



# SOUTHEAST ASIA

VIETNAM | CAMBODIA | BORNEO | THAILAND | PHILIPPINES | LAOS

2022-2023

*Halong Bay, Vietnam*

Our award-winning collection of Escorted Tours & Tailor-Made Holidays  
The winner of Best Specialty Wholesaler - National Travel Industry Awards, 2017



# WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST ASIA!



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 63 for more details.



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**S** Exclusive solo departures available







# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

## REPUTATION AND EXPERTISE

With 27 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 life-changing experiences we enable them to discover, so much so that we continue to welcome back customers.

## 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 27 years, building our local expertise and pioneering the roads less travelled so you can enjoy customs and authentic experiences, packed with local flavour. These encounters will make your holiday truly special. Look out for the 'Authentic Experiences' on each of our tour pages.



We are delighted to present our brand new Southeast Asia brochure, featuring the very best selection of carefully crafted tours, designed to make your trip a truly life enhancing, memory-making and unforgettable experience.

After such a prolonged period of the world being closed, where you haven't been able to experience the joy of travel, at Wendy Wu Tours we have continued to work hard, always striving to improve our tours, squeezing in extra excitement, and unique and authentic experiences for you wherever we can. The mysteries of Cambodia's fascinating Angkor Temples and Vietnam's breathtaking Halong Bay, out of reach from us all for two years, we believe will become a reality again in 2022 and 2023.

All our tours are led by an experienced National Escort, born and raised in whichever country you decide to explore, who will share with you their in-depth and intimate knowledge of their captivating homeland. They'll take care of you every step of the way so all you have to do is relax and enjoy the journey.

We look forward to welcoming you on a Wendy Wu tour soon!



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Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

## 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 (where required), 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!







# YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

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](http://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 64) 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



### 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.

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.



# 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/help-and-visas/travel-safe/](http://wendywutours.com.au/help-and-visas/travel-safe/)



## 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*

### 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 27 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.



## 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.



We continue to welcome back customers!



## Book with Confidence

Our Book with Confidence guarantee has been introduced to provide you with peace 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 Southeast Asia group tours.

### 2. FLEXIBLE PAYMENT

Your final balance is not due until 75 days prior to departure. (If a specific tour or special offer require payment sooner, our Reservations team will notify you at the time of booking).

### 3. UNLIMITED CHANGES

Benefit from unlimited changes up to 75 days before departure should your plans change for any reason.

### 4. YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

Every tour features our pioneering Travel Safe protocols. Our dedicated 24 hour assistance program is available while travelling on tour, so that you are able to contact us and speak directly to a Wendy Wu Tours team member.

### 5. WE'VE GOT YOU

Our commitment is that we are here for you, always. We will work for you to ensure that any COVID related disruption to your travel plans is handled to your benefit as best as possible, therefore offering a complete peace of mind experience. Full details can be found in our terms and conditions.



# 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...

## TREKKING IN SAPA

Hike through the lush rice paddies surrounding Sapa on a route that showcases the area's very best views, and stop at ethnic minority villages so you can spend time with the friendly communities. Immerse yourself in this stunning region on Vietnam Trails (page 50).



## WITNESS TAKBAT

Witness the ceremony of Takbat in Laos, a daily ritual in which the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms from devout locals who line the streets.



## ORANGUTAN RESCUE

Experience the privilege of seeing orangutans in their natural habitat on a visit to one of Borneo's crucial eco-reserves, where rescued orangutans are taught to survive in the wild.



A top-down view of a wooden table during a hands-on cookery class. In the center, a person's hands are shown rolling a spring roll using a piece of rice paper. To the left, a small white bowl contains finely diced yellow and orange vegetables. In the foreground, a larger white bowl is filled with a fresh green salad of shredded vegetables and herbs. Various other ingredients and tools are scattered on the table.

## ASIAN COOKERY CLASSES

Get an authentic taste of Southeast Asia in a hands-on cookery class. Master the art of a Thai or Vietnamese dish, and be sure to note down the recipe for later!

A low-angle shot of two elephants in a savanna landscape under a clear blue sky. The larger elephant in the background stands prominently, its trunk hanging down. A smaller elephant is in the foreground, looking towards the camera. The background shows some green trees and a distant horizon.

## WILD ELEPHANT SAFARI

Head into the heart of the Kui Buri forest, one of the few places in Thailand you can still see elephants in the wild. You might even spot a tiger, leopard or Asiatic bear. Join us on the Thailand & Mekong Experience (page 42) for this thrilling inclusion.

