



# Southeast Asia

Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Burma and beyond

2016-2017





# WELCOME TO OUR SOUTHEAST ASIA

At Wendy Wu Tours, we pride ourselves on our vast experience and deep understanding of operating tours in Southeast Asia. Since 1998, we have sent tens of thousands of intrepid and satisfied travellers to what we can only describe as the most fascinating, exhilarating and fast-changing region on the planet.

## See the Real Southeast Asia

We do Asia like no one else. On a Wendy Wu tour, you will be astounded by Southeast Asia's most impressive sights and natural wonders, and enchanted by cultural traditions. We will provide you with the opportunity to see first-hand how real locals live – from the big cities to the remote countryside. It is our aspiration that everybody travelling in Southeast Asia comes home enthused and inspired, having had the chance to really get to know the region that we are so passionate about.

## Unrivalled Choice

We are pleased to offer the most extensive range of Southeast Asia tours on the market – we have a holiday for everyone. Couples, families, groups and solo travellers all come to us again and again for unforgettable group and private tours, and tailor-made holidays.

## Incredible Value

Our thoughtfully designed group tours feature hundreds of inclusions, from unique sightseeing with expert guides, every meal, international flights, local transportation, all your accommodation and even your visa – we take care of everything. Don't just take our word for it – 99% of our customers rated our tours as good or excellent on their return.

## 2016: the Year of the Monkey!

This year we are excited about:

- Our new Discovery Tours range, with more active and cultural experiences, they are designed to really immerse you in everything that delights us about Southeast Asia
- Our popular Exclusive Collection, featuring five star touring and unique experiences
- Our love of solo travellers, and for a second year running we are happy to have frozen our single supplements



*Wendy Wu*

Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

All prices  
lowered  
for 2016!

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# DISCOVER SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH WENDY WU TOURS

Colourful and charmingly chaotic with a hint of spice, it's easy to see why Southeast Asia has sailed effortlessly into the heart of many a traveller. Uncover countless and changing histories, landscapes and cultures on a journey through one of the most enchanting regions on the planet.



## HOI AN (VIETNAM)

Delightful Hoi An is about soaking up the atmosphere – grand old buildings, quaint cafes and a riverside setting will help you while away the days. The traffic-free streets are perfect for a relaxed cycle ride.



## HALONG BAY (VIETNAM)

Legends tell of great dragons swooping down on Vietnam to create the incredible scenery of Halong Bay. Soak up this beauty, drifting on the emerald waters amongst foliage-crowned islands and peaks.



## SAPA (VIETNAM)

With its cool climate, spectacular rice terraces and hazy peaks, Sapa is perfect for exploration. Located in the heart of Vietnam's north, this area is home to numerous colourful hill tribes.



## MEKONG RIVER

Winding its way leisurely through China, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, taking a cruise on the mighty Mekong offers lazy days and glimpses of the everyday life of local people, and experiences.



## ANGKOR (CAMBODIA)

The temples of Angkor are Cambodia's most glorious sight. Dotting an area of 400 square kilometres, the temples exude a rare majesty and mystery that few places on the planet can match.



## LUANG PRABANG (LAOS)

With its glittering temples, French legacy, deeply-rooted religion and traditional character, Luang Prabang is easily one of the most captivating cities in Asia – a visit is like a step back in time.



## THE IRRAWADDY (BURMA)

A river that has inspired many to write of its lush beauty, the Irrawaddy runs through Myanmar north to south, the country's main lifeline and highway with many locals living and working along its banks.



## BAGAN (BURMA)

Burma's most sublime sight, Bagan's temples rise in their hundreds from the central plains. Seeing them mist-wreathed and silhouetted at sunrise is an unforgettable view.



## CHIANG MAI (THAILAND)

Old capital of the Lanna Kingdom Chiang Mai is Thailand's easygoing northern hub, best known for the temples at its centre and the hill tribes in the surrounding countryside.





# TRAVEL YOUR WAY

We know that every traveller is different, so we have developed three touring styles to help you see Asia in the way that suits you the best. See the highlights of the region on our Classic Tours, get under the skin of Southeast Asia on our Discovery Tours, or experience the region in luxury on our Exclusive Collection.

## CLASSIC GROUP TOURS PAGES 14-61



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

Ranging from shorter, concise trips through Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand or Burma to longer multi-country journeys, our Classic Tours offer the opportunity to tick all the big sights off your list and also take in Asia's less-visited regions.

You may wish to cruise on Halong Bay, stand in awe in front of Angkor Wat, be mesmerised by Hoi An or discover the 'Rice Basket Of Vietnam', the Mekong Delta. Spend longer in Asia and explore the magical temples of Bagan, witness a Buddhist Takbat ceremony in Luang Prabang or take part in a traditional Thai cooking class in Chiang Mai. These enticing destinations are just a tiny sample of what Southeast Asia's vastness and variety has to offer.

Our Classic Group Tours are an excellent way to explore Asia, travelling with the assurance that all your arrangements are taken care of – from international flights, visas, accommodation; and all the touring listed in your itinerary. Whether you are planning a trip by yourself, or as a couple or small group, you will be travelling with like-minded people, and we often find that our customers make friendships on tour that last a lifetime. You will be accompanied by our industry-leading National Escorts, whose unparalleled knowledge and talent will turn your holiday into a magical and unforgettable experience.



## DISCOVERY TOURS PAGES 62-71



Designed for those who wish to be further immersed in the authentic charm of Asia; our Discovery Tours allow you to see Southeast Asia differently as you take part in unique, cultural and active experiences.

Visit the main sights and lesser visited regions of Southeast Asia, whilst getting closer to the locals and actively exploring; with a little more time at leisure.

Get under the skin of Southeast Asia, whilst taking in the classic sights. Take a walking tour through Saigon's colourful markets and sample street food in the Old Quarter. Wake up with tai chi on Halong Bay and experience the magnificent Angkor Complex from the back of a rickshaw.

Take a journey through remote, untouched Asia. Trek through the rolling hills and ethnic villages in Sapa, stay in a local home in the Mekong Delta, and explore the white sands and turquoise waters of beautiful Cham Island, just off the coast of Hoi An.

Travelling in smaller groups of eighteen or less, you will find yourself on an exciting journey of exploration and discovery.

Meticulously designed with the more discerning traveller in mind, our deluxe journeys through Asia feature distinctive and exclusive experiences which bring the region to life.

Our Exclusive Collection feature a range of life-changing experiences many of which are entirely exclusive to Wendy Wu Tours. Take a tuk tuk past the grand temples of the Angkor complex, get hands on with a Hoi An cooking class and market visit, get a first-hand description on the artistry of the Water Puppets from a Hanoi puppeteer, and cruise by speedboat through the greenery of the Mekong Delta. After a day of inspiring touring, take a cuisine tour by cyclo in Hanoi's

trendy Old Quarter; also dine at some of Southeast Asia's most exclusive restaurants.

All of this can be experienced in the knowledge that you'll be staying in handpicked luxury hotels in the best possible locations and travelling in smaller groups of eighteen or less. These tours truly offer a once in a lifetime opportunity to see Southeast Asia in true comfort and luxury. You'll bring home memories that you will talk about for years to come.

## EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION PAGES 72-87



## THE KEY TO OUR TOURS

To help you decide which tour is for you, we have indicated whether our journeys are fully inclusive or feature more free time. Our tours are also graded as comfortable, moderate or active to reflect the level of fitness required. Just look for the icons on the page.

### FULLY INCLUSIVE TOURS

During our fully inclusive group tours, all of your meals are included, starting from dinner on the day of arrival to breakfast on the day of departure. You will experience a wealth of Asian cuisine with your escort on hand to guide you through the dishes.

### TOURS WITH MORE FREE TIME

To allow more flexibility and choice when travelling on selected Discovery Tours and Exclusive Collection, we have carefully balanced special highlight meals with evenings at leisure so that you can further explore the many culinary delights that Asia has to offer.

## TOUR GRADING

### Comfortable



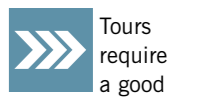
Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. Tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.

### Moderate



Tours require a higher level of fitness and may include standard activities and longer periods of sightseeing. Easy walking, high altitude and overnight train journeys may feature.

### Active



Tours require a good level of fitness, as they are physically more demanding. They may involve hiking, and travel to remote or high altitude areas where tourist facilities are less developed.

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



# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

## 10 reasons why you should choose Wendy Wu Tours

### 1 No one knows Southeast Asia like we do

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



### 3 Industry-Leading National Escorts

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



### 4 We Love Solo Travellers

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



### 2 Authentic Experiences

Our extensive experience and local expertise means we can take you to places rarely visited and those you have always dreamed of exploring. We have been blazing trails into this ever-developing region for 18 years, and pride ourselves in delivering authentically Asian experiences. On our tours, you will have the opportunity to experience and try your hand at ancient crafts and traditions; and there will be endless opportunities to meet local people and see a lifestyle so different to your own.

We continue to redefine travel to Asia, and are proud to offer the widest variety of tours on the market.



### 5 Hand-Picked Hotels

Over 18 years of taking people to Asia means we know exactly where to stay. We have superb relationships with our hotel partners in the region, meaning our groups are always prioritised and well looked after. We inspect our hotels regularly to ensure that they reach our high standards of cleanliness, safety and comfort. We pick

the right hotel for the specific destination, meaning your accommodation can range from a smart business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town. Where ever you are staying you will have a peaceful and comfortable night's sleep in preparation for the next day's adventures. See page 98.

### 6 Unrivalled Airline Choice

We have access to airfares from all the leading airlines, giving you the ultimate choice of flights which are convenient for where you live, offering stopovers where you want and the upgrades you require. See page 96.



### 7 Travel in Comfort

The transport selected as part of your tour is intended to combine convenience and comfort with an enjoyably authentic travel experience. You will benefit from our seat-and-a-half policy on our coaches, allowing you to watch incredible scenery in comfort. Our Group Tours are predominantly conducted using air conditioned coaches, internal flights, trains and various types of boat. See page 101.



### 8 Tipping Made Easy

We handle the tipping so you don't have to. We have a simple tipping system whereby all Group Tour passengers contribute to a kitty, paid to the National Escort, who then distributes it throughout the trip. Tipping is not included on any of our Private Tours, Stopovers or Extensions, but we will suggest appropriate amounts. See page 102.

### 10 Our Great Value Fully Inclusive Tours

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

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



### 9 Regional Flavour

Meals included in our tours are planned to give you a genuine taste of the regions we visit. We make sure that the food on our tours is safe, fresh, features minimal spice and includes plenty of vegetables. Breakfast is a combination of local and western food, usually served buffet style at the hotel you are staying in. Lunches and dinners consist of traditional cuisine and are served at reputable local restaurants. Highlights may include mild green coconut curry in Thailand, fresh and zingy Vietnamese salads, and Laap – spicy marinated meat or fish in Laos.





# YOUR TOUR GUIDES

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

## Award Winning Local Expertise

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

Most of the countries included on our itineraries have recent, poignant histories of which your guide may have had first-hand experience. You will get a greater understanding of the past, and you'll learn about the local heritage, culture and way of life. Most importantly all of our National Escorts speak fluent English, go through rigorous training programmes, have a wonderful sense of humour and understand how to convey their knowledge, meaning that you will always have the most refreshing and rewarding experience on our Southeast Asia tours.



## All our National Escorts

- Have a minimum of five years experience in guiding
- Are fluent in English
- Are born and raised in Southeast Asia making them unparalleled experts
- Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- Are at your service 24 hours a day



Ken

### Mr Jackson, Vietnam at a Glance

"Our guide, Ken, was outstanding in his professionalism, his knowledge, his obvious love of his country and his ability to weld a happy group together while being sensitive to individual needs."



"I love my beautiful, heroic country, our culture and gastronomy. In addition, my personal valued travelling experiences in Vietnam will make every single guest enjoy their time on tour. I'm proud of being a tour guide for Wendy Wu Tours in Vietnam and conveying images of Vietnam to friends all over the world."



Duc

"My name is Bui Anh Duc. I have been working for Wendy Wu for 9 years and find being a Tour Escort so rewarding. I enjoy showing my guests my country and sharing my knowledge and culture of Vietnam - I treat my guests like my family. I work by my heart and take pride in providing a truly unforgettable experience with many laughs along the way."



Tuan

### Mr and Mrs Trowsdale, Vietnam Highlights

"Our guide Tuan, was outstanding in his knowledge, professionalism and sense of humour. We've travelled to many places in the world and Tuan has been the best guide we have had the pleasure to meet."

"I wish to introduce my culture and everyday life to the people I take on tour with me. I like to advise them on all aspects of life in Vietnam, including good places to eat, places they can go in their free time to have a good experience. I enjoy telling them about the history of my country and about the lives of all the different people that live here. I am here waiting to escort you on an adventure through the cities and countryside of my Vietnam."



### Ms Robinson, Vietnam Highlights

"Duc, our guide was excellent with great local knowledge and sense of humour, he was professional, always helpful and punctual. He's a great asset to your company."



"As a diplomat for my beautiful country, I am happy to share with you all my wonderful experiences in Vietnam, as well as the beautiful scenery and lifestyle of the locals. My passion for being a tour guide always makes me go the extra mile to help all clients enjoy their valuable holiday in Vietnam."

### Mr Van Robert Jeppesen, Vietnam Impressions

"Anh was exceptional in his knowledge & his ability to share it with us. He was patient and thoughtful in his planning of the itinerary, especially given the weather at this time of year. We commend him for his excellent works & wish him well for the future."



Anh



# TRAVELLERS' FEEDBACK

We love to hear from our customers. Your comments and feedback help to maintain and improve our high standards. We also love to hear your travel stories and discover your holiday highlights.

## WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS THINK OF US



**99%** | customer service rating  
(rated as good or excellent)

**99%** | tour experience rating  
(rated as good or excellent)

Based on over 1,000 feefo customer reviews.

### I am still on a high

"I have just returned from an amazing tour through Vietnam and China. The guides were great especially Leo. He was so attentive. I am still on a high even though I have been back for just over a week. I can't praise enough the tours, accommodation, food and the excellent work the guides did to make it all run so smoothly. I will certainly look into booking another Wendy Wu tour next year so I had better start saving my pennies now. Thanks for a most memorable holiday."

**Mrs Keddie, booked with Thomas Cook Treasures of Vietnam & China, Mar 2013**

### There was something for everyone to enjoy

"The service was very good and the holiday was made excellent by our guide Pham Quoc Cuong. He was knowledgeable friendly and totally committed to making our holiday the best possible experience. What an asset to the company! Well done Pham and thank you! The holiday was brilliant giving a wide variety of experiences for us to enjoy. There was something for everyone. I am recommending Vietnam Escape to all my friends."

**Anonymous, Vietnam Escape, Apr 2015**



### We can't wait for our next holiday with Wendy Wu!

"We have travelled to many places in the world and would wish to congratulate Wendy Wu for one of our best holidays we have experienced. Our national guide in Vietnam, Tuan, and local guide in Sapa were extremely knowledgeable, professional and friendly, giving us a real insight into the everyday life and culture of Vietnam. Well done, we can't wait for our next holiday with Wendy Wu!"

**Mr Trowsdale, Vietnam Highlights, Apr 2015**

### A perfect balance

"We recently returned from our holiday in Vietnam and had to let you know what a wonderful trip we had. The itinerary was very good, interesting and varied; a perfect balance. The pace was busy but that added to the enjoyment as we came to see the country."

**Ron Davies, Vietnam Escape, Mar 2015**



### It was marvellous

"My wife Karen and I have recently returned from an amazing holiday organised by your company. It has been a real adventure and an experience we will never forget. From start to finish it was marvellous. Our whole experience in Vietnam was amazing, we had an outstanding national guide called Kim who was very informative and his organisation was first class. The coordination was outstanding."

**Mr and Mrs Roebuck, booked with First Choice Treasures of Vietnam & China, Mar 2013**



### One of the best holidays we have ever had

"As a package this is one of the best holidays we have ever had. It was well organised and all our guides had amazing knowledge on everything we asked, including local herbs. They also encouraged us to try local dishes, all delicious. The cruise was great, Angkor Wat was amazing and the friendliness of the Vietnamese people was inspiring."

**Mrs Everingham, Tailormade Indochina Tour, Oct 2014**



### We recommend Wendy Wu Tours

"The hotels were excellent and the food everywhere was an absolute joy. All our guides were superb, very friendly, kind and knowledgeable. Our Halong Bay cruise was the highlight of the holiday. The Cooking School was very enjoyable and the choice of restaurants for the lunchtime meals we all agreed would never have been discovered if we had been travelling independently. We would definitely recommend Wendy Wu Tours and will save up to do another one soon!"

**Mr Gavin Young, booked with Thomas Cook Vietnam Panorama, Oct 2014**

### Diverse and interesting

"We received excellent support and guidance from the team at Wendy Wu from booking stage right through to the selection of fantastic National Guides. The tour was diverse and interesting throughout; never boring."

**Anonymous, Angkor to the Bay, Dec 2014**

**feefo**  
The Global Feedback Engine

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



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# CLASSIC INDOCHINA

Our fully inclusive Classic Indochina Tours encompass the iconic sights, from colourful Vietnam and diverse Cambodia to the untouched beauty of Laos.

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## Our Classic Indochina Tours include:

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

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

**10 DAYS FROM**  
**PER PERSON £1,890**

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**

**COMFORTABLE PACE**

**Price includes:**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

**Flight and supplement information**

**Based on London Heathrow departures**

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,260 (Hanoi - Saigon)
- Single room from £220
- Tipping paid locally US\$40



▲ HALONG BAY



▲ HANOI



▲ MEKONG DELTA



▲ HOI AN MARKET



▲ HOI AN

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: NGUYEN QUOC ANH**

*Vietnam is a scenic country, famous for both its rich history and the events of the 20th century. I am very happy to be able to share my beautiful Vietnam with you.*



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hanoi's Ho Chi Minh Quarter
- Overnight on Halong Bay
- Cooking class in Hoi An
- Verdant 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.

**Days 3-4: Halong Bay Junk Cruise**

Spend the day aboard a traditionally-designed junk 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. Spend overnight on board. The next day return to Hanoi and visit the Confucian Temple of Literature before enjoying a traditional water puppet show.

**Day 5: Explore Hanoi**

Hanoi brings together all of the charms of a colonial past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet graceful city. Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass Ho Chi Minh's monumental mausoleum and Ho Chi Minh's

Stilt House. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and walk through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets. Fly to Danang and transfer to UNESCO-listed Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route.

**Day 6: Hoi An walking tour**

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An. A wonderfully laidback, graceful and wilfully traditional place, the streets of the town, lined with lantern 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. Vietnamese cooking is renowned across the world for its innovative use of fresh ingredients and spices – this evening, learn all about the local produce and the necessary skills in a hands-on cookery class.

**Day 7: Discover Saigon**

Fly to Saigon. A seamless blend of past and present, Saigon offers a high-octane ride into Vietnam's ever brighter future. Whilst this exuberant city is the driving force of modern Vietnam, it also has a treasure trove of fascinating heritage to explore. Experience Notre Dame Cathedral and the neoclassical Central Post Office, designed by Gustave Eiffel – both grandiose legacies of a colonial past. Also visit the Reunification

Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. Finish up by browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market.

**Day 8: Mekong Delta**

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

**Days 9-10: Cu Chi Tunnels and fly to the UK**

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, where you'll see the legendary tunnel network used by the Viet Cong to infiltrate South Vietnam during the war. Return to Saigon and transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to the UK arriving home the following day.



**ENJOY AS A PRIVATE TOUR**  
Choose to design your own bespoke itinerary

- Want to travel on a different date?
- Looking for something a little more personal?
- Want the same levels of comfort, expertise and professional guiding but with more flexibility and your choice of hotel?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

**KEEP EXPLORING**



**CAMBODIA**  
**4 NIGHTS EXTRA**  
**FROM £790PP**

**Day 9: Fly to Phnom Penh**

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

**Day 10: Explore Phnom Penh**

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

**Day 11: Angkor Wat**

Fly to Siem Reap, and spend the day exploring the staggering temple complex of Angkor. (B,L)

**Day 12: Siem Reap**

**Aug-Feb:** Take a boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake.

**Mar-Jul:** Visit a rural village to learn about local life.

After lunch, visit Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. (B,L)

**Days 13-14: Fly Siem Reap to UK**

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

Price includes flight from Saigon to Phnom Penh.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Sunday**

2016 DATES											
12 Feb - 21 Feb	£2,190	11 Mar - 20 Mar	£2,190	22 Apr - 01 May	£1,890	08 Jul - 17 Jul	£2,090	16 Sep - 25 Sep	£2,090	25 Nov - 04 Dec	£2,190
26 Feb - 06 Mar	£2,190	08 Apr - 17 Apr	£1,990	13 May - 22 May	£1,890	05 Aug - 14 Aug	£2,090	28 Oct - 06 Nov	£2,090	09 Dec - 18 Dec	£2,190
2017 DATES											
10 Feb - 19 Feb	£2,290	10 Mar - 19 Mar	£2,190	21 Apr - 30 Apr	£1,990	07 Jul - 16 Jul	£2,190	15 Sep - 24 Sep	£2,190	24 Nov - 03 Dec	£2,290
24 Feb - 05 Mar	£2,290	07 Apr - 16 Apr	£2,090	12 May - 21 May	£1,990	04 Aug - 13 Aug	£2,190	27 Oct - 05 Nov	£2,190	08 Dec - 17 Dec	£2,290





# VIETNAM AT A GLANCE

Relish Vietnam's distinct and energetic character as you journey from Saigon in the south up to Hanoi in the north. Explore the country's turbulent past, meet the friendly, resilient locals and get lost in spectacular panoramas on this two-week tour of discovery.

**12 DAYS FROM**

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▲ THIEN MU PAGODA, HUE

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- Accommodation
- All meals
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- Tipping paid locally US\$55



▲ HOI AN



▲ SAIGON



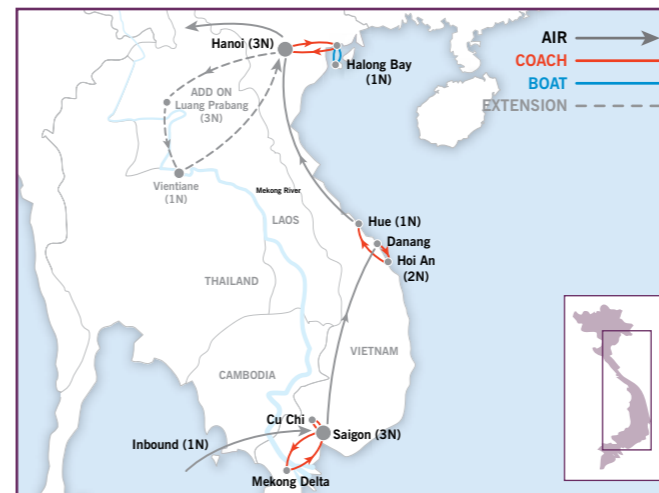
▲ TOMB OF MINH MANG

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: PHAM HUNG SON**

*I think this is an amazing tour. The name says it all – it's not too long and not too short, giving you a glimpse of my beautiful country, from Saigon to Hanoi.*



▲ HALONG BAY



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- **Cosmopolitan Saigon**
- **Colourful Hoi An Town**
- **Hue's Forbidden Purple City**
- **Overnight on Halong Bay**

## ITINERARY

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**■ Day 3: Discover Saigon**

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

**■ 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. 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 stopping en route at the

Marble Mountains. This afternoon take a walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, whose streets are a delight to wander. Visit an old merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the bustling market.

**■ Day 6: Tra Que village**

Drive 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. This afternoon 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.

**■ Day 8: Royal Tombs**

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. Fly to Hanoi.

