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 **Wendy Wu Tours**

# THE EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

CHINA | TIBET | VIETNAM | CAMBODIA  
LAOS | JAPAN | INDIA | SRI LANKA



Luxury tours that delve deep into Asia

# SEE ASIA IN STYLE

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

Founded over 19 years ago, Wendy Wu Tours are the UK's leading Tour Operator to Asia. Our success has been built around our commitment to deliver truly authentic experiences, outstanding customer service and a fervent passion for the entire region.

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# UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

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

Sip champagne on the Great Wall, enjoy a hands on cookery class with expert chefs in Vietnam, and take a tour with the curator of Rajasthan's most impressive fort. Our Exclusive Collection itineraries are filled with many of these special touches.



# LUXURY HOTELS

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

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



# GOING THE EXTRA MILE

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All of our Exclusive Collection tours can be experienced in the knowledge that we've taken care of everything.

Your tour guide is nothing short of remarkable. Accompanying you from the start of your tour until the final goodbye, they will be there for you 24 hours a day. Taking care of your every need (whether you thought of it or not), doing whatever they can to make your experience exceptional, their knowledge, passion, professionalism, experience and expertise is astonishing.

And just to make sure you really don't have to lift a finger, we've made sure every little detail has been taken care of. We'll make sure your luggage is delivered from the coach right to your hotel room and get you to the airport in comfort with a chauffeured transfer. We'll even do your laundry.



# IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU

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The Exclusive Collection tours that you see in this brochure are for small groups of 18 passengers or less, meaning your touring experience is intimate, but for those who want something even more personal why not travel on a private or tailormade option?

## **Private touring**

Every one of the tours in this brochure can be enjoyed privately. With all of the same experiences, beautiful hotels, excellent tour guides and special treatment, you can travel by yourself, as a couple, as a family group - with whoever you want! You can also choose a departure date that suits you. There is a guide price for the private version on every tour page.

## **Tailormade touring**

With a tailormade tour, you are totally in control. If the tours in this brochure have inspired but aren't quite right, we can create a bespoke tour just for you. Including all of the elements you are looking for and missing out what doesn't pique your interest, with a tailormade tour you decide everything, from departure date and duration, to hotels, meals and experiences.



# CHINA

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

## Exclusive China tours include:

- International flights and taxes
- Exclusive touring and dining
- Award-winning National Escorts
- Sightseeing with the experts
- Unique experiences
- 5★ hotels and deluxe cruising
- Small group sizes
- Champagne moments
- UK chauffeur transfers
- Enjoy more evenings at leisure
- Porterage, laundry and daily bottled water
- Visa application and fees – worth £200



# Drink champagne on the Great Wall...

Ascend to heights of the less visited Mutianyu section of the Great Wall where you can sip on a glass of champagne and contemplate the wall's undulating progress over the dramatic scenery of the area.



# ...meet the Warriors with an expert...

Stand before the ranks of the Terracotta Army with a member of the excavation team who will indulge you with the latest discoveries and unique insights, allowing you to delve deeper into their fascinating history.





## ...gain expert insight on Giant Pandas...

Call on the charismatic Giant Pandas and mischievous Red Pandas of Chengdu where a resident expert will talk to you about all things panda as you watch them doing what they do best – eating, playing and sleeping.



## ...and cruise the Yangtze River in luxury.

Climb aboard the five-star Century Paragon or Century Legend, to sail serenely through the dramatic gorges, beautiful countryside and man-made wonders of the Yangtze River in the utmost comfort and style.



# EXQUISITE CHINA

15 DAYS FROM £4,190 PER PERSON

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

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- Sip champagne on the magnificent Great Wall
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- Dine on Peking duck at the acclaimed Quanjude
- Meet one of the discoverers of the Terracotta Warriors
- Visit the restoration lab of the Hanyangling Mausoleum
- Meet the Pandas with an expert
- Cocktails with a view of Shanghai's neon Pudong
- Cruise the mighty Yangtze River

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

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

*Hotel: Regent Beijing Wangfujing*

### DAY 3: EXPLORE IMPERIAL BEIJING

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▲ GIANT PANDA



▲ SHANGHAI

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

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#### DAY 9: CRUISE THE YANGTZE RIVER

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*Cruise Ship: Century Paragon or Century Legend*

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#### DAY 13: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

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#### DAY 14: STYLISH SHANGHAI

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

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#### DAY 15: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

### DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES



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- Land only from £3,690 (Beijing - Shanghai)
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#### Price includes

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- UK airport chauffeur transfers within 50 miles of the airport
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# LEGENDS OF CHINA

17 DAYS FROM £4,690 PER PERSON

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

## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

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- Sip champagne on the magnificent Great Wall
- Explore Beijing's atmospheric hutongs by rickshaw
- Learn the art of calligraphy in the hutongs
- Meet one of the discoverers of the Terracotta Warriors
- Visit the Restoration Laboratory of the Hanyangling Mausoleum
- Watch a dumpling demonstration and consume the results
- Cruise the picturesque Li River
- See the famous cormorant fishermen in Guilin
- Cruise the mighty Yangtze River
- Enjoy cocktails at one of Shanghai's rooftop bars
- Witness the spectacular 'Impression Sanjie Liu' outdoor show in a VIP seat

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▲ YANGSHUO



▲ ANCIENT CITY WALLS, XIAN

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#### DAY 7: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum and visit the restoration laboratory. The artefacts recovered here, viewable from the glass walkways above, give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Guilin, a city set in dramatic limestone karst landscapes. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. (B,L)

*Hotel: Guilin Shangri-La*

#### DAY 8: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

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

*Hotel: Yangshuo Resort*

#### DAY 9: AT LEISURE IN YANGSHUO

Take a walking tour of Yangshuo's idyllic, karst-studded countryside before a free afternoon to spend as you wish. (B)

*Hotel: Yangshuo Resort*

#### DAY 10: CORMORANT FISHING

Return to Guilin by road. Take a walking tour of the twin Sun and Moon Pagodas – set on a calm lake these towers are picturesque and elegant examples of Chinese Buddhist architecture. Enjoy a stroll around Guilin's vibrant West Lake area before visiting the South China Pearl Museum to discover the fascinating 1,700-year history of pearling in the South China Sea. As well as displays and demonstrations there are also beautiful pieces to buy. This evening head down to the river to see the famous cormorant

fishermen demonstrating their age-old technique. (B)

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- Meet one of the discoverers of the Terracotta Warriors
- Watch the monks of Sera Monastery debating
- Learn to make traditional Tibetan momos
- Gaze over the sacred and beautiful Yamdrok Lake
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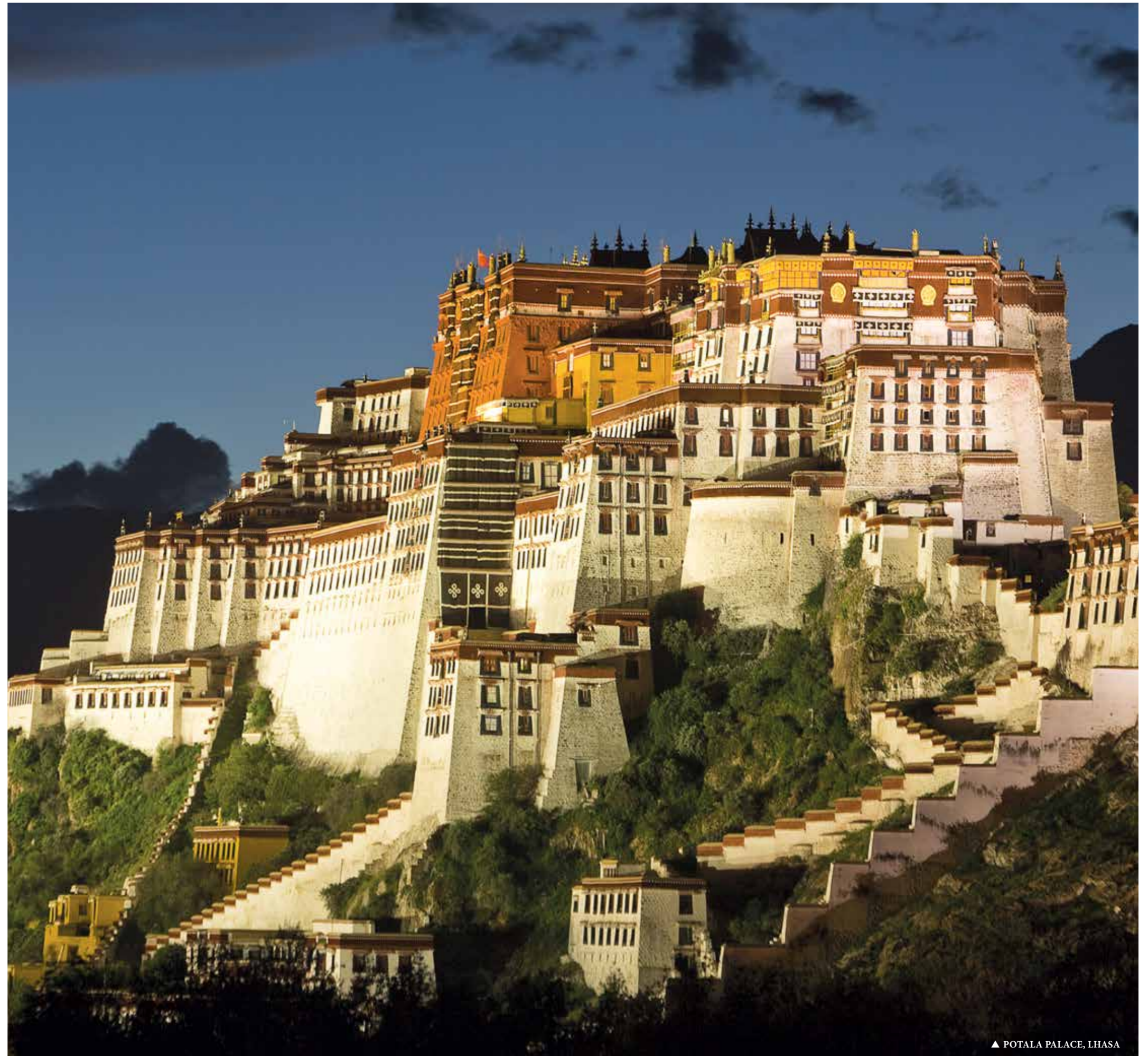
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▲ POTALA PALACE, LHASA



