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SOUTHEAST ASIA

VIETNAM | CAMBODIA | LAOS | BORNEO | INDONESIA | THAILAND | BURMA

2019-2020



Our Award-Winning Collection of Escorted Tours & Tailormade Holidays

WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

It's a pleasure to introduce you to this special anniversary edition of our Southeast Asia brochure. 2018 marks Wendy Wu Tours' 20th anniversary of providing extraordinary tour experiences to holidaymakers all over the globe. Since 1998, we have been pioneering travel to new destinations all over Asia and are now recognised as the leading touring specialist.

Our wide range of Southeast Asia tours will show you the very best of the region. Using our expertise, we understand the best ways to see the iconic sights and experience the local culture. Our award-winning guides will take care of you every step of the way.

This year we're delighted to introduce a brand-new tour exploring Indonesia including the incredible Komodo Island. There's Vibrant Vietnam, a new two-week exploration of the country covering all the classic sights plus two new tours dedicated to solo travellers.

We look forward to welcoming you on tour very soon.



Wendy Wu
Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

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THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE...



UNRIVALLED EXPERTISE

We are proud to be recognised as the UK's leading specialist operator to Asia, a reputation we've been building since 1998. All our staff have travelled extensively throughout the region and are fountains of knowledge on all things Asia.



SO MANY INCLUSIONS PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can just sit back and enjoy the experience. Your accommodation, most meals, touring, transport & expert guides - we include it all.



LOCAL FLAVOURS

Our tours will give you a genuine taste of the regions you'll visit.



COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF TOURS

Whether your looking for a classic escorted tour experience, luxury journey or something more off-the-beaten-track, we've got a tour or tailor-made holiday for you.



EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia for the last 20 years, building our local expertise and finding those rarely visited places and authentic cultural experiences that make your holiday truly special.



BEST GUIDES IN THE BUSINESS

Through their local expertise, dedication and passion, our guides will make sure you don't miss a thing.



FLY FROM YOUR LOCAL AIRPORT

For your convenience, on the majority of our tours you'll be able to fly from a UK airport near you, usually at no extra cost.



SAFE AND SECURE

We are members of ABTA and our holidays are fully ATOL protected.



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!



"The holiday was made most memorable by the seemingly effortless work of our guide. His knowledge of the customs, history and culture of his country ensured we left much more well informed about life in Southeast Asia. He is an excellent ambassador both for his country and for Wendy Wu."

AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

All of our group tours are 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 South East Asia
- ✓ 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.

98% of customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family!



CHOOSE A TOUR THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU...



PHYSICAL RATING

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires the ability to walk around sights unaided. More active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating.



LEVEL 1

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.



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 straightforward 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.

TOUR STYLES

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 with all meals and a comprehensive touring programme.

ACTIVE

Active tours combine the key sights with more energetic pursuits such as hiking and cycling. This allows us 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.

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.

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.

EXCLUSIVE

The Exclusive Collection combines luxurious five-star accommodation with exclusive experiences. These hand-crafted tours feature high-class restaurants, money can't buy 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.

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 experiencing cultural activities. A room of your own is guaranteed with no supplement to pay.

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.

Please note that not all tour styles are available for all destinations.

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 tour with a bit more free time included.

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

Travelling with us, you can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the tour you are travelling on and the locations you'll visit. Our Classic Tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3* to 4* 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* properties.

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. Here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...

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.



THE QUINTESENCE 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.



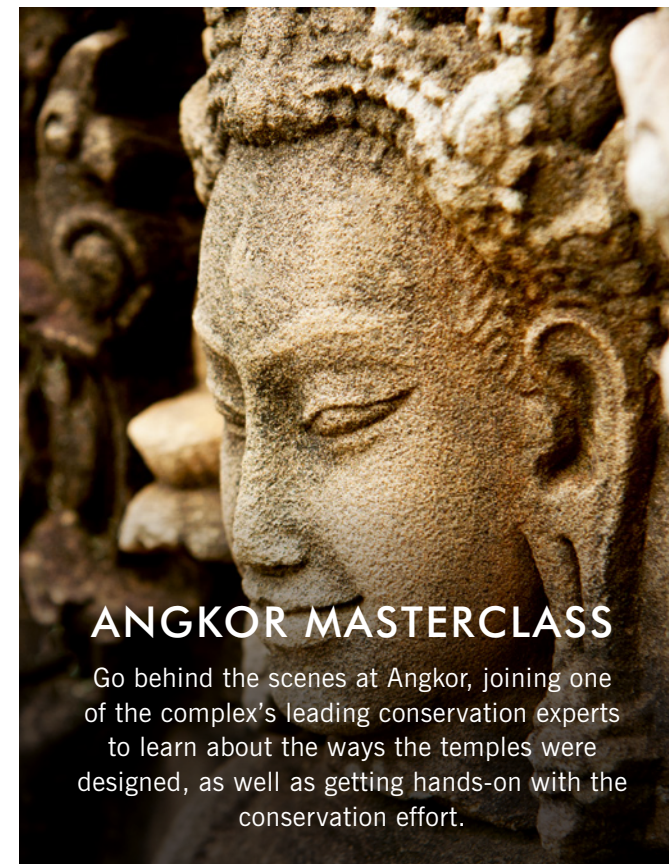
VISIT AN IBAN LONGHOUSE

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.



ANGKOR MASTERCLASS

Go behind the scenes at Angkor, joining one of the complex's leading conservation experts to learn about the ways the temples were designed, as well as getting hands-on with the conservation effort.



SAIGON BY SCOOTER

Ride pillion with a driver on a vintage Vespa in classic Saigon style on this night street food adventure. Enjoy tasty food at a local eating spot and sip drinks in lively local bars.



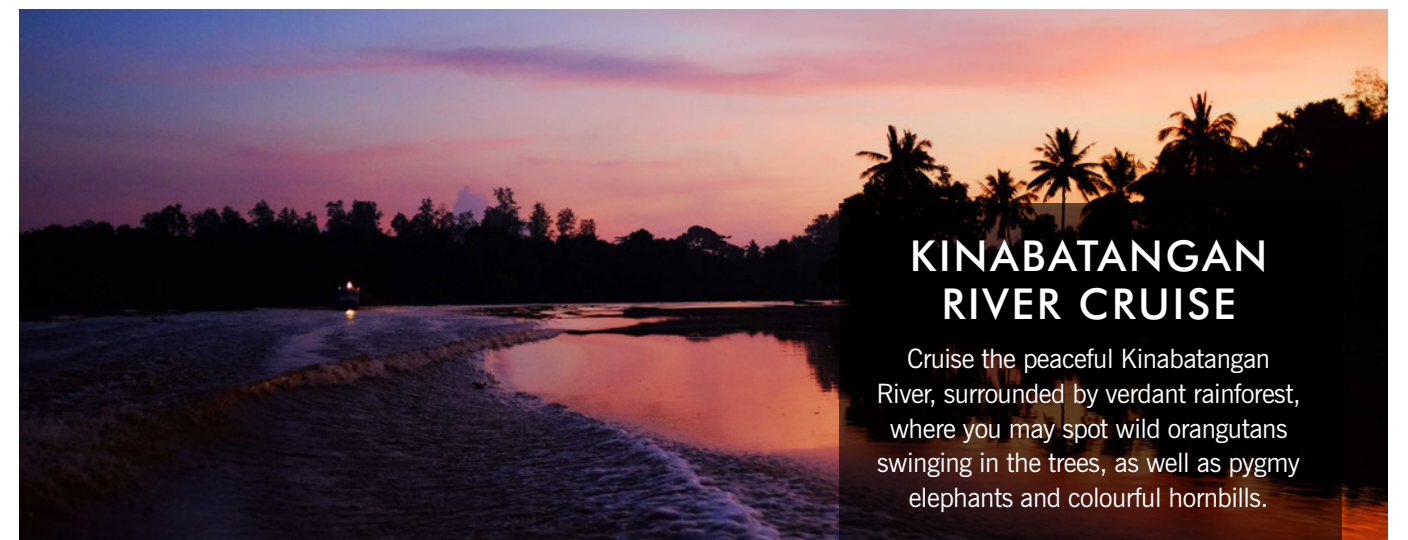
INLE LAKE LEG ROWERS

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



KINABATANGAN RIVER CRUISE

Cruise the peaceful Kinabatangan River, surrounded by verdant rainforest, where you may spot wild orangutans swinging in the trees, as well as pygmy elephants and colourful hornbills.



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 9 SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGHTS

1 HALONG BAY

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



2 ANGKOR

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



3 HOI AN

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



4 LUANG PRABANG

Luang Prabang is one of the most captivating towns in Asia and is a place of great spiritual and natural beauty. Visit this place on any Laos itinerary (see pages 52-63).



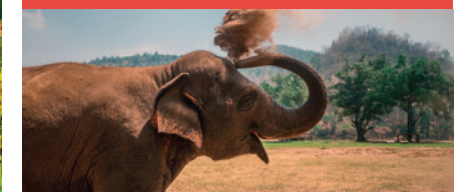
5 SAPA

With its rice terraces and hazy peaks, Sapa is ripe for exploration. See it on Vietnam Trails (pages 28-29) or Vietnam Adventure (pages 36-37) or add it as an extension to any of our Vietnam tours.



6 CHIANG MAI

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



7 BAGAN

With hundreds of temples dotting the sacred landscape of the central plains, Bagan is Burma's most sublime sight. Experience it for yourself on any Burma itinerary (pages 80-87).



8 BORNEO

Asia's largest island, Borneo offers stunning beaches, untouched rainforests, tribal traditions and a wonderful range of activities to delve into. Cruise on the Kinabatangan River to spot orangutans (pages 68-69).



9 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 70-71).





INDOCHINA TOURS

WHEN TO TRAVEL



It's possible to travel through Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos at any time of year, but there are two distinct seasons to be aware of. December to April is the dry season with sunny days and very little rain. Early in the season the temperatures are comfortable and the humidity low, whilst in March it gets hotter and more humid. The rainy season, from May to October, is hot and humid with short, heavy showers normally in the afternoons. There are, of course, plenty of places that have a climate of their own, the highlands and coasts for example, so there is always good weather somewhere! New Year in each country can be very busy, but it is the perfect opportunity to interact with locals and observe traditions in action. Vietnam's Tet is in January/February; Choul Chnam Thmey (Cambodia) and Pi Mai (Laos) fall in April.



APPROX FLYING TIME
12 Hours



GMT
+7

VIETNAM IMPRESSIONS

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll through old Hanoi
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on magnificent Halong Bay
- ✓ Master Vietnamese cuisine in Hoi An
- ✓ Explore vibrant Saigon
- ✓ Drift along the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Enjoy the spectacular A O show

See the local life in Vietnam

PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



Meet the locals

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

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

DAYS 3-4: HALONG BAY CRUISE

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

DAY 5: EXPLORE HANOI

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

DAY 6: HOI AN 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 especially as traffic is entirely

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

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO SAIGON

Spend your day in Hoi An at leisure before flying to Saigon in the evening. 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



Enjoy the stunning Halong Bay

the neoclassical Central Post Office, designed by Gustave Eiffel – both grandiose legacies of a colonial past. Also visit the Reunification Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. Finish up by browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market. This evening enjoy a performance of the AO 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.



Taste the local cuisine

+ KEEP EXPLORING...

CAMBODIA 4 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £690pp



DAY 10: ARRIVE PHNOM PENH

Arrive in Phnom Penh and take a private transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 11: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

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

DAYS 12 & 13: EXPLORE SIEM REAP

Fly to Siem Reap and spend the day exploring the staggering temple complex of Angkor. (B,L) The next day take a boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting floating villages before heading to Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. (B,L)

DAY 14: DEPART SIEM REAP

This morning, explore the small circuit of temples including Kravan, Banteay Kdei, Ta Prohm, Takeo and Chau Say Tevoda. Later, be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

- Price includes flight from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap and your Cambodia entry visa.
- Additional flight costs may apply.

VIETNAM IMPRESSIONS

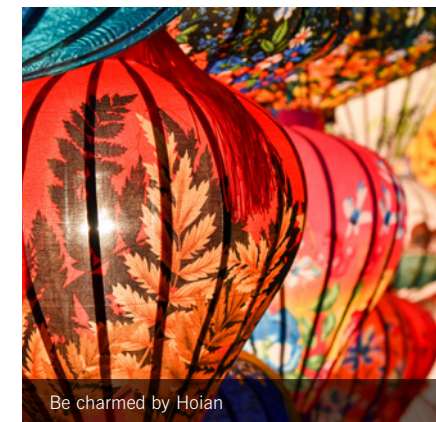
CLASSIC

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 & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

2019 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 08 Feb - 17 Feb | £2,490 | 05 Jul - 14 Jul | £2,390 |
| 22 Feb - 03 Mar | £2,490 | 02 Aug - 11 Aug | £2,490 |
| 08 Mar - 17 Mar | £2,390 | 13 Sep - 22 Sep | £2,390 |
| 05 Apr - 14 Apr | £2,390 | 25 Oct - 03 Nov | £2,490 |
| 19 Apr - 28 Apr | £2,390 | 22 Nov - 01 Dec | £2,490 |
| 10 May - 19 May | £2,190 | | |

2020 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 07 Feb - 16 Feb | £2,590 | 03 Jul - 12 Jul | £2,490 |
| 21 Feb - 01 Mar | £2,590 | 31 Jul - 09 Aug | £2,590 |
| 06 Mar - 15 Mar | £2,490 | 11 Sep - 20 Sep | £2,490 |
| 03 Apr - 12 Apr | £2,490 | 23 Oct - 01 Nov | £2,590 |
| 17 Apr - 26 Apr | £2,490 | 20 Nov - 29 Nov | £2,590 |
| 08 May - 17 May | £2,390 | | |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1590 (Hanoi - Saigon)
- Single room from £270
- Tipping paid locally USD54

VIETNAM AT A GLANCE

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

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Explore Hanoi by cyclo



Marvel at Hue's Royal Tomb

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

This morning, contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but it is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. 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. Make a stop at Vinh Trang Pagoda en route back to Saigon.

DAY 5: JOURNEY TO HOI AN

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

DAY 6: TRA QUE VILLAGE

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

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

DAY 7: IMPERIAL HUE

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

DAY 8: FLY TO HANOI

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

DAY 9: EXPLORE HANOI

Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (closed at certain times of year) and the Stilt House set in the gardens of the Presidential Palace. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake.

DAY 10: HALONG BAY

Stay overnight on a traditionally designed boat on Halong Bay, cruising amongst the karst peaks on the tranquil green waters.



Enjoy magnificent views of Halong Bay

A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. A fresh seafood meal is included during your voyage.

DAY 11: QUINTESSENCE OF TONKIN

Rise early this morning for a beautiful sunrise over the bay. Return to Hanoi this afternoon and later, attend 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.



Laos Extension: Wat Xieng Thong

+ LAOS EXTENSION

4 NIGHTS FROM £850pp

DAY 12: ARRIVE LUANG PRABANG

Arrive in Luang Prabang and take a private transfer to the city, explore this charming city by tuk tuk. See Wat Visoun, Wat Xieng Thong, Wat Sene and the National Museum. (L,D)

DAY 13: KUANGSI WATERFALLS

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

DAY 14: CAVES & VILLAGES

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

DAY 15: TAKBAT CEREMONY

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

DAY 16: DEPART VIENTIANE

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

- Price includes flight from Luang Prabang to Vientiane.
- Additional flight and visa costs may apply.

VIETNAM AT A GLANCE

CLASSIC

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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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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 £1690 (Saigon - Hanoi)
- Single room from £300
- Tipping paid locally USD55



Meet the locals in Hanoi

NEW

SCENIC VIETNAM

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,690

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
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ The Quintessence of Tonkin show
- ✓ Plenty of chances to mingle with your group

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 5 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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PHU QUOC 3 NIGHTS FROM £300pp

Set in the Gulf of Thailand, Phu Quoc is a paradise island of soft sandy beaches, calm waters and swishing palms.

Price includes 3 nights' accommodation, breakfast daily and airport transfers by shuttle bus.

Additional flight costs may apply.



Mai Chau's traditional textile

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY 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 barbeque at a local stilt house, where we'll be treated to a traditional dance performance and a traditional rice wine tasting! (B,L,D)



Panorama view of Halong Bay

DAY 10: RETURN TO HANOI

Our morning is free to relax before travelling back to Hanoi. (B)

DAY 11: HALONG BAY

The 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 your traditional vessel and docking to visit an impressive cave. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: THE 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)



Wander charming Hoi An

SCENIC VIETNAM

SOLO

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.



Bun Cha, Hanoi

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Thursday

2019 DATES

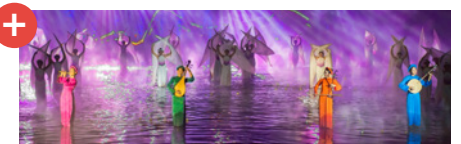
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Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1990 (Saigon - Hanoi)
- Single room for sole use included
- Tipping paid locally USD72



SEE QUINTESSENCE OF TONKIN

Born from an artistic vision to showcase the cultural highlights of northern Vietnam, The Quintessence of Tonkin blends skilful performers, a mesmerising set, delightful water puppetry, a stunning light show and the Thay Mountain into a breath-taking open air spectacle that is both emotive and uplifting.

Contact us for more information.

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
- ✓ Marvel at the A O show
- ✓ Personalise your tour experience

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 4 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY 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 Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the Stilt House and the Temple of Literature. Next, take a thrilling cyclo ride through the bustling streets of the Old Quarter, with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route. This evening, enjoy a performance of a traditional water puppets show. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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

DAY 5: TAI CHI

Rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. After brunch onboard, return to the dock and travel back to Hanoi. On arrival, enjoy free time or choose from two optional activities. 1) The Quintessence of Tonkin show followed by dinner, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam. Or 2) discover the varied and

delicious flavours of Vietnamese street food on a tour of Hanoi's very best street eats. (B)

DAY 6: IMPERIAL HUE

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

DAY 7: HUE EXPERIENCES

Today is a day at leisure for your own explorations, or you can choose between the following experiences. 1) Take a half day cycling tour of Hue and its beautiful rural surroundings, stopping for lunch with the nuns of a nearby pagoda, or 2) learn 'truc chi', creating art with bamboo paper, on a half day visit to a workshop. (B)

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO HOI AN

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



Explore Hanoi's markets



Explore stunning Halong Bay

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 typically Mekong fare. This afternoon, take a boat trip through the palm-lined canals and waterways to visit small islands, a floating village and pagoda. Return to Saigon. (B,L)

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)



SEE THE ACROBATIC A O SHOW

The most extraordinary show in Saigon that depicts the charming beauty and cultural richness of Vietnamese life in the countryside, in contrast with the nation's racing urbanization. The show is a unique mix of bamboo cirque, acrobatic acts, contemporary dance, and theatrical visual art. Enjoy the show and get the most wonderful experiences during your journey!

Contact us for more information.

VIETNAM EXPLORER

FLEXIBLE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Explore the best bits of Vietnam from Hanoi to Saigon, 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!