The interior of a traditional Iban longhouse. A woman in a vibrant, patterned Iban dress and a headpiece stands in the center, holding a small object. Several other people are sitting on the floor around her. The longhouse has a high, open wooden ceiling and walls made of woven bamboo or similar natural materials. Various items are hanging on the walls.

## VISIT AN IBAN LONGHOUSE

Travel deep into the Bornean rainforest to visit a community of the island's native Iban people. You'll be welcomed into a traditional longhouse to enjoy dancing and lunch on Iban cuisine. This is featured on our Best of Borneo itinerary (page 54).

A woman wearing a traditional white Vietnamese conical hat (nón lá) and a white blouse stands in a shop filled with numerous colorful lanterns. The lanterns are in various shapes and sizes, with patterns in red, yellow, blue, and white. The scene is brightly lit, showcasing the variety of lanterns available.

## SEE HOI AN GLOW

Wander the delightful streets of Hoi An's traditional Old Town, with its ochre-coloured buildings, old-world temples and historic merchant houses. Come sunset, watch in wonder as Hoi An's world-famous lanterns flicker into life, evoking the feel of a bygone age.







# 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

### 1 HALONG BAY

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



### 2 ANGKOR

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



### 3 MEKONG DELTA

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 32-43).



### 4 LUANG PRABANG

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.



### 5 CHIANG MAI

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 42-43).



### 6 HUA HIN

The cosmopolitan beach town of Hua Hin is brimming with beaches and restaurants to enjoy. Plus, it's an ideal base from which to discover Thailand's rolling vineyards or enjoy a rainforest safari (pages 42-43).



### 7 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 54-55).



### 8 PHILIPPINES

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 56-57).









# CLASSIC TOURS

For those looking for a fully escorted, all-inclusive group journey

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International economy  
airfares & taxes



3 – 4 star  
accommodation



All  
meals



Flights, guides,  
transportation  
& sightseeing



Visa for Australian  
passport holders

Meticulously designed journeys perfect for those who want to see iconic sights and magnificent treasures on a fully-inclusive tour that is also fantastic value! With all your arrangements taken care of you can travel with the utmost ease and confidence, accompanied throughout by one of our industry-leading National Escorts.

### EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

With a Classic Tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and, in most cases if required, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring in a group of maximum 28 travellers (or maximum 18 passengers for Solo departures).

### ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, you'll be dining in local establishments. We include a few 'feature meals', so you get to taste

the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a whole delicious range of your destination's best dishes.

### NATIONAL ESCORTS

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

### AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Thanks to the extensive expertise of our team, we can make sure you get to see those rarely visited places that will give you a more authentic experience of the culture of the region and the chance to meet the friendly local people. Keep an eye out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' box on every tour page, for a taste of cultural encounters that you will enjoy.



# VIETNAM AT A GLANCE

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$4,690

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

ALL MEALS

## 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



Enjoy magnificent views of Halong Bay

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 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 palm-lined 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 HOI AN

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

### DAY 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





## 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

#### 2022 DATES

06 Apr - 17 Apr	\$4,690	28 Sep - 09 Oct	\$4,980
20 Apr - 01 May	\$4,980	19 Oct - 30 Oct	\$4,990
17 Aug - 28 Aug	\$4,690	02 Nov - 13 Nov	\$4,990
21 Sep - 02 Oct	\$4,790		

#### 2023 DATES

08 Feb - 19 Feb	\$5,080	10 May - 21 May	\$4,790
22 Feb - 05 Mar	\$4,880	20 Sep - 01 Oct	\$5,190
08 Mar - 19 Mar	\$4,880	04 Oct - 15 Oct	\$5,190
15 Mar - 26 Mar	\$5,690	11 Oct - 22 Oct	\$5,190
29 Mar - 09 Apr	\$4,880	25 Oct - 05 Nov	\$5,090
19 Apr - 30 Apr	\$4,980	08 Nov - 19 Nov	\$5,090
03 May - 14 May	\$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 (Saigon - Hanoi) 11 days from \$3,690 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$620

#### Dedicated solos departure

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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\$65pp (AU\$94pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.**

Call for our 2024 pricing and departures



Visit the Confucian Temple of Literature in Hanoi

World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring 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 karst-studded 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.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### SAPA SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,570pp twin share

#### BANGKOK CITY STAY

4 days from \$535pp twin share

#### SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 days from \$405pp twin share

Visit page 64 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



Explore the waters of the Mekong Delta



Marvel at Hue's Royal Tomb



# VIETNAM PANORAMA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,390

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

ALL MEALS

## 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



Explore Central Vietnam's stunning coastal towns

## 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



Explore Hanoi by cyclo

## ▶ 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 beach-fringed 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.