GREAT WALL OF CHINA

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#### DAY 7: INTO TIBET

Transfer to the airport and fly to Tibet's capital city, Lhasa. This mystical city still manages to feel a million miles from the modern world, set on a plateau with views of the mountains. Spend the rest of the day acclimatising. (B)  
*Hotel: Shangri-La Lhasa*

#### DAY 8: SERA MONASTERY

Today we will visit one of Lhasa's 'great three' monasteries. Travel on to Sera Monastery, stopping en route to admire the exquisite artistry of Tibetan 'thangkas' at a workshop. Sera is famous for its debating monks – witness them in action in the

debating courtyard. This evening is at leisure. (B,L)  
*Hotel: Shangri-La Lhasa*

#### DAY 9: THE MIGHTY POTALA

The Potala Palace was built as a palace for the Dalai Lamas in 1645 – wander through the series of chapels, stupas and prayer halls and feel the palpable devotion of the pilgrims who'll join you. Follow the Barkhor circuit around the ancient Jokhang Temple, Tibet's most sacred, before entering the yak butter-candle lit interior which has changed little in a thousand years. Later, learn how to create the traditional Tibetan delicacy 'momos' before dinner at the Snowland restaurant. (B,L,D)  
*Hotel: Shangri-La Lhasa*

#### DAY 10: YAMDROK LAKE

Take a day trip out of the city to the sacred Yamdrok Lake. A breathtakingly spectacular sight, the lake's bright blue waters are backed by the distant, snowcapped peaks of the Himalayan range. On return to Lhasa, pay a visit to a local family to learn more about the daily life, culture and heritage of the Tibetan people. (B,L)  
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*Hotel: Fairmont Peace*

#### DAY 17: STYLISH SHANGHAI

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

#### DAY 18: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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

### DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES



2017 Departures		from
11 May - 28 May		£5,490
07 Sep - 24 Sep	12 Oct - 29 Oct	£5,790
2018 Departures		from
12 Apr - 29 Apr		£5,990
10 May - 27 May		£5,990
06 Sep - 23 Sep		£6,190
11 Oct - 28 Oct		£6,190

*Tour departs Thursday and returns Sunday.*

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July – August	£7,690	November – February	£7,090

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# JAPAN

Delve into the rich heritage and diverse landscapes of Japan. Indulge in explorations that feature the perfect peak of Mount Fuji, the temples of ancient Kyoto and traditional Japanese ritual.

## Exclusive Japan tours include:

- International flights and taxes
- Exclusive touring and dining
- Knowledgeable national guides
- Unique experiences
- 5★ hotels
- Small group sizes
- Enjoy more evenings at leisure
- UK chauffeur transfers
- Porterage, laundry and daily bottled water





# Ascend the mighty Mount Fuji...

Mount Fuji is the iconic image of Japan; travel up to 2,400 metres, the 5th station, from where you'll have breathtaking views of the perfectly symmetrical cone and panoramas down over the surrounding landscapes and enjoy a cold glass of sake.



# ...and watch a Maiko perform her traditional arts.

There are just 2,000 Geisha and Maiko (Geisha in training) left in Japan, so being entertained by one is a unique experience. Dine on traditional cuisine and enjoy a performance of dance, singing and music by a Maiko in Kyoto.



# THE GOLDEN ROUTE

12 DAYS FROM £6,990 PER PERSON

Japan is an island of unique culture and sky-high thinking. Explore this incredible nation in style, travelling from Tokyo to Kyoto, passing under the watchful peak of Mount Fuji and experiencing all the quintessential elements of Japan as you go.

## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Take a dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay
- Learn the art of sushi making
- Watch a sumo tournament (selected dates)
- Take a cold glass of sake on the slopes of Mount Fuji
- Take the super-fast bullet train to Kyoto
- Study the martial art of Kendo
- Sit down to a traditional dinner and Maiko performance
- Attempt the traditional arts of origami and calligraphy
- Wander the Asakusa District of Tokyo dressed in a traditional Kimono
- Experience zen meditation and a tea ceremony at Kodaiji Temple

## DAYS 1-2: FLY TO TOKYO

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

Hotel: Hilton Tokyo

## DAY 3: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo is at once a hub of the ultra-modern and deeply traditional. It is a city forever pushing boundaries – you'll find yourself in the world's biggest city, choosing from restaurants with the most Michelin stars and standing in the shadow of the world's tallest tower. It is here that your tour of the city begins, ascending the Tokyo Skytree, to see the city laid out at your feet. Continue to Asakusa where, after donning a traditional kimono, you'll visit Tokyo's oldest temple, Senso-ji, and soak up the atmosphere of Nakamise shopping street. This afternoon, explore the history of Tokyo as imperial capital at the Edo-Tokyo Museum. (B)

Hotel: Hilton Tokyo

*On the May and September departures, there is an extra special addition to this tour, a Sumo Tournament. Many of Japan's most ancient traditions are preserved in the sport, and the ritual involved in its performance are as fascinating to watch as the wrestling itself. Your seats are reserved in the late afternoon, when the big, stronger wrestlers compete.*

## DAY 4: SUSHI MAKING

Enjoy a morning at leisure before transferring to a Sushi restaurant for a lesson in the preparation of this delicious Japanese delicacy. After you've learned the techniques, eat your creations for lunch. The afternoon visit Meiji, a Shinto shrine enveloped by beautiful woodland, before returning to the hustle and bustle of the city at the famous Shibuya crossing. This evening, take to the waters of Tokyo Bay to admire the bright lights of the city on a dinner cruise. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Hilton Tokyo



▲ THE GOLDEN PAVILION, KYOTO



▲ TOKYO

#### DAY 5: LAKE ASHI CRUISE

Transfer to the spa region of Hakone by coach. Take to the calm waters of Lake Ashi, taking in the beautiful scenery and, weather depending, catching your first glimpse of the mighty Mount Fuji peeking over the surrounding hills. Fly up from the lakeside over the Alpine-esque hills to the summit of Mount Komagatake on the Komagatake Ropeway, from where you'll have breathtaking views of Mount Fuji, if it isn't hiding behind cloud. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, before exploring the exhibits of the Hakone Open-air Museum, which is home to a number of works of art by Picasso, Henry Moore and Taro Okamoto. The rest of the afternoon is free until dinner, perfect for making the most of Hakone's most famous asset – hot springs! (B,L,D)  
*Hotel: Hyatt Regency Hakone*

#### DAY 6: MOUNT FUJI

Travel from Hakone to Fuji, where you'll visit the 5th Station. At 2,400 metres up the mountain, the

views of the summit from here are fantastic enjoy with a cold glass of sake in hand. If the road to the 5th Station is closed, you will instead visit the Fuji Visitor Centre. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of your hotel. (B,D)  
*Hotel: Hyatt Regency Hakone*

#### DAY 7: BULLET TRAIN

Travel by road to Odawara where you'll board a bullet train that will whisk you off to Kyoto. On arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)  
*Hotel: Hyatt Regency Kyoto*

#### DAY 8: KYOTO & KENDO LESSON

Today is a full day tour of Kyoto, starting at Kinkaku-ji, the 'Golden Pavilion', before contemplating Zen at Ryoan-ji, Japan's most famous classical garden. Next you'll have some free time in the vibrant Arashiyama district – the Bamboo Forest should not be missed and there are some lovely little shops to explore. Later, take part in a Kendo lesson. Learn the basic

forms and techniques of this martial art, which is a form of swordsmanship that uses bamboo swords and protective armour. This evening, enjoy a traditional Japanese dinner with a Maiko (apprentice Geisha) performance. (B,D)  
*Hotel: Hyatt Regency Kyoto*

#### DAY 9: ZEN MEDITATION AND TEA CEREMONY

A centre of Zen Buddhism, Kodai-ji is a 17th-century temple set in classical Zen gardens. Start the day here with a Zen meditation session, before experiencing the rituals of a traditional Japanese tea ceremony after which you can sip on your matcha tea. Take a walk around the old district of Higashiyama before stopping off to learn about some of Japan's traditional arts – calligraphy and origami. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)  
*Hotel: Hyatt Regency Kyoto*

#### DAY 10: EXPLORE NARA

Wander the pathways of vermilion torii gates at the enchanting Fushimi Inari Taisha. Transfer to Nara and explore the city with visits to Todaiji Temple, where you'll see the Great Buddha, and Nara Park, where you can meet the resident Sika deer. Finish at Kasuga Shrine after which you will journey to Osaka. (B)  
*Hotel: Ritz Carlton Osaka*

#### DAY 11: UMEDA SKY BUILDING

Spend the morning exploring Osaka. Visit one of the city's most recognisable buildings, the Umeda Sky Building, ascending to the rooftop observatory for views over Osaka. Stroll through the bright and brash Dotonburi district and stop for a local lunch. The rest of the afternoon is free before a delicious farewell meal of Shabu-shabu, a hotpot style dish of thinly sliced meats and vegetables which you cook in a broth at your table. (B,L,D)  
*Hotel: Ritz Carlton Osaka*

#### DAY 12: FLY OSAKA TO UK

Transfer to the airport and fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

### DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES



2017 Departures		from
17 May - 28 May*		£7,190
20 Sep - 01 Oct*		£7,190
15 Nov - 26 Nov		£6,990
2018 Departures		from
14 Mar - 25 Mar	21 Mar - 01 Apr	£8,790
28 Mar - 08 Apr	04 Apr - 15 Apr	
16 May - 27 May*	09 Sep - 20 Sep*	£7,990
14 Nov - 25 Nov		£7,890

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\* Sumo wrestling departures

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### KEEP EXPLORING...

#### HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA 3 NIGHTS FROM £1,090 PER PERSON



A city that needs little introduction, visit Hiroshima's emotive Peace Park to reflect on the events of the past and take the ferry over to Miyajima to see the famous Itsukushima Shrine with its giant vermilion torii gate lapped by the waters of the Inland Sea. You'll travel to and from Osaka by superfast bullet train.

# INDOCHINA

Embark on a deluxe journey through friendly and relaxed Indochina. Meander along the Mekong and across Halong Bay in Vietnam, discover deeply-rooted tradition in Laos and ancient, compelling history in Cambodia.

## Exclusive Indochina tours include:

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- All transportation in Southeast Asia
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# Take a luxury cruise on Halong Bay...

Drift amongst the limestone peaks of Halong Bay onboard a lavish, traditional-style Paradise Cruises ship. Watch the sun set from the top deck, bed down in your luxury cabin and dine in the stylish restaurant.



# ...walk the atmospheric streets of old Hoi An...

Explore the enchanting old streets of Hoi An on a guided walking tour, learning about the town's global influences and strolling beside the river before refreshing at the charming 'Reaching Out' Teahouse.



## ...sip champagne from the summit of Phnom Krom...

Wind your way between the spectacular jungle-bound Angkor temples in the comfort of an air-conditioned car. Ascend to the spiritual and beautiful Phnom Krom, and sip champagne as the sun sets over Tonle Sap and the surrounding temples.



## ...and experience the ceremony of Tak Bat.

Every morning at dawn Luang Prabang's monks, in their vivid orange robes, walk in an uninterrupted line through the streets of the town collecting alms, in the form of food, from the local people. Head out on the streets to observe this wonderfully timeless sight.



# JEWELS OF VIETNAM

13 DAYS FROM £3,290 PER PERSON

Embark on a deluxe adventure of Vietnam's highlights. Uncover poignant history, natural beauty and charming chaos as you work your way up from the lush plains of the Mekong Delta to the enchanting limestone pillar seascapes of Halong Bay.

## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Browse the herbs, spices, tinctures and oils of an old medicine street in Saigon
- Enjoy a sunset dinner cruise on Saigon's Lady Hau
- Explore the Mekong Delta on the Cai Be Princess
- Watch the 'A O Show' at Saigon's colonial Opera House
- Learn the art of Vietnamese cuisine in a Hoi An cooking class
- Lunch on vegetarian food prepared by the nuns of Dong Thuyen Pagoda
- Meet a water puppeteer and try your hand at puppet making
- Take a deluxe cruise on Halong Bay
- Ascend the Bitexco Tower for a cocktail at sunset
- Meander through Saigon's Chinatown on a cyclo tour
- Try your hand at folding ornate paper flowers
- Relish the regal company of Mr Vinh at Tha Om Garden House

## 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.

*Hotel: Caravelle 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, a neoclassical edifice designed by Gustave Eiffel; 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 Lady Hau, dining on delicious cuisine as you soak up the night time views. (B,L,D)

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## DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

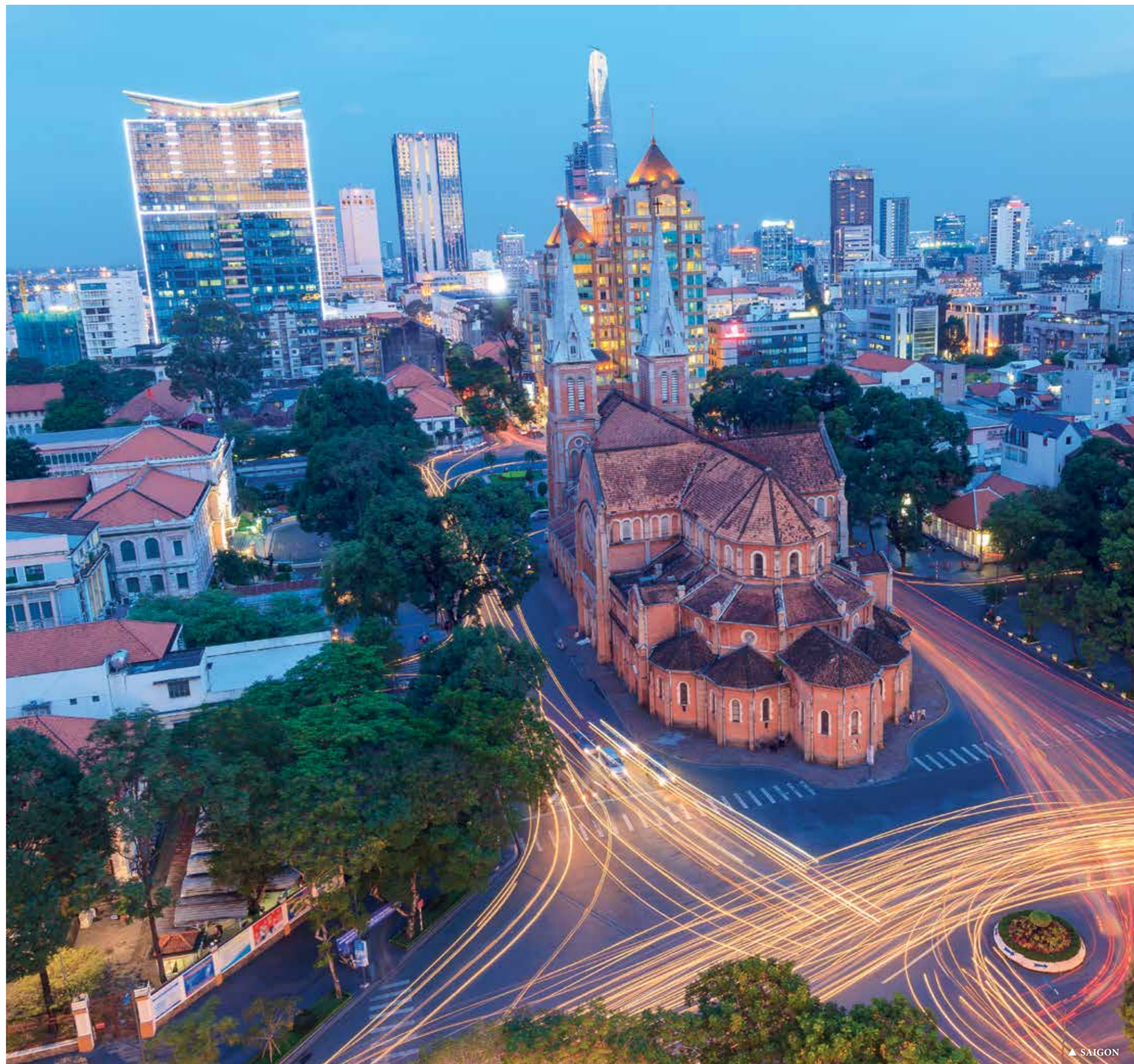
Set sail through the palm-lined canals of the Mekong Delta in a traditional sampan, the Cai Be Princess, passing sleepy towns and stopping to explore markets bursting with fresh produce and innovative home industries. Visit a 19th-century house, visit a home that produces coconut candy and puffed rice 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)

*Hotel: Caravelle Saigon*

## 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)

*Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa*



▲ SAIGON



▲ HALONG BAY

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

*Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa*

#### DAY 7: HOI AN AT LEISURE

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)

*Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa*

#### DAY 8: DISCOVER IMPERIAL HUE

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

*Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa*

#### 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. (B,L)

*Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera*

#### 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,D)

*Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera*

#### 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)

*Cruise Ship: Paradise Cruises*

#### DAY 12: SUNRISE OVER HALONG BAY

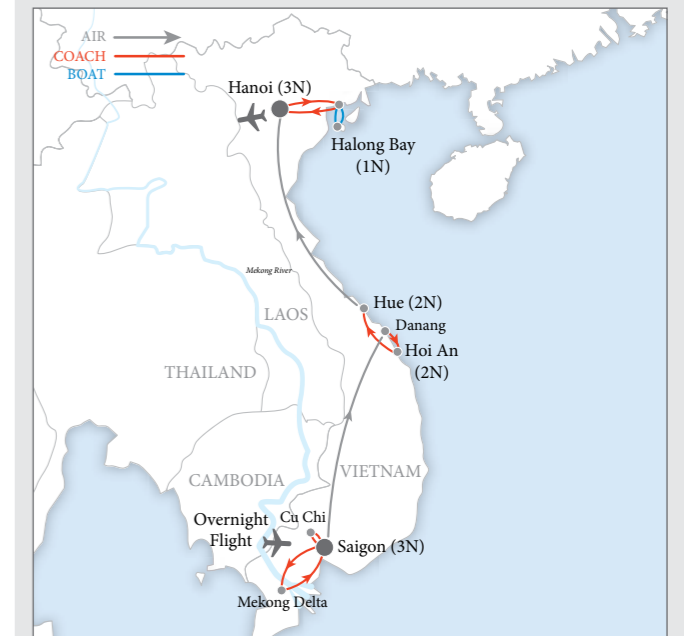
Rise early to see the sun rise over the karst-scapes of the bay and savour the serenity of the early morning. Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there's time for a late breakfast before disembarking. Sit down to a sumptuous farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

*Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera*

#### DAY 13: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

### DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES



2017 Departures	from
05 Mar - 17 Mar	£3,290
05 Nov - 17 Nov	£3,390
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# CLASSICAL VIETNAM

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## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Mekong Delta on the Cai Be Princess
- Cruise around Nha Trang's tropical islands on azure waters
- Take a walking tour through historic Hoi An
- Learn the art of making ornate paper flowers
- Relish the regal company of Mr Vinh at Tha Om Garden House
- Discover Hanoi's atmospheric Old Quarter on foot
- Take a deluxe two-night cruise on Halong Bay
- Meander through Saigon's Chinatown on a cyclo tour
- Ascend the Bitexco Tower for a cocktail at sunset
- Meet a water puppeteer and try your hand at puppet making
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▲ HANOI



▲ NHA TRANG

#### 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)  
*Hotel: Sunrise Nha Trang*

#### 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)  
*Hotel: Sunrise Nha Trang Beach Hotel & Spa*

#### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to the town of Hoi An. Start soaking up the charms of this beautiful town. (B,L,D)  
*Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa*

#### DAY 9: 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. 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 – savour the flavours of local produce. 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)  
*Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa*

#### DAY 10: FREE DAY

Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. (B)  
*Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa*

#### DAY 11: IMPERIAL HUE

Taking the scenic Hai Van Pass, travel to the imperial city of Hue. Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. Cruise on the Perfume River

down to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda and take part in a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create art with bamboo paper. (B,L,D)  
*Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa*

#### DAY 12: EXPLORE HUE

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

#### DAY 13: FLY TO HANOI

Enjoy some free time this morning before transferring to the airport to fly to Hanoi. (B,L,D)  
*Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera*

#### DAY 14: EXPLORE HANOI

Hanoi, Vietnam's capital, evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learn about the life of 'Uncle Ho'.

Visit the revered Temple of Literature, the Humble Stilt House and the One Pillar Pagoda. This evening take a walking tour of the Old Quarter, catching a glimpse of everyday life in the bustling streets and alleyways as you go. (B,L,D)  
*Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera*

#### DAYS 15-16: HALONG BAY

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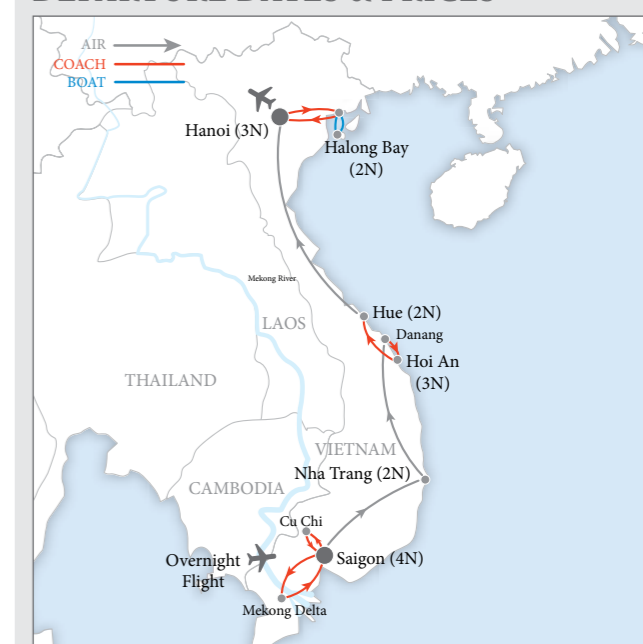
#### DAY 17: WATER PUPPETS

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

#### DAY 18: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

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# HEART OF INDOCHINA

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A multitude of delights await you in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia on this comprehensive tour with deluxe touches. Uncover affecting history, immerse yourself in rich culture, and savour the simplicity of life in the wonderfully contrasting landscapes of the region.

## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a sunset dinner cruise on Saigon's Lady Hau
- Watch the 'A O Show' at Saigon's colonial Opera House
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- Lunch on vegetarian food prepared by the nuns of Dong Thuyen Pagoda
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- Take a deluxe cruise on Halong Bay
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- Explore the spectacular temples of Angkor
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## DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

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## DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

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*Hotel: Caravelle Saigon*

## 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 19th-century house, visit a 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)

*Hotel: Caravelle Saigon*

## DAY 5: CU CHI TUNNELS

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

*Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa*



▲ LUANG PRABANG



#### DAY 6: EXPLORE HOI AN

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

#### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO HUE

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

#### DAY 8: DISCOVER IMPERIAL HUE

Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home to emperors from 1802 to 1945. Enter through its grandiose entrance and you'll be able to explore before heading out, along the river, into Hue's lush surroundings to see Minh Mang's tomb. Lunch will be vegetarian dishes prepared by the nuns of Dong Thuyen Pagoda, before you try your hand at making paper flowers, in a village that is known for the art. Admire the regal

surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House – the owner, Mr Vinh, is descended from royalty. (B,L)  
**Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa**

#### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO HANOI

Travel to the airport to fly to Hanoi. Visit the Thanh Chuong Viet Palace. (B,L,D)  
**Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera**

#### DAY 10: EXPLORE HANOI

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

#### DAY 11: HALONG BAY

Thousands of limestone islands dot the emerald waters of Halong Bay creating a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Voyage the bay aboard your comfortable cruise ship stopping to explore the sights as we go. Spend the night anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)  
**Cruise Ship: Paradise Cruises**

#### DAY 12: SUNRISE OVER HALONG BAY

Rise early to see the sun rise over the karst-scapes of the bay and savour the serenity of the

early morning. Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there's time for a tasty buffet before disembarking. Return to Hanoi. (B,D)  
**Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera**

#### 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)  
**Hotel: Victoria Xieng Thong Palace**

#### DAY 14: TAKBAT

Rise early to observe the ceremony of Takbat. Watch the monks, swathed in their vibrant robes, collecting alms from the locals. Ascend Phousi Hill for views over the town and visit Wat Xieng Thong, Luang Prabang's most glittering temple. Take to the languid waters of the Mekong to visit the Pak Ou caves, renowned for the hundreds of carved Buddha statues that reside within. (B,L)  
**Hotel: Victoria Xieng Thong Palace**

#### 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 Bacì Ceremony, an integral part of Laos culture. (B,L)  
**Hotel: Victoria Xieng Thong Palace**

#### DAY 16: DISCOVER SIEM REAP

After a free morning in Luang Prabang, fly to Siem Reap. This evening enjoy a rollicking performance of the Phare Circus, run by an NGO that teaches street kids circus skills and performs shows that address the issues in Cambodian society. (B,L)  
**Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort**

#### DAY 17: EXPLORE ANGKOR

Spend the day discovering the magnificent Angkor complex. Stand before the splendour of incredible Angkor Wat, the magnum opus of the Khmer Empire. Pass through the south gateway of Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer Empire, to visit jungle-wreathed Ta Prohm and the enigmatic Bayon. Ascend to Phnom Krom, located on a high hill top, where you will sip champagne as the sun sets over Tonle Sap. (B,L,D)  
**Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort**

#### DAY 18: FLOATING VILLAGES

**High Water Season (Aug to Feb)**  
 Visit Kampong Kleang, a floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, glimpsing a fascinating way of life. Continue to Beng Mealea, a temple lost to the jungle. Rejuvenate your temple-weary feet with a spa treatment. (B,L)

#### Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

Visit a village to meet some of the locals and pop into Khapor High School to learn about the library project. Explore the exquisite temples of Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. Rejuvenate your temple-weary feet with a spa treatment. (B,L)  
**Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort**

#### 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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- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)

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# CAMBODIA & VIETNAM REVEALED

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## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

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- Watch the 'A O Show' at Saigon's colonial Opera House
- Enjoy a sunset dinner cruise on Saigon's Lady Hau
- Explore the Mekong Delta on the Cai Be Princess
- Find peace and quiet at the Reaching Out Teahouse
- Learn the traditional Vietnamese art of Truc Chi
- Discover Hanoi's atmospheric Old Quarter on foot
- Take a deluxe two-night cruise on Halong Bay
- Lunch on vegetarian food prepared by the nuns of Dong Thuyen Pagoda
- Enjoy a sunset dinner cruise along the Thu Bon River
- Ascend the Bitexco Tower for a cocktail at sunset

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

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

*Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort*

### DAY 3: EXPLORE ANGKOR

Spend the day discovering the magnificent temples of Angkor. Start by admiring the splendour of Angkor Wat, the magnum opus of the Khmer Empire, pass through the South Gateway of Angkor Thom to visit the enigmatic Bayon and jungle-wreathed Ta Prohm. Ascend to Phnom Krom, located on a high hill top, where you will sip champagne as the sun sets over Tonle Sap. (B,L,D)

*Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort*

### DAY 4: FLOATING VILLAGES

#### High Water Season (Aug to Feb)

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

#### Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

Visit a village to meet some of the locals and pop into Khapor High School to learn about the library project. Explore the enchanting temple of Beng Mealea. (B,L)

*Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort*

### 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)

*Hotel: Sofitel Phokeethra*



▲ ANGKOR WAT



#### DAY 6: DISCOVER PHNOM PENH

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

*Hotel: Sofitel Phokeethra*

#### DAY 7: A O SHOW

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

*Hotel: Caravelle Saigon*

#### DAY 8: EXPLORE SAIGON

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dining on delicious cuisine as you soak up the night time views. (B,L,D)

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#### 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, visit a 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. (B,L)

*Hotel: Caravelle Saigon*

#### 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. Pay a visit to a cricket farm. Return to Saigon before flying to Danang and travelling on to Hoi An. (B,L)

*Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort*

#### DAY 11: 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 wander the old streets, visiting Hoi An market, the Quan Cong Chinese Temple 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)

*Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa*

#### DAY 12: FREE DAY

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

*Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa*

#### DAY 13: TRAVEL TO HUE

Travel to Hue. Long considered a seat of culture, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. Take a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda, and take part in a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create art with bamboo paper. (B,L)

*Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa*

#### DAY 14: DISCOVER HUE

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

*Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa*

#### DAY 15: TRAVEL TO HANOI

Travel to the airport to fly to Hanoi. Take a walking tour through the old, bustling alleys of 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. You will also be able to get involved in creating the puppets. (B,L)

*Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera*

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*Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera*

#### DAYS 17-18: HALONG BAY

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

*Cruise Ship: Paradise Cruises*

#### DAY 19: TRAVEL TO HANOI

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

*Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera*

#### DAY 20: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

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# THE MAJESTIC MEKONG

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## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Meet a water puppeteer and try your hand at puppet making
- Take a deluxe two-night cruise on Halong Bay
- Lunch on vegetarian food prepared by the nuns of Dong Thuyen Pagoda
- Learn the art of Vietnamese cuisine in a Hoi An cooking class
- Watch the A O Show at Saigon's colonial Opera House
- Cruise the Mekong for three-nights on the 5-star RV Jahan
- Explore the spectacular temples of Angkor
- Sip champagne on the summit of Phnom Krom as the sun sets
- Ascend the Bitexco Tower for a cocktail at sunset
- Enjoy a sunset dinner cruise on Saigon's Lady Hau

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

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

*Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort*

### DAY 3: EXPLORE ANGKOR

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*Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort*

### DAY 4: MEKONG CRUISE

Board your boutique river cruise vessel, the RV Jahan, your home for the next three nights. Sit on the sundeck and sip your welcome drink as you cast off. Spend the afternoon gliding lazily downstream. Dine on local cuisine in the elegant dining hall and retire to your comfortable stateroom for the night. (B,L,D)

*Cruise ship: RV Jahan*

### DAY 5: TONLE SAP

As the sun starts to peek over the horizon, take part in an invigorating session of Tai Chi. Pass through the marshlands that join Tonle Sap with the languid Tonle River. Cruise to explore the wetlands and floating houses of Kampong Cham. Further down river, take part in an ox cart rally. (B,L,D)

*Cruise ship: RV Jahan*

### DAY 6: WAT HANCHEY

This morning, journey to the pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey – the view from its hilltop perch is spectacular. Return to the ship for a blessing ceremony performed by local monks. Cruising on downriver pay a visit to Wat Nokor. (B,L,D)

*Cruise ship: RV Jahan*



▲ MEKONG DELTA



▲ HOI AN

#### DAY 7: PHNOM PENH

It is with regret that we wave farewell to the RV Jahan, disembarking in Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Visit the dazzling Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, Central Market and the National Museum. (B,L)

*Hotel: Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra*

#### DAY 8: MEKONG BY SPEEDBOAT

Enjoy a morning at leisure. This afternoon ride in a speedboat downriver deep into the heart of the Mekong Delta, over the border into Vietnam, to the Victoria Chau Doc Resort. Life on and around the river will unfold before you as you zip past villages, bamboo stilt houses, floating markets and lush, green farmland. Arrive at the resort and spend the rest of the day enjoying the facilities. (B)

*Hotel: Victoria Chau Doc*

#### DAY 9: VISIT A LOCAL VILLAGE

This morning, explore the Tra Su Sanctuary Forest by traditional sampan boat, floating along the endless waterways lined with mangrove trees. Keep an eye out for a plethora of fauna and flora. Meet the locals in an ethnic Khmer village and take some time to chat with the monks at a local monastery. (B)

*Hotel: Victoria Can Tho Resort*

#### DAY 10: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

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*Hotel: Caravelle Hotel*

#### DAY 13: DISCOVER HOI AN

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*Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa*

#### DAY 14: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

Wander through the morning market browsing the fresh produce and picking up ingredients for your cooking class. Spend the rest of the morning learning the skills necessary to prepare delicious Vietnamese cuisine. The rest of the afternoon is free. (B,L)

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#### DAY 15: PERFUME RIVER

Travel from Hoi An to Hue, crossing the scenic Hai Van Pass. Long considered Vietnam's seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home to emperors from 1802 to 1945. Take a cruise along the scenic Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda, which you will have time to visit. (B,L)

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*Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa*

#### DAY 17: FLY TO HANOI

Transfer to the airport and fly to Vietnam's capital Hanoi. (B)

*Hotel: Hotel De l'Opera*

#### DAY 18: EXPLORE HANOI

Spend the morning exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and the mausoleum of the revered Ho Chi Minh (closed September to November) 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)

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#### DAY 21: RETURN TO HANOI

Reluctantly return to the jetty and travel back to Hanoi to enjoy your final evening. (B)

*Hotel: Hotel De l'Opera*

#### DAY 22: FLY HANOI TO UK

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

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▲ RV JAHAN



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- Unique experiences
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- UK chauffeur transfers
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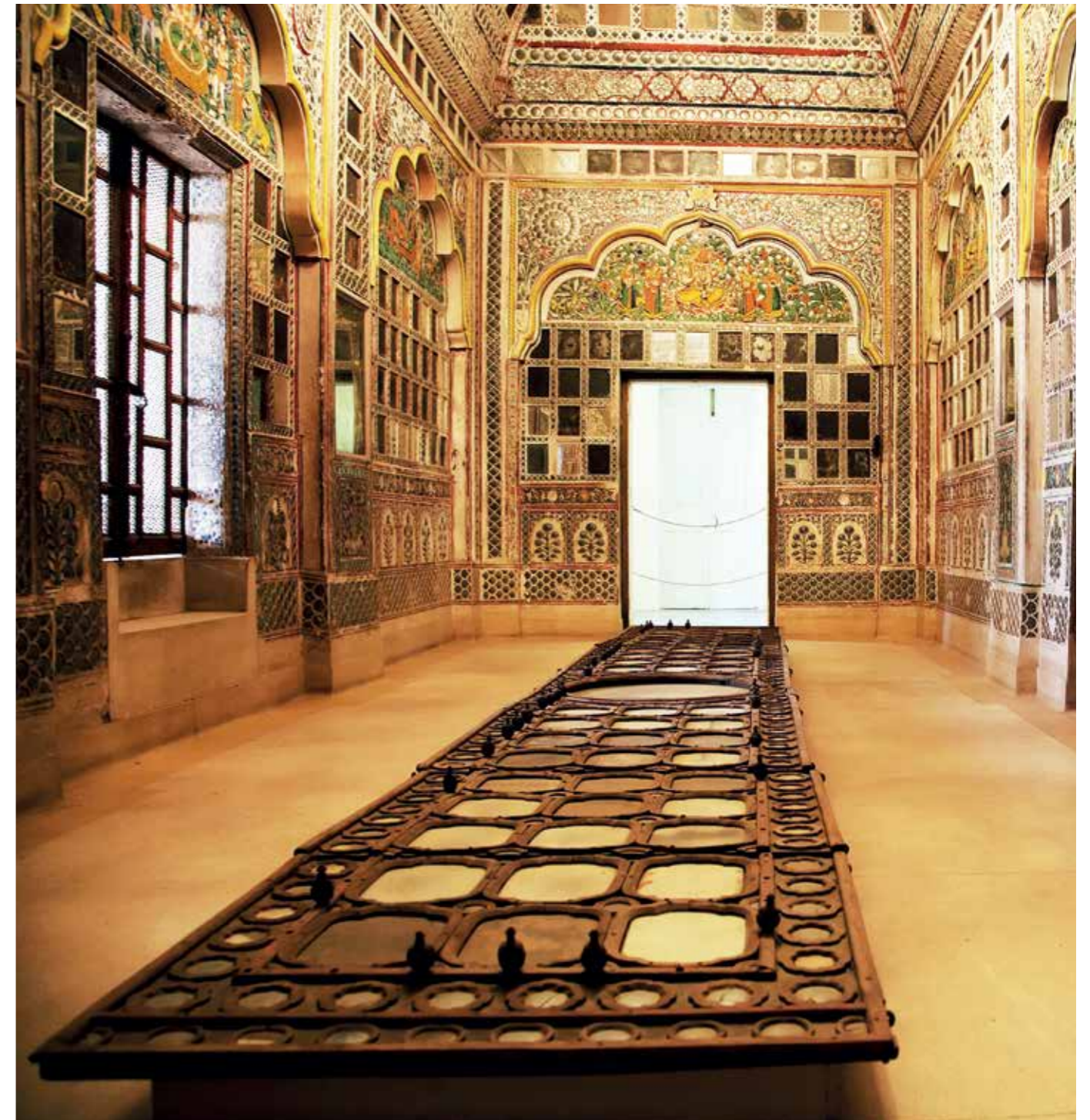
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# ...take a private tour of Mehrangarh Fort...

Take a private tour of Rajasthan's most magnificent fort with a curator who will highlight the history and significance of this astounding building, before the experience is rounded off with an exquisite champagne dinner.