**■ Day 9: Hanoi**

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

**■ Day 10: Halong Bay**

Stay overnight aboard a traditional junk cruising amongst the karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. A fresh seafood meal is included during your voyage.

**■ Day 11: Sunrise over Halong Bay**

After enjoying a Halong Bay sunrise and a visit to Sung Sot Cave, return to Hanoi.

**■ Day 12: Fly Hanoi to UK**

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



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**KEEP EXPLORING**



**LAOS 4 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £940PP**

**■ Day 12: Fly to Luang Prabang**

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

**■ Day 13: Kuangsi Waterfalls**

Drive to the Kuangsi Waterfalls, visiting Ban Na Ouane en route. Later return to Luang Prabang and climb 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; Tham Ting and Tham Phoum. Return to Luang Prabang and visit Thing Hong and Ban Xang Thong villages. (B,L,D)

**■ Day 15: Takbat Ceremony**

Rise early to take part in the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat. Fly to Vientiane. (B,L,D)

**■ Days 16-17: Depart Vientiane**

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

*Includes connecting flights from and to Hanoi.*

## DEPARTURES – Departing Tuesday returning Saturday

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Cambodia has reinvented itself into a destination full to bursting with breathtaking temples, gorgeous beaches and a fascinating heritage. A laid-back and enticing land, the real pleasure comes from its ability to make you feel like an explorer again.

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▲ ANGKOR WAT



▲ PHNOM PENH



▲ KAMPOT



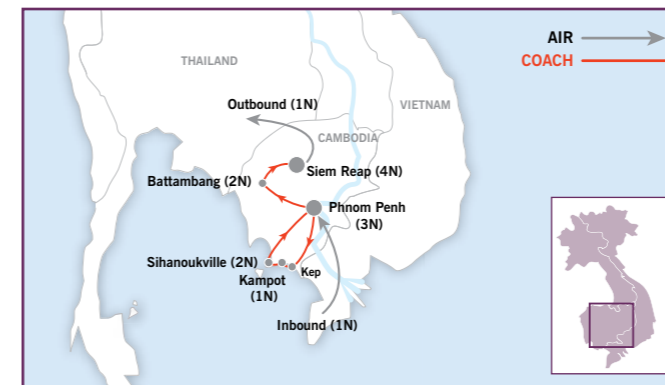
▲ ROYAL PALACE, PHNOM PENH

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MR. MOM VANNAK**

Showing people around my country is one of the reasons I love my job. My favourite place is Angkor – this is somewhere that visitors to Cambodia cannot miss!



▲ BANTEAY SREI



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cosmopolitan Phnom Penh
- Coastal Kep & Kampot
- Battambang's colonial charms
- Spectacular Angkor Wat

**ITINERARY**

**Days 1-2: Fly to Phnom Penh**  
Fly overnight to Cambodia's captivating capital Phnom Penh. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

**Day 3: Explore Phnom Penh**  
A somewhat European city of airy boulevards and colonial villas, scarred still by the events of 1975, Phnom Penh has been engulfed by energy and optimism making it a pleasurable place to be. Today's visits include the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, before reflecting on the past at the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum and Killing Fields. Sunset at hilltop Wat Phnom rounds off the day.

**Day 4: Kep and Kampot**  
Depart for the beach town of Kep, stopping en route at Tonle Bati, a peaceful site of Angkor-era temples. Travel on to a pepper farm to learn about the renowned Kampot pepper. Take a boat ride out to Koh Thonsay where you can spend a few hours relaxing on the beach before transferring to Kampot.

**Day 5: Coastal Sihanoukville**  
Visit the impressive cave temple of Phnom Chhnork before returning to Kampot for a walking tour. A charming riverside town, Kampot has a wealth of colonial architecture to discover. Travel to Sihanoukville, Cambodia's

premier beach resort. Head up to the summit of Victory Hill for late afternoon views down over the city and Gulf of Thailand.

**Day 6: Sihanoukville at leisure**  
Spend the day at leisure – explore this lively town or just hit the beach for total relaxation. A delicious group lunch at a local restaurant is included.

**Day 7: Kirirom National Park**  
Return to Phnom Penh with a stop en route at the Kirirom National Park. Here footpaths wind their way amongst lush greenery and gushing waterfalls – keep an eye out for a variety of bird species.

**Day 8: Discover Battambang**  
Journey north to Battambang stopping at the former capital city Udong, a potters' village and Touch Hill. Set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes, Battambang is also home to Cambodia's grandest colonial architecture.

**Day 9: Explore Battambang**  
Head out of town to the 12th-century Prasat Banan Temple returning to Battambang via Cambodia's only vineyard for a wine tasting. Take a stroll through the village of Wat Kor, and explore a local house for a glimpse of traditional Khmer life. Visit a local NGO, La Maison de Coco, where skills such as weaving are taught to locals.

**Day 10: Discover Siem Reap**  
Begin the journey towards Siem Reap, stopping in Puok District to visit the National Silk Centre. Learn about the cultivation of silk, from the planting of mulberry trees used to raise the

silkworms to the harvesting of silk threads. Observe the artisans using the dyed and treated silk threads to create beautiful products in the workshops. On arrival in Siem Reap the rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 11: Explore Angkor**  
The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over a thousand temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Rising early, the tour begins at Ta Prohm – one of the most atmospheric temples which has been left in the grips of the jungle. Continue to the walled 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. The rest of the day is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat, the most magnificent, and best preserved, of all of Angkor's treasures. While away an afternoon in its shady precincts, and examine its wealth of fascinating and intricate embellishments.

**Day 12: Sunset from Pre Rup Temple**  
Journey to Kbal Spean to see the intricate stone carvings of Hindu gods and sacred linga carved into the river bed and banks. Continue on to the captivating Banteay Srei – a richly embellished Hindu temple constructed in rose sandstone. The work is so intricate it is said that it could only have been carved by the hand of a woman. Explore the early 12th-century temple of Banteay Samre before climbing to the summit of the 10th-century Pre Rup Temple for views over the lush paddy fields at sunset.

**Day 13: Tonle Sap Lake**  
Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake where you can see the floating villages and observe the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by the jungle – release your inner

adventurer to explore. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youths are taught traditional Cambodian crafts. Enjoy a classically Khmer cultural experience with an Apsara dance show this evening.

**Days 14-15: Fly Siem Reap to UK**

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



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**HONG KONG**  
2 NIGHTS FROM £240pp

A sophisticated and lively destination, enjoy the sights and sounds of Hong Kong, where Chinese character underlays colonial charms and the gastronomy is varied and delicious. See pages 90-91. Based on international flights with Cathay Pacific.

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▲ SAPA

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Flight and supplement information

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▲ MEKONG DELTA



▲ PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, HANOI



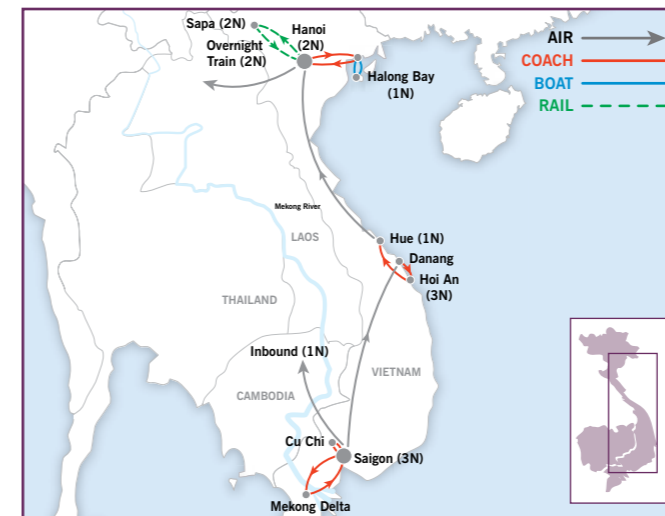
▲ HOI AN

NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: TRAN DINH TUAN

*I really enjoy visiting Mekong Delta with my customers, but the place which I love most of Vietnam is Hoi An, a charming ancient town full of historic places.*



▲ SAIGON



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Vibrant Saigon and Hanoi
- Hoi An Cooking Class
- Spectacular Halong Bay
- Sapa Rice Terraces

## ITINERARY

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and wilfully traditional place, whose streets are a delight to wander. Visit an old merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the bustling market.

**Day 6: Hoi An Cooking Class**  
Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure to further explore this delightful town.

**Day 7: Hoi An**  
Enjoy a day at leisure to further explore this idyllic town. Perhaps savour a relaxing coffee or pop into the town for a stroll.

**Day 8: Imperial Hue**  
Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. The magnificent centrepiece of the Royal Empire, the citadel was extensively damaged during the Vietnam War.

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Quarter, where you'll pass Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and visit the Stilt House set in the gardens of the Presidential Palace. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a thrilling cyclo tour through the Old Quarter and enjoy a traditional water puppet show. 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 hiking through the surrounding valleys and villages.

**Day 13: Hilltribes**  
This morning is at leisure before an afternoon hike to visit more of the local hilltribes. Board the overnight train to Hanoi.

**Days 14-15: Cruise Halong Bay**  
Spend two days aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi.

**Day 16: Fly Hanoi to UK**  
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▲ IMPERIAL CITADEL, HUE



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BANGKOK  
3 NIGHTS FROM £210PP

Discover the dynamic city of Bangkok, full of contrasts of ancient and modern Thailand. Bargain at the markets, take a tuk tuk ride around the city streets or marvel at the Grand Palace.

See page 92.  
Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

## DEPARTURES – Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday

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▲ HOI AN



▲ IMPERIAL CITADEL, HUE



▲ HALONG BAY



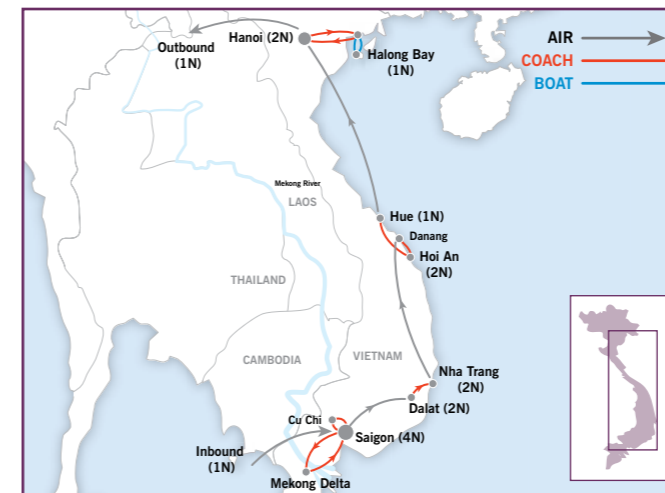
▲ DALAT



▲ NHA TRANG

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MR TRAN DINH TUAN**

Being from the south of Vietnam, I really enjoy taking travellers to the Mekong Delta where they can visit the local villages and experience the life of the locals here.



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- The lush Highlands
- Nha Trang's beaches
- Hoi An cooking class
- Spectacular Halong Bay

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**Day 4: Mekong Delta**  
Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. This area is called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta.

**Day 5: Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh**

Get to grips with the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before travelling to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Blending the architectural styles of cathedrals and pagodas with vivid, cartoonish colours, it is one of the most fanciful structures in Asia. Return to Saigon.

**Day 6: Discover Dalat**  
Head up into the cooler climes of the South Central Highlands where you'll find a distinctly French legacy. The charming town of Dalat sits in a region of lakes, waterfalls, forests and gardens, all ripe for exploration. This afternoon enjoy locally grown coffee and take in the picturesque views.

**Day 7: Explore Dalat**  
Spend today sightseeing with visits to Domaine de Marie Church, the Flower Gardens, and an embroidery workshop. After lunch climb aboard an open-air steam train from the old railway station to journey out through the fantastic scenery to Trai Mat village. End the day browsing the stalls of Dalat's busy market.

**Day 8: Seaside Nha Trang**  
Wend your way down from the highlands and along the coast to the laidback town of Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. Spend the rest of the day at leisure – the beach is a great place to start.

**Day 9: 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.

**Day 10: Discover Hoi An**  
Fly to Danang and transfer to UNESCO-listed Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laidback and wiffully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful market and a Chinese temple.

**Day 11: Hoi An cooking class**  
Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. Take the afternoon to explore the town further or to relax in a riverside café.

**Day 12: Hue's Imperial Citadel**  
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, and explore.

**Day 13: Colonial Hanoi**  
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**Day 15: Sunrise over Halong Bay**  
After enjoying a Halong Bay sunset, return to Hanoi. Take a thrilling cyclo ride through the Old Quarter. This evening enjoy a traditional water puppet show.

**Days 16-17: Fly Hanoi to UK**  
Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, home of Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature before transferring to the airport for your overnight flight home.



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▲ ROYAL PALACE



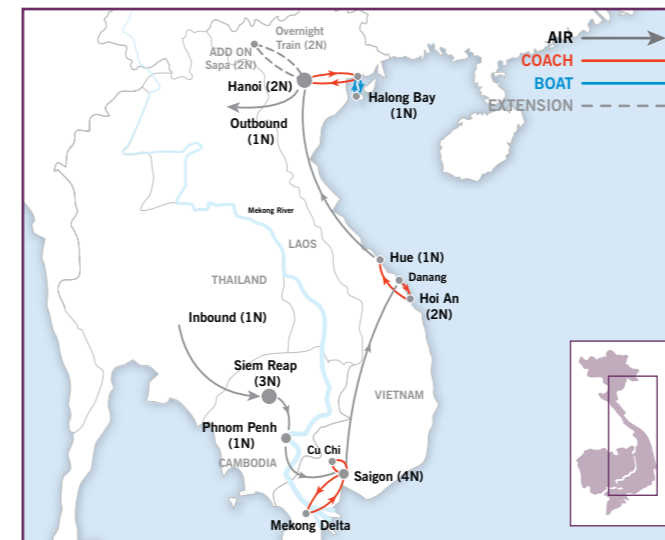
▲ ANGKOR THOM

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: NGUYEN QUOC ANH**

*This tour is perfect for Vietnam and Cambodia. The temples of Angkor and Halong Bay deserve to be Wonders of the World as they are both heavenly.*



▲ HALONG BAY



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Awe-inspiring Angkor
- Charming Phnom Penh
- Verdant Mekong Delta
- Vibrant Saigon and Hanoi

## ITINERARY

**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.

**Day 3: Floating village**  
Spend the morning experiencing life on the water in the floating village of Tonle Sap. From here continue to Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by the jungle.

**Day 4: Explore Angkor**  
The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Begin at Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle continuing to the city of Angkor Thom to reach the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat.

**Day 5: Discover Phnom Penh**  
Fly to Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Visit the magnificent Royal

Palace and Silver Pagoda before admiring the artefacts at the National Museum.

**Day 6: Fly to Saigon**  
Visit the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum before climbing up to the hilltop Wat Phnom. Fly to Saigon.

**Day 7: Explore Saigon**  
The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Visit the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office; the Reunification Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Visit Cholon and see the beautiful Thien Hau Pagoda before finishing at the lively Ben Thanh Market.

**Day 8: Mekong Delta Cruise**  
Pop down to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Return to Saigon.

**Day 9: Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh**  
Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before travelling to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Return to Saigon.

**Day 10: Discover Hoi An**  
Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route. Take a walking tour of this laidback and wilfully traditional town to see the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market.

**Day 11: Tra Que village**  
Drive out into the countryside to the small farming community of Tra Que. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside and see the farmers at work. Enjoy a free afternoon back in Hoi An.

**Day 12: Hue's Imperial Citadel**  
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. Take a drive up to the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City to explore.

**Day 13: Royal Tombs**  
Visit the UNESCO Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. Continue to the Thien Mu Pagoda before cruising on the Perfume River. Fly to Hanoi.

**Days 14-15: Halong Bay**  
Spend two days aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Spend the night on the boat before returning to Hanoi where you will take an exciting cyclo ride through Hanoi's Old Quarter before seeing the famous water puppets show.

**Days 16-17: Fly Hanoi to UK**  
Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature, before transferring to the airport for an overnight flight to the UK.

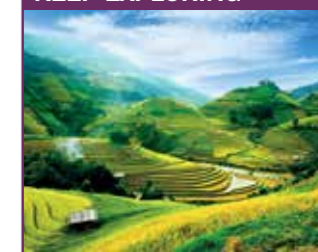


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**SAPA 4 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £340PP**

**Day 16: Overnight train to Sapa**  
Board an overnight soft sleeper train to the hill station of Sapa. (B)

**Days 17-18: 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 19: 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 20: Depart Hanoi**  
Transfer to the airport. (B)

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08 Jan - 24 Jan	£3,090	12 Feb - 28 Feb	£3,090	18 Mar - 03 Apr	£2,990	15 Apr - 01 May	£2,890	05 Aug - 21 Aug	£2,890	23 Sep - 09 Oct	£2,890
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# LAOS & CAMBODIA UNVEILED

Embark on an epic adventure through the rich, pristine heritage and undiscovered beauty of Laos to captivating Cambodia where you can confront a tragic past in Phnom Penh and find your inner explorer amongst the magnificent temples of Angkor.

**17 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON £2,890**

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**MODERATE PACE**

**Price includes:**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)

**Flight and supplement information**

**Based on London Heathrow departures**

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,170 (Vientiane - Phnom Penh)
- Single room from £590
- Tipping paid locally US\$75



▲ XIENG THONG, LUANG PRABANG



▲ KUANG SI WATERFALLS



▲ BUDDHIST MONKS, LUANG PRABANG



▲ PHNOM PENH



▲ ANGKOR WAT

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MR SUM SOKHY**

*Angkor Wat never fails to impress. And it's not the only thing worth seeing in this kingdom of wonders.*



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Temples & Wats of Vientiane
- Vang Vieng Countryside
- Turquoise Kuang Si Waterfalls
- Awe-inspiring Angkor

**ITINERARY**

- Days 1-2: Fly to Vientiane**  
Fly overnight to Vientiane via Bangkok. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.
- Day 3: Explore Vientiane**  
Nestled in a sleepy bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Visit the Morning Market, Wat Si Saket and Wat Phra Keo, the former Royal Temple, before viewing That Luang Stupa and the Patuxai Victory Monument. Dinner this evening will be accompanied by a traditional Lao music and dance performance.
- Day 4: Vang Vieng karst landscapes**  
Travel by road to Vang Vieng. After lunch, venture into the Tham Chang and Tham Loup caves before wandering through the dramatic limestone karst countryside beside the Nam Song River.
- Day 5: Luang Prabang**  
Continue the journey north stopping en route at Phounkoun to visit the bustling market. This evening explore Luang Prabang's excellent night market where you can buy plenty of hilltribe crafts and sample delicious local food.
- Day 6: Explore Luang Prabang**  
Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos and a place of vivid colours,

- extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. Take a walking tour of the characterful old town visiting the exquisite Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong before climbing Phousi Hill for panoramic views.
- Day 7: Pak Ou Caves**  
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, before driving out of the city 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. Return to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.
- Day 9: Takbat**  
Rise early this morning to witness the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms from locals – the ceremony of Takbat. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. The rest of the morning is at leisure before flying to Siem Reap. 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 at Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. Continue to the city of Angkor Thom, passing through the South Gate to reach the

enigmatic Bayon at its centre and visit the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. 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. Weather permitting, there will be an optional tethered hot air balloon ride to view the Wat from above.

- Day 11: Floating villages**  
Spend the morning on Tonle Sap Lake exploring the floating villages, schools and restaurants. From here continue to Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by jungle. Back in Siem Reap visit Les Artisans D'Angkor where disadvantaged youths are taught traditional Cambodian handicrafts. This evening enjoy the sights and sounds of an Apsara dance performance.
- Day 12: Banteay Srei**  
Admire the captivating Banteay Srei, a richly embellished Hindu Temple made of rose coloured sandstone. Wander the atmospheric ruins of Preah Khan. Ascend to the summit of the high-reaching temple Pre Rup in time to watch the sunset over the rice fields.
- Day 13: Rural Battambang**  
Depart Siem Reap for the city of Battambang, stopping off at the National Silk Centre where you can learn about the silk creation process.
- Day 14: Explore Battambang**  
Battambang is set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes. Head out of town to the 12th-century Prasat Banan Temple returning to Battambang via Cambodia's only vineyard for a wine tasting. Visit a local NGO, La Maison de Coco, where traditional skills such as weaving are taught to locals.
- Day 15: Phnom Penh**  
Journey south to Cambodia's charming capital Phnom Penh. On the way, stop at the 17th-century capital of Udong. Also visit a traditional pottery workshop and climb Touch Hill to admire the scenery. This afternoon, learn about the tragedies of the recent past at the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum.

**Days 16-17: Phnom Penh & fly to UK**  
Spend the morning marvelling at the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before scaling the small hill topped by Wat Phnom. Transfer to the airport to board your flight back to the UK, arriving the next day.



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**BANGKOK**  
3 NIGHTS FROM £210PP

Discover the dynamic city of Bangkok, full of contrasts of ancient and modern Thailand. Bargain at the markets, take a tuk tuk ride around the city streets or marvel at the Grand Palace.

See page 92.  
Based on international flights with Thai Airways.



▲ TONLE SAP LAKE

**DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Sunday**

2016 DATES			2017 DATES		
12 Feb - 28 Feb	£2,890	14 Oct - 30 Oct	£2,890	11 Nov - 27 Nov	£2,890
				10 Feb - 26 Feb	£2,990
				13 Oct - 29 Oct	£2,990
				10 Nov - 26 Nov	£2,990





# INDOCHINA DELIGHTS

Venture deep into the heart of Indochina, traversing the Southeast Asian peninsula through the vastly contrasting landscapes and fascinating heritage of three magnificent countries – vivacious Vietnam, enchanting Laos and captivating Cambodia.

**17 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON £2,890**

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**

**MODERATE PACE**



▲ TONLE SAP

**Price includes:**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Laos visa not included (bought locally)

**Flight and supplement information**

**Based on London Heathrow departures**

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,260 (Saigon - Siem Reap)
- Single room from £380
- Tipping paid locally US\$90



▲ ANGKOR THOM

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: BUI ANH DUC**

Within a few weeks you will see most of the major highlights of three countries and of course taste and compare different local foods in each.



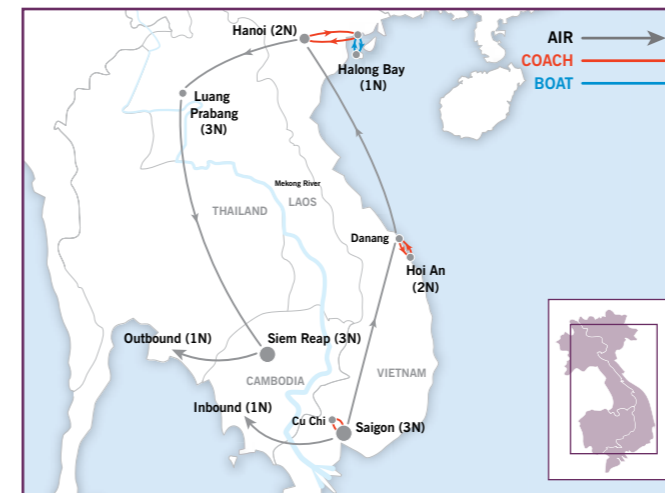
▲ HALONG BAY



▲ JAPANESE BRIDGE, HOI AN



▲ LUANG PRABANG



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Historical Saigon and Hanoi
- Spectacular Halong Bay
- Buddhist Takbat Ceremony
- Breathtaking Angkor Wat

**ITINERARY**

**Days 1-2: Fly to Saigon**

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

**Day 3: Discover Saigon**

Sightseeing today includes a visit to Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum. Later, visit Cholon and the Thien Hau Pagoda followed by a stroll through Ben Thanh Market.

**Day 4: 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 return to Saigon for an afternoon at leisure.

**Day 5: Marble Mountains**

Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO town of Hoi An, stopping at the Marble Mountains en route.

