

# SOUTHEAST ASIA

BORNEO | CAMBODIA | INDONESIA | LAOS | MYANMAR PHILIPPINES | THAILAND | VIETNAM

2021-2022





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

#### **CLASSIC**

See the classic sights in the company of an expert guide so that you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our Classic tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. The tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring program including authentic cultural experiences.

#### **GO BEYOND**

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. With smaller group sizes and greater flexibility, you will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. Our Go Beyond tours may take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime.

#### **SOLO DEPARTURES**

We have reserved selected departures of some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a readymade group of like-minded solo travellers. We provide a room of your own with no single supplement to pay, while our expert guides take care of you throughout the tour. Please check opposite for tours with exclusive solo departures and see page 6 for more details.

#### **PRIVATE**

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

#### TAILOR-MADE

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

#### SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling with 10 other passengers or more, we can arrange your very own independent Special Group tour. Whether that's a group of friends and family, or even a club or association, we'll tailor any of our tours to suit your group's wishes so you can enjoy a unique holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself. See page 75 for more details.

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#### REPUTATION AND EXPERTISE

With 26 years' experience operating tours throughout Asia and Beyond, our success and longevity speak for itself.

We are passionate about delivering exceptional experiences to our customers that encompass a range of 'must sees' and 'off the beaten track' adventures. We have pioneered access to untapped regions of our world and showcased the amazing spirit in each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout these regions and their knowledge is evident in every detail of your holiday.

We are proud of our awards and achievements but there is still so much to discover and develop!

We are forever inspired by our customers and the lifechanging experiences we enable them to discover, so much so that 98% of our customers would recommend travelling with us.

#### **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE**

We aim to include as much as possible so you can enjoy every moment! Value for money has been our ethos from the very beginning; your flights, your accommodation, all or most meals, touring, visas, transport, and expert guides are all included and deliver exceptional value.

#### **EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES**

We've been blazing trails into Asia and Beyond for over 26 years, building our local expertise and pioneering the roads less travelled so you can enjoy customs, authentic experiences, packed with local flavour. These encounters will make your holiday truly special. Look out for the 'experiences you'll love' on each of our tour pages.

#### **OUTSTANDING GUIDES**

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge, passion, story and dedication to our customers have won us one of the best reputations in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary. You will fall in love with them just as much as their homeland.

#### SAFE AND SECURE

We are ATAS accredited members of the Australian Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), as well as foundation members of the Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO). We have a wide network of travel agents working with us nationally, so you benefit from local knowledge combined with Australian understanding and support.

#### **VISAS**

One of our differentiating qualities is that each of our group tours include the cost of the visa for Australian passport holders for each region, creating a hassle-free process throughout. Our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing, and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

#### **TIPPING MADE EASY**

We have perfected our tipping process to make it as simple as possible! Leave any concerns behind as we advise you how much and when to tip, and our National Escort will take care of the rest. Easy!











We want everyone who travels with us to enjoy each extraordinary day of their Wendy Wu adventure, so we've made it easy for you to choose your perfect holiday. You can select based on Tour Style (which you'll find inside the front cover) or by Physical Rating (see opposite page) and if you're travelling solo why not join one of our departures reserved exclusively for Solo Travellers?

#### **ACCOMMODATION STYLES**

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

#### **TOUR PACE**

Many of our tours are busy, but that's because we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of special experiences means some early starts and long days, but you can be sure that you'll return home with many incredible memories! Read our Tour Dossiers and check the Physical Ratings to see if the pace and activity levels are right for you.

#### **SOLO DEPARTURES**

Solo travellers are more than welcome on any of our holidays, but we've reserved a few departures of our most popular tours exclusively for customers travelling on their own. These special departures feature smaller group sizes, free chauffeur transfers to and from the airport, free airport lounges (where available) and complimentary cocktails on arrival! See tours: Vietnam at a Glance, Vietnam Panorama, Around Cambodia, Angkor to the Bay, and Classic Mekong in this brochure or check our website at wendywutours.com.au for more information. Refer to our terms and conditions for details on chauffeur transfers.

#### **CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP**

If you'd like to explore your destination further or arrange a stopover on your flight all you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 76) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our knowledgeable team of experts can help you customise your very own extension to any tour in this brochure.

#### PHYSICAL RATING

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

LEVEL 1
A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

LEVEL 2

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



#### LEVEL 3

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

#### LEVEL 4

Similar physical activities to Level 3 but they may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.



#### LEVEL 5

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

# Taking care of your safety

Our customers' safety has always been our highest priority at Wendy Wu Tours. Working closely with our partners overseas and our highly experienced National Escorts, we are proud of our reputation for taking the utmost care of every customer's safety and wellbeing.

For 2021 and beyond we have strengthened our safety management processes to include measures to protect our customers and local staff from COVID-19. These new measures include protection whilst travelling, sightseeing, at mealtimes and at hotels. Guided by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organisation) and WTTC (World Travel & Tourism Council) as well as local government regulations, our protocols include personal protection, extensive disinfecting, and social distancing measures.

Rest assured that we will do everything possible to keep you safe on your holiday, while also helping you enjoy every moment along the way!

For details of our safety guidelines please visit wendywutours.com.au

# Guided by the very best

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



"Our guide couldn't do enough for us through the 2 weeks of our tour, his knowledge and love for his beautiful, amazing country, Cambodia, was second to none. He is by far the best tour guide I have ever had on all my travels around the world. His approach to his job as a tour guide is a mirror of the way he lives his life, he is truly a role model, I would love to have him be my guide on all of my future travels with Wendy Wu."

**Graham Farthing** 

Safe

#### AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

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

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

# ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

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

# Our Expertise

We are very proud of the awards and the accomplishments we have received over our 26 years of operation. The recognition from our customers, our industry peers and partners are rewarding, but our truest rewards are when we continually hear the extraordinary tales of adventure from our customers.

Our passion and determination in delivering exceptional experiences to our customers is unwavering, and something we will continue to nurture and deliver. We want you to experience each region with the truest approach, delighting in the amazing spirit of each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout our destinations, with their knowledge and experiences shaping every detail of your holiday.

# afta NATIONAL TRAVEL INDUSTRY AWARDS

**WINNER** 2017

# Recommended by you

Awards are important, but what matters most are the experiences and feedback we receive from our customers. We're proud of our customer satisfaction ratings and the fact that so many of our customers would happily recommend us, this vote of confidence is all the accolade we need.





# **Book with Confidence**

Our Book with Confidence guarantee has been introduced to provide you with piece of mind when booking with us so that you can enjoy every moment of your holiday.

#### 1. LOW DEPOSIT

Once you've selected your desired tour, all you need to do is forward your deposit to secure your place. We are pleased to introduce our low deposit policy across our range of group tours.

#### 2. PRICE MATCH PROMISE

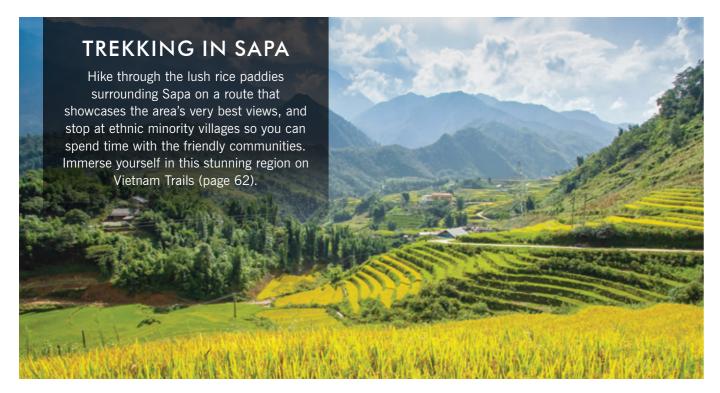
Our tours are renowned for their comprehensive inclusions and exceptional value for money. We are so confident you won't find the same tours at better prices, that if you do, we'll not only match the lower price, but reward you for letting us know! Conditions apply. See website for further details.

#### 3. EXTENDED PAYMENT TERMS

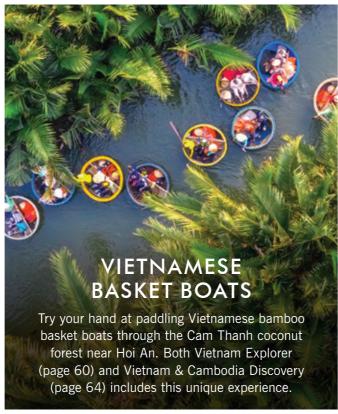
Extended payment terms are available on most group tours. This means you won't need to pay your final balance until 75 days prior to departure. Plus, if your tour is cancelled due to government travel restrictions, your deposit and any progress payments will be carried forward as full credit towards future travel with us. Contact our Reservations team for further details.

# Cultural encounters, every step of the way

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

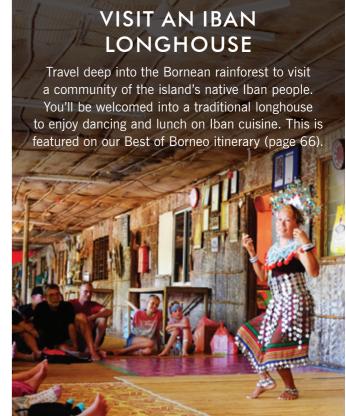














#### MANDALAY BAGAN SAPA **MYANMAR** HANOI INLE LAKE **LAOS** IRRAWADDY HALONG BAY LUANG PRABANG VANG VIENG **VIETNAM** VIENTIANE YANGON MEKONG RIVER **THAILAND** PAKSE AYUTTHAYA HOI AN KANCHANABURI• BANGKOK **QUI NHON** ANGKOR SIEM REAP HUA HIN DALAT NHA TRANG PHNOM **PHILIPPINES** SAIGON **CAMBODIA** (HO CHI MINH CITY) PHAN THIET SIHANOUKVILLE KOH SAMUI MEKONG DELTA **PHUKET** LANGKAWI **MALAYSIA** KOTA KINABALU KUALA LUMPUR **SINGAPORE** KUCHING **BORNEO INDONESIA** JAVA BALI FLORES 12

# **Discover Southeast Asia** with Wendy Wu Tours

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

#### WENDY'S TOP 8 SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGHTS





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







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





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





The culturally rich city of Chiang Mai is an excellent destination for those seeking unique activities such as trekking, rafting or meeting hill tribes. Visit on Thailand and Mekong Experience (See page 52-53).





# **BAGAN**

With hundreds of temples dotting the sacred landscape of the central plains, Bagan is Myanmar's most sublime sight. Experience it for yourself on any Myanmai itinerary (See pages 38-41).





#### **BORNEO**

Borneo offers stunning beaches, untouched rainforests, tribal traditions and a wonderful range of activities to delve into. Cruise on the Kinabatangan River to spot abundant wildlife (See pages 66-67).





Explore the rich culture and glorious landscapes of the Philippine archipelago, from the rice terraces and volcanic lakes of the north to the caves and beaches of the south (See pages 70-71).



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# VIETNAM **IMPRESSIONS** 10 DAYS FROM

\$4,190

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



Experience traditional Vietnamese egg coffee

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

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DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI Fly 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

#### DAYS 2-3: HALONG BAY CRUISE

See the local life in Vietnam

**ITINERARY** 

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

#### DAY 4: EXPLORE HANOI

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

#### DAY 5: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An. This is a wonderfully graceful and traditional place; the lantern-lined streets, brimming with shops and tailors, are a delight to wander. Visit a lovely old house,

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

#### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO SAIGON

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

#### DAY 7: MEKONG DELTA

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

#### **DAY 8: 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 during the war. Following this, head into the centre of Saigon to see Notre Dame Cathedral and the neoclassical Central Post Office – both grandiose legacies of a colonial past. Also visit the Reunification





#### CLASSIC VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. This evening enjoy a performance of the A O Show - a music, dance and acrobatic spectacular at the Saigon Opera House.

#### DAYS 9-10: FLY SAIGON TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.



# EXTEND YOUR STAY.

#### **VETERAN'S RETURN**

3 days from \$580pp twin share

#### CLASSIC CAMBODIA

5 days from \$1,390pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

20 Feb - 01 Mar **\$4,190** 11 Sep - 20 Sep **\$4,190** 06 Mar - 15 Mar \$4,190 23 Oct - 01 Nov \$4,190 03 Apr - 12 Apr **\$4,190** 

#### 2022 DATES

19 Feb - 28 Feb **\$4,490** 10 Sep - 19 Sep **\$4,490** 05 Mar - 14 Mar \$4.490 22 Oct - 31 Oct \$4.490 02 Apr - 11 Apr **\$4,490** 

#### Flight and supplement information

 Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth

 Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request

• Land only (Hanoi - Saigon) 9 days from \$3.040 per person, twin share

Single supplement from \$510

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$60pp (AU\$87pp) is paid locally in

# **VIETNAM AT A GLANCE**

DAYS FROM



**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



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



Visit Tra Que Village

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly 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 2: DISCOVER SAIGON**

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

#### **DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA**

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

#### DAY 4: JOURNEY TO HOLAN

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

#### **DAY 5: TRA QUE VILLAGE**

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

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

#### **DAY 6: IMPERIAL HUE**

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

#### DAY 7: FLY TO HANOI

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

#### **DAY 8: EXPLORE HANOI**

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

#### **DAY 9: HALONG BAY**

Board a traditional-style sailing ship on Halong Bay, cruising amongst the karst peaks on the tranquil green waters. A UNESCO





World Heritage Site and a vision of aweinspiring beauty, it's easy to see why it is one of Vietnam's most beloved destinations. This evening, enjoy a delicious dinner on board and spend the night out on the karststudded waters

#### DAY 10: THE QUINTESSENCE OF TONKIN

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

#### DAYS 11-12: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.



#### BANGKOK CITY STAY

4 days from \$535pp twin share

#### SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY.

MAI CHAU SHORT STAY 3 days from \$665pp twin share

3 days from \$445pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



#### CLASSIC VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES Prices are per person, twin share

10 Feb - 21 Feb	\$4,690	02 Jun - 13 Jun	\$4,19
10 Mar - 21 Mar	\$4,290	04 Aug - 15 Aug	\$4,29
17 Mar - 28 Mar	\$4,290	22 Sep - 03 Oct	\$4,39
24 Mar - 04 Apr	\$4,290	29 Sep - 10 Oct	\$5,28
07 Apr - 18 Apr	\$4,290	06 Oct - 17 Oct	\$4,39
05 May - 16 May	\$4,190	20 Oct - 31 Oct	\$4,69
12 May - 23 May	\$4,190	03 Nov - 14 Nov	\$4,69
2022 DATES			

2022 DATES			
09 Feb - 20 Feb	\$4,980	01 Jun - 12 Jun	\$4,490
09 Mar - 20 Mar	\$4,590	17 Aug - 28 Aug	\$4,590
16 Mar - 27 Mar	\$5,390	21 Sep - 02 Oct	\$4,690
23 Mar - 03 Apr	\$4,590	28 Sep - 09 Oct	\$4,880
06 Apr - 17 Apr	\$4,590	05 Oct - 16 Oct	\$4,690
20 Apr - 01 May	\$4,880	19 Oct - 30 Oct	\$4,990
04 May - 15 May	\$4,490	02 Nov - 13 Nov	\$4,990
11 May - 22 May	\$4,490		

#### Flight and supplement information

- · Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon Hanoi) 11 days from \$3,090 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$610

#### Dedicated solos departure

#### Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$65pp (AU\$94pp) is paid locally in Vietnam



# **VIBRANT VIETNAM**

15 DAYS FROM



**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Learn about the art of Zen in Hue

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly 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 2: HALONG BAY**

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

#### **DAY 3: SUNRISE OVER HALONG BAY**

Rise early to watch the sun rise over the bay and enjoy an invigorating session of Tai Chi. Transfer back to Hanoi and eniov a cyclo ride through the vibrant backstreets of the Old Quarter. Dinner tonight will feature a cooking demonstration of Hanoi's speciality dish, bun thang.

#### **DAY 4: EXPLORE HANOI**

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

#### DAY 5: CRUISE THE PERFUME RIVER

This morning visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City at the heart of Hue, once the home of Vietnam's emperors. Cruise on the picturesque Perfume River and admire the Thien Mu Pagoda. Later, see the magnificent tomb of Minh Mang before heading to peaceful Zen House

where you'll learn about its architecture and spiritual meaning.

#### DAY 6: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

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

#### **DAY 7: TRA QUE VILLAGE**

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

#### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO NHA TRANG

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





#### CLASSIC VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### **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, and a visit to a fishing village. Head up into the cooler climes of the South Central Highlands to the lovely town of Dalat.

#### **DAY 10: EXPLORE DALAT**

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

#### DAY 11: TRAVEL TO SAIGON

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

#### **DAY 12: CU CHI TUNNELS**

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

#### DAY 13: MEKONG DELTA

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

#### DAYS 14-15: FLY SAIGON TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### **EXTEND YOUR STAY**



#### TEMPLES IN DEPTH 4 days from \$760pp twin share

VICTORIA MEKONG UPSTREAM 6 days from \$1,765pp twin share

**KUALA LUMPUR CITY STAY** 3 days from \$325pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

13 Mar - 27 Mar \$4,790 02 Oct - 16 Oct \$4,790 11 Sep - 25 Sep **\$4,790** 

#### **2022 DATES**

12 Mar - 26 Mar \$5,090 01 Oct - 15 Oct \$5,090 10 Sep - 24 Sep **\$5,090** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney. Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Hanoi Saigon) 14 days from \$3,640 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$760

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$84pp (AU\$122pp) is paid locally in





18 DAYS FROM



**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 16 dinners • International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

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

#### DAY 2: VISIT THE CU CHI TUNNELS

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

#### DAY 3: CRUISE THE MEKONG DELTA

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



#### **DAY 4: EXPLORE FLOATING MARKETS**

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

#### **DAY 5: TRAVEL TO DALAT**

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

#### **DAY 6: THE CITY OF FLOWERS**

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

#### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO NHA TRANG

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

#### DAY 8: VISIT THE CHAM TOWERS

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

#### DAY 9: VISIT SON MY

The Son My area saw one of the most horrific crimes of the Vietnam War - the My Lai massacre. Pay respects at the memorial placed in honour of these unarmed civilian victims and hear their story before continuing to Hoi An.

#### DAY 10: EXPLORE HOI AN ON FOOT

(2N+1N)

VIETNAM 🚱

**OVERNIGHT FLIGHT** 

HALONG BAY

HUE (2N)

HOI AN (2N)

DALAT (2N)

SAIGON (2N+1N)

QUI NHON (1N)

NHA TRANG (1N)

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 historic family home, the Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the market. This afternoon is at leisure.

#### DAY 11: SEE THE ROYAL TOMB

Admire stunning Halong Bay

Take the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. Once the seat of the Nguyen emperors, dignified and scholarly Hue is the epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past. Visit the Royal Tomb of Emperor Minh Mang, a complex of over 40 monuments surrounded by pools and gardens.

#### DAY 12: DISCOVER HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

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

#### DAY 13: OLD QUARTER CYCLO TOUR

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

#### DAY 14: DISCOVER HANOI

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

#### DAYS 15-16: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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

#### DAYS 17-18: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.



#### HANOI & NINH BINH

5 days from \$1.205pp twin share

MAI CHAU SHORT STAY 3 days from \$665pp twin share

#### HONG KONG IN FOCUS 4 days from \$890pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### CLASSIC VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

		09 Aug - 26 Aug	
22 Feb - 11 Mar	\$5,290	20 Sep - 07 Oct	\$4,99
08 Mar - 25 Mar	\$4,990	04 Oct - 21 Oct	\$5,19
15 Mar - 01 Apr	\$4,990	18 Oct - 04 Nov	\$5,19
05 Apr - 22 Apr	\$4,990	15 Nov - 02 Dec	\$5,19
10 May - 27 May	\$4,890		

#### 2022 DATES

14 Feb - 03 Mar	\$5,590	02 May - 19 May	\$5,19
		19 Sep - 06 Oct	
		03 Oct - 20 Oct	
		17 Oct - 03 Nov	
28 Mar - 14 Apr	\$5,290	14 Nov - 01 Dec	\$5,49
04 Apr - 21 Apr	\$6,040		

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney,
- Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth Departures from other cities and flight
- upgrades available upon request • Land only (Saigon - Hanoi) 17 days from \$3,790 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$810

#### Dedicated solos departure

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost

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Visit Imperial Hue

# AROUND CAMBODIA

15 DAYS FROM

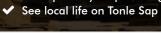


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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover captivating Phnom Penh
   Visit the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng
- ✓ Kick back in coastal Kampot
- Explore colonial Battambang
- ✓ Be inspired by majestic Angkor





#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

# DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SIEM REAP

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

#### **DAY 3: EXPLORE ANGKOR**

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over 1.000 temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Rising early, journey to the old city of Angkor Thom and pass through the magnificent South Gate flanked by 54 gods and demons. At Angkor Thom's centre is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Also admire the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm before the rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent, and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. Later, take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems.