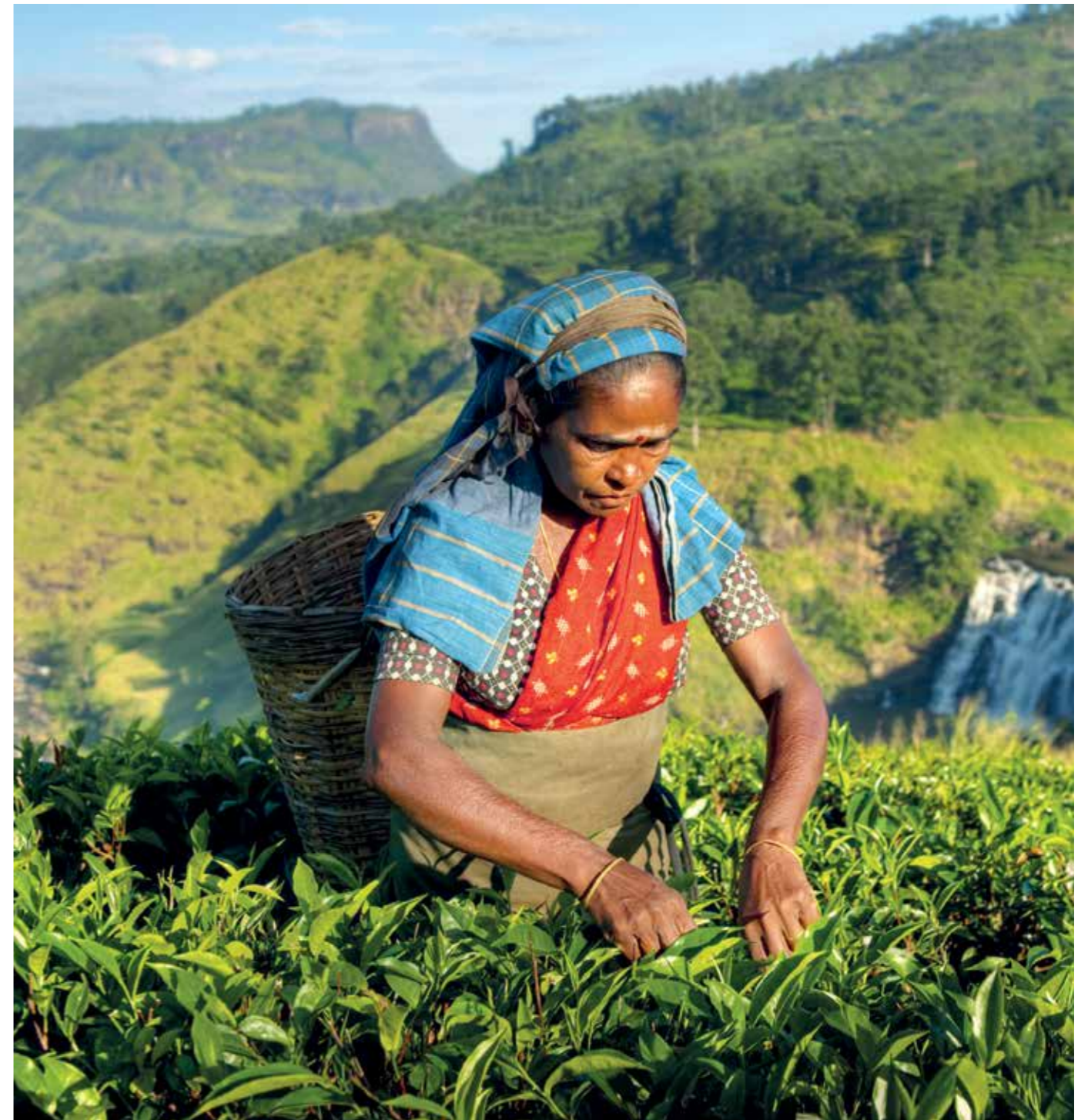
## ...take a private cruise on the Ganges...

Experience an evening Puja ceremony on the ghats, soaking up the magical, spiritual atmosphere before arising early for a private dawn cruise on the sacred Ganges, watching as the city comes to life.



## ...and wander amongst the tea bushes of Nuwara Eliya.

Explore a tea plantation in the cool climes of the highlands, learning the techniques of tea making, from bush to brew, and admiring the beautiful panoramas of the surrounding area while sipping on a fresh cup.



# GLIMPSE OF INDIA

9 DAYS FROM £2,390 PER PERSON

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

## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Stroll through Delhi's bustling Chandni Chowk bazaar
- Discover the streets of Agra on an auto-rickshaw tour
- Explore Agra's spice and Ayurveda market
- Gaze on the Taj Mahal at sun rise
- Visit the breathtaking 9th-century Chand Baori stepwell
- Take an exclusive night tour of the Amber Fort, followed by a delicious dinner
- Enjoy a cooking demonstration in Jaipur
- Experience Bollywood at the Kingdom of Dreams

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

*Hotel: The Lalit*

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

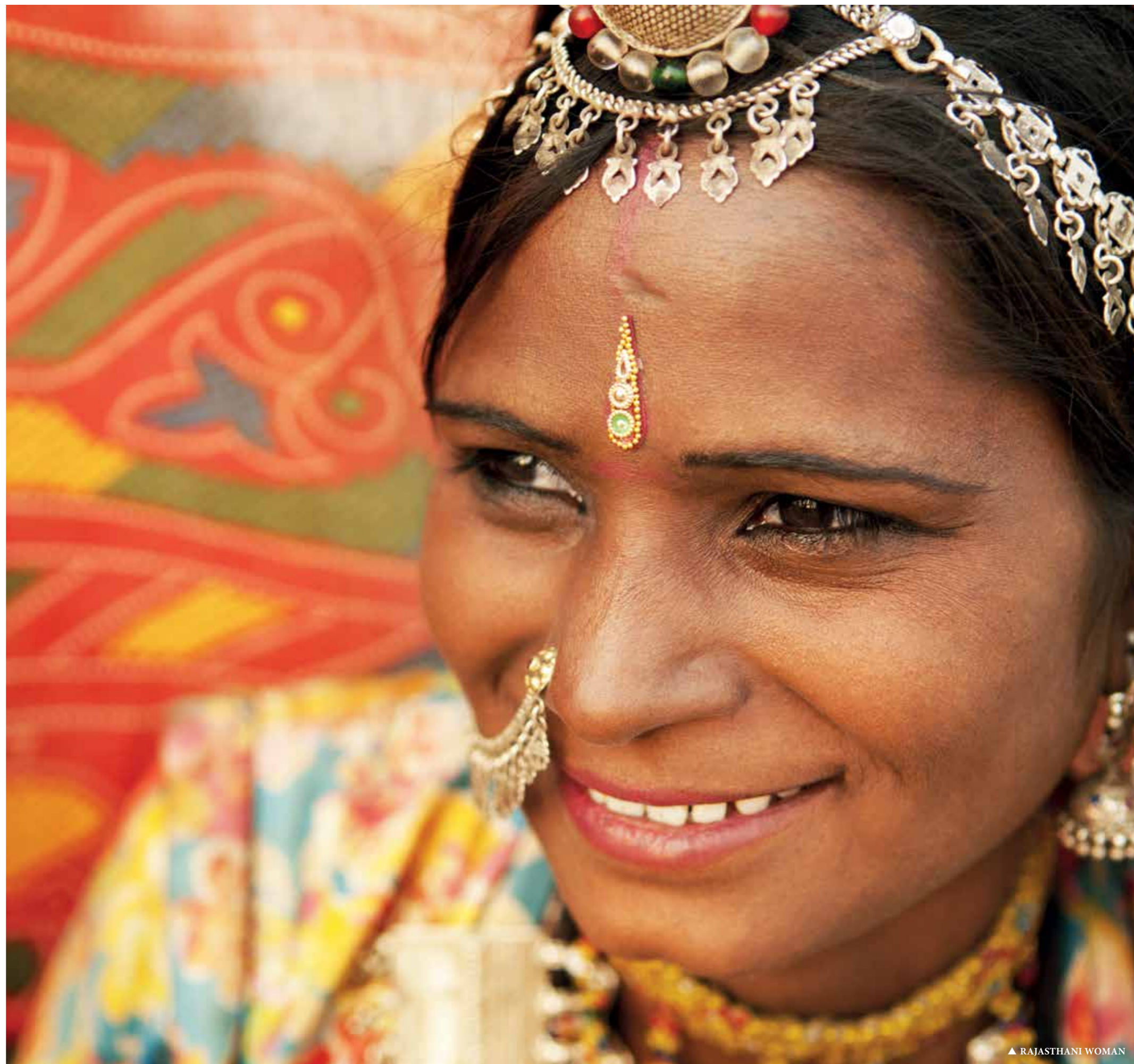
Delhi is a whirlwind of sensory experiences. Full of heritage and charmingly rough around edges, the city offers the perfect introduction to India. Starting at the Red Fort, a peaceful complex of marble palaces, pavilions and landscaped gardens, you'll stroll along the bustling Chandni Chowk, the main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

*Hotel: The Lalit*

### DAY 4: SIKANDRA & AGRA

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

*Hotel: Radisson Blu Agra*



▲ RAJASTHANI WOMAN



▲ FATEHPUR SIKRI, AGRA

#### DAY 5: THE TAJ MAHAL

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

*Hotel: Radisson Blu Agra*

#### DAY 6: FATEHPUR SIKRI AND CHAND BAORI STEPWELL

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

*Hotel: Jaipur Marriott*

#### DAY 7: JAIPUR

Rajasthan's colourful capital, Jaipur is a city of extravagant architecture and frenetic street life. A visit from the Prince of Wales in 1876 earned Jaipur the nickname the 'Pink City', as all the buildings were painted the colour of hospitality, pink, to welcome him. Your day of sightseeing will include the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', named as such because of the latticed windows covering the facade, letting the breeze flow through the palace. Continue to the Maharaja's Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a collection of nineteen astronomical instruments including the world's largest sundial. You'll then take a short trip outside the city to the spectacular Amber Fort, draped over a hillside above the town of Amer. Amber Fort is UNESCO-listed as one of the five great hill forts of Rajasthan, and its beautifully

designed doors and windows are finely painted in traditional Rajasthani style. This evening enjoy a cooking demonstration followed by dinner on the rooftop of the beautiful, traditionally decorated and family owned Ikaki Niwas. (B,L,D)

