day tour of Kochi. Start at St Francis Church, the first European church built in India, before a visit to Santa Cruz Basilica, where you will have excellent views of Chinese fishing nets. Finish the day by admiring the synagogue in the heart of the Jewish Quarter.

DAY 15: BACKWATERS CRUISING

Travel to Kumarakom, stopping en route at Kumbalangal, a village created to highlight the lifestyle of fisher-folk in the area. Later board your houseboat, a converted rice barge known as a kettuvallam. Sit back and watch life on the water and the surrounding, untouched wilderness as you cruise unhurriedly along the canals. A delicious dinner of traditional cuisine will be served on board and spend a comfortable night on the water.

DAY 16: DISCOVER TRIVANDRUM

Have breakfast onboard before disembarking and heading for the beach town of Kovalam. Stop on the way in Kerala's capital Trivandrum to see the Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the Observatory and Sri Chitra Art Gallery.

DAY 17: RELAX IN KOVALAM

This morning take a walking tour of the town and visit the lighthouse. The rest of the day is yours to relax or head to the beach, before a farewell dinner this evening.

DAY 18: FLY TO UK

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



DUBAI STOPOVER

3 days from £190pp (see page 185)

MALDIVES EXTENSION

6 days from £1,290pp

KOVALAM BEACH EXTENSION

5 days from £300pp

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CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Southern India offers an intensely tropical and laidback experience compared to the north. Travel from the stunning hill stations to the tranquil backwaters on this in-depth journey.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Saturday

2020 DATES

29 Jan-15 Feb	£3,190	14 Oct-31 Oct	£3,090
12 Feb-29 Feb	£3,190	28 Oct-14 Nov	£3,190
26 Feb-14 Mar	£3,090	04 Nov-21 Nov	£3,190
04 Mar-21 Mar	£2,990		

2021 DATES

20 Jan-06 Feb	£3,390	20 Oct-06 Nov	£3,290
27 Jan-13 Feb	£3,390	27 Oct-13 Nov	£3,390
17 Feb-06 Mar	£3,290	03 Nov-20 Nov	£3,390
10 Mar-27 Mar	£3,190		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,490 (Chennai - Trivandrum)
- Single room from £820
- Tipping paid locally US\$96



Relax on Kovalam beach

RAJASTHAN PANORAMA

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore magnificent hill forts
- ✓ Take a desert safari
- ✓ Wander the 'Blue City'
- ✓ Discover romantic Udaipur
- ✓ See sacred Pushkar
- ✓ Safari through Ranthambore



Journey through the Sam Sand Dunes

PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Explore Thar Desert on a jeep safari

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Embark on an exhilarating jeep safari through the stark landscapes of the Thar Desert venturing out to Bishnoi for a village visit, where you'll see local life and the practice of traditional handicrafts.
- ▶ Ride on a rickshaw through the hustle and bustle of Bikaner's bazaar, taking in the sights, sounds and smells of this atmospheric market place and watching the locals go about their day to day life.
- ▶ The quintessential desert transportation, ride a camel through the undulating Sam Sand Dunes to the perfect spot to take in a spectacular sunset.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI
Fly overnight to Delhi and transfer to Manesar for an overnight stay. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 3: ALSISAR HERITAGE TOWN
Cross into Rajasthan and travel to the town of Alsisar. This small town is full of traditional frescoes, mansions and cenotaphs and even has a castle. Stay overnight in a beautifully restored haveli.

DAY 4: EXPLORE BIKANER
Travel to the vibrant town of Bikaner, dominated by its magnificent fort. Take a rickshaw ride through the streets to the old city bazaar. Continue to Gajner. Now a wildlife sanctuary, the area was once the hunting ground of the Maharajahs of Bikaner.

DAYS 5-6: DISCOVER JAISALMER
Rising from the sandy plains of the Thar Desert, Jaisalmer is known as the 'Golden City', nicknamed for its honey-coloured walls. Browse the local markets and visit Sunset Point. Spend the next morning amongst the magnificence of Jaisalmer's 12th-century fort, full of palaces, temples and mansions. Later, travel to the Sam Sand Dunes where you can ride a camel through the desert and view the sunset.

DAY 7: THAR DESERT SAFARI
Venture on through the Thar Desert to Manvar. Here, enjoy a camel and jeep safari to the local Bishnoi villages and meet the local people. Spend the night in a tented desert camp (mid Oct to mid-Apr) or the Manvar Resort.

DAYS 8-9 : JODHPUR
Today, drive to Jodhpur. Much of the old town is a vivid blue, earning it the moniker 'Blue City'. Over the next two days, take a city tour visiting Jaswant Thada, the royal cremation grounds, explore the magnificence of the hilltop Mehrangarh Fort and head to the small museum housed in the imposing Umaid Bhawan Palace.

DAYS 10-11: EXPLORE UDAIPUR
Travel to Udaipur via the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur and Surya Temple. India's most romantic city, Udaipur is located on Lake Pichola and surrounded by wooded hills; a maze of palaces, temples and colourful alleyways. The next day drive around Fateh Sagar Lake as well as the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery, Sahelion Ki Bari Garden and the ornate City Palace. Later take a cruise on Lake Pichola passing the magical Lake Palace.

DAY 12: RAJASTHAN COUNTRYSIDE
Drive to Deogarh, stopping en route to visit the Eklinji and Nathdwara temples. This evening wander through the bustling streets and enjoy dinner with live folk music and dances.

DAY 13: EXPLORE PUSHKAR
This morning, board a 1930s-era train for a ride through the hills to Phulad, then continue by road to Pushkar. Set on the banks of one of India's most sacred lakes, this sacred city has 52 ghats used for worship by Hindu pilgrims. Take a walking tour and admire the Brahma Temple.



Visit the Lotus Temple in Delhi

DAY 14: JAIPUR
Travel to Jaipur, the 'Pink City' and Rajasthan's capital. On arrival, visit the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful astrological instruments.

DAY 15: HAWA MAHAL & AMBER FORT
Begin the day at Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort. Back in Jaipur, try block painting and carpet weaving before enjoying a traditional dinner and dance performance.

DAYS 16-17: RANTHAMBORE
Travel to Ranthambore National Park, home to many animals such as leopards, hyena, bears and tigers. The next day, you will have both morning and afternoon safaris, with more opportunities to spot the magnificent wildlife.

DAY 18: TRAVEL TO AGRA
Today travel to Agra, stopping en route at Bharatpur for lunch and visit Fateh Sikri, tomb of Salim Chistic, and Panch Mahal Palace.

DAY 19: THE TAJ MAHAL
Wake early to see the sun rise over one of the world's most perfect buildings. At dawn the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. This afternoon visit the colossal Agra Fort.

DAY 20: DELHI
Travel by road back to Delhi and visit Qutub Minar, Iron Pillar and the Lotus Temple.

DAY 21: VIBRANT DELHI
A city of equal chaos and charm, Delhi grabs you and doesn't let go. Pass the colossal Red Fort and visit India Gate and the Parliament House.

DAY 22: FLY DELHI TO UK
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?
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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



KOVALAM BEACH EXTENSION
5 days from £300pp

SHIMLA EXTENSION
4 days from £640pp

VARANASI EXTENSION
4 days from £650pp

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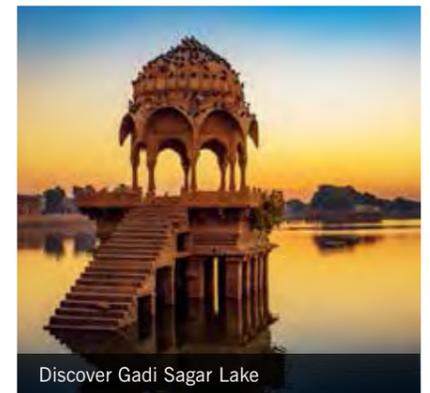
CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This journey through Rajasthan, the land of extravagant forts and palaces, allows wildlife and architecture lovers alike to experience safaris, deserts and colourful cities. Includes an overnight stay in a traditional desert camp.



Discover Gadi Sagar Lake

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Wednesday

2020 DATES

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12 Feb-04 Mar	£3,290	14 Oct-04 Nov	£3,290
04 Mar-25 Mar	£3,190	28 Oct-18 Nov	£3,390
11 Mar-01 Apr	£3,190	18 Nov-09 Dec	£3,390
18 Mar-08 Apr	£3,190		

2021 DATES

27 Jan-17 Feb	£3,590	22 Sep-13 Oct	£3,390
10 Feb-03 Mar	£3,490	06 Oct-27 Oct	£3,490
24 Feb-17 Mar	£3,490	20 Oct-10 Nov	£3,590
10 Mar-31 Mar	£3,390	10 Nov-01 Dec	£3,590
24 Mar-14 Apr	£3,390		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,590 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally US\$140



Visit Delhi's India Gate

HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ✓ Explore ancient Sinhalese ruins
- ✓ Discover the delights of Colombo
- ✓ Visit Kandy's sacred temple
- ✓ Spot elephants while on safari
- ✓ See Galle's historic fort



Visit a tea plantation

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Discover Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Tour the wonderful conservation project at Kosgoda, where a specialist turtle hatchery works tirelessly to protect Sri Lanka's native sea turtle species, and meet its residents.
- ▶ In the island's cultural capital, Kandy, enjoy a fun and fascinating cultural performance of traditional Sri Lankan music and dance.
- ▶ In the cooler climes of Sri Lanka's Central Highlands, tour a tea factory and plantation to learn all about the cultivation and production of the refreshing tea grown in the area.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO COLOMBO

Fly overnight to Colombo. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel in the coastal town of Negombo, a short drive from Colombo. The rest of the day is yours to explore.

DAY 3: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA

This morning travel to Sigiriya, home to the 5th-century UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rock Fortress, 'Lion Rock'. Built by King Kassapa as the centre of his short-lived kingdom, pass between a pair of colossal lion's paws and climb to the top for panoramic views. Explore the surrounding gardens as well as admiring the world-renowned Heavenly Maidens frescoes.

DAY 4: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

Visit the ancient kingdom of Polonnaruwa, another UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. The capital of Sri Lanka from the 11th to the 12th century, it is a well-preserved city of stupas, frescoes and statues. While here, explore the Gal Viharaya, a magnificent group of rock temples and the Vatadage, an ancient structure with elaborate stone carvings. Return to Sigiriya.

DAY 5: ANURADHAPURA

Drive to celebrated Anuradhapura. The city's greatest treasures are its dagobas; domes enshrining sacred relics. The most notable is the Ruwanwelisaya Dagoba, dating back to the 2nd century BC, which you will visit today along with the Thuparamaya, said to contain the collarbone of Buddha. Discover the city's most renowned relic, the 2,250-year-old

sacred Bo Tree. Emperor Asoka's daughter brought to Anuradhapura a branch of this tree, under which Buddha is said to have gained enlightenment.

DAY 6: DAMBULLA ROCK TEMPLE

After breakfast, travel to Dambulla where you will tour the Rock Temple. Dating back to the 1st century BC, the temple is made up of five cave sanctuaries where you'll find some of Sri Lanka's most important Buddha images. Visit a spice garden in Matale where you can see cinnamon, cardamom, pepper creepers and other spice trees growing and watch a cooking demonstration. Continue through majestic hill country to the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka's cultural hub.

DAY 7: CULTURAL KANDY

This morning, visit the Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens. Later, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, one of the most revered Buddhist sites in the world. Stolen at Buddha's funeral, the tooth was smuggled into Sri Lanka hidden in the hair of a princess who fled from India. Explore the remains of the Royal Palace, now a museum. This evening you will watch a colourful cultural dance performance.

DAY 8: NUWARA ELIYA

Drive to Nuwara Eliya, the 'Little England' of Sri Lanka. Situated at 2,000m above sea level, Nuwara Eliya is the main hill station of Sri Lanka and is known for its excellent tea production due to the cool climate which creates tea with a unique flavour. Visit a tea plantation and tea factory en route. This afternoon enjoy high tea at the Grand Hotel.



Explore enormous 'Lion Rock'



Discover Galle Fort

DAY 9: UDAWALAWE

Travel to the Elephant Transit Home located near Udawalawe National Park, where abandoned baby elephants are cared for before they are released into the park. Continue to Yala, Sri Lanka's premiere national park.

DAY 10: YALA NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy morning and afternoon jeep safaris around the park. It is home to elephants, deer and the elusive leopards, of which one of the world's largest populations can be found.

DAY 11: COASTAL DRIVE TO GALLE

Drive to the Hummanaya Blow Hole, the second largest of its kind in the world. After lunch, continue to Dikwella Wewurukannala Temple, dominated by an image of a seated Buddha that is over 48 metres high. Continue the drive along the coastline towards Galle. Stop along the way at Weligama where you may see the unique stilt fishermen, an old tradition practised by around 500 fishing families in the region.

DAY 12: OLD GALLE

Explore the Southern capital city of Galle, Sri Lanka's finest colonial treasure, and once the greatest port in Ceylon. See the lighthouse, the Old Town and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dutch Fort, before wandering narrow streets dotted with Dutch colonial villas, museums and antique shops.

DAY 13: KOSGODA TURTLE HATCHERY

Travel to Colombo, stopping at Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery en route. The hatchery is home to Sri Lanka's pioneering sea turtle conservation project, established in 1981 to protect the local turtle population.

DAY 14: EXPLORE COLOMBO

Embark on a city tour of Colombo this morning. Explore the Fort district, the historic centre of the city. Wander through Pettah Market. Visit the Dutch Church of Wolvendaal, dating back to 1749, Kelaniya Buddhist Temple, a major pilgrimage site for Buddhist devotees, and Colombo's finest museums.

