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Welcome to our Spring 2018 issue of Escape, our brand new customer magazine, filled with exciting new tours and traveller stories of your fellow guests of Wendy Wu Tours.

I can hardly believe that the year is almost to its end, and what a year it's been. This year, we launched our range of South and Central America Tours, and already guests who've entrusted us with their Asia experiences, are heading further afield to explore these incredible lands. I myself have just returned from spending almost two months in South America, exploring the continent to uncover even more exciting new experiences to introduce my guests to. From personal experience, I found this destination overwhelmingly beautiful, culturally rich and ripe for exploration.

Like me though, I bet you're already thinking about your next adventure! 2019 is just around the corner, so get the calendar out and start making plans. Whether you've decided that next year you're tempted by Tokyo, you crave Kerala or you long for Laos, seize the day.

Next year marks my 25th anniversary of introducing travellers to my favourite places in the world, so join me on this special anniversary year, and make your Bucket List a reality. I hope to join you on a trip soon!

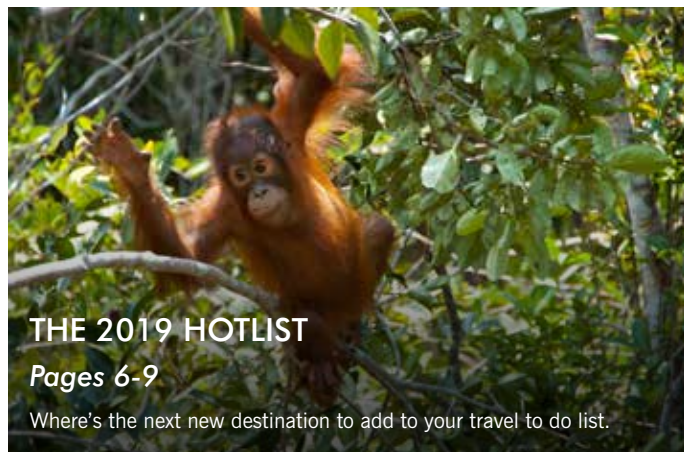
Lots of cheers,



Wendy Wu,
Owner & Founder, Wendy Wu Tours



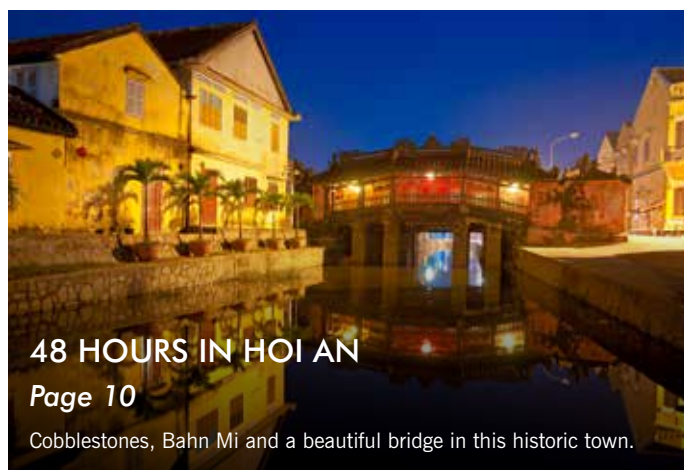
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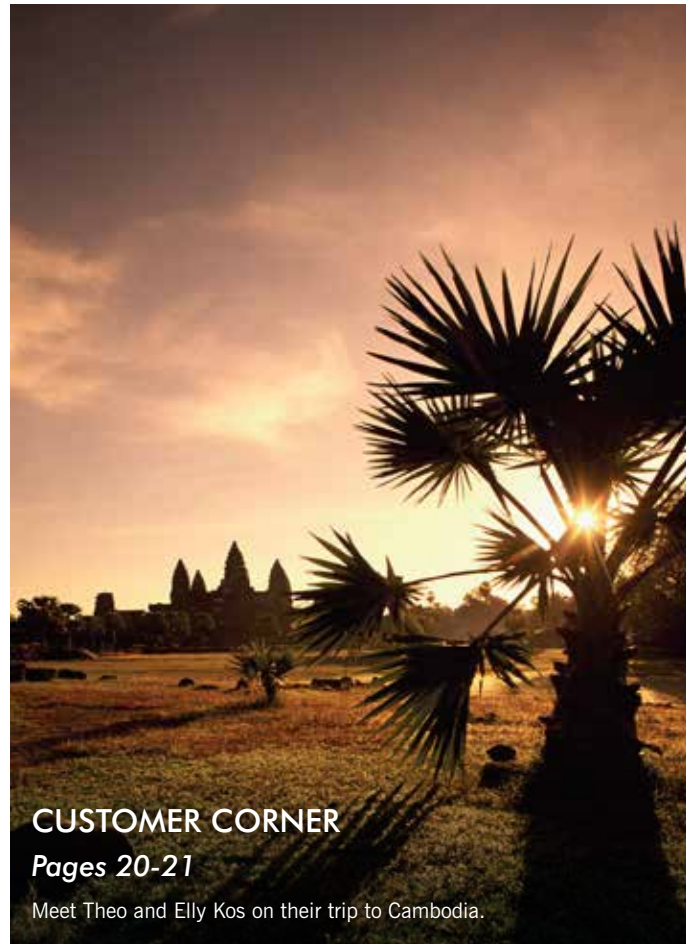
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Delve deeper into India.

WHAT'S NEW?

OUR EXPERTS BRING YOU THE LATEST NEWS FROM WENDY WU TOURS

NEW READER TOURS

Following on the success of our 2017 Traveller Reader Tour to China, we are delighted to announce a brand new itinerary, departing April 2019. Join hosts Edmund Capon, Geoff Raby, Kirsty Needham, and Timothy Calnin on a deluxe journey through China. This 16-day journey will visit Hong Kong, Shanghai, Guilin, Lijiang, Xian and Beijing, and guests will stay in high end hotels such as the LUX* Tea Horse Road in Lijiang province. Enjoy stimulating lectures by subject-matter experts, in this unique experience, curated by our expert team, in conjunction with Traveller.