Visit Dalat's Flower Gardens

### 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.



## 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.



Admire stunning Halong Bay

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

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional town that has managed to retain the charms of a bygone era. Visit a historic family home, the Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the market. This afternoon is at leisure.

#### DAY 11: SEE THE ROYAL TOMB

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.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### HANOI & NINH BINH

5 days from \$1,205pp twin share

#### MUI NE BEACH SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1098pp twin share

#### HONG KONG IN FOCUS

4 days from \$890pp twin share

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2022 DATES

14 Feb - 03 Mar	\$5,690	19 Sep - 06 Oct	\$5,390
07 Mar - 24 Mar	\$5,390	03 Oct - 20 Oct	\$5,590
14 Mar - 31 Mar	\$5,390	17 Oct - 03 Nov	\$5,590
28 Mar - 14 Apr	\$5,390	14 Nov - 01 Dec	\$5,590
04 Apr - 21 Apr	\$6,140		

#### 2023 DATES

13 Feb - 02 Mar	\$5,790	18 Sep - 05 Oct	\$5,490
20 Feb - 09 Mar	\$5,790	02 Oct - 19 Oct	\$5,690
06 Mar - 23 Mar	\$5,490	16 Oct - 02 Nov	\$5,690
13 Mar - 30 Mar	\$5,490	13 Nov - 30 Nov	\$5,690
27 Mar - 13 Apr	\$5,490	20 Nov - 07 Dec	\$5,690
01 May - 18 May	\$5,490		

#### 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) 17 days from \$4,390 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$850

#### Dedicated solos departure

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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\$95pp (AU\$138pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.**

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Visit Imperial Hue



# AROUND CAMBODIA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,080



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ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

## 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
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap



Visit the ancient Bayon temple

## 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



See the famous Kampot pepper plantations

## ► 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



## 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.



See the bat cave at Phnom Sampov



Marvel at Wat Phnom

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

#### DAY 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.

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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

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

##### 2022 DATES

25 Sep - 09 Oct	\$5,780	02 Oct - 16 Oct	\$5,080
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##### 2023 DATES

29 Jan - 12 Feb	\$5,080	29 Oct - 12 Nov	\$5,080
19 Feb - 05 Mar	\$5,080	12 Nov - 26 Nov	\$5,180
12 Mar - 26 Mar	\$5,080		

#### 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 \$3,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$920

#### Dedicated solos departure

#### Important note

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# ANGKOR TO THE BAY

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Be inspired by the Angkor temples
- ✓ See 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
- ✓ Cruise the magical Halong Bay



Admire the majestic Angkor temples

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 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

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### DAY 4: EXPLORE ANGKOR

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

### DAY 5: DISCOVER PHNOM PENH

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

### DAY 6: FLY TO SAIGON

Visit the 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 Ben Thanh Market.

### DAY 8: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

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

### DAY 9: FLY TO HOI AN

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



Wander charming Hoi An





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

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#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 days from \$590pp twin share

#### HANOI & NINH BINH

5 days from \$1,205pp twin share

#### SAPA SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,570pp twin share

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## 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

#### 2022 DATES

05 Feb - 22 Feb	\$6,790	10 Sep - 27 Sep	\$7,190
19 Feb - 08 Mar	\$6,790	24 Sep - 11 Oct	\$6,980
05 Mar - 22 Mar	\$6,790	01 Oct - 18 Oct	\$6,780
12 Mar - 29 Mar	\$7,880	15 Oct - 01 Nov	\$6,780
19 Mar - 05 Apr	\$6,790	22 Oct - 08 Nov	\$6,780
02 Apr - 19 Apr	\$6,880	05 Nov - 22 Nov	\$6,890
07 May - 24 May	\$6,690	12 Nov - 29 Nov	\$7,880
13 Aug - 30 Aug	\$6,790	19 Nov - 06 Dec	\$6,890

#### 2023 DATES

28 Jan - 14 Feb	\$6,890	23 Sep - 10 Oct	\$7,080
04 Feb - 21 Feb	\$6,890	30 Sep - 17 Oct	\$6,880
18 Feb - 07 Mar	\$6,890	14 Oct - 31 Oct	\$6,880
04 Mar - 21 Mar	\$6,890	21 Oct - 07 Nov	\$6,880
11 Mar - 28 Mar	\$7,980	28 Oct - 14 Nov	\$6,890
18 Mar - 04 Apr	\$6,890	04 Nov - 21 Nov	\$6,990
01 Apr - 18 Apr	\$6,980	11 Nov - 28 Nov	\$7,980
22 Apr - 09 May	\$6,890	18 Nov - 05 Dec	\$6,990
12 Aug - 29 Aug	\$6,890		