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Thursday

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- Land only from £1790 (Hanoi - Saigon)
- Single room from £330
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Cu Chi Tunnels

JEWELS OF VIETNAM

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Enjoy a deluxe Mekong cruise
- ✓ Explore Chinatown by Cyclo
- ✓ Marvel at the A O show
- ✓ Be charmed by Hoi An
- ✓ Learn of grand dynasties past in Hue
- ✓ Meet a water puppeteer in Hanoi
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on Halong Bay

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- Domestic transportation
- 5* Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Laundry service and all portage
- Sumptuous dinners with drinks
- Afternoon Tea Experience
- Spa treatment
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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STOPOVER IN...



5* SINGAPORE
2 NIGHTS FROM £490pp

Sitting on the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, Singapore is a heady mix of cultural influences in one dynamic city-state.

See page 98.
Based on international flights with Singapore Airlines.



Be charmed by Hoi An

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to Saigon. On arrival you will be met and taken to your hotel.

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

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

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

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 local home that produces coconut candy and puffed rice before enjoying a lunch served in a colonial-style villa set in a lush garden by the river. Return to Saigon for the cultural extravaganza that is the 'A O Show', staged at the magnificent Saigon Opera House. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: CU CHI TUNNELS

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

DAY 6: EXPLORE HOI AN

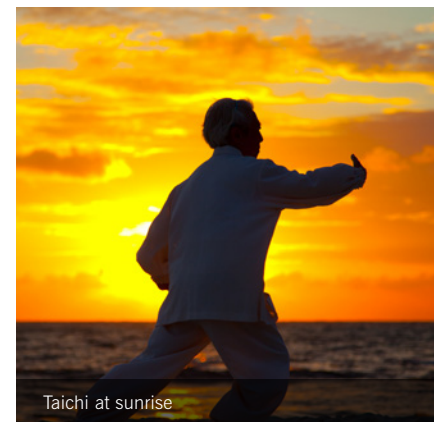
Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European styles, its narrow streets retaining a quirky, old world charm. This morning, tour the market to choose fresh ingredients from a colourful array of local produce for your Vietnamese cookery class, where you'll learn to create a number of local dishes. This afternoon wander the old streets, visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, the 200-year old Tan Ky House and the elaborate Japanese Bridge before taking tea at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House, a peaceful place, run by hearing and speech impaired locals, to savour the flavours of local produce. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 7: CRUISE THE PERFUME RIVER

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

DAY 8: DISCOVER IMPERIAL HUE

Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home to emperors from



Tai Chi at sunrise



Experience a private water puppet show

1802 to 1945. Enter through its grandiose entrance and you'll be able to explore before heading out, along the river, into Hue's lush surroundings to see Minh Mang's tomb. This afternoon try your hand at making paper flowers, in a village that is known for the art. Visit the regal surroundings of Tha Om Garden House – the owner, Mr Vinh, is descended from royalty. (B,L)

DAY 9: FLY TO HANOI

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

DAY 10: EXPLORE HANOI

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

DAY 11: HALONG BAY

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

DAY 12: SUNRISE OVER HALONG BAY

Rise early to see the sun rise over the karst-scapes of the bay and savour the serenity of the early morning. Join a Tai Chi lesson this morning on deck. Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there's time for a hearty late breakfast before disembarking and returning to Hanoi. Later let us treat you to a divine Afternoon Tea Experience whilst later in the evening there will be a sumptuous farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAY 13: FLY HANOI TO UK

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



The spectacular A O show

JEWELS OF VIETNAM

EXCLUSIVE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Offering a more luxurious look at the wonders of Vietnam including Saigon, Hoi An, Hanoi and Halong Bay, a series of exclusive experiences will give you insights into the rich history and natural beauty of this compelling country.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Friday

2019 DATES

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- Flight upgrades available on request
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- Single room from £890
- Tipping paid locally USD96



ENJOY A SPA TREATMENT

We have included a rejuvenating spa treatment in the last city you visit. This is the perfect time to relax and refresh your mind and body!

Contact us for more information.

NEW

VIBRANT VIETNAM

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,490

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
- ✓ Enjoy the spectacular A O show

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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A local in Vietnamese traditional Ao Dai

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY 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: EXPLORE HANOI

Start the day as the locals do with a sip of coffee in a local coffee shop before heading to visit the Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, and the Temple of Literature. Next, 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 4: HALONG BAY

Transfer to Halong City, climb aboard your ship and cruise out into the spectacular Halong Bay. You'll spend the day sailing 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 5: 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 fly 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 Zen house where you learn about architecture and spiritual meaning of this beautiful place.

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, the 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

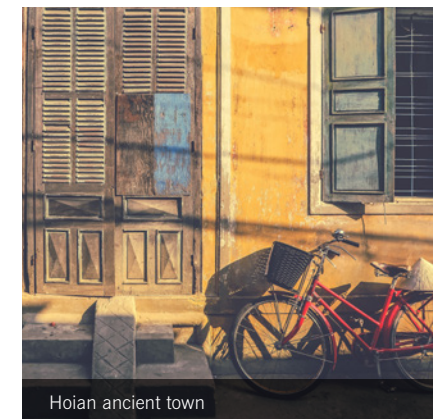
Transfer to Danang and fly to the sunny city of Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. The rest of the day is free.

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



Hoi An ancient town



Vibrant Saigon city

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 lands 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.



Amazing sunrise in Dalat

VIBRANT VIETNAM

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A signature Vietnam experience, this 2-week journey takes you from top to tail, 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.

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| 03 May - 17 May | £2,590 | 08 Nov - 22 Nov | £2,790 |
| 2020 DATES | | | |
| 24 Jan - 07 Feb | £2,990 | 05 Jun - 19 Jun | £2,690 |
| 14 Feb - 28 Feb | £2,990 | 07 Aug - 21 Aug | £2,990 |
| 06 Mar - 20 Mar | £2,890 | 21 Aug - 04 Sep | £2,890 |
| 20 Mar - 03 Apr | £2,890 | 04 Sep - 18 Sep | £2,890 |
| 03 Apr - 17 Apr | £2,890 | 02 Oct - 16 Oct | £2,990 |
| 01 May - 15 May | £2,790 | 06 Nov - 20 Nov | £2,990 |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1890 (Hanoi - Saigon)
- Single room from £390
- Tipping paid locally USD84

VIETNAM TRAILS

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Drift on the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Enjoy cooking in Hoi An
- ✓ Cruise the Perfume River
- ✓ Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- ✓ Discover Sapa's local villages
- ✓ Admire the stunning Halong Bay
- ✓ Marvel at the Quintessence of Tonkin show

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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STOPOVER IN...



BANGKOK 3 NIGHTS FROM £430pp

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

See page 98.

Based on international flights with Thai Airways.



Hike through stunning Sapa's terraced fields

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

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DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

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



Be charmed by Hue

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, head to 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.

DAYS 9-10: EXPLORE HANOI

Fly to Hanoi this morning. The rest of the day is at leisure. The next day visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (closed at certain times of year) and the Stilt House set in the gardens of the Presidential Palace. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of



Taste the culinary delights



Meet the locals in Vietnam

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: MT FANSIPAN

Take a cable car ride up Mt Fansipan, the highest mountain in Indochina, arriving at the summit to enjoy incredible views from a breathtaking 3,143 metres. Also visit Sapa museum and Sapa church. Board the overnight train to Hanoi.

DAYS 14-15: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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



Enjoy the spectacular Quintessence of Tonkin show

VIETNAM TRAILS

GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The perfect length for a more in-depth exploration of Vietnam, start in the very south in Saigon, venturing north through Hoi An, Hanoi and Halong Bay before heading up into the highlands to spectacular Sapa.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

2019 DATES

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 29 Jan - 13 Feb | £2,890 | 02 Apr - 17 Apr | £2,890 |
| 26 Feb - 13 Mar | £2,890 | 10 Sep - 25 Sep | £2,790 |
| 05 Mar - 20 Mar | £2,890 | 22 Oct - 06 Nov | £2,890 |
| 12 Mar - 27 Mar | £2,890 | 05 Nov - 20 Nov | £2,990 |

2020 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 28 Jan - 12 Feb | £3,090 | 07 Apr - 22 Apr | £3,090 |
| 25 Feb - 11 Mar | £3,090 | 08 Sep - 23 Sep | £2,990 |
| 03 Mar - 18 Mar | £3,090 | 20 Oct - 04 Nov | £3,190 |
| 24 Mar - 08 Apr | £3,090 | 03 Nov - 18 Nov | £3,190 |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2190 (Saigon - Hanoi)
- Single room from £420
- Tipping paid locally USD75

VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Enjoy the spectacular Quintessence of Tonkin show

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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- Maximum group size 28 passengers

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Wander charming Hoi An

Meet the locals in Vietnam

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DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

Seamlessly blending past and present, Saigon is both a treasure trove of cultural sights and the city that is driving Vietnam towards a brighter future. Visit the Central Post Office before heading to the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Finish up by browsing for bargains in the lively Ben Thanh Market.

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

Journey to Vinh Long province to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Spend the night in the vibrant Mekong Delta city of Can Tho.

DAY 5: FLOATING MARKETS

Continue your explorations, departing Can Tho to cruise through the Cai Rang Floating Market, where you'll see boats piled high with the colourful produce of the delta. Return to Saigon.

DAY 6: CU CHI TUNNELS

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

DAY 7: NHA TRANG CRUISE

Take to the turquoise waters for a cruise around the many little islands off Nha Trang's

coast. There'll also be a visit to a local fishing village.

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO HOI AN

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

DAYS 9-10: TRA QUE VILLAGE & MY SON

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

DAY 11: PERFUME RIVER CRUISE

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

DAY 12: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

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

DAY 13: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi. Bringing together all of the charms of a colonial past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet graceful city, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia



See stunning Nha Trang Beach

and new. Explore the Confucian Temple of Literature and a thrilling cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets. Stop off for a 'ca phe trung' or egg coffee, a Hanoi speciality.

DAY 14: DISCOVER HANOI

Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass the monumental mausoleum and the Stilt House. Also, visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Museum of Ethnology. The afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 15: DUONG LAM ANCIENT VILLAGE

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

DAYS 16-17: HALONG BAY CRUISE

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

+ SAPA EXTENSION

4 NIGHTS FROM £490pp



DAY 18: TRAIN TO SAPA

Board an overnight soft-sleeper train to Sapa town. We can offer late check-out upon request, subject to availability (fees apply).

DAYS 19-20: EXPLORE SAPA

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

DAY 21: HILLTRIBES

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

DAY 22: DEPART HANOI

Transfer to the airport. Day use room is included in Hanoi this morning. (B)

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VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Exploring from top to toe, this tour ensures you don't miss any of Vietnam's captivating landscapes and rich heritage. Includes a chance to relax on Nha Trang beach and experience local life on the Mekong Delta.



Mekong Delta

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Sunday

2019 DATES

| | | | |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 15 Feb - 04 Mar* | £3,090 | 06 Jun - 23 Jun | £2,790 |
| 01 Mar - 18 Mar* | £2,990 | 29 Aug - 15 Sep | £2,990 |
| 14 Mar - 31 Mar | £2,990 | 19 Sep - 06 Oct | £2,990 |
| 28 Mar - 14 Apr | £2,990 | 31 Oct - 17 Nov | £3,090 |
| 11 Apr - 28 Apr | £2,990 | | |

2020 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 20 Feb - 08 Mar | £3,290 | 04 Jun - 21 Jun | £2,990 |
| 05 Mar - 22 Mar | £3,190 | 06 Aug - 23 Aug | £3,290 |
| 19 Mar - 05 Apr | £3,190 | 20 Aug - 06 Sep | £3,190 |
| 02 Apr - 19 Apr | £3,190 | 03 Sep - 20 Sep | £3,190 |
| 30 Apr - 17 May | £3,090 | 15 Oct - 01 Nov | £3,290 |

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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 £2190 (Saigon - Hanoi)
- Single room from £430
- Tipping paid locally USD85

VIETNAM PANORAMA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,590

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 Hoian
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ Enjoy the Quintessence of Tonkin show

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
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- Accommodation
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An ancient Hanoi temple



Stunning Halong Bay

ITINERARY

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DAY 3: 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: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

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

DAY 5: FLOATING MARKETS

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

DAY 6: DALAT HILL STATION

Head up into the cooler climate 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: DALAT'S LOCAL 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: COASTAL NHA TRANG

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

DAY 9: QUI NHON

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

DAY 10: SON MY AND HOI AN

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

DAY 11: EXPLORE HOI AN ON FOOT

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

DAY 12: ROYAL TOMB OF MINH MANG

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



Reaching Out Tea House

DAY 13: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

Take a drive to the imposing Imperial Citadel to explore. Cruise along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda 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 Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake.

DAY 15: DISCOVER HANOI

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

DAYS 16-17: HALONG BAY

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

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+ SAPA EXTENSION

4 NIGHTS FROM £490pp



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Transfer to the airport. Day use room is included in Hanoi this morning. (B)

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VIETNAM PANORAMA

CLASSIC

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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Wednesday

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 13 Jan - 30 Jan | £2,890 | 28 Apr - 15 May | £2,690 |
| 03 Feb - 20 Feb | £2,890 | 12 May - 29 May | £2,690 |
| 10 Feb - 27 Feb | £2,890 | 02 Jun - 19 Jun | £2,590 |
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| 17 Mar - 03 Apr | £2,790 | 15 Sep - 02 Oct | £2,790 |
| 24 Mar - 10 Apr | £2,790 | 29 Sep - 16 Oct | £2,890 |
| 31 Mar - 17 Apr | £2,790 | 13 Oct - 30 Oct | £2,890 |
| 14 Apr - 01 May | £2,790 | 10 Nov - 27 Nov | £2,890 |
| 2020 DATES | | | |
| 26 Jan - 12 Feb | £3,090 | 12 Apr - 29 Apr | £2,990 |
| 09 Feb - 26 Feb | £3,090 | 19 Apr - 06 May | £2,890 |
| 16 Feb - 04 Mar | £3,090 | 03 May - 20 May | £2,890 |
| 23 Feb - 11 Mar | £3,090 | 31 May - 17 Jun | £2,790 |
| 08 Mar - 25 Mar | £2,990 | 02 Aug - 19 Aug | £3,090 |
| 15 Mar - 01 Apr | £2,990 | 30 Aug - 16 Sep | £2,990 |
| 22 Mar - 08 Apr | £2,990 | 06 Sep - 23 Sep | £2,990 |
| 29 Mar - 15 Apr | £2,990 | 13 Sep - 30 Sep | £2,990 |
| 05 Apr - 22 Apr | £2,990 | 20 Sep - 07 Oct | £2,990 |

Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1990 (Saigon - Hanoi)
- Single room from £430
- Tipping paid locally USD85

CLASSICAL VIETNAM

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Enjoy a deluxe Mekong sampan
- ✓ Admire Chinatown by Cyclo
- ✓ Get tropical in Nha Trang
- ✓ Cruise at sunset in Hoi An
- ✓ Explore Hue's majestic Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Discover Hanoi in style
- ✓ Revel at the sunrise on Halong Bay



Relax in stunning Nha Trang

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 10 dinners
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 5* Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Sumptuous dinners with drinks
- Afternoon Tea Experience
- Spa treatment
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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Street vendors in Hanoi

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to Saigon. On arrival you will be met and taken to your hotel.

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

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

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

Set sail through the palm-lined canals of the Mekong Delta in a traditional sampan, exploring markets bursting with fresh produce and innovative home industries. Visit a local home that produces coconut candy and puffed rice. Return to Saigon for the cultural extravaganza that is the 'A O Show', staged at the magnificent Saigon Opera House. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: CU CHI TUNNELS

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

DAY 6: COASTAL NHA TRANG

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

DAY 7: NHA TRANG CRUISE

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

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO HOI AN

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

DAY 9: EXPLORE HOI AN ON FOOT

Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European styles, its narrow streets retaining a quirky, old world charm. Wander the old streets, visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, the 200-year old Tan Ky House and the Japanese Bridge before enjoying tea at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House, run by hearing and speech impaired locals - to savour the flavours of local produce. This evening, sip cocktails and dine on freshly prepared cuisine as you explore Hoi An's river culture with a sunset cruise on the Thu Bon River. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: FREE DAY

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

DAY 11: ROYAL DINING EXPERIENCE

Taking the scenic Hai Van Pass, travel to the imperial city of Hue. Long considered a seat of



Local water puppets



Saigon by night

culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. Cruise on the Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda and take part in a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create bamboo paper art. This evening indulge yourself with a royal dining experience. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

Explore the majestic Imperial Citadel and visit the extravagant Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. Later, head to Thanh Tien village to learn about, and create, your own paper flowers before admiring the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House, whose owner, Mr Vinh, is descended from royalty. (B,L)

DAY 13: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi and take a walking tour of the Old Quarter, catching a glimpse of everyday life on the bustling streets and alleyways. Later, relax with a rejuvenating spa treatment. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: EXPLORE HANOI

This morning explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learn about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the Humble Stilt House, the One Pillar Pagoda and the revered Temple of Literature. Later, let us treat you to an Afternoon Tea Experience. (B,L)

DAYS 15-16: HALONG BAY

Halong Bay's thousands of limestone islands project from the tranquil depths of emerald waters creating a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Board your deluxe cruise ship and enjoy a seafood lunch before setting sail into the bay. Spend the next two days

drifting amongst the karst pinnacles, taking part in onboard activities such as cookery demonstrations, dawn Tai Chi and a visit to one of the most magnificent caves in Halong Bay. Spend two nights anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: PRIVATE WATER PUPPETS

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

DAY 18: FLY HANOI TO UK

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



ENJOY A SPA TREATMENT

We have included a rejuvenating spa treatment in the last city you visit. This is the perfect time to relax and refresh your mind and body!

Contact us for more information.

CLASSICAL VIETNAM

EXCLUSIVE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The relaxed pace of this tour gives you more time to enjoy Vietnam and truly soak up your surroundings. Staying in beautiful 5* hotels, there is a range of exclusive experiences, like Saigon's AO Show, too!



Reaching Out Tea House

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Saturday

2019 DATES

| | | | |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 02 Mar - 19 Mar* | £4,790 | 14 Aug - 31 Aug | £4,990 |
| 10 Apr - 27 Apr | £4,890 | 18 Sep - 05 Oct | £4,890 |

2020 DATES

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 18 Mar - 04 Apr | £4,990 | 12 Aug - 29 Aug | £5,290 |
| 08 Apr - 25 Apr | £5,190 | 09 Sep - 26 Sep | £5,190 |
| 03 Jun - 20 Jun | £5,090 | | |

* 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 £4190 (Saigon - Hanoi)
- Single room from £1390
- Tipping paid locally USD136



Local Life in the Mekong

VIETNAM ADVENTURE

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Taste Hanoi's delightful cuisine
- ✓ Hike Sapa's rice terraces
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ Explore Phong Nha cave
- ✓ Bike Hoian's countryside
- ✓ Discover Saigon's streets by vintage Vespa
- ✓ Visit Cai Rang floating market

PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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STOPOVER IN...