**Day 6: Hoi An Walking tour**

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An, a wonderfully laidback, graceful and wilfully traditional town. Visit one of the oldest homes, still occupied by

descendants of merchants that built it over 200 years ago. Also visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, Hoi An Market and a local Chinese Pagoda. The afternoon is at leisure to visit the local markets or relax in a riverside café.

**Day 7: Explore Hanoi**

Fly to Hanoi, a charming and richly historic city of lakes, parks and shaded boulevards. Sightseeing includes a visit to the Temple of Literature and Ngoc Son Temple – you'll also take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter, an area of market alleys still laid out as they were 300 years ago.

**Days 8-9: Halong Bay Junk Cruise**

Spend the day aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising 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 amongst the magnificent seascapes. Return to Hanoi the following day and in the evening, watch a performance of the famous water puppets.

**Day 10: Luang Prabang**

An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid

colours, an extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. The afternoon is free for your own exploration. Ascend Phousi Hill for delightful city views.

**Day 11: Discover Luang Prabang**

Rise early to watch a Takbat alms giving ceremony. 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 Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre. This evening witness a local Bacì Ceremony.

**Day 13: Siem Reap**

Fly to Siem Reap and visit Banteay Srei Temple. Climb to the summit of Pre Rup Temple at sunset for a spectacular view of the surrounding landscape.

**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. Rising early, the tour begins at Ta Prohm. Next visit the walled city of Angkor Thom where you'll pass through the magnificent South Gate. 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. The rest of the day is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. It is easy to while away an afternoon in its shady precincts, examining its wealth of fascinating and intricate embellishments.

**Day 15: Tonle Sap & Beng Melea**

Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake where you can see the floating villages and observe

the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Melea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by the jungle – release your inner adventurer and explore. On the way back to Siem Reap, visit Les Artisans D'Angkor, a workshop which teaches traditional crafts to local people.

**Days 16-17: Fly Siem Reap to UK**

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.



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**SINGAPORE**  
3 NIGHTS FROM £260PP

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 91.  
Based on international flights with Singapore Airlines.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Saturday returning Monday**

2016 DATES									
16 Jan - 01 Feb	£3,290	05 Mar - 21 Mar	£2,990	09 Apr - 25 Apr	£2,890	10 Sep - 26 Sep	£2,990	22 Oct - 07 Nov	£2,990
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2017 DATES									
14 Jan - 30 Jan	£3,390	04 Mar - 20 Mar	£3,190	08 Apr - 24 Apr	£3,090	09 Sep - 25 Sep	£3,190	21 Oct - 06 Nov	£3,190
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# VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS

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

**18 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON £2,490**

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**

**MODERATE PACE**



▲ HALONG BAY

**Price includes:**

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- Accommodation
- All meals
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**Flight and supplement information**

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▲ IMPERIAL CITADEL, HUE



▲ WATER PUPPETS



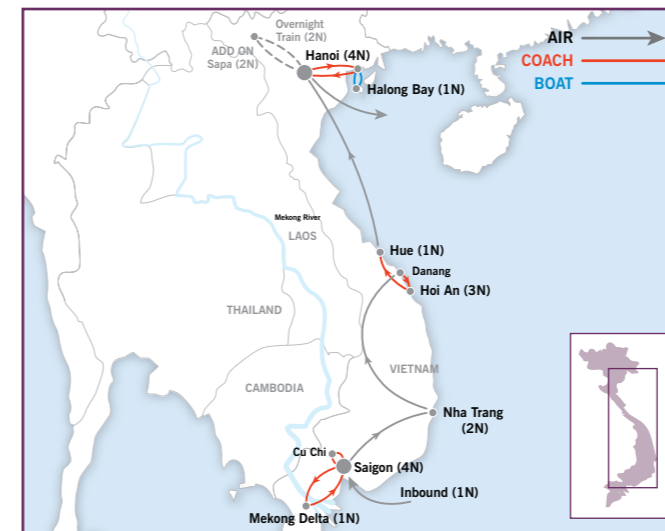
▲ NHA TRANG



▲ SAIGON

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MINH THOI DANG**

Visit the highlights of my wonderful country – you'll be amazed by the beauty of Saigon, the charms of Hoi An and Halong Bay – the jewel of Indochina.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Mekong Delta cruise
- Island cruise, Nha Trang
- Overnight on Halong Bay
- Flourishing Hanoi and Saigon

## 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**  
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 Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, both legacies of a colonial past. Spend time at 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. Stay overnight at a local farmer's house to experience authentic Vietnamese hospitality.
- Day 5: Floating Markets**  
Continue your explorations cruising through the Cai Be Floating Market, where you'll see boats piled high with colourful local produce. Return to Saigon.
- Day 6: Cu Chi Tunnels**  
Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels. Return to Saigon.
- Day 7: Seaside Nha Trang**  
Fly to Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.
- Day 8: Nha Trang 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.
- Day 9: Marble Mountains**  
Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route.
- Day 10: Explore Hoi An on foot**  
Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place to explore. Visit a historical house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market. The afternoon is at leisure.
- Day 11: My Son**  
Explore the enchanting Cham ruins of My Son. Built in the 4th century, the temples aren't in

perfect condition but the site is intimate and swallowed up by lush jungle, which adds to the sense of adventure. Return to Hoi An.

**Day 12: Hue's Imperial Citadel**  
Travel 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 imposing Imperial Citadel, and Forbidden Purple City.

**Day 13: Perfume River**  
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang and the Thien Mu Pagoda. Cruise on the Perfume River before flying to Hanoi.

**Day 14: Discover Hanoi**  
Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda, the Ethnology Museum and Temple of Literature before a thrilling cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets.

**Day 15: Duong Lam traditional village**  
Duong Lam is well known for its wonderfully preserved historic houses. Visit Mia Pagoda and observe the daily life of the locals in traditional village surroundings before returning to Hanoi. In the evening see a performance of the famous water puppets.

**Days 16-17: Halong Bay junk cruise**  
Spend two days aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Spend the night on the boat and enjoy fresh seafood prepared onboard.

**Day 18: Fly Hanoi to UK**  
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



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**SAPA 4 NIGHTS EXTRA**  
FROM £290PP

- Day 17: Overnight train to Sapa**  
Arrive in Hanoi and board an overnight soft sleeper train to the hill station of Sapa. (B,L,D)
- 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,D)
- 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,D)
- Day 21: Depart Hanoi**  
Transfer to the airport. (B)

*This is an optional group tour extension.*

**DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Monday**

2016 DATES									
29 Jan - 15 Feb	£2,790	04 Mar - 21 Mar	£2,790	01 Apr - 18 Apr	£2,490	10 Jun - 27 Jun	£2,490	30 Sep - 17 Oct	£2,590
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# VIETNAM PANORAMA

Travel overland through the verdant south of Vietnam – from the riverside life of the Mekong to lush and fresh Dalat, up the beautiful coastline to ancient Hue. Finish off by exploring colonial Hanoi and cruising on tranquil Halong Bay.

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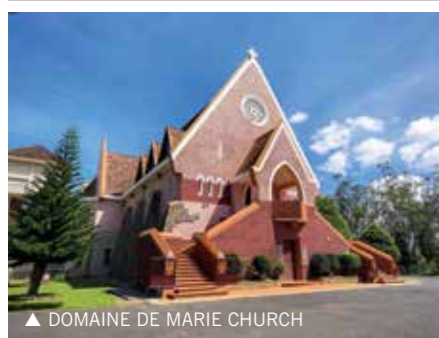
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▲ HO CHI MINH MAUSOLEUM, HANOI



▲ HALONG BAY



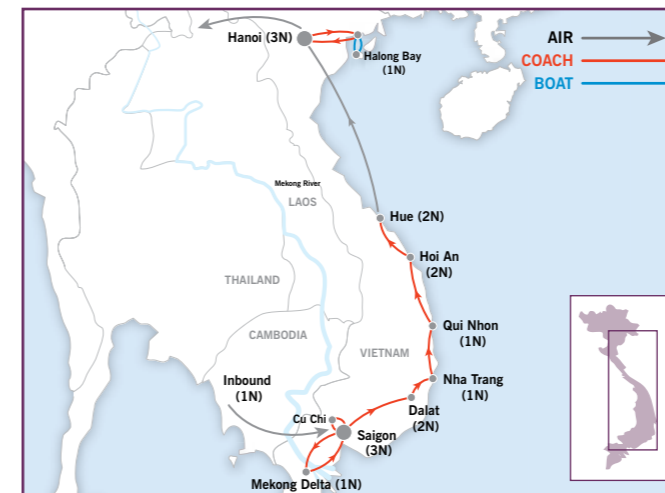
▲ DOMAINE DE MARIE CHURCH



▲ DALAT

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: NGUYEN QUAN**

The Vietnam Panorama tour is wonderful as, in 18 days, you'll get to see most of Vietnam by visiting the wonderful sights and tasting all the local foods.



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cultural Saigon and Hanoi
- The lush Highlands
- Beaches of Nha Trang
- Overnight on Halong Bay

**ITINERARY**

- Days 1-2: Fly to Saigon**  
Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative and largest city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.
- Day 3: Cu Chi Tunnels**  
Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. Seamlessly blending past and present, Saigon is the city that is driving Vietnam towards a brighter future. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, both legacies of a colonial past. Spend time at 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**  
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. Travel to Can Tho for an overnight stay.
- Day 5: Floating Market**  
Visit the Cai Rang floating market to see the goods on sale and
- Day 6: Dalat Hill Station**  
Head up into the cooler climes and wonderful scenery of the highlands to the colonial town of Dalat, stopping at Bao Loc tea plantation en route. This afternoon is free to enjoy locally grown coffee and enjoy the picturesque views.
- Day 7: Explore Dalat**  
Visit the Domaine de Marie Church, the Flower Gardens and an embroidery workshop before boarding an open-air train to journey out through the fantastic scenery to Trai Mat village. End the day browsing the stalls of Dalat's busy market.
- Day 8: Coastal Nha Trang**  
We wend our way down from the highlands and along the coast to Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. Take to the turquoise waters for a cruise around the bay's many islands with a stop off at one to enjoy a swim in the balmy waters.
- Day 9: Qui Nhon**  
Visit 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.

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

**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.

**Day 12: Imperial Hue**

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. Take a drive to the imposing Imperial Citadel, based on Beijing's Forbidden City.

**Day 13: Royal Tombs**

Cruise along the Perfume River to Thein Mu Pagoda before heading for An Thien House. Visit the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang.

**Day 14: Old Quarter cyclo tour**

Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Admire the collections of the Fine Arts Museum and take a cyclo through the atmospheric tangle of streets that make up the Old Quarter.

**Day 15: Discover Hanoi**

Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. This afternoon is at your leisure before an evening performance of the famous water puppets.

**Days 16-17: Halong Bay**

Spend the day aboard a traditional junk cruising through the awe-inspiring beauty of Halong Bay. A fresh seafood meal is included during your voyage. The next day enjoy a visit to Sung Sot Cave before returning to Hanoi.

**Day 18: Fly Hanoi to UK**

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

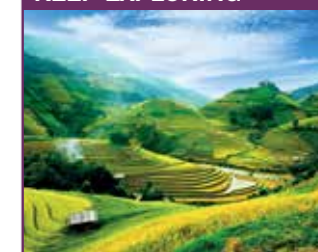


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**KEEP EXPLORING**



**SAPA 4 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £340PP**

**Day 17: Overnight train to Sapa**

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

**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**

Transfer to the airport. (B)  
*This is an optional private tour extension.*

**DEPARTURES – Departing Sunday returning Wednesday**

2016 DATES											
17 Jan - 03 Feb	£2,690	06 Mar - 23 Mar	£2,690	27 Mar - 13 Apr	£2,490	15 May - 01 Jun	£2,290	04 Sep - 21 Sep	£2,490	13 Nov - 30 Nov	£2,590
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**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: SUM SOKHY**

*I have ambition in showing and sharing my knowledge to visitors from around the world about our country and Khmer culture.*



▲ TONLE SAP RIVER



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hanoi's Old Quarter
- Tonle Sap Wetlands
- Seven-night Mekong cruise
- Awe-inspiring Angkor

**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**

Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature before taking a cyclo and walking tour around the Old Quarter to sample a range of local cuisine.

**Days 4-5: Cruise Halong Bay**

Spend two days aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising 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 via the Marble Mountains to Hoi An.

**Day 7: Discover Hoi An**

Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cooking class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. This afternoon take a walking tour of Hoi An. A wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful market and a Chinese temple.

**Day 8: Discover Saigon**

Transfer to Danang for your flight to Saigon. A seamless blend of past and present, Saigon offers a high-octane ride into Vietnam's ever brighter future. Experience Notre Dame Cathedral and the neoclassical Central Post Office designed by Gustave Eiffel; also visit the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. Finish up browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market.

**Day 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. You'll then travel to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Return to Saigon.

**Day 10: Mekong River Cruise**

Transfer to My Tho, a city on the Mekong Delta, to board your elegant cruise vessel. Sit on the sundeck and sip your welcome cocktail before dining on delicious local cuisine in the bistro-style

restaurant. Later, retire to your comfortable stateroom for the night.

**Day 11: Cai Be and Sa Dec**  
Experience the floating market of Cai Be and enjoy a sampan cruise excursion to Sa Dec and Vinh Long.

**Day 12: Cham Tribal village and Chau Doc**

Visit a Cham Tribal village, a catfish farm and enjoy a trishaw ride around Chau Doc. Cruise through the Cambodian border, overnighing near Phnom Penh.

**Day 13: Phnom Penh**

Cambodia's capital is a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Take a cyclo ride around the centre to see the main sights, including the dazzling Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. This afternoon visit the harrowing Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Museum.

**Day 14: Tonle River**

Travel up the Tonle Sap River by boat or road (depending on water levels) to Kampong Chhnang where you will take a motorboat excursion into the wetlands.

**Day 15: Countryside scenery**

Enjoy a leisurely morning stroll around the village of Chong Koh where we can see the local silk-weavers at work. Cruise on past timeless rural scenes and peaceful villages making a stop at Peam Chi Kang village to meet the local people.

**Day 16: Wat Hanchey**

Visit the hilltop temple of Wat Hanchey, just north of Kampong Cham on the river. This afternoon see the twin holy mountains of Phnom Pros and Phnom Srey before heading to the ecotourism village of Choeungkok.

**Day 17: Siem Reap**

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

**Day 18: Explore Angkor**

Encompassing the seats of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries the Angkor Archaeological Park covers 400 square kilometres and includes

over 1,000 temples. Rising early, the tour begins at Ta Prohm. Continue to the walled city of Angkor Thom, passing through the South Gate flanked by 54 stone figures. Reach the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace and Leper King before dedicating your afternoon to Angkor Wat, an exemplar of Khmer architecture and a monument to religious devotion.

**Day 19: Tonle Sap Lake**

Spend the morning experiencing life on the water in the floating village of Kampong Kleang. From here continue to Beng Melea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by the jungle.

**Days 20-21: Fly Siem Reap to UK**

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.



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See page 92.  
Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Thursday returning Tuesday**

2016 DATES					
29 Sep - 18 Oct	£4,790	13 Oct - 01 Nov	£4,790	10 Nov - 29 Nov	£4,890
24 Nov - 13 Dec	£4,890				





# TREASURES OF VIETNAM & CHINA

This epic tour effortlessly blends the captivating charms of Vietnam with the extensive and fascinating history of China. Explore Saigon, cruise Halong Bay, view adorable pandas, marvel at the Terracotta Warriors and walk along the Great Wall on one memorable adventure.

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- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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**Flight and supplement information**

**Based on London Heathrow departures**

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,930 (Saigon - Shanghai)
- Single room from £680
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▲ GIANT PANDA



▲ HALONG BAY



▲ HOI AN



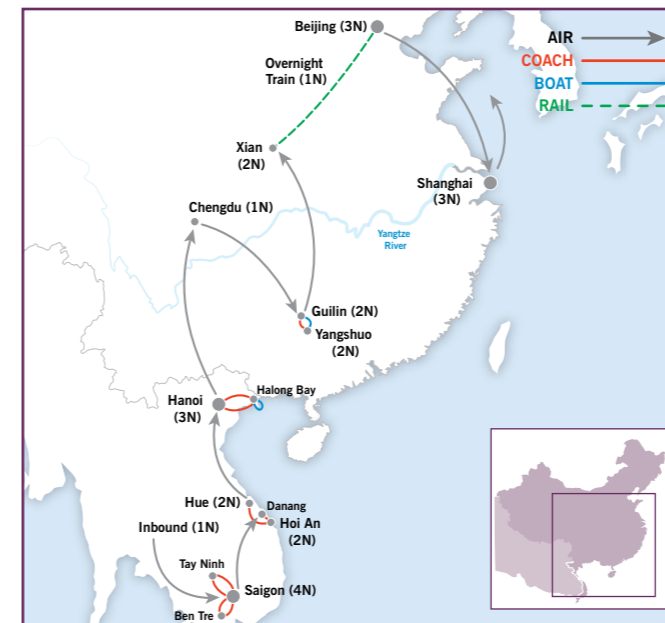
▲ TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: CHRISTIAN**

You can enjoy the beautiful scenery of two countries on this one tour, experiencing different cultures and getting a closer look into local people's lives.



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- The verdant Mekong Delta
- Enchanting Hoi An
- Giant Pandas
- Great Wall and Warriors

**ITINERARY**

**Day 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**

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 Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office – legacies of a colonial past, the Reunification Palace and Ben Thanh Market. Also visit the War Remnants Museum, Cholon, and Thien Hau Pagoda.

**Day 4: Mekong Delta Cruise**

Travel to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Return to Saigon.

**Day 5: Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh**

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before travelling to Tay Ninh to attend

the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Return to Saigon.

**Days 6-7: Historic Hoi An**

Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO listed Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route. Take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander around – visit an old merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the market. The next day, visit Tra Que Village.

**Days 8-9: Imperial Hue**

Travel to Hue. Drive to the imposing Imperial Citadel to explore. The next day, voyage along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda before travelling to An Hien House. Finally visit the UNESCO Royal Tomb of Minh Mang.

**Day 10: Colonial Hanoi**

Fly to the capital city of Hanoi, dubbed the 'Paris of the Orient'. Visit the Fine Arts Museum, walk to Hoan Kiem Lake and watch a Water Puppet show.

**Day 11: Halong Bay Junk cruise**

Take a traditional Junk cruise amongst karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. Return to Hanoi.

**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 walk past Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, the Stilt House and One Pillar Pagoda. Also visit the Temple of Literature and take a cyclo ride through Hanoi's charming Old Quarter.

**Days 13-14: Pandas**

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

**Day 15: Reed Flute Cave**

This morning, visit Mount Diecai, also known as 'Folded Brocade Hill'. Later, see the colourful formations of the Reed Flute Cave.

**Days 16-17: Li River Cruise and Yangshuo**

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo and explore the colourful markets. The next morning, explore this unique rural location before taking the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, see the famous cormorant fishermen.

**Day 18: Shui Jiao dumplings**

Travel to Guilin and fly to Xian. The start of the Silk Road, Xian is an incredible melting pot of religions and cultures. This evening indulge in traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

**Day 19: Terracotta Warriors**

The Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang has intrigued visitors for years. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks standing sentinel in their mysterious necropolis before strolling on Xian's city walls.

**Day 20: Discover Xian**

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda then board an overnight train to Beijing.

**Day 21: Summer Palace**

Arriving in Beijing, savour the idyllic landscapes of the Summer

Palace. Stroll through the Long Walk, admire carefully cultivated gardens and wonder at the Marble Boat built for Empress Dowager Xi Ci. This evening sample the local delicacy – Peking duck.

**Day 22: Imperial Beijing**

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Also visit the lovely Temple of Heaven and wander through the adjacent park where you can see local people playing cards and mahjong.

**Day 23: The Great Wall**

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Round off the day with a Chinese acrobatic show.

**Days 24-26: Modern Pudong**

Fly to Shanghai and spend the following days exploring this cosmopolitan city. Visits include the Yu Gardens, the Old Town, Shanghai Museum and the colonial architecture of the Bund. Discover modern Pudong, dine on traditional Shanghai cuisine and take a cruise on the panoramic Huangpu River.

**Day 27: Fly Shanghai to UK**

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



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- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Laos visa not included

**Flight and supplement information**

**Based on London Heathrow departures**

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,060 (Saigon - Siem Reap)
- Single room from £590
- Tipping paid locally US\$160



▲ ANGKOR WAT

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: PHAM CUONG**

Taking almost one month to visit Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, you can experience a lot of things from these destinations that you'll never forget.



▲ SAPA



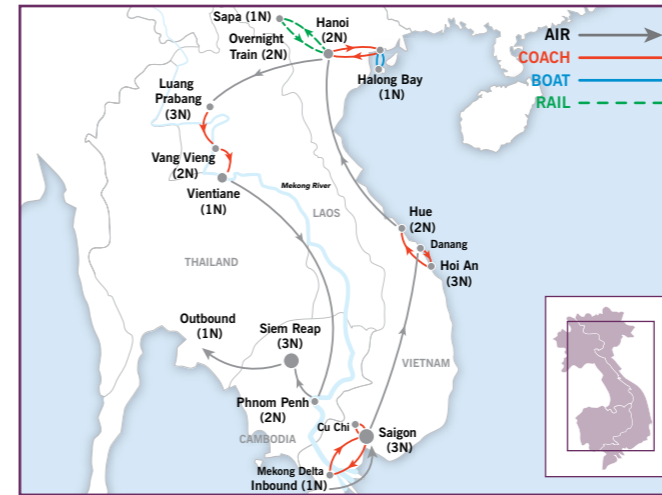
▲ HALONG BAY



▲ THE BAYON



▲ MEKONG RIVER



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Scenic Sapa Rice Terraces
- Verdant Mekong Delta
- Buddhist Takbat Ceremony
- Magnificent Angkor Wat

**ITINERARY**

**Days 1-2: Fly to Saigon**  
Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

**Day 3: Discover Saigon**  
This morning, contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but it is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Visit the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office; the Reunification Palace; and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Finish at the lively Ben Thanh Market.

**Day 4: Mekong Delta**  
Pop down to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. This area is called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam' – paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Return to Saigon.

**Days 5-6: Explore Hoi An**  
Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An, with a stop at the Marble Mountains en route. This afternoon take a walking tour of Hoi An including the elaborate

Japanese Bridge. The next morning drive to Tra Que Village.

**Day 7: Hoi An**  
Spend a day at leisure to explore and unwind in this wilfully traditional town.

**Days 8-9: Hue's Imperial Citadel**  
Travel the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. Visit the UNESCO Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. The next day take a cyclo ride up to the imposing Imperial Citadel before seeing Thien Mu Pagoda and cruise along the Perfume River.

**Day 10: Hanoi**  
Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and Temple of Literature. Later, board an overnight train to Sapa.

**Days 11-12: Sapa countryside**  
Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces exploring colourful markets, minority villages and tribal architecture. Board the overnight train back to Hanoi.

**Day 13: Water puppets**  
On arrival back in Hanoi, browse the exhibits of the Ethnology Museum, afterwards taking a thrilling cyclo ride through Hanoi's Old Quarter. This evening enjoy a performance of the famous water puppets.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Saturday returning Friday**

2016 DATES													
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**Days 14-15: Cruise Halong Bay**  
Spend two days aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi.

**Day 16: Luang Prabang**  
Fly to Luang Prabang. This afternoon is free for your own exploration. Ascend Phousi Hill for delightful views this evening.

**Day 17: Takbat**  
Rise early to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat. Visit Wat Xieng Thong and take to the waters of the Mekong to visit the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of miniature Buddhist sculptures that reside within.

**Day 18: Kuang Si Waterfalls**  
This morning visit the National Museum. Marvel at the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls before returning to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.