#### Flight and supplement information

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- Land only (Siem Reap - Hanoi) 16 days from \$5,690 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$880

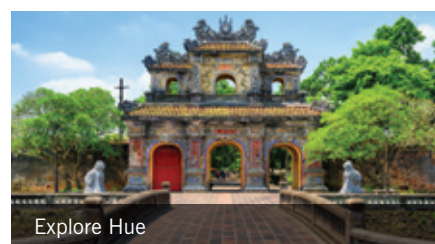
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#### Important note

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Explore Hue



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ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Be charmed by quaint Vientiane
- ✓ Admire 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



Bathe in the Kuang Si Waterfalls

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 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



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 robe-clad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. Later this morning, climb Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the city. Fly to Siem Reap where you can while away the evening at the lively night market.

### DAY 10: EXPLORE ANGKOR

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





## CLASSIC

LAOS &amp; CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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.



Enjoy a stunning Angkor sunset



Explore Vang Vieng's karst landscape

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 Khmer-style 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.

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**PRICES & DEPARTURES**

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**2022 DATES**

11 Nov - 28 Nov **\$6,490**

**2023 DATES**

10 Feb - 27 Feb **\$6,590**

17 Mar - 03 Apr **\$6,590**

10 Nov - 27 Nov **\$6,590**

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- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Vientiane - Phnom Penh) 16 days from \$5,290 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$950

**Important note**

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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\$96pp (AU\$139pp) is paid locally in Laos.**

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**EXTEND YOUR STAY...****VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM**

5 days from \$1,390pp twin share

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# INDOCHINA DELIGHTS

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,990

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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.



Explore Wat Xieng Thong

## 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 tranquil 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

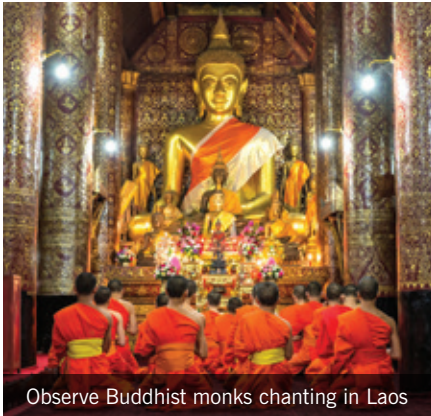
VIETNAM, LAOS &amp; CAMBODIA

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.



Observe Buddhist monks chanting in Laos



Cruise spectacular Halong Bay

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**

High Water Season (Aug to Feb)

Visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Enjoy a cruise on Tonle

Sap Lake, visiting the floating village of Kampong 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 dance show.

**DAYS 15-16: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

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**BANGKOK CITY STAY**

4 days from \$535pp twin share

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**PRICES & DEPARTURES**

Prices are per person, twin share

**2022 DATES**

17 Sep - 02 Oct	\$6,990	12 Nov - 27 Nov	\$6,990
15 Oct - 30 Oct	\$6,990		

**2023 DATES**

18 Feb - 05 Mar	\$7,090	16 Sep - 01 Oct	\$7,090
25 Feb - 12 Mar	\$7,090	14 Oct - 29 Oct	\$7,090
11 Mar - 26 Mar	\$7,090	11 Nov - 26 Nov	\$7,090
25 Mar - 09 Apr	\$7,090		

**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 (Saigon - Siem Reap) 15 days from \$5,990 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$850

**Important note**

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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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# GRAND TOUR OF INDOCHINA

27 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$9,880

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



Explore the scenic rice terraces of Mai Chau

## ► 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.



Discover beautiful Vang Vieng

## 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 HOI AN

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.





## CLASSIC

VIETNAM, LAOS &amp; 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.



Explore Angkor's temples



Visit the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh

**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 to dinner and an Apsara dance show.

**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.

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Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**

Prices are per person, twin share

**2022 DATES**

20 Feb - 18 Mar	\$9,880	16 Oct - 11 Nov	\$9,880
06 Mar - 01 Apr	\$9,880	13 Nov - 09 Dec	\$9,880
25 Sep - 21 Oct	\$9,880		

**2023 DATES**

29 Jan - 24 Feb	\$9,980	22 Oct - 17 Nov	\$9,980
19 Feb - 17 Mar	\$9,980	12 Nov - 08 Dec	\$9,980
01 Oct - 27 Oct	\$9,980		

**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 \$8,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,500

**Important note**

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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.**

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# THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS

13 DAYS FROM

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## 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



See Chiang Rai's contemporary White Temple

## 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



Be amazed at Samut Songkhram market

## ▶ 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 in WWII.

### 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.



Visit Mae Salong Mountain tea plantations



## 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.



Visit an elephant rescue sanctuary



Learn the true WWII story of the bridge on the River Kwai

#### DAY 7: QUIANT MAE SALONG

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

#### DAY 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.



Experience a Thai cooking class

#### 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.

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#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...