DAY 15: FLY COLOMBO TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?
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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



WILPATTU NATIONAL PARK EXTENSION

3 days from £440pp

BENTOTA BEACH EXTENSION

4 days from £470pp

TRINCOMALEE EXTENSION

4 days from £510pp

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HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

CLASSIC SRI LANKA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An introduction to the beautiful country of Sri Lanka, travel from the rich heritage of the Cultural Triangle through the wilds of Yala National Park to the colonial seaside beauty of Galle.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Friday

2020 DATES

07 Feb-21 Feb	£3,290	02 Oct-16 Oct	£3,190
06 Mar-20 Mar	£3,290	23 Oct-06 Nov	£3,490
20 Mar-03 Apr	£3,290	13 Nov-27 Nov	£3,190
01 May-15 May	£3,390	27 Nov-11 Dec	£3,190

2021 DATES

05 Feb-19 Feb	£3,590	01 Oct-15 Oct	£3,290
19 Mar-02 Apr	£3,590	29 Oct-12 Nov	£3,490
16 Apr-30 Apr	£3,290	12 Nov-26 Nov	£3,590
14 May-28 May	£3,490	26 Nov-10 Dec	£3,590

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,700 (Colombo - Colombo)
- Single room from £860
- Tipping paid locally US\$75



Visit the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy

INDIA EXPLORER

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore the largest spice market
- ✓ See the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- ✓ Discover the 'Pink City' of Jaipur
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Visit the colossal Agra Fort
- ✓ Admire the Royal Palace



Experience colourful local culture

PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts (B) 7 lunches (L) & 8 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Enjoy a meal with a local family in Delhi

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Dine with a local family in Delhi, who will invite you into their home for a meal of delicious local dishes, and chat with you about their day to day life in India's chaotic capital city.
- Spend a night feeling like royalty in the magnificent Talabgaon Castle, a beautiful 200-year-old heritage property located in the peaceful heart of rural Rajasthan.
- Explore the bustling streets and old lanes of Jaipur, sampling all of the aromatic flavours of the Pink City's freshly-prepared local delicacies on a fun and filling street food tour.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

A city of equal chaos and charm, Delhi grabs you and doesn't let go. Spend a full day exploring the sights of Old Delhi: visit India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, and take a rickshaw ride to the spice markets. Make a brief stop at India Gate and visit Qutub Minar. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: JAIPUR STREET FOOD TOUR

Take a leisurely morning drive to Jaipur, known as the 'Pink City' and capital of the state of Rajasthan. Explore the atmospheric streets of the city and taste local delicacies on a street food tour. (B)

DAY 5: EXPLORE THE PINK CITY

Start today with an invigorating yoga session followed by an action-packed day of exploring. Visit two of the city's top sights, the Maharaja's City Palace, still the home of the royal family today, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of 17th-century instruments designed to measure the heavens. Make a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, the spectacular 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort, a colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort just 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Back in the city head to a craft centre to learn about traditional art such as block printing and carpet weaving before returning to the fort for a night tour. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TALABGAON CASTLE

This morning there will be the option to join a spectacular hot air balloon ride, on which you'll get magnificent views over Jaipur. Later, drive through rural Rajasthan to Chand Baori stepwell, an exquisitely carved water storage structure built over 1,000 years ago, before continuing to the village of Talabgaon. It is here, in the 18th-century Talabgaon Castle, where you will spend the night. This evening stroll into the village for a guided walk to mingle with the locals and experience typical life in a rural Rajasthani community. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: TALABGAON TO RANTHAMBORE

Drive through the Rajasthani countryside to Ranthambore National Park. Arriving around lunch time, the rest of the day is yours to relax. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

Enjoy both morning and afternoon safaris through the national park, keeping your eyes peeled for tigers! There are around 50 majestic Bengal tigers living amongst Ranthambore's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and over 272 species of birds. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Take a morning at leisure, with the option to take an additional safari to spot more wildlife. Later head to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a spectacular array of Mughal palaces and temples before arriving in Agra. This afternoon visit Agra Fort, a hulking mass of red sandstone set on the banks of the Yamuna River. The fort was established in the 16th century but has been much added to over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles. (B,L,D)



See the majestic Ranthambore tigers



Explore the intriguing 'ghost city' of Fatehpur Sikri

DAY 10: TAJ MAHAL

Wake early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. This afternoon, enjoy some leisure time or choose one of several optional activities. Why not take an auto rickshaw tour through the bustling streets, or learn about fascinating local crafts at a marble inlay workshop? (B)

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO DELHI

Today is spent travelling back to Delhi by coach with an afternoon at leisure for the chance to see more of the buzzing Indian capital city or visit the Dilli Haat craft markets to pick up some souvenirs. This evening enjoy a farewell meal hosted by a local family. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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Observe the detailed façade of the Hawa Mahal

FLEXIBLE INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A classic journey through India's greatest sights, including majestic tigers and a stay in Talabgaon Castle. You'll also have plenty of time to explore independently or join optional excursions such as a hot air balloon ride or cooking classes.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Sunday

2020 DATES

05 Feb- 16 Feb	£2,190	30 Sep- 11 Oct	£2,190
04 Mar- 15 Mar	£2,190	21 Oct- 01 Nov	£2,290
25 Mar- 05 Apr	£2,190	11 Nov- 22 Nov	£2,390

2021 DATES

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10 Mar- 21 Mar	£2,490	20 Oct- 31 Oct	£2,690
24 Mar- 04 Apr	£2,490	10 Nov- 21 Nov	£2,690

Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,690 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £470
- Tipping paid locally US\$80

EXTEND YOUR STAY...

KERALA BACKWATERS EXTENSION

3 days from £340pp

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3 days from £360pp

GOA BEACH EXTENSION

5 days from £410pp

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AN INDIAN EXPERIENCE

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£2,590**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the buzz of Delhi's city streets
- ✓ Discover Jama Masjid mosque
- ✓ See the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- ✓ Visit a local craft centre
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Admire the Amber Fort



Experience local culture

PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L) & 6 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Learn about native herbs & spices

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Take a rickshaw ride through a busy spice and ayurvedic herb market in Agra – a feast for the senses. See the extensive and exotic array of colourful powders and medicinal herbs that are on display.
- ▶ Be a guest at a local family's home in Delhi where you'll learn all about tricks and techniques of authentic Indian cuisine with a cooking demonstration and delicious meal.
- ▶ Venture into the old alleyways of Jaipur to try your hand at block printing, the practice of hand printing textiles with a carved wooden block, a traditional art of the city.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

Fly overnight to India's capital, Delhi. On arrival at the airport you will be met by a member of the Wendy Wu Tours team and transferred to the hotel. Meet the group tonight for dinner and start getting to know your fellow travellers. (D)

DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

Today we explore this vivacious city! Starting in Old Delhi, we will embark on a rickshaw ride through the atmospheric streets, stopping at Jama Masjid, a Mughal masterpiece of a mosque. We'll then wander through a local market and learn about native herbs and spices as we go. Crossing into New Delhi, admire the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Journey to Agra by road and start our explorations with a tour of the magnificent Agra Fort. This mass of red sandstone sits on the bank of the Yamuna River, and from its ramparts we may catch a first glimpse of the magical Taj Mahal, just two kilometres downstream. Next, we'll take a rickshaw tour of the city, visiting a spice and ayurvedic herb market. (B,L)

DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

We rise early to share an unforgettable experience, sunrise at the Taj Mahal. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun, the building looks magical. We'll then travel to Ranthambore National Park, home of majestic Bengal tigers! (B,L,D)



Explore the exquisite Chand Baori Stepwell



Take a tour of the Taj Mahal

DAY 6: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

Together we will explore Ranthambore National Park in search of tigers, taking early morning and afternoon safaris. There are around 50 tigers living amongst the park's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and over 300 species of bird. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR

Departing Ranthambore, travel by road to Jaipur, the 'Pink City'. En route we'll stop to admire the exquisitely carved and unique Chand Baori stepwell. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. (B,L)

DAY 8: EXPLORE JAIPUR

The day begins with a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds'. Next, we'll travel out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort, the colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort just 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Back in the city, we'll try our hands at traditional artistry at a craft centre, including block printing and carpet weaving. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO DELHI

Leaving the Pink City, we return by road to Delhi. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. This evening, the group will sit down together for the last time at a farewell dinner and cooking demo at an Indian family home - the perfect time to reflect on our adventures. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

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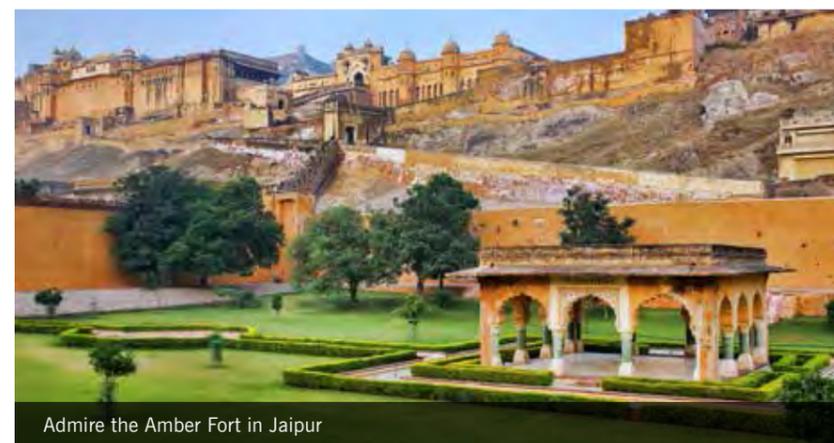


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Admire the Amber Fort in Jaipur

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the excitement of Delhi to the magnificence of the Taj Mahal and the wildlife-filled landscapes of Ranthambore National Park, embark on an exciting journey through the evocative sights of northern India.



Watch monkeys play on temple rooftops

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Saturday

2020 DATES

23 Jan -01 Feb	£2,590	08 Oct -17 Oct	£2,590
27 Feb -07 Mar	£2,590	05 Nov -14 Nov	£2,590

2021 DATES

21 Jan -30 Jan	£2,790	21 Oct -30 Oct	£2,890
25 Feb -06 Mar	£2,790	28 Oct -06 Nov	£2,890

Flight and supplement information

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TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stay in a magnificent fort
- ✓ Explore rural villages
- ✓ Safari through Ranthambore
- ✓ Discover colourful bazaars
- ✓ Tour Delhi on a rickshaw
- ✓ Visit the iconic Taj Mahal



Get a glimpse of India's rural local life

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Cycle along the backstreets of Udaipur

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the old backstreets of Udaipur by bicycle, passing palaces, markets, temples and locals going about their day to day lives, soaking up the atmosphere as you go.
- ▶ Venture into the rural surroundings of Sardargarh to visit a remote village where, as well as meeting the local community, you can join them for a fun and fascinating art workshop, in which you'll learn about traditional handicrafts.
- ▶ Take part in a cooking class in Bijainagar, where you'll learn the secrets of the delicious local cuisine! You'll learn tips, techniques and the perfect flavour combinations before dining on what you create.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: RICKSHAW RIDE THROUGH OLD DELHI

Starting in Old Delhi, embark on a rickshaw ride to Khari Baoli spice market, where you will learn about local herbs and spices. Visit Jama Masjid before crossing into New Delhi to view the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: JAIPUR

Journey from Delhi to Jaipur before enjoying a free afternoon. (B,L)

DAY 5: AMBER FORT BY JEEP

Enjoy an early morning yoga session. Head just out of the city to the colossal Amber Fort, stopping en route to admire the exquisite façade of Hawa Mahal, or 'Palace of the Winds'. Amber Fort is built of yellow and pink sandstone and white marble, and its opulent halls are full of intricate carvings and stained glass. This afternoon, explore the City Palace, part of which is still home to Jaipur's royal family, and visit a block printing workshop. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: BRAHMA TEMPLE OF PUSHKAR

Head onwards to the holy city of Pushkar, a sacred place of pilgrimage for Hindus. Visit the Brahma temple before finishing the day watching the beautiful sunset over the waters of Pushkar Lake. (B,D)

DAY 7: CYCLING IN UDAIPUR

Drive to Udaipur, considered India's most romantic city thanks to its grand palaces and lakeside setting. This afternoon take a leisurely bicycle ride through the backstreets of the old city, ending with a peddle along the banks of Lake Pichola to finish at the Tripolia Gate of the City Palace. Here, board a boat for a sunset lake cruise which includes a stop at the 17th-century Lake Garden Palace. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: EXPLORE THE CITY PALACE

Delve deeper into the cultural wonders of Udaipur starting at the spectacular City Palace. Started in 1599, over the years many a maharaja has added his bit, making this Rajasthan's largest palace. Visit Jagdish temple, and later journey to Shilpgram to visit a rural arts and crafts village. Here you can learn about the tribal people of India's western regions and see their traditional architecture, crafts and rural lifestyle. (B,L)

DAY 9: TEMPLES OF RANAKPUR

Travel from Udaipur to Sardargarh, stopping at the magnificent Jain temples of Ranakpur en route. Built in the 15th century, these marble temples feature some of India's most beautiful carvings and are a major pilgrimage for followers of the Jain religion. Round off the day with stunning lakeside views at sunset. Stay overnight in one of Rajasthan's most impressive forts. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: JEEP RIDE AROUND SARDARGARH

Take a jeep out to the remote villages around Sardargarh. Meet with the locals, see life in a rural Rajasthani village and take part in art workshops. Later this afternoon, drive to Bijainagar. (B,L,D)



Cook with local ingredients



Discover holy Pushkar Lake

DAY 11: RURAL RAJASTHAN BY BULLOCK CART

After breakfast climb aboard a bullock cart for a leisurely guided tour of the rural villages around Bijainagar. Take the opportunity to interact with the friendly villagers and catch them going about their daily lives. Return to Bijainagar for a cooking class, learning about local cuisine and enjoying a delicious lunch. Later witness the sunset over the lake as you take high tea on the shore. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12-13: RANTHAMBORE

Travel to Ranthambore National Park, home to many animals such as leopards, hyena, bears and most importantly, tigers. The next day, you will have morning and afternoon safaris, for more opportunities to spot the magnificent wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: AGRA RICKSHAW TOUR

Travel from Ranthambore to Agra, stopping en route at Fatehpur Sikri. Built in the 16th century as the Mughal capital of Emperor Akbar, the city is one of India's



Visit India's iconic Taj Mahal

best-preserved examples of Mughal architecture. In Agra, take to the streets in an auto rickshaw – an introduction to the city's sights and sounds. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: THE TAJ MAHAL

Tour the city, visiting first, India's most iconic sight – the Taj Mahal, a monument to love built for Mumtaz Mahal, the favourite wife of Shah Jahan. Built entirely of white marble, from a distance the effect is ethereal but get up close and you can admire the intricate pietra dura (stone inlay) work. Arrive next at the mammoth Agra Fort, within which are palaces, audience halls and mosques to discover. Return to Delhi for a farewell meal hosted by a local family. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Tick off the top sights in the big cities and get off the beaten track immersing yourself in Rajasthan with local cooking lessons, backstreets bike rides and tiger safaris.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2020 DATES			
29 Feb-15 Mar	£2,790	03 Oct-18 Oct	£2,890
14 Mar-29 Mar	£2,790	24 Oct-08 Nov	£2,990
2021 DATES			
06 Mar-21 Mar	£3,090	09 Oct-24 Oct	£3,190
20 Mar-04 Apr	£3,090	23 Oct-07 Nov	£3,190

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
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- ✓ Gaze on Mount Everest
- ✓ Explore Kathmandu
- ✓ Walk through rural villages
- ✓ Take a Nepalese cooking class
- ✓ Visit the dzongs of Bhutan
- ✓ Discover the city of Thimphu



Explore Rinpung Dzong in Paro

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
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Try your hand at pottery in Bhaktapur

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Find yourself amongst the pottery wheels and clay pots of Bhaktapur's Potters' Square where, in a ceramics workshop, you can try your hand at throwing a pot or two for yourself.
- ▶ Visit rural Bastola, a tiny hamlet with spectacular views over the Kathmandu Valley, where you'll meet the community and take part in a cooking class, learning how to prepare some classic local dishes.
- ▶ Follow a well-trodden trail, festooned with colourful prayer flags and the occasional prayer wheel, to reach one of Bhutan's most magnificent sights, Tiger's Nest Monastery, perched 900 metres up the steep side of the spectacular Paro Valley.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1–2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KATHMANDU

Fly overnight to Kathmandu, Nepal's lively capital city. Upon arrival transfer to the hillstation of Nagarkot where the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: VILLAGE WALK AND COOKING CLASS

Wake early to watch the sun rise over spectacular Himalayan landscapes as you stroll around Nagarkot. The village boasts many walking trails with spectacular views and is also home to flights of butterflies. Later, travel to the neighbouring village of Bastola to meet the local people and take a traditional cooking class.

DAY 4: EXPLORE BHAKTAPUR

Return to Kathmandu, stopping en route at Bhaktapur, a wonderfully preserved and atmospheric medieval city. Visit the home of a Newari family before wandering to Durbar Square to admire the beautiful architecture. Finally, head to Potters' Square to visit a ceramics workshop and learn traditional pottery skills from a master potter.

DAY 5: EXPLORE KATHMANDU

As well as being the capital, Kathmandu is Nepal's hub of culture and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era. Visit Swayambhunath Temple before driving out to Patan to explore its grand Royal Palace and Durbar Square.

DAY 6: BOUDHANATH STUPA

Head to the iconic Boudhanath this morning. This huge stupa has dominated Kathmandu's skyline for centuries, its great Buddha

eyes surveying the city below. Whilst here, experience a special Lama blessing from the local Tibetan Buddhist monks. Finish the day at Pashupatinath Temple.

DAY 7: INTO BHUTAN

Transfer to the airport this morning and fly into the fascinating kingdom of Bhutan. On arrival in Paro, transfer to Thimphu, Bhutan's capital.