#### DAY 4: COOKING CLASS & CIRCUS

Enjoy a traditional Cambodian cooking class with a local, learning about the flavours that go into Khmer cuisine. This evening, enjoy a rollicking performance by graduates of the Phare Cambodian Circus, an NGO organisation that transforms the lives of disadvantaged local youths, providing them with a formal education and vocational training in the performing arts.

#### **DAY 5: CRUISE TONLE SAP LAKE**

High Water Season (Aug to Feb)

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

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

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

#### DAY 6: THE NATIONAL SILK CENTRE

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

#### DAY 7: LA MAISON DE COCO

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

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

See the bat cave at Phnom Sampov

SIEM REAP (4N)

BATTAMBANG (2N) OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

**KAMPOT** 

(2N)

CAMBODIA

PHNOM PENH (3N+1N)

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

#### DAY 8: VENTURE TO PHNOM PENH

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

#### DAY 9: PHNOM PENH CYCLO TOUR

A somewhat European city of airy boulevards and colonial villas, scarred still by the events of the 1970s, Phnom Penh has been engulfed by energy and optimism making it a pleasurable place to be. Today's visits include a cyclo ride to the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. This afternoon is at leisure.

# DAY 10: PHNOM PENH PAST & PRESENT

This morning, learn about Cambodia's tragic past under the Khmer Rouge regime with visits to the Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. Later, visit the city's craft brewery for a tour and beer tasting, and consider how this reinvigorated capital is moving forward.

#### DAY 11: KAMPOT

Depart for the coastal town of Kampot, stopping en route at a pepper farm to learn about the famous Kampot pepper. Enjoy a walking tour of Kampot, a charming town characterised by its colonial architecture.

#### DAY 12: KEP

Enjoy a trip along the coast to the beach town of Kep, starting with a barbecue lunch and

ocean views at the sailing club. This afternoon is at leisure to explore independently.

#### DAY 13: RETURN TO PHNOM PENH

Return to Phnom Penh, stopping en route at the former French hill station of Bokor Mountain. Relax in Phnom Penh this afternoon before a farewell dinner cruise on the Mekong river.

# DAYS 14-15: FLY PHNOM PENH TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



## VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM 5 days from \$1,390pp twin share

HISTORICAL HEART OF VIETNAM 6 days from \$715pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

# CLASSIC CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Spend two weeks exploring Cambodia's complex history and fascinating heritage. Cover all the highlights of the kingdom, from cooking classes to cultural shows, dinner cruises and - of course - the majestic temples of Angkor.



#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

#### **2022 DATES**

2022 DATES			
30 Jan - 13 Feb	\$4,880	25 Sep - 09 Oct	\$5,580
20 Feb - 06 Mar	\$4,880	02 Oct - 16 Oct	\$4,780
13 Mar - 27 Mar	\$4,780		

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Siem Reap Phnom Penh) 13 days from \$3,370 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$860

#### Dedicated solos departure

#### Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$70pp (AU\$101pp) is paid locally in Cambodia.

# ANGKOR TO THE BAY

18 DAYS FROM



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Be inspired by the Angkor templesSee the local life in Tonle Sap
- ✓ Visit captivating Phnom Penh
- ✓ Learn about farming in Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Stroll Hanoi's atmospheric alleyways
- Stroll Hanoi's atmospheric alleyway
   Cruise the magical Halong Bay



- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Discover local life on Tonle Sap

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

#### **ITINERARY**

# DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SIEM REAP

Admire the majestic Angkor temples

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

#### DAY 3: TONLE SAP LAKE

High Water Season (Aug to Feb)
Visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Enjoy a cruise on Tople San Lake, visiting the floating villa

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

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

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

#### DAY 4: EXPLORE ANGKOR

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

#### DAY 5: DISCOVER PHNOM PENH

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

#### DAY 6: FLY TO SAIGON

Visit the emotive Tuol Sleng Museum before visiting the city's namesake temple, Wat Phnom. Fly to Saigon.

#### DAY 7: CU CHI TUNNELS

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

#### DAY 8: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

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

#### DAY 9: FLY TO HOI AN

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







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

#### DAY 10: TRA QUE VILLAGE

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

#### DAYS 11-12: EXPLORE HUE

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

#### DAY 13: HANOI CYCLO

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

#### DAYS 14-15: HALONG BAY

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

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

#### **DAY 16: EXPLORE HANOI**

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

DAYS 17-18: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



GARDENS BY THE BAY
4 days from \$655pp twin share

HANOI & NINH BINH 5 days from \$1,205pp twin share

**BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI** 3 days from \$730pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

# CLASSIC CAMBODIA & VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

06 Feb - 23 Feb	\$6,280	31 Jul - 17 Aug	\$5,990
27 Feb - 16 Mar	\$6,190	11 Sep - 28 Sep	\$6,190
06 Mar - 23 Mar	\$6,190	18 Sep - 05 Oct	\$6,190
13 Mar - 30 Mar	\$6,190	02 Oct - 19 Oct	\$7,380
20 Mar - 06 Apr	\$6,190	16 Oct - 02 Nov	\$6,280
27 Mar - 13 Apr	\$6,190	23 Oct - 09 Nov	\$6,280
10 Apr - 27 Apr	\$6,280	06 Nov - 23 Nov	\$6,390
17 Apr - 04 May	\$6,280	13 Nov - 30 Nov	\$6,390
08 May - 25 May	\$6,190	20 Nov - 07 Dec	\$6,390

2022 DATES			
15 Jan - 01 Feb	\$6,580	13 Aug - 30 Aug	\$6,490
05 Feb - 22 Feb	\$6,490	10 Sep - 27 Sep	\$6,990
19 Feb - 08 Mar	\$6,490	24 Sep - 11 Oct	\$6,68
05 Mar - 22 Mar	\$6,490	01 Oct - 18 Oct	\$6,58
12 Mar - 29 Mar	\$7,680	15 Oct - 01 Nov	\$6,58
19 Mar - 05 Apr	\$6,490	22 Oct - 08 Nov	\$6,58
02 Apr - 19 Apr	\$6,680	05 Nov - 22 Nov	\$6,69
23 Apr - 10 May	\$6,680	12 Nov - 29 Nov	\$7,68
30 Apr - 17 May	\$6,490	19 Nov - 06 Dec	\$6,69
07 May - 24 May	\$6,490		

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney,
   Melbourne. Brisbane. Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Siem Reap Hanoi) 16 days from \$4,890 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$860

#### Dedicated solos departure

#### Important note

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# **MEKONG ODYSSEY**

DAYS FROM



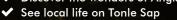
**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



**ALL MEALS** 

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Hanoi by rickshaw
- ✓ Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ 7-night Mekong river cruise
- ✓ Discover the wonders of Angkor



#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 17 lunches, 18 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly 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

#### **DAY 2: EXPLORE HANOI**

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

#### DAYS 3-4: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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

#### DAY 5: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

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

#### DAY 6: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

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

#### DAY 7: FLY TO SAIGON

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

#### **DAY 8: CU CHI TUNNELS**

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

#### **DAY 9: MEKONG RIVER CRUISE**

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

#### DAY 10: CAI BE AND SA DEC

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

#### DAY 11: TAN CHAU

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



#### CLASSIC VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### DAY 12: PHNOM PENH

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

#### DAY 13: RURAL CAMBODIA

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

#### DAY 14: ANGKOR BAN

Spend the morning navigating the upper Mekong. Visit the village of Angkor Ban, one of the few villages that was not destroyed during the Khmer Rouge period, and see its intriguing stilt houses.

#### DAY 15: KAMPONG CHAM

Stop at the 8th-century Wat Hanchey, a pre-Angkorian temple overlooking the river. Cruise on to Kampong Cham to see the ruins of Wat Nokor.

#### DAY 16: SIEM REAP

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

#### **DAY 17: EXPLORE ANGKOR**

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex

includes over 1,000 temples. Rising early, the tour begins in the heart of Angkor Thom, the old walled city – passing through its South Gate you'll reach the enigmatic Bayon and visit the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. The best preserved of Angkor's temples, examine the vast number of intricate details and relish the sheer magnificence of its architecture. This evening enjoy a rollicking performance of the Phare Cambodian Circus.

#### DAY 18: TONLE SAP LAKE

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

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

#### DAYS 19-20: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

24 Feb - 15 Mar \$8,180 24 Mar - 12 Apr \$7,890 10 Mar - 29 Mar \$8,180

#### **2022 DATES**

02 Mar - 21 Mar **\$8,480** 30 Mar - 18 Apr **\$8,190** 

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Hanoi Siem Reap) 19 days from \$6,790 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$3,160

#### Important note

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LAOS & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING

# LAOS & CAMBODIA UNVEILED

18 DAYS FROM

PER \$5,990

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Be charmed by quaint VientianeAdmire scenic Vang Vieng
- ✓ Visit enchanting Kuang Si Falls
- ✓ Be captivated by Angkor
- See local life on Tonle Sap
- ✓ Visit colonial Battambang
- ✓ Explore Phnom Penh by rickshaw

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxesDomestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.
- ➤ Visit COPE, an organisation dedicated to helping to rehabilitate local people with mobility-related disabilities, including UXO survivors, and learn all about the fantastic work that they do.
- Drop in on a lovely organisation, the NGO 'La Maison de Coco', to learn about their projects that provide schooling and vocational skills to local people, for free!



#### **ITINERARY**

## DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO VIENTIANE

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

#### **DAY 3: EXPLORE VIENTIANE**

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

#### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO VANG VIENG

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

#### **DAY 5: EXPLORE VANG VIENG**

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

#### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LUANG PRABANG

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

#### DAY 7: PAK OU CAVES

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

#### DAY 8: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

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

#### DAY 9: TAKBAT

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

#### DAY 10: EXPLORE ANGKOR

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



This epic dual-destination adventure takes you from the lush mountain landscapes of untouched Laos to the magnificent temples of Angkor and the treasures of historic Cambodia.

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jungle. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. The best preserved of Angkor's temples, examine the vast number of intricate details and relish the sheer magnificence of its architecture.

## DAY 11: TONLE SAP LAKE High Water Season (Aug to Feb)

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

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

#### DAY 12: BANTEAY SREI

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

#### DAY 13: RURAL BATTAMBANG

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

#### DAY 14: EXPLORE BATTAMBANG

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

#### DAY 15: TRAVEL TO PHNOM PENH

Journey south to the city of Phnom Penh. On arrival the rest of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 16: PHNOM PENH BY CYCLO

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

#### DAYS 17-18: FLY PHNOM PENH AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

18 Mar - 04 Apr **\$6,290** 

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney,
   Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
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- Single supplement from \$860

#### Important note

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may be required at an additional cost.

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#### EXTEND YOUR STAY.

VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM 5 days from \$1,390pp twin share

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# INDOCHINA **DELIGHTS**

DAYS FROM

\$6,490

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

**ALL MEALS** 

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



Learn ancient cultivation techniques

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ► After a day of exploration, relax as you float on the gentle waters of the moat of Angkor Thom, seeing the old walled city from a different perspective and savouring the beauty of a peaceful sunset.
- ► Head into the forest to visit the stunning tiered pools of Laos' Kuang Si Waterfalls. Relax by the river or enjoy a refreshing swim in the beautiful blue waters.



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly 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 2: DISCOVER SAIGON**

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

#### DAY 3: 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 4: CU CHI TUNNELS**

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

#### DAY 5: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

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

#### **DAY 6: TRA QUE VILLAGE**

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

#### **DAYS 7-8: HALONG BAY CRUISE**

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

#### DAY 9: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

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

#### DAY 10: TAKBAT ALMS GIVING **CEREMONY**

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





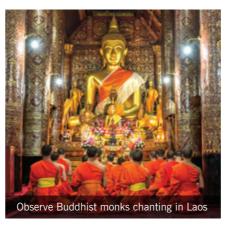
CLASSIC VIETNAM, LAOS & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





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

#### DAY 11: VISIT KUANG SI WATERFALLS

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

#### DAY 12: FLY TO SIEM REAP

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

#### **DAY 13: EXPLORE ANGKOR WAT**

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over 1.000 temples, the remains of the mighty Khmer Empire that ruled between the 9th and 15th centuries. Enter the walled city of Angkor Thom and head to its heart to see the enigmatic Bayon, followed by the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. This afternoon is dedicated to the magnificence of Angkor Wat and intricate beauty of Banteay Srei temple. Take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems.

#### **DAY 14: TONLE SAP LAKE**

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Sap Lake, visiting the floating village of Kampong Khleang and observing the way of life of these lake communities. This evening sit down to dinner and an Apsara dance show.

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul) Head to Beng Mealea to explore this mysterious temple overrun by the jungle and the floating village of Chong Kneas. This evening sit down to dinner and an Apsara

DAYS 15-16: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

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#### EXTEND YOUR STAY..



VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM 5 days from \$1,390pp twin share

**BANGKOK CITY STAY** 4 days from \$535pp twin share

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

06 Feb - 21 Feb \$6,490 02 Oct - 17 Oct \$6,490 10 Apr - 25 Apr \$6,490 13 Nov - 28 Nov \$6,490 04 Sep - 19 Sep **\$6,490** 

#### **2022 DATES**

19 Feb - 06 Mar **\$6,790** 17 Sep - 02 Oct **\$6,790** 26 Feb - 13 Mar \$6,790 15 Oct - 30 Oct \$6,790 12 Mar - 27 Mar **\$6,790** 12 Nov - 27 Nov **\$6,790** 26 Mar - 10 Apr **\$6,790** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon Siem Reap) 15 days from \$5,290 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$830

#### Important note

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# GRAND TOUR OF INDOCHINA



\$9,280

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative city.

#### **DAY 2: DISCOVER SAIGON**

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

#### DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA

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

#### DAYS 4-5: EXPLORE HOLAN

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

#### DAY 6: HOI AN AT LEISURE

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

#### DAYS 7-8: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

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

#### DAY 9: JOURNEY TO HANOI

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

#### DAYS 10-11: MAI CHAU

Take the picturesque mountain road to Mai Chau. This afternoon, explore the rice fields and visit the White Thai community villages of Pom Coong and Lac with their traditional stilt houses. The next day, drive higher into the mountains to visit the H'mong hill tribe village of Sa Linh and hike to Pa Co.

#### DAY 12: RETURN TO HANOI

Transfer back to Hanoi and enjoy time at leisure.

#### DAYS 13-14: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Head east to Halong Bay, where you'll spend two days aboard your comfortable cruise boat sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil waters of the iconic Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi. This evening, enjoy a traditional performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

#### DAY 15: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

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

#### DAY 16: TAKBAT

Rise early to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat. Ascend Phousi Hill for city views and visit Wat Xieng Thong. Take to the waters of the Mekong to visit the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of Buddhist sculptures that reside within.



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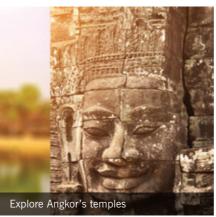
VIETNAM, LAOS & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### DAY 17: 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 18: TRAVEL TO VANG VIENG

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

#### DAY 19: EXPLORE VANG VIENG

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

#### **DAY 20: DISCOVER VIENTIANE**

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

#### **DAY 21: ROYAL PALACE**

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

#### DAY 22: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH Visit the children of the Apsara Arts

Association. Continue to Tuol Sleng Museum. once a brutal Khmer Rouge prison.

#### **DAY 23: SUNSET OVER ANGKOR**

Ascend to hilltop Wat Phnom before transferring to the airport to fly to Siem Reap. Visit the captivating Banteay Srei, before

taking a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems.

#### **DAY 24: EXPLORE ANGKOR**

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

#### **DAY 25: TONLE SAP**

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

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

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

#### DAYS 26-27: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

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

to dinner and an Apsara dance show.

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

21 Feb - 19 Mar **\$9,380** 14 Nov - 10 Dec **\$9,280** 2022 DATES

# 20 Feb - 18 Mar \$9,680 16 Oct - 11 Nov \$9,680

06 Mar - 01 Apr \$9,680 13 Nov - 09 Dec \$9,680 25 Sep - 21 Oct **\$9,680** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon Siem Reap) 26 days from \$8.180 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,400

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$160pp (AU\$232pp) is paid locally in Vietnam

# **THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS**

DAYS FROM

\$4,490

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Marvel at Bangkok's Grand Palace
- Cross the infamous River Kwai
- ✓ Explore historic Ayutthaya
- ✓ Meet Lisu and Yao hill tribes
- ✓ Stroll through Chiang Rai
- Enjoy a Chiang Mai cooking class



#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation and eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit Samut Songkhram market, famous for being set along a railway line - witness the fascinating bustle of activity by stallholders. moving their wares speedily out of the way as a train passes through
- ► Venture deep into the northern highlands and spend the night at one with nature at the Lisu eco-lodge, where you'll enjoy a local dinner and a Lisu folklore experience.
- > Spend the day with Asian elephants at an elephant rescue and retirement centre. where you'll meet, feed and help care for the gorgeous residents.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BANGKOK

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

#### DAY 2: DISCOVER BANGKOK

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

#### DAY 3: BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and the bizarre Samut Songkhram market before heading out of Bangkok to Kanchanaburi. Stop at the famous bridge on the River Kwai before visiting the Allied Cemetery to pay your respects to the POWs and forced labourers who suffered here

#### DAY 4: EXPLORE KANCHANABURI

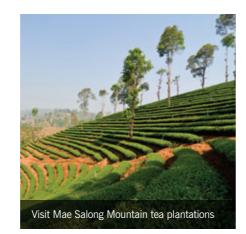
Drive to Hellfire Pass and visit the fascinating museum before a short walk through the pass. Step on board an old locomotive to travel along a section of the notorious Death Railway passing through the Kwai Gorge. Return to Bangkok in the afternoon. This evening enjoy a dinner accompanied by Thai classical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

#### DAY 5: AYUTTHAYA

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

#### **DAY 6: GOLDEN TRIANGLE**

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





#### CLASSIC THAILAND

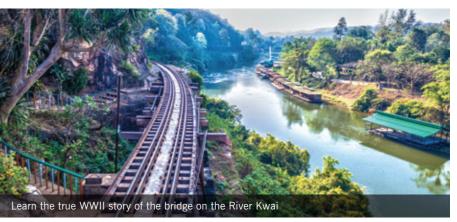
PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### DAY 7: QUAINT MAE SALONG

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

#### DAY 8: THE STUNNING WHITE TEMPLE

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

#### DAY 9: DISCOVER CHIANG MAI

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



#### **DAY 10: ELEPHANT SANCTUARY EXPERIENCE**

Spend the morning at an ethical elephant sanctuary and retirement centre, where you can meet, feed and care for these rescued and elderly residents. Enjoy a relaxed rafting trip in Mae Daeng before returning to Chiang Mai.

#### DAY 11: CHIANG MAI COOKING CLASS

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

#### DAYS 12-13: FLY CHIANG MAI TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI 3 days from \$730pp twin share

CLASSIC CAMBODIA

5 days from \$1,390pp twin share

KUALA LUMPUR CITY STAY

3 days from \$325pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our

extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

13 Feb - 25 Feb \$4,490 06 Nov - 18 Nov \$4,490 10 Apr - 22 Apr **\$4,490** 

**2022 DATES** 

12 Feb - 24 Feb **\$4,790** 26 Mar - 07 Apr **\$4,790** 26 Feb - 10 Mar **\$4,790** 05 Nov - 17 Nov **\$4,790** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Bangkok Chiang Mai) 12 days from \$3,380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$450

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$60pp (AU\$87pp) is paid locally in Thailand.