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5 days from \$1,120pp twin share

##### CLASSIC CAMBODIA

5 days from \$1,390pp twin share

##### KUALA LUMPUR CITY STAY

3 days from \$325pp twin share

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

##### 2022 DATES

12 Feb - 24 Feb	\$4,990	26 Mar - 07 Apr	\$4,990
26 Feb - 10 Mar	\$4,990	05 Nov - 17 Nov	\$4,990

##### 2023 DATES

04 Feb - 16 Feb	\$5,090	04 Nov - 16 Nov	\$5,090
25 Feb - 09 Mar	\$5,090	11 Nov - 23 Nov	\$5,090
18 Mar - 30 Mar	\$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 (Bangkok - Chiang Mai) 12 days from \$3,990 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$480

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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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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

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## 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 25m<sup>2</sup>, are spread across the River and Panorama decks, along with two aft-facing VIP suites (45m<sup>2</sup>) 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.







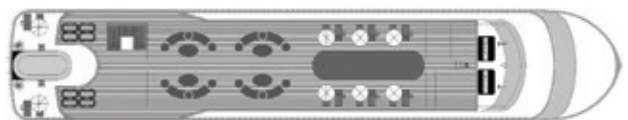
## YOUR JOURNEY

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.

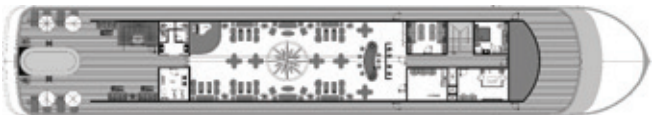
The Victoria Mekong sails weekly between the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh and the Vietnamese town of Can Tho in the Mekong Delta. Her three-night downstream itinerary sails from Sisowath Quay in Phnom Penh and calls at Tan Chau, Long Xuyen and Tan Loc Island, with excursions to historic houses, a 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





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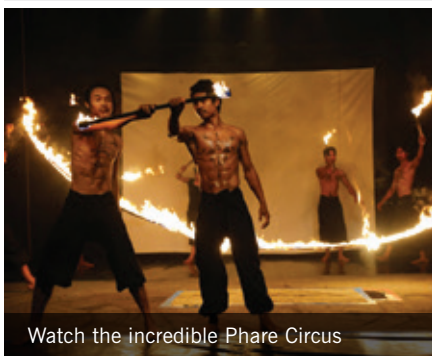
ALL MEALS

## 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



Watch the incredible Phare Circus

## ► 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 state-of-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 arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start 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!

### 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.



Enjoy a Cambodian cooking class



## CLASSIC

VIETNAM &amp; 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.



Explore the temples of Angkor



Relax on the Victoria Mekong

## 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, enjoy 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 traditional-style 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 you made.

## DAYS 12-13: DEPART SIEM REAP

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



## HISTORICAL HEART OF VIETNAM

6 days from \$715pp twin share

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5 days from \$1,225pp twin share

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3 days from \$525pp twin share

Visit page 64 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

## PRICES &amp; DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

## 2022 DATES

07 Feb - 19 Feb	\$6,980	14 Nov - 26 Nov	\$6,980
19 Sep - 01 Oct	\$6,580		

## 2023 DATES

20 Mar - 01 Apr	\$7,080	13 Nov - 25 Nov	\$7,080
18 Sep - 30 Sep	\$6,580		

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 \$5,580 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,450

## Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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 Vietnam.**

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# CLASSIC MEKONG

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,880

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

ALL MEALS

## 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



Discover enchanting Ta Prohm

## 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



Visit an organic Vietnamese farm

## ▶ 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 state-of-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. Enjoy 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,





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 the dark' experience.

#### DAY 10: EXPLORE 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 Central Post Office, and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Relax with a coffee break at one of Saigon's popular coffee houses.

#### DAY 11: DISCOVER HOI AN

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 fast-paced 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.