DAY 8: DISCOVER THIMPHU

The centre of government, religion and commerce in Bhutan, Thimphu is located in a valley with the Wang Chhu River running through the centre of town. Despite being the busiest town in Bhutan it remains the only capital in the world without traffic lights! Explore the city today with time at the National Library, Institute for Zorig Chusum, the Handicrafts Emporium and Folk Heritage Museum, Textile Museum and Trashi Chhoe Dzong.



Take in the sights of Kathmandu



Experience local customs



See traditional prayer flags on rocky outcrops

DAY 9: RURAL BHUTAN

Depart Thimphu and travel into the countryside. On arrival at the village of Punakha visit Punakha Dzong before hiking through the paddy fields and local villages to Chimi Lhakhang, a temple of fertility.

DAY 10: EXPLORE PUNAKHA

This morning visit the magnificent temple complex at Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup nunnery, before appreciating the incredible views from Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten, said to have been built to promote peace, stability and harmony in the changing world.

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO PARO

Drive to Paro, stopping en route at the Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress of the kingdom. Paro is surrounded by some of Bhutan's oldest temples and monasteries and today you'll visit Ta Dzong and Rinpung Dzong.



Visit Bhutan's capital, Thimphu

DAY 12: TIGER'S NEST MONASTERY

Taksang (Tiger's Nest) is Bhutan's most famous monastery, perched on the side of a cliff 900 metres above the Paro Valley. It can only be reached by a moderately challenging hike along a woodland trail – the views along the way are the perfect distraction! Returning to Paro, visit Kyichu Lhakhang.

DAY 13: FLY TO KATHMANDU

Fly back to Kathmandu. Take a rickshaw ride through the bustling streets around Thamel's market before sitting down to a delicious farewell meal of traditional food and a Nepalese folk music and dance performance.

DAY 14: FLY KATHMANDU TO UK

Transfer to Kathmandu airport for your flight

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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Get under the skin of the Himalayan kingdoms of Nepal and Bhutan on this spectacular trip. The tour includes some moderate hiking, including up to Tiger's Nest Monastery. Facilities can be basic in some remote areas.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Wednesday

2020 DATES

30 Apr-13 May **£3,790** 05 Nov-18 Nov **£3,890**

2021 DATES

06 May-19 May **£4,190** 04 Nov-17 Nov **£4,190**

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
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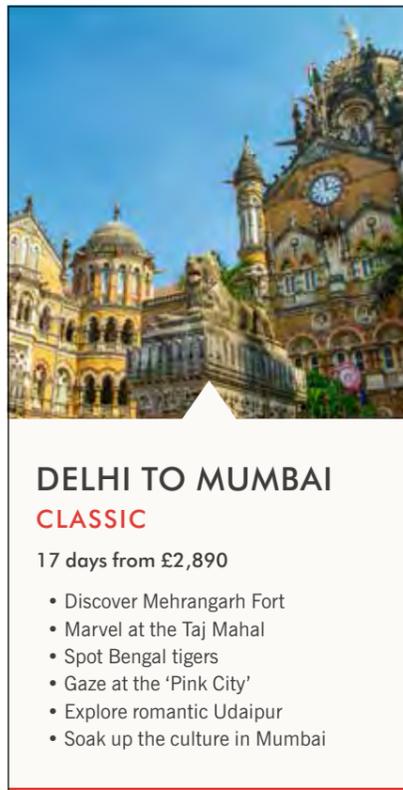
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- See Rajasthan's hill forts
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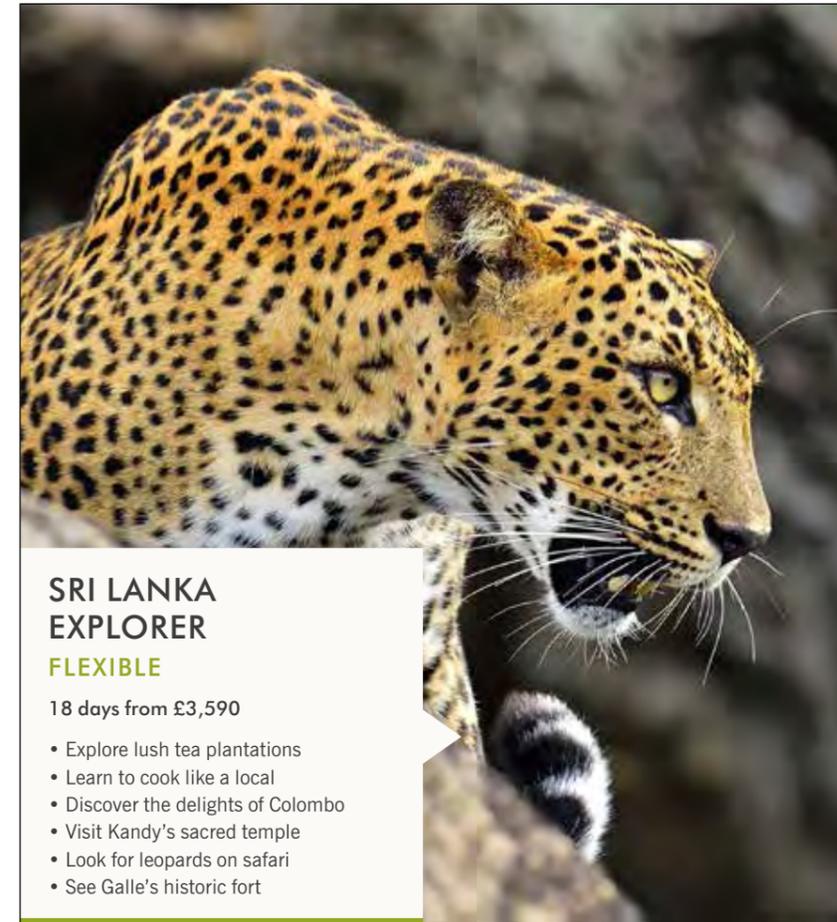
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- Soak up the culture in Mumbai



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CLASSIC
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- Marvel at the Taj Mahal
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- Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- Admire the majestic Amber Fort



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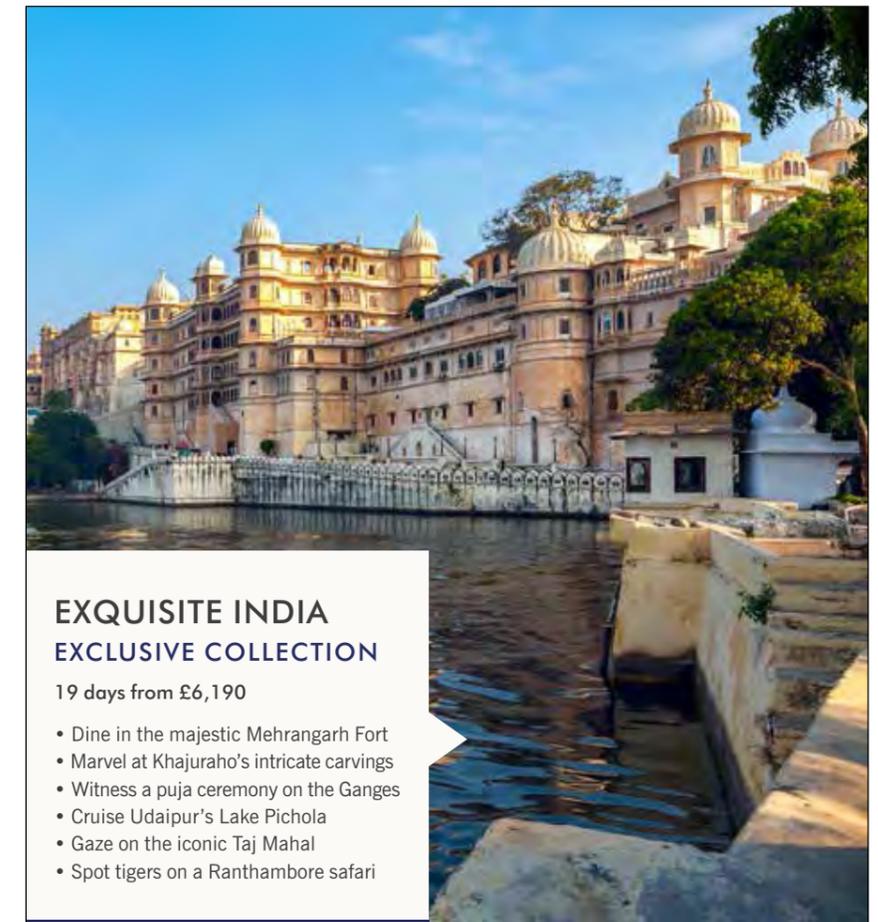
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- Explore Kathmandu
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- Cruise Udaipur's Lake Pichola
- Gaze on the iconic Taj Mahal
- Spot tigers on a Ranthambore safari

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- ✓ Discover authentic Russia



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Try your hand at painting a Russian doll

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at some of the simple techniques needed to paint Matryoshka, the famous Russian nesting doll, with a master class in this intricate skill and keep your handiwork as a souvenir.
- ▶ Sip on a sundowner in a local bar as you gaze over the glittering golden domes of Moscow's Christ the Saviour Cathedral and watch the comings and goings of the River Moskva.
- ▶ Visit Sumarokovskaya Elk Farm, a research and breeding centre for the beautiful European elk and meet, with the help of a bag of carrots, some of the calm and gentle residents.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO MOSCOW

Fly to Moscow, Russia's majestic capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: MOSCOW CITY TOUR

Venture out on a walking tour, starting at the famous Red Square. Here you'll see the spectacular St Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin, which includes a visit to the Armoury and Diamond Fund as well as the Monument to Karl Marx and the Bolshoi Theatre, home of Russian ballet. Continue to the Lubyanka Building; once a notorious prison and former home of the KGB headquarters, and Revolution Square before admiring the Hotel Metropol, one of the finest Art Nouveau buildings in Moscow. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

DAY 3: EXPLORE MOSCOW

Continue exploring this great city with visits to Moscow State University, Novodevichy Convent, Stalin's Seven Sisters, Eliseyevskiy Delicatessen, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the Red October Arts District. Enjoy dinner at a Georgian restaurant and sundowner drinks at a local bar with magnificent views over the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the River Moskva.

DAY 4: MOSCOW RIVER CRUISE

Set sail on a cruise on the Moskva River, seeing some of the city's most famous sights from a different perspective. Next, pop underground to discover the wonders of Moscow's metro before browsing the wares of the colourful Izmailovo Markets. Board an early afternoon express train to Vladimir

and tour the town, visiting the Assumption Cathedral, the Vladimir Museum and the Cathedral of St Dmitry. Travel to Suzdal.

DAY 5: EXPLORE SUZDAL

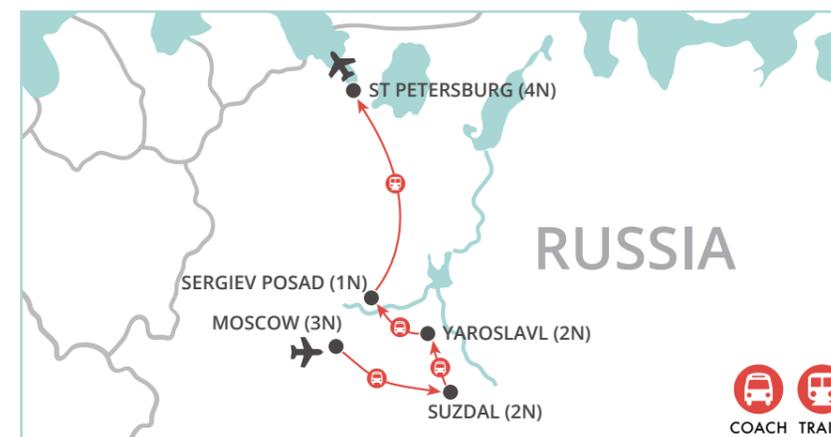
A highlight of the Golden Ring, the quaint town of Suzdal gives a glimpse of Russia in times gone by. Once a royal capital, a monastic centre and commercial hub, Suzdal's historic centre managed to avoid Soviet development and retains its delightful, fairytale character. Tour its medieval monuments and soak up the charming atmosphere.

DAY 6: SUMAROKOVSKAYA ELK FARM

This morning visit Plyos, exploring Resurrection Hill, the Church of St Barbara, Torgovaya Square before enjoying a home-cooked, traditional lunch on the picturesque river embankment. This afternoon, visit the Sumarokovskaya Elk Farm where your guided tour includes a bag of carrots for you to feed the beautiful residents. Arrive in Yaroslavl in the late afternoon and check into your hotel.

DAY 7: YAROSLAVL CITY TOUR

Start the day with a walking tour of the town, visiting the Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Saviour, the eclectic Music & Time museum and John the Baptist Church before participating in a masterclass on painting the iconic Matryoshka. Enjoy lunch and a free afternoon where you can relax in the vibrant main square or in your hotel before dinner in a traditional restaurant.



See the Cathedral of the Transfiguration in Yaroslavl

DAY 8: LAKESIDE PERESLAVL-ZALESKY

Drive to Sergiev Posad visiting the lakeside town of Pereslavl-Zalesky en route. This town is a popular dacha (summer country house) getaway for Muscovites with a range of attractions, such as the 14th-century hilltop Goritsky Monastery and the Assumption Cathedral. Arrive in Sergiev Posad. Tour the town and admire the striking blues and golds of the city's monastery.

DAY 9: TRAIN TO ST PETERSBURG

Catch the train to St Petersburg arriving in the afternoon. Russia's imperial capital, founded by Peter the Great, is a city of architectural extravagance and immense history, having long been considered Russia's cultural hub. There will be time to tour some of the sights in the late afternoon and dine beside one of the city's famous canals.

DAY 10: PETERHOF GARDENS

This morning travel out of St Petersburg to the majestic Peterhof, a former Tsar's Palace often compared to the Palace of Versailles and have a traditional Russian lunch in a Siberian forest lodge. Continue to Catherine's Palace to gaze on its lavish Rococo interiors before returning to the city to enjoy a boat trip along the Neva River, seeing some of St Petersburg's main sights.

DAY 11: THE HERMITAGE MUSEUM

This morning immerse yourself in St. Petersburg's extensive variety of culture at the Hermitage Museum, one of the world's largest and oldest museums. Within the complex is a vast collection of art, antiquities and jewellery and many interesting exhibitions. Later, visit the Peter & Paul Fortress, the first structure to be built in St Petersburg and the birthplace of the city and St Isaac's Cathedral.

DAY 12: EXPLORE ST PETERSBURG

Another day to explore the wonders of St Petersburg. Head to St. Nicholas Naval Cathedral, the Mariinsky Theatre, Smolny Cathedral, and the Monument to Heroic Defenders of Leningrad on Victory Square. Stroll through the Summer Garden, see the Field of Mars, visit the Bronze Horseman, the General Staff Building and Palace Square. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

DAY 13: FLY ST PETERSBURG TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same day.

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A journey through Russia's classic 'Golden Ring' this tour will take you between the grand cities of Moscow and St Petersburg, experiencing fairytale villages, architectural wonders and fascinating history along the way.



Discover St Basil's Cathedral in Moscow

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Thursday

2020 DATES

20 Jun-02 Jul £5,420 12 Sep-24 Sep £5,420

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,020 (Moscow – St Petersburg)
- Single room from £690
- Tipping paid locally US\$65

NEW

TRANS SIBERIAN RAILWAY

25 DAYS FROM

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MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall of China
- ✓ Stay in a traditional Mongolian ger
- ✓ Visit a Siberian village
- ✓ Enjoy the iconic rail journey
- ✓ Marvel at the Kremlin complex
- ✓ Tour Moscow and St Petersburg



Admire Lake Baikal on the Trans Siberian railway

PRICE INCLUDES

- 23 breakfasts (B), 22 lunches (L), 23 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus ger camp
- 6 nights in 2nd class, 4 berth train cabin
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holder



See Mongolian performing arts

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Immerse yourself in fascinating culture as you enjoy a Mongolian folklore show in capital Ulaanbaatar, featuring old musical traditions such as throat-singing and horsehead fiddles, dancing and performing arts.
- Discover the wild beauty of Siberia's Lake Baikal as you cruise its crystal-clear waters on a boat trip, passing beautiful sandy bays, rocky capes and long, uninhabited shores.
- In the early 90s, the streets of Yekaterinburg were the scene of gang wars between rival Mafiosi – learn all about the turbulent history and visit the elaborate cemeteries of the gangs involved on a fascinating mafia tour.