SINGAPORE 2 NIGHTS FROM £370pp

Singapore is a perfect blend of east and west. With a unique tapestry of Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions, Singapore offers superb cuisine, beautiful gardens, theme parks, world-class shopping and more.

See page 98.

Based on international flights with Singapore Airlines.



Sapa's stunning rice terraced fields

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER LOCAL HANOI

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

DAY 4: TEMPLE OF LITERATURE

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

DAY 5: SAPA MINORITY VILLAGES

After an early morning arrival and breakfast, transfer to beautiful Sapa. Later, trek through lush, stepped rice paddies and quaint villages. End your walk at Ham Rong Mountain. (B,L)

DAYS 6-7: SAPA TREKKING

Your Sapa adventure continues with approximately six hours of trekking through the rice terraces, visiting the H'mong villages of Y Linh Ho and Cat Cat. Continue to Ta Van

and Lao Chai villages, try your hand at batik painting, in a class lead by a Black H'mong woman. Sit down for a chat with an ethnic minority family in Lao Chai. (B,L) The next day enjoy a light trek between Hau Thao and Giang Ta Chai villages. Later, aboard the overnight train to Hanoi. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8-9: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Arrive into Hanoi and depart for Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. Pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the vistas of the bay. (B,L,D) On day 9, rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. Return to Hanoi. Board the overnight train to Dong Hoi. (B,D)

DAY 10: PHONG NHA CAVE

This morning arrive in the coastal city of Dong Hoi, gateway to Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park. You will explore Phong Nha, only accessible by river. Once inside the cave, your boatman will row you 1.5kms into the 45km long cave, whilst you marvel at the incredible caverns filled with stalactites. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: PARADISE CAVE

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

DAY 12: DMZ

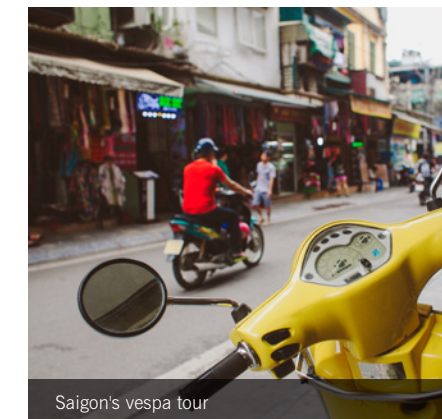
Take a full day tour to the DMZ, the buffer that existed between North Vietnam and South Vietnam during the War. Visit the Vinh Moc tunnels and battleground of Khe Sanh before driving on to Hue, Vietnam's last imperial capital. (B,L,D)



Cai Rang floating market



Meet the locals



Saigon's vespa tour

DAY 13: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITY

Embark on a cyclo tour of the city, heading to the Imperial Citadel and Purple Forbidden City. The banks of the Perfume River outside the city are dotted with UNESCO-listed Imperial tombs – visit Minh Mang's before cruising on the river itself. (B,L)

DAY 14: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

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

DAY 15: FARMER AND FISHERMAN EXPERIENCE

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

DAY 16: EXPLORE SAIGON BY VESPA

Spend your morning at leisure before you transfer to Danang and fly to the vibrant city of Saigon. This evening, embark on an exhilarating ride through Saigon's streets, riding pillion on the back of a vintage Vespa. Stop for a cocktail before continuing to a favourite local eating spot or two. Wind up your night with drinks and live music. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: CU CHI TUNNELS

This morning, explore the astounding Cu Chi Tunnels, used by the Viet Cong during the war. Then head back into Saigon, admiring Notre Dame cathedral and Central Post Office, before strolling the grand Rue Catinat to the Hotel Continental. (B,L)

DAY 18: MEKONG DELTA

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

DAY 19: CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET

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

DAY 20: FLY SAIGON TO UK

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

ACTIVE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Experience Vietnam's mountains, cities, beaches, caves and countryside from north to south. This active tour includes a full-day hike through Sapa's hills, an exploration of the spectacular Phong Nha cave and a cycle ride in the Mekong Delta.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Thursday

2019 DATES

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| 16 Mar - 04 Apr | £3,190 | 08 Jun - 27 Jun | £3,190 |
| 04 May - 23 May | £3,190 | 03 Aug - 22 Aug | £3,390 |

2020 DATES

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| 22 Feb - 12 Mar | £3,390 | 01 Aug - 20 Aug | £3,590 |
| 14 Mar - 02 Apr | £3,390 | 15 Aug - 03 Sep | £3,490 |
| 02 May - 21 May | £3,390 | 29 Aug - 17 Sep | £3,390 |
| 06 Jun - 25 Jun | £3,390 | | |

Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2590 (Hanoi - Saigon)
- Single room from £490
- Tipping paid locally USD114



Taste the delightful cuisine

AROUND CAMBODIA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover captivating Phnom Penh
- ✓ Kick back in coastal Kep
- ✓ Taste the world famous Kampot peppers
- ✓ Chill in Sihanoukville
- ✓ Explore colonial Battambang
- ✓ Be inspired by stunning Angkor
- ✓ See local life in Tonle Sap
- ✓ Enjoy the PHARE circus

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

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STOPOVER IN...



HONG KONG 2 NIGHTS FROM £290pp

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlies colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious.

See pages 96-97.

Based on international flights with Cathay Pacific.



Visit the magical Angkor temples

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

Fly overnight to Cambodia's captivating capital Phnom Penh. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

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

DAY 4: KEP AND KAMPOT

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

DAY 5: COASTAL SIHANOUKVILLE

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

DAY 6: SIHANOUKVILLE AT LEISURE

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

DAY 7: RETURN TO PHNOM PENH

Return to Phnom Penh and spend the day at leisure.

DAY 8: DISCOVER BATTAMBANG

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

DAY 9: LA MAISON DE COCO

Head out of town to the 12th century Prasat Banan Temple and admire the breathtaking hilltop views. Return to Battambang and take a stroll through the village of Wat Kor, then explore a local house for a glimpse of traditional Khmer life. Visit a local NGO, La Maison de Coco, where traditional skills such as weaving are taught to locals before a visit to Phnom Sampov to see the bat cave.

DAY 10: THE NATIONAL SILK CENTRE

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



Explore the Royal Palace, Phnom Penh

DAY 11: MAJESTIC ANGKOR TEMPLES

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over a thousand temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Rising early, journey to the old city of Angkor Thom and pass through the magnificent South Gate flanked by 54 gods and demons. At Angkor Thom's centre is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Also admire the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm before the rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent, and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. This evening enjoy a rollicking performance of the Phare Cambodian Circus.

DAY 12: SUNSET OVER ANGKOR THOM

Journey to Kbal Spean to see the intricate stone carvings of Hindu gods and sacred linga carved into the river bed and banks. Continue on to the captivating Banteay Srei – a richly embellished Hindu temple constructed in rose sandstone. The work is so intricate it is said that it could only have been carved by the hand of a woman. Later, take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems.

DAY 13: TONLE SAP LAKE

High Water Season (Aug to Feb) Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting the floating village of Kampong Kleng and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by

the jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Artisan D'Angkor, an organisation working to revive traditional Khmer arts and crafts. This evening sit down to dinner and the Apsara dance show.

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

DAYS 14-15: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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



Relax on Sihanoukville beach

AROUND CAMBODIA

CLASSIC

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.



See local life in Tonle Sap

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Sunday

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| 02 Jun - 16 Jun | £2,290 | 10 Nov - 24 Nov | £2,490 |
| 07 Jul - 21 Jul | £2,290 | | |
| 2020 DATES | | | |
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| 05 Jul - 19 Jul | £2,390 | | |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1590 (Phnom Penh - Siem Reap)
- Single room from £320
- Tipping paid locally USD70

NEW

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA EXPERIENCE

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,290

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
- ✓ Marvel at PHARE circus
- ✓ Plenty of chances to mingle with your group



Marvel at Halong Bay

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 4 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

Fly overnight to Hanoi, Vietnam 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 mausoleum, 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 cultural performance and cooking demonstration, and feature local dish, bun thang. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HALONG BAY

The 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 your 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

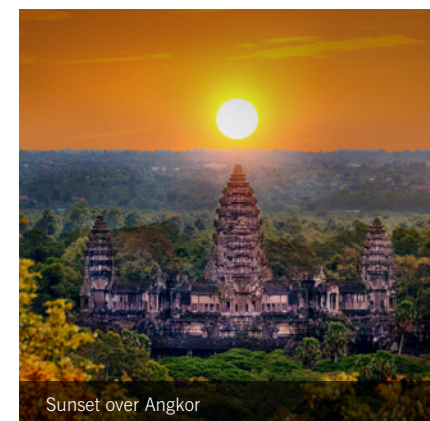
We journey to Ben Tre to discover the Mekong Delta, a rich and fertile region that produces a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruit. Today, we'll taste some of the produce of the area, enjoy traditional music, paddle through the palm-lined canals in a sampan and visit a floating fishing village. (B,L)

DAY 10: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

This morning we'll start exploring the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office before visiting the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum. This afternoon, we will fly to Phnom Penh, Cambodia's lovely capital, where we'll toast our arrival with a cold glass of beer 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, and browsing



Sunset over Angkor



Local rickshaws in Southeast Asia

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA EXPERIENCE

SOLO

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Exclusively for solo travellers, this immersive tour discovers the highlights of Vietnam and Cambodia with cultural experiences, group activities and a great chance to chill with your companions.



Vietnamese spring rolls

the artefacts of the National Museum. This afternoon, we'll learn about Cambodia's tragic 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, the group 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.

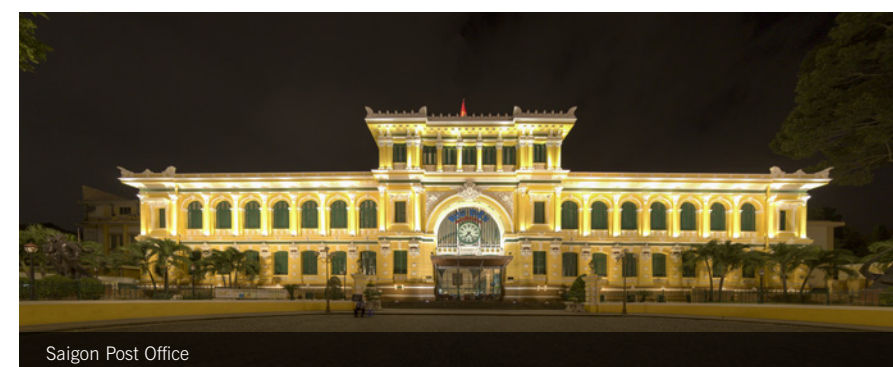
Low water season (Mar-Jul)

Visiting 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)



Saigon Post Office

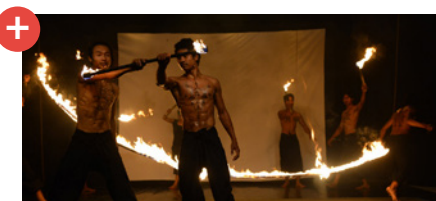
PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Saturday

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| 31 Jul - 15 Aug | £3,790 | | |

Flight and supplement information

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- Single room for sole use included
- Tipping paid locally USD84



ENJOY PHARE CIRCUS

PHARE is Siem Reap's most unique, authentic, top rated evening entertainment! This show has been included in the last city you visit to bring you some incredible memories of your holiday!

Contact us for more information.

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 traditional farming techniques in Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Stroll through Hanoi's alleyways
- ✓ Cruise the magnificent Halong Bay

Marvel at Bayon Temple

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 15 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
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Beautiful Hoi An lanterns

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

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DAY 3: TONLE SAP LAKE

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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: EXPLORE SAIGON

The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Visit the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Explore Cholon 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: CU CHI TUNNELS

Get to grips with the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, used by the Viet Cong during the war. Return to Saigon, fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO listed town of Hoi An.

DAY 10: DISCOVER HOI AN

Drive out into the countryside to the small farming community of Tra Que. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside and see the farmers at work. After lunch take a walking tour of Hoi An, to see the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work.



View of the Mekong Delta



Explore Angkor

DAYS 11-12: EXPLORE HUE

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Hoi An before heading to Hue, travelling over the Hai Van Pass. Cruise along the Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda. 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 ship 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.

+ KEEP EXPLORING...

SAPA 4 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £490pp



DAY 17: TRAIN TO SAPA

Board an overnight soft-sleeper train to Sapa town. We can offer late check-out upon request, subject to availability (fees apply).

DAYS 18-19: EXPLORE SAPA

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

DAY 20: HILLTRIBES

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

DAY 21: DEPART HANOI

Day use room is included in Hanoi this morning. Transfer to the airport. (B)

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

ANGKOR TO THE BAY

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Our most popular 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 & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

2019 DATES

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Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures are available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2490 (Siem Reap - Hanoi)
- Single room from £390
- Tipping paid locally USD96

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA DISCOVERY

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Taste Hanoi's delightful cuisine
- ✓ Hike lush rice terraces
- ✓ Kayak on stunning Halong Bay
- ✓ Learn traditional farming techniques in Hoi An
- ✓ Tour Saigon by a vintage Vespa
- ✓ Discover Angkor by tuk tuk
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap

PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 12 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
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PHARE circus show



Buddhist monk at Ta Prohm temple

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. As you turn every corner, a new view of this outstanding landscape of lush, mist-wreathed terraces will unfold in front of you, providing a plethora of unreal photo opportunities. You'll make stops at a Red Dao village to learn about local life in the area, a Tay village to have lunch in a family home and a colourful local market. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: RETURN TO HANOI

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

DAYS 8-9: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Depart for Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. Pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the ever-changing vistas of the bay. (B,L,D) On day 9, rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. Return to Hanoi and fly to Hue. (B,D)

DAY 10: IMPERIAL HUE BY BICYCLE

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

DAY 11: CHARMING HOI AN

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

DAY 12: FARMER AND FISHERMAN

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



Explore Saigon by vintage Vespa



Cycle through the Mekong Delta

to a peaceful fishing village, where you can try making a fishing net and go paddling in unique bamboo basket boats. (B,L)

DAY 13: SAIGON VESPA TOUR

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

DAY 14: SAIGON OLD AND NEW

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

DAY 15: BEN TRE BY BICYCLE

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

DAY 16: MEKONG DELTA

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

DAY 17: CAMBODIAN CIRCUS

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem

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

DAY 18: ANGKOR BY TUK TUK

What better way to see the world famous Angkor temple complex than from the back of a traditional tuk tuk? You'll explore Angkor Wat, the centrepiece of Siem Reap's famous temples, before riding your tuk tuk to Angkor Thom and the Bayon Temple, a 12th-century masterpiece. Lastly, buried deep in the jungle, you will find Ta Prohm; a photogenic and atmospheric 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 where you can participate in fishing or farming; learning more about the way of life here. Return to Siem Reap, visiting Beng Mealea on the way. (B,L,D)

DAYS 20-21: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA DISCOVERY

ACTIVE

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 & DEPARTURES

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Flight and supplement information

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- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2690 (Hanoi - Siem Reap)
- Single room from £420
- Tipping paid locally USD114



Be charmed by Hoi An

CAMBODIA & VIETNAM REVEALED

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Angkor masterclass with an archaeologist
- ✓ Discover captivating Phnom Penh
- ✓ Marvel at the A O show
- ✓ Sunset dinner cruise in Hoi An
- ✓ Admire Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Cruise Halong in style

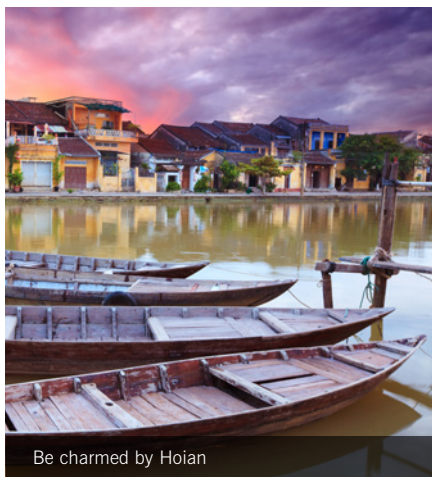
PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- Domestic transportation
- 5* Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Sumptuous dinners with drinks
- Afternoon Tea Experience
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The National Museum of Cambodia

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, see the enigmatic Bayon before exploring the atmospheric Ta Prohm, a tussle of stone and jungle. The afternoon is dedicated to the breathtaking Angkor Wat before a champagne sunset at Phnom Krom temple. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FLOATING VILLAGES

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

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul) Visit a village to meet some of the locals and pop into Khapor High School to learn about the library project. Continue to Beng Mealea, a temple lost to the jungle. (B,L)

DAY 5: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

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

DAY 6: DISCOVER PHNOM PENH

See the glittering Royal Palace, the sacred Silver Pagoda and the National Museum. 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 Cruise, dining on delicious cuisine as you soak up the night time views. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: MEKONG DELTA 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 and a home that produces coconut candy and puffed rice before enjoying a lunch served in a



Taste the local cuisine



Explore the magical Halong Bay

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 travelling 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 freshly prepared 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: TRAVEL TO HUE

Travel to Hue. Long considered a seat of culture, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. Take a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda, and take part in a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create art with bamboo paper. 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 before heading out, along the river into Hue's lush surroundings to see Minh Mang's tomb. 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: TRAVEL TO HANOI

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: EXPLORE HANOI

Hanoi evokes images of an Asia of the past - European elegance mixed with Asian vibrancy. Spend the morning exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learning about the life of 'Uncle Ho' before visiting the revered Temple of Literature. Later let us treat you to a divine Afternoon Tea experience. (B,L)

DAYS 17-18: SUNRISE ON HALONG BAY

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

DAY 19: TRAVEL TO HANOI

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

DAY 20: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

EXCLUSIVE

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 archaeologist at Angkor and a 2-night cruise on Halong Bay are just two of the magical experiences featured.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Wednesday

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SEE THE SPECIAL A O SHOW

The most extraordinary show in Saigon that depicts the charming beauty and cultural richness of Vietnamese life in the countryside, in contrast with the nation's racing urbanization. Enjoy the show and get the most wonderful experiences during your journey!

Contact us for more information.

MEKONG ODYSSEY

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Hanoi by rickshaw
- ✓ Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- ✓ Master local cuisine in Hoi An
- ✓ Experience a 7-night Mekong river cruise
- ✓ Discover the wonders of Angkor
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap
- ✓ Enjoy PHARE circus

PRICE INCLUDES

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BANGKOK 3 NIGHTS FROM £430pp

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See page 98.

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See local life in the Mekong Delta

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.

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 ship sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi for your flight to Hue.

DAY 6: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

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

DAY 7: HOI AN AN ANCIENT TOWN

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

DAY 8: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

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

DAY 9: CU CHI TUNNELS

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, where you'll see the legendary tunnel network used by the Viet Cong to infiltrate South Vietnam during the war. Return to the city to 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 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.