**Day 19: Vang Vieng countryside**  
Visit Pathang Village for stunning karst mountain views.

**Day 20: Explore Vang Vieng**  
Venture into the Tham Chang and Tham Loup caves before wandering through dramatic countryside beside the Nam Song River.

**Day 21: Discover Vientiane**  
Continue south to Vientiane. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is more a friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Visit Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument.

**Day 22: Royal Palace**  
Fly to Phnom Penh. A city of airy boulevards and colonial villas, Phnom Penh has been engulfed by energy and optimism making it a pleasurable place to be. Today's visits include the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. Later on admire the artefacts of the lovely National Museum.

**Day 23: Explore Phnom Penh**  
Visit the children of the Apsara Arts Association and the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum,

later exploring the Russian and Central markets.

**Day 24: Sunset from Pre Rup**  
Ascend to the hilltop Wat Phnom before transferring to the airport to fly to Siem Reap. Visit the captivating Banteay Srei – a richly-embellished rose-coloured sandstone temple, before watching the sunset from the summit of Pre Rup.

**Day 25: Explore Angkor**  
The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Begin at Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle, continuing to Angkor Thom and passing through the South Gate to reach the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat.

**Day 26: Tonle Sap**  
Spend the morning experiencing life on the water in the floating villages of Tonle Sap. From here continue to Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by jungle. On the way back to Siem Reap, visit Les Artisans D'Angkor.

**Days 27-28: Fly Siem Reap to UK**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the following day.

**STOPOVER IN...**



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# THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS

Thailand weaves an image of glittering temples, lush jungle and golden sunshine, all entwined with a rich heritage that has remained staunchly unchanged for centuries. It is also fun-loving, friendly and exotic – discover more of Bangkok and the northern highlands.

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▲ GRAND PALACE BANGKOK

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- Accommodation
- All meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

**Flight and supplement information**

**Based on London Heathrow departures**

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,630 (Bangkok - Chiang Mai)
- Single room from £230
- Tipping paid locally US\$60



▲ AYUTTHAYA



▲ BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI



▲ CHIANG DAO



▲ TEA PLANTATIONS, CHIANG MAI

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MS VILAILUCK**

Join me in discovering Thailand, I very much enjoy showing our clients the diverse beauty and scenery of our Kingdom.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- **Bangkok's Grand Palace**
- **The Bridge over the River Kwai**
- **Highland minority hill tribes**
- **Thai cooking class**

## 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. 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 before strolling through Chinatown. Dine on delicious Thai cuisine and enjoy a show of classic Thai dancing.

■ **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 Wang Po. Here hop on board an old locomotive to travel along a section of the notorious Death Railway passing through the Kwai Gorge to Kanchanaburi. There'll be a stop at the famous bridge before time to visit the Allied Cemetery and the War Museum.

■ **Day 5: Explore Kanchanaburi**

Drive to the Hellfire Pass and visit the fascinating museum before choosing to either hike through the pass or visit the nearby Saiyoke Noi Waterfall. Return to Bangkok in the afternoon.

■ **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.

■ **Day 7: Golden Triangle**

Fly to Chiang Rai, a city in Thailand's northern highlands. Transfer to the area known as the Golden Triangle – the point where the borders of Thailand, Laos and Burma meet. Take a boat ride on the Mekong over the border into Laos and visit Done Sao Island where you can take a leisurely stroll through the local market. Return to Chiang Rai.

■ **Day 8: Mae Salong**

Travel to Mae Salong Mountain, an area well known for its tea plantations – you can sample some of the local brew whilst you are here. Visit one of the many tea plantations, meet the Yao Tribe, and take a walk through Ban Lorcha, an Akha village, which is an excellent example of a sustainable tourism project.

■ **Day 9: White Temple**

Explore the striking Buddhist White Temple before departing Chiang Rai. You will stop at a bustling local market to purchase fresh, local ingredients for this evening's dinner. Travel to the mountain village of Mae Kampong where you will immerse yourself in the local culture by spending the night with a family. Spend the afternoon exploring the village and the surrounding area before returning to your host family for dinner. Getting involved in preparing the evening meal is an excellent way to observe and get to know them and their way of life.

■ **Day 10: Discover Chiang Mai**

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

■ **Day 11: Chiang Dao Elephant Camp**

Spend the day at the Chiang Dao Elephant Camp where you can embark on an elephant ride through the forest. The rest of your afternoon is at leisure. After dinner, wander through the colourful night bazaar.

■ **Day 12: Cooking Class**

Discover the secrets of traditional Thai cooking with a morning cookery class. In the afternoon meet the children of Baan Kingkaew Orphanage before heading to Wat Doi Suthep, perched on top of Doi Suthep Mountain, in time for sunset. This evening enjoy a performance of the ancient songs and dances of northern Thailand.

■ **Day 13: Fly Chiang Mai to UK**

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



▲ ELEPHANTS IN CHIANG DAO



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**PHUKET**  
3 NIGHTS FROM £440PP

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

See page 48.  
Includes internal flight from Chiang Mai to Phuket.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Wednesday**

2016 DATES				2017 DATES			
12 Feb - 24 Feb	£2,290	11 Nov - 23 Nov	£2,290	10 Feb - 22 Feb	£2,390	10 Nov - 22 Nov	£2,390





# NORTHERN THAILAND & LAOS ADVENTURE

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.

**16 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON £2,390**

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**

**MODERATE PACE**

**Price includes:**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Excludes Laos visa (bought locally)

**Flight and supplement information**

**Based on London Heathrow departures**

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,720 (Bangkok - Vientiane)
- Single room from £320
- Tipping paid locally US\$70



▲ LUANG PRABANG



▲ WAT DOI SUTHEP



▲ MEKONG



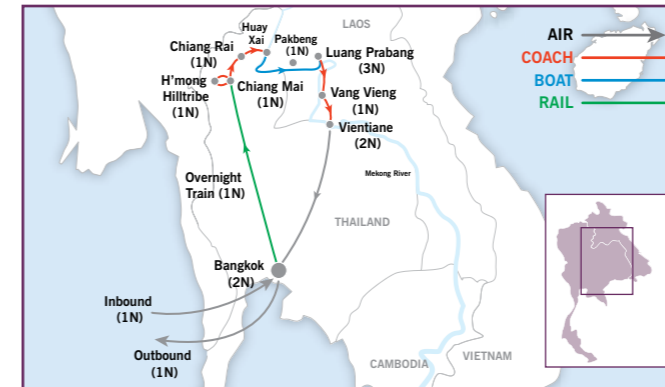
▲ H'MONG HILL TRIBES

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MR. CHAIYA**

Northern Thailand & Laos Adventure really lets you experience the real lifestyles of the local people in these two fascinating countries.



▲ GRAND PALACE BANGKOK



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Exuberant Bangkok
- Overnight with an H'mong Hilltribe
- Spiritual Luang Prabang
- Wats and Stupas of Vientiane

**ITINERARY**

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**Day 4: Overnight train to Chiang Mai**

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and the bizarre Railway Track Market. Later, board an overnight train to travel northwards to Chiang Mai.

**Day 5: Explore Chiang Mai**

The antithesis of Bangkok, Chiang Mai is a chilled out, nonchalant city in the foothills of Thailand's northern highlands. On arrival in Chiang Mai the morning is free. This afternoon browse Talat Warorod market and ascend to Wat Doi Suthep, perched on top of Doi Suthep Mountain, in time for sunset. This evening enjoy 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**

Head up into the Sutho-Pui Mountains to 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: Mae Sa Elephant Park**

Spend the day at the Mae Sa Elephant park where you can embark on an elephant ride. Visit an orchid farm, then drive to Thaton and board a long tail boat on Mae Kok River to Baan Pha Tai, where you'll continue by road to Chiang Rai.

**Day 8: Minority Villages**

Cross the border at Huay Xai into Laos and cruise to Pakbeng, visiting several minority villages en route.

**Day 9: Cruise the Mekong**

Cruise along the Mekong taking in the scenery as you go. Continue to the sacred caves of Pak Ou known for the hundreds of miniature Buddhist sculptures that reside within. Arrive in Luang Prabang in the late afternoon.

**Day 10: 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. Travel by minivan to see the sights including Wat Mai, Wat Visoune and Wat Xieng Thong. After lunch, visit Ban Xang Khong craft village and ascend Phousi Hill for an atmospheric sunset. Finish the day browsing the wares at the bustling market.



▲ WAT PHRA THAT LUANG

**Day 11: Kuang Si Waterfalls**

Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat, when the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms from locals. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. After breakfast, visit the fresh food market and the National Museum which explores the history of Laos. Enjoy the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls and visit the hilltribe market before returning to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.

**Day 12: Vang Vieng karst landscapes**

Drive to Vang Vieng stopping en route at Phoukhoun and Pathang Village where you can admire the spectacular views over karst mountain landscapes.

**Day 13: Explore Vang Vieng**

Spend the morning around Vang Vieng exploring the magnificent Tham Chang Cave or with a stroll to admire the local scenery before transferring to Laos' capital city, Vientiane.

**Day 14: Discover Vientiane**

Nestled in a sleepy bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more a friendly backwater than a chaotic capital. Spend the day exploring with visits to the morning markets; 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. Later, explore Buddha Park then enjoy 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 before catching a flight to Bangkok. Depending on the timing of your international flight back to the UK you may have an afternoon to explore Bangkok on an included half day city tour. Fly back home, arriving the following day.



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**KOH SAMUI**  
3 NIGHTS FROM £320PP

An oasis of natural beauty, Koh Samui is famed for blue skies, palm trees, clear seas and countless coconuts – it offers everything you would expect from an idyllic, tropical beach break.

See page 48. Includes internal flight from Bangkok to Koh Samui.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Tuesday returning Wednesday**

2016 DATES				2017 DATES			
15 Mar - 30 Mar	£2,390	18 Oct - 02 Nov	£2,390	14 Mar - 29 Mar	£2,490	17 Oct - 01 Nov	£2,490



## PHUKET

3 NIGHTS FROM **PER PERSON** £190

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

### Your hotel

Located across from the white sands of Karon Beach, **The Old Phuket** is just steps away from restaurants, shops and the enticing waters of the Andaman. All of the tastefully designed rooms boast spacious balconies, whilst the focal point of the hotel is a beautiful pool, where you can while away the days in the sun.

### Upgrade your experience

Situated in the laid back south of Phuket, away from the tourist hot spots, **The Vijitt Resort** is designed around swaying palms and tropical plants – the natural ambience will leave you

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

### Adding this on

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



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Old Phuket	£190	£130
5★ The Vijitt Resort	£380	£360

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers

## KOH SAMUI

3 NIGHTS FROM **PER PERSON** £160

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

### Your hotel

**The Lamai Wanta** is located right on Lamai beach, its beachfront infinity pool looking out over the sands. The hotel manages to maintain an atmosphere of peace and exclusivity, perfect for relaxation. Rooms are set amongst a tropical garden, facing the beach. The beachfront restaurant serves Thai and Western cuisine.

### Upgrade your experience

On the secluded north end of Koh Samui's popular Chaweng Beach, the traditionally designed **Amari Palm Reef** features two beautiful swimming pools and excellent family facilities.

For those looking for a truly luxurious beachside break, the romantic **Tongsai Bay** sits serenely in an exquisite natural setting. Overlooking a sandy bay, beautiful cottages and villas provide your accommodation with easy access to the private beach and pools.

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Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ The Lamai Wanta	£160	£140
4★ Amari Palm Reef	£320	£245
5★ Tongsai Bay	£440	£370

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers

## HUA HIN

3 NIGHTS FROM **PER PERSON** £350

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

### Your hotel

Overlooking the Gulf of Siam, the highly rated **Rest Detail Hotel** has a blissful beachside location and an irresistible palm-fringed pool at the centre of the property. Expect a boutique hotel experience with attentive and highly personalised staff and a range of excellent facilities from delicious restaurants to a superb spa.

### Upgrade your experience

Situated on the pristine and golden sand stretch of Pak Nampran Bay, **Aleenta Hua Hin** is located to the south of Hua Hin in peaceful Pranburi. With just 22 rooms, this is an authentic hideaway, where

you'll feel millions of miles away from urban influences – this is the place to do absolutely nothing. The dining is world class, the spa is outstanding and your luxurious Ocean View Room is just steps away from the tranquil seafront.

### Adding this on

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



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Rest Detail Hotel	£350	£180
5★ Aleenta Hua Hin	£420	£240

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers

## KOH LANTA

3 NIGHTS FROM **PER PERSON** £480

Located just off the Andaman Coast in Krabi Province, Koh Lanta is an idyllic paradise. This isn't a place to go if you're after big resorts and beachside entertainment – this is where you go for long languid strolls on empty beaches and for peaceful evenings watching the sun set. Koh Lanta resides in Mu Ko Lanta Marine National Park and is famed for its snorkelling and diving.

### Your hotel

**Layana Resort & Spa** is a haven of pampered indulgence, tranquil vistas and personalised service, it features a combination of unique Thai culture and modern luxury. Perfectly positioned on one of the finest beaches in the region, you are surrounded on all sides by natural wonder.

With an adult-only policy and just 50 rooms, the resort is always amazingly peaceful. After you've explored the small island and found your

own stretch of perfect beach - relaxing by the pool, a session or three in the spa or a few glasses of wine at the excellent restaurant can easily turn into several days of bliss.

### Adding this on

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



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
5★ Layana Resort & Spa	£480	£310

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers



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# CLASSIC BURMA

Burma's charm and mystery have captured the imagination of travellers for centuries. Encounter a unique and unspoiled country unlike any other.

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- International flights and taxes
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- All accommodation
- All meals
- Visa applications and fees
- Specialist advice from our travel consultants

Private touring inclusions vary; see page for details

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# BURMA EXPLORER

Burma emanates the exotic glamour of a relatively undiscovered destination. Enchanting, unique and dripping with cultural riches, exploring this magical country and discovering a heritage so far removed from our own can only be immensely rewarding.

**12 DAYS FROM**

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**MODERATE PACE**



▲ SHWEDAGON PAGODA

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- Accommodation
- All meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

**Flight and supplement information**

**Based on London Heathrow departures**

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▲ MT POPA



▲ MANDALAY



▲ BURMESE MONK

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: AYE MOH MOH MYINT**

Visiting Myanmar is about experiencing the daily life – a cup of tea in a teashop, meeting local people – so that you return home with plenty of beautiful memories.



▲ BAGAN



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sacred Shwedagon Pagoda
- Bagan's astounding temples
- Sunset from U Bein Bridge
- 'Leg Rowers' of Inle Lake

**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 walking tour. Encompassing the colonial highlights and more traditional architecture, stroll Strand Road and Pansodan Street before admiring the Sule Pagoda and City Hall. Visit the National Museum and browse in the Bogyoke Market. Finally explore Shwedagon Pagoda whose huge golden stupa dominates the city's skyline. This is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within.

**Day 4: Shwezigon Pagoda**

Fly to Bagan. 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 take a short drive through the scenic countryside to Phwar Saw village. Enjoy a spectacular sunset from the summit of the Aureum Watch Tower.

**Day 5: Mt Popa**

Travel to Mt Popa, an extinct volcano, and visit Taung Kalat, the breathtaking Buddhist Monastery perched on its

summit. Return to Bagan stopping at a typical local village and a toddy palm plantation. This afternoon cruise on the Irrawaddy River to enjoy the sunset.

**Day 6: Mingun and Ava**

Fly to Mandalay and transfer to Mahamuni Pagoda, Shwe Inbin Monastery, the Golden Palace Monastery and Kuthodaw Pagoda. Set sail up the Irrawaddy River to Mingun to visit one of the world's largest bells; Hsinbyume Paya; and the imposing Mingun Pagoda. Visit a silk workshop before finishing the day on Mandalay Hill.

**Day 7: Amarapura and Mandalay**

Drive to Amarapura and visit Mahagandayon Temple, a place of monastic study and home to several thousand young monks. Carry on to the lovely teak wood Bagaya Monastery. Transfer to Ava by boat. Board a horse-drawn carriage to see the sights of this former royal capital – Nanmyint Watch Tower, Maha Aungmye Bonzan Monastery and Bargayar Monastery. Visit the Sagaing Hills before proceeding to the U Bein Bridge for a sunset boat ride.

**Day 8: Kalaw hill station**

Fly to Heho and visit Pindaya Caves, home to thousands of Buddhist images placed here by pilgrims over the centuries. Visit a Shan umbrella and mulberry paper production business. Venture through the Shan Hills to Kalaw, a lively market town where many local minority people come to trade.

**Day 9: Inle Lake**

Visit Pinmagon Monastery to see the Bamboo Buddha, an eight foot Buddha image made of bamboo strips, before visiting the colonial Catholic King Church and the local market. Drive 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. Visit the Shwe Yan Pyae monastery before spending the night near Inle Lake.

**Day 10: Explore Inle Lake**

Transfer by boat to the western shore of the lake to explore the crumbling Indein Pagoda complex. Walk to a nearby villages to see the locals farming with traditional techniques. Pass through the rice fields to Saema to meet the friendly villagers. Visit the famous Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, one of Burma's most scared shrines before admiring the collections of ancient Buddhas at Nga Phe Monastery. Finally visit the weaving village of Inpawkhon.

**Day 11: Rangoon night markets**

Fly to Rangoon and upon arrival visit Gaba Aye Pagoda. Later you'll visit Botataung Pagoda and Nonthida Jetty. This evening, stroll around Chinatown and through the night markets.

**Day 12: Fly Rangoon to UK**

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



▲ INLE LAKE



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**BANGKOK**  
3 NIGHTS FROM £210pp

Discover the dynamic city of Bangkok, full of contrasts of ancient and modern Thailand. Bargain at the markets, take a tuk tuk ride around the city streets or marvel at the Grand Palace.

See page 92.  
Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Thursday returning Monday**

2016 DATES							
11 Feb - 22 Feb	£2,890	10 Mar - 21 Mar	£2,890	20 Oct - 31 Oct	£2,990	10 Nov - 21 Nov	£2,990
2017 DATES							
09 Feb - 20 Feb	£3,090	09 Mar - 20 Mar	£3,090	19 Oct - 30 Oct	£3,190	09 Nov - 20 Nov	£3,190





# IRRAWADDY VOYAGER

The Irrawaddy River continues to be Burma's main highway with many locals living and working on its lush banks. Experience a side of the country that many have yet to explore from the comfort of an elegant cruise boat, sailing from Mandalay to Bagan.

**12 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON £2,990**

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**COMFORTABLE PACE**



▲ IRRAWADDY RIVER

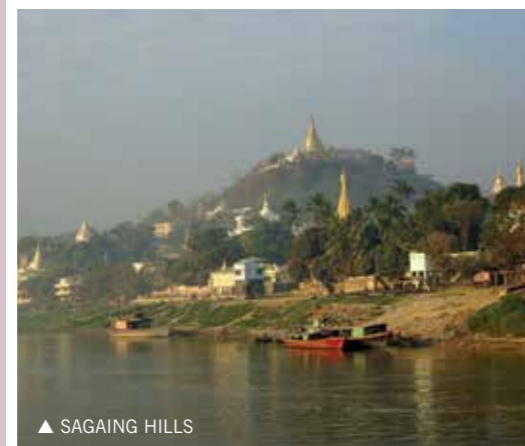
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▲ SAGAING HILLS



▲ SHWEDAGON PAGODA



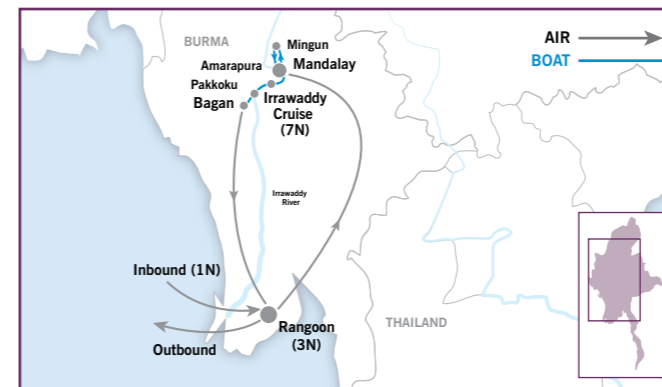
▲ MINGUN PAGODA



▲ BAGAN

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MUANG MUANG**

*I like to be able to give my travellers the keys to understanding, appreciating and loving the people, and culture, of my country.*



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Seven-night Irrawaddy Cruise
- Imposing Mingun Pagoda
- Rural riverside villages
- Enchanting 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: Explore Rangoon**

Rangoon, Burma's capital until its relocation to Naypyidaw in 2006, is the heart of Burma's spiritual life and a bustling city full of crumbling colonial charm. Today will be spent exploring this fascinating city. The first visit is to Sule Pagoda and the Chauk Htat Gyi reclining Buddha. Continuing on, stop for photos at Karaweik Hall, a glittering barge palace floating on Kandawgyi Lake, and stroll through Bogyoke Market. Finally explore Shwedagon Pagoda. Purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within, the pagoda is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site. The complex's huge golden stupa dominates the city's skyline.

**Day 4: Irrawaddy Cruise**

Transfer to the airport and fly to Mandalay where, on arrival, you will board your river cruise vessel on which you will spend the next seven nights. The boat, built in Rangoon, is designed to reflect a golden age of colonial grandeur and features well-appointed cabins, excellent service and a relaxing spa. Sip on a welcome cocktail and take in your new surroundings before settling down to dinner served in the bistro-style dining room.

**Day 5: Mingun**

Wake up to ever-changing river bank surroundings and take a leisurely breakfast outside on the deck to admire the passing views. Enjoy a morning walking tour of the village of Mingun home to what would have been, had it been completed, Burma's largest temple – the Mingun Pagoda. Though incomplete, it is still a monumental structure – 50 metres tall, 72 metres wide and constructed entirely of brick. You'll also see the huge Mingun Bell and the Mingun Old People's Home.

**Day 6: Kyauk Myoung**

Disembark the cruise ship to visit the potteries close to Kyauk Myoung where we'll see Burma's famous 50 gallon water pots being made by hand. Sailing on, the next stop will be Khan-Nyat village, home to many Buddhist monasteries and an orphanage. Get an authentic glimpse of rural village life.

**Day 7: Amarapura**

Visit the Sagaing Hills. An important religious and monastic centre, numerous monasteries and hermitages nestle amongst the greenery of the hills and perch along the ridge above the river making for an impressive sight. Drive to Amarapura to visit the magnificent wooden Bagaya Monastery and the U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood bridge.

**Day 8: Yandabo**

Continue cruising leisurely downstream. Today's visit will be to the village of Yandabo and its school, built through kind donations. The people here specialise in pot-making and you'll be able to see the villagers at work before browsing the local, handcrafted wares.

**Day 9: Pakokku**

Leave the ship to visit the river port of Pakokku. Hop on board a tuk tuk to explore the centre of this interesting and friendly town before a relaxed stroll through the local market.

**Day 10: Bagan**

Arrive in enchanting Bagan. More than 2,000 Buddhist structures of all shapes and sizes strewn across a vast plain offers one of Burma's most evocative and well known sights. The majority of the temples were built in the 11th and 12th centuries when Bagan was the centre of a powerful kingdom – it is said that at that time there were more than 13,000 temples on the plains. Spend the day exploring some of the temples' cool interiors. They are all individual, from imposing to graceful and intricate to simple – there is plenty to see. There will also be a visit to a lacquer workshop so you can see the process behind this traditional craft of the region.

**Day 11: Rangoon**

Bid farewell to the crew of your cruise ship and transfer to the airport to fly to Rangoon. On arrival the rest of the day will be at leisure for you to continue your explorations of the city.