For further information, or to book, visit
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"The experiences of walking the Great Wall of China, passing through the pavilions of the Forbidden City, peering into the pits of the Terracotta Warriors, one is steeped in history and geography... The National Tour Guides and local guides are fountains of knowledge, and are wonderful ambassadors for their country. Nobody knows China like Wendy Wu Tours!"

- Nettie Sullivan, Inaugural Reader Tour Guest

6 NEW
TOURS!



NEW SOLO TOURS

Travelling the world all by yourself is full of heightened experiences – the thrill of exploring new places on your own terms, mixed with more than a little trepidation if you're thrown out of your depth.

We know: that's why we are delighted to announce the launch of six brand new Solo tours, to bring solo travellers together to experience all the highs of taking on the world by yourself, but with none of the lows that can come from really going it alone. Choose your favourite destination, and join a bespoke solo tour in China, India, Japan, Vietnam or Cambodia. Tours range in duration from 10-15 days, and you're guaranteed your own room every evening as part of the package.

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TOURS

ANNOUNCING:

16 EXCITING NEW TOURS

In the spirit of Wanderlust, our new 2019/2020 brochures mark the launch of 16 exciting new itineraries across the magnificent breadth of Asia. For the first time, travellers can venture into Indonesia, experiencing sunrise at the enigmatic Borobudur, and meet the ancient Komodo dragon. There's also a comprehensive 18-day tour of Japan, and explorations deeper into Northern and Southern India, including the glorious Himalayas. While you can find all of these new tours online, here's a taste of some of our favourites...

INCREDIBLE INDONESIA

On this 17-day journey through, you'll spot Komodo dragons, taste Yogyakarta's local cuisine and marvel at Borobudur sunrise. You'll also visit Laweyan batik village, explore Mount Bromo by Jeep and cruise to Rinca island.

JAPAN UNCOVERED

The new 18-day Japan Uncovered tour will be the longest that Wendy Wu Tours has ever run in Japan, taking in a comprehensive itinerary that includes Kanazawa, Takayama and Hakone. May departures will also include Sumo Wrestling and a visit to the Shibazakura Festival.

VIBRANT VIETNAM

A signature Vietnam experience, this 15-day journey will take you from top to tail, featuring all of Vietnam's must-see sights, including Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue and Hoi An – with relaxing cruising along the Nha Trang Coast, on the Perfume River, and down the Mekong delta.

CLASSIC SOUTH INDIA

Travel through laid-back South India on this 14-day itinerary, that will uncover the wildlife, culture and breathtaking coastlines of the subcontinent. Enjoy a stay on a houseboat on the Kerala backwaters, wander through a Tea Plantation in Munnar and meet tigers in Periyar Wildlife Reserve.

JOURNEY TO KATHMANDU

Combining the best of India with the glorious Himalayas, this adventurous 22-day itinerary will explore the mountain village of Lumbini, cruise the Holy River Ganges, join a jungle walk in Chitwan National Park and hike through the beautiful landscapes surrounding Pokhara. A truly magnificent and immersive itinerary.

EXCITING
NEW
ITINERARIES!

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in you sail. Explore. Dream. Discover."

- Mark Twain



The **2019** **HOTLIST**

THE LOWDOWN ON NEXT
YEAR'S HOTTEST TRAVEL
DESTINATIONS

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Seoul Tower

SOUTH KOREA

With Korean cuisine bigger than ever, travellers are flocking to the dramatic landscapes of South Korea. Seoul is an ideal shopping destination, packed with young fashion designers plying their trade amongst ancient temples and vibrant alleyway market stalls, while Busan's relaxed beaches and Jeju Island's sub-tropical, volcanic wonder makes for the ultimate holiday of contrasts.

Don't miss: waterfalls, hot springs and the famed female abalone divers of Jeju.

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JEJU ISLAND SHORT STAY. 4 DAYS SHORT STAY TOUR, FROM \$770pp

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Boudhanath Stupa

NEPAL

So much more than Mount Everest, Nepal is known for its smiles as much as its rugged Himalayan landscape and mesmerizing prayer flags, the breathtaking historic sites of Kathmandu and unique wildlife. Its popularity is higher than ever as visitors are booking to help restore the economy after its 2015 earthquake, making those smiles ever wider!

Don't miss: searching for rhino or tiger in Chitwan National Park, fascinating Pokhara and of course the magnificent mountains.

SEE IT ON...

JOURNEY TO KATHMANDU. 21 DAYS.
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PARTNER
FLIES
FREE

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Sun Moon Lake

TAIWAN

This densely populated country is all about the people, living life large through fantastic restaurants, splendid festivals, and a surprisingly free-thinking attitude that makes it one of Asia's more laid-back societies. Yet Taiwan's quiet places are many, and spectacular to boot, from the soaring marbled gorges of Taroko to the immense Sun Moon Lake.

Don't miss: Wen Wu Temple overlooking the lake, the ancient capital of Tainan, and impressive Fo Guang Shan Monastery.

SEE IT ON...

FASCINATING TAIWAN. 5 DAY SHORT STAY TOUR.
FROM \$1250pp

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Ulugh Beg Madrasah

UZBEKISTAN

As the 'Stans' are opening up to tourism more each year, the incredible Silk Road lands are more accessible than they've ever been. The mindblowing architecture of holy city Bukhara has stood through more than 1,000 years of history, while Tashkent's bazaar has been the crossroads between East and West since the third century.

Don't miss: the exquisite minarets and madrassas of Khiva, mythical Samarkand, and the desert fortress of Chalkik Kala.

SEE IT ON...

ROAD TO SAMARKAND. 23 DAYS FROM
\$10,080pp

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Bagan Temples

MYANMAR

Experiencing a golden age that echoes its gilded temples and pagodas, Myanmar is now straddling the glorious line between off-the-beaten-track charm and a new dawn of tourism that offers comfort and welcome to visitors. Between the bell-like gold Shwedagon Pagoda and the cobblestoned markets, capital Yangon provides a step back in time, even as it rushes toward the future.

Don't miss: Bagan's incredible temples, the ancient relic-topped volcano of Mount Popa, and exploring the Irrawaddy River.

SEE IT ON...