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. (D)

DAY 3: GREAT WALL OF CHINA

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight, the Great Wall. Take a walk on this incredible structure to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Visit a jade museum, before a stroll through Tiananmen Square and the exquisite Summer Palace. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Peking duck dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TRANS MONGOLIAN RAILWAY

Early morning start to embark on your Trans Mongolian Railway journey. This first leg heads west out of the city, passing through mountains and onto the arid plains of Inner Mongolia. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ULAANBAATAR

Cross into Mongolia, passing through the stark beauty of the Gobi Desert and into the open grasslands of the steppe. Disembark this afternoon, in Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar and tour the city. Tonight, dine on a Mongolian barbeque and enjoy a cultural performance of traditional throat and 'long song' singers. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GORKHI TEREJ NATIONAL PARK

Visit a ger district, where you can share a cup of traditional Mongolian tea with some of the residents. Travel to Gorkhi Terej, a national park of picturesque alpine scenery. Take an easy hike to Turtle Rock and visit a nomad family and experience the warm hospitality of the Mongolian people. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: GENGHIS KHAN STATUE

Return to Ulaanbaatar, stopping to admire the iconic Genghis Khan statue and to visit Gandan, one of Mongolia's most important monasteries. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: GER BUILDING

Travel out to a rural village to learn all about the art of ger building and take a short walk past beautiful granite rock formations to the Aglag Buteeliin Buddhist Temple. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: ULAANBAATAR

Take a morning to relax or explore the city further. Board the train and continue your Trans-Mongolian adventure into Russia. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: OLD BELIEVERS' VILLAGE

Arrive in Ulan Ude in Russia. Tour the city before spending the afternoon at the Old Believers' village of Tarbagatay. Learn about the community's way of life and dine in the village hall, enjoying sumptuous local food, vodka and wine whilst being entertained with local dancing and folk singing. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: TRAIN JOURNEY TO LISTVYANKA

Board the train, travelling on what is now the Trans-Siberian Railway, along the spectacular shores of Lake Baikal to Irkutsk from where you'll transfer to pretty Listvyanka. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: LAKE BAIKAL

Explore the beautiful nature around Lake Baikal on foot and by boat. Back in Listvyanka, grab some local delicacies, such as smoked omul and shashlik, at the waterside market and picnic on the pebble beach with weekendend Russians.



Discover Imperial Summer Palace in Beijing

Wash it down with some local Siberian lager or vodka. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: IRKUTSK CITY TOUR

This morning travel back to Irkutsk for a tour of the city. View 19th-century wooden architecture and Trans-Siberian Railway Angara Icebreaker Museum. Enjoy lunch in 130 Kvartal – a neighbourhood of typical Siberian timber buildings – before you board the afternoon train bound for Yekaterinburg. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

Spend a full day on the train, travelling across the endless landscapes of Siberia. Throughout the day you'll pass through rolling forest, timeless villages and spectacular panoramas. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: YEKATERINBURG

Arrive into Yekaterinburg this afternoon. The gem rush, the Romanovs, Boris Yeltsin, and gangster feuds – Yekaterinburg has a fascinating history. Discover more, and visit the moving monuments to Russia's imperial family, the Romanovs at the Church of All Saints on Spilled Blood. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: EXPLORE YEKATERINBURG

Today, take part in a fascinating Mafia Gangster Tour to learn about the legendary feuds of the 1990s. Re-board the train this evening to travel to Kazan. Overnight train. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: DISCOVER KAZAN

Arrive in Kazan, the capital of the Tatarstan Republic - the land of the Volga Tatars. Walk along Baumann Street and on to the Kazan

Kremlin, Chak-Chak Museum, Kul Sharif Mosque, an old Tatar Settlement and the Soviet Lifestyle Museum. (L,D)

DAY 18: VOLGA RIVER BOAT TRIP

This morning visit the Temple of All Religions and the Virgin Monastery of Raifa, before voyaging along the scenic Volga River. Return to the city centre for dinner at a Tatar restaurant and board the overnight train to Moscow. (B,L,D)

DAY 19: VISIT THE KREMLIN

Arrive in Moscow. Take a walking tour, visiting St Basil's Cathedral, Red Square and the Kremlin. Continue to the Lubyanka Building – the former KGB headquarters, Revolution Square and Hotel Metropol, a magnificent Art Nouveau building. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant. (L,D)

DAY 20: EXPLORE MOSCOW

Continue exploring this great city. Enjoy dinner at a Georgian restaurant and sip sundowner drinks at a local bar with magnificent views over the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and the River Moskva. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: MOSCOW RIVER CRUISE

Set sail on a cruise on the Moskva River, seeing some of Moscow's most famous sights from a different perspective. Next, pop underground to discover the wonders of Moscow's metro before browsing the wares of the colourful Izmailovo Markets. (B,L,D)

DAY 22: TRAIN TO ST PETERSBURG

Russia's imperial capital, founded by Peter the Great, is a city of architectural extravagance and immense history, and has long been

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CHINA, MONGOLIA & RUSSIA

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This once-in-a-lifetime adventure from Beijing to St Petersburg is a journey that spans continents. Ride on the iconic Trans-Siberian railway and discover the changing landscapes and cultures along the way.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2020 DATES

04 Jul-28 Jul* £7,390 15 Aug-08 Sep £7,390

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considered Russia's cultural hub. Tour the State Hermitage Building and the Winter Palace, the Kazan Cathedral and the Church of the Savior of the Spilled Blood. (B,L,D)

DAY 23: ST PETERSBURG TOUR

This morning travel out to the majestic Peterhof and have a traditional Russian lunch in a Siberian forest lodge. Continue to Catherine's Palace to gaze on its lavish Rococo interiors before returning to the city to enjoy a boat trip along the Neva River. (B,L,D)

DAY 24: CONTINUE EXPLORING ST PETERSBURG

Enjoy another day exploring the wonders of St Petersburg. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 25: FLY ST PETERSBURG TO UK

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

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MONGOLIA'S NAADAM FESTIVAL*

The July* departure coincides with Mongolia's Naadam Festival, so on day 7 of this itinerary, you will be able to immerse yourself in the pageantry of this legendary local celebration.

EURASIA EXPLORER

23 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Sample Georgian cuisine
- ✓ Discover the ancient Silk Road
- ✓ Learn about the 1st Christian nation
- ✓ Tour the Ateshgah Fire Temple
- ✓ Marvel at Mount Kazbegi
- ✓ Explore the Stalin Museum



Experience the Caucasus mountain landscape

PRICE INCLUDES

- 21 breakfasts, 20 lunches, 21 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holder



Taste Azerbaijani 'dovga'

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a rural home in the Caucasus Mountains of Azerbaijan where, as well as getting a glimpse of the day to day life of the locals, you can try your hand at making yoghurt, the essential component of national dish 'dovga'.
- ▶ In the remote village of Lakhiri in the mountainous Svaneti region, learn to make one of Georgia's most popular snacks, khachapuri, a delicious cheese-filled leavened bread.
- ▶ In the ancient city of Mtskheta, home to Georgia's most beautiful frescoes, join a master craftsmen to discover more about the art of icon painting, and the secrets of the traditional craft of 'teka' (felt) making.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO AZERBAIJAN

Fly overnight to Baku, Azerbaijan's laidback capital. On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Stroll down Martyrs' Lane to the seafront before heading into Icheri Sheher, the atmospheric old city, for a delicious local dinner.

DAY 3: BAKU CITY TOUR

Explore the city, visiting the treasures of Icheri Sheher - Shirvanshah's Palace, a caravanserai and the Maiden Tower, as well as the Carpet Museum and the main market square, with its numerous art studios and souvenir stalls.

DAY 4: VISIT YANAR DAG

Visit Yanar Dag, meaning 'Burning Mountain', a fire fed by natural gas seeping through the sandstone and Ateshgah, the UNESCO-listed Fire Temple of Baku. Explore the medieval fortress of Mardakan and, after lunch, drive to Gobustan National Park to visit the Petroglyph Museum and view rock carvings dating back to 10,000 BC.

DAY 5: JOURNEY INTO THE CAUCASUS MOUNTAINS

Head north through the spectacular landscapes of the Caucasus Mountains. Stop in the ancient city of Shamakhi, visiting the 8th-century Juma Mosque and popping into a local home to try your hand at traditional yoghurt making. Continue to the city of Gabala.

DAY 6: EXPLORE SHEKI

Discover the ruins of the ancient walled city Chukhur Gabala and visit the Gabala Historical Ethnography Museum. Visit Nidj village to meet the native Udin people before arriving in Sheki. Browse the wares of the

colourful bazaar, visit Sheki Palace and the village of Kis.

DAY 7: GEORGIA WINE TOUR

Cross over the border into Georgia. Explore a traditional market and visit a local family. Lunch on homemade food, wine and Georgian 'chacha' before travelling through picturesque landscapes of vineyards and wine villages, to the magnificent wine cave at Kvareli and the Chavchavadze Estate. Continue to Akhasheni Wine Resort which, as well as being your overnight accommodation, will host you for a wine tour and tasting.

DAY 8: DISCOVER SIGHNAGHI

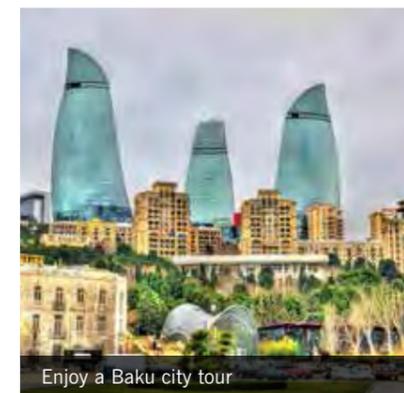
Travel to the beautiful 18th-century town of Sighnaghi. Continue to Bodbe Convent, the burial place - so legend tells - of St Nino, who converted Georgia to Christianity in the 4th century. Arrive in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia and have dinner in the atmospheric old town.

DAY 9: EXPLORE TBILISI

Explore the sights of Tbilisi. Starting at the 13th-century Metekhi Church, continue to the monument to Vakhtang Gorgasali and Narikala Fortress and stroll through the Sharden area, where narrow streets are lined with cosy cafés, wine bars and souvenir shops.

DAY 10: DISCOVER GUDAURI

This morning visit the 3,000 year-old ancient capital - Mtskheta. Continue by driving over Cross Pass, stopping to overlook the Caucasus Mountain range. Before reaching Gudauri, where you will overnight, you will experience breathtaking views of Mount Kazbegi and visit a local master to learn about Georgian icon painting and 'teka' (felt) making.



Enjoy a Baku city tour



Explore Tbilisi's narrow streets

DAY 11: UPLISTSIKHE CAVE TOWN

Travel back along the scenic Terji River to Gori, the hometown of Joseph Stalin. Visit the Stalin Museum and the tiny house where he was born. Continue to the abandoned cave town of Uplistsikhe, a fascinating complex of ancient dwelling quarters and a three-nave basilica church, all hewn from rock.

DAY 12: VISIT SVANETI

Visit the local Kutaisi farmers' market and then travel to Okatse Canyon, walking to a viewpoint for panoramic views. Travel on to Svaneti - a region that is home to high mountains, glaciers and ancient traditions. Arrive in Mestia and explore the famous watchtowers that look out over the distant mountains.

DAY 13: LAKHIRI VILLAGE HIKE

This morning you will visit Lakhiri village and take a short hike through a valley to view the Chalati Glacier. Back in Lakhiri enjoy a baking class where you'll make khachapuri, a famous cheese-filled bread.

DAY 14: EXPLORE USHGULI

Drive to Mulakhi, one of many villages dotted with twenty-metre-high stone watchtowers, built during the Middle Ages to defend against invaders. Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Ushguli to visit the 12th-century Lamaria Church, Queen Tamar's Tower and the Ushguli Museum.

DAY 15: AROUND KUTAISI

Pay a visit to the beautiful hillside Gelati Monastery before exploring the Prometheus Grotto, one of Georgia's natural wonders. Return to Kutaisi to explore the cobbled

streets of the town as you make your way up to the ruins of Bagrati Palace and citadel.

DAY 16: VISIT BORJOMI SPA

Drive to Borjomi Spa, famous for its mineral springs, and taste the waters for yourself. Continue to Akhaltsikhe, where you will visit the multi-cultural complex of Rabath. Wander the Rabat Fortress (Old Town) with its rare examples of darbazebi (traditional houses), castle, mosque and synagogue.

DAY 17: INTO ARMENIA

Visit Vardzia, a magnificent 12th-century cave town, before crossing the border into Armenia. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Haghpat Monastery and continue to the medieval kingdom of Dzoraget and on to Dilijan, a town that boasts an old district filled with craftsman's workshops, galleries and a museum.

DAY 18: DILIJAN MONASTERIES

Discover Haghartsin Monastery, a beautiful example of medieval Armenian architecture nestled in lush woodland. Enjoy lunch with a local family before driving on to Lake Sevan, known as the 'Emerald of Armenia'. Visit Sevanavank, a beautiful monastery on its shores. Return to Dilijan.

DAY 19: JOURNEY TO GORIS

Start the day at the 'Forest of Khachkars', a fascinating medieval cemetery before travelling by road to the southern town of Goris via Selim Caravanserai. Visit the mysterious Karahunge Observatory, where the scenery and mountain setting provide a spectacular backdrop.

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AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA & ARMENIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An adventure through the Caucasus, this tour highlights a real contrast of cultures. See beautiful mountain scenery, enjoy delicious food and wine, and marvel at ancient fortresses, cathedrals, mosques and temples.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Sunday

2020 DATES

26 May-17 Jun £4,060 02 Aug-24 Aug £4,060

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
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- Land only from £3,360 (Baku - Yerevan)
- Single room from £830
- Tipping paid locally USD\$110

DAY 20: WINE AND CHEESE MAKING

Travel to the 10th-century Tatev Monastery, before a wine tasting at Areni Winery. Lunch today is in a local home, where you will have the opportunity to see how to distil vodka, enjoy homemade wine, and learn how to make Armenian cheese. Finally, visit Noravank Monastery - a great religious and cultural centre located in the midst of impressive red cliffs. Continue to the capital city of Yerevan.

DAY 21: EXPLORE YEREVAN

Established in 782 BC, Yerevan is a thriving city with all the hustle and bustle of a modern capital. Start your explorations in Republic Square, continuing to the Opera House and the Cafesjian Centre for the Arts. Travel to Echmiadzin, a spiritual centre and the seat of the Armenian Catholicos and stop at the ruins of 7th-century Zvartnots.

DAY 22: GARNI VILLAGE

Visit Garni Village to see its 1st century temple and have lunch at a local family home where you will learn flatbread making techniques. After lunch, visit Geghard Monastery and the Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex. Sit down to a farewell dinner tonight.

DAY 23: FLY YEREVAN TO THE UK

Fly to the UK, arriving later the same day.