**Day 12: Fly Rangoon to UK**

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▲ CHAUK HTAT GYI RECLINING BUDDHA



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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 49.  
Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Wednesday returning Sunday**

2016 DATES			2017 DATES		
30 Mar - 10 Apr	£2,990	12 Oct - 23 Oct	£3,290	23 Nov - 04 Dec	£3,290
				18 Jan - 29 Jan	£3,490
				15 Feb - 26 Feb	£3,590
				22 Mar - 02 Apr	£3,590





# HIDDEN TREASURES OF BURMA

Burma is Southeast Asia's hidden gem, a destination bursting with magnificent monuments, glittering golden stupas and enigmatic ruins. So long closed to the world, Burma cannot help but invoke images of mysterious wonder and raw adventure.

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**Flight and supplement information**

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▲ BAGAN



▲ U BEIN BRIDGE



▲ MANDALAY HILL



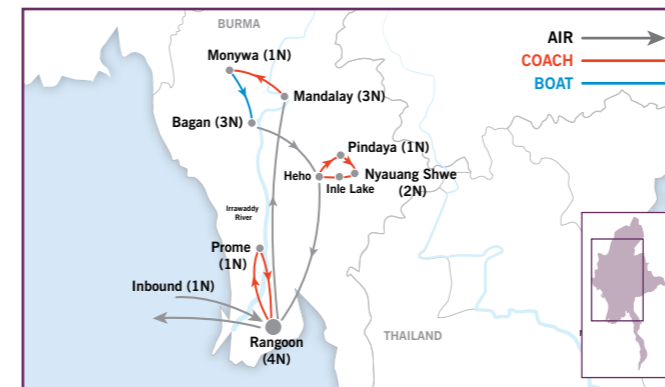
▲ INSEIN PAGODA

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: KHU HLA MAUNG**

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**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sri Ksetra ox cart ride
- Charming Prome countryside
- Mysterious Mt Popa
- Bagan's astounding temples

**ITINERARY**

**Days 1-2: Fly to Rangoon**

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

**Day 3: Discover Rangoon**

Head downtown to the Central Post Office from where we will begin our walking tour. Encompassing the colonial highlights and more traditional architecture, stroll along Strand Road and Pansodan Street before admiring the Sule Pagoda and City Hall. Visit the National Museum and browse in the Bogyoke Market. Finally explore Shwedagon Pagoda. This is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within.

**Day 4: Explore Sri Ksetra**

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

**Day 5: Prome Market**

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

surrounding countryside. Drive back to Rangoon via Shwe Myat Mhan Pagoda, famous for its spectacle-wearing Buddha.

**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 U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood bridge before visiting a silk workshop. Carry on to the lovely teak wood Bagaya Monastery before returning to Mandalay. Take a short boat ride to the former royal capital of Ava. Take a tour by horse-drawn carriage to Nanmyint Watch Tower, Maha Aungmye, Bonzan Monastery and Bargay 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 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; Hsinbyume Paya; 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**

Head to the trading post of Monywa via Thanboddhay Pagoda, said to contain over half a million colourful images of Buddha followed by a visit to the Bodhi Taung where a thousand Buddha images rest at the feet of banyan trees. In the afternoon travel to Hpo Win Taung, a network of sandstone caves full of statues, carvings and murals of Buddha.

**Day 10: Cruise the Irrawaddy**

Drive to the port city of Pakokku with a stop at the wooden monastery of Pakhangyi Kyaung. Visit the lively local market by traditional trishaw and observe the production process of typical Myanmar cotton blankets. Continue by boat down the Irrawaddy to Bagan, arriving in time to catch the sunset.

**Day 11: Explore Bagan**

Visit Nyauang 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, an extinct volcano, and visit Taung Kalat, the breathtaking Buddhist Monastery perched on its summit. Return to Bagan and discover more of its wonderful temples and pagodas. In the evening, travel to temples that are farther 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.

**Day 14: Inle Lake**

Drive to Nyauang Shwe and take to the waters of Inle Lake. The lake is best known for the extraordinary 'Intha' people, who live on and around the water. Visit a local market and see the floating gardens, village life and magnificent scenery. See Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda, Nga

Phe Kyaung Monastery and the weaving village of Inpawkhon.

**Day 15: Insein Pagodas**

Cruise on Inle Lake to the crumbling Insein Pagodas. Built in the 17th-century, it is home to nearly one thousand stupas and pagodas.

**Day 16: Rangoon**

Fly to Rangoon and upon arrival visit Gaba Aye Pagoda. Later you'll visit Botataung Pagoda and Nanthida Jetty. In the evening stroll around Chinatown and through the night markets.

**Day 17: Fly Rangoon to UK**

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



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**KOH LANTA**  
3 NIGHTS FROM £780PP

The idyllic island of Koh Lanta remains relatively untouched by tourism. This is where you go for long languid strolls on empty beaches and for peaceful evenings watching the sunset.

See page 49.  
Based on international flights with Thai Airways.  
Includes return flight from Bangkok.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Thursday returning Saturday**

2016 DATES							
28 Jan - 13 Feb	£3,690	10 Mar - 26 Mar	£3,690	13 Oct - 29 Oct	£3,790	27 Oct - 12 Nov	£3,790
						17 Nov - 03 Dec	£3,790
2017 DATES							
26 Jan - 11 Feb	£3,790	09 Mar - 25 Mar	£3,790	12 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,890	26 Oct - 11 Nov	£3,890
						16 Nov - 02 Dec	£3,890





# SPIRIT OF BURMA

Climb aboard a traditionally-designed Burmese river cruiser to embark on a private voyage of the Irrawaddy, gliding upstream from the breathtaking temple-strewn plains of Old Bagan to the culture rich bustle of Mandalay.

**11 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON £2,990**

**INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**

**COMFORTABLE PACE**

**Price includes:**

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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
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- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

**Flight and supplement information**

- Tour departs any day subject to availability
- Flight upgrades available on request
  - Land only from £2,340 (Rangoon - Rangoon)
  - Single room from £440
  - Sole passenger supplement from £690



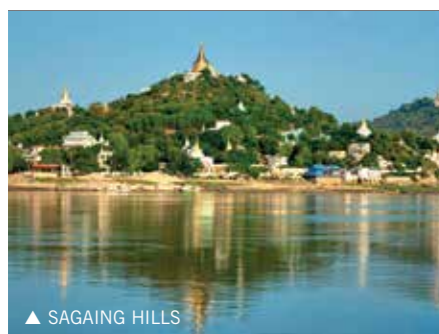
▲ ROYAL PALACE, MANDALAY



▲ U BEIN BRIDGE



▲ IRRAWADDY RIVER



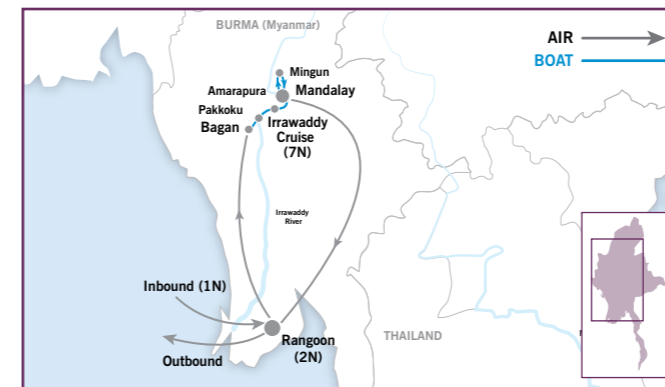
▲ SAGAING HILLS



▲ BAGAN



▲ SHWEDAGON PAGODA



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven-night Irrawaddy Cruise
- Bagan's breathtaking temples
- Teak Monasteries of Pakokku
- Beautiful U Bein Bridge

## ITINERARY

### Days 1-2: Fly to Rangoon

Fly overnight to Rangoon (Yangon). Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. Rangoon, Burma's capital until its relocation to Naypyidaw in 2006, is the heart of Burma's spiritual life and a bustling city full of crumbling colonial charm.

### Day 3: Irrawaddy Cruise

This morning fly to the ancient city of Bagan. On arrival, you will be transferred to your Irrawaddy River cruise ship for a relaxing lunch. Burma's longest river and commercial waterway, the Irrawaddy River is the bloodline of the country and an ideal way to see Burma's stunning natural scenery. This afternoon explore the Bagan Archaeological Zone by coach or bicycle. The former seat of the Kingdom of Bagan, this area is famed for its hypnotising assembly of over 2,000 temples and is often compared to Cambodia's Angkor Wat for its cultural significance and architecture. Watching the sun set over the temples you would be forgiven for thinking you were in another world. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Explore Bagan

Discover more of Bagan, visiting a selection of temples renowned for their decorative designs.

Later visit a traditional lacquer workshop where you will also have the opportunity to buy intricately lacquer-designed items. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Sail to Pakokku

Sail upstream on the Irrawaddy River to the lively river town of Pakokku, where ancient teak wood monasteries are the home to thousands of robe-draped monks. The intricate, wood carvings decorating the monasteries are an unsurpassed architectural artform. Visit the colourful local market which sells exciting home made snacks and wares, then tour the town centre by tuk tuk. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Irrawaddy Countryside

Sail to the village of Yandabo, location of the signing of the Treaty of Yandabo which ended the first Anglo-Burmese War in 1826. See the production of the area's most famous item, terracotta pottery, which is made from the riverbank's clay. In the afternoon, return to your boat for a soothing journey as you cruise further north on your boat towards Mandalay. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Ava & Amarapura

Arrive in Mandalay this morning and take an excursion to the rural villages of Ava and Amarapura. See the U Bein Bridge, the longest wooden teak bridge in the world. The bridge is still used today as an important thoroughfare for local people. Continue to the the marvellous 19th century teak temple of Bagaya Kyaung. Take an evening walk in the picturesque Sagaing



▲ U BEIN BRIDGE

Hills, dotted with hermitages and nunneries as you enjoy a captivating sunset. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Mingun

Start the day with a wander through the riverside hamlet of Mingun, home to the impressive Mingun Temple and the massive Mingun Bell. The Mingun Temple is an uncompleted 18th century stupa which, if finished, would have been the largest in the world. Dramatically cracked by an earthquake in 1838, work on the Mingun Pagoda ceased as it was said the King would die if it was finished. Next visit the Mingun Bell, the largest workable bell in the world and this afternoon transfer to Kyauk-Myoung to see the amazing pottery. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Mandalay

Return to Mandalay where we will spend the day exploring this colonial city. Mandalay was the last royal capital of Burma before the country was annexed by the British. Mandalay is now considered the centre of Burmese culture and its most important economic hub. Start with a visit to the royal Mandalay Palace, the last residence of the Burmese monarch before it was turned into a fort by British troops. Continue sightseeing on Mandalay Hill, known for its abundance of pagodas and monasteries. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Shwedagon Pagoda

Disembark from your ship in Mandalay this morning and transfer to the airport for your

flight to Rangoon. This afternoon visit the golden Shwedagon Pagoda. This is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within. Watch as young monks chant in a circle round the stupa whilst visitors pray towards this delightfully spiritual monument. (B)

**Day 11: Fly Rangoon to UK**  
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

**STOPOVER IN...**

**BANGKOK**  
**3 NIGHTS FROM £210PP**

Discover the dynamic city of Bangkok, full of contrasts of ancient and modern Thailand. Bargain at the markets, take a tuk tuk ride around the city streets or marvel at the Grand Palace.

See page 92.  
Based on international flights with Thai Airways.

## DEPARTURES – Departing Thursday returning Sunday

2016 DATES													
28 Jan - 07 Feb	£3,090	21 Jul - 31 Jul	£3,090	01 Sep - 11 Sep	£2,990	06 Oct - 16 Oct	£2,990	27 Oct - 06 Nov	£3,190	17 Nov - 27 Nov	£3,190	22 Dec - 01 Jan	£3,390
25 Feb - 06 Mar	£3,090	04 Aug - 14 Aug	£3,090	15 Sep - 25 Sep	£2,990	13 Oct - 23 Oct	£3,190	03 Nov - 13 Nov	£3,190	24 Nov - 04 Dec	£3,190	29 Dec - 08 Jan	£3,390
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2017 DATES													
05 Jan - 15 Jan	£3,290	19 Jan - 29 Jan	£3,290	02 Feb - 12 Feb	£3,290	16 Feb - 26 Feb	£3,290	02 Mar - 12 Mar	£3,390	16 Mar - 26 Mar	£3,390		
12 Jan - 22 Jan	£3,290	26 Jan - 05 Feb	£3,290	09 Feb - 19 Feb	£3,290	23 Feb - 05 Mar	£3,290	09 Mar - 19 Mar	£3,390				





# THE GOLDEN LAND

Onboard a traditionally-designed Burmese ship, sail your way leisurely along the languid Irrawaddy, still the main highway for many locals, catching glimpses of unforgettable sights and peaceful rural scenes of the heartlands of old Myanmar.

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**Flight and supplement information**

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▲ U BEIN BRIDGE



▲ SHWEDAGON PAGODA



▲ BURMESE MONKS



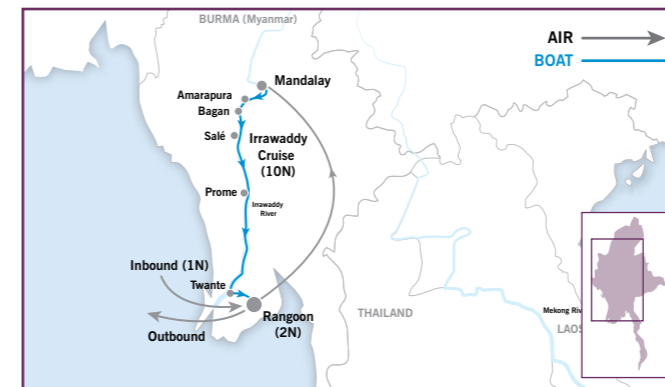
▲ MAHAMUNI PAGODA



▲ IRRAWADDY RIVER



▲ PANDAW CRUISE SHIP



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ten-night Irrawaddy Cruise
- Sunrise over Bagan
- Ancient capitals Ava and Amarapura
- Colonial Thayetmyo

## ITINERARY

- Day 1: Fly to Rangoon**  
Fly overnight to Rangoon (Yangon).
- Day 2: Arrive Rangoon**  
Depending on your time of arrival into Rangoon, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. Rangoon, Burma's capital until its relocation to Naypyidaw in 2006, is the heart of Burma's spiritual life and a bustling city full of crumbling colonial charm.
- Day 3: Journey to Mandalay**  
This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Mandalay. On arrival, board your Irrawaddy River cruise ship for lunch. Mandalay was the last royal capital of Burma before the country was annexed by the British. Mandalay is now considered the centre of Burmese culture and its most important economic hub. This afternoon visit the Mahamuni Pagoda, a major pilgrimage site, and the Shwe-in-bin Monastery. Continue to Amarapura to see Bagaya Kyaung, a large teak Monastery and cross over the U Bein Bridge, the longest teak bridge in the world. Return to your cruise ship this evening. Sip on a welcome cocktail and take in your new surroundings before settling down to dinner served in the bistro-style dining room. (B,L,D)
- Day 4: Ava and Yandabo**  
Cruise downstream on the peaceful Irrawaddy River as you pass views of riverside pottery villages, chanting monks and temples dotted on the bank sides. We will start by exploring the ancient capital of Ava before continuing further downstream to Yandabo, a small village which specialises in making pots out of the clay from the river banks. Visit the Pandaw School, built from donations made by Pandaw customers. (B,L,D)
- Day 5: Bagan's Temples**  
Today visit Bagan. The former seat of the Kingdom of Bagan, this area is famed for its hypnotising assembly of over 2,000 temples and is often compared to Cambodia's Angkor Wat for its cultural significance and architecture. Today you will explore a selection of the temples before visiting a lacquer workshop. (B,L,D)
- Day 6: Bagan and Salé**  
Ascend Tan Chi Taung Mountain for a spectacular sunrise over Bagan. Continue on to Salé where you will visit a number of teak monasteries, including the Yout Saun Kyaung. Explore an area famed for its splendid colonial-style houses. (B,L,D)
- Day 7: Magwe**  
Visit Magwe, where you will visit the magnificent Myat Thalon Pagoda which is constructed out of solid gold bricks. The Pagoda also offers fantastic views of the Irrawaddy River below from its hillside setting. (B,L,D)
- Day 8: Minhla and Gwechaung**  
Visit the 18th century forts of Minhla and Gwechaung. Constructed under the supervision

- of two Italian engineers, these forts were built in the 18th century as a guard against pending British invasion. Later visit a local market before taking a horse and cart ride into the neighbouring countryside. (B,L,D)
- Day 9: Prome**  
Visit Prome, the former centre of the Pyu civilisation, also known as the 'Magical City.' An important city since the founding of the Bagan kingdom in the 9th century, Prome remained important to the British and the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company as an important trading post between north and south Burma. Explore the ancient Buddhist artefacts in the nearby museum. (B,L,D)
- Day 10: Akauk Taung**  
Journey south of Prome, and visit the dozens of Buddha images carved into Akauk Taung (Tax Mountain). This natural wonder is named Tax Mountain after toll-takers who would carve Buddhist images into the sides of the mountain between taxing boats travelling down the Irrawaddy. (B,L,D)
- Day 11: Danubyu**  
Explore delta creeks and stop at Danubyu, a lesser-known town with a busy port and bustling market. Maha Bandula, commander-in-chief of the Burmese Army, made Danubyu his headquarters during the First Anglo-Burmese War. (B,L,D)
- Day 12: Twante**  
Travel along the Twante Canal which joins the Irrawaddy with the Yangon River, passing idyllic vistas of rickety wooden fishing boats, lush green fields and Buddhist statues. Stop to explore the town of Twante. The town is
- Day 13: Rangoon**  
Disembark in Rangoon. This afternoon visit the golden Shwedagon Pagoda. This is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddha enshrined within. Legend says that the Pagoda is over 2,500 years old, making it the oldest pagoda in the world; however archaeologists argue that the current structure was built between the 6th and 10th-centuries under the Mon people. Watch as young monks chant in a circle round the stupa whilst visitors pray towards this delightfully spiritual monument. (B)
- Day 14: Fly Rangoon to UK**  
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



▲ BAGAN

noted for its pottery and cotton production and was one of the former stations of George Orwell whilst he was a police officer in Burma. Continue on to the Yangon River. (B,L,D)

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

**STOPOVER IN...**



**SINGAPORE 3 NIGHTS FROM £260PP**

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 91. Based on international flights with Singapore Airlines.

## DEPARTURES

2016 DATES													
22 Feb - 06 Mar	£4,890	17 Mar - 30 Mar	£4,890	24 Jul - 06 Aug	£4,890	17 Sep - 30 Sep	£4,890	13 Oct - 26 Oct	£5,090	08 Nov - 21 Nov	£5,090	04 Dec - 17 Dec	£5,190
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### Mekong Delta by Boat & Rickshaw

Wheel quietly through the verdant Mekong Delta on your own bicycle rickshaw (xelo), passing peaceful villages and green fields, and get an insight into life in the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam'. Walk to Huu Phuoc Bridge to board your boat for a trip through the delta's network of small canals.



### Trekking in Sapa

Take a gentle hike through Suoi Ho Village, perched on top of a low, emerald green hill. Continue exploring through winding, stepped rice fields, and villages. Enjoy spectacular views along the way and visit some native families to explore their culture, customs and traditions.



### Hiking in remote Hoang Su Phi

Walk through rural Vietnam in the Hoang Su Phi mountainous area. You will pass by rice paddies, and tea hills before stopping in the ethnic Red Yao Village to learn more about the local culture and daily lives of the Red Yao people, and take lunch in the village.



### Take a Vespa through Saigon

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



### Angkor Wat by Tuk Tuk

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

## GET INVOLVED



### Wildlife Rescue, Vietnam

Visit Wildlife at Risk (WAR) rescue station, a wildlife hospital aiming to help stop the endangered wildlife trade in Vietnam. The station rescues animals that are confiscated from illegal trade in Vietnam, rehabilitates them and then releases them back into the wild.

## LIVE LIKE A LOCAL



### Hanoi by night

Discover Hanoi's social and busy night life and experience dinner like the locals do! Begin at a local market to investigate the fresh produce on offer, then visit the Old Quarter to sample the many available types of cuisine such as Pho Cuon, Grilled Shrimp and Bun Cha.



### Cai Rang Floating Market

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



### Vinh Long Homestay

Get under the skin of beautiful Vinh Long and unwind in the rural charm of the Mekong Delta, with an overnight stay in an authentic Vietnamese homestay. Enjoy home cooked food and the simple way of life, then after breakfast explore deeper into the Delta.





# HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

Laos has remained the most pristine and culturally-intact country in Indochina. Experience the old-fashioned charm of the city, explore untouched landscapes and meet the incredibly friendly people, who have faced adversity and come out smiling.

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▲ PLAIN OF JARS

#### NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: TRUNG KIÊN

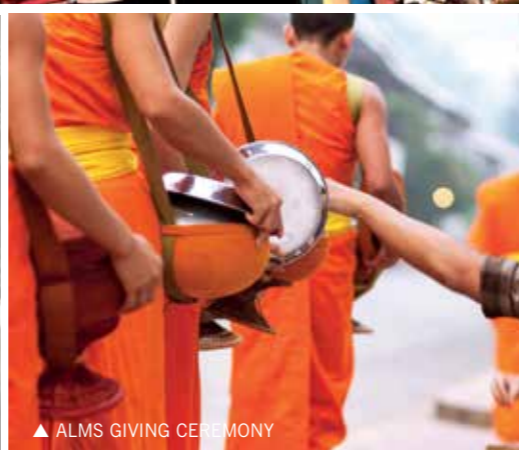
Relax in beautiful, untouched Laos where nature, culture and deep-rooted religion combine to give you an authentic experience of Indochina.



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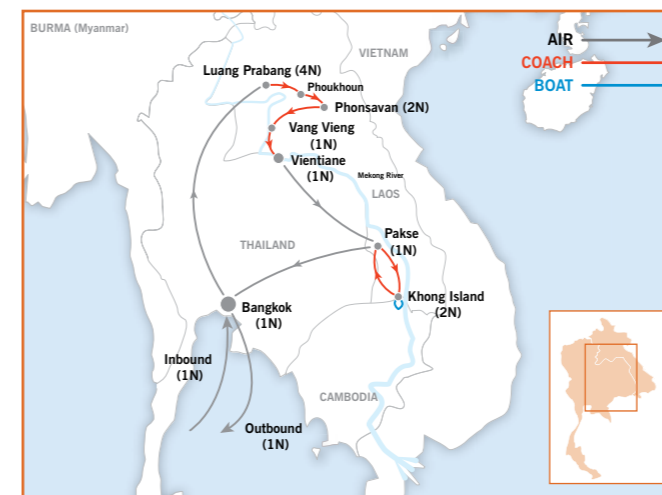
▲ THAM CHANG CAVE VANG VIENG



▲ ALMS GIVING CEREMONY



▲ H'MONG HILL TRIBE



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Spiritual Luang Prabang
- The mysterious Plain of Jars
- Relaxed capital Vientiane
- Beautiful Si Phan Don

## ITINERARY

### ■ Days 1-2: Fly to Bangkok

Fly overnight to Bangkok where you will spend the night.

### ■ Day 3: Fly to Luang Prabang

Fly to Luang Prabang. On arrival you will have free time to start soaking up the local culture. An enchanting city Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos. At its core, lush greenery, golden temples and vivid-robed monks come together to create a colourful, rich heritage and an enduring French-colonial legacy.

### ■ Day 4: Discover Luang Prabang

Transfer to an elephant village to meet these lumbering, captivating creatures and enjoy a ride along a jungle trail. This afternoon explore Luang Prabang, starting at Wat Mai and continuing to Wat Visoun and Wat Aham. Climb Phousi Hill to watch the sun set over the city before descending to browse the wares at the lively hill tribe market.