HIDDEN TREASURES OF MYANMAR. 17 DAYS FROM \$5,490pp

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Kuang Si Waterfalls

LAOS

There is nowhere quite like this mountainous, jungled and truly exotic country, as warm-hearted as it is beautiful. The French restaurants of Vientiane, overlooked by the Arc de Triomphe-esque Patuxai, contrast wonderfully with the saffron-robed monks and calm, fun streets of Luang Prabang.

Don't miss: cruising the mighty Mekong River, dipping a toe into the crystalline waters of the Kuang Si waterfalls, witnessing the incredible, prehistoric Plain of Jars.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS. 14 DAYS FROM \$4,590pp

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Mekong Delta

THE MEKONG DELTA

The lifeblood of much of South East Asia, the Mekong River is an experience in and of itself. Cruising its waters as we do provides a quiet, unobtrusive snapshot into the daily lives of the various peoples who make their home not just next to the river but because of it.

Don't miss: cruising for seven nights through Cambodia to witness floating markets, fish farms and villages.

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MEKONG ODYSSEY. 20 DAYS.

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Three White Pagodas

YUNNAN

Every province of China is different, but Yunnan in the country's far south-west is especially diverse and dramatic. This is the stunning home of Shangri-la, and even Chinese travellers are coming to see the mirrored rice terraces, the wild Tiger Leaping Gorge and the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

Don't miss: UNESCO-listed Stone Forest of limestone pillars, meditating with the monks of sacred Weibaoshan mountain, meeting the ethnic minorities around Shaxi Ancient Town.

SEE IT ON...

YUNNAN & SICHUAN. 17 DAYS.

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PANAMA

Where do we start? The spectacular cloud forests and abundant wildlife? The chic Euro-style city of Panama City that blends seamlessly with Caribbean cool? Or just the awe-inspiring manmade wonder of the Panama Canal – definitely a bucket-list experience in itself?

Don't miss: the historic port of Colon, visiting the traditional village of the Embera tribe, and spotting capuchin monkeys in the rainforest from the aerial tram over Gamboa.

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COSTA RICA
& PANAMA.
18 DAYS FROM
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San Blas Kuna Yala

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Torres del Paine, Chile

PATAGONIA

South America is a most incredible continent; it runs from the tropics right down to a stone's throw from Antarctica. Here, the unique and magnificent area of Patagonia is shared between Argentina and Chile, from the sweeping Argentinian steppe through to the wildlife-rich, majestic landscapes of the Chilean side. This is cutting-edge exploration!

Don't miss: the world's most southern city of Ushuaia, the wild archipelago of Tierra del Fuego, sailing the glaciers and fjords spotting wildlife toward the Southern Ice Field.

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CHILE: TOP
TO TOE.
15 DAYS FROM
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48 HOURS IN HOI AN

Famous for its relaxed attitude, great street food, ancient old town and its colourful lanterns Hoi An is a must visit city in Vietnam. A historical gem, Hoi An's vibrant colours and rich flavours simmer with the feel of centuries past. Hoi An was an influential port city along the Silk Road, an ancient trade route from east to west. For over 500 years merchants from China, Japan, France and Portugal settled in the prosperous town resulting in a distinctive blend of culture, cuisine, religion and architecture.



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TWIN SHARE.
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HERE'S HOW TO SPEND THE PERFECT 48 HOURS...

Day One

MORNING

Start with a walking tour of this laid-back UNESCO listed town. See the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge, Chinese temple, meet a family who have occupied the same house for more than two hundred years. Finish the morning with some shopping at the bustling markets.

PIT STOP

Visit the Reaching Out Arts and Crafts Workshop. Here you can visit the workshop to watch crafts being made and purchase traditional Vietnamese arts and crafts handmade by persons with disabilities.

AFTERNOON

Explore the cobbled streets of Hoi An old town and soak up the history and culture. Over the centuries merchants from China, Japan, France and Portugal settled in the town making it an important port city along the ancient Silk Road. Easily accessible from town take a trip to see Hoi An's beaches – Cua Dai and An Bang.

AFTER DARK

Love street food? You're in luck! Hoi An is a street food paradise and at night it gets even better. Night markets pop up all over the town, but head back to the Japanese Covered Bridge for unforgettable food.

Day Two

MORNING

In the morning visit a local community farming project at Tra Que village, just outside of Hoi An. Here the community has come together to create a large shared vegetable farm. Learn how to farm using traditional Vietnamese methods going as far as sowing seeds and harvesting crops.

PIT STOP

Head back into the city for a delicious lunch of Banh Mi – traditional Vietnamese sandwiches with chicken, beef or pork with pate, mayo, cucumber spears and pickled vegetables on a fresh bread roll.

AFTERNOON

Head out to My Son, an Ancient religious centre built by the once thriving Champa Kingdom. A UNESCO World Heritage listed site set amongst green valleys and hills, the site comprises of twenty temples and monuments of Hindu influence.

AFTER DARK

Watch the locals dressed in Ao Dai, a traditional garment worn by women, as they light paper lanterns with small candles and send them floating down the river. Buy some lanterns and participate yourself. Later enjoy drinks and live music in one of the many bars in the Old Town or An Bang Beach.

TOP HOI AN EXPERIENCES



See the Japanese Covered Bridge



Explore the cobbled streets



Send lanterns down the river



Watch craftsmanship at the Reaching Out Arts and Crafts Workshop



FIRST TIMERS GUIDE TO *South America*



WHAT'S INSIDE:

- **LOST EMPIRES & CIVILISATIONS**

Explore ancient Machu Pichu, Peru, home to the Inca's.

- **THE RAW POWER OF NATURE**

See the world's largest and most biodiverse rainforest in the Amazon Jungle, Brazil and enjoy the pace of life along Lake Titicaca, Peru.

- **THE RHYTHM OF CULTURE**

Visit the cultural heartland of Brazil, Rio De Janeiro, and feel the romance and energy of the tango in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

←
*Cut out
and keep!*

A note from Wendy

South America. The very idea of the continent conjures up images of lost empires, mysterious civilisations and natural landscapes beyond compare. For many years, my returning guests have asked me "Wendy, I love Asia, but I have already seen it all with you! Where else can you take me?". So, it has long been a dream of mine to share the richness of this area with my returning guests. I have just returned from seven weeks exploring her wilds, her cities and her cultures, and so I am delighted to share with you, my guide to your first time visiting South America. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have, and that it whets your appetite for the adventures that await you.