*Hotel: Jaipur Marriott*

#### DAY 8: KINGDOM OF DREAMS

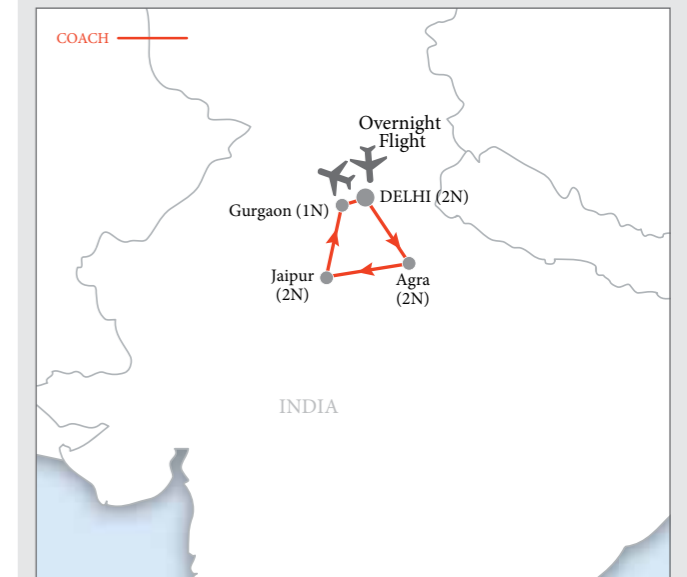
Journey back towards Delhi stopping for the night in the emerging city of Gurgaon, just 30 kilometres from the capital. Tonight you will experience the Kingdom of Dreams, a live entertainment destination that showcases Indian culture, including folk dancing performances, crafts and souvenirs, palm readings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

*Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott*

#### DAY 9: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

#### DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES



2017 Departures	from
28 Jan - 05 Feb	£2,590
09 Sep - 17 Sep	£2,390
14 Oct - 22 Oct	£2,590
2018 Departures	from
03 Mar - 11 Mar	£2,790
08 Sep - 16 Sep	£2,590
13 Oct - 21 Oct	£2,790

*Tour departs Saturday and returns Sunday.*

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,890 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £440
- Tipping paid locally US\$85

#### Price includes

- Most meals (7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 6 dinners)
- International flights and current taxes
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April - June	£2,990	September - December	£3,290
Travel in 2018	from	Travel in 2018	from
January - March	£3,490	July - August	£3,390
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# ESSENCE OF INDIA

19 DAYS FROM £5,190 PER PERSON

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

## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Cruise the tranquil waters of Udaipur's Lake Pichola
- Dine by candlelight in a spectacular 6th-century stepwell
- Tour the magnificent Mehrangarh with one of the fort's curators
- Take a walking tour of Jodhpur's vibrant market
- Enjoy a cooking demonstration in Jaipur
- Take a night tour of the Amber Fort, after hours
- Gaze on the Taj Mahal at sun rise
- Witness a Puja ceremony on Varanasi's ghats

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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Hotel: *The Lalit*

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

Delhi is a whirlwind of sensory experiences. Starting at the Red Fort, a complex of palaces, pavilions and gardens, stroll along Chandni Chowk, Old Delhi's main thoroughfare, before heading into the maze of old alleyways to admire the magnificent Jama Masjid followed by Lakshmi Narayan Temple. Cross into New Delhi and take the Rajpath past India Gate to see Rashtrapati Bhavan and Qutab Minar. This evening, dine at the Olive Bar & Kitchen, housed in a beautiful Mughal mansion. (B,L,D)

Hotel: *The Lalit*

### DAY 4: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

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

Hotel: *Radisson Blu Udaipur*

### DAY 5: EXPLORE UDAIPUR

Drive around Fateh Sagar Lake before visiting the Folk Museum and Mewar Art Gallery, and taking a stroll around Sahelion Ki Bari garden. Explore the City Palace on the lakeside, then take a cruise on Lake Pichola to admire the opulent Lake Palace. Dine at the 1559 AD Bistro. (B,L,D)

Hotel: *Radisson Blu Udaipur*

### DAY 6: RAWLA NARLAI

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

Hotel: *Rawla Narlai*



▲ JODHPUR



#### DAY 7: MEHRANGARH FORT

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

*Hotel: Raas Jodhpur*

#### DAY 8: JODHPUR

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

*Hotel: Raas Jodhpur*

#### DAY 9: THE PINK CITY

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

*Hotel: Jaipur Marriott*

#### DAY 10: JAIPUR

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

*Hotel: Jaipur Marriott*

#### DAYS 11-12: RANTHAMBORE OR BHARATPUR

Depending on the season, the next three days operate different itineraries:

**Jan to May:** Travel by train to Ranthambore National Park and enjoy a canter safari in the park. The next day, take a morning and an afternoon canter safari.

*Hotel: Khem Villas*

**Sep to Dec:** Drive to Bharatpur. The next day visit Keoladeo National Park for a morning rickshaw safari before visiting a nearby village. (B,L,D)

*Hotel: Laxmi Niwas Palace*

#### DAY 13: FATEHPUR SIKRI

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

*Hotel: Radisson Blu Agra*

#### DAY 14: THE TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to view India's most iconic sight, the Taj Mahal. Witness the shifting colours of the white marble as the sun rises and discover the story of Shah Jahan and his third wife Mumtaz Mahal. Visit a marble inlay workshop before heading along the river to UNESCO-listed Agra Fort, a Mughal monument built in the 16th century. Take a rickshaw ride through Agra's vibrant streets and browse the exotic spices of a local market. (B,L)

*Hotel: Radisson Blu Agra*

#### DAY 15: MEDIEVAL ORCHHA

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

*Hotel: Radisson Jass Khajuraho*

#### DAY 16: KHAJURAHO TEMPLES

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

*Hotel: The Gateway Ganges*

#### DAY 17: VARANASI

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

*Hotel: The Gateway Ganges*

#### DAY 18: TRAVEL TO DELHI

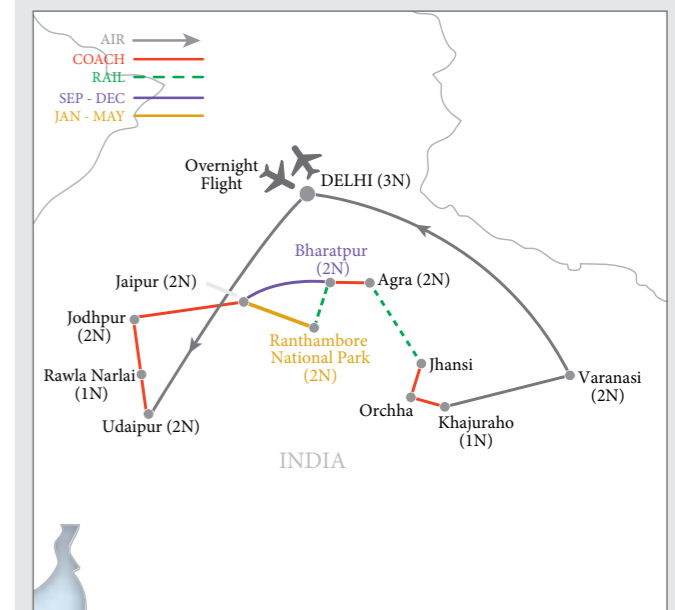
This morning is at leisure before travelling to the airport to fly back to Delhi. (B)

*Hotel: The Grand, Delhi*

#### DAY 19: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

## DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES



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27 Jan - 14 Feb	£5,390
17 Mar - 04 Apr	£5,290
20 Oct - 07 Nov	£5,190
2018 Departures	from
16 Mar - 03 Apr	£5,990
19 Oct - 06 Nov	£5,890

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- Flight upgrades available on request
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April - June	£5,990	September - December	£6,490
Travel in 2018	from	Travel in 2018	from
January - March	£6,690	July - August	£6,390
April - June	£6,290	September - December	£6,790

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# CHARMS OF SRI LANKA

11 DAYS FROM £3,590 PER PERSON

Sri Lanka is an enchanting land of beauty, diversity and unique culture that has long enthralled travellers. Venture amongst its timeless ruins, delicious gastronomy and incredible natural beauty to capture its essence for yourself.

## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy rustic, traditionally prepared food with views of paddy fields
- Take a safari in Minneriya National Park
- Learn about Sri Lanka's plethora of herbs and spices at a spice garden
- Watch a cultural show in Kandy
- Tour a tea plantation and taste a fresh brew
- Explore Colombo in World War II-era jeeps
- Celebrate seafood at the fantastic Ministry of Crab
- Ride a steam train to Nuwara Eliya and enjoy high tea on arrival
- Take dinner in a restored narrow-gauge railway carriage

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO COLOMBO

Fly overnight to Colombo. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel in the coastal town of Negombo, a short drive from Colombo. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (D)

Hotel: *Heritage Negombo*

### DAY 3: SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS

Journey from Negombo to Habarana, a village that sits at the heart of Sri Lanka's cultural triangle, the heartland of ancient Sinhalese civilisations and traditionally known as 'The King's Land'. Later, visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress, or Lion Rock, the site chosen by King Kassappa for his palace in the 5th-century. Wander through the water gardens and climb to the summit, passing colourful frescoes and a pair of huge lion's paws for breathtaking views over the central plains. This evening, enjoy a unique dining experience at the Paddy Museum – local cuisine is prepared in a traditional village kitchen and eaten in a rustic and simple ambience looking over paddy fields and fruit trees. (B,D)

Hotel: *Cinnamon Lodge*

### DAY 4: POLONNARUWA AND MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK

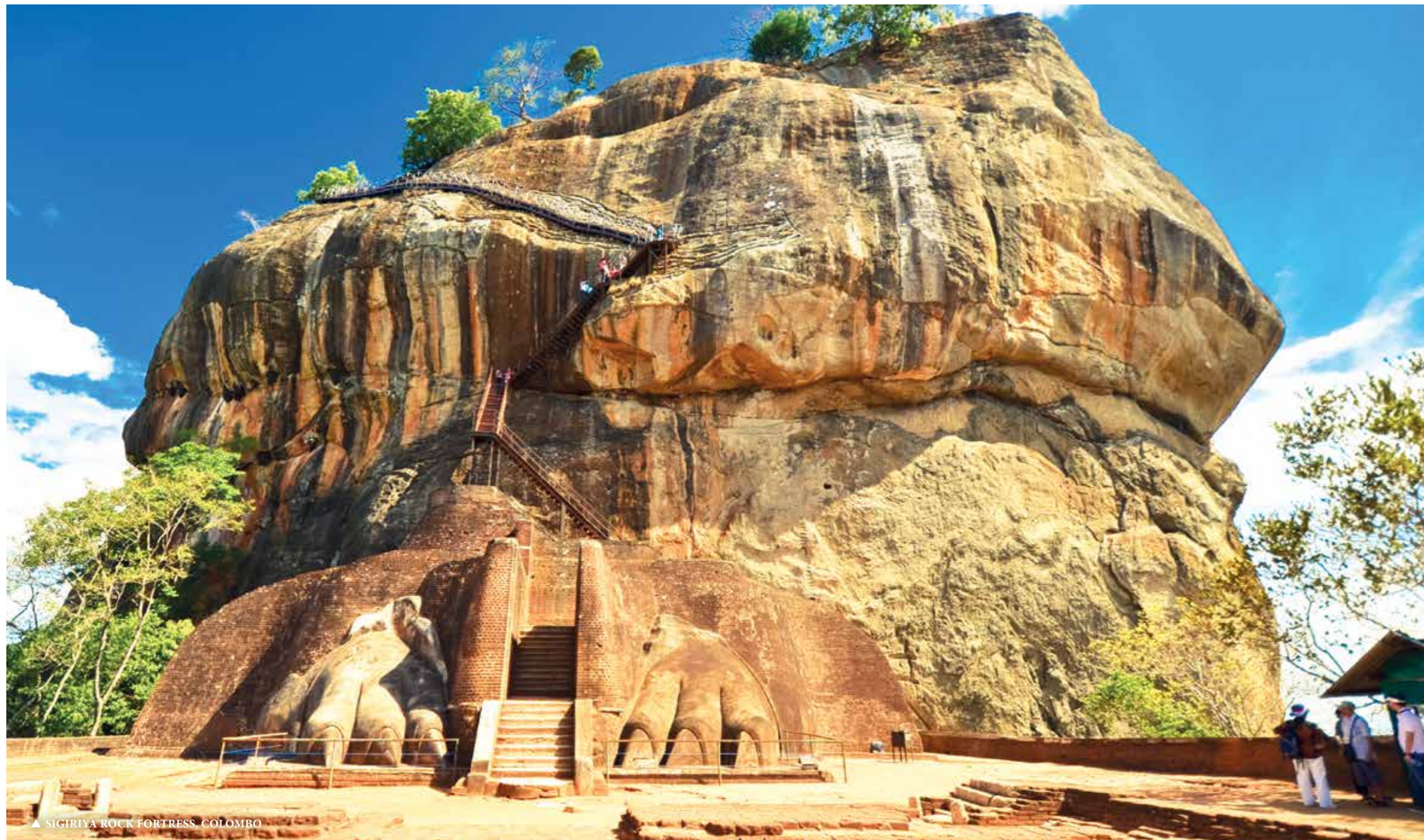
A city that reached its age of magnificence in the 12th century, Polonnaruwa was soon after abandoned to the jungle. Explore these wonderfully well-preserved ruins and learn more about this old civilisation. Continue to Minneriya National Park, where you will head out on safari. Built around an ancient reservoir, wildlife in the area includes elephants, spotted and sambur deer and dozens of bird species. Dine tonight on gourmet delights in a truly unique setting – a cave. Eat by the light of flaming torches and lanterns watching your food arrive over a little bridge shadowed by an enormous Banyan Tree. (B,D)

Hotel: *Cinnamon Lodge*



▲ STILT FISHERMEN





▲ SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS, COLOMBO

#### DAY 5: DAMBULLA CAVE TEMPLE

Set out for cultural capital Kandy. En route stop at Dambulla Cave Temple, a Buddhist place of worship for an incredible 22 centuries. Within the five cave sanctuaries you'll find Sri Lanka's most sacred Buddha images in the form of beautifully rendered murals and statues. Continue to Matale, where you will visit a spice garden to take a cup of herbal tea and learn about the therapeutic values of various herbs and spices. After a delicious lunch eaten among lush rice fronds in a paddy field, arrive in Kandy. (B,L)

*Hotel: Earl's Regency, Kandy*

#### DAY 6: CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Today, you will be welcomed into the colonial-style home of a Sri Lankan family to taste the fantastic flavours of real home cooking. Starting with a fresh fruit juice or local beer, sit around

the dining table and share a lunch of traditional foods such as green mango and red rice. Round off the meal with a local Ceylon tea or coffee brewed from beans grown on the family's own plantation. Later in the afternoon enjoy a city tour of Kandy. Sri Lanka's cultural heart and a sacred Buddhist city, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, which houses an object of much devotion – Buddha's tooth. Also visit Kandy Temple and see a cultural show. (B,L,D)

*Hotel: Earl's Regency, Kandy*

#### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO NUWARA ELIYA

Transfer to Peradeniya where you will board an old steam train to puff your way to Nanu Oya. Seated in a scenic carriage you will have unparalleled views over the passing hill country. Disembark the train and continue to Nuwara Eliya where you will take high tea at your hotel. (B)

*Hotel: Heritage Tea Factory*

#### DAY 8: TEA PLANTATIONS

Journey higher into the mist-laced hills, to an area blanketed in lush, green tea bushes. Visit a plantation where you will have access to the factory to watch the process that goes into making the perfect cup of Ceylon tea. End the day in style with an expertly blended cup. This evening, dine in the Railway Carriage Restaurant. Once a carriage of a former narrow-gauge engine that transported tea down from the highlands, you will be served with top quality food from around the world in surroundings finished in teak and brass. (B,D)

*Hotel: Heritage Tea Factory*

#### DAY 9: NUWARA ELIYA TO COLOMBO

Travel down through the highlands, lingering over those final glimpses of the lush, emerald-hued hills to Sri Lanka's vibrant capital city Colombo. On arrival, there will be time at leisure before dinner at the Gallery Café, an

internationally-acclaimed gallery and restaurant housed in the offices of the world-famous local architect Geoffrey Bawa. (B,D)

*Hotel: Galle Face Hotel*

#### DAY 10: COLOMBO BY JEEP

Climb aboard a World War II jeep for a unique and exciting tour of the city. Feel the sea breezes as you cruise around in an opentop vintage vehicle stopping to visit the Dutch Hospital, the old lighthouse, the Grand Oriental Hotel, Gangarama Seema Malakaya and much more. This evening, dinner will be served at the Ministry of Crab, a restaurant that is a celebration of Sri Lanka's seafood. (B,D)

*Hotel: Galle Face Hotel*

#### DAY 11: DEPART COLOMBO

Today is a free day until you are transferred to Colombo airport to board your flight to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES



2017 Departures	from
26 Oct - 05 Nov	£3,590
09 Nov - 19 Nov	£3,690
2018 Departures	from
02 Aug - 13 Aug	£4,090
25 Oct - 05 Nov	£3,890
08 Nov - 19 Nov	£3,990

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April - June	£4,090	September - December	£4,490
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April - June	£4,390	September - December	£4,790

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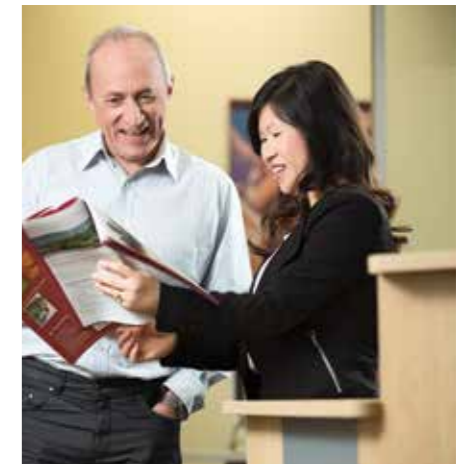


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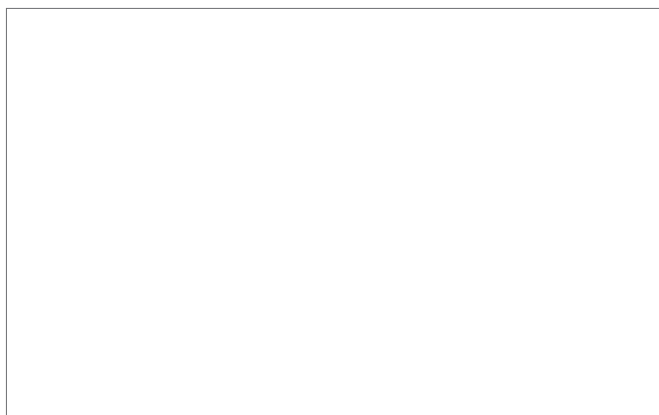
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