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ROAD TO SAMARKAND

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TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore mysterious Samarkand
- ✓ Learn about silk production
- ✓ Discover holy Bukhara
- ✓ Meet nomads in Kyrgyzstan
- ✓ Lose yourself in vibrant bazaars
- ✓ Watch eagle hunting



Explore the golden city of Samarkand

PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus yurt camps
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



See golden eagles hunting

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ One of Central Asia's most iconic experiences, witness the skill and majesty of golden eagle hunting – an age-old Kyrgyz tradition – in the spectacular setting of Kyrgyzstan's highlands.
- ▶ Take to the tranquil, vivid-blue waters of Lake Issyk Kul, the world's second largest alpine lake, enjoying a relaxing cruise as you admire the spectacular views of the rugged Ala-Too Mountains.
- ▶ In Kochkor, visit a wonderful local cooperative where women are trained in traditional Kyrgyz handicrafts and given space to show and sell their work, allowing them to earn a wage while keeping old traditions alive.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KYRGYZSTAN

Travel overnight to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital and cultural hub. Enjoy a welcome lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on a city tour to see Ala Too Square, the White House and Oak Park.

DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning drive south to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through its picturesque scenery of rugged peaks and dramatic gorges. Return to Bishkek for a free afternoon.

DAY 4: LAKE ISSYK KUL

Visit the magnificent 12th-century Burana Tower before departing for Cholpon-Ata. Set on the shores of Lake Issyk Kul, visit the astonishing collection of 8th-century petroglyphs etched into glacial stone nearby. Later, take a cruise on the beautiful Lake Issyk Kul, admiring its spectacular alpine-esque surroundings.

DAY 5: DRIVE TO KARAKOL

Drive to Karakol, stopping at Semenov Gorge for a gentle hike, and Kyrchyn Jailoo ethnic village en route. This afternoon visit the Przhevalsky Museum, dedicated to the Russian explorer, and explore the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Church and the Chinese mosque.

DAY 6: SUNDAY ANIMAL MARKET

Rise early to immerse yourself on the hustle and bustle of Karakol's Sunday morning animal market. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of Flowers and Jety-Oguz Gorge for a walk through the canyon of red sandstone.

Here you can also enjoy horseback riding and visit Irdyk village. This evening enjoy a home-cooked dinner with a local Dungan family.

DAY 7: EAGLE HUNTING

Depart Karakol early and travel to the village of Kyzyl-Suu to see the process of constructing a yurt, continuing to explore Barskoon Gorge and Skazka Canyon. Arrive at the village of Bokonbayevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition practised with majestic golden eagles.

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO TASH RABAT

Enjoy a free morning to stroll around Bokonbayevo or walk on the shores of beautiful Lake Issyk Kul. Pass through dramatic mountain and valley landscapes to reach Tash Rabat, a small stone caravanserai that was of great significance at the height of the Silk Road. In a peaceful valley, it is set alongside a series of seasonal yurt-camps, where you will spend the night.

DAY 9: KOCHKOR

Take a walk around Tash Rabat to enjoy the scenery before transferring to Kochkor, the centre of Kyrgyz felt handicrafts. Visit a traditional 'shyrdak' (wool carpet) workshop and a local co-op that provides training for local women in traditional handicrafts.

DAY 10: CHONG KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

Spend the morning exploring Kochkor at your own pace before heading out to the sculpted valleys of Chong Kemin National Park. Take in bustling village life in Ashu and cheer on the competitors of the horseback games, a fun demonstration of old nomadic traditions.



Discover scenic Kyrgyzstan



Walled City of Itchan Kala, Khiva

DAY 11: INTO UZBEKISTAN

Transfer to Bishkek airport and fly to Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan.

DAY 12: THE FERAGANA VALLEY

Explore Tashkent's sights, including the Barak Khan and Kukeldash madrassahs and the Tila Shaikh mosque and archives before browsing the wares of Chorsu Bazaar and admiring the opulent Tashkent Metro. Later, travel to the city of Fergana located in the heart of the rich Fergana Valley.

DAY 13: SUNDAY BAZAARS

Rise early and travel to Kumpeta Sunday Bazaar in the town of Margilon, where you can immerse yourself in the colours, sounds and smells of this vibrant market. Arrive in Kokand and visit Khan's Palace and Jami Mosque Museum then drop by a local Kyrgyz family who manufacture traditional woollen carpets. Return to Fergana.

DAY 14: TASHKENT

After a relaxed morning travel back to Tashkent by road. On arrival, the afternoon is free to explore more of the city.

DAY 15: GOLDEN CITY OF SAMARKAND

Travel by train to the legendary city of Samarkand. Upon arrival, wander into the heart of the city for a first glimpse at some of its most significant sights – Gur-e-Amir – the majestic mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane and Central Asia's most spectacular architectural ensemble, Registan Square. Wander through a local market and visit the Shah-I-Zinda mausoleum.

DAY 16: ULUGH BEG OBSERVATORY

This morning, you have free time to relax or explore more. This afternoon, visit the Ulugh Beg Observatory, founded in the 15th century and considered one of the finest observatories in the Islamic world as well as a papermaking workshop and the Bibi-Khanum Friday Mosque.

DAY 17: EXPLORE BUKHARA

Travel to the holy city of Bukhara, a place of astounding history, by train. Explore the legendary Kalon Minaret, the Ark of Bukhara, and Bolo Hauz Mosque. Wander on to the peaceful 16th-century Chor Minor and Chor Bakr necropolis to tour the colourful Khonako-Medrassah-Mosque complex. Later, visit the mausoleum of Ismail Samanid and the ornate Aziz Khan and Ulugbek madrassahs.

DAY 18: DISCOVER SITORA-I MOHI KHOSA

This morning visit Sitara-i Mohi Khosa, the Emir's summer palace, a 20th-century confection of a building! Drive out to the pottery town of Gijduvan where you'll explore the town and visit a ceramics centre. Return to Bukhara and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 19: ACROSS THE DESERT TO KHIVA

Enjoy a free morning before transferring to the station to catch the train to Khiva. The route runs 480 kilometres through the stark beauty of the desert, the scenery changing from sparse saksaul trees to the lush riverbanks of the Amudarya.

GO BEYOND KYRGYZSTAN & UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Follow the famous Silk Road through Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan! This tour will take you off-the-beaten-track to mingle with nomads in traditional yurt camps, to stroll through vibrant bazaars and discover timeless, ornately-decorated cities.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2020 DATES

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DAY 20: WALLED CITY OF ITCHAN KALA

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kukhna Ark Fortress and the turquoise-tiled Islom-Khodja. Wander through the fascinating Madrassah Rakhimkhon, a beacon of religious, astronomic, geographic and mathematical studies, and see the 19th century Tash Hauli Palace, decorated in blue fine china tiles.

DAY 21: FLY TO TASHKENT

Today you will have free time to wander Khiva's old town before transferring to Urgench to fly to Tashkent, arriving in the evening.

DAY 22: FLY TASHKENT TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home later the same day.

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TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Travel the Silk Road
- ✓ Cruise on Lake Iskander Kul
- ✓ Witness Karakol's animal market
- ✓ Browse colourful bazaars
- ✓ Explore exotic Khiva
- ✓ Discover ancient Samarkand



Walk around Darvaza Gas Crater

PRICE INCLUDES

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Learn about native Akhal Teke horses

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a stud farm to learn about the famous Akhal Teke. A native horse breed with a distinctive metallic sheen. These majestic animals have played an essential role in Turkmenistan's history and are the emblem of the country.
- ▶ Stroll through Bukhara's Lyab-i Hauz district at twilight, admiring the spectacular architecture that surrounds one of the city's last remaining ponds (hauz), before sitting down to a delicious local dinner.
- ▶ Get a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads at a shepherd's camp, where you'll spend the night sleeping in a traditional yurt.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO TURKMENISTAN

Fly overnight to the city of Ashgabat, capital of Turkmenistan. The rest of the morning is free to relax before a welcome lunch and visit to a local stud farm to learn about beautiful Akhal Teke horses.

DAY 3: EXPLORE ASHGABAT

Today explore both ancient and modern Ashgabat visiting Independence Square and the Turkmenistan Independence Monument to see the Rukhnama book. Lunch at Gulistan Bazaar then learn about the country's unique history at the National Museum of History and Ethnography.

DAY 4: ANCIENT CITY OF MERV

Journey to the city of Mary to tour the UNESCO-listed oasis-city of Merv. En route, learn about the Turkmenistan cotton and gas industry and stop at ancient Abiverd.

DAY 5: DARVAZA GAS CRATER

Drive through the Karakum Desert to the Darvaza Gas Crater and walk around the crater as dusk approaches. Enjoy a nomad-inspired dinner under the stars, with a spectacular view of the crater and its glowing flames.

DAY 6: EXPLORE KONYE-URGENCH

Drive to Konye-Urgench, capital of the Khorezm Empire in the 12th - 13th centuries. Explore its magnificent mausoleums, the Kutlug Timur minaret and the fabled Mamun's Academy of Sciences. Cross into Uzbekistan, to the fabulous Silk Road city of Khiva, unrivalled by its 10th century city walls.

DAY 7: WALLED CITY OF KHIVA

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kuhna Ark and the turquoise-tiled Islom-Khodja.

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO BUKHARA

Journey across the Kyzyl Kum Desert, to holy Bukhara, a city with an astounding history spanning 2,500 years. This evening take a walking tour through the markets and shop for traditional Uzbek crafts.

DAY 9: BUKHARA SIGHTSEEING

Visit the Bolo Hauz Mosque before wandering through a beautiful oasis to the peaceful 16th-century Chor Minor and Chor Bakr necropolis. Later this afternoon, visit the mausoleum of Ismail Samanid and the ornate Aziz Khan and Ulugbek madrassahs.

DAY 10: THE GOLDEN ROAD TO SAMARKAND

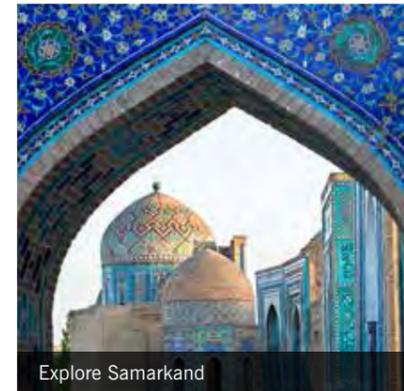
Arrive in legendary Samarkand. Wander into the heart of the city for a first glimpse at some of the city's most significant sights – Gur-e-Amir – the mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane and the spectacular Registan Square.

DAY 11: EXPLORE SAMARKAND

This morning, return to Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum and Registan Square for a more in-depth look at the timeless architecture. Later, wander through a local market, visit Shah-I-Zinda and Bibi-Khanum Friday Mosque.

DAY 12: DISCOVER ULUGH BEG OBSERVATORY

Visit Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Tamerlane, exploring sites such as the remnants of



Explore Samarkand



Sleep in a traditional Kyrgyz yurt

Ak-Sarai Palace. Back in Samarkand, visit the Ulugh Beg Observatory, founded in the 15th century and considered one of the finest observatories in the Islamic world.

DAY 13: TASHKENT OLD TOWN

Visit a traditional papermaking workshop in Konigil village before catching a train to Tashkent. Take a step back in time in the old town and explore the Tila Shaikh mosque, home to rare copies of the Koran. Stop at Chorsu Bazaar and admire the opulently-decorated Tashkent Metro.

DAY 14: LOCAL VILLAGE CRAFTS

Journey through the scenic mountains along the Uzbek/Kyrgyz border stopping to enjoy a guided tour of the town of Kokand. Travel on to Ok Yer village to visit a local Kyrgyz family who manufacture traditional woollen carpets and at the Rishton Ceramics Museum. Arrive in Fergana.

DAY 15: SUNDAY BAZAAR

Rise early and travel to the Kumpeta Sunday Bazaar and immerse yourself in the colours, sounds and smells of this vibrant market. Continue to the nearby town of Andijon and visit the Yodgorlik Silk Factory.

DAY 16: INTO TAJIKISTAN

Cross the border into Tajikistan, arriving in the city of Khujand. Stroll through the vibrant Panchshanbe Bazaar, admire the 10th century citadel and relax at Pushkin Square.

DAY 17: LAKE ISKANDER KUL

Travel to Istaravshan, in the northern foothills of the Tajik Mountains, and on to Lake Iskander Kul, taking time in both to enjoy

the breathtaking views. Arrive in Dushanbe, Tajikistan's capital.

DAY 18: EXPLORE DUSHANBE

Take a full day tour of the capital, walking through the botanical gardens, the Ismoili Somoni monument and Kohi Navruz, a cultural palace and showcase of traditional Tajik architecture. After lunch visit the Fortress of Hissor.

DAY 19: INTO KAZAKHSTAN

Fly to Almaty, the capital of Kazakhstan. Enjoy an orientation walk visiting Republic Square, Abai Opera Theatre, the Central Mosque, the Green Market and Zenkov Cathedral.

DAY 20: ALMATY LAKE

This morning drive to Medeo, stopping at the Big Almaty Lake and the Tien Shan Astronomical Observatory for a tour. Return to Almaty for an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 21: CHARYN CANYON

Drive through breathtaking scenery to visit magnificent Charyn Canyon and its Valley of the Castles. Continue to the border and cross into Kyrgyzstan and on to Karakol.

DAY 22: SUNDAY ANIMAL MARKET

Rise early for the bustling Karakol Sunday Animal Market. Return to the city and visit the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of the Flowers and Jety-Orguz where you can enjoy a light hike through the magnificent canyon of red sandstone.

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DAY 23: EAGLE HUNTING

Leave early to explore the beautiful gorges and waterfalls of the highlands before stopping at the village of Bokonbayevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition. Spend the night with local shepherds in their camp, sleeping in a traditional yurt, for a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads.

DAY 24: HORSEBACK GAMES

Travel to Chong Kemin National Park, where you will visit Ashu village. Here you will witness some traditional horseback games, an exciting custom of Kyrgyzstan's nomadic people. Head to capital city Bishkek, visiting the 12th-century Burana Tower en route.

DAY 25: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning's city tour will visit Ala Too Square, Oak Park and the newly restored Museum of History. Drive to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through the picturesque scenery before returning to Bishkek for a farewell dinner.

DAY 26: FLY BISHKEK TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home later the same day.

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- ✓ Admire the steppe grasslands



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See the traditional 'Three Manly Skills'

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Witness the pageantry of the Naadam Festival, cheering on the participants alongside the crowds of locals, as they compete in the traditional 'Three Manly Skills' – wrestling, archery and horsemanship.
- ▶ Amongst the dramatic landscapes of Mongolia's steppe, receive a warm welcome from a Mongolian family as they show you around their ger camp home and introduce you to their nomadic life as livestock herders.
- ▶ Immerse yourself in fascinating culture as you enjoy a Mongolian folklore show, featuring old musical traditions such as throat-singing and horsehead fiddles, dancing and performing arts.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR

Fly overnight to Mongolia's chaotic and cosmopolitan capital, Ulaanbaatar. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE ULAANBAATAR

Start your explorations with a visit to the 19th-century Gandan, Mongolia's largest and most important monastery, before exploring the National Museum of Mongolia, Genghis Khan Square and the Zaisan Hill Memorial. Tonight, enjoy a Mongolian barbeque accompanied by a cultural performance that includes traditional throat and 'long song' singers.

DAY 4: MONGOLIAN WRESTLING CAMP

Travel to a training camp to learn all about an essential element of Mongolian culture and one of the 'Three Manly Skills' (the skills Genghis Khan believed essential for any Mongol warrior) – wrestling. Watch the athletes practicing and pick up some of the various tricks and techniques! Continue to an archery training camp, the second of the 'Three Manly Skills' and observe the archers hard at work with their bows and arrows. This evening, learn the art of cooking a Mongolian barbeque, sitting down to dine on the results with local wrestlers before spending the night in a ger, a traditional nomadic tent.

DAY 5: GORKHI-TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

Head to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park and soak up the beautiful alpine scenery, visiting the Genghis Khan statue complex en route. Explore Turtle Rock and take an easy hike

up to the Aryabal Monastery, perched on the mountainside. Also visit a local family to get a glimpse of their nomadic lifestyle. Spend the night in a ger camp.