Lots of cheers,
Wendy



Gazing upon Machu Picchu
in Peru and exploring
Christ the Redeemer in
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



My Tip:

Get there for sunrise or sunset, and marvel over the stone monuments of the "Sacred City".

Machu Picchu, Peru

The South America that you've always dreamed of, and certainly the most famous of all the sites in South America, first timers must visit the famously preserved Incan citadel of Machu Pichu. The city ruins that are steeped in mystery sit 2,430 metres above sea level and are another UNESCO world heritage listed site. It is believed to have been built as grounds for Emperor Pacachuti in 15th century, and quickly abandoned upon the arrival of the Spanish. Machu Pichu's speedy desertion paired with the fact that it was never found by the colonisers have been key to the preservation of its structures and terraces. Locals have always known about Machu Pichu, but it only entered mainstream consciousness thanks to the research of Historian Hiram Bingham. In 1911, Bingham was searching for "lost city of the Incas", when a local farmer alerted him to the site. Comprised of a series of crumbling buildings, and over 3000 steps across five miles, the site remains firmly at the top of travellers Bucket Lists.

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My Tip:

Ask your guide to uncover the local traditions for you or take part in a festival.



Machu Picchu

Lake Titicaca, Peru & Bolivia

At South America's largest lake, the pace of life slows down. Located at the north of the Altiplano basin, high in the Andes on the border of Peru and Bolivia, a visit to Lake Titicaca is to step back in time to highland cultures, steeped in traditional life. Here, plateau's stretch for miles and crops are still harvested by hand. Located on the shores of Lake Titicaca, it is an easy sail to the acclaimed Moon and Sun islands, where women still wear petticoats and bowler hats. There are also plenty of opportunities to get up close and personal with Alpacas. Limas and Vicunas.

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Lake Titicaca

Cartagena, Colombia

Resplendent with colour and with cobblestones underfoot, Cartagena sits on the Caribbean coast, an old city dripping with romance of bygone times. Sat within a huge 13kms of colonial city walls, the Old Town is a recognised UNESCO World Heritage site, where balconies are heavy with bright flowers and mazelike alleyways are the perfect place to dawdle. Within the town, a number of colonial churches tower over the lanes, creating shady spots, perfect for resting, and above, the Castillo de San Felipe fortress rises high on the hill of San Lazaro. Set aside any preconceptions you may have about Colombia, Cartagena is the country's most popular destination, with neighbourhoods of Bocagrande and Manga inviting tourists from all over the world to explore her beauty. This is not a place to tick off lists, this is a place to relax and soak up the magic of where South America meets the Caribbean.

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Cartagena, Colombia

Buenos Aires, Argentina

The heartbeat of South America! The cosmopolitan capital of Tango, Asado (bbq) and Mate tea, Buenos Aires is an extremely diverse and cultural city. Often coined the Paris of South America, Buenos Aires reputation as a romantic and lively city is completely justified. Plaza de Mayo, an elegant nineteenth century central square is at the heart of the city and has witnessed the most significant events in Argentine history. Visitors should explore the antique shops in San Telmo, Buenos Aires' oldest neighbourhood and La Boca where you can walk the celebrated Caminito (little street), admiring the beautifully coloured buildings. Tigre, is perhaps Buenos Aires' best kept secret, a popular weekend destination for locals defined by its position on the banks of the Parana Delta. Marinas, mansions and rowing clubs are commonplace here and there are many water based activities available. Buenos Aires is a long-time favourite of travellers, with a throbbing heartbeat of music, food and wine.

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My Tip:

Watch a street Tango in St Telmo, as you dine on the famous Argentinian BBQ.

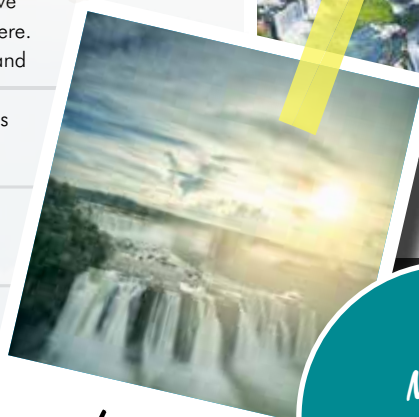


Street Tango

Iguazu Falls, Argentina and Brazil

Powerful and fierce, when first lady of the United States, Eleanor Roosevelt laid eyes on the tumbling waters of Iguazu falls she is reported to have uttered "poor Niagara"! An astute observation as Iguazu falls is truly impressive and visitors are often gobsmacked at the sheer power of the waters here. The scale of the falls is massive, spanning more than 2.7 kilometres and consisting of more than 275 individual waterfalls and cataracts and defining the border between Argentina and Brazil. Travelers to the falls are best to visit both the Argentinian side of the falls and the Brazilian side of the falls with each having its own dramatic views and vistas. A train ride to the most impressive observation point – the Devils Throat is a must do!

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Iguazu Falls



My Tip:

Ride by electric train to see the Devils Throat.

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

From one iconic image to the next, Rio de Janeiro is Brazil's most famous city. The energetic and unrivalled seaside city of Rio is home to so many highlights; Sugar Loaf Mountain, Copacabana, Ipanema beach and the noisy and rhythmic Carnival. At the centre of the city at the top of Tijuca Forest sits the instantly recognisable Christ the Redeemer. Traveling through the forest to the peak on the lively cog train is an enchanting experience. With arms wide open the statue and his visitors share extraordinary views of the city and the surrounding bays and islands. Copacabana and Ipanema are more than beaches, they are some of Rio's liveliest neighbourhoods and strolling along the promenades is an essential Rio experience. Make sure to taste the incredible street foods Rio has to offer but beware Brazilians sure do have a sweet tooth!

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My Tip:

Ride the cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain for gorgeous views of Copacabana beach.