Relax on the beautiful Mekong Prestige II

DAY 12: TAN CHAU

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

DAY 13: PHNOM PENH

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

DAY 14: RURAL CAMBODIA

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

DAY 15: OUDONG

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

DAY 16: TONLE SAP RIVER

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

DAY 17: SIEM REAP

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

MEKONG ODYSSEY

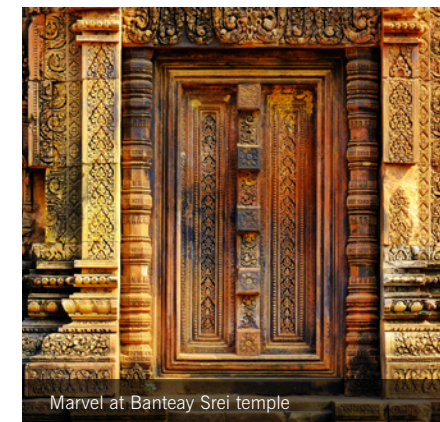
CRUISE - CLASSIC

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.



Marvel at Banteay Srei temple

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Monday

2019 DATES

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- Single room from £1690
- Tipping paid locally USD105

THE MAJESTIC MEKONG

23 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £7,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ 2 nights in luxury on Halong Bay
- ✓ Dine like a Royal in Hue
- ✓ See local life in charming Hoian
- ✓ Marvel at the A O show
- ✓ Experience a 7-night luxury Mekong cruise
- ✓ Angkor with an archaeologist

Beautiful Mekong River sunset

PRICE INCLUDES

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE HANOI

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

DAYS 4-5: HALONG BAY

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

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO HUE

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

DAY 7: IMPERIAL HUE

Start the day with a stroll through the Imperial Citadel before heading out, along the river, to see Minh Mang's Tomb. This afternoon try your hand at making paper flowers, before you indulge with a royal dining experience. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: DISCOVER HOI AN

Travel from Hue to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town.

The streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful market and a Chinese temple, finishing at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House, a social enterprise working with local people with disabilities. (B,L)

DAY 9: RURAL TRA QUE

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

DAY 10: A O SHOW

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

DAY 11: EXPLORE SAIGON

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

DAY 12: BOARD YOUR MEKONG CRUISE

Transfer from Saigon to the Mekong Delta city of My Tho, where you will board your Pandaw cruise ship. You will be welcomed aboard with refreshing drinks, before sitting down to a briefing and delicious freshly prepared food as you cast off into the vast Mekong Delta. (B,L,D)



Relax on the deluxe Pandaw ship

DAY 13: MEKONG BACKWATERS

Explore the delta's backwaters and palm-lined canals in local sampan boats. See local people at work and even try the local honey products made here. Return to the ship by horse and cart for lunch before visiting Cho Lach island for a glimpse into Delta life. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: CON PHUOC ISLAND

This morning, visit Gao Giong, the 'green oasis', and its bird sanctuary, keeping an eye out for egrets and other water birds that call this area their home. Once you have returned to the boat, cruise upstream to Con Phuoc island and go ashore to discover the local trades and visit the 100-year-old Catholic Church. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: INTO CAMBODIA

Journey along the complex canal system through Tan Chau. Visit a Taoist temple before exploring a local village by Xe Loi, passing fields and stopping to visit a fish farm. After lunch is served, cast off in the direction of Cambodia and cross the border. (B,L,D)

DAY 16: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Discover Phnom Penh city by cyclo, visiting the glittering Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda and the National Museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: SILK ISLAND

Take an exploratory cruise up the Tonle River, to visit 'silk island' and learn about the silk making process. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: DOLPHIN SPOTTING

Start your day by exploring Koh Trong island, experiencing rural life. After lunch, proceed upriver by local bus to the area that the rare

Mekong Dolphin calls home, now protected as a National Park. (B,L,D)

DAY 19: ARRIVE IN SIEM REAP

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

DAY 20: ANGKOR CONSERVATION MASTERCLASS

The day begins with a masterclass that takes you behind the scenes at Angkor with one of its lead stone conservation experts. You'll learn little-known secrets about these magnificent monuments and get a crash course in conservation techniques. Later, visit the atmospheric Ta Prohm, continue into Angkor Thom, the walled city, to the enigmatic Bayon. The afternoon is dedicated to the breathtaking Angkor Wat before a champagne sunset at Phnom Krom temple. (B,L)

DAY 21: EXPLORE BENG MEALEA

This morning, embrace your inner explorer to discover the 12th century Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple of the edge of the Angkor complex. Tonight, enjoy a farewell meal of Khmer culinary delights! (B,L,D)

DAYS 22-23: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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

THE MAJESTIC MEKONG

EXCLUSIVE - PRIVATE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With 2 nights on Halong Bay and a deluxe 7-night cruise on the Mekong, this luxurious adventure includes immersive cultural experiences and visits to lesser-known destinations.



Cambodian monks

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

| 2019 DATES | | | |
|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| 29 Jan - 20 Feb | £7,490 | 27 Aug - 18 Sep | £7,590 |
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| 16 Jul - 07 Aug | £7,690 | 17 Dec - 08 Jan | £7,990 |
| 30 Jul - 21 Aug | £7,690 | 18 Dec - 09 Jan* | £7,990 |
| 13 Aug - 04 Sep | £7,590 | | |

*Days of the week different from those stated
Contact us about departures in 2020

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £6790 (Hanoi - Siem Reap)
- Single room from £1990
- Sole passenger supplement from £2990

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Get spiritual in Luang Prabang
- ✓ Observe the monks for Takbat
- ✓ Admire the mystical Kuangsi waterfalls
- ✓ Wonder at the Plain of Jars
- ✓ Discover scenic Vang Vieng
- ✓ Stroll through quaint Vientiane
- ✓ Unwind at the 4000 islands

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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Admire Wat Xieng Thong



Marvel at Kuangsi waterfalls

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BANGKOK

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

DAY 3: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

Fly to Luang Prabang. An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos. At its core, lush greenery, golden temples and vivid-robed monks come together to create a colourful, rich heritage and an enduring French-colonial legacy. Take a walking tour around the vibrant night market, keeping an eye out for craft souvenirs from Laos' hill tribes as you go. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

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



Laidback Vang Vieng

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 miniature Buddha sculptures that reside within. Visit the local villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong to witness the daily life of the local people and their cottage industries. (B,L)

DAY 6: PHOUSI HILL

Climb Phousi Hill to admire the views down over the city before exploring Wat Mai, Wat Visoun and Wat Aham. 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 prehistoric sites in Southeast Asia, these mysterious clusters of giant jars are thought to be about 2,000 years old. We will visit Site 1 where there are over 200 jars, Site 2 which also allows you to admire the beautiful scenery of the region and Site 3, situated in picturesque woodland. There will also be a visit to the office of the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), an organisation that helps clear unexploded ordnance that 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



Explore the mysterious Plain of Jars



The sacred morning alms giving

dramatic views over the karst landscapes for which Vang Vieng is famous. On arrival, head into Tham Chang Cave to explore. The cave was used as a hideout for locals when marauding Yunnanese came to town in the early 19th century. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Drive to Vientiane, Laos' capital. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Spend the rest of the day exploring with visits to Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument, that resembles Paris' Arc de Triomphe. (B,L)

DAY 11: SI PHAN DON

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

DAY 12: 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)

STOPOVER IN...



BANGKOK 3 NIGHTS FROM £430pp

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

See page 98. Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

GO BEYOND

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, Plain of Jars and 4,000 Islands, as well as visiting little-explored villages to meet the friendly, local communities.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Tuesday

2019 DATES

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 19 Mar - 02 Apr | £2,690 | 15 Oct - 29 Oct | £2,690 |
| 04 Jun - 18 Jun | £2,690 | 05 Nov - 19 Nov | £2,690 |

2020 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 17 Mar - 31 Mar | £2,890 | 13 Oct - 27 Oct | £2,890 |
| 02 Jun - 16 Jun | £2,890 | 03 Nov - 17 Nov | £2,890 |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2090 (Bangkok - Bangkok)
- Single room from £390
- Tipping paid locally USD91



See the locals in Laos

LAOS & CAMBODIA UNVEILED

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Be charmed by quaint Vientiane
- ✓ Admire scenic Vang Vieng
- ✓ Witness the ceremony of Takbat
- ✓ Be captivated by Angkor
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap
- ✓ Visit colonial Battambang
- ✓ Explore Phnom Penh by rickshaw

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Wander the stunning Wat Xieng Thong

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO VIENTIANE

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE VIENTIANE

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

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO VANG VIENG

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

DAY 5: EXPLORE VANG VIENG

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

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LUANG PRABANG

Return to Vientiane and fly to the beautiful city of Luang Prabang. The quintessential image of Laos and a place of vivid colours, where you'll find a rich heritage and enduring French legacy.

DAY 7: PAK OU CAVES

Visit the exquisite Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong. Cruise up the languid Mekong River to the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of miniature Buddhist sculptures that reside within. On the return trip stop off at the villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong.

DAY 8: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Begin the day at the National Museum, housed in the former Royal Palace. Drive out of the city, stopping for a visit to Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre, before heading to the natural splendour of Kuang Si Waterfalls. Enjoy the vivid blue, terraced pools that tumble down through their forest setting, taking a dip or relaxing by the water's edge.

DAY 9: TAKBAT

Rise early this morning to witness the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collecting alms from the locals – the ceremony of Takbat. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. Later this morning, climb Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the city. Fly to Siem Reap where you can while away the evening at the lively night market.

DAY 10: EXPLORE ANGKOR

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



Enjoy picturesque Vang Vieng

the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. The best preserved of Angkor's temples, examine the vast number of intricate details and relish the sheer magnificence of its architecture.

DAY 11: TONLE SAP LAKE

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

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

DAY 12: BANTEAY SREI

Admire the captivating Banteay Srei, a richly embellished Hindu Temple made of rose-colored sandstone. Wander the atmospheric ruins of Preah Khan. Take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems.

DAY 13: RURAL BATTAMBANG

Depart Siem Reap for the city of Battambang, stopping off at the National Silk Centre, where you can learn about the silk creation process.

DAY 14: EXPLORE BATTAMBANG

Battambang is set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes. Head out of town to the 12th-century Prasat Banan Temple, returning to Battambang to stroll through the village of Wat Kor. Later, visit a local NGO, La Maison de Coco, where traditional skills such as weaving are taught to locals before exploring a cave at Phnom Sampov, home to a huge colony of bats.

DAY 15: TRAVEL TO PHNOM PENH

Journey south to the city of Phnom Penh, making a stop at the 17th century capital of Udong and Kampong Chhnang to see the traditional handmade pottery. On arrival at Phnom Penh, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 16: PHNOM PENH BY CYCLO

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

DAYS 17-18: FLY PHNOM PENH TO UK

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

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This epic adventure takes you from the UNESCO-listed city of Luang Prabang in untouched Laos to venture through Cambodia to explore the magnificent temples of Angkor, the rural beauty of Battambang and lovely Phnom Penh.



Marvel at Bayon Temple

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Monday

| 2019 DATES | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 08 Feb - 25 Feb | £2,990 | 11 Oct - 28 Oct | £2,990 |
| 07 Jun - 24 Jun | £2,990 | 08 Nov - 25 Nov | £2,990 |
| 2020 DATES | | | |
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| 06 Mar - 23 Mar | £3,190 | 06 Nov - 23 Nov | £3,190 |
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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 £2490 (Vientiane - Phnom Penh)
- Single room from £420
- Tipping paid locally USD96



Admire Angkor Temples

INDOCHINA DELIGHTS

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ See local life on the Mekong
- ✓ Learn ancient farming techniques in Hoian
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- ✓ Be charmed by Luang Prabang
- ✓ Admire Kuangsi waterfalls
- ✓ Marvel at Angkor Temples
- ✓ Enjoy the Quintessence of Tonkin

PRICE INCLUDES

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STOPOVER IN...



SINGAPORE 2 NIGHTS FROM £370pp

Singapore is a perfect blend of east and west. With a unique tapestry of Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions, Singapore offers superb cuisine, beautiful gardens, theme parks, world-class shopping and more.

See page 98.
Based on international flights with Singapore Airlines.



Marvel at the stunning Wat Xieng Thong

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

DAY 6: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

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

artisans at work. The afternoon is at leisure to relax at the beach or in a riverside café.

DAY 7: TRA QUE VILLAGE

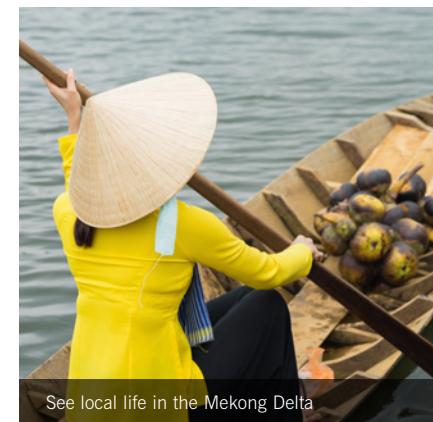
Drive out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community where you can enjoy the lush green countryside and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. Later, take a flight to Hanoi, a charming and richly historic city of lakes, parks and shaded boulevards and Vietnam's capital.

DAYS 8-9: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Spend the day aboard your comfortable cruise ship sailing amongst the spectacular seascapes, fringed by jagged karst formations jutting from emerald waters. Halong Bay, with its 1,600 islands and islets, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 and is a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. It isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. Enjoy fresh meals on board and spend the night anchored on the tranquil waters. Return to Hanoi 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 café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake. Fly to the enchanting city of Luang Prabang.



See local life in the Mekong Delta



Wander charming Hoian



Monks chanting in Laos

DAY 11: DISCOVER LUANG PRABANG

Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid colours, an extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. Today, rise early to watch a Takbat alms giving ceremony. Ascend Phousi Hill for city vistas, visit Wat Xieng Thong, then cruise along the Mekong River to see the Pak Ou Caves. Return to Luang Prabang and visit Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong Village en route.

DAY 12: LOCAL VILLAGES AND WATERFALLS

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

DAY 13: SIEM REAP

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

DAY 14: EXPLORE ANGKOR WAT

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over a thousand temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Enter the walled city of Angkor Thom and head to its heart to see the enigmatic Bayon, followed by the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. This afternoon is dedicated to the magnificence of Angkor Wat and intricate beauty of Banteay Srei temple. Take a

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Admire the majestic Angkor

INDOCHINA DELIGHTS

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



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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 & DEPARTURES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
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| 05 Apr - 21 Apr | £3,490 | 18 Oct - 03 Nov | £3,590 |
| 03 May - 19 May | £3,390 | 01 Nov - 17 Nov | £3,590 |

2020 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
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| 07 Feb - 23 Feb | £3,890 | 31 Jul - 16 Aug | £3,690 |
| 06 Mar - 22 Mar | £3,790 | 04 Sep - 20 Sep | £3,790 |
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| 03 Apr - 19 Apr | £3,790 | 30 Oct - 15 Nov | £3,890 |
| 01 May - 17 May | £3,590 | 06 Nov - 22 Nov | £3,890 |

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- Tipping paid locally USD90

HEART OF INDOCHINA

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

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- ✓ Enjoy the deluxe Mekong cruise
- ✓ Marvel at the A O show
- ✓ Cook local dishes in Hoi An
- ✓ Dine like a Royal in Hue
- ✓ Cruise Halong Bay in style
- ✓ Admire Luang Prabang's wats
- ✓ Discover Angkor with an archaeology expert

See the spiritual side of Southeast Asia

PRICE INCLUDES

- 17 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 8 dinners
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 5* Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)
- Sumptuous dinners with drinks
- Afternoon Tea Experience
- Spa treatment
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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Admire Wat Xieng Thong

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

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

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

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

DAY 5: CU CHI TUNNELS

Travel to the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of an elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Fly to Danang and transfer to the charming town of Hoi An. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of architectural styles. This morning tour the market to choose fresh ingredients from the colourful array of local produce for your Vietnamese cookery class, where you'll be learning to prepare a number of local dishes. This afternoon wander the old streets, visiting the Japanese Bridge and Chinese Pagoda. Take tea at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House, a peaceful place, run by hearing and speech impaired locals - savour the flavours of local produce. (B,L)

DAYS 7-8: EXPLORE HUE

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Hoi An. This afternoon, depart for Hue, driving across the scenic Hai Van Pass. On arrival, cruise the Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda. This evening indulge yourself with a royal dining experience. (B,L,D)

The next morning, explore Hue's Imperial Citadel and Minh Mang's tomb. In the afternoon, try your hand at making paper flowers in a village that is known for the art. Admire the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House - the owner, Mr. Vinh, is descended from royalty. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO HANOI

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

DAY 10: EXPLORE HANOI

Hanoi evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Spend the morning exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learning about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the



Marvel at the magnificent Halong Bay

revered Temple of Literature before meeting a water puppeteer who will introduce you to this traditional 11th-century art and put on a private water puppet show. (B,L)

DAYS 11-12: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Spend two days aboard the emerald waters of Halong Bay, with thousands of limestone islands creating a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Spend a night onboard, among glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

See the sun rise and cruise for a while longer before disembarking to return to Hanoi, where an indulgent Afternoon Tea experience awaits you. (B,D)

DAY 13: TRAVEL TO LUANG PRABANG

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

DAY 14: TAKBAT

Rise early to observe the ceremony of Takbat. Ascend Phousi Hill for views over the town and visit Wat Xieng Thong, Luang Prabang's most glittering temple. Take to the languid waters of the Mekong to visit the Pak Ou caves, renowned for the hundreds of carved Buddha statues that reside within. (B,L)

DAY 15: EXPLORE LUANG PRABANG

Get to grips with Laotian history at the National Museum before heading to the picturesque Kuang Si waterfalls. On the return to Luang Prabang stop at the Ock Pop Tok weaving centre. This evening you are invited to a local home to participate in a Baci

Ceremony, an integral part of Laos culture. (B,L)

DAY 16: DISCOVER SIEM REAP

Fly to Siem Reap. Tonight enjoy a rollicking performance of the Phare Circus, run by an NGO that teaches street kids circus skills. Later enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment. (B,L)

DAY 17: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The day begins with a masterclass that takes you behind the scenes at Angkor with one of its lead stone conservationists. Learn little-known secrets about these magnificent monuments and get a crash course in conservation techniques. Later, visit Angkor Thom, see the enigmatic Bayon before exploring the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The afternoon is dedicated to the breathtaking Angkor Wat before a champagne sunset at Phnom Krom temple. (B,L,D)

DAY 18: FLOATING VILLAGES

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

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul) Visit a village to meet some of the locals and pop into Khapor High School to learn about the library project. Explore the exquisite temples of Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. (B,L,D)

DAYS 19-20: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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

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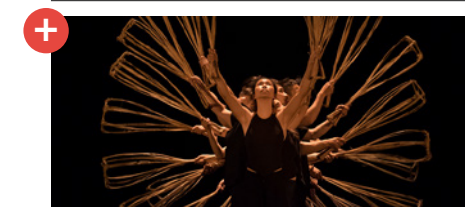
IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Packed full of exclusive experiences designed to help you soak up the local cultures, this tour meanders at a relaxed pace through the must-see sights of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, including Halong Bay, Angkor and Luang Prabang, in 5* style.