# MYANMAR **EXPLORER**



DAYS FROM



\$5,090



**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Be dazzled by Shwedagon
- ✓ Ascend stunning Mount Popa
- ✓ Explore Bagan's temples
- ✓ Feel cultural in Mandalay
- Enjoy sunset on U Bein Bridge
- ✓ Watch the Inle Lake 'leg rowers'

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ► Cruise down the busy waters of the mighty Irrawaddy to admire the huge Mingun Pagoda, a colossal but unfinished temple sat grandly on the river bank.
- ► Navigate across the peaceful water of beautiful Inle Lake, passing through floating communities, examining the innovative floating gardens and glimpsing the daily life of the Intha people.
- Explore and dine on delicious local food at Yangon's 'House of Memories', a handsome teak mansion filled with antique furniture and fascinating memorabilia.



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO YANGON

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

#### **DAY 2: DISCOVER YANGON**

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

#### **DAY 3: BAGAN TEMPLES**

Fly to Bagan. Myanmar's central plains have played host to many old kingdoms, each contributing temples and pagodas to the thousands that still dot the area today. Upon arrival, visit Nyaung U Market and Shwezigon Pagoda, where a replica of Buddha's tooth is enshrined. Later visit Htilominlo Pagoda, Ananda Temple and see craftsmen at work at a lacquerware workshop.

#### DAY 4: MOUNT POPA

Travel to Mount Popa, an extinct volcano, and visit Taung Kalat, the breathtaking Buddhist Monastery perched on its summit. Stop at a toddy palm plantation before taking a boat trip on the Irrawaddy River to view the sunset. Mount Popa is the spiritual home of 37 nats. or animist spirits and you'll see many locals

who have come here to worship them. Return to Bagan.

#### DAY 5: MINGUN AND AVA

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

#### DAY 6: MANDALAY AND AMARAPURA

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

#### **DAY 7: INLE LAKE**

Fly to Heho and drive to Inle Lake via Shwe Yan Pyay monastery. The lake is best known for the extraordinary 'Intha' people, who live on and around the water, and are renowned for their unique technique of rowing with their legs. Out on the lake, see the floating gardens before visiting Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda, Nga Phe Monastery and Inpawkhon weaving village on the lake's banks.



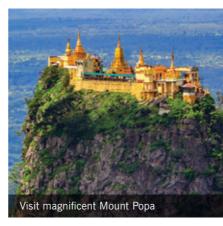
#### CLASSIC MYANMAR

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### **DAY 8: INDEIN PAGODAS**

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

#### DAY 9: YANGON NIGHT MARKETS

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

#### DAYS 10-11: FLY YANGON TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY.



**DISCOVER HALONG BAY** 2 days from \$510pp twin share

#### **BANGKOK CITY STAY**

4 days from \$535pp twin share

#### SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 days from \$445pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

05 Nov - 15 Nov **\$5,090** 

#### 2022 DATES

04 Feb - 14 Feb **\$5,390** 04 Nov - 14 Nov **\$5,390** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight
- upgrades available upon request Land only (Yangon - Yangon) 10 days
- from \$3,940 per person, twin share

#### • Single supplement from \$630 Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$59pp (AU\$86pp) is paid locally in















#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Discover Sri Ksetra by ox cart ✓ Explore Pyay's countryside
- ✓ Wander majestic Mandalay
- ✓ Admire Bagan's temples
- ✓ Ascend stunning Mount Popa
- ✓ Watch the Inle Lake 'leg rowers'
- ✓ Marvel at Shwedagon Pagoda



#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ On the banks of Inle Lake, explore a lush hillside strewn with the stupas and pagodas that make up the beautiful and atmospheric ruins of Indein.
- ► Wander the charming hill station of Kalaw, enjoying the beautiful scenery, cool climate and the historic colonial architecture. a legacy of Myanmar's time as part of the British Empire.
- ► Enjoy a relaxing cruise down the Irrawaddy River, Myanmar's most important waterway, to gaze over the majestic temples of Bagan at the most beautiful time of day - as the sun sets.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO YANGON

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

#### **DAY 2: DISCOVER YANGON**

Head downtown to the Central Post Office to begin your tour of Yangon, strolling along Strand Road and Pansodan Street before exploring the National Museum. Continue to the Shwedagon Pagoda, whose gleaming golden stupa dominates the city's skyline. The apex of the stupa is studded with hundreds of priceless gems that glint in the sunshine. This is Myanmar's most sacred Buddhist site and is said to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within.

#### **DAY 3: EXPLORE PYAY**

Drive to the lively port town of Pyay, with a stop for lunch. In Pyay, visit the local museum before a visit to Shwe San Taw Pagoda and its viewing platform with spectacular views of the town and river.

#### DAY 4: PYAY MARKET

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. Return to Yangon.

#### **DAY 5: U BEIN BRIDGE**

Fly to Mandalay and transfer to Amarapura to visit Mahagandayon Temple, a place of monastic study and home to several thousand young monks. Continue to the U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood bridge, and make your way across it, walking with the locals. Head to Sagaing and explore the hills around the town which are dotted with

temples and pagodas, before travelling to Inwa to explore the Maha Aungmye Bonzan Monastery.

#### **DAY 6: EXPLORE MANDALAY**

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

#### DAY 7: MINGUN

Set sail up the Irrawaddy River to Mingun to visit one of the world's largest bells, the Mingun Bell, and the Mingun Pagoda. Had it been completed it would have been Myanmar's largest but 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 8: BODHI TAUNG BUDDHA

Leave Mandalay for the Thanboddhay Pagoda, said to contain over half a million colourful images of Buddha. Continue to the Bodhi Taung where a thousand Buddha images rest at the feet of beautiful banyan trees. In the afternoon see the Aung Setkya Pagoda and enjoy the views of the surrounding countryside. Arrive in Monywa.

#### **DAY 9: CRUISE THE IRRAWADDY**

This morning take a boat trip across the Chindwin River to Po Win Daung, a network of sandstone caves full of statues, carvings and murals of Buddha. Drive on to the port



# CLASSIC MYANMAR

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





city of Pakokku. 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 10: EXPLORE BAGAN**

Visit Htilominlo Pagoda, the Ananda Temple and Shwezigon Pagoda, the latter considered one of the most important pagodas 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 templestrewn plains.

#### DAY 11: MOUNT POPA

Travel to Mount Popa and visit the temple that sits on top of a unique volcanic 'plug'. Return to Bagan and discover more of its wonderful temples and pagodas.

#### DAY 12: SHWE U MIN CAVES

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

#### **DAY 13: INLE LAKE**

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

#### **DAY 14: INDEIN PAGODAS**

Cruise on Inle Lake to the crumbling Indein Pagoda complex. Built in the 17th-century, it is home to nearly 1,000 stupas and pagodas. Walk through the rice paddies to Sae Ma village.

#### DAY 15: EXPLORE YANGON

Fly to Yangon. Upon arrival browse the famous Bogyoke market, perfect for souvenirs. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before a late afternoon visit to Botataung Pagoda. This evening, stroll around Chinatown before a farewell dinner

#### DAYS 16-17: FLY YANGON TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY



#### WILDLIFE ADVENTURE 5 days from \$1,780pp twin share

HANOI & HALONG BAY 5 days from \$1,225pp twin share

#### **KUALA LUMPUR CITY STAY**

3 days from \$325pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES Prices are per person, twin share

**2021 DATES** 

#### 12 Mar - 28 Mar **\$6,190** 19 Nov - 05 Dec **\$6,190**

12 Nov - 28 Nov **\$6,190 2022 DATES** 

11 Mar - 27 Mar **\$6,490** 25 Nov - 11 Dec **\$6,490** 11 Nov - 27 Nov **\$6,490** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- · Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Yangon Yangon) 16 days from \$5,040 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,080

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$84pp (AU\$122pp) is paid locally in



# VICTORIA MEKONG **TOURS**

Our best-selling itineraries with a 4 star cruising experience



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International economy

3 – 4 star

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Flights, guides,



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Visa for Australian passport holders

These four itineraries – three Classic tours and one Go Beyond tour – feature a three-night or four-night cruise on board the contemporary 4 star river vessel, Victoria Mekong - the perfect way to relax as you get an authentic look at daily life on the Mekong River. Fully-inclusive Classic tours are not only packed with the iconic sights and magnificent treasures of Southeast Asia, but also include all your arrangements and a maximum group size of 18 people. That means they offer both an extraordinary touring experience and excellent value. Our Go Beyond itinerary offers equally fantastic touring and experiences, along with more free time to explore independently, particularly at mealtimes.

#### **EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF**

With these tours, all your arrangements are taken care of - your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, all meals (or as stated on the Go Beyond tour), evening entertainment and your visas too! So all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy.

#### NATIONAL ESCORTS

You can be safe in the knowledge that you'll be in the company of our award-winning National Escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are the ones who push your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable.

#### THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Launched in December 2019, the Victoria Mekong is a contemporary 4 star river vessel cruising between Vietnam's Mekong Delta and Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh. It offers 33 spacious, deluxe cabins and two luxurious VIP suites. Facilities on board include an outdoor pool, onboard cinema, cocktail bars, a restaurant and a spa with massage service. To put you right in the heart of local life, there are shore excursions with plenty of opportunities to interact with local people and their culture. The cultural immersion doesn't end there, but continues onboard, with traditional music and dance, lectures on local topics, cooking classes and a cocktail-making competition too.



# All aboard: Victoria Mekong

Launched in December 2019, the 4 star Victoria Mekong is a fresh, contemporary river vessel with four spacious passenger decks, offering a peaceful, premium small-ship experience between Vietnam and Cambodia.





#### YOUR STATEROOM

The Victoria Mekong boasts some of the most spacious cabins on the Mekong Delta, all outward-facing with private balconies. Her 33 ensuite staterooms, each  $25 \rm m^2$ , are spread across the River and Panorama decks, along with two aft-facing VIP suites  $(45 \rm m^2)$  at the rear of the Panorama deck. Cabins can be booked as twin or double beds, and feature rain showers, hair dryers, individually controlled AC and French windows onto the balcony.

#### **FACILITIES ON BOARD**

The Victoria Mekong was designed with relaxation in mind. Guests are invited to soak up the sun in the outdoor infinity pool, try their hand on the mini-golf green, watch films or documentaries in the on-board cinema, enjoy a treatment at the Green Lotus Spa, or enjoy the daily activities held in the Lounge Bar. For those who simply wish to relax, sun loungers and parasols are available on the Sky Deck, while books and games are available to borrow from the library. Where possible, the Captain is pleased to invite guests to visit the bridge.

#### **WINE & DINE**

The Claypot Restaurant, located on the Panorama deck, is an airy, spacious venue with large bay windows offering 180-degree river views, along with a terrace for al fresco dining. All meals are included; cuisine varies in theme each night, with set menus available at dinner.

Asian hospitality is widely regarded as some of the best in the world, and the Victoria Mekong is no exception. House wine is complimentary with dinner, along with a daily sunset cocktail and free-flow of soft drinks and beer. Additional snacks and spirits are available from the Lounge Bar.









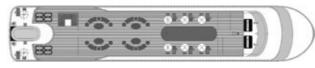
#### YOUR JOURNEY

The Mekong is the seventh longest river in all of Asia, and the 12th longest in the world. Stretching 4,350 km from China through the Tibetan Plateau and Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, it empties into the South China Sea south of Saigon. It is the lifeblood of Southeast Asia, and many centuries of cultural, economic and political history have played out on its banks.

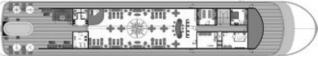
The Victoria Mekong sails weekly between the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh and the Vietnamese town of Can Tho in the Mekong Delta. Her three-night downstream itinerary sails from Sisowath Quay in Phnom Penh and calls at Tan Chau, Long Xuyen and Tan Loc Island, with excursions to historic houses, a plum wine distillery, the ethnology museum and a floating market. Those joining the four-night upstream sailings from Can Tho will call at Long Xuyen, Tan Chau and Tiger Island for excursions to a silk village, floating market, the museum and local pagoda.

Guests on both itineraries will enjoy nightly evening entertainment on board, ranging from Cambodian Apsara performances to traditional Mekong folk music and even a mischievous lion dance on the sun deck. Onboard activities range from mini-golf to cocktail-making competitions, destination presentations and film nights.

#### SKY DECK



#### SUN DECK



#### PANORAMA DECK



#### RIVER DECK



# A MEKONG **EXPERIENCE**

13 DAYS FROM



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels 4 night Victoria Mekong river cruise
- ✓ Explore Phnom Penh by cyclo
- ✓ Reflect on the past at the Killing Fields
- ✓ Visit the Angkor temples

#### PRICE INCLUDES

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



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

Enjoy life on the Mekong River **ITINERARY** DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of

#### soaking up the local culture. **DAY 2: DISCOVER SAIGON**

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

arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start

#### DAY 3: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

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

#### **DAY 4: TIGER ISLAND AND**

FLOATING MARKET

Cruise upstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit a floating market and a local museum. After lunch, enjoy an excursion on Tiger island to explore the island by sampan, visiting local industries. Sit down to dinner and evening entertainment before retiring to your cabin. Drop anchor at Vam Nao.

#### DAY 5: TAN CHAU

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

#### DAY 6: INTO CAMBODIA

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



# 7 VIETNAM SIEM REAP (4N) OVERNIGHT FLIGHT PHNOM PENH (1N) TAN CHAU SAIGON (2N) VAM NAO MEKONG CRUISE (4N) CAN THO

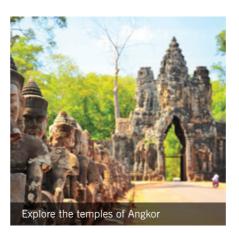
#### CLASSIC

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING

#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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





#### DAY 7: DISEMBARK IN PHNOM PENH

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

#### DAY 8: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields to learn about the regime of Pol Pot. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Temples of Angkor.

#### DAY 9: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

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

#### **DAY 10: TONLE SAP**

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

#### **DAY 11: LOCAL COOKING CLASS**

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

DAYS 12-13: DEPART SIEM REAP Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### **EXTEND YOUR STAY.**



HISTORICAL HEART OF VIETNAM 6 days from \$715pp twin share

#### **DISCOVER HALONG BAY**

2 days from \$510pp twin share

#### HONG KONG GLIMPSES 3 days from \$525pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

08 Feb - 20 Feb **\$6,410** 20 Sep - 02 Oct **\$6,030** 08 Mar - 20 Mar \$6,410 18 Oct - 30 Oct \$6,410

#### **2022 DATES**

07 Feb - 19 Feb **\$6,710** 14 Nov - 26 Nov **\$6,710** 19 Sep - 01 Oct **\$6,330** 

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon Siem Reap) 12 days from \$4,830 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1.350

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$40pp (AU\$58pp) is paid locally in



18 DAYS FROM



**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

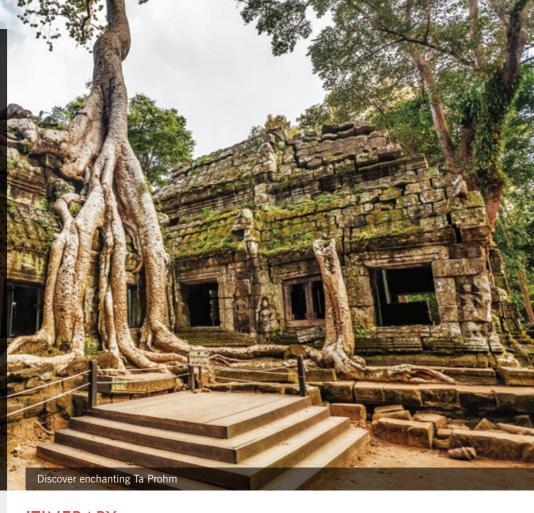
#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ► Try your hand at traditional cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ 3 night Mekong River Cruise. With stateof-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- ► Visit Hanoi's charming Reaching Out Teahouse for a rejuvenating cup of tea and the chance to learn about the work the project does with local people with disabilities



#### **ITINERARY**

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

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

#### DAY 3: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

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

#### **DAY 4: TONLE SAP**

Travel to the shores of Tonle Sap and visit the floating village of Kampong Phluk (Oct to Feb) or Chong Kneas (Mar to Sep). Stop at Chansar village for a glimpse at rural life before visiting the home of a local Khmer family.

#### DAY 5: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

Fly to Cambodia's charming capital, Phnom Penh. Board a cyclo and head into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before perusing the treasures of the National Museum. Stop to visit Wat Phnom before ending the day with a glass of refreshing local beer.

#### DAY 6: BOARD THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum

and the Killing Fields. Transfer to Sisowath Quay and board the Victoria Mekong whilst being serenaded with traditional music. Relax with a sundowner on deck and enjoy an Apsara dance performance before sitting down to a sumptuous gala dinner.

#### **DAY 7: INTO VIETNAM**

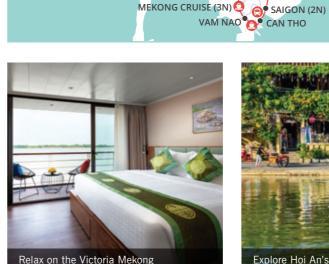
The ship departs this morning, with plenty of onboard activities available; alternatively, spend the morning relaxing in the pool. Sail into Vietnam around lunchtime, anchoring near Tan Chau. Tender ashore to visit a Taoist temple and see the intriguing stilt houses. Return to the ship in time for a traditional lion dance performance.

#### DAY 8: FLOATING MARKET AND TAN LOC ISLAND

Continue downstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit the bustling floating market and a local museum. After lunch back onboard, arrive at Tan Loc Island, where you'll be able to explore the Ancient House and a lush garden for tea and fruit - a taste of Mekong hospitality. Later, go by local motorcart to a plum wine' distillery and taste this intriguing local beverage made from fermented rose apples. Sail on to Can Tho, a Mekong Delta city where the ship will dock. Eniov a performance of Don Ca Tai Tu traditional music of the Mekong, while you sip a farewell cocktail and enjoy dinner.

#### DAY 9: DISEMBARK IN CAN THO

Enjoy breakfast onboard and visit a local floating market by boat. Disembark and bid farewell to the Victoria Mekong, boarding the ship's shuttle bus from Can Tho to Saigon.



HANOI

VIETNAN

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

PHNOM PENH (1N)

MEKONG CRUISE (3N)

HALONG BAY

HOI AN (2N)

#### DAY 10: EXPLORE SAIGON

the dark' experience.

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

stopping en route in Cai Be for a delicious

local lunch. Dinner this evening will be at

Noir, a restaurant that supports Saigon's

visually impaired, for a sensory 'dining in

#### DAY 11: DISCOVER HOLAN

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

#### DAY 12: TRA QUE VILLAGE

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

#### **DAY 13: HANOI CYCLO TOUR**

Fly to Vietnam's capital city, Hanoi. A fastpaced yet graceful city, it is packed full of ancient and modern sights to discover. Begin

exploring at the serene Temple of Literature before taking a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route.

#### **DAY 14: THE QUINTESSENCE OF TONKIN**

Today, head to the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass 'Uncle Ho's' monumental mausoleum and Stilt House, before seeing the Old Pillar Pagoda. Tonight, attend one of Hanoi's famously breathtaking artistic performances

#### DAYS 15-16: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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

#### DAYS 17-18: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

## CLASSIC

CAMBODIA & VIETNAM



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

02 Feb - 19 Feb	\$6,580	21 Sep - 08 Oct	\$6,88
16 Feb - 05 Mar	\$6,880	28 Sep - 15 Oct	\$8,08
09 Mar - 26 Mar	\$6,880	05 Oct - 22 Oct	\$6,88
30 Mar - 16 Apr	\$6,280	26 Oct - 12 Nov	\$6,88
07 Sep - 24 Sep	\$6,280		

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08 Feb - 25 Feb	\$6,880	20 Sep - 07 Oct	\$8,380
15 Feb - 04 Mar	\$7,180	04 Oct - 21 Oct	\$7,180
01 Mar - 18 Mar	\$7,180	11 Oct - 28 Oct	\$7,180
15 Mar - 01 Apr	\$6,580	25 Oct - 11 Nov	\$7,180
29 Mar - 15 Apr	\$6.580	08 Nov - 25 Nov	\$7.180

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth Departures from other cities and flight
- upgrades available upon request Land only (Siem Reap - Hanoi) 16 days
- from \$5,180 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,700

#### **Dedicated solos departure**

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$66pp (AU\$96pp) is paid locally in Cambodia

# MEKONG EXPLORER

21 DAYS FROM



\$7,180



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter
- ✓ 1 night Halong Bay Cruise
- Dine like royalty in HueLearn ancient farming techniques
- in Hoi An

  ✓ 4 night Victoria Mekong
  River Cruise
- ✓ Watch the sunset over Angkor

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ► Enjoy an atmospheric gondola cruise on the moat of Angkor Thom. Glide along the waters as the sun sets, bathing the temples in a rich, warming glow.
- ➤ Stroll across Danang's striking 'Golden Bridge' – a hilltop structure held aloft by a pair of huge, stone hands – and admire the beautiful views over the Ba Na Hills.
- ➤ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the 4 star ship, Victoria Mekong. With stateof-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

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

#### DAY 2: HANOI CYCLO TOUR

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

#### DAYS 3-4: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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

#### DAY 5: EXPLORE HUE

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

#### DAY 6: ADMIRE THE GOLDEN BRIDGE

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

#### **DAY 7: TRA QUE VILLAGE**

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

#### DAY 8: FREE TIME IN HOI AN

This morning is at leisure, before an afternoon flight to Saigon.