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Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

## CLASSIC

CAMBODIA & VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING

### 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

##### 2022 DATES

08 Feb - 25 Feb	\$7,180	04 Oct - 21 Oct	\$7,380
15 Feb - 04 Mar	\$7,280	11 Oct - 28 Oct	\$7,380
01 Mar - 18 Mar	\$7,280	25 Oct - 11 Nov	\$7,380
15 Mar - 01 Apr	\$7,280	08 Nov - 25 Nov	\$7,380
29 Mar - 15 Apr	\$6,880	15 Nov - 02 Dec	\$7,380
20 Sep - 07 Oct	\$8,480	22 Nov - 09 Dec	\$7,380
27 Sep - 14 Oct	\$6,880		

##### 2023 DATES

07 Feb - 24 Feb	\$7,380	19 Sep - 06 Oct	\$8,680
21 Feb - 10 Mar	\$7,480	03 Oct - 20 Oct	\$7,580
28 Feb - 17 Mar	\$7,480	10 Oct - 27 Oct	\$7,580
14 Mar - 31 Mar	\$7,480	07 Nov - 24 Nov	\$7,580
28 Mar - 14 Apr	\$7,080	14 Nov - 01 Dec	\$7,580
04 Apr - 21 Apr	\$7,080	21 Nov - 08 Dec	\$7,580

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 \$5,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,735

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#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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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# MEKONG EXPLORER

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,780

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ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter
- ✓ 1 night Halong Bay Cruise
- ✓ Dine like royalty in Hue
- ✓ Learn 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



Float on the moat of Angkor Thom

## ▶ 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 state-of-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.



Admire the spectacular Golden Bridge

## 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.



## CLASSIC

VIETNAM &amp; 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.



Relax on the Victoria Mekong



Take a local cooking class

**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 &amp; DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

## 2022 DATES

06 Feb - 26 Feb	\$8,280	02 Oct - 22 Oct	\$8,380
20 Mar - 09 Apr	\$8,180	16 Oct - 05 Nov	\$8,380
03 Apr - 23 Apr	\$8,180	13 Nov - 03 Dec	\$8,380
18 Sep - 08 Oct	\$7,780		

## 2023 DATES

05 Feb - 25 Feb	\$8,380	01 Oct - 21 Oct	\$8,480
19 Mar - 08 Apr	\$8,280	05 Nov - 25 Nov	\$8,480
02 Apr - 22 Apr	\$8,280	12 Nov - 02 Dec	\$8,480
17 Sep - 07 Oct	\$7,880		

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 \$6,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,880

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MOST MEALS

## 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



Explore the jungle-swathed ruins of Ta Prohm Temple

## 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



Visit one of Thailand's only vineyards

## ► 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 journey 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, enjoy 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. (B,L,D)

### 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 sun sets. (B,L)





#### 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 varieties 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. (B,L)

#### 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)

## 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.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2022 DATES

06 Feb - 26 Feb	\$9,680	13 Nov - 03 Dec	\$9,680
25 Sep - 15 Oct	\$9,090		

#### 2023 DATES

05 Feb - 25 Feb	\$9,780	19 Nov - 09 Dec	\$9,780
24 Sep - 14 Oct	\$9,190		

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 (Saigon - Chiang Mai) 20 days from \$8,090 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,550

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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.**

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

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

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Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.







# GO BEYOND TOURS

For those who want to venture off the beaten track

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International economy  
airfares & taxes



3 – 4 star  
accommodation



Most  
meals



Flights, guides,  
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& sightseeing



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# THAILAND & LAOS ADVENTURE

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,890

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.



Meet beautiful elephants at a rescue sanctuary in Chiang Mai

## 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 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 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.



Admire the Marble Temple





## GO BEYOND

THAILAND &amp; LAOS

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Perfectly combined to create an unforgettable experience, venture off the beaten track to discover the colourful hilltribe cultures of Thailand's northern highlands and explore the tranquil treasures and rich culture of beautiful Laos.



Enjoy Damnoen Saduak Floating Market



Discover Vientiane, Laos' quiet capital

## 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 Lumphane 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.

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



## HANOI &amp; HALONG BAY

5 days from \$1,225pp twin share

## MUI NE BEACH SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,098pp twin share

## TEMPLES IN DEPTH

4 days from \$760pp twin share

Visit page 64 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

## PRICES &amp; DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

## 2022 DATES

09 Feb - 23 Feb **\$5,890** 09 Nov - 23 Nov **\$5,890**

## 2023 DATES

08 Feb - 22 Feb **\$5,990** 08 Nov - 22 Nov **\$5,990**  
08 Mar - 22 Mar **\$5,990**

## 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 \$4,890 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$890

## Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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 enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls



# HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,380

INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

MOST MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Explore the stunning karst landscapes of Vang Vieng and the Nam Song river

## 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



Experience the sacred alms giving

## ▶ 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 LAOS

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.