My Tip:

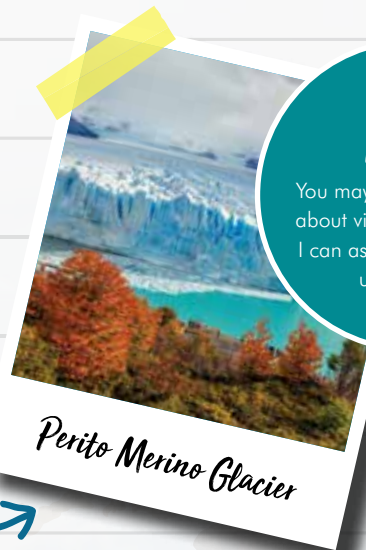
Make sure to visit the Salto Grande of the Pehoe River for an impressive view of the Torres Del Paine.

Torres del Paine National Park

Torres del Paine National Park, Chile

Grand and rugged, the mighty mountainscape of Torres del Paine National Park, is one of the continent's most pristine ecosystems. Wander under snowy mountain peaks, around aquamarine lakes, and even hear landslides tumbling in the distance. The park is most famous for its namesake which translates to 'The Blue Towers', enormous jagged granite towers that you cannot miss. Between the icebergs, grasslands and lakes Torres del Paine is a visual feast for the eyes and a buffet of sensory experiences.

SEE IT ON... CHILE: TOP TO TOE. 15 DAYS FROM \$9,180pp.



My Tip:

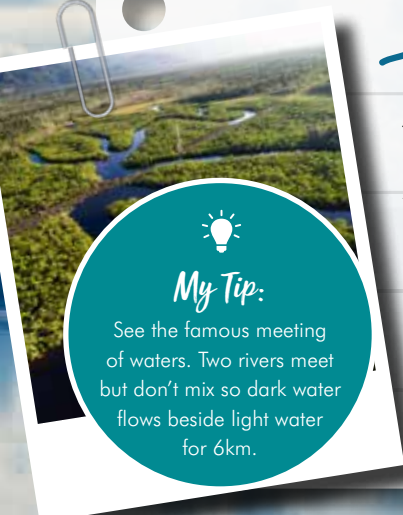
You may not have thought about visiting glaciers, but I can assure you, they are unmissable!

Perito Merino Glacier, Patagonia

Ancient and silent, the Perito Merino Glacier lies quietly yet spectacularly in Los Glaciares National Park, in Argentina Patagonia. A colossal remnant of the Ice Age, thirty kilometres long, five kilometres wide and sixty metres high, the glacier is viewable from a platform that allows visitors to get up close and personal, even watch giant icebergs calve off. From the Brazo Rico side of the lake you can even be lucky enough to witness one of the massive ruptures that sees an outpouring of water into the body of the lake.

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Perito Merino Glacier



My Tip:

See the famous meeting of waters. Two rivers meet but don't mix so dark water flows beside light water for 6km.

The Amazon, Brazil

The Amazon Rainforest is the world's largest tropical rainforest, while the Amazon River is the world's longest river, passing through seven countries. Manaus, the capital of Amazonas in the North of Brazil is the gateway to the Amazon. The largest city in the heart of the world's biggest jungle, Manaus is host to some amazing and exclusive experiences. Animals and humans interact in unimaginable ways, sloths are common throughout the city getting into all sorts of mischief, and pink bottle nose dolphins work with local fisherman for a share of the catch. From Manaus travellers can access the world's most life-giving river. Giver of life to the flora and fauna on her banks, the powerful Amazon river also supports life across the planet, generating twenty percent of the world's oxygen and housing half of the world's estimated 10,000 species. Wander through her dense jungle, or sail down one of her tributaries, her waters are filled with exotic animals like the mythical pink dolphin and the hungry piranha.

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DID YOU KNOW?

7 FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT ZHANGJIAJIE, CHINA

THE NATIONAL PARK HAS OVER

3000

ENORMOUS STONE PILLARS
THAT RISE FROM THE MISTY
SUBTROPICAL FOREST TO
PIERCE THE CLOUDS



ZHANGJIAJIE
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POOLS AND
DEEP CAVES



ZHANGJIAJIE WAS
THE INSPIRATION
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WORLD OF PANDORA
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**2009 BLOCKBUSTER
AVATAR**

ZHANGJIAJIE
IS CHINA'S
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PARK, DECLARED
AS FAR BACK AS

1982



THE HUNDRED
DRAGONS ELEVATOR IS
THE **WORLD'S TALLEST
OUTDOOR LIFT**



ZHANGJIAJIE IS HOME
TO THE WORLD'S
LONGEST GLASS BRIDGE



HUNDREDS
OF WILD MACAQUE
MONKEYS ROAM FREELY
AROUND THE PARK

KOREAN FRIED CHICKEN

INSTRUCTIONS

1. To start, combine all the ingredients for the marinade in a bowl, then add the chicken. Give it a mix with your hands until all the chicken pieces are evenly coated. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let it marinate for 2 hours in a refrigerator.
Tip: you can do this step in a zip lock bag to make it easier and cleaner!
2. Next, while the chicken is marinating, make the mustard sauce. Simply put all the ingredients for the mustard sauce in a jar and shake until well combined. Your sauce is 끝난 (that's Korean for "done"!)
3. Now it's time to prep the frying! Start heating vegetable oil to 190°C in a thick bottomed pot, such as cast-iron wok.
4. While it's heating, start making the batter. Simply whisk tempura powder, garlic powder, onion powder, curry powder, corn starch and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Take the chicken out from the plastic-covered marinade, and add it into the dry ingredients. Mix and toss evenly until all surfaces are covered!
5. Now we need to get the batter from a powder to a liquid! Slowly add water to the bowl of coated chicken and mix. Start small, first adding ¼ cup of water, then adding 1 Tbsp at a time, as needed, until you have a batter that's a little thicker than a regular pancake batter. It might seem strange to be making a batter whilst the chicken is in the bowl, but this is the way that the pro's do it!
6. Now that your chicken is all coated, carefully add the chicken pieces one by one into the hot oil. Fry gently for 6 to 7 minutes or until lightly golden brown and fully cooked. Depending on the size of your pot, you might need to do this in batches!
7. Once cooked, remove from the oil and place on a cooling rack or paper towel lined baking sheet. Serve immediately with the mustard sauce on the side. Dip in to eat! 좋은 식욕 (Bon Appetit!)
8. When all the chicken is fried, increase the oil temperature to 200°C for the second fry. Carefully drop in all the chicken and fry for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden brown and fully cooked. Remove from the oil and place on the cooling rack or paper towel lined baking sheet.
9. Serve immediately with mustard sauce, red sauce and salt & pepper mixture! If you'd like to, go ahead and toss the fried chicken with the red sauce! Enjoy!