#### DAY 9: DISCOVER SAIGON

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

#### **DAY 10: CU CHI TUNNELS**

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels before an afternoon at leisure back in Saigon.

#### DAY 11: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

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

# HANOI (2N) HALONG BAY (1N) HUE (2N) DANANG HOI AN (2N) SIEM REAP (4N) OVERNIGHT FLIGHT CAMBODIA PHNOM PENH (1N) TAN CHAU VAM NAO CAN THO MEKONG CRUISE (4N) PLANE COACH BOAT



# CLASSIC VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



## DAY 12: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

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

#### DAY 13: TAN CHAU

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

#### DAY 14: INTO CAMBODIA

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

#### DAY 15: DISEMBARK IN PHNOM PENH

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

#### DAY 16: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

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

#### DAY 17: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

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

#### DAY 18: TONLE SAP

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

#### DAY 19: LOCAL COOKING CLASS

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

DAYS 20-21: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

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#### 2022 DATES

2022 DATES			
06 Feb - 26 Feb	\$8,180	02 Oct - 22 Oct	\$8,180
20 Mar - 09 Apr	\$7,980	16 Oct - 05 Nov	\$8,180
		13 Nov - 03 Dec	\$8,180
18 Sep - 08 Oct	\$7,480		

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney,
   Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Hanoi Siem Reap) 20 days from \$6.080 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,780

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$85pp (AU\$123pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.



DAYS FROM







#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Cruise the Mekong for 4 nights
- ✓ Sunset boat ride at Angkor Thom
- ✓ Explore Bangkok
- ✓ Taste New Latitude wines
- ✓ Spot wild elephants on safari

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 16 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ► Discover the unique secrets of New Latitude wines at Monsoon Valley, one of Thailand's only vineyards, where traditional winemaking techniques are revolutionised. Enjoy a scenic lunch together with a tasting of the aromatic whites and fruity reds.
- ► Explore the photogenic jungle-swathed ruins of the famous Angkor complex, taking in Angkor Wat, Ta Prohm and the Bayon before ending the day with a boat ride on Angkor Thom's moat
- ▶ Head out on safari in Kui Buri National Park, home to over 300 wild elephants and one of the few places in Thailand where it is still possible to see these beautiful creatures in their natural environment. Safaris here have around a 90% spotting rate.



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before your welcome dinner. (D)

#### **DAY 2: SAIGON**

Enjoy a relaxed introduction to Saigon, including architectural landmarks such as the French colonial-style Notre Dame and Central Post Office. Tonight's dinner is at NOIR, a true 'dining in the dark' experience. This social enterprise employs visually impaired locals, who invite you on a culinary iourney with lasting impact. (B.L.D)

#### **DAY 3: CU CHI TUNNELS**

This morning, visit the Cu Chi Tunnels to learn about the Viet Cong's tactical strategies during the Vietnam War. Relax with a fresh 'farm-to-table' lunch at a Vietnamese farm before an afternoon at leisure. (B.L)

#### DAY 4: BOARD VICTORIA MEKONG

Travel from Saigon to Can Tho, the beating heart of the Mekong Delta, where you will board the Victoria Mekong, your home for the next four nights. Sip a sundown cocktail and hear a traditional music performance as the ship casts off towards Long Xuyen. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 5: TIGER ISLAND**

Tender ashore to visit Long Xuyen floating market and the An Giang Traditions Museum with its exhibitions on local cultures. During lunch, the ship sails upstream to Tiger Island. Head ashore to explore by rickshaw, visiting local crafters such as, incense makers and a wood carver. Tonight, the ship cruises on to Tan Chau. (B.L.D)

#### DAY 6: TAN CHAU

Head ashore by sampan to visit the local silk village where you will witness the many steps involved in silk production, from traditional looms to the use of natural dyes made from tree bark, leaves and fruit. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: INTO CAMBODIA

Today the ship will cruise to Phnom Penh, crossing the border en route. Spend the day in the infinity pool or taking part in the onboard activities. On arrival in Phnom Penh, eniov a lively apsara dance performance to welcome you into Cambodia. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8: PHNOM PENH

Disembark the ship this morning and discover Phnom Penh by cyclo, taking in the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and Wat Phnom. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: FLY TO SIEM REAP

This morning's excursion to the Killing Fields outside the city gives a sombre insight into Cambodia's turmoil under the regime of Pol Pot. This afternoon, fly to Siem Reap.

#### DAY 10: ANGKOR

The Angkor Archaeological Park is home to over 1,000 temples dating back to the Khmer Empire. Best preserved of all the temples is Angkor Wat, while the jungle-swathed ruins of Ta Prohm evoke a sense of mystery and true adventure. This evening, enjoy a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom as the





# **GO BEYOND** CAMBODIA, THAILAND & VIETNAM PHYSICAL RATING

#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Experience the very best of Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand. Sail upstream from Saigon to Phnom Penh, and travel north to Angkor before heading west into Thailand to discover its beaches, vineyards and wild national parkland.



#### DAY 11: APOPO

This morning, visit APOPO Hero Rats Project. This humanitarian centre trains rats to scent-detect unexploded wartime landmines in rural areas of Cambodia so they can be safely deactivated by expert teams, saving untold lives. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 12: CAMBODIA TO THAILAND

Take a one-hour flight from Siem Reap to Bangkok. Check in at your hotel to refresh yourself before a street food tour. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 13:BANGKOK AT LEISURE

Relax or explore Bangkok independently. Optional private excursions, e.g. to Ayutthaya or the Thonburi canals, are available. (B)

#### DAY 14: BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI

Travel to Kanchanaburi, made famous by 'The Bridge on the River Kwai'. Here, learn about the experience of Southeast Asian and Allied POWs who were forced to work on the railway under WWII Japanese occupation. Pay respects to the victims at the cemetery and museum before a short train journey through the Kwai Noi Valley. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 15: TO THE GULF

Depart Kanchanaburi and travel south to the beach resort of Hua Hin, stopping en route to visit a toddy palm plantation. Arrive at Hua Hin after lunch. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

#### DAY 16: WINE & VINE

Head to Monsoon Valley Vineyard for a surprising insight into Thai viticulture. These award-winning New Latitude varietals have revolutionised winemaking, succeeding in a truly unexpected climate. Enjoy a tasting and lunch at the vineyard before continuing to Kui Buri National Park, where you'll join a park ranger on a half-day wildlife safari. Kui Buri elephants are completely wild and sightings cannot be guaranteed, but afternoon safaris here average a 90% sighting rate.

#### DAY 17: NORTHERN HIGHLANDS

Depart Hua Hin and return to Bangkok for your short flight to the peaceful, laidback city of Chiang Mai in Thailand's cooler northern highlands. (B, L,D)

#### DAY 18: ESSENCE OF CHIANG MAI

Explore Chiang Mai's highlights by rickshaw before driving out to Doi Suthep's magnificent hilltop temple with its panoramic views. Return to Chiang Mai for lunch at a social enterprise restaurant offering life-changing vocational training to reformed women from Chiang Mai's Correctional Institution, Enjoy some free time before tonight's cooking class, in which you will learn to prepare a traditional Thai dinner. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 19: ELEPHANT NATURE PARK

Drive out to the Elephant Nature Park, widely respected as a flagship of responsible ecotourism. Home to more than 35 elephants. rescued chiefly from the tourist and illegal logging industries, this sanctuary offers the herd respite and veterinary care in their retirement. Enjoy walking with the elephants and watching them bathe in the river before returning to Chiang Mai. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner with a traditional Thai performance. (B,L,D)

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

24 Oct - 13 Nov \$9,090 07 Nov - 27 Nov \$9,090 **2022 DATES** 06 Feb - 26 Feb **\$9,480** 25 Sep - 15 Oct **\$8,990** 

03 Apr - 23 Apr \$8,990 13 Nov - 03 Dec \$9,480

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon Chiang Mai) 20 days from \$7,990 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,310

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost

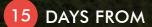
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#### DAYS 20-21: FLY CHIANG MAI TO AUSTRALIA

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



# THAILAND & LAOS ADVENTURE



\$5,490

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise the Chao Phraya River ✓ Discover old Chiang Mai by cyclo
- Stay with a H'mong hilltribe
- ✓ Support retired elephants at a local sanctuary
- ✓ Stroll through Chiang Rai ✓ Meet monks in Laos

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation, plus overnight train
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Enjoy a guided meditation session

#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ► Visit a local yoga centre in Thailand's cultural hub of Chiang Mai and begin your search for inner peace with a guided meditation session, a perfect moment of relaxation
- ▶ Visit Samut Songkhram market, famous for being along a railway line – witness the fascinating bustle of activity by the stallholders to move their wares out of the way as a train comes through!
- ► Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms in the form of food from the local people who line the streets.



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BANGKOK

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

#### DAY 2: DISCOVER BANGKOK

Bangkok is an exotic assault on the senses, a whirlwind of chaos, refinement and rewarding sights where you can go from tranguil golden temples to forests of gleaming skyscrapers before experiencing authentic Asia on bustling streets. Today's sightseeing includes Wat Pho, the dazzling Grand Palace and Chinatown. Take to the Chao Phraya River on a longboat, getting an alternative view of the city as you travel to the Pak Klong Talaat Flower Market. This evening enjoy a Thai dinner whilst watching a traditional music and dance show.

#### DAY 3: FLOATING MARKET

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and experience the Maeklong railway market. Board an overnight train to Chiang Mai.

#### DAY 4: EXPLORE CHIANG MAI BY CYCLO

The antithesis of Bangkok, Chiang Mai is a chilled out, nonchalant city in the foothills of Thailand's northern highlands. Take a cyclo tour of the city, visit Flok Life Museum, admire Wat Chedi Luang and ascend to Wat Doi Suthep perched on top of Doi Suthep Mountain. This evening, enjoy a traditional Khantoke dinner and a performance of the ancient songs and dances of northern Thailand and wander through the buzzing night bazaar in search of bargains.

#### DAY 5: H'MONG HILLTRIBE LODGE

Start the day with a relaxed mind as you join a group meditation session before heading up into the Suthep-Pui Mountains. Tonight you will spend the night at the H'mong Hilltribe Lodge amidst the striking natural beauty of the region. This evening enjoy a barbecue dinner and a cultural show.

#### **DAY 6: ELEPHANT RESCUE**

Depart the Hilltribe Lodge for an ethical elephant rescue centre to spend some time meeting and feeding the beautiful residents. Later, board a longtail boat on Mae Kok River to Baan Pha Tai, where you'll continue by road to Chiang Rai. Explore the colourful night market.

#### DAY 7: CHIANG RAI

Explore the laidback, small town charm of Chiang Rai, visiting the eccentric White Temple and Doi Mae Salong, a hill village once at the heart of the area's notorious opium trade.







#### **GO BEYOND** THAILAND & LAOS



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

PHYSICAL RATING

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.



#### DAY 8: CRUISE THE MEKONG

Transfer to Huay Xai on the Thai-Laos border and enjoy a cruise along the upper Mekong, taking in the scenery as you go. Stop at Pakbeng with time to visit the village of Ban Houei Lumpane before settling in for the night.

#### DAY 9: CRUISE TO LUANG PRABANG

Back on the river, continue your leisurely cruise down to the beautiful city of Luang Prabang, stopping at the fascinating Pak Ou Caves, a riverside cavern that is full of statues of Buddha that can no longer be used for worship.

#### DAY 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. Visit Ban Xang Khong craft village where you can see Sa Paper and local handcraft production. Take a city tour, seeing sights including Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong. Later, spend some time at a local wat, chatting with the friendly monks who love to practise their English.

#### DAY 11: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat or almsgiving. After breakfast, ascend Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the town and see the treasures at the National Museum. Head out of the town to enjoy the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls before returning to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.

#### DAY 12: FLY TO VIENTIANE

Catch a flight to Laos' capital city, Vientiane. **DAY 13: DISCOVER VIENTIANE** 

#### Nestled in a sleepy bend of the Mekong,

Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city. Spend the day exploring with a visit to Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo (a former temple that now houses a museum), That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument, known as the Arc de Triomphe of Vientiane. Finally, explore the sculptural Buddha Park. Later, enjoy dinner and a traditional Laos music and dance performance.

#### DAYS 14-15: FLY VIENTIANE TO AUSTRALIA

Enjoy a free morning in Vientiane, making the most of the languid pace of life. Fly back to Australia via Bangkok, arriving the following day.

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### **EXTEND YOUR STAY**



#### HANOI & HALONG BAY 5 days from \$1.225pp twin share

MAI CHAU SHORT STAY 3 days from \$665pp twin share

**TEMPLES IN DEPTH** 4 days from \$760pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

10 Feb - 24 Feb \$5,490 10 Nov - 24 Nov \$5,490 10 Mar - 24 Mar **\$5,490** 

#### 2022 DATES

09 Feb - 23 Feb **\$5,790** 09 Nov - 23 Nov **\$5,790** 09 Mar - 23 Mar **\$5,790** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Bangkok Vientiane) 14 days from \$4,380 per person, twin share Single supplement from \$820
- Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

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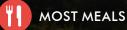


# HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

14 DAYS FROM

PER \$4,980





#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Explore Luang Prabang
- ✓ Admire the Kuang Si waterfalls
- ✓ Wonder at the Plain of Jars
- ✓ Discover scenic Vang Vieng
- Stroll through quaint VientianeUnwind at the Si Phan Don

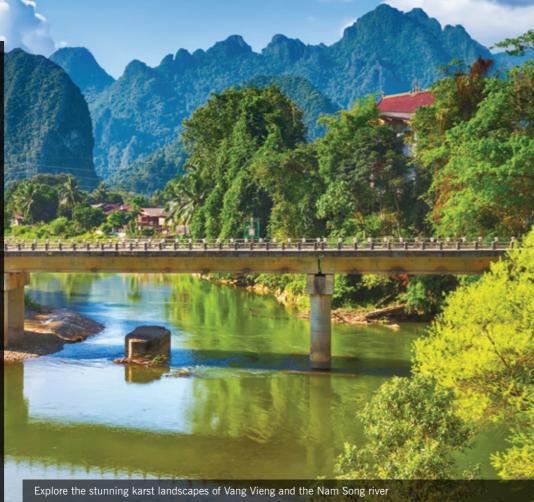
#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation
  Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



# ➤ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ➤ Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.
- ➤ Pay a visit to Mines Advisory Group (MAG) in Phonsavan and learn about the work they do clearing unexploded ordnance dropped on Laos during the Vietnam War and its local education programme.
- ➤ Visit Si Phan Don, the '4,000 Islands' set in the rushing waters of the Mekong, where you can slow down the pace, immerse yourself in its scenic beauty and enjoy this peaceful, relaxing spot.



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BANGKOK

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

#### DAY 2: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

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

#### **DAY 3: KUANG SI WATERFALLS**

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

#### DAY 4: PAK OU CAVES

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

#### **DAY 5: PHOUSI HILL**

Climb Phousi Hill to admire the views down over the city before exploring Wat Mai, Wat Visoun and Wat Aham. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B.L)

#### DAY 6: PHONSAVAN

Drive to Phonsavan via Phoukhoun, stopping at Tham Phra Cave and Nong Tang Lake.
(B.L.D)

#### DAY 7: PLAIN OF JARS

One of the most important ancient sites in Southeast Asia, these mysterious clusters of giant jars are thought to be about 2,000 years old. We will visit Site 1 where there are over 200 jars, Site 2 which also allows you to admire the beautiful scenery of the region and Site 3, situated in picturesque woodland. There will also be a visit to the office of the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), an organisation that helps clear unexploded ordnance from American raids during the Vietnam War. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 8: VANG VIENG**

Depart Phonsavan for Vang Vieng. Stop en route at Pathang village, where you can enjoy dramatic views over the karst landscapes for which Vang Vieng is famous. On arrival, head into Tham Chang Cave to explore. The cave was used as a hideout for locals when marauding Yunnanese came to town in the early 19th-century. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Drive to Vientiane, Laos' capital. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Spend the rest of the day exploring with visits to Wat Si



# GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An introduction to the pristine beauty of Laos, this 2-week journey ticks off all of the top sights, such as Luang Prabang, the Plain of Jars and Si Phan Don, as well as visiting little-explored villages to meet the friendly, local communities.





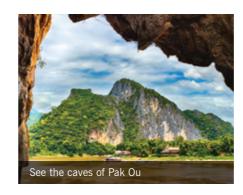
Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument, that resembles Paris' Arc de Triomphe. (B,L)

#### DAY 10: SI PHAN DON

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

#### **DAY 11: 4,000 ISLANDS**

Around Si Phan Don, meaning '4,000 islands', the pace of life is slow and easy and the river views are gorgeous. See the magnificent Khone Phapheng Waterfall, Southeast Asia's largest, and pop over to Khone Island by speedboat to discover its French colonial buildings and see Liphi Waterfall, nicknamed the Devil's Corridor. Depending on the season, you may see traditional fishing techniques in action. Spend the rest of your day at leisure. (B,L,D)



#### DAY 12: BOLAVEN PLATEAU

Depart Khong Island for Pakse, stopping en route to admire Tad Yuang and Tad Fane waterfalls. Continue up onto the Bolaven Plateau to pay a visit to a coffee plantation and learn about the process of planting, harvesting and roasting the beans. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner back in Pakse. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 13-14: FLY PAKSE TO AUSTRALIA

Fly from Pakse to Bangkok where you'll have the use of a hotel room before your evening flight back to Australia, arriving home the following day. (B,D)

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### **EXTEND YOUR STAY..**



BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI
3 days from \$730pp twin share

BANGKOK CITY STAY 4 days from \$535pp twin share

HONG KONG IN FOCUS 4 days from \$890pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

#### 2022 DATES

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney,
   Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Bangkok Bangkok) 13 days from \$3,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$790

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$91pp (AU\$132pp) is paid locally in Laos.



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GO BEYOND

VIETNAM

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

on a flexible, customisable itinerary. Discover each destination independently, or delve deeper with a choice of immersive cultural experiences. This

tour is Vietnam—your way!

Explore Vietnam's best-loved highlights

PHYSICAL RATING



13 DAYS FROM

PERSON \$4,480





#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Cruise on scenic Halong Bay
- ✓ Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- ✓ Discover stunning Hue
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Drift on the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Experience the buzz of Saigon

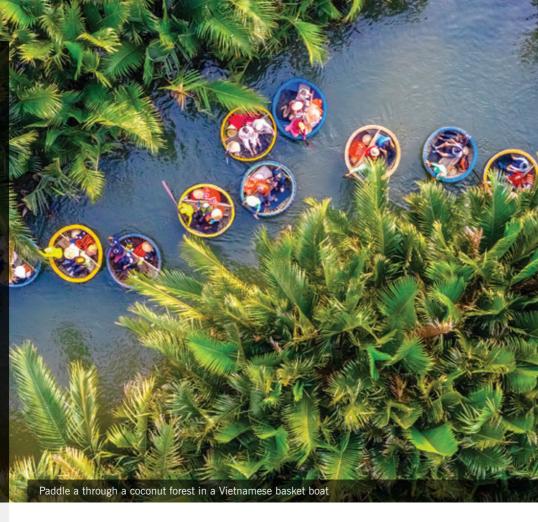
#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 4 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Most excursions (optional touring payable locally)
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ➤ Explore the bustling streets of Hanoi's vibrant Old Quarter by cyclo, stopping off at a café to sample a traditionally-made local speciality, egg coffee.
- ➤ Enjoy Saigon's most extraordinary production, the A O Show! This breathtaking performance showcases the beauty and cultural richness of Vietnamese rural life through music, dance and acrobatics.
- ➤ Customise this itinerary to suit your interests. Use your free time to explore independently, or add on optional cultural activities, such as a royal dining experience, a bamboo paper craft workshop or a street food adventure.