See the mysterious Plain of Jars



Admire the view from Phousi Hill

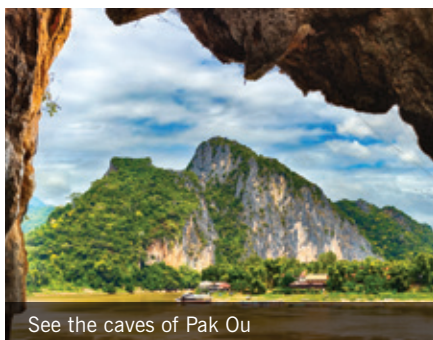
Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument, that resembles Paris' Arc de Triomphe. (B,L)

#### 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 Khong 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)



See the caves of Pak Ou

#### 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)

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Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### SAPA SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,570pp twin share

#### BANGKOK CITY STAY

4 days from \$535pp twin share

#### HONG KONG IN FOCUS

4 days from \$890pp twin share

Visit page 64 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2022 DATES

16 Mar - 29 Mar	\$5,380	09 Nov - 22 Nov	\$5,380
12 Oct - 25 Oct	\$5,380		

#### 2023 DATES

15 Mar - 28 Mar	\$5,480	08 Nov - 21 Nov	\$5,480
11 Oct - 24 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 (Bangkok - Bangkok) 13 days from \$4,380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$820

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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.**

Call for our 2024 pricing and departures



Discover Wat Xieng Thong



# VIETNAM TRAILS

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,580

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



Cook up a Vietnamese feast

## ▶ 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.



See the locals in Sapa

## 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 HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. Take a walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, whose 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!



Discover Hue's Imperial Citadel



## GO BEYOND VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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.



Take a cable car ride to Mount Fansipan



Cruise picturesque Halong Bay

### 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.



Visit One Pillar Pagoda

### DAYS 13-14: CRUISE HALONG BAY

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

### 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

Visit page 64 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2022 DATES

16 Mar - 31 Mar	\$5,580	05 Oct - 20 Oct	\$5,580
14 Sep - 29 Sep	\$5,780		

#### 2023 DATES

22 Feb - 09 Mar	\$5,680	04 Oct - 19 Oct	\$5,680
13 Sep - 28 Sep	\$5,680		

#### 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 - Hanoi) 15 days from \$4,580 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$880

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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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# VIETNAM & CAMBODIA DISCOVERY

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,390



INCLUSIVE FROM  
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,  
ADELAIDE & PERTH



MOST MEALS

## 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



Walk through beautiful rice terraces

## 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



Paddle a round basket boat in Hoi An

## ▶ 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. (B,L,D)

### 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. Pay a visit to local farmers where you can try your hand at traditional farming techniques – look out for water buffalo! Enjoy a calming boat ride to a peaceful fishing village, where you can try making a fishing net and paddling their unique bamboo basket boats. (B,L)

### DAY 10: CHARMING HOI AN

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)





## GO BEYOND

VIETNAM &amp; 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.



Spot water buffalo



Explore Angkor 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. (B,L,D)

## Low water season (Mar-Jul)

Journey into rural Cambodia and visit a local village where you will ride an ox cart through the fields before touring the village 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 &amp; DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

## 2022 DATES

26 Feb - 17 Mar	\$6,390	08 Oct - 27 Oct	\$6,390
24 Sep - 13 Oct	\$6,390		

## 2023 DATES

25 Feb - 16 Mar	\$6,490	07 Oct - 26 Oct	\$6,490
23 Sep - 12 Oct	\$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 (Hanoi - Siem Reap) 19 days from \$5,390 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$890

## Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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.**

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## 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



See Rhinoceros Hornbills

## ► 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.



Visit Sepilok's Orangutan Centre

## 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.

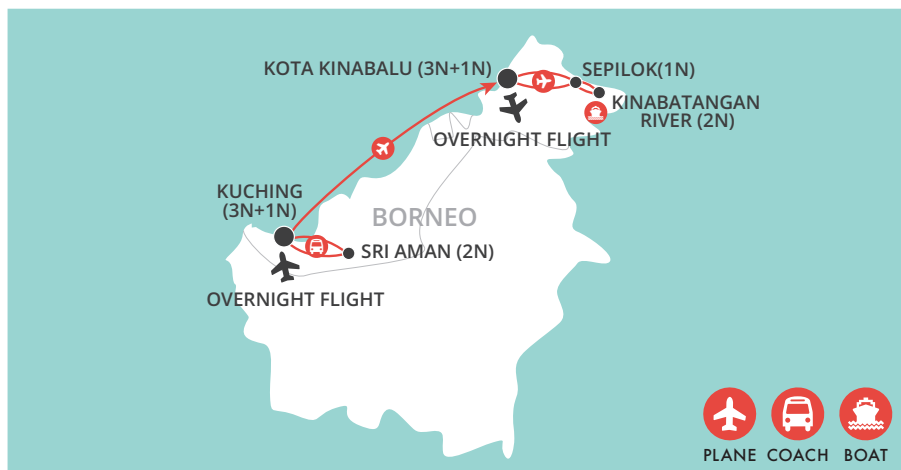
### DAY 8: FLY TO KOTA KINABALU

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.