INGREDIENTS

SERVES 4

For the Marinated Chicken

- ✓ 1 and ½ kgs whole chicken, cut into 25 to 30 pieces
- ✓ 8 to 10 cloves garlic
- ✓ 1 oz ginger
- ✓ 1 Tbsp salt
- ✓ ½ Tbsp black pepper
- ✓ ¼ cup Korean soju

Tip: Use white wine if you can't find soju!

For the Batter & Fry

- ✓ 1 cup tempura powder
- ✓ ½ tsp garlic powder
- ✓ ½ tsp onion powder
- ✓ ¼ tsp curry powder
- ✓ 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- ✓ 2 tsp sugar
- ✓ ¼ cup cold water
- ✓ ½ litre vegetable oil

For the Mustard Sauce

- ✓ 1½ Tbsp light soy sauce
- ✓ 1½ Tbsp rice vinegar or lemon juice
- ✓ 1½ Tbsp S&B Oriental Hot Mustard Powder
- ✓ 2 Tbsp water

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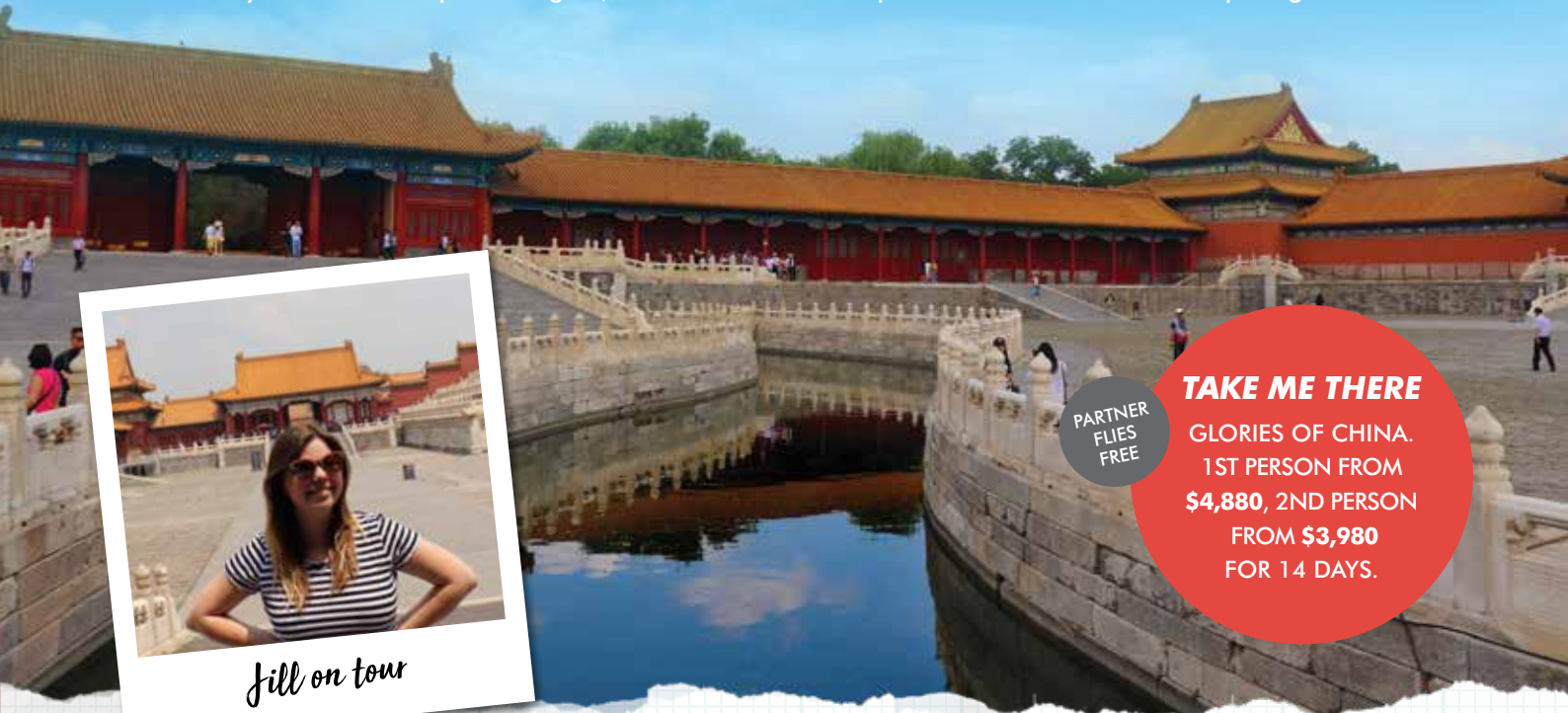


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From a first time traveller to China

Wendy Wu Tours' Graphic Designer, Jill Peck shares her experiences on her first time exploring China.



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BEIJING

TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

When arriving at the Temple of Heaven, I was pleasantly surprised to see it in real life. It's picture perfect! It's just as beautiful as the photos you see in magazines and brochures. The detail on the temple is so intricate and bright.

Outside the Temple of Heaven is just as interesting! There is a community of people playing cards, games and hanging out. You can wander through the premises and you can find Matchmakers Corner where parent's matchmake their children. You can also witness locals practicing Tai Chi and Opera.



XIAN

XIAN NIGHTLIFE

Arriving into Xian was an incredible moment, and delving into Xian nightlife is an unforgettable experience. People are so welcoming, friendly and fun!

You can participate in dancing with the locals in the streets and you can immerse yourself in live music and gaze upon the Wild Goose Pagoda at sunset.