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's atmospheric capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

#### **DAY 2: DISCOVER HANOI**

Start the day exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, visiting the Stilt House and the Temple of Literature. Next, take a thrilling cyclo ride through the bustling streets of the Old Quarter, with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route. This evening, enjoy a performance of a traditional water puppet show. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 3: CRUISE HALONG BAY**

Travel to Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. You'll pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the ever-changing vistas of the bay. There are many activities to take part in here, from swimming and kayaking to exploring stalactite-studded caves, or simply sunbathing on deck. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: TAI CHI

Rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practise Tai Chi on deck. After brunch onboard, return to the dock and travel back to Hanoi. On arrival, enjoy free time or choose from two optional activities.

1) Watch the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam, followed by dinner. Or 2) discover the varied and delicious flavours of

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

#### DAY 5: IMPERIAL HUE

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

#### DAY 6: HUE EXPERIENCES

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







#### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO HOI AN

Journey by road to the charming town of Hoi An, taking the scenic route over Hai Van Pass. This afternoon wander the lantern-lined streets and soak up the delights of Hoi An, with visits to a pagoda, an old Chinese meeting house and the Reaching Out Arts and Crafts workshop. (B,L)

#### **DAY 8: HOI AN EXPERIENCES**

Today is at leisure to explore Hoi An, or you can choose between the following optional activities: 1) a cooking class, with a visit to the produce market to select fresh, local ingredients, where you'll learn the tricks and techniques of Vietnamese cuisine or 2) a full day farmer and fisherman experience, where you can try your hand at traditional farming techniques in the rural village of Tra Que, before learning to paddle round bamboo boats and cast fishing nets. (B)

#### DAY 9: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon and spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 10: MEKONG DELTA

Transfer to Ben Tre, in the heart of the Mekong Delta, where you'll visit local cottage industries and taste the delicious produce of the region, before lunching on typical Mekong fare. This afternoon, take a boat trip through the palm-lined canals and waterways to visit small islands, a floating village and pagoda. Return to Saigon. (B,L)

#### **DAY 11: CU CHI TUNNELS**

This morning, discover the Cu Chi Tunnels, an amazing underground network used by the Viet Cong during the war. Return to Saigon and tour the city, visiting the Central Post Office as well as delving into Vietnam's recent history at the Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner and a performance of the A O Show, a music, dance and acrobatic spectacular at the Saigon Opera House. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 12-13: FLY SAIGON TO AUSTRALIA

This morning is at leisure, or you can take an optional cyclo tour around Saigon's Chinatown. Later, transfer to the airport and fly to Australia, arriving home the following day. (B)

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



**VETERAN'S RETURN**3 days from \$580pp twin share

# VICTORIA MEKONG UPSTREAM 6 days from \$1,765pp twin share

#### CLASSIC CAMBODIA

5 days from \$1,390pp twin share Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

Visit Halong Bay's limestone caves

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Hanoi Saigon) 12 days from \$3.380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$620

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$72pp (AU\$104pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.



# VIETNAM **TRAILS**





\$5,360



**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Drift on the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- Cruise the Perfume River
- ✓ Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- ✓ Discover Sapa's local villages
- ✓ Admire stunning Halong Bay

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus overnight train
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ► Learn the skills and secrets of the flavourful Vietnamese cuisine with a cooking class. Head to a local market to pick fresh, seasonal produce before returning to the kitchen, cooking up a storm and feasting on the results!
- ➤ The best way to experience the beauty of Sapa's landscapes is to get out into them, which you'll do on an easy hike through the rice terraces. There'll be stops en route to meet hilltribe communities and to try your hand at 'batik'
- ► Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', an outdoor spectacular that perfectly showcases the rich culture and daily life of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented performers, water puppetry, and lights.



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

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

#### **DAY 2: DISCOVER SAIGON**

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. Seamlessly blending past and present, Saigon is both a treasure trove of cultural sights and the city that is driving Vietnam towards a bright future. Visit the Central Post Office before heading to the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum.

#### DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA

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

#### DAY 4: JOURNEY TO HOLAN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. Take a walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, whose lantern-lined streets are a delight to wander. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work.

#### DAY 5: 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, perhaps visiting its famous 24-hour tailors and sandal makers, or many art and lantern shops.

#### DAY 6: HOI AN FREE DAY

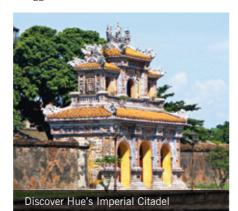
Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps savour a relaxing coffee, pop into the town for a stroll or even head to the beach.

#### **DAY 7: IMPERIAL HUE**

Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Later, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set in surroundings of gardens and pools. Continue to the old Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a cruise on the Perfume River.

#### **DAY 8: EXPLORE HANOI**

Fly to Hanoi this morning. After lunch, enjoy a tour of the city including the Ho Chi Minh Quarter. One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. Wrap up your day with a traditional Vietnamese coffee - with an egg twist!





#### GO BEYOND VIETNAM



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

PHYSICAL RATING

The perfect length for a more in-depth Vietnam exploration! Start in the south in Saigon, venturing north via Hoi An, Hanoi and Halong Bay before heading up to Sapa for an active exploration of the highlands and local communities.





#### **DAY 9: TRAVELLING NORTH**

Today, take a road trip up north to Vietnam's northern Highlands, arriving in Sapa in the late afternoon. The vast panoramas of ribboning rice terraces that snake their way across these highlands are a testament to the extraordinary farming skills of the many communities of the region.

#### **DAYS 10-11: SAPA**

Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces with some light walking through the surrounding valleys and villages, and visits to ethnic minority communities including those of the H'mong people.

#### DAY 12: MOUNT FANSIPAN

Take a cable car ride up Mount Fansipan, the highest mountain in Indochina, arriving at the summit to enjoy incredible views from a breathtaking 3,143 metres. This afternoon, return to Hanoi before continuing to Halong Bay next morning.



#### DAYS 13-14: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Spend two days aboard a traditionallydesigned boat cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. You'll even explore one of the bay's many caves. Spend a night onboard before returning to Hanoi the next day. On your last evening, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam

#### DAYS 15-16: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

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

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY..



#### VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM 5 days from \$1,390pp twin share

HANOI & NINH BINH 5 days from \$1,205pp twin share

MAI CHAU SHORT STAY 3 days from \$680pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

10 Mar - 25 Mar \$5,360 07 Apr - 22 Apr \$5,460 24 Mar - 08 Apr \$5,360 15 Sep - 30 Sep \$5,360

#### 2022 DATES

16 Mar - 31 Mar **\$5,480** 14 Sep - 29 Sep **\$5,680** 30 Mar - 14 Apr **\$5,480** 05 Oct - 20 Oct **\$5,480** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth Departures from other cities and flight
- upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon Hanoi) 15 days from \$4,260 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$820

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$75pp (AU\$109pp) is paid locally in

# VIETNAM & CAMBODIA **DISCOVERY**

20 DAYS FROM

\$5,990





#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Taste Hanoi's delightful cuisine
- Hike lush rice terraces
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ Learn about traditional farming
- ✓ Marvel at magnificent Angkor ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation and eco-lodge • Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ► Hop on a bike and take the scenic route through Hoi An's beautiful rural scenery to try your hand at traditional farming techniques with a local farmer, and to paddle the round basket boat used by the locals.
- ► Ride pillion on a vintage Vespa, through Saigon's bustling streets on a night-time foodie adventure. Sip on a cocktail before venturing to popular local eating spots, finishing up in a lively bar.
- ► Discover the many wonders of the Temples of Angkor on an exciting tuk tuk tour through the complex. Keep an eye out for jungle-engulfed ruins, orange-robed monks and the local wildlife.



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's colonially influenced atmospheric capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure. (D)

#### **DAY 2: DISCOVER LOCAL HANOI**

Start your day with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh complex and the Ethnology Museum to learn about the country's ethnic groups. Next, stop at the Confucian Temple of Literature, before taking a walking tour of the bustling streets of the Old Quarter, This evening, stroll amongst the city's unique street-side night life and food vendors. Taste the varied flavours of Vietnamese street food such as Pho Cuon and Banh Xeo – this is where the locals come to meet, dine and have a good time. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: HOANG SU PHI

Travel to Hoang Su Phi, an area of emerald green rice terraces. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring. (B,L,D)

#### **DAYS 4-5: LUSH RICE TERRACES**

Take an unforgettable journey on foot through the epic rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi. Around every corner a new view of this outstanding landscape of lush, mist-wreathed terraces will unfold in front of you, providing a plethora of unreal photo opportunities. You'll make stops at a Red Dao village to learn about local life in the area, a Tay village to have lunch in a family home and a colourful local market.

#### DAY 6: RETURN TO HANOI

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

#### **DAYS 7-8: CRUISE HALONG BAY**

Depart for Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. Pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the ever-changing vistas of the bay. (B,L,D) On day 8, rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practise Tai Chi on deck. Return to Hanoi and fly to Danang for Hoi An. (B,D)

#### DAY 9: FARMER AND FISHERMAN **EXPERIENCE**

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

#### DAY 10: CHARMING HOLAN

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

#### DAY 11: IMPERIAL HUE BY BICYCLE

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

## HOANG SU PHI (3N) HANOI (2N+1N 本 VIETNAN HUE (2N) HOI AN (2N) SIEM REAP (3N) CAMBODIA OVERNIGHT FLIGHT \* SAIGON (2N+1N) MEKONG DELTA (1N)

#### GO BEYOND

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover two fascinating countries. Hike through the verdant rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi and taste the street food in Hanoi. Your journey ends with an unforgettable exploration of the Angkor Wat complex by tuk tuk.





#### DAY 12: SAIGON VESPA TOUR

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

#### DAY 13: SAIGON OLD AND NEW

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

#### DAY 14: BEN TRE BY BICYCLE

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

#### **DAY 15: MEKONG DELTA**

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

#### **DAY 16: CAMBODIAN CIRCUS**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. Here, a special treat awaits in the form of a performance of Phare Cambodian Circus, an NGO that teaches disadvantaged children to become internationally-renowned performance artists. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 17: ANGKOR BY TUK TUK

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

#### **DAY 18: TONLE SAP LAKE**

High water season (Aug-Feb)

Visit Kompong Khleang, 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 and trying your hand at some fishing or farming and learning more about the local way of life. Return to Siem Reap, visiting Beng Mealea on the way. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 19-20: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

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

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

2022 DATES

27 Feb - 18 Mar \$5,990 09 Oct - 28 Oct \$5,990 25 Sep - 14 Oct **\$5,990** 

26 Feb - 17 Mar **\$6,290** 08 Oct - 27 Oct **\$6,290** 24 Sep - 13 Oct **\$6,290** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Hanoi Siem Reap) 19 days from \$4,790 per person, twin share Single supplement from \$870
- Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$114pp (AU\$165pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

# **BEST OF BORNEO**

DAYS FROM

\$6,480

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Stroll through charming Kuching Explore Bako National Park
- ✓ Immerse yourself in nature
- ✓ Visit an Iban longhouse
- ✓ Stand in Mount Kinabalu's shadow
- ✓ Visit Sepilok's Orangutan **Rehabilitation Centre**



#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation and eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- > Float down the Kinabatangan River as the sun sets, keeping an eye on the jungle-filled river banks for a chance to spot hornbills, pygmy elephants and proboscis monkeys.
- ➤ Visit Borneo's best-known residents at Semenggoh Nature Reserve, a centre for rescued orangutans who, in the process of being rehabilitated, roam freely through the reserve's lush forest.
- ▶ Be guests at a traditional Iban longhouse, where the tribespeople will perform a traditional war dance in full regalia and host a traditionally prepared lunch.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUCHING

Fly overnight to the relaxed and charismatic city of Kuching.

#### **DAY 3: EXPLORE KUCHING**

Spend the day enjoying the diverse culture of Sarawak with a walking tour, starting at the Chinese History Museum on Kuching's waterfront. Stroll past the old shop houses of Ewe Hai Street and pay visits to traditional businesses, including a 'sinseh'- a Chinese medicine man. Next you'll be introduced to Sarawak's delicious food, with a tasting at a local coffee shop. Continue to the Sarawak Museum, before a sampan ride across Kuching's river to visit a Malay village.

#### DAY 4: BAKO NATIONAL PARK

Travel out to Bako before boarding a boat to reach the national park. Explore the park on foot with a guide - one of Borneo's most biodiverse areas, the diversity of flora and fauna here is incredible and easily accessible. Following trails along streams, past caves and across plateaus, keeping an eye out for wild boar, macaques, monitor lizards and, if you're lucky, a proboscis monkey. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

#### **DAY 5: SEMENGGOH NATURE RESERVE**

This morning you have the opportunity to meet Borneo's most famous native, the orangutan! Semenggoh is a centre dedicated to the rehabilitation of rescued or orphaned young orangutans – here they are taught how to survive in the wild. The area you are visiting is where the orangutans are released after their training, to live freely in the nature reserve, so please bear in mind that it is

not guaranteed that you will spot a resident. Travel to Sri Aman.

#### **DAY 6: IBAN LONGHOUSE**

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

#### **DAY 7: RETURN TO KUCHING**

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

#### DAY 8: FLY TO KOTA KINABALU

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

#### DAY 9: EXPLORE KOTA KINABALU

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





#### GO BEYOND BORNEO

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An island of uncharted jungles and tribal culture, Borneo is a destination that exudes adventure! Discover 'headhunter' heritage, see a wealth of wildlife, delve deep into nature and meet the beautiful orangutans.



#### **DAY 10: KINABALU PARK**

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

#### DAY 11: FLY TO SANDAKAN

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Sandakan, Visit the Sandakan Memorial Park, which commemorates British and Australian prisoners of war during World War II. Continue into Sandakan itself and tour the city, passing the William Pryer and Sandakan Liberation monuments. This evening, continue to Sepilok, where you'll stay in a nature resort at the rainforest's edge.

#### **DAY 12: SEPILOK ORANGUTAN CENTRE**

Sepilok offers another chance to see orangutans in their natural habitat - like Semenggoh, this is a centre for the rehabilitation of former captive and orphaned orangutans. Around 60 to 80 orangutans live free within the centre's forest and there may be young orangutans to visit in the nursery. Head across the road to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre to visit the world's smallest bear and learn about the conservation efforts to protect them. Journey to Bilit and enjoy lunch at your lodge. Later, board a cruise along the Kinabatangan River to spot some of the abundant wildlife

#### DAY 13: KINABATANGAN RIVER

Embark on an early morning cruise to the Oxbow Lake, where you can spot wildlife and soak up the peaceful ambience. Returning to the lodge, the rest of the day is at leisure until the late afternoon, when you'll head out for another cruise, searching for wildlife once more. You could spot anything from hornbills to pygmy elephants!

#### DAY 14: SANDAKAN TO KOTA KINABALU

Return to Sandakan for lunch at a local restaurant before transferring to the airport to fly back to Kota Kinabalu. This evening, dine on local flavours and enjoy a cultural dance performance.

#### DAYS 15-16: FLY KOTA KINABALU TO **AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY..



SINGAPORE SHORT STAY 3 days from \$445pp twin share

#### **KUALA LUMPUR CITY STAY** 3 days from \$325pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

03 Apr - 18 Apr	\$6,580	31 Jul - 15 Aug	\$6,480
24 Apr - 09 May	\$6,580	11 Sep - 26 Sep	\$6,480
22 May - 06 Jun	\$6,480		

#### **2022 DATES**

23 Apr - 08 May **\$6,880** 03 Sep - 18 Sep **\$6,780** 21 May - 05 Jun \$6,780 17 Sep - 02 Oct \$6,780 30 Jul - 14 Aug **\$6,780** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- · Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Kuching Kota Kinabalu) 14 days from \$5,500 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$980

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately MYR\$250pp (AU\$93pp) is paid locally in Borneo.

# **INCREDIBLE INDONESIA**

DAYS FROM

\$6,590

**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

**ALL MEALS** 

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Spot Komodo dragons
- ✓ Admire the royal gardens ✓ Marvel at a Borobudur sunrise
- ✓ Visit Mt Bromo's volcanic crater
- ✓ Be inspired by Flores' beauty
- Cruise and snorkel clear waters
- ✓ Swim at the stunning 'Pink Beach'



- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation and eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



#### ► EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ► Embark on an evening foodie tour by becak through the streets of vibrant Yogyakarta, tasting a variety of delicious local delicacies.
- ➤ Venture out by jeep to the perfect Mount Bromo vantage point for sunrise views over the volcano and spectacular surrounding landscapes before exploring a nearby village.
- ▶ Pay a visit to a leather shadow puppet maker to learn about the process behind their creation and how they are used in this traditional Indonesian performing art.



#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO YOGYAKARTA

Fly to Yogyakarta, the cultural and historical heart of Java. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish

#### DAY 2: EXPLORE YOGYAKARTA

Today, visit the Sultan's Palace and Taman Sari Water Castle. Later, learn about the art of leather shadow puppet making, a traditional craft, before a stroll through the Beringharjo market. This evening, dine in a Javanese house with a local family.

#### DAY 3: HISTORIC KOTAGEDE

A dazzling day of culture starts by exploring the historical neighbourhood of Kotagede by becak. Here you'll see the thriving silver industry and visit traditional Javanese houses including an eclectic Kalang house, as well as Pasar Legi, a Javanese market, Finally, dressed in Javanese costume you'll wander the sacred royal cemetery.

#### DAY 4: YOGYAKARTA'S HIDDEN

Explore the hidden sights of the city, visiting a Buddhist vihara, a traditional 1,300-yearold medicine shop and the Puro Pakualaman, the palace of the princely state of Pakualaman. The afternoon is at leisure before a foodie tour of the vibrant Malioboro Road. Transfer to Magelang.

#### DAY 5: BOROBUDUR SUNRISE

Get up early for a magical sunrise at the enigmatic Borobudur, a 1,200-year-old temple, said to be the largest Buddhist structure on earth, set picturesquely amongst tropical foliage. Follow in the footsteps of ancient pilgrims to discover

more of the complex before glimpsing rural life in the close-by Candirejo.

#### DAY 6: MOUNT MERAPI BY JEEP

Transfer to Solo. Stop en route to explore the spectacular Turgo Hills by jeep, driving up to a viewpoint where you can admire a panorama of the surrounding area, including Mount Merapi. Browse the Sisa Hartaku Mini Museum before continuing to Kaliurang to visit the Museum of Mount Merapi and tuck into a Javanese buffet with beautiful views over the rice fields and volcano.

#### **DAY 7: EXPLORE SOLO**

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

#### **DAY 8: SCENIC TRAIN RIDE**

At Solo station, board the train to Jombang, taking a scenic ride through the countryside into East Java. On arrival, transfer over to Bromo. Set in the steep hills of the Tengger Valley, you will be staying at the foot of the spectacular Tengger massif, and the famous Mount Bromo.

#### DAY 9: MOUNT BROMO SUNRISE

Rise early and ascend to Gunung Penanjakan by jeep for an epic sunrise over Bromo and the surrounding area. Journey across the Sea of Sand, a nature reserve, to Bromo itself where you can climb the 245 steps up to the rim to peer down into the crater.



# GO BEYOND



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

PHYSICAL RATING

An incredible introduction to the wonders of East Java and Komodo. Immerse yourself in Indonesia's fascinating culture, and explore natural landscapes ranging from volcanoes to stunning tropical islands.





#### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO SURABAYA

Drive to Surabaya, East Java's capital. Visit the quirky House of Sampoerna, a cigarette factory housed in an old Dutch colonial building with a fascinating museum.

#### **DAY 11: FLY TO FLORES**

Fly to the island of Flores, a lush tropical island and the gateway to Komodo National Park

#### DAY 12: KOMODO NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a full day boat trip to Komodo National Park. On Komodo Island, walk to Banunggulung river bed with a park ranger; keep your camera at the ready as you hunt for gigantic Komodo dragons and enjoy the unusual nature of the island. Later you'll be able to swim and snorkel at gorgeous Pink Beach and paradisiacal Kanawa Island.