DAY 6: NAADAM FESTIVAL EVE

As the preparations for the Naadam Festival reach their climax, visit Hui Doloon Khudag (horse racing field) for a glimpse at the third of the 'Three Manly Skills', horsemanship. Return to Ulaanbaatar where, in the Central Square, you can view the colourful Naadam costumes that are on display. In the afternoon explore the Winter Palace of the Bogd Khan and enjoy some free time to do some shopping for local handicrafts.

DAY 7: NAADAM FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY

Mix with the locals and nomads alike to witness the opening ceremony of the Naadam Festival. Watch the procession of the athletes, officials and monks in their extravagant costumes, all accompanied by traditional music and dancing. This is a festival like no other and no doubt, one of the main highlights of the trip! Cheer on the competitors in the first rounds on the wrestling and archery this afternoon, before an evening at the Naadam Traditional Folk Gala Show.

DAY 8: NAADAM FESTIVAL CONTINUES

Travel to Khustain National Park for a thrilling morning of cross-country horseracing. Watch the events alongside the locals and revel in the carnival-like atmosphere. In the early afternoon head to the exciting wrestling events where over 1,000 wrestlers meet in a single-elimination tournament that lasts nine or ten



See Gandan Monastery



Stay in ger camps

rounds. Spend the night in a ger in Khustain National Park.

DAY 9: WILDLIFE SPOTTING

Head off in 4WD vehicles at dawn for a wildlife spotting expedition, keeping an eye out for Mongolia's famous wild horses as well as deer, gazelles and birds. Return to the ger camp for breakfast before travelling on to Kharkhorin. Mongolia's former capital is situated on the Orkhon River, a spot handpicked by Genghis Khan in 1220. The city remained Mongolia's political, cultural and economic hub for only 40 years before power was transferred to Khanbaliq – now Beijing. After the collapse of the Mongolian Empire, the city was abandoned to the elements and destroyed by roving soldiers until its remains were used to build Erdene Zuu Khiid – which we visit today. The area around tonight's ger camp is known for its scenic valley surrounds and horse-trekking.

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO ONGIIN KHIID

Travel through wild, grassy steppe to Ongiin Khiid and explore the atmospheric ruins of Barlim Khiid and Khutagt Khiid. Your guides will set up your ger camp close to the peaceful Ongii River whilst you visit a nearby Mongolian family to learn about their lifestyle and taste the delicious products made from their livestock's milk.

DAY 11: KHONGORYN ELS DUNES

Embark on a 4WD adventure to Khongoryn Els and explore Mongolia's largest sand dunes, also known as the 'Singing Sand Dunes'. Enjoy the beauty of these stark landscapes and for those who are feeling

adventurous, climb to the top for fantastic views, which will be well worth it! There's also the chance to ride a two-humped camel through the dunes – a true Mongolian desert experience.

DAY 12: FLAMING CLIFFS

Enjoy a leisurely morning before transferring to Gurban Saikhan National Park. Immerse yourself in natural beauty of jagged mountains, undulating sand dunes and a valley that is snow-capped for most of the year and hike through the magnificent Yolyn Am Gorge. Continue by 4WD to Bayanzag, more commonly known as the 'Flaming Cliffs', an area made up of peaks and canyons in a striking fiery red and orange sandstone.

DAY 13: DINOSAUR CEMETERY

This morning, visit the dinosaur cemetery, a small part of an area of palaeontological importance thanks to the vast number of dinosaur fossils that have been found here – even the amateur eye can spot them as you wander through the canyon. Hike a little further into the spectacular landscapes before travelling on to Baga Gazriin Chuluu, a series of granite formations in the Middle Gobi region.

DAY 14: TSORJIIN KHUREENII KHIID MONASTERY

Travel back to Ulaanbaatar, stopping off to discover the atmospheric ruins of Tsorjiin Khureenii in its magnificent setting. This evening, enjoy a traditional folklore performance and a farewell dinner.

DAY 15: FLY ULAANBAATAR TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home later the same day.

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MONGOLIA

PHYSICAL RATING

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Journey through the less-discovered land of Genghis Khan, traversing endless plains and seeing sights of immeasurable beauty. Including three exciting days at the Naadam Festival, expect many long drives.

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2020 DATES

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2 IGUAZU FALLS

Iguazu's hundreds of cascades tumble over the border between Argentina and Brazil in spectacular fashion! Visit the falls from both sides on our Essence of Argentina & Brazil (page 180) and Ultimate South America (page 180) tours.



3 SALAR DE UYUNI

Spanning nearly 11,000-sq. km, the salt flats in Bolivia are the largest in the world. The vast other-worldly landscape plays with your sense of perspective and will leave you awe-struck. See for yourself on our Ultimate South America tour (page 180).



4 WILDLIFE OF THE GALAPAGOS

A must-visit for any wildlife lover, the unique flora and fauna of the isolated Galapagos archipelago is waiting to be explored by land or sea on page 181.



5 PATAGONIA

Journey to the tip of South America to explore the majestic wilderness of ice and rock that is Patagonia! Delve into its incredible natural beauty on our Chile: Top to Toe tour (page 176).



6 RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazil's 'Cidade Maravilhosa', it's the beaches, lush mountains and vibrant samba beat that make Rio one of the world's greatest cities. Explore it on Essence of Argentina & Brazil (page 180).



7 CARTAGENA

The colourful Caribbean port city of Cartagena's most enthralling sight, fall for the charms of the Church of St Peter Claver for yourself on Colombia Discovery (page 180).



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- ✓ Walk to La Paz Waterfalls



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Costa Rica is a natural wonderland, filled with bountiful nature and incredible wildlife. Explore the abundant rainforest and cloudforest, keeping your eyes peeled for the monkeys, sloths and colourful birds that call it home.



Spot howler monkeys in Sarapiquí



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- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with national escort and entrance fees



Cruise through Tortuguero National Park

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Embark on a cruise through the resplendent waterways of Tortuguero National Park, passing between the marshy islands that provide shelter for a diverse range of wildlife, including sea turtles, otters and monkeys.
- ▶ Explore Costa Rica's most magical natural sight, the cloudforest of Monteverde, a biological reserve dedicated to protecting a unique ecosystem that is home to an astounding 50% of Costa Rica's flora and fauna.
- ▶ Venture across the exhilarating Arenal Hanging Bridges, draped through the lush canopy at the foot of Arenal Volcano, for a bird's eye view of the rainforest and a glimpse of the forest canopy wildlife.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SAN JOSÉ

Fly to San José. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: POAS & LA PAZ WATERFALL

This morning, head out of the city for a short visit to Poas Volcano. Journey to the edge of the crater to watch gas and water vapour erupting from the surface. After, continue to La Paz Waterfall Gardens, a 70-acre natural paradise. Keep your eye out for an array of fascinating wildlife as you explore the 2 miles of trails in the forests, gardens and five waterfalls.

DAY 3: TORTUGUERO VILLAGE

Head northeast through the banana plantations and Braulio Carrillo National Park before a boat transfer to Tortuguero. Only accessible by water or plane, Tortuguero exudes a relaxed Afro-Caribbean vibe and is famous for the green turtles that nest here. Spend the afternoon in the village, with the jungle and waterways on one side and on the other, a blissful Caribbean beach.

DAY 4: EXPLORE TORTUGUERO

The Tortuguero area is full of biological diversity, with habitats including rainforest, swamp and lagoon. The beaches are a nesting ground for green turtles, whilst the rivers are home to caimans, crocodiles and manatees and the forest boasts jaguars, sloths, monkeys and 375 species of birds. Exploring it will be a real adventure! This morning, walk the trails around your hotel and in the afternoon take a boat trip through the waterways.

DAY 5: SARAPIQUÍ

Depart Tortuguero by boat. After lunch at a local restaurant, journey westwards to Puerto Viejo de Sarapiquí at the heart of Costa Rica's northern lowlands and nestled amongst lush rainforest. Check in to your rainforest lodge accommodation and settle in.

DAY 6: CHOCOLATE TOUR

Embark on a chocolate tour at La Tirimbina. Crossing a suspension bridge, visit a former cacao-tree plantation where you'll learn about the history of the tree and its lucrative fruit. Watch the chocolate-making process first-hand and have a taste of the final product. The chocolate is produced by the Asociación de Mujeres Amazilia del Caribe, a group of local women who are working to improve their lives through social enterprise and to rescue the native cacao tree. Transfer by road to the Arenal area, named after the magnificent Arenal Volcano.



See exotic birds in the cloudforest

DAY 7: ARENAL MISTICO PARK HANGING BRIDGES

In the shadow of Arenal, the Mistico Park gives a whole new perspective of the rainforest with a series of suspension bridges at canopy level. Keep an eye out for sloths, monkeys and toucans (among other species) as you walk through the treetops. Spend the day walking the easy trails and taking in the beautiful natural surroundings.

DAY 8: MONTEVERDE BY LAKE

Depart Arenal and voyage across the lake to the little town of Rio Chiquito. If the weather is clear, the views of Arenal Volcano as you cruise will be fantastic. Lake Arenal is Costa Rica's largest, especially since it tripled in size with the construction of the Arenal Dam in 1979. Transfer the rest of the way to Monteverde by road and enjoy an afternoon tour of the Don Juan coffee estate. Here you'll learn all about the coffee making process, from harvesting and processing to the humble coffee bean itself.

DAY 9: MONTEVERDE CLOUDFOREST RESERVE

Explore the hanging bridges of the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve with a guide. This reserve covers 26,000 acres of virgin forest and is home to a huge amount of Costa Rica's native flora and fauna. The cloudforest is a highland rainforest characterised by the clouds and fogs that settle in the lush canopy – the humidity here hovers at around 100%! The reserve shelters jaguars, pumas and over 450 species of bird, including the famous resplendent quetzal.

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO MANUEL ANTONIO

Travel down from Monteverde, descending in altitude through the misty cloudforest before entering the humid lowlands to the south. On the way, you will stop at Carara National Park for a walk along the trails to see wildlife including the magnificent scarlet macaw – an endangered species but one that typifies Costa Rica's stunning biodiversity. Afterwards, you will continue towards the dazzling white sands of the Pacific coast. Here, set amongst verdant nature is the oceanside town of Manuel Antonio.

DAY 11: MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a guided tour of Manuel Antonio National Park, Costa Rica's most protected area. There is a huge range of breathtaking flora and fauna here – as you stroll the park's trails, keep an eye out for white-faced capuchin monkeys, iguanas and a range of beautiful bird species. There will also be time to enjoy the beaches and have a dip in the warm Pacific waters.

DAY 12: TRANSFER TO SAN JOSE

Depart Manuel Antonio this afternoon and begin the journey back to San José. Spend your final night in the capital, enjoying a farewell dinner.

DAYS 13-14: FLY SAN JOSÉ TO UK

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- ✓ Discover Valparaiso's street art
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- ✓ Walk through Moon Valley
- ✓ Explore the Chile Lake District
- ✓ Admire Torres del Paine National Park
- ✓ Sunrise at the Tatio Geysers



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See El Tatio Geysers fields

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ One of the Atacama's most evocative sights, travel across the spectacular altiplano at dawn and enjoy a picnic breakfast overlooking El Tatio Geysers fields at their most active as the sun rises.
- ▶ Venture deep into the Atacama Desert to wander through the magnificent Rainbow Valley, admiring the natural hues of the rock strata which boasts an array of greens, pinks and yellows.
- ▶ Cruise on the moody waters of Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope) Fjord, the perfect place from which to admire the majestic and rugged Patagonian landscapes, and visit the magnificent Mount Balmaceda and Serrano glaciers.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SANTIAGO

Fly to Chile's sophisticated capital Santiago, arriving the following day. Take the rest of the day at leisure, or you can join an optional walking tour to see the city's highlights, including the Plaza de Armas and Cerro Santa Lucia. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 3: DISCOVER VALPARAÍSO

Travel to the coast to visit the bohemian port town of Valparaíso. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Valparaíso is a unique and delightful tangle, draped over a series of hills. Funiculars connect the industrial seafront with the cerros (hill) neighbourhoods, each a maze of colourful, artfully-dilapidated mansions and enchanting street art. Ride the funicular up into the hills to explore, stopping to visit Chilean poet Pablo Neruda's house. (B)

DAY 4: SAN PEDRO DE ATACAMA

Transfer to the airport and fly to the northern city of Calama, from where you will drive to the desert oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama before enjoying a local lunch in Ayllu de Coyo. Explore some of San Pedro's most famous landscapes with a drive out to Death and Moon valleys, some of the driest spots on the planet. With lonely volcanoes populating the horizon, enjoy the views and the silence as the afternoon sun turns the hues of the rock from orange, to red to purple. (B,L)

DAY 5: SALAR DE ATACAMA

Spend the day exploring the otherworldly Salar de Atacama, the largest salt flat in Chile. Journey under the watchful gaze of barren mountains, passing salt lakes full of flamingos, to reach

Miscanti and Miñiques lagoons, which sit on the high plains at the base of two colossal volcanoes of the same names. The lagoons are astonishingly blue, whilst the salt deposits around the water's edge are brilliantly coloured. (B,L)

DAY 6: EL TATIO GEYSERS

Rise early to travel deeper into the Atacama to visit El Tatio. Set within a ring of volcanoes, there are about 80 lively geysers and fumaroles, which are at their best at sunrise. In the afternoon, you'll see the Rainbow Valley and the petroglyphs of Yervas Buenas. Keep an eye out for the wild, llama-like vicunas as you journey over the altiplano. (B,L)

DAY 7: PUERTO VARAS

Transfer back to Calama and fly south to Puerto Montt, the gateway to Chile's spectacular Lake District. Travel on to Puerto Varas, a charming town on Llanquihue Lake, overlooked by two snow-capped volcanoes. (B)

DAY 8: OSORNO VOLCANO

Travel further around Llanquihue Lake to the village of Ensenada at the foot of Osorno Volcano, where you'll take an easy hike on the volcano's verdant slopes to reach the Osorno Ski Mountain Centre at 1,240 metres. Travel through Perez Rosales National Park to Petrohué Falls, where boardwalks will help you admire the turquoise waters and lush greenery of the Petrohué River. (B,L)

DAY 9: PUERTO NATALES

Visit a local fish and artisanal market this morning on the way to Puerto Montt. Fly to Punta Arenas followed by a ground transfer to Puerto Natales, arriving at your hotel in the late evening. (B,L,D)



DAY 10: PUERTO NATALES' OPTIONAL TOURS

You have a day at leisure today, but with the option to book onto one of two tours. Either sail on the gloomily-named Ultima Esperanza (Last Hope) Fjord to Mount Balmaceda Glacier before continuing on foot to the magnificent Serrano Glacier or visit a local estancia for a glimpse of daily life on a traditional ranch and to enjoy a typical Patagonian asado lunch. (B)

DAY 11: TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Patagonia is a spectacular destination in general, but the jewel of the crown is the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Torres del Paine National Park. Packed with waterfalls, lakes, glaciers and rugged peaks, the park's



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- ✓ Cooking Lesson with a local family
- ✓ Visit the colourful markets of Pisac



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

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L) & 4 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with National Escort and entrance fees



Visit the Uros people of Lake Titicaca

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit the indigenous Uros people, a community who live on floating islands made of reeds on the waters of Lake Titicaca, and spend some time learning about their fascinating culture.
- ▶ Browse the colourful produce at a market, taking a selection of fresh ingredients to the house of a welcoming local family where you will use them as part of a cooking class, preparing a delicious regional dish.
- ▶ Learn all about the subtle flavours of 'Pisco', Peru's national beverage and tippie of choice, at a tasting in Lima.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO LIMA

Fly to Peru's historical capital Lima, arriving the same or following day. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before an evening welcome dinner and pisco tasting where you will enjoy your first taste of Peruvian cuisine. (D)