Explore Angkor Temples

| PRICES & DEPARTURES | | | |
|---|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Departing Friday returning Wednesday | | | |
| 2019 DATES | | | |
| 01 Mar - 20 Mar | £5,190 | 01 Nov - 20 Nov | £5,290 |
| 2020 DATES | | | |
| 06 Mar - 25 Mar | £5,490 | 30 Oct - 18 Nov | £5,590 |
| Flight and supplement information | | | |
| • Based on London Heathrow departures | | | |
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SEE THE ACROBATIC A O SHOW

The most extraordinary show in Saigon that depicts the charming beauty and cultural richness of Vietnamese life in the countryside, in contrast with the nation's racing urbanization. The show is a unique mix of bamboo cirque, acrobatic acts, contemporary dance, and theatrical visual art. Enjoy the show and get the most wonderful experiences during your journey!

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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
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Meet the friendly locals in Sapa

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY 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 it 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 typically Mekong fare. Return to Saigon.

DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE HOI AN

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

DAY 7: HOI AN AT LEISURE

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

DAYS 8-9: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

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

DAY 10: JOURNEY TO HANOI

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

DAY 11: HANOI

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

DAYS 12-13: SAPA COUNTRYSIDE

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

DAYS 14-15: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Arrive back in Hanoi this morning and depart to Halong Bay. Spend two days aboard your comfortable cruise ship sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi. 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



Marvel at Angkor temples

of the Mekong to visit the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of miniature Buddhist sculptures that reside within.

DAY 18: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

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

DAY 19: TRAVEL TO VANG VIENG

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

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 Laos 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 the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum, later exploring the Russian and Central markets.

DAY 24: SUNSET OVER ANGKOR

Ascend to the 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 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.

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.

GRAND TOUR OF INDOCHINA

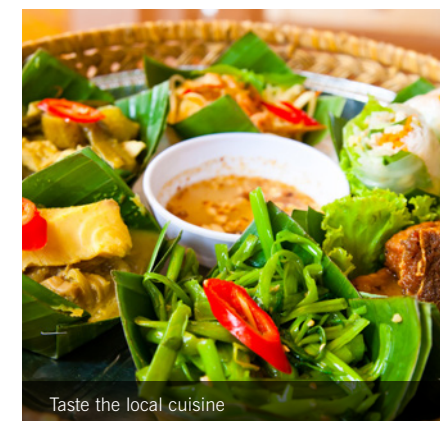
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For those with more time to explore this magnificent region, this tour not only covers the highlights of each country, but takes you to more destinations, introduces you to more culture and gives you more opportunities to interact with local people.



Taste the local cuisine

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

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| 19 Jan - 15 Feb | £4,690 | 04 May - 31 May | £4,490 |
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| 30 Mar - 26 Apr | £4,590 | 12 Oct - 08 Nov | £4,590 |
| 20 Apr - 17 May | £4,590 | 02 Nov - 29 Nov | £4,690 |
| 2020 DATES | | | |
| 18 Jan - 14 Feb | £4,990 | 18 Apr - 15 May | £4,790 |
| 01 Feb - 28 Feb | £4,990 | 02 May - 29 May | £4,790 |
| 22 Feb - 20 Mar | £4,890 | 15 Aug - 11 Sep | £4,890 |
| 07 Mar - 03 Apr | £4,890 | 29 Aug - 25 Sep | £4,790 |
| 14 Mar - 10 Apr | £4,890 | 19 Sep - 16 Oct | £4,790 |
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Flight and supplement information

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TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cycle along the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Be inspired by charming Hoi An
- ✓ Explore Hue by rickshaw
- ✓ Meet the locals in Mai Chau
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ Witness sacred Takbat in Laos
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Explore charming Hue

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE SAIGON

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

DAY 4: THE MEKONG DELTA

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

DAY 5: CHO LACH

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

DAYS 6-7: HOI AN EXPERIENCES

Fly to Danang and transfer to charming Hoi An. This afternoon, wander the old cobbled streets and soak up the town's delights. (B,L) The next day is at leisure or choose between these optional experiences. 1) a cooking class, or 2) a full day farmer and fisherman experience, learning traditional techniques of both. (B)

DAYS 8-9: EXPLORE HUE

Drive to Hue via the Hai Van Pass and stop en route at the Son Tra Peninsula. The next day, take a cyclo ride up to Hue's Imperial Citadel

and stroll amongst its decaying grandeur. Visit the Imperial Tomb of Minh Mang, before admiring Thien Mu Pagoda and a cruise on the Perfume River. (B,L)

DAY 10: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's atmospheric capital. This evening is free, with the option of attending The Quintessence of Tonkin show, an artistic open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam, followed by dinner. (B)

DAY 11: DISCOVER HANOI

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

DAYS 12-13: MAI CHAU VALLEY

Journey west to Mai Chau. Walk to the ethnic minority villages of Pom Coong and Lac to meet communities and explore magnificent Mo Luong cave. This evening, enjoy dinner with a traditional dance performance in Lac village. (B,L,D) The next day is free or choose between these optional experiences. 1) a light trek to Pu Luong Nature Reserve, or 2) a cycling adventure through Mai Chau, an alternative way to see this beautiful, untouched area. (B)

DAY 14: RETURN TO HANOI

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

DAYS 15-16: CRUISE HALONG BAY

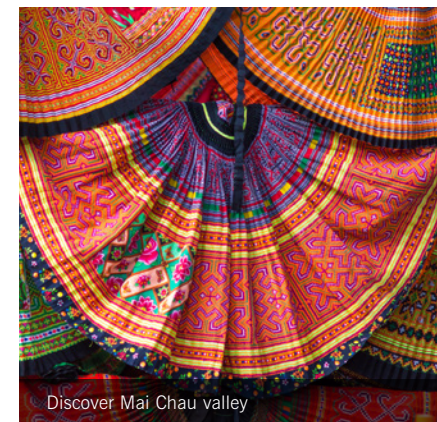
Travel to Halong Bay to board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the



Enjoy a bike ride



Relax on Hoi An beach



Discover Mai Chau valley

glassy, limestone-studded waters. (B,L,D) Rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. Travel back to Hanoi for some free time. (B)

DAY 17: FLY TO LAOS

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

DAY 18: SEE LUANG PRABANG

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

DAY 19: FLY TO VIENTIANE

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

DAY 20: EXPLORE VIENTIANE

Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city. Visit the city's most important sights - Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa and Patuxai Victory Monument before spending time amongst the sculptures of the Buddha Park. This evening, enjoy a dinner and a Laos music and dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 21: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

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

DAY 22: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

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

DAYS 23-24: DISCOVER SIEM REAP

Today is at leisure until your flight to Siem Reap. (B,D) The next day see the world-famous Angkor temples from the back of a tuk tuk ride to Angkor Thom and the Bayon, before jungle-enveloped Ta Prohm. Explore magnificent Angkor Wat, before taking a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom. This evening enjoy a rollicking performance of the Phare Cambodian Circus. (B,L)

DAY 25: SIEM REAP EXPERIENCES

Today is at leisure or choose between the following optional tours. 1) a full day amongst rural Cambodian communities, learning about their daily life, or 2) explore the hidden temple of Beng Mealea. (B)

DAY 26: TONLE SAP

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

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This complete Indochina adventure, covering Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, shows you the highlights of the region whilst giving you plenty of time for independent exploration and a choice of experiences to help you delve deeper into the local culture and heritage.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2019 DATES

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| 09 Feb - 08 Mar | £4,490 | 07 Sep - 04 Oct | £4,290 |
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| 06 Apr - 03 May | £4,390 | 02 Nov - 29 Nov | £4,490 |

2020 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 08 Feb - 06 Mar | £4,790 | 05 Sep - 02 Oct | £4,590 |
| 07 Mar - 03 Apr | £4,690 | 10 Oct - 06 Nov | £4,690 |
| 04 Apr - 01 May | £4,690 | 31 Oct - 27 Nov | £4,790 |

Flight and supplement information

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

DAYS 27-28: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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

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- ✓ Watch Giant Pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Stand on the Great Wall



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ITINERARY

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DAY 3: CU CHI TUNNELS

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

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

Travel to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Known locally as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta and lunch on delicious, typical Mekong dishes. Return to Saigon.

DAYS 5-6: HISTORIC HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO listed town of Hoi An. Take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laidback and willfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander around – visit an old merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful market and the workshop of social enterprise, Reaching Out. The next day, pop out to the scenic Tra Que Village, a traditional haven. Help with the cultivation of vegetables and enjoy lunch at a local family home.

DAYS 7-8: IMPERIAL HUE

Travel to Hue. Visit the UNESCO-listed Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. The next day, make your way to the imposing Imperial Citadel before

traveling to the charming An Hien garden house. Later, visit Thien Mu pagoda and enjoy a local boat trip along the beautiful Perfume river.

DAY 9: COLONIAL HANOI

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

DAYS 10-11: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Cruise amongst karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. Spend the night onboard. Return to Hanoi the next day and in the evening attend The Quintessence of Tonkin show – a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAY 12: DISCOVER HANOI

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

DAYS 13-14: GIANT PANDAS

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



Gaze at the Warriors



Stand on the Great Wall

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| 06 Sep - 01 Oct | £4,390 | | |

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| 10 Apr - 05 May | £4,790 | 09 Oct - 03 Nov | £4,690 |
| 04 Sep - 29 Sep | £4,690 | | |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3690 (Saigon - Shanghai)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally USD166



QUINTESSENCE OF TONKIN

Born from an artistic vision to showcase the cultural highlights of northern Vietnam, The Quintessence of Tonkin blends skilful performers, a mesmerising set, delightful water puppetry, a stunning light show and the Thay Mountain into a breath-taking open air spectacle that is both emotive and uplifting.

Contact us for more information.



BORNEO & INDONESIA TOURS

WHEN TO TRAVEL



The beautiful island of Borneo, covered in ancient rainforest is, unsurprisingly, hot and humid all year round, with temperatures hovering between 27° and 32°. March to October is the driest time, and also the best time to spot orangutans in the wild, but you should expect some short heavy showers at any time of year.

Indonesia is very similar; straddling the equator, temperatures stay constant, and hot, all year. Here, there is a rainy season between November and March, which leaves everything wonderfully green and lush. For a break from the higher temperatures, head for the cooler climes of the highlands.



APPROX FLYING TIME
14 Hours



GMT
+7/+8

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
- ✓ Spot Orangutans in Semenggoh
- ✓ Immerse in Batang Ai nature
- ✓ Experience life in an Iban longhouse
- ✓ Stand in Mt Kinabalu's shadow
- ✓ Visit Sepilok Orangutans Centre
- ✓ Cruise the Kinabatangan River

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 20 passengers

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



Admire the stunning Batang Ai



Search for wild orangutans

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUCHING

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE KUCHING

Spend the day enjoying the diverse culture of Sarawak with a walking tour, starting at the Chinese History Museum on Kuching's waterfront. Stroll past the old shop houses of Ewe Hai Street and pay visits to traditional businesses, including a 'sinseh', a Chinese medicine man. Next you'll be introduced to Sarawak's delicious food, with a tasting at a local coffee shop. 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 to Batang Ai, where you will be staying on the edge of the glorious Batang Ai National Park.

DAY 6: IBAN LONGHOUSE

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

DAY 7: RETURN TO KUCHING

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

DAY 8: FLY TO KOTA KINABALU

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

DAY 9: EXPLORE KOTA KINABALU

Begin your explorations at the Sabah State Museum where you can learn about the state's diverse cultural and natural heritage, before exploring some of the city's beautiful architecture, including the Blue Mosque and Chinese Temple. Browse the piles of wares at the Handicraft Market and spice bazaar, before strolling through the oldest part of the city. Lunch will be at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, dine on traditional Malay cuisine.

DAY 10: KINABALU PARK

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

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 will 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.

+ GAYA ISLAND EXTENSION

3 NIGHTS FROM £540pp

DAY 15: BOAT TO GAYA ISLAND

Transfer to the jetty and take a short boat ride to Gaya Island. Check in and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

DAYS 16-17: GAYA ISLAND RESORT

The next two days are at leisure for you to enjoy the pristine beaches or take part in some of the many optional activities from snorkeling to spa treatments. (B)

DAY 18: FLY KOTA KINABALU TO UK

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



Marvel at the stunning mosque in Kota Kinabalu

BEST OF BORNEO

GO BEYOND

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 of Sabah and Sarawak on this incredible itinerary.



Rhinoceros Hornbills, Borneo

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

| 2019 DATES | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 30 Mar - 14 Apr | £3,990 | 03 Aug - 18 Aug | £4,390 |
| 27 Apr - 12 May | £4,190 | 31 Aug - 15 Sep | £4,190 |
| 25 May - 09 Jun | £4,190 | 14 Sep - 29 Sep | £4,190 |
| 29 Jun - 14 Jul | £4,190 | | |
| 2020 DATES | | | |
| 28 Mar - 12 Apr | £4,190 | 01 Aug - 16 Aug | £4,590 |
| 25 Apr - 10 May | £4,290 | 29 Aug - 13 Sep | £4,290 |
| 23 May - 07 Jun | £4,290 | 12 Sep - 27 Sep | £4,290 |
| 27 Jun - 12 Jul | £4,290 | | |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3390 (Kuching - Kota Kinabalu)
- Single room from £460
- Tipping paid locally MYR 250



Stunning view of Gaya Island

NEW

INCREDIBLE INDONESIA

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,490**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Spot Komodo Dragons
- ✓ Taste Yogyakarta's local cuisine
- ✓ Marvel at Borobudur sunrise
- ✓ Visit Laweyan batik village
- ✓ Explore Mount Bromo by Jeep
- ✓ Be inspired by Flores beauty
- ✓ Cruise to Rinca island
- ✓ Swim at the stunning Pink beach



Breath-taking view of Flores Island

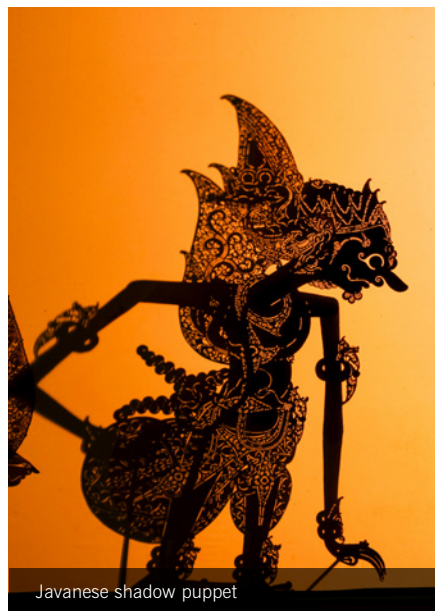
PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 20 passengers

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Javanese shadow puppet

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

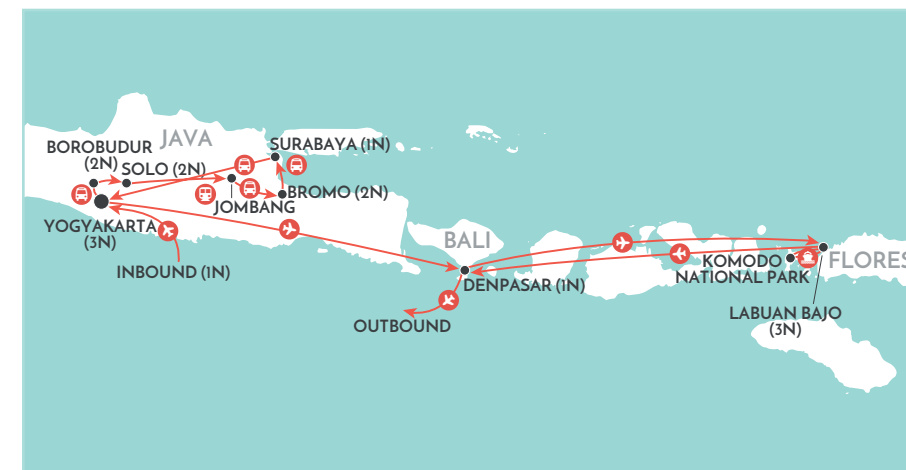
An epicentre of Javanese culture, the city of Solo gives a wonderfully authentic glimpse of traditional island life. Explore the streets on a becak ride, stopping off at Triwindu market to browse the antiques. This afternoon, visit Laweyan batik village, to learn about this Javanese craft.

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 spectacular Tengger massif, and the famous Mt Bromo.

DAY 10: MT 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.



Borobudur sunrise



The legendary Komodo Dragons

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 close to the beach in Denpasar.

DAY 16: FLY BALI TO UK

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

+ UBUD EXTENSION



UBUD 2 NIGHTS FROM £520PP

Famously known as Bali's ultimate cultural hub, Ubud is an amazing blend of old and new with something to offer to everyone.

DAY 16: ARRIVE UBUD

Arrive in Ubud and be transferred to your hotel. This afternoon explore Pura Luhur, the illustrious temple of Uluwatu and experience a mesmerizing Kecak Fire Dance performance.

DAY 17: EXPLORE UBUD

Set off on a scenic adventure into the rice fields of Ubud. Visit Payogen village, a small community that's the gateway to the Bukit Cinta Ridge. Enjoy a light walk through rice paddy fields and admire the picturesque scenery of the area. (B,L)

DAY 18: DEPART UBUD

This morning enjoy a cooking class in the village of Mas and soak up some delightful local flavour. Later, be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B,L)

INCREDIBLE INDONESIA

GO BEYOND

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 & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Saturday

2019 DATES

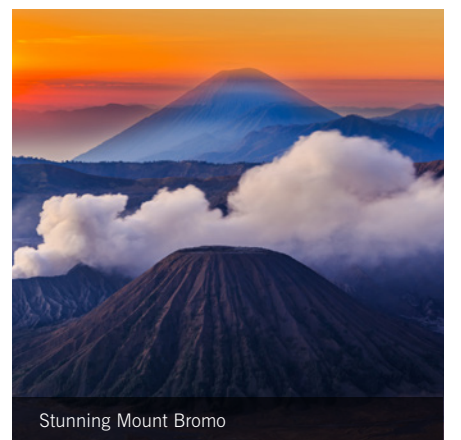
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|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 03 May - 18 May | £3,490 | 26 Jul - 10 Aug | £3,890 |
| 07 Jun - 22 Jun | £3,590 | 06 Sep - 21 Sep | £3,490 |

2020 DATES

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|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 01 May - 16 May | £3,690 | 24 Jul - 08 Aug | £4,090 |
| 05 Jun - 20 Jun | £3,790 | 04 Sep - 19 Sep | £3,690 |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2690 (Yogyakarta - Denpasar)
- Single room from £890
- Tipping paid locally USD 84



Stunning Mount Bromo



THAILAND TOURS

WHEN TO TRAVEL



Although it varies across the country, Thailand's climate can be divided roughly into three distinct seasons – cool and dry, hot and rainy. November to March is the cool and dry season, although temperatures can still reach 30 degrees, which is followed by the hot season from March to May when temperatures and humidity go up. The rainy season lasts from roughly June to October which is characterised by downpours in the afternoon or at night. For anyone looking to head to Thailand's southern beaches, head to the Andaman coast (west) between November and April, whilst the Gulf of Thailand coast (east) is good most of the year but has higher rainfall in November.