#### DAY 13: KELOR AND ANGEL ISLANDS

A second full day adventure to more of the islands in Komodo National Park. Cruise across through the blue island-studded waters to Rinca Island, where a ranger will take you in search of dragons, tropical birds, deer and wild buffalo. Cruiseon to Kelor and Angel Islands for opportunities to snorkel in the clear waters.

#### **DAY 14: DEPART FLORES**

After a morning at leisure, transfer to the airport and fly to Bali where you'll spend the night in Sanur beach.

#### DAYS 15-16: FLY BALI TO AUSTRALIA

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

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY.



**BANGKOK CITY STAY** 4 days from \$535pp twin share

#### WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

5 days from \$1,780pp twin share

#### **GARDENS BY THE BAY**

4 days from \$655pp twin share

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

05 Jun - 20 Jun **\$6,590** 04 Sep - 19 Sep **\$6,590** 24 Jul - 08 Aug **\$6,590** 

#### **2022 DATES**

04 Jun - 19 Jun **\$6,890** 03 Sep - 18 Sep **\$6,890** 23 Jul - 07 Aug **\$6,890** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- · Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Yogyakarta Bali) 14 days from \$5,525 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,660

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$88pp (AU\$128pp) is paid locally in Indonesia.

# **PHILIPPINES DISCOVERY**









#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Visit Mt. Pinatubo
- ✓ Hike Luzon's scenic rice terraces
- ✓ Admire Vigan's architecture
- Explore the famous Chocolate Hills
- ✓ See Sagada's Hanging Coffins
- Meet tiny tarsiers at the Philippine **Tarsier Sanctuary**



#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 4 star accommodation,
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Hike on the Hapao Rice Terraces

#### EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ► Enjoy a relaxed hike on the slopes of the UNESCO-listed Hapao Rice Terraces, the gentlest of the terraces in the Ifugao region. The panoramic views can be admired from the roadside viewpoint, while those feeling adventurous can hike down and meet the
- ► Hike up Mt Pinatubo to discover the phenomenal blue crater lake at its heart.
- ▶ Visit the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary, home and refuge of the second smallest primate in the world. The sanctuary protects dozens of these tiny creatures throughout the area and is committed to initiatives to restore their natural habitats across the archipelago

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO MANILA

Fly overnight to the bustling capital city of Manila.

#### **DAY 3: NORTHERN BOUND**

Enjoy a relaxed morning tour of Intramuros, Manila's old colonial centre. This afternoon, depart the city and drive north to the hills of Pampanga province, where you'll stay at an ecological resort.

#### DAY 4: VOLCANOS, LAKES & VILLAGES

Today, take a 4x4 partway up Mount Pinatubo and hike to the summit; at the top, you'll be rewarded with majestic views across the volcano's breathtakingly blue crater lake. En route back to the hotel, visit a local indigenous village. Those seeking a more relaxed day can enjoy independent exploration of the green nature trails around the resort.

#### **DAY 5: INTO THE HIGHLANDS**

Today enjoy a road trip into the Cordillera, Luzon's northern highlands. Admire the passing scenery as you journey up to Banaue, gateway to the Philippines' famous rice terraces. Break your journey at the town of Bacolor, where you'll stop to visit San Guillermo Church. Your hotel in Banaue is your base for the next three nights.

#### DAY 6: HAPAO RICE TERRACES

Board a jeepney and head into the remote highlands to enjoy a largely flat hike through the photogenic Hapao rice terraces. At the top of the terraces, arrive at a hot spring where you can bathe in the stream and in the warm rockpool before enjoying lunch with fantastic views over the valley.

#### DAY 7: SAGADA'S HANGING COFFINS

Today's day trip to Sagada includes a two-Learn about local traditions at the famous burial caves and look out for the hanging coffins suspended on the rock faces. Return to the hotel in Banaue

#### **DAY 8: THE CITY OF PINES**

known as the City of Pines and home to workshops and municipal park. Visit Camp John Hay, established in 1900 as a military hill station of the US army, later occupied to Philippine ownership in 1991.

#### DAY 9: COLONIAL VIGAN



hour drive through beautiful mountain passes.

Travel to the pleasantly cool city of Baguio, a presidential mansion, market area, weaving by WWII Japanese forces and finally returned

This morning, head north along the coast and arrive at the colonial settlement of Vigan, distinctly Spanish in character and now a UNESCO World Heritage town. Wander the scenic cobblestone streets, visiting colonial houses, museums and a pottery maker.



#### PHILIPPINES DISCOVERY

#### GO BEYOND **PHILIPPINES**

PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Famed for its scenic beauty, the photogenic Philippines are also a nature-lover's paradise. From crater lakes to ribboning rice terraces, tarsier sanctuaries and pictureperfect hills, this adventure welcomes you into this Pacific archipelago's wild heart.



VIGAN (1N)

PAMPANGA(2N) MANILA (1N+1N)

BAGUIO (1N)

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

BANAUE (3N)

CFBU (1N)

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT Y BOHOL (2N)



#### DAY 10: LAOAG

A 90-minute drive brings you to Laoag on the island's north-western tip. Stop to visit its coastal sand dunes. Later this evening, fly back to Manila.

#### DAY 11: BEACHES AND CREAM

Take a short morning flight over to beautiful Bohol and explore Panglao island, including the stalactite-studded Hinagdanan Cave and the lovely ocean-facing Bohol Bee Farm, where you can enjoy organic ice cream. Your beachfront hotel is perfectly placed for some well-earned time on the sand.

#### **DAY 12: BOHOL COUNTRYSIDE TOUR**

Venture out on a full day countryside tour, encompassing the iconic Chocolate Hills, a rolling geological landscape of hundreds of dome-shaped hills named for their resemblance to chocolate drops when they turn brown in the autumn. Enjoy a lunchtime river cruise before continuing to the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary in Corella to learn about conservation efforts to protect the world's second smallest primate.

#### DAY 13: THE ROOF OF CEBU

Take a ferry over to the neighbouring isle of Cebu for a city tour and a photographic opportunity at the Roof of Cebu, the highest point on the island, where you can enjoy a refreshing glass of beer as you take in the incredible views. Check in to your hotel before this evening's farewell dinner.

#### DAYS 14-15: FLY CEBU TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to Cebu's international airport for your flight home, arriving the following day.

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY..



FL NIDO BEACH STAY 5 days from \$845pp twin share

#### **BORACAY BEACH STAY** 5 days from \$955pp twin share

**GARDENS BY THE BAY** 4 days from \$655pp twin share

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2021 DATES

05 Nov - 19 Nov \$6,390 19 Nov - 03 Dec \$6,390 2022 DATES 21 Jan - 04 Feb **\$6,690** 18 Nov - 02 Dec **\$6,690** 

11 Mar - 25 Mar **\$6,690** 02 Dec - 16 Dec **\$6,690** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Manila Cebu) 14 days from \$5,325 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,270

#### Important note

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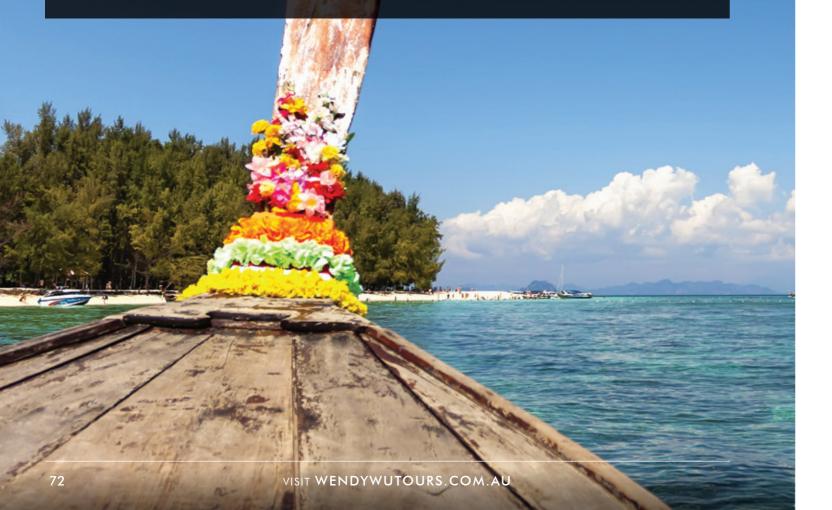
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Kevin & Shirley Mears



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Inspired

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vour ideas and come

back to you with a

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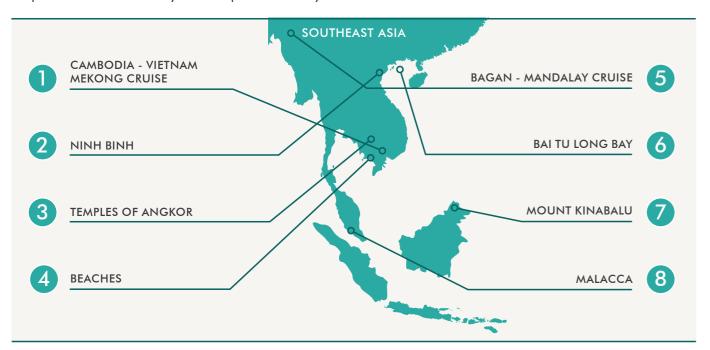






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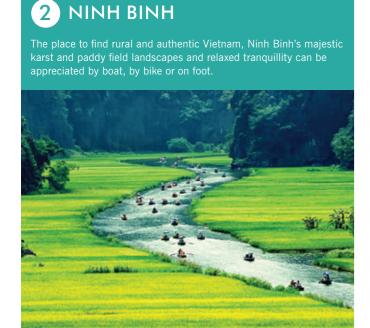
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## CAMBODIA - VIETNAM MEKONG CRUISE

Discover the Mekong River in style, cruising along one of the most enchanting stretches of the Mekong. Sail from either Cambodia's enchanting capital, Phnom Penh or Can Tho in Vietnam's Mekong Delta.







3 TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

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

# 4 BEACHES

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



# 5 BAGAN-MANDALAY CRUISE

Journey up the Irrawaddy, between the temple-strewn plains of Bagan and the cultural hub of Mandalay, on a relaxing cruise, watching authentic daily life on the river banks as you drift peacefully by.



# 6 BAI TU LONG BAY

Every bit as spectacular as neighbouring Halong Bay but nowhere near as busy, Bai Tu Long Bay, is a laid-back, less developed place to cruise amongst the limestone karsts.



#### MOUNT KINABALU

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



# 8 MALACCA

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



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# MAI CHAU SHORT STAY



DAYS

Discover the local lifestyle and culture of Mai Chau, located in the beautiful region of Hoa Binh Province. Surrounded by picturesque villages and lush rice fields, the valley is home to many different minority tribes.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
OLO TRAVELLER		
\$1,175		

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Mai Chau)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

#### DAY 1: HANOI TO MAI CHAU

This morning, you will be met at your Hanoi hotel and transferred to Mai Chau. This afternoon, explore the area by bicycle (2-3 hours), visiting minority villages where you will observe the everyday life of the local people. Return to the hotel for dinner and enjoy a performance of traditional dance and sample Ruon Can, a local rice wine. (L,D)

#### DAY 2: MAI CHAU

After breakfast, transfer to Hang Kia, a typical H'mong village, stopping along the way the visit various Pa Co and Xa Linh villages.

Idyllic and rural Mai Chau Valley

Explore Hang Kia by foot and visit a local home where you will have lunch. Return to Mai Chau in the afternoon and enjoy some time at your leisure. Later, take part in a cooking class where you will prepare traditional dishes to enjoy for dinner. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: MAI CHAU TO HANOI

After check out this morning, you will be transferred to your Hanoi hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

# HANOI & NINH BINH



DAYS

Known as 'Halong Bay on land', the karst scenery and vivid green rice paddies of Ninh Binh stretches scenically along the Ngo Dong River, best explored by local boat. Combined with time to explore vibrant capital Hanoi, this extension perfectly showcases both urban and rural Vietnam.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,205	\$2,180
Deluxe	\$1,605	\$2,980

#### Price include

- Accommodation (3 nights Hanoi, 1 night Ninh Binh)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE HANOI

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a tasty street food tour. (D)

#### DAY 2: EXPLORE NINH BINH

Transfer to the Ninh Binh region and board a local sampan to drift along the spectacular Ngo Dong river. After lunch, continue to Van Lam hamlet to learn about local traditions and discover stunning temples. (B.L)

#### DAY 3: VISIT TRANG AN

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Journey to Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of the Dinh and Le dynasties.



Later, head to Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site often billed as 'Halong Bay on land' for magnificent karst formations. Travel back to Hanoi. (B.L)

#### **DAY 4: DISCOVER HANOI**

Pass Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, and visit the One Pillar Pagoda, Presidential Palace and Temple of Literature. Then, explore the Museum of Ethnology before boarding a cyclo to discover the atmospheric Old Quarter. Later, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show. (B,L)

#### DAY 5: DEPART HANOI

Today is free to spend as you wish before transferring to the airport. (B)

# **HANOI & HALONG BAY**



**DAYS** 

This introductory foray into the wonders of Vietnam is perfect for those wanting to explore the rich history of capital Hanoi and the magical beauty of Halong Bay, where you'll spend a night out on the water.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,225	\$2,205
Deluxe	\$1,695	\$3,090

#### Price include

- Accommodation (3 nights Hanoi, 1 night Halong Bay)
- · Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE HANOI

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to your hotel. Spend your first night savouring delicious local flavours on a street food tour. (D)

#### DAYS 2-3: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Drive to Halong, where you will take an overnight cruise exploring the far-most corners of the tranquil waters of this beautiful bay. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, relax among the beautiful karst peaks, with stops to explore caves and learn about local life. (B,L,D) Return to Hanoi the next day and spend some time at leisure. (B)

# Float through tranquil Halong Bay

#### **DAY 4: DISCOVER HANOI**

Begin the day passing the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, and visit the One Pillar Pagoda, Presidential Palace and Temple of Literature. In the afternoon, visit the Museum of Ethnology before boarding a cyclo to venture through the Old Quarter's 36 vibrant streets. In the evening, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show – a spectacular open-air performance showcasing Vietnam's rich history. (B,L)

#### **DAY 5: DEPART HANOI**

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

# DISCOVER HALONG BAY



DAYS

Cruise stunning Halong Bay, tai chi on the deck at daybreak and explore Surprise Cave.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Bhava Cruise	\$510	\$905

#### Price include

- 1 night accommodation onboard a cruise vessel (ioin-in basis)
- Meals as stated
- Return private transfers with driver only



#### DAY 1: HANOI TO HALONG BAY

Early this morning, you will be met at your Hanoi hotel and transferred to the area that is regarded as the 'Jewel in the Crown of Vietnam', Halong Bay. Upon arrival, board your ship at Tuan Chau Marina for an overnight stay. Spend the afternoon cruising around the 3,000 islets that rise from the clear emerald waters of the Gulf of Tonkin. (L,D)

#### DAY 2: HALONG BAY TO HANOI

Start your day with a tai chi class on the sundeck or enjoy breathtaking views of the bay. After breakfast, pay a visit to the largest and most renowned cave, Sung Sot Cave.

Return to the marina around midday where you will be transferred back to your Hanoi hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

Note: The itinerary is subject to change according to local conditions.

#### 1 NIGHT NOT LONG ENOUGH?

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# **VETERAN'S RETURN**



**DAYS** 

Visit Vung Tau and Bach Dinh, see the battlefield of Long Tan and the former Australian army base.

Prices are from per pers	on, based on low	season
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVEL

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$580	\$1,095
Superior	\$685	\$1,310
Deluxe	\$740	\$1,410

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Vung Tau)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

#### DAY 1: SAIGON TO VUNG TAU

This morning, you will be met at your Saigon hotel and transferred to Vung Tau. Enjoy a half-day city tour, visiting Bach Dinh and the Reclining Buddha. (L)

#### DAY 2: NUI DAT & LONG TAN

Visit the former Australian army base of Nui Dat and the Long Tan Battlefield, where you will see the commemorative Long Tan Cross. (B,L)



#### DAY 3: VUNG TAU TO SAIGON

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred back to your Saigon hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

#### WHY NOT?

Wish to learn the history of central Vietnam? Why not add our *Historical Heart of Vietnam* package? See below.

# HISTORICAL HEART OF VIETNAM



DAYS

Admire the Marble Mountains, explore charming Hoi An and Imperial Hue by cyclo & cruise.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$715	\$1,325
Superior	\$835	\$1,565
Deluxe	\$1 255	\$2 405

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hoi An, 2 nights Hue)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

#### DAY 1: DANANG TO HOI AN

Upon arrival at Danang airport, you will be met and transferred to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Hoi An, stopping at the Marble Mountains en route. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### DAY 2: HOLAN

Tour Hoi An on foot, visiting an old merchant's home, the Japanese Covered Bridge, Hoi An Market and a local Chinese temple. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. (B)

#### DAY 3: HOI AN

Enjoy the day at your leisure to explore the town at your own pace or simply relax. (B)



#### DAY 4: HOI AN TO HUE

Drive over the scenic Hai Van Pass to Hue. This afternoon, visit the Royal Tombs of Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. (B,L)

#### DAY 5: HUE

Ride a cyclo to visit the Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City. Continue by road to Thien Mu Pagoda and enjoy a boat cruise along the Perfume River. Later, visit Dong Ba Market. (B,L)

#### **DAY 6: DEPART HUE**

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Hue airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM



**DAYS** 

The sleek 4-star Victoria Mekong offers a stylish and relaxing small-ship experience.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior Hotel & Main Deck Cabin	\$1,390	\$2,190
Superior Hotel & Upper Deck Cabin	\$1,505	\$2,380

#### Price includes

- Accommodation
- (3 nights Victoria Mekong cruise, 1 night Saigon)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Free-flow of soft drinks and beer on board Victoria Mekong

#### DAY 1: PHNOM PENH

Arrive in Phnom Penh, where any time between your flight and embarkation is at leisure to explore Cambodia's capital. Embarkation in Phnom Penh is always on Sunday. (D)

#### DAY 2: TAN CHA

The ship departs this morning, with plenty of onboard activities available; alternatively, spend the morning in the infinity pool. Sail into Vietnam around lunchtime, anchoring near Tan Chau. Tender ashore to visit a Taoist temple and see the intriguing stilt houses. Return to the ship for a traditional lion dance performance. (B,L,D)



#### DAY 3: VAM NA

Continue downstream to Long Xuyen to visit the floating market and a local museum. Enjoy lunch on board while the ship cruises to Tan Loc, where you'll visit a historic family home and a 'plum wine' distillery. Sail on to Can Tho where the ship will dock. Enjoy a performance of traditional Mekong music. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 4-5: SAIGON & DEPARTURE

Disembark the ship and transfer to your hotel in Saigon, stopping for lunch en route. Your evening is at leisure to explore Saigon, as is any time before your transfer to the airport the next day. (B)

# VICTORIA MEKONG UPSTREAM



DAYS

This five-night itinerary offers a slightly longer opportunity to enjoy the stylish Victoria Mekong.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior Hotel & Main Deck Cabin	\$1,765	\$2,795
Superior Hotel & Upper Deck Cabin	\$1,915	\$3,040

#### Price includes

- Accommodation
- (4 nights Victoria Mekong cruise, 1 night Saigon)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Free-flow of soft drinks and beer on board Victoria Mekong

# Relax and admire the riverside weaving and incense making before stopping at a local pagoda.

#### DAY 1: SAIGON

On arrival at Saigon Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Your evening is at leisure to explore Saigon.