After dancing, you can explore the light show and walk through Xian's vibrant streets filled with entertainment, colour, and architecture. Don't forget to bring your camera!



SHANGHAI

HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Shanghai offers the perfect blend of modern and traditional, oriental and western and showcases stunning skyscrapers that light up the city.

Experiencing a River Cruise was such a highlight. You can relax and take in Shanghai's beautiful lights while gliding on the Huangpu River.

After the cruise, you can find a local rooftop bar and enjoy a special cocktail and witness the ultramodern buildings on The Bund up close.

Wild Japan

IN JAPAN, NATURE IS DIVINE.
GET OUT OF THE URBAN JUNGLE AND SEE THESE NATURAL WONDERS.

For a country with a landmass one twentieth the size of Australia and a population five times larger, Japan has a fascinating relationship with nature. This relationship dates back centuries to Japan's indigenous religion, Shintoism. At the heart of Shinto are Kami, powerful spirits that bring nature to life. In Japan, nature is divine, and in its simplest form the Shinto faith cherishes and worships nature. From the majestic waters of the Fuji Five Lakes, to Snow Monkeys in Takayama, beyond the cities Japan offers the explorer the opportunity to appreciate her quietly beautiful natural secrets.

MT MISEN, MIYAJIMA

The picturesque island of Miyajima, south of Hiroshima is also home to gods and deer as well as the leafy Mt Misen. Mt Misen boasts one of the best-preserved forests in Japan. The island's tallest mountain is a vibrant habitat for Japanese Macaques, Deer and Tanuki (an adorable Raccoon/dog hybrid) unique to Japan. The ecology of the island, from the surrounding ocean to the mountain tops is considered an archetypal model of Japan. Leisurely strolling the island is the best way to take in the area's stunning natural beauty. To top it off, Miyajima is home to the famous floating Torii shrine.



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SIKA DEER, NARA

Founded in 1880 at the base of Mount Wakaksu is the 1200-hectare Nara Park, where more than 1200 wild Sika deer roam. For the Shinto faith Nara Park has long been an important place of worship and is home to the Todai-ji, Kofuku-ji and Kasuga shrine. Even today, deer have free reign over the city and are very comfortable amongst humans. Because of this they have an enduring bond with the park and are deeply revered in Japanese culture that they have been officially classified as a national treasure.

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ARASHIYAMA, KYOTO

On the outskirts of Kyoto lies the glorious Arashiyama Bamboo Forest. The dense bamboo forest borders the historic town of Arashiyama and sits against a backdrop of Arashiyama Mountain, a habitat for a troop of more than 170 Japanese macaques. Here you can feel an intimate connection with the surrounding environment as the forest walkways create a surreal atmosphere. The bamboo grove has a spiritual function in that the bamboo is considered sacred and used to protect the nearby Shinto shrines from evil spirits.

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FUJI FIVE LAKES

As the name suggests, the area at the base of Mount Fuji contains five breathtaking lakes formed by previous Mount Fuji eruptions. The Fuji Five Lakes area is a popular weekend getaway for people from the big cities and is renowned for its natural beauty, hot springs and outdoor activities. Cruise along the Fuji Five Lakes and soak up the serenity of the mountainscape, visit Oshino Hakkai to see a collection of eight crystal clear ponds formed by the melting snow of Mount Fuji. In the Fuji Five Lakes region the water is so pristine that you can see Mount Fuji and the surrounding landscape reflected on the surface of the ponds.

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SNOW MONKEYS, JIGOKUDANI MONKEY PARK

Located north from Tokyo in Joshinetsu-Kogen National Park is a snow monkey's paradise. Known by ancient Japanese as 'Hell Valley' for its unforgiving landscapes, Jigokudani is covered in snow for most of the year. Jigokudani sits eight hundred and fifty metres above sea level, and the snow falls over one metre thick. Jigokudani valley is one of the few places in the world where visitors can observe these social animals in their natural environment. Walking through a picturesque forested valley, you will reach the steaming hot pools where the beautiful Japanese Macaques, or snow monkeys bathe and play in the waters.

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The Shinto god of thunder is said to have arrived at Nara on the back of a white deer and so, the deer who live here are worshipped as messengers of the gods.

LAKE ASHI, HAKONE

Lake Ashi is located in Hakone National Park, the most visited national park in Japan and only a short distance from Tokyo. Formed three thousand years ago at the last eruption of Mount Fuji, Lake Ashi is an iconic symbol of Hakone. There are several towns and villages along the banks of Lake Ashi, but for the most part the area is undeveloped. Highlights of Lake Ashi include the spectacular panoramic views of Mount Fuji and the volcanic, gaseous Owakudani valley where locals boil black eggs in the sulphuric naturally hot springs. These eggs are said to extend your lifespan.



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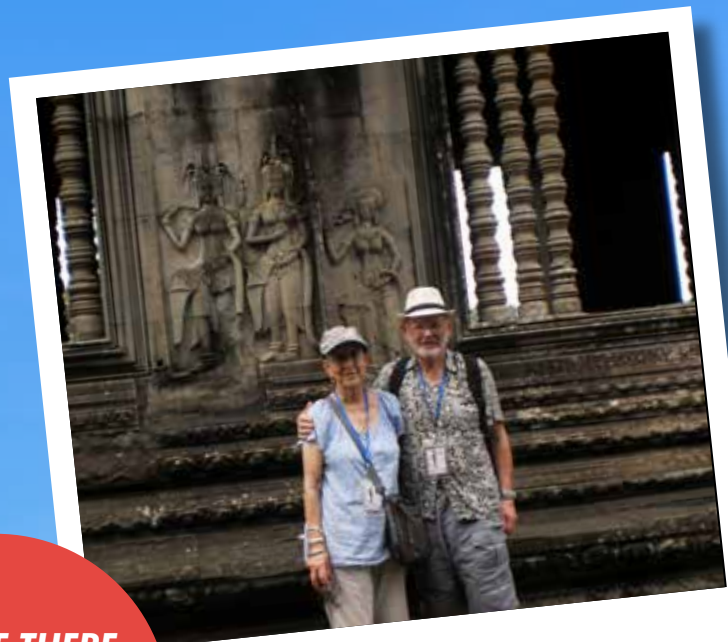
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TAKE A JOURNEY THROUGH CAMBODIA WITH ELLY & THEO

We're always delighted to share our guest's experiences and tips from their Wendy Wu Tours Holiday.