DAY 3: LIMA CITY TOUR

Originally named the 'City of Kings', you will enjoy a tour of Peru's capital today. Start the morning with a stroll through the colourful fruit market tasting tropical juices along the way, before heading to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic centre to admire its colonial magnificence. Later, visit the 17th-century San Francisco church and Casa Aliaga, a beautifully-preserved colonial mansion. Finish the day at the Huaca Pucllana archaeological centre. (B)

DAY 4: SACRED VALLEY

Fly to Cusco. Transfer to the Urubamba Valley, an area also known as the Sacred Valley and home to Inca citadels and beautiful landscapes. Beginning in the charming town of Pisac, visit the colourful market to mingle with the locals and browse the plentiful Peruvian handicrafts, then see the fascinating terracing at the Pisac ruins. Later, meet a typical Inca community at Ollantaytambo to see the well-preserved Inca houses and explore the old fortress. (B,L)

DAY 5: HUILLOC COMMUNITY

Spend the day in the remote village of Huilloc, where you will experience the authentic culture of the valley's Quechua communities. You'll be able to interact with the villagers, share lunch with them and witness their day-to-day life. The women of Huilloc have a rich tradition

of weaving, an art they still practise today. You'll be able to purchase their wares here, as well as enjoying a cooking demonstration of a typical Quechua dish. (B,L)

DAY 6: TRAIN TO MACHU PICCHU

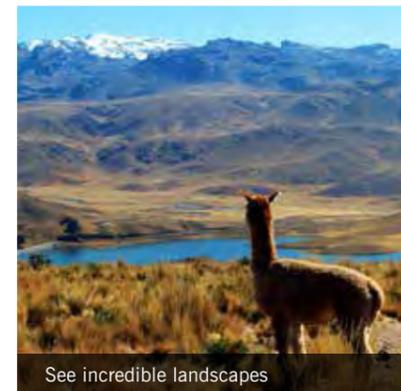
From Ollantaytambo, board the panoramic Vistadome train to travel through the mountainous landscapes to the small town of Aguas Calientes. From here, you will ascend to the magnificent ancient city of Machu Picchu. Long abandoned by the Inca, Machu Picchu came to international attention when it was stumbled upon by Hiram Bingham in 1911. It is now one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: MACHU PICCHU OPTIONAL TOUR

Enjoy the morning at leisure or choose one of these optional tours: a hike up Huayna Picchu offering a different viewpoint overlooking Machu Picchu; Aguas Calientes' thermal baths for a relaxing soak; or a second entrance to Machu Picchu for further explorations - perhaps even venturing up to the Inti Punku or Sun Gate. In the afternoon take the train back to Poroy and transfer to Cusco. This day is at altitude. (B)



Travel through the Peruvian highlands



See incredible landscapes



Visit the historic Plaza de Armas in Cusco

DAY 8: DISCOVER CUSCO

Home to an incredible Incan legacy, Cusco has some of the richest heritage in Latin America and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The tour will include visits to the Plaza de Armas, once the heart of the Incan capital of Huacaypata, and Qoricancha, the temple of the sun. Head just out of town to the ruins of Sacsayhuaman and Puka Pukara, the 'Red Fortress'. This day is at altitude. This afternoon there is the option to take part in a chocolate-making tour. (B,D)

DAY 9: TRAIN TO PUNO

Travel from Cusco to Puno, journeying through the spectacular Peruvian highlands and along the shores of Lake Titicaca on board a train that offers four dining cars, a bar car and an observation car. Along the way you will enjoy a gourmet lunch prepared with exquisite Andean ingredients and there will be music and dance shows on board. (B,L)

DAY 10: LAKE TITICACA

Journey by boat across Lake Titicaca to the floating islands of Uros, which are constructed entirely from reeds. Spend some time exploring and meeting the local Uros people before continuing to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Taquile. Once a stronghold of the Inca, you'll find wonderful textiles here. After your tour of the island, head back to Puno. (B,L)

DAY 11: COLCA CANYON

Today start early to travel towards Chivay village, passing through Lagunillas and Tocra along the way. Keep your eyes peeled for flamingos, Andean ducks and llamas. Reach Pata Pampa

at 4,820 metres altitude, where you can admire the volcanoes of Ampato, Sabancaya, Hualca-Hualca and Mismi (the source of the Amazon River), as well as views of the Cordillera Chila. Once in Chivay, enjoy the view of the terraces of the Colca Valley before bathing in the natural hot springs. (B,L)

DAY 12: TRAVEL TO AREQUIPA

Depart Colca and travel to Arequipa. En route, head to Condor Cross where the views of the Colca Canyon are breathtaking - keep an eye out for a condor or two gliding on the thermals. You'll also visit several of the valley's villages and viewpoints. On arrival, the rest of the afternoon is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 13: EXPLORE AREQUIPA

Peru's spectacularly situated second city is surrounded by volcanoes and boasts beautiful colonial architecture. Start the day exploring the city at the Carmen Alto viewpoint before visiting Yanahuara Quarter and admiring the UNESCO-listed Plaza de Armas and the Monastery of Santa Catalina. Continue on to San Camilo market to buy ingredients which, with the help of a local family, you will use to cook a local dish before sitting down to enjoy lunch together. Catch a flight back to Lima, with a farewell dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

DAYS 14-15: DEPART LIMA FOR UK

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?
Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

FLEXIBLE PERU

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

On this thrilling journey, much of which is spent at altitude in the Andes Mountains, you'll discover the heart of the Inca Empire at Machu Picchu, encounter soaring condors and sail on the waters of Lake Titicaca.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

2020 DATES

14 Jan - 28 Jan	£3,890	22 Sep - 06 Oct	£3,890
24 Mar - 07 Apr	£3,890	03 Nov - 17 Nov	£3,890
05 May - 19 May	£3,890		

2021 DATES

12 Jan - 26 Jan	£4,190	14 Sep - 28 Sep	£4,290
16 Mar - 30 Mar	£4,190	16 Nov - 30 Nov	£4,290
04 May - 18 May	£4,190		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,290 (Lima - Lima)
- Single room from £960
- Tipping paid locally US\$120

+ EXTEND YOUR STAY...

GALAPAGOS BY SEA EXTENSION

8 days from £3,990pp

BOLIVIA SALT FLATS EXTENSION

4 days from £1,590pp

PERUVIAN AMAZON JUNGLE EXTENSION

4 days from £590pp

For more information about our stopovers & extensions please see our website, call us or visit your travel agent.

More tours to Latin America

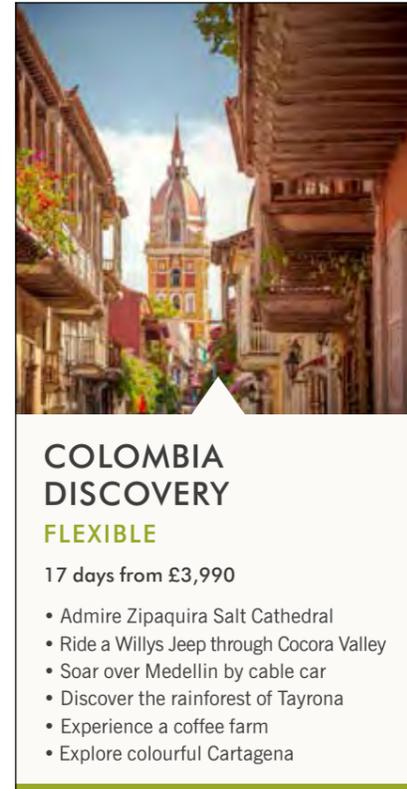
As well as the tours you've seen in the previous pages, we also have the tours below. For more information about them, please visit our website or call us to request a dedicated Latin America brochure.



ESSENCE OF ARGENTINA & BRAZIL
CLASSIC

12 days from £3,990

- Enjoy a tango class & dinner show
- Visit Uruguay's beautiful Colonia
- Explore both sides of Iguazu Falls
- Experience an Argentinian estancia
- Take in a Rio samba experience
- Ascend Sugarloaf Mountain



COLOMBIA DISCOVERY
FLEXIBLE

17 days from £3,990

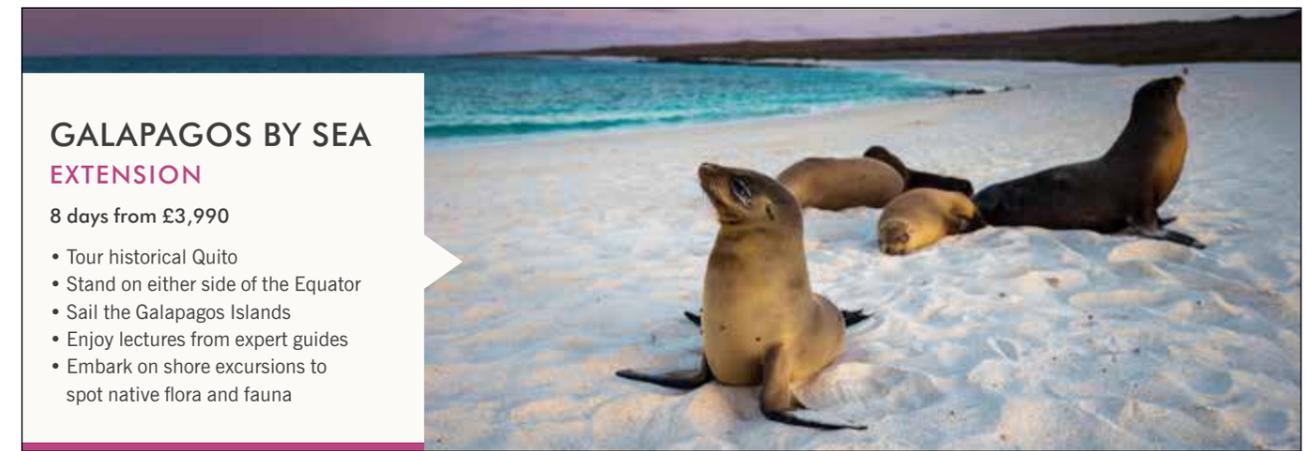
- Admire Zipaquira Salt Cathedral
- Ride a Willys Jeep through Cocora Valley
- Soar over Medellin by cable car
- Discover the rainforest of Tayrona
- Experience a coffee farm
- Explore colourful Cartagena



ULTIMATE SOUTH AMERICA
GO BEYOND

28 days from £7,590

- Marvel at Machu Picchu
- Discover the salt flats of Uyuni
- Experience gaucho life in the pampas
- See the incredible Iguazu Falls
- Take a tango class in Buenos Aires
- Ascend Sugarloaf Mountain



GALAPAGOS BY SEA
EXTENSION

8 days from £3,990

- Tour historical Quito
- Stand on either side of the Equator
- Sail the Galapagos Islands
- Enjoy lectures from expert guides
- Embark on shore excursions to spot native flora and fauna



MENDOZA VINEYARD
EXTENSION

4 days from £760

- Stay in a renaissance villa in the midst of Mendoza's famous vineyards
- Enjoy a day of wine tasting
- Learn about Argentina's wine history
- Time at leisure to enjoy the hotel and even more wine



EASTER ISLAND
EXTENSION

5 days from £1,120

- Discover the Orongo petroglyphs
- Unravel the mysteries of Easter Island's famous stone heads - the 'moai'
- Explore Puna Pau quarry
- Visit Rano Raraku volcanic crater
- Walk on beautiful Anakena Beach



PERUVIAN AMAZON JUNGLE STAY
EXTENSION

4 days from £590

- Ascend a canopy tower for treetop views
- Canoe along the shores of Lake Tres Chimbadas spotting wildlife
- Enjoy an ethnobotanical tour
- Visit a jungle clay lick
- Embark on an easy rainforest hike



STOPOVERS

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

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

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SINGAPORE

2 NIGHTS

At the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, the 'Lion City' is a unique blend of Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions which have come together to create a fascinating and diverse city. Spend time to savour the delightful local cuisine, visit beautiful gardens and beautiful architecture.

DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

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

DAY 2: SINGAPORE CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel embark on a tour of the city. Start in the Civic District and pass through Padang, and see Parliament House and the National Museum. Make a stop at Merlion Park for spectacular views over Marina Bay before exploring Thian Hock Keng Temple.

Round off the tour at the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Botanic Garden and a stroll through Little India. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE

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



Stroll through fascinating Singapore

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Orchard Rendezvous	£350	£260
5★ Orchard Hotel	£440	£360
5★ Marina Mandarin	£460	£430

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Half day seat-in-coach tour with guides
- Airport transfers (seat-in-coach basis) and entrance fees

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

BANGKOK

3 NIGHTS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE BANGKOK

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

DAY 2: BANGKOK CITY TOUR

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

DAY 3: RIVER KWAI & HELLFIRE PASS

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

DAY 4: DEPART BANGKOK

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



Visit Wat Pho in Bangkok

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Furama Silom Bangkok	£430	£105
5★ Pathumwan Princess	£500	£170

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Bangkok)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Touring as stated
- Airport transfers
- Entrance fees

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

HONG KONG GLIMPSES

3 DAYS

This introductory visit to Hong Kong features the highlights of this vibrant city, including a stop at Victoria Peak for panoramic harbour views and the quaint Aberdeen fishing village. Also take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene and shop to your heart's content in the many markets.

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

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

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a panoramic Peak Tram ride up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach,

continue to Aberdeen fishing village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to the buzzing Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

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



Aberdeen Fishing Village

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3★+ The Cityview	£290	£140
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai	£330	£190
4★+ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£420	£220

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.

ESSENTIAL DUBAI

3 DAYS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum. Next, take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant

spice and gold souks – where the wares here have been the same for centuries – and haggle for a bargain or two! The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI

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



Dubai Creek

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Zabeel House Al Seef	£190	£120
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£290	£220
5★ Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£320	£240

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Dubai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

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

Flying in style

At Wendy Wu Tours, we pride ourselves on the strong relationships we have with our airline partners. We can offer you not only the most convenient flights to complement your tour, but the best value too. We believe that your flights are an essential part of your holiday experience, and so our carefully selected airlines offer the utmost comfort, allowing you to arrive relaxed, refreshed and raring to go! All of our tour prices include return international economy class flights, but if you're celebrating or just fancy treating yourself, upgrading your cabin class is a great option.



Emirates Economy Class

ECONOMY CLASS

Offering a comfortable seat, in-flight entertainment and meal service, the economy cabin varies little between airlines. You can expect to find the following:

- Legroom between 31 and 33 inches
- Personal screen with on-demand entertainment and headphones
- In-flight meals, catering for dietary requirements
- Complimentary baggage allowance



British Airways World Traveller Plus

PREMIUM ECONOMY

Some airlines offer a Premium Economy option on their international flights. With a dedicated cabin and more spacious seating, Premium Economy offers an improved experience over Economy, but without the price tag of Business Class. Perks of Premium Economy include:

- 1-2 extra inches of seat width, 2-3 inches of extra legroom and 2-3 inches extra seat recline
- Adjustable head rests, leg rests or lumbar support
- Larger personal screens
- Premium food service
- Increased complimentary baggage allowance



Air China Business Class

BUSINESS CLASS

Found mostly on long-haul, international routes, those who upgrade to Business Class can expect significantly more comfort and amenities than Economy and Premium Economy. You'll have:

- A dedicated check-in and Business Class lounge access
- Fast track through airport security
- Varying greatly between airlines, Business Class seats range from recliner seats to flatbed seats to 'suites'
- Large personal screens and extra viewing options
- Premium dining and wine service
- Increased cabin crew to passenger ratio
- Extra baggage allowance
- Luxury amenity kit



Cathay Pacific First Class

FIRST CLASS

Long-haul First Class is the ultimate travel luxury, with optimum levels of comfort and service on whichever airline you choose. You can expect:

- Dedicated check-in and fast track through airport security
- Access to exclusive First Class lounges
- A flatbed seat or 'suite' with extra space and privacy compared to Business Class
- Exclusive cabin and more specialised service
- Premium dining and wine service
- Luxury amenity kit including pyjamas

Note: Aircraft on board facilities differ between aircraft type and can be changed at short notice by the airline. When upgrading your seat, the advertised on board facilities are only guaranteed on the long-haul flight. On domestic or short-haul flights the configuration and facilities will differ to those on your long-haul flights.