#### DAY 2: ALL ABOARD

Transfer to Can Tho on the Mekong Delta, where you'll board the Victoria Mekong this afternoon. Embarkation in Can Tho is always on a Wednesday. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: LONG XUYEN

Head ashore to visit a cultural museum. Return for lunch on board while the ship sails on to Tiger Island, where you'll explore by rickshaw. Visit a wood carver and cottage industries such as net

During dinner, cruise on to Tan Chau. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: TAN CHAU

This morning, tender ashore to visit a Mekong silk village. After lunch on board, visit more Mekong Delta landmarks. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: INTO CAMBODIA

Today is at leisure to enjoy the ship's on board activities or simply relax. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6: DISEMBARK PHNOM PENH

Disembark the ship and your day is at leisure before transferring to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# **CLASSIC CAMBODIA**



DAYS

Combine the poignant history of Phnom Penh with the awe-inspiring temples of Angkor during this classic itinerary.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,390	\$2,220
Deluxe	\$2,075	\$3,380

#### Price includes

- · Accommodation (2 nights Phnom Penh, 2 nights Siem Reap)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



#### DAY 1: ARRIVE PHNOM PENH

On arrival in Phnom Penh, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### DAY 2: PHNOM PENH

Choose between a tour of Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes and the emotionally charged Killing Fields or enjoy free time at the local markets. Later, visit the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, Emerald Buddha and National Museum, followed by a cruise along the Mekong River. (B,L)

#### DAY 3: PHNOM PENH TO SIEM REAP

Fly to Siem Reap and tour the temples of Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat. (B)

#### **DAY 4: SIEM REAP**

#### High water season (August – February):

Take a boat trip along Tonle Sap, visiting floating fishing villages. After lunch, visit Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. (B,L)

#### Low water season (March - July):

Visit Knapor Senior High School library project and the local village and learn about local life. Enjoy a simple Khmer lunch before visiting Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. (B,L)

#### DAY 5: DEPART SIEM REAP

Explore the Small Circuit of temples, including Prasat Kravan, Banteay Kdei and Chau Say Tevoda. Later this afternoon, you will transfer to Siem Reap airport where your arrangements will end. (B)

# TEMPLES IN DEPTH



**DAYS** 

Head off the beaten track to Angkor's lesser-known temples, explore the famed Angkor Wat and cruise atmospheric Tonle Sap.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$760	\$1,360
Deluxe	\$870	\$1,590

#### Price include:

- Accommodation (3 nights Siem Reap)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE SIEM REAP

Make your own way to your Siem Reap hotel. This afternoon, visit the Roluos group of temples including Prasat Preah Ko, Bakong and Lolei.

#### DAY 2: SIEM REAP

Rise early this morning to watch the sun rise over Angkor Wat. Continue to Angkor Thom, starting at the South Gate, followed by the Bayon, Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King. This afternoon visit Ta Prohm, which has been left to be swallowed by the jungle. Return to Angkor Wat in time for sunset. (B,L)



#### DAY 3: SIEM REAP

Travel by water to see the floating villages, schools and restaurants along Tonle Sap. After lunch, explore the Small Circuit of Temples. (B.L)

#### DAY 4: DEPART SIEM REAP

Visit Banteay Srei and the Grand Circuit of Temples. This afternoon return to your Siem Reap hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

# BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI



**DAYS** 

Visit the War Museum and explore Hellfire Pass.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$730	\$1,370
Superior	\$750	\$1,410
Deluxe	\$815	\$1,540

#### Price includes

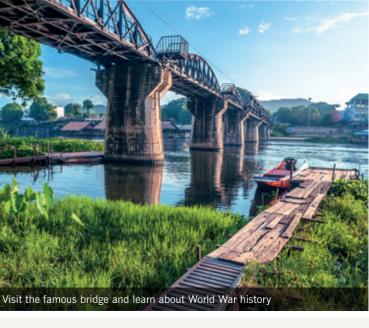
- Accommodation (2 nights Kanchanaburi)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

#### DAY 1: BANGKOK TO KANCHANABURI

Early this morning, you will be met at your Bangkok hotel and transferred to the railway station for your train journey to Kanchanaburi. Stop at the Bridge over the River Kwai, followed by a visit to the Allied Cemetery and the War Museum. (L)

#### DAY 2: KANCHANABURI

Travel to the Hellfire Pass, where you can explore the museum and hike down the pass. After lunch, visit the nearby Saiyoke Noi Waterfall where you can go for a swim (conditions permitting). (B,L)



Due to the lack of water in dry season, you may not have the chance to swim at Saiyoke Noi Waterfall.

#### DAY 3: KANCHANABURI TO BANGKOK

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred by road to your Bangkok hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

# **BANGKOK CITY STAY**



**DAYS** 

Explore the Grand Palace, travel by longtail boat and enjoy a traditional dance.

Prices are from per person, based on low season				
CATEGORY TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLE				
Standard	\$535	\$985		
Superior	\$560	\$1,035		
Deluxe	\$680	\$1,240		

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Bangkok)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
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- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE BANGKOK

#### DAY 2: BANGKOK

Embark on a city tour, visiting Wat Pho and the Grand Palace. Take a longtail boat ride on the Chao Phraya River to the Pak Khlong Talaat Flower Market. This evening watch a traditional dance performance while enjoying dinner. (B,D)



#### DAY 3: BANGKOK

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore Bangkok further. (B)

#### DAY 4: DEPART BANGKOK

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

# KUALA LUMPUR CITY STAY



#### DAYS

The King's Palace, National Mosque and the Tudor-styled Cricket Club.

#### Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$325	\$645
Superior	\$495	\$995
Deluxe	\$615	\$1,230

#### Price include

- Accommodation (2 nights Kuala Lumpur)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: A mandatory Tourism Tax of MYR 10 per room, per night (approximately AUD 3) is not included in the package price and is payable at hotel check-in.

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE KUALA LUMPUR

Upon arrival at Kuala Lumpur airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### DAY 2: KUALA LUMPUR

Enjoy a half-day tour with a photo stop at the King's Palace, surrounded by green lawns and ponds, visit the National Monument at the Lake Gardens, and the National Mosque.



Stop at Independence Square, Sultan Abdul Building, the Tudorstyled Cricket Club (Royal Selangor Club) and see the Petronas Twin Towers (outside visit only). (B)

#### DAY 3: DEPART KUALA LUMPUR

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to the airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# WILDLIFE ADVENTURE



#### DAYS

See the sights of Sandakan, visit Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary and cruise the Menanggul River.

#### Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,780	\$3,150
Superior	\$1,920	\$3,410
Deluxe	\$2,075	\$3,720

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Kota Kinabalu, 2 nights Sandakan)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Local English-speaking guide and entrance fees

Note: A mandatory Tourism Tax of MYR 10 per room, per night (approximately AUD 3) is not included in the package price and is payable at each hotel check-in.

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE KOTA KINABALU

Upon arrival at Kota Kinabalu airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The afternoon is at your leisure.

#### DAY 2: SANDAKAN

Fly to Sandakan and embark on a city tour. Visit the Sandakan War Memorial, passing William Pryer Monument and the Sandakan Liberation Monument. Explore the Heritage Museum and stop by St Michael's and All Angels Church. Enjoy lunch at the English Tea House which is set high on a hill overlooking Sandakan, and visit Agnes Keith House. (B,L)

# Meet the adorable residents of the Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary

#### DAY 3: SEPILOK & RIVER CRUISING TO SUKAU

Visit Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary and the neighbouring Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC). Transfer to Abai and enjoy lunch at Abai Jungle Restaurant. Continue to Sukau. Later, take a river cruise to Menanggul River for wildlife viewing. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: SUKAU TO KOTA KINABALU

Return to Sandakan; keep your eyes peeled for more wildlife en route. Fly back to Kota Kinabalu. Upon arrival at Kota Kinabalu, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

#### DAY 5: DEPART KOTA KINABALU

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Kota Kinabalu airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# **EL NIDO BEACH STAY**



#### **DAYS**

Glorious El Nido crowns the tip of the island of Palawan. Frequently topping lists of world-class beaches, this remote tropical nirvana offers white sands, thick forests, limestone lagoons and waters perfect for swimming and kayaking. Stay in El Nido itself, or on the exclusive resort island of Miniloc, just offshore.

Prices are from per person, based on low season			
HOTEL TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLE			
Casa Kalaw	\$845	\$1,545	
Miniloc Island Resort	\$2,225	\$4,299	

#### Price include

- · Accommodation (4 nights El Nido)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Daily activities (Miniloc Island Resort package only)

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE EL NIDO

Arrive at Lio Airport in El Nido, northern Palawan, and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure. (Dinner is included if staying at Miniloc Island Resort)

#### DAY 2: DISCOVER EL NIDO

Today is free to explore El Nido at your own pace. Relax on the white sands, explore the downtown bars or swim in the tropical waves. If staying at Miniloc Island Resort, daily activities are included. (Casa Kalaw: B / Miniloc Resort: B,L,D)



#### DAYS 3-4: EXPLORE THE SHORES

Enjoy two days at leisure to enjoy optional activities or simply sunbathe on the world-class beaches. The star of the show is Bacuit Bay, a mesmerising seascape of lagoons studded by limestone peaks. You may wish to book an island-hopping trip around the bay's hidden coves, kayak or snorkel among the coral reefs, or simply float along the waters. (Casa Kalaw: B / Miniloc Island: B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: DEPART EL NIDO

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# **BORACAY BEACH STAY**



#### DAYS

With 17 sandy beaches and hidden coves, Boracay is a 7km-long tropical island paradise. A 2019 island restoration programme has brought it back to its former glory, and a new cap on visitor numbers means a peaceful renaissance for this popular getaway spot.

#### Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Coast	\$955	\$1,765
Hennan Crystal Sands Resort	\$1,059	\$1,899

#### Price includes

- · Accommodation (4 nights Boracay)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated

#### DAY 1: PANAY TO BORACAY

Arrive into the neighbouring island of Panay and hop across to Boracay by boat from Cagban Jetty. Check in to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to relax at leisure.

#### **DAY 2: DISCOVER BORACAY AT LEISURE**

Today is at leisure to explore this tiny tropical island and find your favourite hidden coves and beaches. The popular White Beach, offering four kilometres of powdery sands is split into three sections; most of the shops and restaurants are in the second section, while the third is a peaceful getaway. Try little-known Puka Shell Beach for peace and quiet, or visit Diniwid Beach for its coral rock formations and relaxed atmosphere. (B)



#### DAYS 3-4: EXPLORE BORACAY

Two more days at leisure to soak up the sun or swim in the tropical waves. Activities like cooking classes, massages, scuba diving or island-hopping are bookable locally, or you can enjoy a coffee or cocktail in one of the island's friendly bars. (B)

#### DAY 5: BORACAY TO PANAY

Zip back to Panay Island by boat and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



#### SINGAPORE HOTELS



#### PENINSULA EXCELSIOR HOTEL \*\*\*+

A modern full-service hotel perfect for business and leisure travellers alike. It is less than five-minute walk to Raffles City and Clarke Quay MRT Stations as well as the Singapore Formula 1 Night Racetrack, and only a five-minute drive to the Marina Bay Sands and Orchard Road. All guests enjoy free Wi-Fi during their stay.



#### ORCHARD HOTEL \*\*\*

The legendary Orchard Hotel Singapore is located at the centre of Singapore's premier shopping and entertainment district. It is also within close proximity to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Singapore Botanic Gardens and less than a 10-minute walk to Orchard MRT Station.



#### ORCHARD RENDEZVOUS HOTEL \*\*\*\*

Conveniently located at one of the world's most famous shopping streets, Orchard Road, the Orchard Rendezvous Hotel is a short walk from Orchard MRT Station and only a five-minute drive to Singapore's breath taking Botanic Gardens, making it an ideal starting point for your Singapore adventure.



#### GRAND PARK ORCHARD HOTEL \*\*\*\*

Awarded as Asia's leading design hotel, the Grand Park Orchard is one of Singapore's trendiest hotels. Perfect for shopping lovers, it is found in the heart of the entertainment and shopping district, right next to Paragon, a premier upscale retail shopping mall.



#### PARK REGIS HOTEL ★★★★

The Park Regis Hotel is located in the heart of Singapore's CBD and within close proximity to the entertainment, cultural and dining hubs of the city. Iconic sites such as Clarke Quay, Robertson's Quay, Boat Quay and Chinatown are easily accessed from this hotel.



#### SOFITEL SINGAPORE SENTOSA RESORT & SPA

The Sofitel Singapore Sentosa Resort & Spa is a 5-star luxury resort situation on the beautiful Sentosa Island. Just a 25-minute drive from Singapore Changi Airport, this property is a haven of tranquillity, offering a range of pampering experiences and complimentary shuttle bus to VivoCity shopping mall, it is perfect for those wanting to escape and relax.

# SINGAPORE SHORT STAY



#### DAYS

See the waterfront Merlion Park, see 'old' Singapore at Thian Hock Keng and visit the National Orchid Garden.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Peninsula Excelsior	\$445	\$795
Orchard Hotel	\$460	\$865
Grand Park Orchard	\$510	\$960

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



## DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel by coach. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### **DAY 2: SINGAPORE**

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, a handicraft centre, the National Orchid Garden and Little India. (B)

#### DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# GARDENS BY THE BAY



#### DAYS

See Singapore's many sights, stroll the cool Cloud Forest and Flower Dome and marvel at the Supertrees.

Prices are from per person, based on low season					
HOTEL TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELL					
Peninsula Excelsior	\$655	\$1150			
Orchard Hotel	\$665	\$1235			
Grand Park Orchard	\$735	\$1385			

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Singapore)
- · Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



#### **DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE**

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel by coach. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### DAY 2: SINGAPORE

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, a handicraft centre, the National Orchid Garden and Little India. (B)

#### DAY 3: GARDENS BY THE BAY

Transfer independently to Gardens by the Bay. It spans 101 hectares and houses more than 500,000 plants. Wander through the two clouded conservatories - Flower Dome and Cloud Forest - at your leisure. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

#### DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)



#### KOWLOON HOTELS



#### THE CITYVIEW \*\*\*+

Located in the heart of Yau Ma Tei, The Cityview sits adjacent to bustling Nathan Road. It has a cosy Cantonese restaurant, a casual cafe and an airy Thai eatery. Offering world-class green eco standards and attentive service, The Cityview will make you feel right at home.



#### HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON \*\*\*\*+

For those who like comfort and functionality with their luxury, the Harbour Grand's spacious rooms with floor to ceiling windows, some with harbour views, are perfect. The glass-walled pool, range of international restaurants and half hourly shuttles to Tsim Sha Tsui add to the appeal.





#### EATON HOTEL \*\*\*

Conveniently located on famous Nathan Road, in the heart of Kowloon, and a short walk from Jordan MTR Station and the Temple Street Night Markets. The fabulous rooms, and incredible amenities including a roof top pool and 24 hour gym will help you have a fantastic experience in Hong Kong.



#### THE LANGHAM, KOWLOON ★★★★

Located at the heart of the Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district, the Langham exudes a timeless elegance. Boasting a three Michelinstarred restaurant, a roof top pool and luxurious accommodation, the Langham's personalised service is one of many things that will make your stay here perfect.

#### HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS



#### DORSETT, WAN CHAI \*\*\*

Perfectly located next to the Happy Valley Racecourse, the Dorsett offers bright and airy rooms decorated in a series of elegant themes. Just a ten-minute stroll from Causeway Bay MTR station, a free shuttle serves the most popular spots close by.



#### ON \*\*\*\*\* HARBOUR GRAND HONG KONG \*\*\*\*+

Harbour Grand Hong Kong is an upscale hotel ideally located at the heart of Hong Kong Island. All guestrooms feature modern décor and panoramic harbour views over the iconic Victoria Harbour. Facilities include four restaurants, a lounge, a spa and a seasonal outdoor swimming pool.

# HONG KONG GLIMPSES



#### DAYS

This introductory visit to Hong Kong features the highlights of this vibrant city, including a stop at Victoria Peak for panoramic harbour views and the quaint Aberdeen fishing village. Also take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene and shop till your heart's content in the many markets.

Prices are from per person, based on low season			
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER	
Cityview	\$525	\$760	
Eaton Hotel	\$590	\$890	
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#### Price include

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
- · Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island starting with a panoramic Peak Tram ride up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below.



Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to the buzzing Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

#### DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

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

# HONG KONG IN FOCUS



#### DAYS

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. See the Grand Buddha and enjoy lunch at Po Lin Monastery, with some time to further explore as you wish.

Prices are from per person, based on low season				
HOTEL TWIN SHARE SOLO TRAVELLE				
Cityview	\$890	\$1,245		
Eaton Hotel	\$990	\$1,440		
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$1,050	\$1,520		

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong Island, starting with a panoramic ride on the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak for fantastic views of the harbour, towering skyscrapers and the city below. Passing the popular Repulse Bay Beach, continue to Aberdeen fishing village and enjoy an optional ride in a sampan (at your own expense). The tour ends with a visit to Stanley Market. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)



#### DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

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

#### DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport by coach (R)

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#### JOINING YOUR TOUR

Airline schedules vary from city to city, meaning travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre- or post tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for additional accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at your own expense. Our Reservation Consultants can assist with arranging any of these additional services. The accrual of frequent flyer points and pre-seat allocation may not be possible on group fares and is at the discretion of each airline.







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- Please be advised that Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades can only be secured on the initial international
  flights in/out of Australia. They cannot be guaranteed on any other sector due to very limited availability and the types
  of aircraft used. Please contact our Reservation Consultants to discuss upgrade options.
- At the time of booking, every effort will be made to secure the best flight schedule or connection possible; however, at times the airline schedule may vary from what is in the brochure due to availability and time of travel.

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# Hotels

Your accommodation is chosen for the convenience of its location, its levels of comfort or for its quirky character, so it can range from a smart business hotel here to a family-run guesthouse there. Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

#### EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA















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 Australia and Southeast Asia. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

# Southeast Asia for all seasons

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

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	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			

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	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
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	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						
ī		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			

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

SIEM REAP					
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm		
Jan	19	25	5		
Feb	21	26	10		
Mar	23	28 29	20 60		
Apr	24				
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		

SIEM REAP				YANGON			
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24	29	60	Apr		24	37	40
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24	28	170	Jun		25	30	38
23	27	200	Jul		24	29	38
23	27	200	Aug	5	24	30	36
23	26	240	Sep	)	25	30	37
22	26	230	Oct		23	31	38
21	25	80	Nov	/	22	30	37
19	24	10	Dec		19	28	33

#### Hanoi

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

#### **Luang Prabang**

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

#### Saigon

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

#### Bangkok

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

#### Hoi An

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

#### Phuket

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

#### Siem Reap

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

## Yangon

Yangon'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



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

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

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

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

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

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

ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us.

#### Q. How do I get my visa?

**A.** The cost of your visa is nearly always included in the price of your tour (Australian passport). Simply send us your passport, completed visa application form and passport size photos 75 days before departure, along with final payment and we aim to have them sent back to you with your final documentation two weeks prior to departure. 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, therefore please refer to our website for up-to-date information. Please note that visa regulations can change at any time, therefore please refer to our website for up-to-date information.

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

**A.** We strongly recommend that you are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of your travel arrangements. We recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit.

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

**A.** Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up-to-date information please seek your doctor's advice. You may also need to comply with local requirements to undertake COVID-19 tests.

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

A. The group size on our Classic tours is on average around 21 passengers, with a maximum group size of 28. On our Go Beyond tours, our Victoria Mekong tours and exclusive Solo Departures the average group size is around 14 and the maximum is 18. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. On our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in greater comfort.

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

A. Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

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

A. We offer two ways to avoid paying a single supplement. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travelers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (along with other features like free chauffeur airport transfers, free access to an airport lounge in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne and a drinks reception on arrival). The second is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option, where you don't have to pay a single supplement if you are willing to share with another tour member of the same gender. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival at the start of the tour. Happy to Share is on request when booking less than 75 days before departure. Alternatively a private room of your own is available on any of our tours at an extra cost. Please check the tour pages or our website for details.

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

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

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

# Q. When are Southeast Asian public holidays?

A. Vietnamese New Year, otherwise known as Tet, will be on 12th February 2021 and 1st February 2022. Celebrations last up to 10 days. New Year celebrations for Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Myanmar are in mid-April every year. Some businesses may be closed and tourist sites will be busier.

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

A. Our Group Tours are graded on each page to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice Our range of Private Tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

## Q. What does escorted touring mean? A Every group tour with 10 or more

**A.** Every group tour with 10 or more passengers will be accompanied by a National

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

#### Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?

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

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

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

Rail: Trains are used on some tours. Where there is an overnight journey we use high-quality soft sleeper trains. Each compartment is shared by four people (not necessarily Wendy Wu Tours passengers). There is a western-style toilet at one end of the carriage and an Asian-style toilet at the

other end. The beds and cabins are basic with clean linen provided and there are neither showers nor a dining car. The trains are generally clean; however you cannot expect western standards.

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

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

#### Q. Are meals included?

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

#### Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

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

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

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

#### Q. Can special requests be arranged?

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



#### Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

**A.** We allow children 12 years and over on our Classic 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 Australian, British and New Zealand 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 Australia?