APPROX FLYING TIME
12 Hours



GMT
+7

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 historical Ayutthaya
- ✓ Meet minority hill tribes
- ✓ Stroll through laidback Chiang Rai
- ✓ Master Thai cuisine with Chiang Mai's cooking class



See the wildlife in Thailand

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

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Admire stunning Ayutthaya

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BANGKOK

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER BANGKOK

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

DAY 4: BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and the bizarre Railway Track Market before heading out of Bangkok to Kanchanaburi. Stop at the famous bridge before time to visit the Allied Cemetery and War Museum.

DAY 5: EXPLORE KANCHANABURI

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

DAY 6: AYUTTHAYA

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

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

DAY 7: GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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

DAY 8: 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. Visit the



Experience local Thai cuisine



Admire the striking Buddhist White Temple

ancient city of Wiang Kum Kam and spend the afternoon visiting Wat Chedi Luang and Wat Phra Singh. There'll also be time to examine the wares at a handicraft village.

DAY 11: THAI ELEPHANT CARE CENTRE

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

DAY 12: COOKING CLASS

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

DAY 13: FLY CHIANG MAI TO UK

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

STOPOVER IN...



PHUKET 3 NIGHTS FROM £170pp

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

See page 94.

STOPOVER IN...



KOH SAMUI 3 NIGHTS FROM £310pp

An oasis of natural beauty, Koh Samui is famed for blue skies, palm trees, clear seas and stunning beaches.

See page 94.

THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A two-week journey from south to north, this perfect first-timer tour of Thailand encompasses all the top sights as well as venturing into less-explored areas to explore pristine nature and local culture with a stay at a beautiful eco-lodge.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Wednesday

2019 DATES

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 15 Feb - 27 Feb | £2,590 | 14 Jun - 26 Jun | £2,590 |
| 12 Apr - 24 Apr | £2,590 | 08 Nov - 20 Nov | £2,590 |

2020 DATES

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 14 Feb - 26 Feb | £2,690 | 08 May - 20 May | £2,690 |
| 13 Mar - 25 Mar | £2,690 | 12 Jun - 24 Jun | £2,690 |
| 10 Apr - 22 Apr | £2,790 | 06 Nov - 18 Nov | £2,690 |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1990 (Bangkok - Chiang Mai)
- Single room from £220
- Tipping paid locally USD60



Wat Pho, Bangkok

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
- ✓ Stroll through laidback Chiang Rai
- ✓ Meet monks in Laos
- ✓ Explore the magical Buddha Park



Be charmed by Bangkok

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

STOPOVER IN...



HUA HIN 3 NIGHTS FROM £320pp

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

See page 95.
Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

ITINERARY

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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 Kantoke dinner and a performance of the ancient songs and dances of northern Thailand and wander through the buzzing night bazaar in search of bargains.

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 pachyderms. Later, board a long tail boat on Mae Kok River to Baan Pha Tai, where you'll continue by road to Chiang Rai. Explore the colourful night market.

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.

DAY 9: CRUISE THE MEKONG

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



Admire Wat Xieng Thong, Laos



Explore Chiang Mai by rickshaw

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. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. After breakfast, ascend Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the town and see the treasures at the National Museum. Head out of the town to enjoy the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting

Kuang Si Waterfalls before returning to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.

DAY 13: FLY TO VIENTIANE

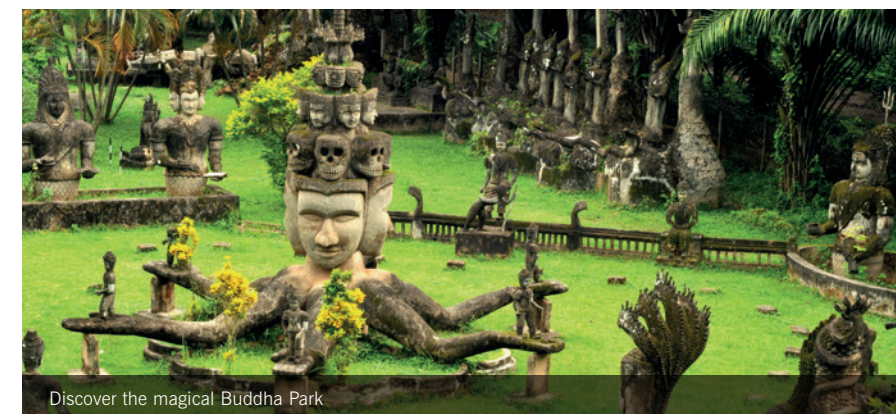
Catch a flight to Laos' capital city, Vientiane.

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.



Discover the magical Buddha Park

THAILAND & LAOS ADVENTURE

GO BEYOND

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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

2019 DATES

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| 12 Mar - 27 Mar | £2,790 | 15 Oct - 30 Oct | £2,790 |
| 04 Jun - 19 Jun | £2,790 | 12 Nov - 27 Nov | £2,790 |

2020 DATES

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| 10 Mar - 25 Mar | £2,890 | 13 Oct - 28 Oct | £2,890 |
| 02 Jun - 17 Jun | £2,890 | 10 Nov - 25 Nov | £2,890 |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2190 (Bangkok - Vientiane)
- Single room from £420
- Tipping paid locally USD70



Maeklong railway market

BURMA TOURS

WHEN TO TRAVEL



Another country that is rewarding to travel through at any time of year, the very best time to visit Burma is between October and May, the dry season, when the whole country is accessible, the beaches are beautiful and the temples shimmer in the sunshine. Take a jumper for the evenings in the highlands, it can get cool as the sun goes down. Temperatures tend to hover around 30 degrees year round, though in the central regions they go higher in March, April and May as the rainy season approaches and humidity grows. June to September is the rainy season, especially on the plains of Bagan and Mandalay, whilst the beach resort of Ngapali closes. The new year celebration of Tingyan takes place in April; things will be busy, but it's a wonderful way to see Burma's Buddhist traditions in action.



APPROX FLYING TIME
13 Hours



GMT
+6.30

BURMA EXPLORER

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Be dazzled by Shwedagon
- ✓ Ascend stunning Mt Popa
- ✓ Explore magnificent Bagan's temples
- ✓ Feel cultural in Mandalay
- ✓ Enjoy sunset on U Bien Bridge
- ✓ Watch the 'Leg Rowers'

PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Maximum group size 20 passengers

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

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STOPOVER IN...



BANGKOK 3 NIGHTS FROM £430pp

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

See page 98.

Based on international flights with Thai Airways.



Marvel at the magical Bagan

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO RANGOON

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER RANGOON

Head downtown to the Central Post Office from where we will begin our tour. Encompassing the colonial highlights and more traditional architecture, stroll Strand Road and Pansodan Street. Visit the National Museum after exploring the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda whose huge golden stupa dominates the city's skyline. The apex of the stupa is studded with hundreds of priceless gems that glint in the sunshine. This is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site and is alleged to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within.

DAY 4: SHWEZIGON PAGODA

Fly to Bagan. Burma's central plains have played host to many old kingdoms, each contributing temples and pagodas to the thousands that still dot the area today. Upon arrival, visit Nyaung U Market and Shwezigon Pagoda, where a replica of Buddha's tooth is enshrined. Later visit Htilominlo Pagoda, Ananda Temple and see craftsmen at work at a lacquerware workshop. Enjoy a spectacular sunset from the summit of the 12-storey Aureum Watch Tower, which gives incredible views over the temples and plain.

DAY 5: MT POPA

Travel to Mt Popa, an extinct volcano, and visit Taung Kalat, the breathtaking Buddhist Monastery perched on its summit. Stop at a

toddy palm plantation before taking a boat trip on the Irrawaddy River to view the sunset. Mt Popa is the spiritual home of 37 nats, or animist spirits and you'll see many locals who have come here to worship them. Return to Bagan.

DAY 6: MINGUN AND AVA

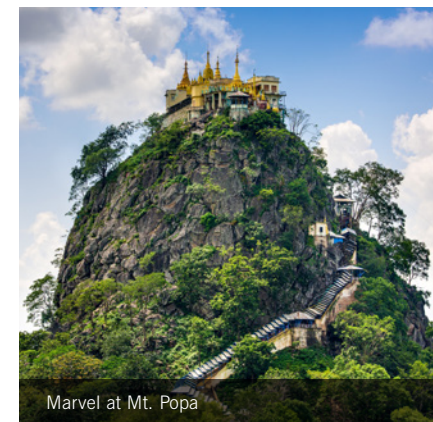
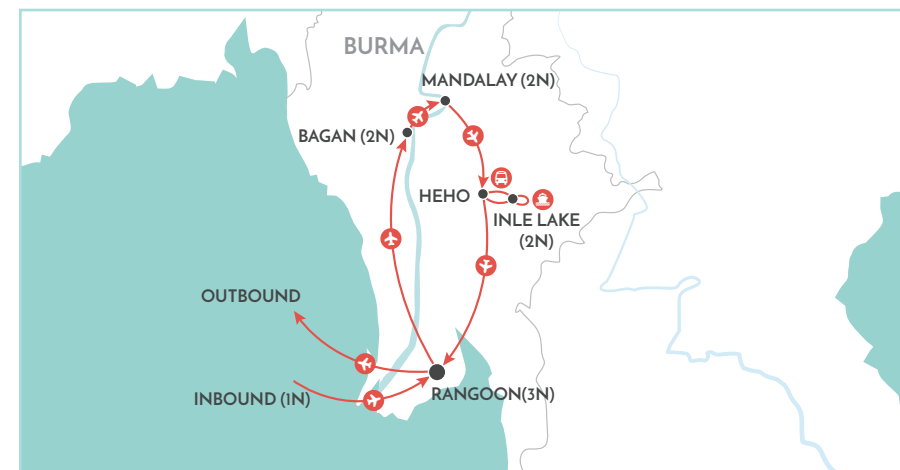
Fly to Mandalay and start exploring. Transfer to Mahamuni Pagoda, the Golden Palace Monastery and Kuthodaw Pagoda. Next set sail up the Irrawaddy River to Mingun to visit one of the world's largest bells; Hsinbyume Paya; and the imposing Mingun Pagoda, a red brick structure that would have been the world's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

DAY 7: AMARAPURA AND MANDALAY

Drive to Amarapura and visit Mahagandayon Monastery, a place of monastic study and home to several thousand young monks. Later, travel to the Sagaing Hills, where you'll find its forested slopes crowded with temples and pagodas. Continue to the Tha Kya Di Kya nunnery before proceeding to the U Bein Bridge for a sunset boat ride, the best way to really appreciate the world's longest teak bridge!

DAY 8: INLE LAKE

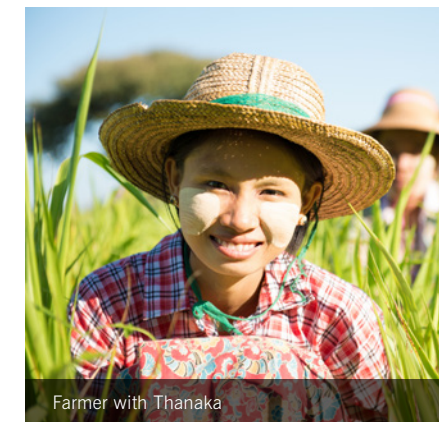
Fly to Heho and drive to Inle Lake via Shwe Yan Pyay monastery. The lake is best known for the extraordinary 'Intha' people, who live on and around the water, and are renowned for their unique rowing technique. Out on the lake, see the floating gardens before visiting



Marvel at Mt. Popa



Wander charming Mandalay



Farmer with Thanaka

Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda, Nga Phe Monastery and Inpawkhon weaving village on the lake's banks.

DAY 9: INDEIN PAGODAS

Transfer by boat to the western shore of the lake to explore the crumbling Indeian Pagoda complex. Walk to a nearby village to see the locals farming with traditional techniques. Pass through the rice fields to Saema to meet the friendly villagers, and to visit the local primary school.

DAY 10: RANGOON NIGHT MARKETS

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

DAY 11: FLY RANGOON TO UK

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



Watch the 'Leg Rowers' in Inle Lake

BURMA EXPLORER

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

For those with limited time, this tour is the perfect opportunity to tick off Burma's highlights, showcasing the magical culture, golden temples and magnificent scenery of Rangoon, Bagan, Mandalay and Inle Lake.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Sunday

2019 DATES

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 07 Feb - 17 Feb | £2,690 | 17 Oct - 27 Oct | £2,790 |
| 07 Mar - 17 Mar | £2,690 | 07 Nov - 17 Nov | £2,790 |

2020 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 06 Feb - 16 Feb | £2,890 | 15 Oct - 25 Oct | £2,990 |
| 05 Mar - 15 Mar | £2,890 | 05 Nov - 15 Nov | £2,990 |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2090 (Rangoon - Rangoon)
- Single room from £460
- Tipping paid locally USD59

BURMA & THE IRRAWADDY

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Admire Shwedagon pagoda
- ✓ Wander majestic Mandalay
- ✓ Cruise on the Irrawaddy
- ✓ Glimpse riverside life
- ✓ Be inspired by Bagan's beauty
- ✓ Ascend stunning Mt. Popa
- ✓ Explore scenic Inle by sampan



Explore the stunning Inle Lake

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Maximum group size 20 passengers

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Admire the Shwedagon Pagoda

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO RANGOON

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE RANGOON

Rangoon, Burma's capital until its relocation to Naypyidaw in 2006, is the heart of Burma's spiritual life and a bustling city full of crumbling colonial charm. Stroll past the colonial buildings of Rangoon's downtown, see the Independence Monument and the artefacts of the National Museum before browsing the wares of Bogyoke Market. Finally, explore Shwedagon Pagoda. Rumoured to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within, the pagoda is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site. The complex's huge golden stupa dominates the city's skyline.

DAY 4: FLY TO MANDALAY

Fly to Mandalay. Journey to the city of Ava, and explore the ancient city walls by horse and carriage. Travel to the U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood bridge, which stretches across the Taungthaman Lake. Watch the local people coming and going across the bridge as the sun goes down.

DAY 5: AMARAPURA & MANDALAY

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

DAY 6: IRRAWADDY RIVER CRUISE

Board your river cruise vessel, on which you will spend the next two nights. Set sail downriver, with a welcome cocktail before you make your first stop at Mingun, visiting the monumental Mingun Pagoda.

DAY 7: YANDABO

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

DAY 8: ARRIVE IN BAGAN

Rise early to enjoy the sunrise over the river. Disembark in Bagan and begin your explorations. Around Bagan, Burma's central plains are scattered with around 2,000 old structures, left from the golden age of kingdoms long passed. Visit some of these numerous temples including Htilominlo and Dhammayangyi, before enjoying a spectacular sunset from the summit of Aureum Watch Tower.

DAY 9: MT POPA

Begin the day browsing the wares of Nyaung Oo Market then travel to Mt Popa, an extinct volcano. Ascend to its peak where the breathtaking Taung Kalat monastery is perched before returning to Bagan.

DAY 10: KYUN THIRI RIVER VILLAGE

This morning, climb aboard a boat for a short sail to Kyun Thiri river village where you can visit a local monastery and partake in some



Meet the Karen people



Cruise along the Irrawaddy river

local tea and snacks. Return to Bagan by boat for a free afternoon.

DAY 11: INLE LAKE

Fly to Heho and travel on to Inle Lake. The lake is best known for the extraordinary 'Intha' people, who live on and around the water, and their unique rowing technique. Head out on the lake by boat to visit Nanpan, a traditional Inle village built on stilts. See traditional boat making and visit a cheroot making factory before continuing on to Phaungdaw U Pagoda, Nga Phae Chaung Monastery and the ingenious floating gardens.

DAY 12: INDEIN PAGODAS

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

DAY 13: RETURN TO RANGOON

Bid farewell to Inle Lake and return to Heho airport to fly to Rangoon. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 14: FLY RANGOON TO UK

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

STOPOVER IN...



HUA HIN 3 NIGHTS FROM £320pp

Hua Hin is the perfect beach destination for those not wanting to travel long distances from the capital city of Bangkok.

See page 95.

Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

BURMA & THE IRRAWADDY

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

As well as taking in Burma's best sights in Rangoon, Bagan, Mandalay and Inle Lake, on this tour you'll spend 2-nights cruising on the Irrawaddy River, where you'll be able to catch a glimpse of everyday life in rural Burma.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Monday

2019 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 05 Feb - 18 Feb | £3,490 | 01 Oct - 14 Oct | £3,590 |
| 05 Mar - 18 Mar | £3,490 | 05 Nov - 18 Nov | £3,590 |

2020 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 04 Feb - 17 Feb | £3,690 | 13 Oct - 26 Oct | £3,790 |
| 03 Mar - 16 Mar | £3,690 | 03 Nov - 16 Nov | £3,790 |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2890 (Rangoon - Rangoon)
- Single room from £920
- Tipping paid locally USD55



The magical Bagan

BURMA DISCOVERY

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cycle alongside Bagan's temples
- ✓ Ascend the stunning Mt Popa
- ✓ Learn to hammer gold leaf
- ✓ Cruise along the Irrawaddy
- ✓ Hike the Shan Highlands
- ✓ Learn to cook Burmese cuisine
- ✓ Explore scenic Inle Lake
- ✓ See the long-neck Padaung people



Meet the Padaung people

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 5 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Maximum group size 20 passengers

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STOPOVER IN...



HUA HIN 3 NIGHTS FROM £320pp

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

See page 95.

Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO RANGOON

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER RANGOON

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

DAY 4: TEMPLES OF BAGAN

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

DAY 5: MT POPA

Travel to Mt Popa, an extinct volcano rising out of the Myingyan Plain, where you'll

ascend a volcanic plug to visit the temple on its summit. The views from the top are incredible! Returning to Bagan, stop at a toddy palm plantation to learn about this family enterprise. Later, cycle to the secluded Kauk Gyu cave temple to examine the exquisite stone carvings. (B,L)

DAY 6: MAHAMUNI BUDDHA

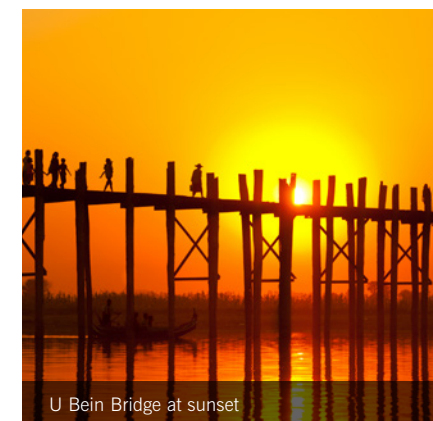
Fly to Mandalay. Get to grips with the traditional industry of goldbeating on a visit to a goldleaf hammering shop, before visiting the Mahamuni Buddha, one of the most revered Buddha images in the country. It's also the perfect place to see where what happens to all that hammered gold! Continue to magnificent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

DAY 7: SAGAING AND INWA

Today begins at a nunnery nestled in the Sagaing Hills, before a short boat trip over to Inwa, the ancient imperial capital set on an island. A horse and cart will take you around the sights. Next, walk with the locals over U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak bridge – the setting is beautiful. Finally, sit back and enjoy a sunset cruise on Lake Tautaman, with cocktails on hand. (B,L)

DAY 8: PINDAYA CAVES

Fly to Heho, in the Shan highlands, and transfer to Pindaya to discover the Shwe U Min limestone caves, a famous Buddhist pilgrimage site. Later, visit the skilled artisans



U Bein Bridge at sunset



Mingun Pagoda

who make Burma's iconic paper umbrellas in their workshop. The umbrellas are made solely by hand in many beautiful shades. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: TREKKING IN PINDAYA

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

DAY 10: EXPLORE INLE LAKE

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

DAY 11: VISIT AN INTHA HOUSE

Enjoy a morning walk through a local market before visiting an Intha house for a cooking class with a local chef. You'll get to enjoy the dishes you create for lunch. This afternoon see Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the temple at the heart of the lake community, then head onto dry land to take a tuk tuk to the Red Mountain winery. Here, you'll have a tour of this wine making facility including a tasting. (B,L)

DAY 12: VISIT LOCAL PEOPLE

Take a boat to reach the city of Loikaw, a

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

DAY 13: EXPLORE LOIKAW

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

DAY 14: RETURN TO RANGOON

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

DAY 15: FLY RANGOON TO UK

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

BURMA DISCOVERY

ACTIVE

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An alternative and more in-depth exploration of Burma, this tour offers the opportunity to delve deep into the culture with many exciting and active experiences, and to step off the tourist trail into lesser-discovered locations.



Gold leaf pattern, Mandalay

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Saturday

2019 DATES

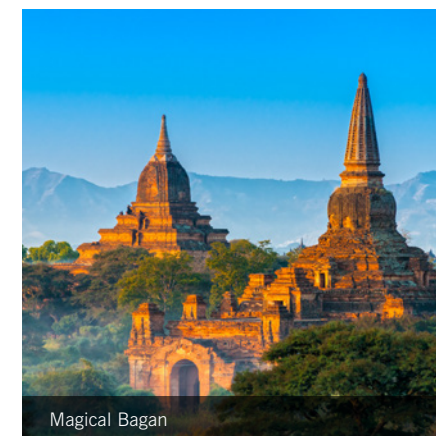
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| 26 Jan - 09 Feb | £2,990 | 12 Oct - 26 Oct | £3,190 |
| 23 Feb - 09 Mar | £2,990 | 09 Nov - 23 Nov | £3,190 |

2020 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 25 Jan - 08 Feb | £3,190 | 10 Oct - 24 Oct | £3,390 |
| 22 Feb - 07 Mar | £3,190 | 07 Nov - 21 Nov | £3,390 |

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2390 (Rangoon - Rangoon)
- Single room from £620
- Tipping paid locally USD86



Magical Bagan

HIDDEN TREASURES OF BURMA

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Sri Ksetra by ox cart
- ✓ Explore Prome's countryside
- ✓ Wander majestic Mandalay
- ✓ Admire Bagan's temples
- ✓ Ascend stunning Mt. Popa
- ✓ Watch the 'Leg Rowers'
- ✓ Marvel at Shwedagon Pagoda



Wander across the U Bein Bridge

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Maximum group size 20 passengers

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Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

STOPOVER IN...



DUBAI 2 NIGHTS FROM £190pp

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination full of futuristic architecture and cosmopolitan nightlife fronted by beautiful beaches. Dig a little deeper and you'll find a rich culture centred on the complex old city.

See page 99.

Additional flight costs may apply.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO RANGOON

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER RANGOON

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

DAY 4: EXPLORE PROME

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

DAY 5: PROME MARKET

Visit Prome's colourful central market where you'll be able to see members of several of Burma's ethnic minorities. Continue to the dazzling Shwe San Taw Pagoda and admire the wonderful views of the surrounding countryside. Drive back to Rangoon.

DAY 6: U BEIN BRIDGE

Fly to Mandalay and transfer to Amarapura to visit Mahagandayon Temple, a place of

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

DAY 7: EXPLORE MANDALAY

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

DAY 8: MINGUN

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

DAY 9: BODHI TAUNG BUDDHA

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



Explore the ruined Mingun Pagoda



Giant Reclining Buddha



Discover Inle Lake

and enjoy the views of the surrounding countryside. Arrive in Monywa.

DAY 10: CRUISE THE IRRAWADDY

This morning take a boat trip across the Chindwin River to Hpo Win Taung, a network of sandstone caves full of statues, carvings and murals of Buddha. Drive on to the port city of Pakokku. Visit the lively local market by traditional trishaw and observe the production process of typical Burma cotton blankets. Continue by boat down the Irrawaddy to Bagan, arriving in time to catch the sunset.

DAY 11: EXPLORE BAGAN

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

DAY 12: MT POPA

Travel to Mt Popa and visit the temple that sits on top of a unique 'plug'. Return to Bagan and discover more of its wonderful temples and pagodas. In the evening, travel to temples that are further afield on-board a colourful ox cart – a local method of transport.

DAY 13: SHWE U MIN CAVES

Fly to Heho and transfer to Pindaya to visit the Shwe U Min limestone caves. The caves are a famous Buddhist pilgrimage site. Continue to a local workshop that manufactures umbrellas from mulberry paper. Arrive in Kalaw.

DAY 14: INLE LAKE

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

DAY 15: INDEIN PAGODAS

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

DAY 16: RANGOON

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

DAY 17: FLY RANGOON TO UK

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

HIDDEN TREASURES OF BURMA

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A more in-depth journey through Burma, this adventure takes you along the route through Rangoon, Bagan, Mandalay and Inle Lake but also heads off the trail to encompass lesser discovered destinations such as Pindaya and Kalaw.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Saturday

2019 DATES

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|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 24 Jan - 09 Feb | £3,290 | 24 Oct - 09 Nov | £3,390 |
| 07 Mar - 23 Mar | £3,290 | 14 Nov - 30 Nov | £3,390 |
| 10 Oct - 26 Oct | £3,390 | | |

2020 DATES

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| 23 Jan - 08 Feb | £3,490 | 22 Oct - 07 Nov | £3,690 |
| 05 Mar - 21 Mar | £3,490 | 12 Nov - 28 Nov | £3,690 |
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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 £2690 (Rangoon - Rangoon)
- Single room from £690
- Tipping paid locally USD84

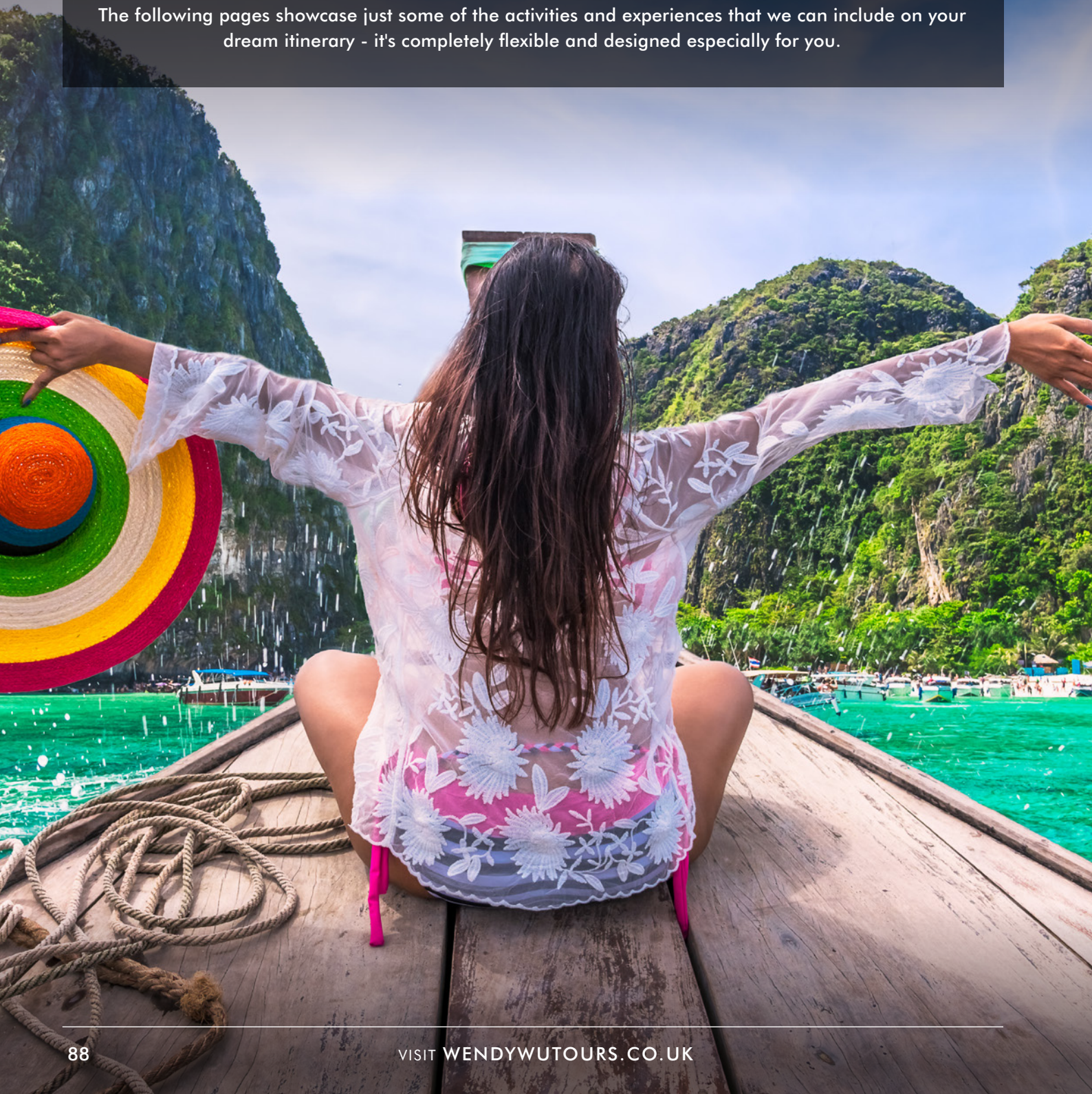


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The following pages showcase just some of the activities and experiences that we can include on your dream itinerary - it's completely flexible and designed especially for you.



Why choose Tailormade?

TAILORMADE
SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. PERSONAL SERVICE

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

2. EFFICIENT TRANSPORT

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

3. LOCAL FLAVOURS

Southeast Asia is home to an abundance of gastronomic delights with a great selection of regional and seasonal varieties. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, so we suggest adding regional specialities to your itinerary such as Pho or Banh Mi in Vietnam, Tom Yum soup in Thailand or Sarawak Laksa in Borneo. We also leave plenty of space for you to get out and discover the most flavourful offerings yourself.

4. ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across Southeast Asia ranges from charming eco-lodges to modern, five-star luxury. The choice of hotel style and standard is completely up to you. You can just give us the number of stars that you are comfortable with for us to recommend ones that suit your needs and requirements, or let us know if there are any particular places you'd like to stay.



5. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Learning, seeing and experiencing are all part of travel – immersing yourself in a new culture and different way of life are one of its greatest perks. With a tailor-made tour, you can truly indulge this and do something different - enjoy a spectacular view of Halong Bay from a seaplane, explore Angkor temples by helicopter, hike Mt. Kinabalu or learning to cook local food. These are just a few of your many options.



6. PRIVATE GUIDING

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

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SOUTHEAST ASIA

NINH BINH
The place to find rural and authentic Vietnam, Ninh Binh's majestic karst and paddy field landscapes and relaxed tranquillity can be appreciated by boat, by bike or on foot.

BAI TU LONG BAY
Every bit as spectacular as neighbouring Halong Bay but nowhere near as popular, Bai Tu Long Bay is a laid-back, less undeveloped place to cruise amongst the limestone karsts.

THAILAND-LAOS-MEKONG CRUISE
From the Thai border, cruise lazily along the Mekong to Pakbeng, or carry on to Luang Prabang, soaking up the rural scenery and glimpsing authentic local life.

TEMPLES OF ANGKOR
Whilst visiting Angkor is a given, taking the 'Grand Circuit' will take you to less frequented temples which are just as magnificent as their well-known counterparts.

MALACCA
Once an important port, Malacca is a city of wonderfully rich heritage, and the place to go for atmospheric colonial ruins, fascinating museums and really good food.

BEACHES
Head to one of these glorious spots for some seaside relaxation – Similan Islands, Perhentian Islands, Koh Rong, Phu Quoc or Manukan Island.

MT KINABALU
Rising over 4,000 metres out of Borneo's lush jungles, sacred Mt Kinabalu, Southeast Asia's highest mountain, is a challenging but rewarding climb for adventurous souls.



EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

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

PHUKET

3 NIGHTS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE PHUKET

On arrival into Phuket airport, be met by your tour guide and driver and take a coach to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAYS 2 & 3: FREE TIME IN PHUKET

Spend the rest of your trip enjoying some quality downtime on this paradise island. If sitting all day on a beach is not your thing, the island offers many activities such as elephant encounters, white water rafting, rock climbing and plenty of water sports. Or stay in town and shop up a storm at the local markets. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART PHUKET

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Phuket airport. (B)

Adding this on

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



Stunning Phuket Beach

| Prices are from per person, based on low season | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| HOTEL | TWIN SHARE | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT |
| 4★ Kata Palm Resort | £170 | £90 |
| 5★ The Vijitt Resort | £430 | £350 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| • 3 nights' accommodation | • Airport transfers |
| • Meals as stated | |

KOH SAMUI

3 NIGHTS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE KOH SAMUI

Arrive in Koh Samui 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.

DAYS 2 & 3: KOH SAMUI FREE DAYS

Enjoy your free time in Koh Samui to relax or hop aboard the ferry and head to Koh Tao for an optional tour. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART KOH SAMUI

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home. (B)

Adding this on

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



Magical Koh Samui Beach

| Prices are from per person, based on low season | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| HOTEL | TWIN SHARE | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT |
| 4★ Nora Beach Resort & Spa | £310 | £240 |
| 5★ Anantara Bophut Resort & Spa | £510 | £410 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| • 3 nights' accommodation | • Airport transfers |
| • Meals as stated | |

HUA HIN

3 NIGHTS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE BANGKOK – HUA HIN

Upon arrival in Bangkok airport, you will be met by your tour guide and driver and transferred to your hotel in Hua Hin. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAYS 2 & 3: FREE TIME IN HUA HIN

Spend the rest of your trip to relax or visit some local markets or taste the varied flavours of Thai street food. (B)

DAY 4: HUA HIN – BANGKOK DEPARTURE

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Bangkok airport

for your onward flight. (B)

Adding this on

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



Beautiful Hua Hin Beach

| Prices are from per person, based on low season | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| HOTEL | TWIN SHARE | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT |
| 4★ Amari Hua Hin | £320 | £140 |
| 5★ Rest Detail | £440 | £260 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| • 3 nights' accommodation | • Airport transfers |
| • Meals as stated | |

KOH LANTA

3 NIGHTS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE KOH LANTA

Upon arrival in Krabi airport, meet our guide and transfer to the pier and board a shuttle ferry to Koh Lanta, check in at your hotel and the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAYS 2 & 3: KOH LANTA FREE DAYS

Spend the rest of your trip to relax, go swimming or explore some paradise islands nearby. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART KOH LANTA

Board a shuttle ferry to Krabi pier. From here be transferred to Krabi airport for your

onward flight. (B)

Adding this on

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



The charms of Koh Lanta Beach

| Prices are from per person, based on low season | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| HOTEL | TWIN SHARE | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT |
| 4★ Crown Lanta Resort & Spa | £320 | £190 |
| 5★ Layana Resort & Spa | £500 | £360 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| • 3 nights' accommodation | • Transportation as stated |
| • Meals as stated | |

HONG KONG GLIMPSES

2 NIGHTS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and 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 take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to 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+ ★ Cityview | £290 | £130 |
| 4 ★ Dorsett Wan Chai | £320 | £180 |
| 4+ ★ Harbour Grand Kowloon | £410 | £210 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|-------------------|--|
| • Accommodation | • Transportation as stated |
| • Meals as stated | • Private tour with guides and entrance fees |

MACAO

2 NIGHTS

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

DAY 1: HONG KONG TO MACAO

Transfer independently by shuttle bus to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macao. Upon arrival take a coach tour around the Macao Peninsula, visiting the ancient 17th Century Ruins of St Paul’s Cathedral, Macao Museum and World Heritage Sites including Na Tcha Temple, St. Dominic’s Church and Senado Square. After lunch, visit the observation deck of Macao Tower. Transfer to your hotel and check in. (L)

DAY 2: MACAO

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps check out the 17th Century Portuguese Guia Fortress, learn about Macao Formula Three at the Grand Prix Museum, or try your luck in one of the many casinos on Cotai Strip. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART MACAO

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer independently to the Macao Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral

| Prices are from per person, based on low season | | |
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| HOTEL | TWIN SHARE | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT |
| 4 ★ Regency Art Hotel | £320 | £140 |
| 4+ ★ Hotel Royal | £340 | £160 |
| 5 ★ Sofitel Macao at Ponte 16 | £450 | £220 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|-------------------|--|
| • Accommodation | • Transportation as stated |
| • Meals as stated | • Private tour with guides and entrance fees |

HONG KONG IN FOCUS

3 NIGHTS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and 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 take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Today, discover Lantau Island. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the Po Lin Monastery, a vegetarian meal is served. Later, visit the historical fishing village of Tai O with its traditional stilt houses. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

| Prices are from per person, based on low season | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| HOTEL | TWIN SHARE | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT |
| 3+ ★ Cityview | £490 | £180 |
| 4 ★ Dorsett Wan Chai | £520 | £250 |
| 4+ ★ Harbour Grand Kowloon | £650 | £280 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|-------------------|--|
| • Accommodation | • Transportation as stated |
| • Meals as stated | • Private tour with guides and entrance fees |

HONG KONG & MACAO

4 NIGHTS

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

DAY 1: 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

Enjoy a half day tour 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 take an optional sampan ride (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO MACAO

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

Upon arrival, take a coach tour around the Macao Peninsula, visiting the ancient 17th Century Ruins of St Paul’s, Macao Museum and World Heritage Sites including Na Tcha Temple, St. Dominic’s Church and Senado Square. After lunch, visit the observation deck of Macao Tower. Transfer to your hotel and check in. (B,L)

DAY 4: MACAO

Enjoy a day at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART MACAO

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer independently to the Macao Pier by shuttle bus for your ferry directly to Hong Kong airport. (B)



Macao Tower

| Prices are from per person, based on low season | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| HOTEL | TWIN SHARE | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT |
| 4 ★ Dorsett Wan Chai & 4 ★ Regency Art Hotel | £620 | £300 |
| 4+ ★ Harbour Grand Kowloon & 4+ ★ Hotel Royal | £750 | £350 |
| 5 ★ Langham & 5 ★ Sofitel at Ponte 16 | £980 | £550 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|-------------------|--|
| • Accommodation | • Transportation as stated |
| • Meals as stated | • Private tour with guides and entrance fees |

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 local delightful 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 Gardens and a stroll through Little India. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE
Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of the hotel. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish before transferring to Singapore airport. (B)



Be charmed by Singapore

| Prices are from per person, based on low season | | |
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| HOTEL | TWIN SHARE | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT |
| 4★ Village Hotel Albert Court | £370 | £350 |
| 4★ Orchard Hotel | £440 | £410 |
| 5★ Marina Mandarin Singapore | £490 | £470 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • 2 nights’ accommodation | • Meals as stated |
| • Half day SIC city tour | • Airport transfers (on SIC basis) |
| • Entrance fees | |

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. This afternoon, jump into a long tail boat ride on Chao Phraya River to Pak Klong Talaat Flower Market. This evening, dine at a Theatre Restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 3: RIVER KWAI & HELLFIRE PASS
Head three hours out of Bangkok to Kanchanaburi

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

DAY 4: DEPART BANGKOK
Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of the hotel. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish before transferring to Bangkok airport. (B)



Explore vibrant Bangkok

| Prices are from per person, based on low season | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| HOTEL | TWIN SHARE | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT |
| 4★ Furama Silom | £430 | £90 |
| 5★ Pullman Bangkok Hotel | £560 | £230 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| • 3 nights’ accommodation | • Entrance fees |
| • Full day Bangkok city tour | • Meals as stated |
| • Full day tour to Kanchanaburi | • Airport transfers |

ESSENTIAL DUBAI

2 NIGHTS

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 - the wares here have been the same for centuries and haggle 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★ The Marco Polo | £190 | £110 |
| 5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach | £260 | £190 |
| 5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort | £290 | £210 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|-------------------|--|
| • Accommodation | • Transportation as stated |
| • Meals as stated | • Private tour with guides and entrance fees |

DUBAI & THE DESERT

3 NIGHTS

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DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE
The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an Amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop at the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet within unlimited select beverages. Here, you can also try camel riding, sandboarding and have a traditional henna design drawn on your hand. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI
Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Dubai Desert

| Prices are from per person, based on low season | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| HOTEL | TWIN SHARE | SINGLE SUPPLEMENT |
| 4★ The Marco Polo | £340 | £140 |
| 5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach | £440 | £260 |
| 5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort | £480 | £330 |

Flight supplements may apply

| Price includes | |
|-------------------|--|
| • Accommodation | • Transportation as stated |
| • Meals as stated | • Private tour with guides and entrance fees |

AIRLINES

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Your questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?