Preferred Airline Partners



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AIR CHINA

Offering frequent and flexible non stop flights from London, Air China is a convenient and comfortable option for travellers to Beijing, Chengdu and Shanghai, with access to an extensive network of connecting flights throughout China and Japan. Air China's fully-flat bed Business Class seats offer some of the best value available.



CATHAY PACIFIC

Cathay Pacific operates an ultra-flexible schedule, with five daily flights from London Heathrow to Hong Kong, plus daily flights from Gatwick and Manchester, with connections on to China, Japan and Southeast Asia. One of our most popular airlines, you can expect excellent in-flight service from this five-star rated airline. You also have the perfect opportunity to stopover in Hong Kong, Cathay's hub city.



VIETNAM AIRLINES

Vietnam Airlines offers direct daily flights from London Heathrow to either Hanoi or Saigon, with onward connections to cities throughout the region, including Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Luang Prabang, Vientiane and Bangkok. The airline's Premium Economy class is excellent, with wider seats and an extra 6 to 10 inches of legroom.



BRITISH AIRWAYS

Wendy Wu Tours is delighted to be a British Airways preferred partner, which means we can offer you its most competitive fares. You can fly direct from London Heathrow to China, Japan, Southeast Asia, India and Latin America with a wide range of connecting regional flights from all over the UK. We recommend the extra space and comfort of BA's premium economy cabin, World Traveller Plus.

Other airline partners include: Emirates, Thai Airways, KLM, Air France, Avianca and LATAM Airlines.

Hotels

Your accommodation is chosen for the convenience of its location, levels of comfort or quirky character, so it can range from a smart business hotel here to a family-run guesthouse there. Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS



Emm Hotel, Hanoi



Sunshine City Prince Hotel, Tokyo



Lotus Blanc Hotel, Siem Reap



Mercure Beijing Downtown, Beijing



Lanxi International Hotel, Xian



Casa Andina, Sacred Valley, Peru



Vasant Continental, Delhi

Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the UK and the rest of the world. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

Booking your trip

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1-2-3.

1. Choose your tour

Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

2. Speak to an expert

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions, check availability instantly and confirm prices.

3. Make a booking

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay a deposit and secure your booking from £350pp. Final payment is usually due 75 days before departure.



Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

BECOME A WENDY WU TOURS VIP

Our Wendy Wu VIP loyalty scheme will get you exclusive offers and updates before anyone else plus you'll move up membership levels with every new trip you book – which means bigger savings!

Bronze VIP
£100 per person discount
When you book your 2nd Wendy Wu holiday



Silver VIP
£150 per person discount
When you book your 3rd Wendy Wu holiday



Gold VIP
£200 per person discount
When you book your 4th or more Wendy Wu holiday



RECOMMEND A FRIEND

We'll send you a gourmet hamper as a thank you for the first booking we receive. Plus for every subsequent booking, we'll send you £50 worth of shopping vouchers.



Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

Your questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?

A. Once we have received your deposit we will send your confirmation invoice.

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

A. It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on wendywutours.co.uk, or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary and travel guide as well as a phrasebook with your final documents.

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

A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. On some tours, in order to immerse you further into the culture, we have included special accommodations such as jungle lodges, monasteries, and ryokans. If your tour includes one of these types of properties, the tour itinerary will clearly note this. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out on your arrival or departure day, please contact us.

Q. Do I need a visa?

A. A visa service is provided by Wendy Wu Tours when you book with us. Please visit our website at www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas/ for the most up to date, detailed information on visas for your specific destination. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items. Please note that visa regulations can change at any time.

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. What vaccinations do I need?

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

Q. How fit do I need to be?

A. Our group tours are graded on each page to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice. Our range of Private tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

Q. What size are your tour groups?

A. The group size varies depending on the tour but is usually between 8 and 28 passengers. Usually there is a maximum of 28 passengers on our Classic tours. For Active, Exclusive Collection, Go Beyond, Flexible or Solo tours this can vary, please refer to page 2. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in comfort.

Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

A. Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

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

A. No. On our group tours we offer the option to share with a tour member of the same gender so there are no additional charges for travelling alone. You will be introduced to your share partner on

arrival (different conditions apply for our Japan tours, please ask us for details). To arrange a guaranteed private room, our single room option is available for an extra cost. The price on any of our Solo tours includes a single room for sole use.

Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

A. For most destinations, your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg, and in India, your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 15kg. Your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg.

Q. What currency should I take?

A. We recommend you take the local currency and a credit/debit card. If travelling to more than one country it may also be advisable to bring some US dollars to exchange locally. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs and optional extras.

Q. When is the best time to travel?

A. Our group tour dates are based on the best time to travel in each destination, so whichever time of year you wish to travel there will be a tour for you! See individual tour and destination pages in this brochure for further information about the seasons in each country and the what to see and do at particular times of year. There are often also special departures coinciding with events such as public holidays or festivals, so please ask us for more information.



WHILE ON TOUR

Q. What does escorted touring mean?

A. Every group tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort throughout your tour. Airport transfers may not be escorted. In the unlikely event that you are in a group of less than 10 in all other destinations, local guides will accompany you at each location. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however, you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable local guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted. Private tours are not accompanied by a National Escort but will be accompanied by knowledgeable local guides in each location.

Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?

A. Air: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.
Road: Coaches with air-conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our private tours, we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.
Rail: Bullet trains and high-speed trains are used on some tours. There is limited space to store luggage, but alternative options are available, such as a luggage transfer service (at your own expense on private tours). While our guides may be there to assist, you will need to load and unload your own luggage on and off the trains. Where there is an overnight journey we use the best available soft sleeper trains. Each compartment is shared by four people (not necessarily Wendy Wu Tours passengers). There is a western-style toilet at one end of the carriage and an Asian style toilet at the other end. The beds and cabins are basic with clean linen provided and there are neither showers nor a dining car. Other trains are used on some tours for shorter or day-time journeys and our groups will travel in air-conditioned standard carriages. All the trains are generally clean; however, you cannot expect western standards.
Water: Ships or boats are used on tours which

have a cruising element. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.
Public Transport: In some big cities, it may be necessary to make use of the public transport systems during your sightseeing excursions. As well as being quicker and more convenient, it gives you a far more local experience. Escorted travel on public transport is mainly used on private tours.

Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?

A. Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

Q. Are meals included?

A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our Classic tours except where stated. Meals included on our Flexible, Go Beyond, Exclusive Collection, Solo, Active and Private tours are stated in the brochure and include several free lunchtimes and evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. Meals on our Classic group tours start with dinner on the normal day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

Q. Are there any optional excursions?

A. From time to time your National Escort or local guide may suggest optional sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned, depending on local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost, and are paid for in cash (local currency) to the guide on the day of the optional excursion – just ask your guide if you need to visit a cash machine before touring for that day commences. Due to operational and time constraints there may not be the opportunity for these optional excursions on every tour.

Q. Are there shopping opportunities on your tours?

A. There will be an array of shopping opportunities for those who love to seek out a bargain. We encourage all passengers to enjoy their local shopping expeditions but to take care and be wise when purchasing.

Q. Can special requests be arranged?

A. If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

A. We allow children 12 years and over on most our group tours, apart from our Exclusive Collection tours which are over 18 only. The only exception to this is our In Pursuit of Pandas itinerary where children over the age of 8 are allowed. Alternatively, our Private tours (see our website) offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are suitable for any age group.

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

A. Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of British and Australian clients on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English-speaking passengers from other countries.

Q. What is the average age on your group tours?

A. The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

Q. What vaccinations do I need?

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



WHILE ON TOUR

Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?

A. They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet touring requirements. For details regarding your day-by-day itinerary including how much time you spend travelling, please refer to your individual Tour Dossier.

Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

A. This will differ from destination to destination and specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation. On Private tours and Extensions, we will advise recommended amounts, but please see below regarding group tours. The amount is stated on each group tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents). Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. **Japan:** Tipping is not part of the culture in Japan and therefore is not required during our tours, but if you would like to show your appreciation, you can do so in local currency.

All other destinations: Tipping is expected, however, this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, on these tours we operate a kitty system on group tours, so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people.

Q. How do standards abroad compare with the UK?

A. We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in the UK. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your national escort or local guide.

For other questions and for up-to-date information please refer to our website at www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/faqs/



Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24-hour emergency support number.

WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Ground Floor, Cottons Centre, Cottons Lane, 47-49 Tootley St, London SE1 2QG, company number 05107061. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you confirm that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, the brochure and tour dossier and agree to be bound by them.

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our Wendy Wu Tailor Made brochure and terms and conditions, or visit our website. In these booking conditions, "you" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Limited.

1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking ("lead name") must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 "Payment" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the 'lead name' or your Travel Agent. Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See clause 8). We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 13) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

2. Your financial protection

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays. For flight-based holidays this is through our Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL number 6639) issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK, telephone 0333 103 6350, email claims@caa.co.uk. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive package* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you, and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an

alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

*The flights and flight-inclusive packages we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk.

We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your package holiday does not include a flight, protection is provided by way of a bond held by ABTA The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ www.abta.co.uk.

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages. We will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole. Additionally, as required by law, we have protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that we become insolvent. More information on key rights can be found by visiting <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111168479/contents>.

3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 1.31 USD, £1 to 8.80 CNY, £1 to 146 JPY, £1 to 10.2 HKD, £1 to 80.00 INR and £1 to 5.40 MYR on 3 May 2019. We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking. Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not be subject to change.

4. Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a non-refundable deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights tickets, accommodation or other services and in the case of our flight upgrade special offers, to which early airline ticketing may apply – please see the terms and conditions of individual special offers for further information. The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 75 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent. Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above - you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date. Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

Please note that on very rare occasions, errors may occur when inputting prices onto our website and systems. We regret that any contract entered into on the basis of a pricing error will be invalid. In the unlikely event that this situation arises, you will be given the option to pay the correct price or cancel with a full refund.

5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of travel, and contains a minimum of two blank pages, is required for travel for the majority of countries in our programme. As visa requirements are constantly changing, you must regularly check the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) website for the most up to date entry requirements. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK British Citizen passport holders and will be specified whether included on your confirmation invoice. If you hold any other British passport (British Subject, British National Overseas) or you are a non-UK passport holder or you reside outside of the UK, you will be required to obtain your own visas at your own expense. It is your responsibility to ensure the visa issued to you is correct. Whilst we include the cost of the standard visa application service in your tour price (for UK British Citizen passport holders), we will pass on any additional charges incurred for non-standard visa processing, or where visa charges are increased following publication of the brochure. Should your visa application be refused for any reason and you wish to cancel your booking the cancellation charges under clause 8 will apply. An express visa process is available for an additional cost depending on the country of visit. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a visa, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. Failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full. For the most up to date information on visa requirements for all destinations that we feature, please visit our website <https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas/>.

6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance covering at least circumstances leading to the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking. You will indemnify Wendy Wu Tours in respect of any assistance or payment made by us in these circumstances. Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.nathnac.org. Information on health can be found at www.nhs.uk and www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

7. If you wish to change your booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, we will endeavour to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the lead name on the booking or your Travel Agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge as set out below per person and any further cost we incur together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this alteration. Examples include:

- Minor amendments to the tour booked OR Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure OR Transferring between tours or changing departure date – £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 75 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets, where possible – £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket



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You can transfer your booking to another person, who satisfies all the conditions that apply to your booking, by giving us notice in writing as soon as possible and no later than 7 days before departure. Both you and the new traveller are responsible for paying all costs we incur in making the transfer.

Once a booking is confirmed no changes are permitted otherwise than in accordance with these terms and conditions.

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package. You will be advised of any such non refundable charges prior to confirming your booking. Any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply. Note that only one change per booking is permitted. Any requests for changes to your booking must be emailed to operations@wendywutours.co.uk.

8. If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing to our head office. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your letter. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

75 or more days	Retention of deposit
74 – 42 days	30% including deposit
41 – 28 days	60% including deposit
27 – 15 days	90% including deposit
14 days or less	100% including deposit

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

9. If we change or cancel your holiday

Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to any change in airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure.

If we change your holiday

Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements. Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours
- Change of resort
- Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating.

If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options:

- (a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or
 - (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If the holiday is cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean you paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or
 - (c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us.
- In addition, if you choose (a) or (b) above, and the change is not

due to 'unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances' (see below), you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

Period before departure date notification given by us	Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children)
0 – 7 days	£50
8 – 14 days	£40
15 – 28 days	£30
29 – 42 days	£20
43 – 56 days	£10

If we cancel your holiday

If we have to cancel your booking we will not cancel less than 60 days before your departure date, except for unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, or failure by you to pay the final balance, or because the minimum number required for the package to go ahead hasn't been reached. Unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. The minimum number required will be provided to you with the holiday description, along with the time limit for us to tell you if the package has to be cancelled. If your holiday is cancelled you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an alternative holiday of comparable standard from us if we offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value).

No compensation will be payable and the above options for either a change or cancellation will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

Please note, in the event of a cancellation, airline schedule change or change of departure airport, we are not liable to cover the cost of flights, trains or any form of transportation or any other expenses incurred by these changes.

10. Our liability to you

(1) We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(2) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
 - the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
 - 'Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances' as defined in clause 9 above.
- (3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 11 "Excursions". In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.
- (4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract – and the laws, regulations

and relevant standards of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred – will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10 (1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us. Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings. For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is three times the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/ or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

11. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about

the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

12. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the arrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is 01888 288 288. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Please address all correspondence to customer@wendywutours.co.uk. Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

13. Arbitration

As ABTA members, we are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration and is approved by the Chartered Trading Standard's Institute. Further information on the Code of Conduct and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found at www.abta.com. You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at <http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/>. This ODR platform is a means of notifying us of your complaint; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

14. Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4) and 10(6)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

15. Behaviour

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on Holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party's full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

16. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, including dietary requirements, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or

the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours. We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

17. Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

Please note that Asia is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated "physical rating" is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependant on your own health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/ or making the booking. Dietary allergy requests must be made at time of booking and will be passed on to the relevant supplier, but unfortunately we cannot guarantee these requests can be met and cannot be held responsible for any illness or death caused by food consumed as part of your tour package with us. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 9.

18. Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a "Community list" which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm. In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 "If we change or cancel your holiday" will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time. Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

19. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our

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website, we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments etc.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10(2) of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). In addition, we will not be liable for any delay unless it has a significant effect on your holiday arrangements. If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/ or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If your airline does not comply with these rules you may complain to the Civil Aviation Authority on 0333 022 1500 or by completing the relevant online form at www.caa.co.uk.

20. Data privacy and protection

In order to process your booking and meet your requirements, we need to collect personal data from you and pass your personal details on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. Depending on what's required, the personal data we collect may include names and contact details, credit/debit card or other payment information and special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition which may affect holiday arrangements and any dietary restrictions which may disclose your religious beliefs ("sensitive personal data"). The person who makes the booking is responsible for ensuring that other members of your party are aware of our booking conditions and this privacy policy and that they consent to your acting on their behalf in your dealings with us.

In making your booking, you consent to personal data being passed on to the relevant suppliers and other third parties. We take appropriate technical and organisational measures which are intended to prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data.

By making a booking with us, you agree to allow your insurers, their agents and medical staff to disclose relevant information to us in circumstances where we may need to act in your interests or in the interests of everyone in any group with whom you are travelling.

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You are generally entitled to ask us what details of yours are being held or processed, for what purpose and to whom they may be or have been disclosed. Please identify any such enquiry as a Subject Access Request and direct your enquiry to a member of our Customer Services team, who will respond to you within one month. In certain circumstances we are entitled to refuse your request. If you believe that any of your personal data which we are processing is incorrect, please contact us immediately so it may be updated.

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