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 Australia. 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.

# COVID-19 Precautions

We have established a set of firm but practical safety requirements for our overseas partners to follow in 2021 and for as long as COVID-19 is a threat. These are designed to help protect you as well as our local teams of drivers, guides, National Escorts and others. Guided by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organisation) and WTTC (World Travel & Tourism Council) as well as local government regulations, our safety protocols cover all aspects of touring, be it travelling, sightseeing, mealtimes or your hotel stays. Measures include personal protection, extensive disinfecting and social distancing. Please see our website for full details, as these are likely to change and evolve over time. Needless to say, for your own protection you will be expected to follow the rules and regulations laid down by the health authorities in your host destination. Rest assured that we will do everything possible to keep you safe on your holiday, while also helping you enjoy every moment along the way!

#### Q. Is porterage included?

**A.** Porterage is included on our group tours to Southeast Asia (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel).

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

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

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

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

# WeCare – Health & Safety

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.



# Booking your trip

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1-2-3.

#### 1. Choose your tour

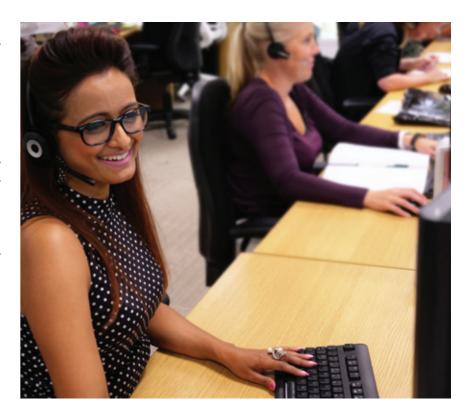
Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

### 2. Speak to an expert

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions, check availability instantly and confirm prices.

### 3. Make a booking

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay your deposit and secure your booking. On occasions, a progress payment will be required to secure your flights which will be explained to you at the time of booking. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure and you will be issued with your documentation approximately two to three weeks before travel



# Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

#### LOYALTY DISCOUNT\*

After completing your tour, we hope you will return to travel with us again.

As a member of the Wendy Wu Tours family, you will be eligible for savings each time you return to travel with us on a group tour. Savings apply to Classic and Go Beyond group tours, as well as dedicated Solo departures, but are not applicable for Tailor-Made Holidays or Special Groups.

#### REFER A FRIEND

If you refer a new friend to Wendy Wu Tours, and they book a group tour with us (and quote your details), you will receive a delicious hamper delivered to your door. Please visit our website for further details.

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Subscribe to our newsletter to receive inspiring stories, regular updates and be first to receive our offers. To subscribe visit wendywutours.com.au

#### KEEP IN TOUCH

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

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96 VISIT WENDYWUTOURS.COM.AU CALL 1300 727 998 OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT

The following booking conditions ('Booking Conditions') form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd, of Level 19, 15 Castlereagh St, Sydney, Australia. ATAS: A10517. ABN: 87 082 688 202. Please read them carefully before making a booking request as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By making a booking request, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the Booking Conditions as well as the specific day to day demands of your chosen tour and agree to be bound by them.

These Booking Conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in Australia 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. In these booking conditions, "you", "your", "customer" or "passenger" means each person named on a booking request (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 Pty Ltd. Please note that we reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you placing a booking request. The latest version of our Booking Conditions is published at wendywutours.com.au. It is your obligation to review the latest version of our Booking Conditions prior to making a booking request.

YOUR HOLIDAY CONTRACT The first named person on a booking request ("Lead Traveller") promises that s./he is authorised to request a booking subject to these Booking Conditions by all persons named in the booking request and by the parents or guardians for any party member who is under 18 when the booking request is made. The Lead Traveller is responsible for making all payments due under a booking by all party members. The Lead Traveller must be at least 18 when the booking is requested. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see "Reservation and Deposit" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the 'Lead Traveller' or the travel agent through whom the booking was requested.

OUR SERVICES We commence providing services to you as soon as soon as we issue your confirmation invoice. This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements. The services we provide to you are limited to (a) the arrangement and coordination of your travel arrangements; and (b) the delivery of travel arrangements which we directly control (if any).

YOUR DETAILS Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking. A copy of your passport is required at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing. If you do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then you will be responsible for any fees charged (such as airline cancellation charges or re-issue fees) in addition to our own reasonable administration fees.

YOUR OBLIGATION TO CHECK DETAILS Please check your confirmation invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation invoice 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 "Amendments by You" & "Cancellations by You" below).

PRICES General: Prices and services are subject to availability of tour, airline, and specific economy airfare. Prices may differ once a preferred booking class is sold out. Prices stated are in Australian Dollars (\$AIID) and are current at the time of publication. The most up to date pricing is available on our website. The price includes international flights, accommodation transportation and other inclusions as per the published itinerary. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to release specials which are applicable to new bookings only. We also reserve the right to correct any obvious errors in rates quoted or calculated, of any omissions made at any time during your booking. Any verbal quote given is an indication only of the final price and is subject to confirmation in writing. Costs associated with passports. vaccinations, insurance, meals (other than those stipulated), emergency evacuation costs, gratuities, and all items of a personal nature are not included

Itinerary Deviations: All fully inclusive Classic Tour or Go Beyond Tour prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation, etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost.

Airline Fuel Charges: In addition to the cost of any airfares, airlines also charge an additional levy to cover the ever-increasing cost of aviation fuel. As fuel prices have fluctuated, so too has the amount airlines charge for this levy. At the time of pricing, some airline fuel surcharges are included in the cost of the fare; however, this amount is subject to change until your airline ticket is issued.

Price Surcharges: We reserve the right to surcharge the cost of your booked travel arrangements prior to commencement for

circumstances beyond our control such as currency devaluation, fuel or air fare surcharges, or the imposition of new or amended Government charges. We will not surcharge for currency fluctuations once full payment has been received by us.

PAYMENTS Deposit: You are required to pay a deposit of \$300 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of commencement of your travel arrangements) to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent within three days of you making your booking request. Please note that we may not hold any services for you until we receive payment of your deposit, meaning that services may become unavailable or prices may increase, in which case you will be responsible for paying the increased price, and we will not be responsible if services become unavailable. In some cases the amount of the deposit may be higher where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flight tickets, accommodation or other services and in the case of our flight upgrade special offers, to which early airline ticketing may apply – please see the terms and conditions of individual special offers for further information. This will be advised at the time of quotation.

Balance Payment: The final balance of the travel arrangements is due no later than 75 days prior to the confirmed tour commencement date. Air tickets are issued upon receiving final payment only. If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you have cancelled your booking, and cancellation fees will apply (See "Cancellations by You" below). Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 75 days prior to departure to cover the cost of earlier ticketing should it be requested by the airlines, or tickets issued by our overseas operators due to airline ticketing time limits.

Card Processing Fees: Please note that any payments made by credit or debit card are subject to a 1.2% processing fee, which represents the cost charged to us to process the payment.

Tailor-Made Quotations: For Tailor-made itineraries, the first two quotes are complimentary. After this, we reserve the right to request a non-refundable commitment fee of \$100.00 per person This will be deducted from your required deposit amount at the time of confirmation.

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 prov special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours. We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests

AMENDMENTS BY YOU We will endeavour to accommodate amendments and additional requests. You acknowledge that these may not be possible to fulfil, and for group departures a transfer of a booking to a different departure is deemed a cancellation. An amendment fee of \$50 per change will be levied to cover communication and administration costs for any changes to bookings. You will also be required to pay any additional costs charged by suppliers. Please note that airfares are subject to strict airline policies and booking fare rules. Special airfares that require early ticketing may be non-refundable and non-changeable. Once a booking is confirmed, any name change, or passenger change will incur additional charges and/or may be deemed a cancellation of the airfare.

AMENDMENTS BY US Prior to travel: Occasionally, we may need to make amendments or modifications to the itinerary and its inclusions and you acknowledge our right to do this. If we become aware of a significant change to your itinerary or its inclusions prior to the commencement of your trip (where the trip can still proceed), then we will notify you within a reasonable time and give you the choice to accept the change, to receive a refund of the land portion of your trip or to accept an alternative trip if offered.

During travel: You acknowledge that the itinerary, modes of transport, accommodation and/or the trip's inclusions may need to change during your trip due to local circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including road conditions, poor weather, changes in transport schedules, and/or vehicle breakdowns.

General: To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any omissions or modifications to the itinerary or the inclusions due to Force Majeure or other circumstances beyond or control happening after we have accepted your booking. This includes any loss of enjoyment or distress caused by omissions or modifications. If you are entitled to any

compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept. We will not be responsible to you for any expenses or loss you incur in connection with your booking resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

CANCELLATION BY YOU General: all cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and will be subject to the following cancellation charges (subject to any additional charges for air or rail tickets as referred to below) from the date the written cancellation is received:

-More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit

- Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
- -Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
- -45 days or less prior to departure 100% of total cost

-Any 'no show'; 100% of total cost

Airfare & Rail Tickets: If airline and rail tickets have been issued, the rules of the fare airfare will determine cancellation and/ or amendment charges. Note that it is often the case the air and rail tickets once issued are non-refundable. You agree that these cancellation charges are reasonable, represent a genuine pre-estimate of our loss and are required to protect our legitimate business interests. For group departures, a transfer of a confirmed booking to another departure date is deemed to be cancellation of the original booking. Following the commencement of your tour, no refunds will be made for any services which you choose not to use or which you cannot use for any reason other than a reason within our control. Regrettably, cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. Please note that employees of any overseas company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside Australia are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in respect of refunds or any other matters.

CANCELLATION BY US Minimum Numbers: Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. We will advise you no less than 60 days prior to your tour commencement if minimum numbers have not been achieved. Please see the 'General' section below for your rights in this circumstance.

Force Majeure - Prior to travel: If your travel arrangements cannot proceed due to flood, earthquake, war or civil strife, acts of terrorism, hurricane, cyclone, industrial disturbance, strike, fire, lock-out, epidemic, pandemic, failure or delays of scheduled transportation, or any law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (including quarantine requirements or government travel advisories), or for any other reason beyond our reasonable control (Force Majeure), we may elect to:

- reschedule your travel arrangements, in which case we will issue you with a credit equal to amounts paid; or
- cancel your travel arrangements, in which case our contract with you will terminate.

If we cancel your travel arrangements, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund

Force Majeure - During travel: If we cancel your travel arrangements after your trip has commenced due to Force Majeure, we will provide you with a refund of recoverable third party costs only.

General: If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel arrangements are cancelled due to Force Majeure, then you agree the amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and assistance. If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons beyond Force Majeure (including if minimum numbers are not achieved), you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid (less visa cost), or the offer of a trip of substantially equal or better quality if appropriate. We will not be responsible to you for any expenses or loss you incur in connection with your booking if your travel arrangements are rescheduled or cancelled whether or not due to Force Majeure.

JOINING YOUR TOUR Airline schedules from different cities vary so travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en-route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services. If you have booked a land only option, please email a copy of your flight schedule and passport copy at time of final payment so we can arrange transfers and visas.

ILLNESS If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests (such as a temperature test in relation to Covid-19):

-an airline or other common carrier refuses you carriage;
 -a hotel or vessel refuses to accommodate you; or

- -we or our suppliers (acting reasonably) exclude you from the trip and you are consequently prevented from commencing or continuing your trip, then:
- -if you have already commenced your trip, we will provide you with reasonable assistance to arrange alternative travel arrangements or to continue the trip. This will be at your cost.

-if you have not commenced your trip then we regret we will not be in a position to provide such assistance.

We will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) because we would have already paid (or committed to pay) suppliers and we would have already performed significant work preparing for the delivery of your trip and servicing your booking. We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses incurred in connection with your booking (for example, airfares and visa expenses) if you are prevented from commencing or continuing your trip in these circumstances.

REFUSAL OF CARRIAGE Wendy Wu Tours retains the right to remove customers from our group tours for reasons that impact on the enjoyment or safety of other tour members, such as, but not limited to, the physical, medical or mental inability of customers to undertake the arrangements of the tour, unsocial or unruly behaviour, or the carriage of prohibited substances and materials. You will not be entitled to any refund for unused services and you will be responsible for any additional costs you incur.

HOTELS Hotel descriptions featured on our website are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers. Any facilities described are subject to change at any time. Maps and photographs are included for general information only and may not necessarily reflect actual routings, location or services. Wendy Wu Tours has made reasonable enquiries to verify that the descriptions and details are accurate but does not warrant that they are. We reserve the right to substitute hotels, vessels and other forms of accommodation with properties or vessels of a comparable or higher standard.

TRAVEL INSURANCE We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS All customers are required to** familiarise themselves with any health requirements specific to the countries being visited. Any pre-existing dietary requirement/food allergy; disability; medical, health, physical psychological, or behavioural condition ('health conditions') must be discussed with your doctor who can confirm your suitability to travel on your chosen tour. The 'tour pace' of eac tour is outlined in our brochures, on our website and also in the Tour Dossier. All passengers will receive a link to download a copy of the Tour Dossier with quote and deposit documents If you or any member of your party has any health conditions which may affect you while travelling, you must provide us with full details in writing prior to making your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of your arrangements. You must also promptly advise us if there are any changes to your health that may affect your holiday after your booking has been confirmed. In the best interests of yourself and of your tour group, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to prevent you from further participation on a tour if a health condition presents itself that significantly affects the enjoyment or wellbeing of yourself or the rest of your group. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable to refund any part of the price of the tour paid by you, or on your behalf, which you have not used if you are preve from participating on a tour due to a health condition. You will be responsible for making alternative arrangements to accommodate any health condition. The information provided does not, under any circumstances, make Wendy Wu Tours liable if your condition exacerbates or affects your ability to participate in any portion of the tour. Your medical and dietary information is collected so that we may process your booking. Your medical and dietary information will be provided to our suppliers and partners overseas for the sole purpose of endeavouring to accommodate your condition where possible.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING A passport with a minimum of six months validity upon return to Australia is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport lders in all fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours. Non-Australian passport holders may incur additional fees and require additional documentation. Wendy Wu Tours may not be able to assist with processing the visas for some nationalities. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure (90 days for multi-country, Myanmar and Central Asia), you will be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee which we will advise at the time. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned to you with final documentation approximately two to three weeks prior to your departure date. If the customer requests the passports to be returned prior to this, an additional fee will be incurred. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity, purchase of additional required passport photos, the cost for sending passports to Wendy Wu Tours and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. Wendy Wu Tours does not issu foreign visas. We only submit passports and application forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and accepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability. Relevant authorities may require additional documentation to approve your visa application. The cost of additional documentation or application forms are at the travellers expense. Please see our website for the most up-to-

Late Bookings: If a booking is made within 75 days prior to departure it is considered a late booking. Late bookings may incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa

applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS When booking more than 80 days prior to departure, single travellers on fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours may avoid paying the Single Supplements by opting to travel on a 'happy to share' basis. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to match 'happy to share' travellers of the same gender booked on the same departure. In the event that we are unable to confirm a share partner, Wendy Wu Tours will confirm a single room at no extra charge. If the booking originated as a twin share booking and one traveller cancels, the remaining traveller will be charged the applicable single supplement. If the cancellation occurs more than 75 days prior to the tour departure date, the option to select 'happy to share' will apply if it is available on the selected tour. Our dedicated solo departures are guaranteed a single room with no additional supplement and do not have a 'happy to share' option.

SEATBELTS Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in all destinations featured in this brochure and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason local operators may or may not have seatbelts in vehicles or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. As such, customers acknowledge that seatbelts may not be available and therefore travel at their own risk. Customers warrant that they shall not make any claim howsoever arising from injury or damage in respect of, arising from or contributed to by the absence of seatbelts and hereby release Wendy Wu Tours from all such claims.

INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES & 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 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.

SOLO DEPARTURE AIRPORT TRANSFERS Private chauffeur-driven transfers are eligible from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Cairns, based on executive sedan or similar. After hours surcharges apply between 12:00am-6:00am. Available within a radius of 50 driven kilometers from the nearest international airport. Up to 10 extra kilometers can be booked at a supplement. Based on a maximum of two passengers travelling together with standard airline luggage allowance. Any unused portion of this service is non-refundable.

SHOPPING & OTHER SERVICES Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets, where many copies of international brand names can be purchased for next to nothing. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion. Leisure activities and services undertaken during free time is at the customer's own discretion.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK You acknowledge that travel involves personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be as a result of the adventurous nature of your trip or the visiting of destinations which present geographical, political or cultural risks and dangers. You should consult guidance issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) applicable to the destinations within your titnerary. You acknowledge that your choice to travel is made having had the benefit of DFAT guidance, and you accept any additional personal risks associated with your travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we disclaim any liability for these risks.

RESPONSIBILITY Services supplied by independent suppliers: Where a third party over whom we have no direct control (Independent Supplier) is the supplier of travel arrangements that form part of your trip, you acknowledge that our obligations to you are limited to taking reasonable steps to select a reputable Independent Supplier and arranging for them to provide those travel arrangements to you. Independent Suppliers over whom we have no direct control include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators. hoteliers, independent transport

companies (i.e., vehicles not operated by us) and common carriers. We act as an intermediary only and you will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Independent Supplier. Any disputes between you and the Independent Supplier are to be resolved between you and them. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any loss, damage, personal injury or delay attributable to the actions or omissions of an Independent Supplier.

**BOOKING CONDITIONS** 

Services we directly supply: To the extent only that we are the principal supplier to you of travel arrangements or other services which we control, then we will provide those travel arrangements and services with reasonable skill and care. We will only be responsible for our employees in the course of their employment, and for our agents and suppliers (where we are not the supplier's agent or an intermediary for an Independent Supplier) if they were carrying out the work we had asked them to do. We will not be responsible for any loss, damage, claim or expense caused by the acts or omissions of yourself, of any other third party not connected with the provision of the travel arrangements or services, or due to an event of Force Majeure. While we endeavour to meet scheduled arrival and departure times, we cannot guarantee this. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/ services attributable to delays.

General liability limitation: You acknowledge that travel arrangements or services which comply with local laws and regulations will be deemed to have been properly performed, even if this would not be considered the case in Australia. Australian Consumer Law and corresponding legislation in State jurisdictions in certain circumstances imply mandatory conditions and warranties into consumer contracts ("Consumer Warranties"). These Booking Conditions do not exclude or limit the application of the Consumer Warranties. Other than the Consumer Warranties, we disclaim all warranties. To the fullest extent permitted by law, our maximum liability to you under these Booking Conditions, in tort (including negligence) or at law is limited to arranging for the travel arrangements to be resupplied or payment of the cost of having the travel arrangements resupplied.

PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS OR CLAIMS At Wendy Wu Tours we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints effectively and efficiently. Should the customer not be satisfied with any aspect of their arrangements they must immediately inform the National Escort or Local Guide who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If this is not possible and you wish to lodge a complaint or claim this must be done in writing to Wendy Wu Tours in Sydney (or by email to customerrelations@wendywutours.com.au) within 30 days of the date of the completion of your Wendy Wu Tours arrangements. Relevant receipts and substantiating evidence must be attached to the letter of claim. Our complaints handling policy is available at wendywutours.com.au or upon request.

AIRLINES Airlines featured in this brochure do not by virtue of their endorsement represent themselves either as contracting with any purchaser of a holiday from Wendy Wu Tours, or as having any legal relationship with such a purchaser. Frequent flyer miles may not be accrued on some packaged fares. Preflight seat allocation may not be available. If seat allocation, additional baggage, airport assist services or medical clearance is required and is permitted by the airline, this is to be booked by the traveller directly with the airline and additional fees incurred at the time of arranging these services is payable by the traveller. For details, contact our office. Schedule changes or flight cancellations are subject to the airlines policy and are outside Wendy Wu Tours control.

PRIVACY We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Wendy Wu Tours' offers and product information that may be of interest to you if you have consented to this. You can opt out of receiving information at any time if you choose to do so. Any personal information you provide will be managed in accordance with Wendy Wu Tours' privacy policy, which can be viewed at wendywutours.com.au/help-and-advice/privacy-policy.

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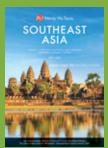
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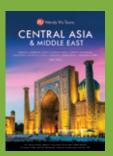












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