### ■ Day 5: Mekong River Cruise

Explore Wat Xieng Thong, considered Luang Prabang's most beautiful temple. Board a boat to cruise the mighty Mekong up to the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of miniature Buddha sculptures that reside within. Visit the local villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong to witness the daily

life of the local people and their cottage industries. This evening enjoy a traditional music and dance performance.

### ■ Day 6: Takbat

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 delightful Kuang Si Waterfalls for a picnic lunch and a swim. Stop at Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre on the return to Luang Prabang.

### ■ Day 7: Caves and lakes

Drive to Phonsavan via Phoukhoun, stopping at Tham Phra Cave and Nong Tang Lake on the way.

### ■ 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, and Site 2 which also allows you to admire the beautiful scenery of the region. There will also be visits to Muang Khoune village, home of the H'mong minority group, and 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.

### ■ Day 9: Vang Vieng karst landscapes

Drive to Vang Vieng stopping en route at Pathang Village to admire the spectacular views over karst mountain landscapes. Spend the afternoon exploring the magnificent Tham Chang Cave.

### ■ Day 10: Discover Vientiane

Continue south to Vientiane, Laos' capital. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, friendlier backwater than the 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, resembling Paris' Arc de Triomphe.

### ■ Day 11: Beautiful Wat Phou

Rise early for a morning flight to Pakse. On arrival drive to Champassak to visit the World Heritage listed Wat Phou, a ruined Khmer temple complex located in the incredibly beautiful landscapes of Mount Phu Kao. Continue to Khong Island, the largest island of the Si Phan Don archipelago in the Mekong River. The afternoon is free.

### ■ Day 12: Khong Island

Around Si Phan Don, meaning '4,000 islands', the pace of life is slow and easy and the river views are gorgeous. See the magnificent Khone Phapheng Waterfall, Southeast Asia's largest, and pop over to Khone Island to discover its charming colonial buildings and see Liphu Waterfall, nicknamed the Devil's Corridor. Depending on the season, you may see traditional fishing techniques in action. The rest of the day is free.

### ■ Day 13: Bolaven Plateau

Depart Khong Island for Pakse, stopping to admire Tad Yuang and Tad Fane waterfalls as we go. Continue on to 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.

### ■ Days 14-15: Fly Pakse to UK

Transfer to Pakse airport for your flight to the UK (via Bangkok).

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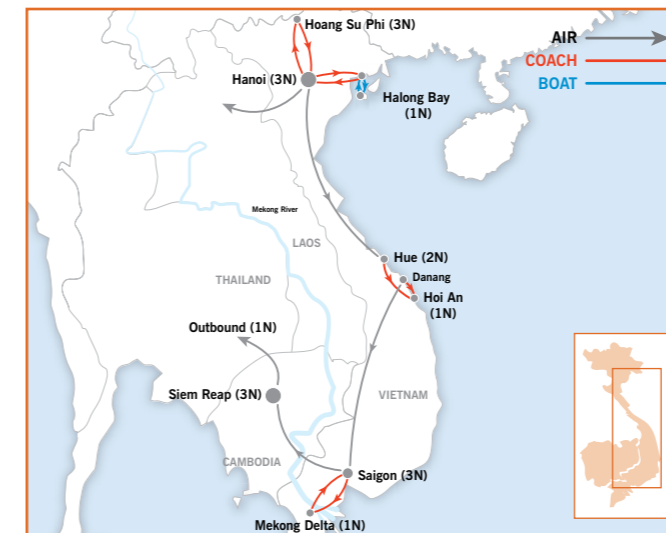
▲ HUE



▲ RICE TERRACES



▲ SAIGON

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Rice Terraces Hike
- Cycling through Imperial Hue
- Angkor Wat by Rickshaw
- Floating Kompong Kleang

**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.

**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, Vietnam's first university, before taking a walking tour of the Old Quarter where you will witness Hanoi's rich cultural and artistic history. Take a relaxed stroll at Hoan Kiem Lake, a great spot for people watching.

**Day 4: Hoang Su Phi**

After breakfast travel to Hoang Su Phi, one of northern Vietnam's emerald green rice terrace areas. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring.

**Days 5-6: Hike through the Rice Terraces**

Take an unforgettable journey on foot through the epic rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi. As you turn every corner, a new view of this outstanding landscape of lush, mist-wreathed terraces will unfold in front of you, providing a plethora of unreal photo opportunities. Stop en route at the Red Yao Village to learn about local life in the area, and meet

the Long Tunic Yao people as you explore. You'll stay overnight in Hoang Su Phi on both nights.

**Day 7: Hanoi's Street Food**

Travel back to Hanoi. This evening, take a walking tour of 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.

**Day 8: Overnight on Halong Bay**

Board a traditionally designed junk boat for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone studded waters of Halong Bay. Pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood, and take a swim in the cool waters of the bay. Watch the sun set behind the limestone karsts from the deck of the boat, cocktail in hand.

**Day 9: Tai Chi and Cave Exploration**

Start your day with a calming yet invigorating Tai Chi session on the deck of your junk boat, and take in the stillness of the morning as you gently set sail. Explore the inquisitive formations of Surprise Cave and enjoy a buffet lunch on board before cruising back to the dock and driving to Hanoi for your flight to Hue.

**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. The rest of the day is at leisure; you may wish to explore Dong Ba Market, or take a cyclo to enjoy Hue by the fading evening light.

**Day 11: Charming Hoi An**

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

**Day 12: Rural Hoi An by Bicycle**

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

**Day 13: Saigon old and new**

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

**Day 14: Ben Tre by Bicycle**

Drive to Ben Tre and set out on a boat trip through winding, forest lined canals. After lunch, cycle through rice fields and coconut groves and visit the Cao Dai Temple, local markets and a flower and bonsai village. Spend the night in a local homestay.

**Day 15: Cycle through the Mekong**

Take a relaxed morning cycle through the village, sampling freshly picked fruit. Drop by the local market and pay a visit to Cai Nhum Cathedral before returning to Saigon.

**Day 16: 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 which teaches street children to become internationally renowned circus artists.

**Day 17: Angkor Wat by Tuk Tuk**

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

**Day 18: Kompong Kleang Floating Village**

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

**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 Banteay Sri and Banteay Samre on the way.

**Days 19-20: Fly Siem Reap to UK**

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Tuesday**

2016 DATES		2017 DATES	
30 Sep - 18 Oct	£2,990	25 Nov - 13 Dec	£3,190
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All of our Exclusive Collection include a range of unique experiences, designed to immerse you in some of the world's most iconic locations and to give you a greater insight into local culture and history.

## GET INVOLVED



### Hoi An Cooking Class

Traditional Vietnamese cuisine has long been admired for its use of fresh ingredients and fine spicing. Your hands-on cookery class involves a trip to the market to purchase local produce before you head to the kitchen. Get involved and prepare a number of local delicacies, learning about food culture and herb lore as you go.



### Bat Trang Ceramic Village

Bat Trang is a handicraft village that specialises in traditional porcelain and pottery. Located in an area rich in clay and lying on the Red River between two ancient trade centres, ceramics have been produced here since the 15th century. Visit a workshop to see the craftsmen in action, observing the entire production process from clay to kiln.

## CULTURAL SHOWS



### Private Water Puppet Show

Originating from the villages of the Red River Delta in the 11th century, water puppetry was created by farmers to stave off boredom when their fields were flooded. Visit the home of a water puppet artist in Hanoi where you can discuss this traditional art, participate in the puppet-making process and enjoy a private puppet show.



### Cambodian Circus

A theatrical spectacular, The Cambodian Circus, based in Siem Reap is run by an NGO, Phare Ponleu Selpak, who give under privileged youths an education in the arts and then a place to earn a living wage. Performances mix theatre, music, dance and acrobatics whilst addressing the big issues in Cambodian society.

## AUTHENTIC TRAVEL



### Speedboat on the Mekong Delta

The Mekong Delta is a treasure trove of greenery, agriculture and rurality, earning the area the nickname 'the Rice Basket of Vietnam'. Set off on a thrilling adventure as you travel by speedboat through the Mekong Delta. Whisk across the languid waters as you pass lush verdant fields, rice paddy farmers collecting the freshest crop and palm lined canals.



### Hanoi Cuisine Cyclo Tour

Vietnam's cuisine is world renowned and is considered one of the healthiest foods in existence. Where else better to experience this mouth-watering fare than in the capital Hanoi, where you will take a cyclo ride through the winding streets of the Old Quarter in search of delectable nibbles, including Nem spring rolls and Bun Cha.



### Angkor by Tuk Tuk

Located amidst forest and farmland, the temples of Angkor are the legacy of the flourishing Khmer Empire and are one of the most exquisite examples of temple architecture in the world. Wend through the many structures by tuk tuk and admire this former civilisation in all its glory.



### Victoria Express Train

Drift back to a more romantic era as you glide through the North Vietnamese countryside on the Victoria Express train. Offering an exotic and relaxing travel experience, the Victoria Express offers impeccable service, plush cabins, air conditioning and large windows, letting you make the most of the mesmerising scenery.



# LUXURY HOTELS

The hotels we use on our Exclusive Collection tours have been hand-picked to compliment the high quality of experiences and touring, meaning you will be staying in five star luxury throughout in the best locations.

## OUR HOTELS



### Caravelle Hotel, Saigon

A stylish mixture of French and Vietnamese design, feel at home in the soothing tones of the Caravelle's elegantly decorated bedrooms. This eco-friendly hotel has free wi-fi throughout, an outdoor pool with sun terrace, a lively rooftop bar with a bird's eye view of the city and is located in the heart of Saigon.



### Palm Garden, Hoi An

A classic resort set in five acres of lush, landscaped gardens, the Palm Garden is just metres from Cua Dai Beach. Rooms are spacious and classically decorated with a balcony complete with garden or sea views, whilst hotel facilities include a spa, outdoor pool and tennis courts. There is also a free shuttle service to Hoi An old town, just five minutes away.



### Hotel de l'Opera, Hanoi

Centrally located close to the Old Quarter, the l'Opera is an iconic Hanoi hotel, offering a taste of 19th century France in its stylish interiors. Contemporary rooms offer luxurious comfort whilst the public spaces are perfectly elegant. Facilities include an open air terrace, indoor pool, gym, sauna and several excellent restaurants.



### The Rex Hotel, Saigon

Situated within walking distance of the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Rex is ideally placed in the heart of Saigon. With over 280 individually designed guestrooms, La Cochinchine Spa and swimming pool, the Rex Hotel is a sophisticated and relaxing respite from the bustle of the city. Don't forget to take a stop to the Rooftop Garden for a bite to eat and some spectacular city vistas.



### Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort and Spa

Experience an idyllic blend of beach and river side relaxation and Asian comfort at the Victoria Hoi An. Spend time in the expansive pool, take a sidecar trip into nearby Hoi An, or unwind in one of three laidback bars. There are also plenty of activities to choose from including complimentary mountain bikes and beach sports.

### Aphrodite Cruises

Aphrodite combines traditional Vietnamese style with modern comforts and by sailing a lesser used route through Halong Bay they are able to offer a more exclusive cruising experience. Cabins are elegantly decorated with large picture windows and en suite bathrooms. Dine on Vietnamese-Western fusion cuisine, sip a drink from the bar on the sundeck or relax in the spa.



### La Residence Hotel, Hue

La Residence Hotel incorporates the splendour of colonial decadence with early 20th century art deco and traditional Vietnamese influences. During your stay, enjoy the award-winning spa, saltwater swimming pool and on-site tennis court, or perhaps just sit back and soak in your lavish surroundings with a cocktail in Le Gouverneur Bar.



### Sofitel, Phnom Penh

The Sofitel Phnom Penh epitomises the elegance and charm which this city is famous for. Located in the sophisticated embassy district, the Sofitel offers enviable riverside views. Accompanied by free wi-fi, first-rate service and a myriad of dining experiences, the Sofitel transports you back to the French colonial period of luxury.



### Victoria Xiangthong Palace, Luang Prabang

Located in the very centre of Luang Prabang, next to the breathtaking Wat Xiangthong, the boutique Xiangthong Palace was the last residence of the Laos Royal Family. Rooms elegantly capture the spirit of Laos and there is a spa, outdoor pool, bar and restaurant.



### Sunrise Hotel, Nha Trang

Set in the heart of downtown Nha Trang, the Sunrise Hotel is a stunning colonial-inspired deluxe hotel located within walking distance of the beaches' golden sand. Take a dip in the Roman-inspired swimming pool or take in panoramic vistas from the Sky Lounge before retiring to your sea view room for unobstructed views of glistening Nha Trang Bay.



### Victoria Angkor, Siem Reap

This 5-star resort and spa offers a touch of tranquillity and a classic colonial feel in the heart of Siem Reap. Rooms are furnished with dark woods and have balconies overlooking the tropical gardens. Enjoy the saltwater swimming pool and spa tub and sample French and Khmer cuisine.



### Victoria Hotel, Sapa

Carrying on the lavish setting of the Victoria Express Train, the Victoria Hotel is Sapa's top luxury resort and is designed in the style of a traditional French chalet which blends perfectly with the stunning hillside scenery. All rooms are fitted with private outdoor terraces which offer stunning Sapa vistas.





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▲ HO CHI MINH MAUSOLEUM



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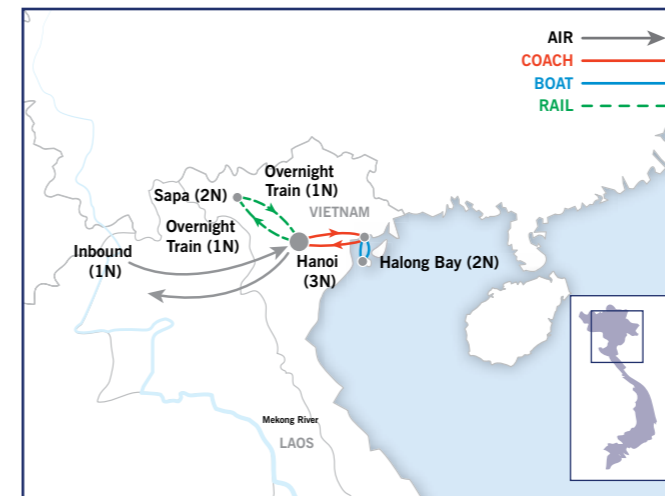
▲ LAN HA BAY

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: NGUYEN CUONG**

*I really love to show travellers the beauty of nature in North West areas of Vietnam, especially Sapa which has become a very famous tourism spot nowadays.*



▲ HALONG BAY



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Five-Star Victoria Express Train
- Trek through verdant Sapa
- Luxury Halong Bay Cruise
- Vung Vieng floating village

**ITINERARY**

**Days 1-2: Fly to Hanoi**

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**Day 3: 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, learning more about the man known as 'Uncle Ho' with visits to the Ho Chi Minh Museum and Humble Stilt House. Continue to the revered Confucian Temple of Literature before wandering the bustling alleys of the Old Quarter. This evening transfer to Hanoi's train station to catch the luxurious Victoria Express overnight train to Lao Cai. (B,L,D)

**Day 4: Explore Hill Tribe Markets**

Arrive in Lao Cao with the sunrise. Follow winding roads farther up into the mountains where you can browse through a lively and colourful market, the minority people travelling in from the surrounding villages to sell their wares. Continue on to Sapa where the rest of the day will be at leisure. (B,L,D)

**Day 5: Sapa remote villages**

Start your day trekking through Sapa. You will visit the Hau Thao Village of the Black H'Mong where you can enjoy superb panoramic views over the valley. Continue to Giang Ta Chai Village, home to the Red Dao and Dzay people. Take the opportunity to soak up the beautiful landscapes around you. (B,L,D)

**Day 6: More Sapa**

This morning is at leisure – take the opportunity to wander the town. This afternoon drive to Matra Valley for stunning rice terrace vistas. Take a light walk downhill through Suoi Ho village where you will visit the homes of the local people. Visit a French Catholic church before heading to Lao Cai railway station for your sleeper train back to Hanoi. (B,L)

**Day 7: Water Puppets**

After arriving in Hanoi, transfer to the hotel and take the morning as your own. This afternoon there will be a leisurely visit to the Ethnology Museum whilst this evening enjoy a performance of the famous water puppets, a centuries old art developed by the farmers of the Red River Delta. This evening take a cyclo tour of the bustling alleys of the Old Quarter in search of the unique flavours of Vietnam's extensive cuisine. (B,L,D)

**Day 8: 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 the luxurious Au Co cruise

boat and casting out into the bay you'd be forgiven for thinking you were entering another world. Get a glimpse of life on the water with a visit to Vung Vieng floating village before sailing to the spot where the boat will anchor for the night. (B,L,D)

**Day 9: Cruise and kayak**

The sunrise over Halong Bay is a view not to be missed – why not awaken your senses further with a dawn Tai Chi session on the ship's deck?

*Depending on the season, your morning will follow one of two itineraries:*

**Nov-Mar:** Explore Cat Ba Island and stop at a local school to learn about island life.

**Apr-Oct:** Visit a floating village to see what life is like on the water.

This afternoon take a guided kayak tour to get out on the waters yourself, or you can get in the water with a swim in Vung Ha Bay before a second night onboard. (B,L,D)

**Day 10: Halong Bay Caves**

Spend the morning exploring Sung Sot (Surprise) Cave, one of Halong Bay's many cavernous grottos, with a guide. Back on the boat, sit down to a delicious farewell brunch as the boat sails leisurely back to the marina. Travel back to Hanoi where the rest of the day will be at leisure. (B)

**Day 11: Fly Hanoi to UK**

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



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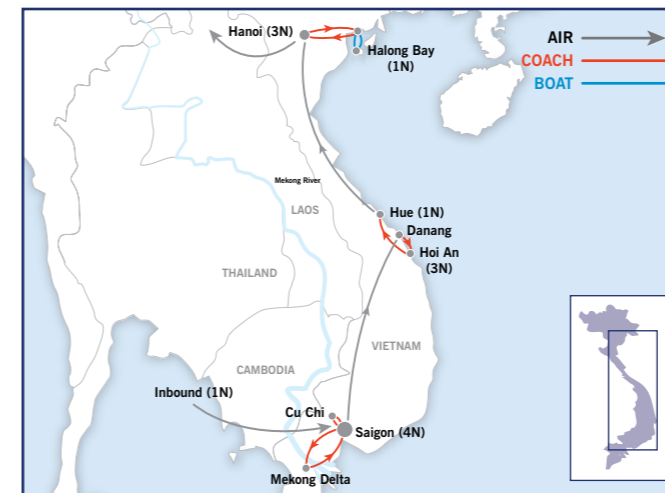
▲ ROYAL TOMBS, HUE

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: DO CHI HUNG**

*Hue always attracts me with its historical and heritage sites, but above all the charm from its peaceful daily life.*



▲ HOI AN



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Mekong Delta by Speedboat
- Hoi An at leisure
- Breathtaking Halong Bay
- Hanoi Cyclo Tour

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**Days 1-2: Fly to Saigon**  
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**Day 3: Discover Saigon**  
Saigon has evolved from war-torn city to thriving metropolis, the powerhouse driving Vietnam towards its ever brighter future. See the French-built Notre Dame Cathedral; 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. After browsing through Chinatown and Ben Thanh Market, enjoy a three-course dinner at Xu Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Day 4: Mekong by Speedboat**  
Travel south of Saigon for a fast and scenic speedboat trip through the Mekong Delta. The delta region is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', supplying the country with huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Life here revolves around the river and you'll be able to catch a glimpse of it as you explore the maze of palm-lined canals. Take a cycle tour amongst the verdant fields and meet the local people. Return to Saigon. (B,L)

**Day 5: Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh**  
Experience the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of the elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Continue to Tay Ninh to see the striking Holy See of the Cao Dai religion. Native to Vietnam, it is a fascinating blend of Buddhism, Christianity, Taoism, Confucianism and Islam. Return to Saigon. (B,L)

**Day 6: Marble Mountains**  
Fly to Danang and transfer to the charming town of Hoi An, stopping en route at the Marble Mountains. Dine this evening on the creative Vietnamese cuisine of Ancient Faifo Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Day 7: 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 the Quan Cong Chinese Temple and the elaborate Japanese Bridge before taking tea at a traditional tea house. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

**Day 8: Hoi An at leisure**  
Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. (B)

**Day 9: Discover 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. A cyclo will deliver you to its grandiose entrance and you'll be able to explore before taking a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda. This evening, sit down to a dining experience at Ancient Hue Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Day 10: Colonial Hanoi**  
Visit the extravagant Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, an emperor whose reign is remembered for his opposition to French colonial rule. Travel to the airport to fly to Hanoi. (B,L)

**Day 11: Explore Hanoi**  
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**Day 12: Halong Bay**  
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village where you can visit workshops and meet the local craftsmen. Dinner this evening will be at the classically designed Press Club. (B,D)

**Day 14: Fly Hanoi to UK**  
Fly back home, arriving the same or following day and journey home by chauffeured transfer. (B)



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**KEEP EXPLORING**



**SINGAPORE 3 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £330PP**

Sitting on the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, Singapore is a heady mix of cultural influences in one dynamic city-state. The city offers unparalleled shopping and entertainment, as well as incredible food and a number of vibrant neighbourhoods. Settle into the stylish and sophisticated Orchard Hotel, right in the heart of the action, enjoy the included half day city tour and explore the wealth of urban sights on offer.

*Based on international flights with Singapore Airlines.*

**DEPARTURES – Departing Saturday returning Friday**

2016 DATES		2017 DATES	
05 Mar - 18 Mar	£3,290	05 Nov - 18 Nov	£3,290
		04 Mar - 17 Mar	£3,390
		04 Nov - 17 Nov	£3,390





# CLASSICAL VIETNAM

Vietnam is a colourful kaleidoscope of local culture, rich heritage and diverse landscapes. Journey through harrowing history, imperial grandeur and natural majesty on a superior itinerary that brings classic sights together with special little added extras.