A. Once we have received your deposit we will send your confirmation documents.

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

A. It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on wendywutours.co.uk, or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide and phrasebook as well as a suggested packing list with your final documents.

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

A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us.

Q. How do I get my visa?

A. The cost of your visa is included in the price of your tour (UK & EU passports only). Simply send us your passport, completed visa application form and passport size photos eight weeks before departure by Royal Mail Special Delivery and we aim to have them sent back to you within four weeks. If you require your passport back earlier, please let us know so that we can arrange for an express visa service at an additional charge. Passports or visa application forms received six weeks or less before departure will automatically incur an express visa fee. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items. Personal collection or courier services are available on request. Please note that visa regulations can change at any time. Currently visas are not necessary for travel in Vietnam for stays of 15 days and under for UK passport holders, however this may change and is currently scheduled to be reviewed in June 2020. Visas for Laos are not included as there is no Laos consulate in the UK - these are inexpensive and easy to obtain upon arrival. If travelling into Cambodia overland your visa will also need to be obtained locally.

Q. Do I need travel insurance?

A. Your protection and safety are our main priority. That's why having adequate travel insurance is a condition of booking with us for all the destinations you plan to travel to. Contact us for details of our recommended policies.

Q. What vaccinations do I need?

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

| | Recommended |
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| India | Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions. |
| Bhutan | Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus Malaria tablets in some regions. |
| Nepal | Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions. |
| Sri Lanka | Hepatitis A, Typhoid & Tetanus. |

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

Q. What size are your tour groups?

A. The group size varies depending on the tour, but is usually between 8 and 28 passengers. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in comfort. On our Solo, Flexible, Active and Exclusive Collection Tours maximum group size is 18 passengers unless otherwise stated on the page.

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. You can avoid paying a single supplement on most of our Southeast Asia tours if you are willing to share with another tour member of the same gender. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival. Note that on overnight rail journeys and cruises this may not be with a Wendy Wu Tours passenger. Willing to share is not available on our Exclusive Collection tours or any tours featuring a Mekong or Irrawaddy cruise and is on request when booking closer than 75 days to departure. To arrange a guaranteed private room our single room option is available at an extra cost (you will still be required to share on overnight rail journeys).

Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

A. Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must

not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights.

Q. What currency should I take?

A. We recommend you take sterling or US dollars as well as the local currency and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras.

Q. Can you arrange airport lounges, parking & hotels?

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

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

A. Southeast Asia is a year-round destination. While November – April are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists.

Q. When are Southeast Asian public holidays?

A. Vietnamese New Year, otherwise known as Tet, will be on 5th February 2019 and 25th Jan 2020. Celebrations last up to ten days. New Year celebrations for Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Burma are in mid-April every year. Some businesses may be closed and tourist sites will be busier.



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.

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

Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?

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

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

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

Rail: Trains are used on some tours. Where there is an overnight journey we use high-quality soft sleeper trains. Each compartment is shared by four people (not necessarily Wendy Wu Tours passengers). There is a western-style toilet at one end of the carriage and an Asian-style toilet at the other end. The beds and cabins are basic with clean linen provided and there are neither showers nor a dining car. The trains are generally clean; however you cannot expect western standards.

Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?

A. Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

Q. Are meals included?

A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. On some of our Active tours, meals in remote areas may be basic or repetitive. Meals on our Classic group tours start with dinner on the normal day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

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

Q. What is the flying time to Southeast Asia?

A. Approx. 12 hours (if flying direct).

Q. Can special requests be arranged?

A. If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

A. We allow children 12 years and over on our Classic Group Tours, the minimum age on our Exclusive Collection tours is 18 years. Alternatively, our Private Tours (see our website) offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are suitable for any age group.

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

A. Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of British and Australian clients on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking passengers from other countries.

Q. What is the average age on your group tours?

A. The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?

A. They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures.

Q. How do standards abroad compare with the UK?

A. We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in the UK. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your national escort or local guide.

Q. Is portage included?

A. Portage is included on our Group Tours to Southeast Asia (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel). For Exclusive Collection tours portage is included from the coach to your hotel room.



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

A. Tipping is expected in Southeast Asia. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each Group Tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private Tours and Extensions, we will advise recommended amounts.

The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

WeCare – Health & Safety

Your health, safety and well-being on holiday are of paramount importance to us. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover.

Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, the Wendy Wu Tours team carries out health and safety checks on accommodation, transport and excursions; and works with our destination partners and suppliers towards improving health and safety standards throughout the regions in which we operate. All travellers should be aware that safety standards vary across the different regions we visit and may not match the standards we enjoy in the UK. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.

ASIA FOR ALL SEASONS

Our tours cover the length and breadth of Asia. Depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the region.

| HANOI | | | |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Min Temp °C | Max Temp °C | Rainfall mm |
| Jan | 15 | 19 | 21 |
| Feb | 15 | 20 | 28 |
| Mar | 18 | 23 | 46 |
| Apr | 21 | 26 | 91 |
| May | 24 | 31 | 180 |
| Jun | 25 | 32 | 230 |
| Jul | 25 | 33 | 240 |
| Aug | 26 | 32 | 280 |
| Sep | 25 | 31 | 250 |
| Oct | 22 | 28 | 140 |
| Nov | 19 | 24 | 46 |
| Dec | 15 | 21 | 15 |

| SAIGON | | | |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Min Temp °C | Max Temp °C | Rainfall mm |
| Jan | 22 | 31 | 10 |
| Feb | 22 | 32 | 10 |
| Mar | 24 | 33 | 10 |
| Apr | 26 | 33 | 50 |
| May | 26 | 33 | 210 |
| Jun | 25 | 30 | 300 |
| Jul | 25 | 31 | 290 |
| Aug | 25 | 31 | 270 |
| Sep | 24 | 31 | 340 |
| Oct | 24 | 30 | 260 |
| Nov | 23 | 29 | 110 |
| Dec | 22 | 28 | 40 |

| HOI AN | | | |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Min Temp °C | Max Temp °C | Rainfall mm |
| Jan | 19 | 24 | 100 |
| Feb | 20 | 25 | 30 |
| Mar | 22 | 27 | 30 |
| Apr | 23 | 30 | 30 |
| May | 25 | 31 | 60 |
| Jun | 26 | 32 | 75 |
| Jul | 26 | 33 | 90 |
| Aug | 26 | 32 | 100 |
| Sep | 25 | 31 | 290 |
| Oct | 23 | 28 | 530 |
| Nov | 22 | 26 | 330 |
| Dec | 20 | 23 | 220 |

| SIEM REAP | | | |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Min Temp °C | Max Temp °C | Rainfall mm |
| Jan | 19 | 25 | 5 |
| Feb | 21 | 26 | 10 |
| Mar | 23 | 28 | 20 |
| Apr | 24 | 29 | 60 |
| May | 24 | 28 | 140 |
| Jun | 24 | 28 | 170 |
| Jul | 23 | 27 | 200 |
| Aug | 23 | 27 | 200 |
| Sep | 23 | 26 | 240 |
| Oct | 22 | 26 | 230 |
| Nov | 21 | 25 | 80 |
| Dec | 19 | 24 | 10 |

| LUANG PRABANG | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Min Temp °C | Max Temp °C | Rainfall mm |
| Jan | 13 | 27 | 10 |
| Feb | 14 | 31 | 10 |
| Mar | 17 | 33 | 30 |
| Apr | 20 | 35 | 100 |
| May | 22 | 35 | 160 |
| Jun | 24 | 33 | 150 |
| Jul | 23 | 32 | 230 |
| Aug | 23 | 32 | 290 |
| Sep | 22 | 32 | 160 |
| Oct | 20 | 31 | 70 |
| Nov | 18 | 29 | 30 |
| Dec | 15 | 27 | 10 |

| BANGKOK | | | |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Min Temp °C | Max Temp °C | Rainfall mm |
| Jan | 21 | 31 | 10 |
| Feb | 23 | 32 | 20 |
| Mar | 25 | 33 | 30 |
| Apr | 26 | 34 | 70 |
| May | 26 | 33 | 190 |
| Jun | 26 | 32 | 150 |
| Jul | 25 | 32 | 150 |
| Aug | 25 | 32 | 180 |
| Sep | 25 | 31 | 320 |
| Oct | 25 | 31 | 230 |
| Nov | 24 | 31 | 50 |
| Dec | 21 | 30 | 10 |

| PHUKET | | | |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Min Temp °C | Max Temp °C | Rainfall mm |
| Jan | 22 | 31 | 20 |
| Feb | 23 | 32 | 30 |
| Mar | 23 | 32 | 30 |
| Apr | 25 | 32 | 150 |
| May | 25 | 31 | 320 |
| Jun | 25 | 30 | 200 |
| Jul | 25 | 30 | 250 |
| Aug | 25 | 30 | 260 |
| Sep | 24 | 29 | 400 |
| Oct | 24 | 29 | 300 |
| Nov | 23 | 30 | 190 |
| Dec | 23 | 30 | 40 |

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

Hanoi

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

Luang Prabang

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

Saigon

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

Bangkok

With its typical tropical climate, Bangkok is warm year round and at its hottest between March and June. Humidity levels are higher during this time, but this vibrant city cools down a little between July and October with periods of rainy weather and occasional showers.

Hoi An

Hoi An has two distinct seasons. Summer is very dry and warm, making this the ideal time to visit. Winter months are cooler with heavier rainfall. Hoi An's tropical climate make this city warm year-round.

Phuket

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

Siem Reap

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

Rangoon

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

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 and 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 60 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.

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.

LOYALTY DISCOUNT

When you book your second holiday with us, you'll save £100pp.

WELCOME HOME DISCOUNT

Book another tour with us within 1 month of returning home, we'll give you a £200pp discount.

BECOME A WENDY WU TOURS VIP

When you book your third tour or more, we'll give you £250pp off the total cost of your holiday.

Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Ground Floor, Cottons Centre, Cottons Lane, 47-49 Tooley St, London SE1 2QG, company number 05107061. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you confirm that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, the brochure and tour dossier and agree to be bound by them.

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to “holiday”, “booking”, “contract”, “package”, “tour” or “arrangements” mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated.

For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our 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 dispatch this invoice to the ‘lead name’ or your Travel Agent. We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us (“claim”) (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 14) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so.

If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See Clause 8).

2. Your financial protection

We hold an Air Travel Organiser’s Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 6639). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists the flight, accommodation, car hire and/or other services that are financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you, and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

*The flights and flight-inclusive holidays we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk. We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your holiday does not include flights, ABTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to the UK (other than flights) you are returned to the UK in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency. Please go to www.abta.com for a copy of the guide to ABTA’s scheme of Financial Protection.

ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA’s Code of Conduct.

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

3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking.

The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 1.33 USD and £1 to 8.80 CNY and £1 to 5.33 MYR on 9th July 2018.

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

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

Even in the above cases, we will only levy a surcharge if the amount of any increase in our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges). If any surcharge is greater than 10% of the cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your booking and receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us (except for any amendment charges) or alternatively purchase another holiday from us as referred to

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

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

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

4.Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 60 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights tickets, accommodation or other services. If you wish to purchase the insurance policy we offer, all applicable premiums must also be paid at the time of booking (you must be insured – please see clause 6 on the subject of insurance).

The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 60 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are sent.

Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by cash, bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above - you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). No charge will be made for deposits and balances paid by Debit Card/Switch/Delta. However, in line with most major operators, we will make a charge of 2% for deposits and balances paid by credit card. If we do not receive all payments due (including any surcharge where applicable) in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date.

Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent’s obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of travel, and contains a minimum of two blank pages, is required for travel for all countries in our programme. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK British Citizen passport holders travelling on a fully inclusive group packages with the exception of holidays to Laos. 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. Failure to forward passports to Wendy Wu Tours 8 weeks prior to departure could result in a delay to your visa application and you may incur further charges to cover the expedited visa processing. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned approximately 4 weeks after receipt. A charge will be made for the express visa service. 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. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a visa, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. Passports and applications should be sent by tracked delivery or in person. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. 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.

Wendy Wu Tours does not guarantee that you will be issued a visa for your holiday as each passenger has different personal circumstances, the decision to approve a visa is down to the relevant embassy and Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party with no influence on the visa decision.

Wendy Wu Tours will continue to offer the visa service until such time it is no longer possible due to changes in Embassy Regulations, should this occur we will notify you in writing.

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.fittotravel.nhs.uk. For holidays in the EU / EEA you should obtain an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) prior to departure from the Department of Health (www.dh.gov.uk). Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

7. If you wish to change your booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, we will endeavour to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the lead name on the booking or your Travel Agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge as set out below per person and any further cost we incur together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this alteration. Examples include:

- Minor amendments to the tour booked - £50
- Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 60 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets, where possible - £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket
- Once a booking is confirmed no name transfers are permitted and will be regarded as a cancellation and cancellation fees apply
- Only 1 change per booking is permitted.

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package: any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply.

8. If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing to our head office. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your letter. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

| 61 or more days | Retention of deposit |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 60 – 42 days | 30% including deposit |
| 41 – 28 days | 60% including deposit |
| 27 – 15 days | 90% including deposit |
| 14 days or less | 100% including deposit |

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

9. If we change or cancel your holiday

We start planning the holidays we offer many months in advance. Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to change airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure. Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements.

Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours
- Change of resort
- Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating.

If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options:

- (a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or
- (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If this holiday is in fact cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other then available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean your paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or
- (c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us

In addition, if you choose (a) or (b) above, and the change is not due to ‘force majeure’ (see clause 10 “Force Majeure”), you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

| Period before departure date notification given by us | Credit/Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children) | |
|---|--|---------|
| | Scale A | Scale B |
| 0 – 7 days | £50 | £25 |
| 8 – 14 days | £40 | £20 |
| 15 – 28 days | £30 | £15 |
| 29 – 42 days | £20 | £10 |
| 43 – 56 days | £10 | £5 |

No compensation will be payable and the above options will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

10. Our liability to you

We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(2) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
- ‘force majeure’ as defined in clause 11 below

(3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 12 “Excursions”. In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract - and the laws, regulations and relevant standards of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10(1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us.

Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings.

For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is twice the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/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. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we will not accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of “force majeure”. In these booking conditions, “force majeure” means any event, or the consequences of which, we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are not limited to but may include actual or threatened war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, volcanic activity, seismic activity, fire, pandemics, epidemics and all similar events, natural or man made, outside our control or that of our agents or suppliers.

12. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have

no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury.

We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

13. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the arrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is 07984 041625. Until we know about a problem or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

14. Arbitration

Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website (www.abta.com). The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. There is also a limit of £25,000 per booking. Neither does it apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The scheme can however deal with compensation claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. Outside this time limit arbitration under the scheme may still be available if we agree, although the ABTA Code does not require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. Where we act as agent, please bear in mind that your contract is with the supplier of the arrangements concerned. Unless the supplier is also a member of ABTA, only disputes relating to our actions as agent can be dealt with by the arbitration scheme or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

15.Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier’s liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

16. Behaviour

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on Holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party’s full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

17. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours.

We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as “standard” bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

18. Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

Please note that China and the surrounding regions is a vast area with varying terrain (including steep, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated ‘tour pace’ is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependant on your own health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have.

If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your

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booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/ or making the booking. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 16.

19. Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a “Community list” which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm.

In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible.

If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 “If we change or cancel your holiday” will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time.

Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched – we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs.

Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

20. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our website, we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments etc.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10(2) of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). In addition, we will not be liable for any delay unless it has a significant effect on your holiday arrangements.

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 020 7453 6888 or by e-mail to

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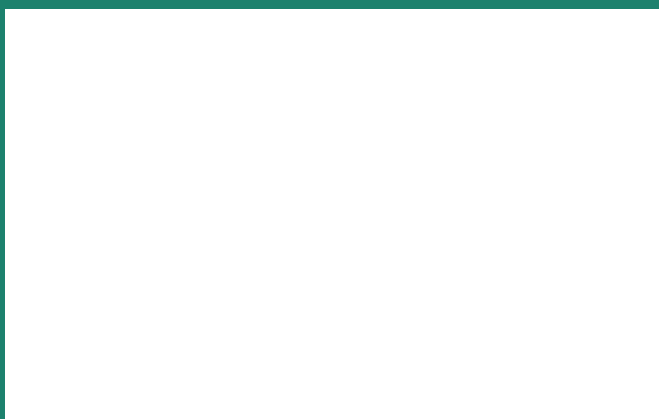
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