Experienced travellers Theo and Elly Kos had travelled twice before with Wendy Wu Tours and this July the allure and mysteries of Angkor Wat, Cambodia became too difficult to resist. Upon returning from their third tour, Theo and Elly couldn't wait to tell us about their amazing experiences in awe-inspiring Cambodia.



Elly and Theo exploring Cambodia

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Floating Village



Theo outside Bayon Temple

Why did you choose to go on the Around Cambodia Tour?

We decided on Cambodia as our third trip with Wendy Wu Tours, having been to China and Vietnam previously. Mostly, we were attracted by the temples of Angkor Wat, however, as we did more research Cambodia became a must-see destination for us. As a bricklayer I was very interested to understand how the Ancient temples were built, the planning, precision and artistry of the buildings just fascinated me.

How did you feel about Phnom Penh and how did it compare to other cities in Asia?

In Phnom Penh, the people were very hospitable and accommodating. We had been to Asia several times and found some of the behaviours and quirks in Cambodia to be like those in China and Vietnam, nothing confronting. I was very impressed with the Cambodian sense of innovation, this really came through watching the way they transport people and goods on customised fit-for-purpose motor bikes. I saw many tractors and trailers that had been constructed like this.

Angkor Wat is an incredible site. What was your first impression like?

Our reason for going! Angkor Wat exceeded our expectations. We learned so much about the temples, their construction and the Khmer Empire that built them it was truly amazing. The Ta Prom temple has been left untouched and is slowly being swallowed by the surrounding jungle. The image of Ta Prom being curtained by trees was a real man vs nature moment. We've been to Europe and seen places like Venice, but Angkor Wat is totally unique and incredible.

How did you spend your time at Cambodia's Kirirom National Park?

Kirirom Park was a relaxing and unwinding experience. We spent a couple of hours in the park enjoying the towering pine forests, astonishing waterfalls and wildlife. We spotted some fantastic black and white monkeys before we saw the remains of King Sihanouks Palace which we learned had been destroyed by Khmer Rouge soldiers in 1979.

You cruised the Tonle Sap lake and saw the lake communities and floating village. Tell us a little bit about the way of life in these villages.

Our cruise on the Tonle Sap lake was out of this world! It gave us a different impression of Southeast Asia, and in fact convinced us that now is the best time to see Cambodia. It seemed to us, that Cambodia is less westernized than other parts of Asia, and this was validated at Tonle Sap lake. Here, we had some truly authentic local experiences and were blown away watching the local village children playing soccer on any raised open spaces they could find! We have seen floating villages before, but this was special, the grass and vegetation can rise so high above the water that the houseboats look like they are sitting on a lawn. Amazing.

Cambodian food is so underrated! What was your experience of the food and meals you had on tour?

The food in Cambodia was excellent, we ate many meals with the local people and every time we ate so much different food. Four or five, sometimes more, options were presented for every meal. A highlight was the evening of Cambodian bbq enjoyed with good company made up of the tour group, guides and locals.

How did your national guide Sokhoeun enrich your experience of Cambodia?

We have high expectations of Wendy Wu's guides because they are always so good. This time was no different. Our guides name was Sokhoeun and he did everything in his power whenever possible to enhance the quality of our tour. Everywhere we went Sokhuen made sure we had umbrellas and bottled water, which we were so grateful for in the hot weather. What's more, Sokhuen shared his personal story with the group and really helped to bring the history of Cambodia to life.

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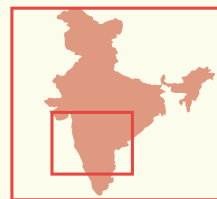
BEYOND THE TAJ

Our guests first journey to India takes in the 'Golden Triangle'.

But what if you've already made that particular pilgrimage and want to return to India to explore a little further afield? Let us tell you, this is by no means the end of your dreams of India adventures. In fact, it's just the beginning...

KERALA

Serene and laidback with a pace of life that doesn't accelerate much past leisurely amble, southern India is the antithesis of the north. On first glance, Kerala appears simply intensely tropical, with endless stretches of coastline fringed with soft sand, and plenty of lush, green foliage waving lazily in the breeze. But venture deeper and you'll discover the beauty of the backwaters, a spectacular network of rivers, lakes and canals on which you can cruise. The cool climes of the highland tea and spice plantations; and a rich and colourful culture of dance, martial arts and Ayurveda, born from the influence bought over by foreign spice traders.



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High in the Western Ghats, this quaint hill station nestles amongst vast stretches of spice gardens and tea plantations, which can easily be explored.



PERIYAR WILDLIFE RESERVE

Hidden in the Cardamom Hills, this wildlife sanctuary is one of India's largest. It's home to a small population of tigers as well as elephants, bison and langur.

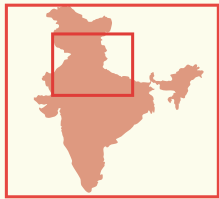


KOCHI

A city strung across the islands and peninsulas of the Malabar Coast, this enchanting city is a centre of Kerala arts and the place to experience colourful kathakali.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

From sub-tropical forests on the plains, the lands of Himachal Pradesh thrust skywards in a rugged symphony of soaring peaks. To the north and the east, the great Himalaya watches over colonial mansions, Buddhist monasteries and the deep river valleys that shelter the village homes of warm, easy-going people. Northeast of Delhi and easily accessible from the capital, Himachal Pradesh is a playground for anyone who loves the great outdoors. Easy rambles to hardcore hiking abound from hill top towns like Shimla, and you can get a taste of Tibet in Dharamshala, the home of the exiled Dalai Lama. Every valley offers a new world of culture, religion and even language.



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JAKHU TEMPLE

A place of worship for the monkey god, Hunuman, the temple is home to a 33m-high pink statue and the surrounds are home to hundreds of macaques.



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