**17 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON £3,490**

**INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**

**MODERATE PACE**



▲ MEKONG DELTA

**Price includes:**

- International flights and current taxes
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- Domestic transportation
- 5★ Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

**Flight and supplement information**

**Based on London Heathrow departures**

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,860 (Saigon - Hanoi)
- Single room from £1,090
- Tipping paid locally US\$128



▲ IMPERIAL CITADEL, HUE



▲ NHA TRANG



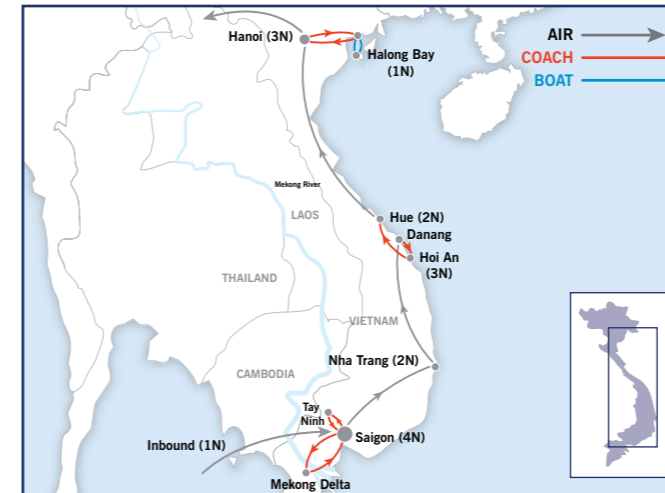
▲ CAO DAI TEMPLE

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: TRAN TAM**

*I've had unforgettable moments with groups on this tour. This is a truly original tour that covers most of the amazing attractions of my beautiful country.*



▲ SAIGON



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Mekong Delta by Speedboat**
- Nha Trang Island cruise**
- Imperial Hue by cyclo**
- Hanoi's colonial Old Quarter**

**ITINERARY**

**Days 1-2: Fly to Saigon**

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

**Day 3: Discover Saigon**

Saigon has evolved from war-torn city to thriving metropolis, the powerhouse driving Vietnam towards its ever brighter future. See the French-built Notre Dame Cathedral; 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. After browsing through Chinatown and Ben Thanh Market, enjoy a three-course dinner at Xu Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Day 4: Mekong by Speedboat**

Travel south of Saigon for a fast and scenic speedboat trip through the Mekong Delta. The delta region is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', supplying the country with huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Life here revolves around the river and you'll be able to catch a glimpse of it as you explore the maze of palm-lined canals. Take a cycle tour amongst the verdant fields and meet the local people. Return to Saigon. (B,L,D)

**Day 5: Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh**

Experience the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of the elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Continue to Tay Ninh to see the striking Holy See of the Cao Dai religion. Native to Vietnam, it is a fascinating blend of Buddhism, Christianity, Taoism, Confucianism and Islam. (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: Marble Mountains**

Fly to Danang and transfer to the charming town of Hoi An, stopping en route at the Marble Mountains. Dine this evening on the creative Vietnamese cuisine of Ancient Faifo Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**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. This morning wander the old streets, visiting Hoi An market, the Quan Cong

Chinese Temple and the elaborate Japanese Bridge before taking tea at a traditional tea house. The afternoon is at leisure. (B,L)

**Day 10: Free day**

Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. (B)

**Day 11: Imperial Hue**

Taking the scenic Hai Van Pass, travel to the imperial city of Hue. Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. A cyclo will deliver you to its grandiose entrance and you'll be able to explore here and in the Forbidden Purple City. This evening, sit down to a dining experience at Ancient Hue Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Day 12: Explore Hue**

Visit the extravagant Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, an emperor whose reign is remembered for his opposition to French colonial rule. This afternoon take a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda. (B,L,D)

**Day 13: Colonial Hanoi**

Enjoy some free time this morning before transferring to the airport to fly to Hanoi. (B,L,D)

**Day 14: Explore Hanoi**

Hanoi, Vietnam's capital, evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learn about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature, the Humble Stilt House and the One Pillar Pagoda. This evening take a walking and cyclo tour of the bustling alleys of the Old Quarter in search of the unique flavours of Vietnam's extensive cuisine. (B,L)

**Day 15: 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 a traditionally-designed junk and enjoy a seafood lunch before setting sail into the bay. Cruise amongst the karst pinnacles, stopping to explore mysterious caves as we go. Spend the night anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

**Day 16: 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'll be time for brunch before disembarking. Back in Hanoi pop into a coffee shop to observe the local café culture. Enjoy a performance of the famous water puppets, a centuries old art developed by farmers of the Red River Delta, followed by dinner at the classically designed Press Club. (B,D)

**Day 17: Fly Hanoi to UK**

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

**KEEP EXPLORING**



**SAPA 4 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £690pp**

**Day 17: Overnight train**

Transfer to the station to board the overnight train to Lao Cai. Your accommodation will be in a deluxe air-conditioned cabin. (B)

**Days 18-19: Explore Sapa**

Arrive and transfer to the Victoria Sapa Resort and Spa. Sapa is set in breathtaking scenery of rolling hills and sweeping rice terraces. Over the next two days explore the local area, visiting colourful markets, minority villages, spectacular valleys and tribal architecture. (B,L)

**Day 20: Sapa to Hanoi**

Transfer back to the station to board your overnight train to Hanoi. (B,L)

**Day 21: Hanoi**

Arrive in Hanoi early in the morning and transfer to your hotel.

*Based on 5 star accommodation and superior train cabin.*

**DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Sunday**

2016 DATES				2017 DATES			
04 Mar - 20 Mar	£3,490	28 Oct - 13 Nov	£3,490	03 Mar - 19 Mar	£3,690	27 Oct - 12 Nov	£3,690





# CAMBODIA & VIETNAM REVEALED

Uncover your inner explorer amongst the jungle-wreathed temples of Angkor before embarking on an upgraded itinerary that encompasses the highlights of captivating Cambodia and vibrant Vietnam, concluding amongst the mesmerising karst peaks of Halong Bay.

**18 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON £3,990**

**INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**

**COMFORTABLE PACE**

**Price includes:**

- International flights and current taxes
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- Domestic transportation
- 5★ Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

**Flight and supplement information**

**Based on London Heathrow departures**

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,360 (Siem Reap - Hanoi)
- Single room from £1,440
- Tipping paid locally US\$126



▲ ANGKOR WAT



▲ SAIGON



▲ THE ROYAL PALACE, PHNOM PENH



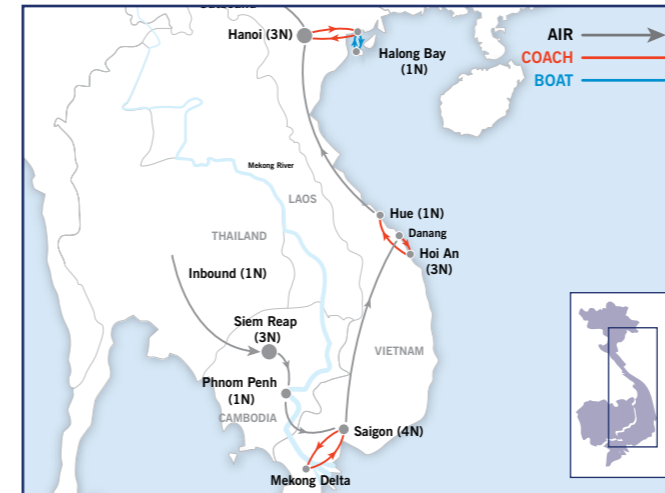
▲ MEKONG DELTA



▲ ANGKOR THOM

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MR SAM**

Both Cambodia and Vietnam will captivate every traveller with the history from past and the progress of the present.



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Awe-inspiring Angkor
- Cultural Phnom Penh
- Hoi An cookery class
- Breathtaking Halong Bay

**ITINERARY**

**Days 1-2: Fly to Siem Reap**

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

**Day 3: Kampong Kleang**

Visit Kampong Kleang, a floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, to meet the lovely locals and glimpse a fascinating way of life. Continue to Beng Mealea, a temple lost to the jungle – find your inner adventurer as you explore. Eat dinner at the fashionable Nest Angkor Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Day 4: Explore Angkor by tuk tuk**

Spend the day discovering magnificent Angkor. Start by navigating in tuk tuks past the incredible Angkor Wat, the magnum opus of the Khmer Empire. Pass through the South Gateway of Angkor Thom to visit jungle-wreathed Ta Prohm; the enigmatic Bayon; the Elephant Terrace; and the Terrace of the Leper King. (B,L)

**Day 5: Discover Phnom Penh**

Fly to Phnom Penh. The 'Pearl of Asia' until it was ravaged by war, Phnom Penh has emerged once again as a captivating city. See the glittering Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda and

the fascinating National Museum before a lunch of authentic Khmer cuisine at Bopha Phnom Penh Restaurant. (B,L)

**Day 6: Journey to Saigon**

Visit Tuol Sleng, a humbling reminder of the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge, before ascending to hilltop Wat Phnom for a final view of the city. Fly to Saigon where you'll embark on your culinary adventure through the city's vibrant street food scene. (B,L,D)

**Day 7: Saigon street food**

Saigon is a thriving metropolis, the powerhouse driving Vietnam towards its ever brighter future. See the French-built Notre Dame Cathedral; the neoclassical Central Post Office designed by Gustave Eiffel; the Reunification Palace; and the harrowing War Remnants Museum. Enjoy a dinner at Xu Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Day 8: Mekong by Speedboat**

Travel to Ben Tre for your Mekong Delta cruise. The delta region produces huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Life here revolves around the river – catch a glimpse as you explore the maze of palm-lined canals. Take a cycle tour through the verdant fields and meet the local people. Return to Saigon. (B,L)

**Day 9: Cu Chi Tunnels**

Visit the striking Holy See of Cao Dai – a religion that is native to Vietnam and blends a number of different faiths. Continue to the Cu Chi tunnels, part of a network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. (B,L)

**Day 10: Marble Mountains**

Fly to Danang and transfer to the charming town of Hoi An stopping at the Marble Mountains en route. Dine on creative Vietnamese cuisine at Ancient Faifo Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Day 11: Hoi An cookery class**

Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of 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 the Japanese Bridge before taking tea at a traditional tea house. (B,L)

**Day 12: Free day**

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

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Travel to Hue. Long considered a seat of culture, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. A cyclo will deliver you to its grandiose entrance and you'll be able to explore before you take a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda. This evening, enjoy a dining experience at Ancient Hue Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Day 14: Colonial Hanoi**

Visit the extravagant Tomb of Minh Mang, an emperor whose reign is remembered for his opposition to French colonial rule. Travel to the airport to fly to Hanoi. (B,L)

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**Day 17: Sunrise over Halong Bay**

Rise early to see the sun rise over the karst-scapes. Continue cruising and enjoy brunch before disembarking. The rest of the day is at leisure (B)

**Day 18: Fly Hanoi to UK**

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**STOPOVER IN...**



**HONG KONG**  
2 NIGHTS FROM £320PP

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

See page 90.  
Price based on Harbour Grand Kowloon.

Based on international flights with Cathay Pacific.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Thursday returning Sunday**

2016 DATES				2017 DATES			
03 Mar - 20 Mar	£3,990	06 Oct - 23 Oct	£3,990	02 Mar - 19 Mar	£4,190	05 Oct - 22 Oct	£4,190





# HEART OF INDOCHINA

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.

**19 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON £4,290**

**INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK**

**COMFORTABLE PACE**



▲ WAT XIENG THONG, LUANG PRABANG

**Price includes:**

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- Domestic transportation
- 5★ Accommodation
- Meals as stated
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- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

**Flight and supplement information**

**Based on London Heathrow departures**

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,660 (Saigon - Siem Reap)
- Single room from £1,440
- Tipping paid locally US\$125



▲ HOI AN MARKET



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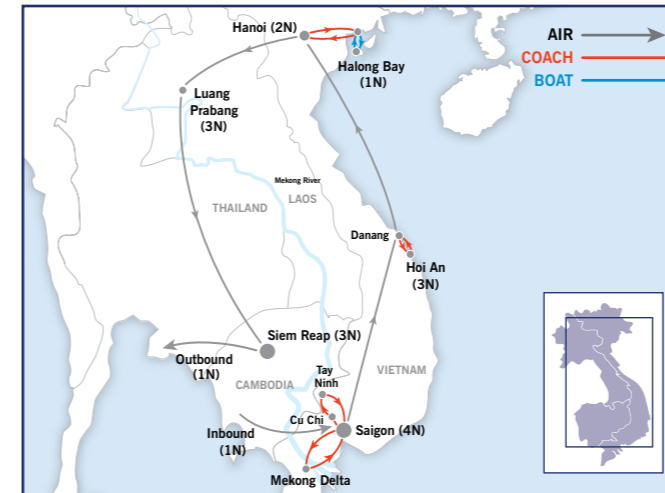
▲ WATER PUPPETS

**NATIONAL ESCORT HIGHLIGHTS: MR HOLNY**

Three different nations and three different cultures but I could just describe the three countries as simply beautiful, endlessly charming, with lands of wonders.



▲ ANGKOR WAT



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Mekong Delta by Speedboat
- Breathtaking Halong Bay
- Buddhist Takbat Ceremony
- Awe-inspiring Angkor

**ITINERARY**

**Days 1-2: Fly to Saigon**  
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Travel south of Saigon for a fast and scenic speedboat trip through the Mekong Delta. The delta region is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', supplying the

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**Day 6: Marble Mountains**  
Fly to Danang and transfer to the charming town of Hoi An, stopping en route at the Marble Mountains. Dine on creative Vietnamese cuisine at Ancient Faifo Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Day 7: Explore Hoi An**  
Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of architectural styles, its narrow streets lined with wooden-fronted shop houses each festooned with lanterns. 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 before taking tea at a traditional tea house. (B,L)

**Day 8: Free day**  
Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. (B)

**Day 9: Explore Hanoi**  
Fly to Hanoi. Hanoi evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Visit the Temple of Literature, Hanoi's first university and a revered Confucian shrine and Ngoc Son Temple. This

evening take a cyclo tour of the bustling alleys of the Old Quarter in search of the unique flavours of Vietnam's extensive cuisine. (B,L,D)

**Day 10: 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 a traditionally-designed junk stopping to explore the sights as we go. Spend the night anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

**Day 11: Sunrise over Halong Bay**  
Rise early to see the sunrise over the karst-scapes. Continue cruising and enjoy brunch before disembarking. Back in Hanoi meet with a water puppeteer who will introduce you to this traditional art, and put on a private performance. Dinner this evening will be at the classically designed Press Club. (B,L,D).

**Day 12: Temples of Luang Prabang**  
Fly to Luang Prabang. Nestled amongst green mountains, the city is Laos' cultural heart, an oasis of calm antiquity and rich heritage. This afternoon wander the old city visiting Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong before climbing Phousi Hill to watch the sun set over the golden spires of the city. (B,L)

**Day 13: Takbat**  
Rise early to observe the ceremony of Takbat. Watch the monks, swathed in their vibrant robes, collecting alms from the locals. 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. Visit the picturesque village of Thin Hong to witness the daily life of the locals and their cottage industries. (B,L)

**Day 14: Explore Luang Prabang**  
Get to grips with Laotian history at the National Museum before heading to the picturesque Kuang Si Waterfalls where you can take a dip in one of the vivid blue pools. 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 Laotian culture. Enjoy dinner at L'Elephant Restaurant. (B)

**Day 15: Discover Siem Reap**  
Fly to Siem Reap. Visit Banteay Srei, a 10th-century Hindu temple called the 'Jewel of Khmer art'

due to its elaborate decorative embellishments. Climb to the towering summit of Pre Rup temple to watch the sun set over the surrounding rice fields. (B,L)

**Day 16: Explore Angkor**  
Spend the day discovering the magnificent Angkor complex. Start by navigating in tuk tuks past incredible Angkor Wat, the magnum opus of the Khmer Empire. Next 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. Spend an evening at the Cambodian Circus, run by an NGO that teaches street kids circus skills and performs shows that address the issues in Cambodian society. (B,L)

**Day 17: Kampong Kleang**  
Visit Kampong Kleang, a floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, meeting the lovely locals and glimpsing a fascinating way of life. Continue to Beng Mealea, a temple lost to the jungle – find your inner adventurer as you explore. This evening, dine at the fashionable Nest Angkor Restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Days 18-19: Fly Siem Reap to UK**  
Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day and journey home in your chauffeured transfer. (B)

**KEEP EXPLORING**



**SIHANOUKVILLE – Song Saa Private Island 4 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £2,890PP**

Get cast away on a private tropical island just 35 minutes by boat from Sihanoukville. A luxury eco-friendly resort with an all-inclusive concept, the accommodation at Song Saa Private Island is crafted from stone, driftwood and thatch and set in jungle, on the beach or over the water – all offering contemporary comfort. Relaxation is the watch word here, and you can find your very own patch of sand on the beach or a comfy lounger by the infinity pool to while the sunny days away. Includes return flights and transfers.

**DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Monday**

2016 DATES		2017 DATES	
04 Mar - 21 Mar	£4,290	04 Nov - 21 Nov	£4,290
		03 Mar - 20 Mar	£4,390
		03 Nov - 20 Nov	£4,390



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# STOPOVERS

The trip of a lifetime can become even more memorable by choosing to stopover en route. Most airlines allow you to stopover in their hub city for no additional cost to the airfare, meaning the likes of Hong Kong, Macau or the Middle East can easily become part of your travel itinerary.

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## Stopovers include:

- Accommodation in 3★, 4★ or 5★ hotels
  - Airport transfers
  - Touring and sightseeing
  - Daily breakfast
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## HONG KONG GLIMPSSES

2 NIGHTS FROM **PER PERSON £240**

This fleeting visit to Hong Kong features all of the highlights of the vibrant Hong Kong Island, plus leisure time to indulge in two of the things for which the city is most famous – food and shopping!

### Day 1: Arrive Hong Kong

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

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

### Day 3: Depart Hong Kong

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

### Day 2: Hong Kong Tour

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



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Eaton, Hong Kong	£240	£140
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai	£260	£150
5★ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£320	£210

Flight supplements may apply

#### Price includes:

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

## HONG KONG IN FOCUS

3 NIGHTS FROM **PER PERSON £420**

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

### Day 1: Arrive Hong Kong

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

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

### Day 3: Lantau Island

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

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

### Day 2: Hong Kong Tour

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

### Day 4: Depart Hong Kong

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



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ Eaton, Hong Kong	£420	£210
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai	£460	£210
5★ Harbour Grand Kowloon	£520	£320

Flight supplements may apply

#### Price includes:

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

## HONG KONG & MACAU

4 NIGHTS FROM **PER PERSON £490**

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

### Day 1: Hong Kong

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

### Day 2: Hong Kong

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

### Day 3: Hong Kong – Macau

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

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

### Day 4: Macau

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

### Day 5: Depart Macau

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



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ Eaton & The Regency	£490	£240
4★ Dorsett Wan Chai & Metropark Macau	£640	£330
5★ Harbour Grand Kowloon & Sofitel Macau	£740	£460

Flight supplements may apply

#### Price includes:

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

## SINGAPORE

2 NIGHTS FROM **PER PERSON £260**

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

### Your hotel

In the heart of the Changi Business Park, **the Capri by Fraser** is a stylish and modern apartment hotel featuring studio rooms with kitchenette, and a range of facilities including gym, pool, deli and bars. It is just a five minute walk from the Expo MRT station which connects you to the city.

### Upgrade your experience

Close to the shoppers' paradise of the Orchard

Road in the centre of the city the **York Hotel's** facilities include a swimming pool, jacuzzi, poolside bar and well-appointed rooms. For paramount comfort try the **Orchard Hotel** which blends style and sophistication in a uniquely Singaporean way. Located on the Orchard Road you are in close proximity to all the city's shopping and entertainment and have an outdoor pool and award-winning café to enjoy.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ The Capri by Fraser	£260	£140
4★ York Hotel	£290	£130
5★ Orchard Hotel	£330	£120

Flight supplements may apply

#### Price includes:

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



## KUALA LUMPUR

2 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £240

The dynamic gateway to Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur has evolved from an unassuming shanty town into one of the world's most exciting metropolises. Here ethnic Malays, Chinese, Indians and Europeans mingle on streets where traditional temples are overshadowed by futuristic skyscrapers, including the iconic Petronas Towers, and traditional temples.

### Your hotel

The **Swiss Garden Hotel** is located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur between bustling Bukit Bintang and colourful Chinatown. Enjoy a unique dining experience at the restaurant; or relax in the pool bar, cocktail bar or tropical spa.

### Upgrade your experience

For relaxed grandeur five-star **The Renaissance** is just a short stroll from the Petronas Towers. Enjoy a selection of award-winning Japanese, Chinese and

international restaurants and catch some sleep in elegant and contemporary rooms. For the ultimate Singapore experience, the five star **Ritz Carlton Millenia** offers unobstructed views of Marina Bay and is mere steps from the city's exciting attractions including the Singapore Flyer and Gardens by the Bay.

### Adding this on

This can be easily added to any of our tours by flying internationally with Maylaysia Airlines.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ Swiss Garden Hotel	£240	£110
4★ The Renaissance	£260	£130
5★ Ritz Carlton Millenia	£360	£210

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes:

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

## BANGKOK

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £210

Thailand's capital is a potent clash of chaos and sophistication; an atmospheric, energetic metropolis full of character. From markets that float on the river or huddle along railway tracks, to glistening golden palaces and temples, modern skyscrapers and luxury hotels and, above all the incredibly delicious cuisine, everything in Bangkok is served up with a classic Thai welcome.

### Your hotel

Designed to provide the ultimate ease and convenience, **The Glow Trinity Silom** is a contemporary and stylish hotel located in the heart of downtown Bangkok. Facilities include a pool, gym, sauna and spa.

### Upgrade your experience

**Furama Silom** located in Bangkok's central entertainment district boasts a gorgeous rooftop pool, sleek bedrooms and a

restaurant serving a diverse range of cuisines. For added luxury, the **Pullman Bangkok Hotel G** provides unmatched style and class. Sample the international cuisine at a selection of world-class restaurants and relax in a state of the art wellness centre.

### Adding this on

This can be easily added to any of our tours by flying internationally with Thai Airways.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ The Glow Trinity Silom	£210	£85
4★ Furama Silom	£220	£90
5★ Pullman Bangkok Hotel G	£320	£190

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes:

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

## ABU DHABI

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £190

Evolving from a small fishing village to a fabulously rich city state, Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE, is a destination not to be ignored. Cosmopolitan yet traditional and laidback, this modern desert metropolis has plenty to keep you entertained, the beautiful Grand Mosque Sheikh Zayed and the Al Bateen neighbourhood to name a few.

### Your hotel

The stylish and contemporary **Centro Yas Island** is located close to the Southern Marina, Yas Beach, the F1 racetrack and Ferrari World Abu Dhabi. With a gym and outdoor pool, the Centro's rooms offer modern relaxation in cool, calm colours. A deli and restaurant offer a range of food, whilst the funky bar serves up refreshing drinks.

### Upgrade your experience

Well-positioned on Yas Island, the **Yas Island Rotana** combines elegant design

with international flair. Sit back and be pampered with excellent service, take a dip in the outdoor pool or relax in the spa. Alternatively, for a slice of Abu Dhabi luxury head to the **Beach Rotana**. Located in the city centre, this hotel boasts excellent facilities, a private beach and links directly to the Mall. Rooms here offer the height of decadent comfort.

### Adding this on

This can be easily added to any of our tours by flying internationally with Etihad.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ Centro Yas Island	£190	£120
4★ Yas Island Rotana	£240	£170
5★ Beach Rotana	£270	£140

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes:

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

## DUBAI

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £220

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination – a city full of cutting edge architecture, epic shopping malls, the finest of the world's luxury hotels and a cosmopolitan nightlife, all topped off with excellent beaches. As modern and extravagant as Dubai might be there is still plenty of rich and traditional culture to be found, particularly amongst the labyrinthine alleys of the old city.

### Your hotel

At the heart of the Deira district **The Marco Polo** is a sleek, friendly and modern hotel. Hop to the beach on the free shuttle, relax by the outdoor pool or soak in the hot tub. In the evening pick from a wide choice of restaurant options. Rooms offer classy comfort and plenty of modern conveniences.

### Upgrade your experience

**The Ramada Jumeirah Beach** has the whole city on its doorstep, its floor to

ceiling windows offering sleek and urban city views, its beach the perfect place to relax. Upgrade to the luxury of the **Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort**. Set in landscaped gardens right on a private beach in Dubai Marina, this hotel has exquisite facilities and warmly decorated rooms with views over the Gulf.

### Adding this on

This can be easily added to any of our tours by flying internationally with Emirates.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ The Marco Polo	£220	£150
4★ The Ramada Jumeirah Beach	£230	£170
5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£440	£290

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes:

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



# TAILORMADE ASIA

**Our group tours give you the chance to tick off all of the big sights and to travel in the company of likeminded people but not everyone wants to stick to the trail. If you like what you see but are looking for more flexibility and freedom, a tailor-made tour may be for you.**

## WHY TAILORMADE?

With a tailor-made itinerary you can travel where, when and at the pace you want, for as long as you want. You can pick your accommodation and add all the extras you like, from meals to guides to excursions. You can indulge your interests, whether it's Ming Dynasty pottery or large wading birds, and miss out anything that doesn't hold much appeal. You have complete control.

## WHAT WE DO:

Our team of dedicated tailor-made Asia experts will help to design your perfect, unique itinerary so you can have a holiday that fits all of your wants and needs for excellent value - whether it's some minor adjustments to one of the group itineraries you've seen in this brochure or building something completely from scratch.

### 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 INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORT

You can travel around your destination any way you like, be it by bullet train, plane or car, but we will always 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

Asia is home to a wealth of different people and cultures, each offering their own characteristic and delicious cuisines. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, so we include regional specialities to our itineraries, Peking duck in Beijing for example, but also leave you plenty of space to get out and discover the most flavourful offerings for yourself.

### 4 ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across Asia ranges from ger camps to grand old palaces. 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 you can peruse through the wide range of hotel options that we have online and pick the ones that appeal to you most.



### 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. By tailormaking your trip you can take this a step farther and do something a bit different – a day as a panda keeper, a Vietnamese cooking class, ballooning over Bagan or living like a maharaja in Rajasthan 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.





# AIRLINES

Your flights are an important part of your Wendy Wu Tours experience. We only work with scheduled airlines with the best reputations for service, reliability and punctuality. We use reputable domestic airlines for internal routes.

## BRITISH AIRWAYS Preferred Partner

Having enjoyed an excellent working relationship with British Airways for many years, we are delighted to be a British Airways Preferred Partner. This gives us access to the most competitive fares and allows us to offer high levels of service to help enhance your overall travel experience. You can check-in as normal at the airport or avoid the queues and check-in online, printing your boarding pass at home and simply dropping off your bags before you fly. Connecting flights to London Heathrow from a wide range of UK regional airports are available at a supplement.

- World Traveller**  
 31" seat pitch with lumbar support, footrest and adjustable headrest. Personal TV screens with audio video on demand offering access to 200 TV, film and music channels. A three course meal with complimentary bar service is also provided.
- World Traveller Plus**  
 This is a quieter cabin with a maximum of six rows, 38" seat pitch and wider seat with lumbar support, footrest and adjustable headrest. There is a personal TV and a three course meal, with choice of entrée from the Club World menu plus a complimentary bar service.

- Club World**  
 Benefit from dedicated check-in desks, departure and arrival lounges and a treatment in the Elemis Travel Spa (London Heathrow). Club World offers 6ft fully flat beds, personal TV, and an à la carte meal with a dedicated wine cellar as well as hot and cold snacks and beverages.
- First**  
 First customers benefit from dedicated check-in desks, departure and arrival lounges and a treatment in the Elemis Travel Spa (London Heathrow). The exclusive 'demicabin' creates a private environment. The seat converts into a 6'6" fully flat bed with duvet, pillows and a sleeper suit as well as a fold-down companion seat. Pre-flight dining is available at London Heathrow. On board, choose from a formal gourmet menu accompanied by fine wines and champagnes.



## CATHAY PACIFIC

- Direct departures 5 x daily from London Heathrow to Hong Kong and 4 x weekly from Manchester
- Daily flights to Hanoi, Saigon, Bangkok and regular flights to Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Rangoon.
- Economy Class features a 32" seat pitch, with a 6" recline, an in seat power outlet and a 9" widescreen personal TV with a wide range of inflight entertainment
- Member of the One World alliance.
- One of only seven airlines to receive a five-star Skytrax rating
- Upgrade to Premium Economy for more legroom, a wider seat, dedicated cabin, 10.6" personal TV, amenity kit and increased baggage allowance
- Upgrades available to Business Class with a fully flatbed seat, a dedicated check-in desk and priority boarding.



## Emirates

- Departures from Birmingham, Glasgow, London Gatwick, London Heathrow, Manchester and Newcastle
- Daily departures to Bangkok, Saigon, Phuket, Singapore.
- Economy Class features a 32-34" seat pitch and a personal seatback TV with a wide range of inflight entertainment
- One of the youngest fleets in the world and Winner of Skytrax Worlds Best Airline 2013
- Fly on the Airbus A380, with nine daily flights from Heathrow, Manchester and Gatwick
- Upgrades available to Business Class, featuring dedicated check-in desk and priority boarding, a larger fully flatbed seat with a personal mini bar on selected aircraft and complimentary chauffeur service\*

As well as British Airways and the featured airlines on this page we work with KLM, Air France, Turkish Airlines, Virgin Atlantic, China Eastern and China Southern, meaning you are able to fly from just about any airport in the UK.

Our prices are based on flights from London Heathrow. Regional departures may be subject to an additional cost.



\*Please note chauffeur services are only applicable on business class flights within a certain radius of your departure airport.

## QATAR AIRWAYS

- Departures from London Heathrow, Manchester and Edinburgh
- Connections via Doha to Hanoi, Saigon, Bangkok, Phnom Penh. Regular weekly flights to Rangoon
- Economy Class features a 32" seat pitch and a personal seatback TV
- Member of the One World alliance
- Winners of World's Best Airline for 2015. One of only seven airlines to receive a five-star Skytrax rating
- Upgrades available to Business Class with a fully flatbed seat

## SINGAPORE AIRLINES

- Departures via Singapore from London Heathrow and Manchester
- Daily flights to Hanoi, Phnom Penh, Saigon, Bangkok, Rangoon. Regular weekly flights to Siem Reap
- One of seven airlines to receive a five-star Skytrax rating
- Economy Class features a 32" seat pitch
- Upgrades available to Business Class which include dedicated check-in desk and priority boarding, a spacious flatbed seat, restaurant style pre-order gourmet menu and a 15.4" wide screen on-demand entertainment system and lounge access

## THAI

- Daily flights to Bangkok, Hanoi, Saigon, Rangoon, Phnom Penh, Phuket and Koh Samui from London Heathrow.
- Economy Class features a 32" seat pitch with a gradual recline.
- Upgrades available to Business Class seat with a wider more luxurious flatbed seat. Dedicated check-in counter and priority boarding. On-board arrival beverage, personal power outlet and Audio Visual On-demand entertainment system, pre-order gourmet menu and lounge access.

## Vietnam Airlines

- Departures direct to Hanoi and Saigon 4 times weekly from London Heathrow
- Numerous onward connections to key cities within Southeast Asia, including Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Bangkok and Rangoon
- Economy Class features a 31" seat pitch
- Upgrade to Premium Economy for additional legroom and a wider seat with increased seat recline
- Upgrades available to Business Class featuring a larger flatbed seat, priority boarding, 15.4" personal entertainment system on your international flight from the UK, personal amenity kit and lounge access





# HOTELS

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town.



▲ A WARM WELCOME



▲ CHALCEDONY HOTEL, HANOI



▲ THANH BINH RIVERSIDE HOTEL, HOI AN



▲ AU LAC, SAIGON



▲ OHANA HOTEL, PHNOM PENH



▲ FURAMA SILOM BANGKOK



▲ INLE RESORT, INLE LAKE



## Hanoi

**Chalcedony Hotel**  
4 Nguyen Truong To Street,  
Ba Dinh District, Hanoi.

**Hanoi Larosa Hotel**  
36 Nguyen Khuyen,  
Van Mieu Dong Da, Hanoi

## Hoi An

**Thanh Binh Riverside Hotel**  
Hamlet 5 Nguyen Du, Cam Pho,  
Hoi An

**Green Heaven Hotel**  
21 La Hoi, An Hoi, Minh An,  
Hoi An.

## Saigon

**Signature Saigon Hotel**  
65-69 Nguyen Thai Binh,  
Saigon.

**Au Lac 2 Hotel**  
87-89-91 Ho Tung Mau Street  
Ben Nghe Ward, District 1,  
Saigon.

## Hue

**Park View Hotel**  
9 Ngo Quyen Street,  
Vinh Ninh, Hue.

## Phnom Penh

**Town View Hotel Khan Daun**  
No 65, Street 174,  
Sangkat Phsar Thmey III, Phnom Penh

**Ohana Hotel**  
4 & 6, Street 148, Sangkat, Phsar Kandal  
I, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh.

## Siem Reap

**Angkor Paradise Hotel**  
National Road No.6, Phum Sala  
Kanseng, Siem Reap.

## Sihanoukville

**Holiday Villa Nataya Hotel**  
502, Street Serendipity Beach,  
Phoum 4 Sangkat 4,  
Sihanoukville.

## Vientiane

**Lao Orchid Hotel**  
Chao Anou Road  
Vat Chanh, Vientiane.

## Luang Prabang

**Villa Saykham Hotel**  
Xieng Mouane Village, Sisavang Road  
Luang Prabang.

**Villa Chitdara**  
Khounsua Road, Ban Vat Nong,  
Luang Prabang.

## Bangkok

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

## Chiang Mai

**Ibis Styles Chiang Mai Hotel**  
7/9 Moo 1 Kanklong, Cholprathan Road  
Changpuak, Chiang Mai.

## Rangoon

**Summit Parkview Hotel**  
350 Ahlone Road,  
Dragon Township, Rangoon.

## Mandalay

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

## Bagan

**Floral Breeze Hotel**  
Chauk Road, New Bagan,  
Bagan.

## Inle Lake

**Inle Resort**  
InLe Lake, Nyaung Shwe.

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

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



# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

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

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

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

**A.** 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. We will also send you a detailed tour dossier, which provides a straightforward description of the physical activities involved on each day of your itinerary. 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. It is essential that you read the relevant tour dossier before booking, which you can find on [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk), or we can arrange for one to be sent to you.

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

**A.** Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. See page 98 for examples of hotels we usually use.

**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. Visas for Laos are not included as there is no Laos consulate in the UK. Visas for Laos are inexpensive and easy to obtain upon arrival in Laos. If travelling into Cambodia overland your visa will also need to be obtained locally.

**Q. Do I need travel insurance?**

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

**Q. What vaccinations do I need?**

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

	Recommended
Vietnam	Hepatitis A, Typhoid & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Cambodia	Hepatitis A, Typhoid & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Laos	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in most regions.
Thailand	Hepatitis A & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Burma	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in most regions.

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



**Q. How fit do I need to be?**

**A.** Our group tours are graded on each page to reflect the level of fitness required.

The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described on the tour dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice.

Our range of private tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

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

**➤➤ Moderate**  
Not strenuous, but do require higher levels of fitness. A typical tour may include activities stated above as well as longer periods of sightseeing on foot/driving. Easy walking, areas of high altitude and overnight train journeys may also feature.

**➤➤➤ Active**  
Requiring a good level of fitness, these tours are physically more demanding. They may involve activities stated above as well as some hiking; travel to remote areas where tourist facilities are less developed, long days of driving and high altitude travel. Please contact us if you require any advice.

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**Q. What size are your tour groups?**

**A.** The maximum group size varies depending on the tour, but is usually between 8 and 29 passengers. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in comfort. On our Discovery and Exclusive Collection Tours maximum group size is 18 passengers

**Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?**

**A.** Our most popular tours are guaranteed to depart, subject to a minimum of two passengers travelling. All other group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers, and a National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more.

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

**A.** No. On group tours we offer the option to share with a tour member of the same gender so there are no additional charges for travelling alone. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival. Note that on overnight rail journeys and cruises this may not be with a Wendy Wu Tours passenger. To arrange a guaranteed private room, our single room option is available for an extra cost (you will still be required to share on overnight rail journeys).



**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 land at the airport, to when you depart. On multi-country tours, different national escorts are used in each country. 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 is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?**

**A.** Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights.

**Q. What currency should I take?**

**A.** We recommend you take sterling or US dollars as well as the local currency and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras. Tipping must be in US dollars (see page 102).

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

**A.** Yes – we are always looking for ways to make your holiday that little bit more comfortable and convenient for you. See page 106 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. See page 103.

## WHILE ON TOUR

**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 Junk Boats 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 the best available soft sleeper trains. Each compartment is shared by four people (not necessarily Wendy Wu Tours passengers).



**Q. When are Southeast Asian public holidays?**

**A.** Vietnamese New Year, otherwise known as Tet, will be on 9th February 2016 and 29th January 2017. Celebrations last up to ten days. New Year celebrations for Cambodia, Laos and Thailand are in mid-April every year. Some businesses may be closed and tourist sites will be busier.



There is a western-style toilet at one end of the carriage and an Asian-style toilet at the other end. The beds and cabins are basic with clean linen provided and there are neither showers nor a dining car. The trains are generally clean; however you cannot expect western standards.

**Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?**

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





## WHILE ON TOUR

**Q. What is the flying time to Southeast Asia?**

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

**Q. Do you allow children on your tours?**

**A.** We allow children 12 years and over on our group tours. 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 Tipping Compulsory?

**A.** Yes. Tipping is a necessary part of the tourism industry worldwide. For your convenience, total compulsory tipping amounts are stated on each group tour page (subject to change), to be paid in USD to your national escort on arrival. Portage is included on our Group Tours to Southeast Asia (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel). For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On private tours and extensions, tipping is discretionary and we will advise recommended amounts.



## WeCare – Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover.

Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits.

In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.

## Charity

Wendy Wu Tours has carefully selected the following charities to support in Southeast Asia.



KOTO is a not-for-profit restaurant and vocational training program based in Hanoi whose staff consists of former street children who receive training in catering and life skills. [koto.com.au](http://koto.com.au)



MAG saves and improves lives by reducing the devastating effects armed violence and remnants of conflict have on people around the world. [maginternational.org](http://maginternational.org)

# ASIA FOR ALL SEASONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Hanoi

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

## Saigon

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

## 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 still make this stunning city warm year round.

## Siem Reap

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

## Luang Prabang

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

## 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.

## Phuket

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

## Rangoon

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



## Wendy Wu Tours Booking Conditions

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

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

For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our Asia Inspirations brochure and terms and conditions or visit www.asiainspirations.co.uk.

In these booking conditions, “you” and “your” means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. “We”, “us” and “our” means Wendy Wu Tours Limited.

### 1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking (“lead name”) must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made.

After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 “Payment” below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us 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 W7934). If your holiday does not include flights, ABTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to the UK (other than flights) you are returned to the UK in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency. Please go to www.abta.com for a copy of the guide to ABTA’s scheme of Financial Protection.

ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA’s Code of Conduct.

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

### 3. Your Holiday Price

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

The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 1.5616USD and £1 to 0.979CNY on 21 July 2015.

We reserve the right to increase / decrease and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error of which we are aware and of the then 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 or decrease the price in the following circumstances. Price increases or decreases after booking will be passed on by way of a surcharge or refund. A surcharge or refund (as applicable) will be payable, subject to the conditions set out in this clause, in the event of any change in our transportation costs or in dues, taxes or fees payable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports or airports or in the exchange rates which have been used to calculate the cost of your holiday.

Even in the above cases, only 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) will we levy a surcharge. 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.

A refund will only be payable if the decrease in our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your holiday as set out above. Where a refund is due, we will pay you the full amount of the decrease in our costs.

We promise not to levy a surcharge within 30 days of departure. No refund will be payable if any decrease in our costs occurs during this period either.

### 4.Payment

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

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

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

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

### 5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of Travel, and contain a minimum of two blank visa pages, is required for travel for all countries in our programme. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK and EU passport holders in all fully inclusive group packages with the exception of holidays to Laos. Non UK passport holders will incur Visa fees at their own expense. Failure to forward passports to Wendy Wu Tours by the date specified on your confirmation invoice so that we can process your Visa application may incur further charges to cover expedited Visa processing. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned approximately 4 weeks after receipt by Royal Mail Special Delivery. A charge will be made for faster processing. It is your responsibility to ensure the visa issued to you is correct. Whilst we include the cost of the standard visa application service in your tour price (for UK and EU passport holders), we will pass on any additional charges incurred for non-standard visa processing, or where visa charges are increased following publication of the brochure. Should your visa application be refused for any reason and you wish to cancel your booking the cancellation charges under clause 8 will apply. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a Visa.

Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. Passports and applications should be sent by tracked delivery or in person. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post.

It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full.

### 6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance covering at least circumstances leading to the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking. You will indemnify Wendy Wu Tours in respect of any assistance or payment made by us in these circumstances.

Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre www.nathnac.org. Information on health can be found at www.nhs.uk and www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk. For holidays in the EU / EEA you should obtain

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

### 7. If you wish to change your booking

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

- Minor amendments to the tour booked - £20
- Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure - £30
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 60 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets - £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket
- Once a booking is confirmed no name transfers are permitted within 60 days of departure and will be regarded as a cancellation and cancellation fees apply

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

### 8. If you wish to cancel your booking

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

61 or more days	Retention of deposit
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

(1) We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(2) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
- “force majeure” as defined in clause 11 below

(3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 12 “Excursions”. In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract – and the laws, regulations and relevant standards of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred – will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10(1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us.

Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings.

For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is twice the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

- (6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/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 complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

### 14. Arbitration

Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website (www.abta.com). The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. There is also a limit of £25,000 per booking. Neither does it apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The scheme can however deal with compensation claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. Outside this time limit arbitration under the scheme may still be available if we agree, although the ABTA Code does not require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. Where we act as agent, please bear in mind that your contract is with the supplier of the arrangements concerned. Unless the supplier is also a member of ABTA, only disputes relating to our actions as agent can be dealt with by the arbitration scheme or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

### 15.Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier’s liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

### 16. Behaviour

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party’s full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

### 17. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours.

We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfillment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as “standard” bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

### 18. Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

Please note that China and the surrounding regions is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated “tour pace” is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependant on your own

health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have.

If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 16.

### 19. Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a “Community list” which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list\_en.htm.

In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible.

If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 “If we change or cancel your holiday” will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time.

Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been 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 Board



# TRAVEL INSURANCE

We want you to experience a holiday that relaxes, fascinates and fills you with a lifetime of glorious memories. However, not everything is within our or indeed your control. So for complete peace of mind, you should always prepare for the unexpected before or during your holiday.

## Flexible Levels of Travel Insurance



We work with Holiday Extras to provide cancellation cover, medical protection and a range of other benefits. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, Holiday Extras have been awarded the title 'best travel insurance provider' for the past six years at the Travel Weekly Globe Awards. Our standard policies provide cover up to 85 years of age.

As an added bonus, Holiday Extras insure that under 18's go free with a paying adult on selected policies, making our insurance the perfect choice for families.

Choose either single trip insurance or a yearly multi-trip policy.

## Single Trip Policies

Our single trip policies will cover you for any destination and tour in this brochure up to a total of 31 days (this can be extended to 60 days if under 64 years of age with no medical conditions).

Length of trip	Adult up to 64
Up to 17 days	£63.25
18-24 days	£67.50
25-31 days	£83.50
+ extra weeks	£21.00

## Annual Multi-Trip Policies

These are ideal if you plan to travel abroad more than once in the year. Annual multi-trip policies provide worldwide protection for any number of trips up to 23 days duration (31 days if you are under 64), up to a total of 183 days per year.

Length of separate trip	Price
23 days	£88.50
31 days	£102.25

Prices are based on cover for travellers aged up to 64 years. Supplements will apply if between 65 and 85. All prices are subject to change.

Summary of Cover	Maximum
Medical emergency expenses	£10,000,000
Personal liability	£2,000,000
Personal accident	£25,000
Cancellation	£5,000
Curtailment	£5,000
Missed departure	£1,000
Travel delay	£60
Personal baggage	£2,000
Delayed baggage	£150
Catastrophe	£1,000
Personal money / passport	£300
Medical inconvenience	£600
Dental emergency	£150
Personal assistance	£250
Legal expenses	£25,000

## Latitude – for those with pre-existing medical conditions

As well as those flexible policies, Holiday Extras is home to the Latitude policy. This means that almost everyone up to the age of 89 with pre-existing medical conditions can get comprehensive travel insurance at a great price. In fact, 97% of all conditions can be covered.

For pre-existing medical conditions insurance enquiries, please call Holiday Extras on 0800 781 4086 quoting W7994.



# BOOKING YOUR TRIP

Booking your holiday should be simple and straightforward, so Wendy Wu Tours is committed to supporting you through every element of the booking process right through until after your holiday has finished.

## BOOKING MADE EASY

### 1. Choose your experience

Get a taste of the tours in this brochure. Visit our website for more details, including interactive maps, destination information, photos, videos, reviews, updates and detailed tour dossiers.

Choose the style of trip that suits you:

- Fully Inclusive Group Tours
- Our exciting new Discovery Tours
- The deluxe Exclusive Collection
- Flexible Private Tours
- Bespoke Tailor-Made Holidays

Still not sure? Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to talk through your options.

### 2. Check availability

Speak to our expert Travel Consultants, or your preferred Travel Agent, and we will check the tour availability, find the best flights and confirm your full package price.

### 3. Booking & deposit

Group Tour places can usually be confirmed immediately upon payment of a deposit of £350 per person. Private Touring arrangements can usually be confirmed within 48 hours.

Once your tour is complete, we will send you confirmation by email. By making a booking you are confirming that you have read the tour dossier, are fit enough to fully participate in your tour, will travel with adequate travel insurance and agree to the booking conditions at the back of the brochure.

### 4. Final payment

The balance of your payment is due 60 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately two weeks before travel.

## Regional flights and upgrades

Enjoy the freedom to choose who you fly with and where you fly from. We work with most major airlines and offer flights from regional airports across the UK – often with no additional supplement.

All of our tour prices are based on flying Economy Class, but if you fancy a little bit of luxury and lots more legroom, we have specially negotiated rates on Premium Economy and Business Class fares.

Depending on your budget you can upgrade one way or for the entire return trip.

## Stopovers & Extensions

Why not break your trip to the Far East with a stopover – most airlines won't charge you any extra for stopping over en route. We are able to book your hotel, transfers and touring and add it to your trip. World class destinations such as Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Hong Kong are just a few of the options available between Asia and the UK. See pages 88-93 for inspiration. If you want to stay longer in Shanghai, Beijing or wherever your trip starts or finishes, we are able to add extra nights onto your trip for a small supplement.



## Add finishing touches

We want to make your holiday enjoyable and stress-free and can help you book:

- ✓ Airport Lounges from £25
- ✓ Airport Parking from £4 per day
- ✓ Airport Hotels from £35 per night
- ✓ Travel Insurance See page 130 for details of our recommended policy

Please speak to our experienced Travel Consultants who will happily provide advice and arrange these for you.

## Thank you for your loyalty



Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again. What's more, they also recommend us to their friends and family. We really appreciate this loyalty and want to reward you for it.

■ **Become a Wendy Wu Tours Champion**  
Recommend us to your friends and we'll send you a hamper as a thank you for the first booking we receive. Plus for every subsequent booking, we'll send you £50 worth of shopping vouchers.

■ **Loyalty Discount**  
When you book your second holiday, we'll give you a £100pp discount.

■ **Welcome Home Discount**  
When you book another tour with us within four-weeks of returning home, we'll give you a £200pp discount.

■ **Become a Wendy Wu Tours VIP**  
Book three trips or more and we'll give you £250pp off the total cost of your holiday.

Conditions apply. Rewards and discounts cannot be combined. Refer to our website for full details.



# TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

- Over 18 years' experience
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of group, private and tailor-made holidays
- Depart from many regional UK airports
- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Quality hotels and comfortable transport
- Outstanding customer satisfaction
- Award winning guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Authentic dining and delicious local cuisine
- Hassle-free visa service included
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL & IATA

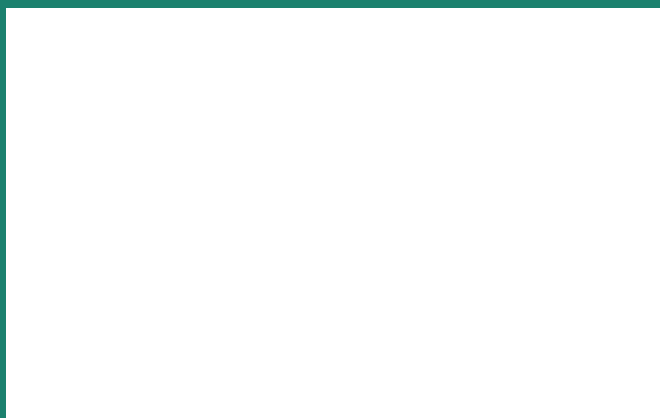


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