Look for pygmy elephants



Visit Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre

#### 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

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#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

##### 2022 DATES

23 Apr - 08 May	\$6,980	03 Sep - 18 Sep	\$6,980
21 May - 05 Jun	\$6,980	17 Sep - 02 Oct	\$6,980
30 Jul - 14 Aug	\$6,980		

##### 2023 DATES

22 Apr - 07 May	\$7,180	02 Sep - 17 Sep	\$7,180
20 May - 04 Jun	\$7,180	16 Sep - 01 Oct	\$7,180
29 Jul - 13 Aug	\$7,180		

#### 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 \$5,980 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$990

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 01 June 2021, 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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## 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 local farmers.
- 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.



Discover Mt. Pinatubo's stunning blue crater lake

## 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-hour drive through beautiful mountain passes. 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

Travel to the pleasantly cool city of Baguio, known as the City of Pines and home to a presidential mansion, market area, weaving workshops and municipal park. Visit Camp John Hay, established in 1900 as a military hill station of the US army, later occupied by WWII Japanese forces and finally returned to Philippine ownership in 1991.

### DAY 9: COLONIAL VIGAN

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.



Explore Vigan's cobblestone streets



## 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 ribbining rice terraces, tarsier sanctuaries and picture-perfect hills, this adventure welcomes you into this Pacific archipelago's wild heart.



Enjoy a Lombok jungle river cruise



Visit the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary

#### 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.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



##### EL NIDO BEACH STAY

5 days from \$845pp twin share

##### BORACAY BEACH STAY

5 days from \$955pp twin share

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Admire the iconic Chocolate Hills

#### PRICES & DEPARTURES

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##### 2022 DATES

21 Jan - 04 Feb	\$6,890	18 Nov - 02 Dec	\$6,890
11 Mar - 25 Mar	\$6,890	02 Dec - 16 Dec	\$6,890

##### 2023 DATES

20 Jan - 03 Feb	\$6,990	17 Nov - 01 Dec	\$6,990
10 Mar - 24 Mar	\$6,990	01 Dec - 15 Dec	\$6,990

#### 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 \$5,890 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,380

#### Important note

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**Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$96pp (AU\$139pp) is paid locally in Philippines.**

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Kevin & Shirley Mears



## 1: Get Inspired

Do some research to decide where you want to go – it could be one, two or even more countries! Think about when you'd like to go, how long for and what your budget may be. For inspiration, you can always have a look at our website, or have a flick through our brochure and see not only the showstopping sights on offer but the exciting and unusual experiences too!



## 2: Call us

Send us your request through the website enquiry form, email or call us! Together we'll go through all your thoughts and ideas, making recommendations here and advice there. Also, don't forget to mention if you have any specialist interests – if you can't live without your regular game of golf, or have a penchant for migratory birds – these are the little details we can use to make the holiday extra special.



## 3: Sit back

Sit back, relax and leave it with us. We'll tailor an itinerary that combines all your ideas and come back to you with a proposed itinerary and quote.



## 4: Perfect it

Review the itinerary and come back to us with any changes. Tweak it, switch it around, change a hotel here, a meal there – you can make the adjustments you need to make your trip exactly what you're after. We are very flexible and always happy to help.



## 5: Book it!

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## 1 RURAL VIETNAM ADVENTURES

Reconnect with nature in Central Vietnam's verdant countryside. Experience it your way, from leisurely bike rides to lunch with nuns at a local pagoda. Afterwards, why not try your hand at paddling a traditional basket boat through a coconut forest?

## 2 PRIVATE YACHT IN HALONG BAY

For those who prefer the freedom to explore Halong Bay in privacy, we can offer a selection of private 1, 2 and 3-cabin luxury yachts, with customisable 2 and 3-day itinerary options. Float through the karst-strewn waters aboard your own ship, cared for by a team of six crew members, including a personal butler and guide.

Our favourite activities in Halong Bay include exploring the historic archaeology of its stalactite-rich island caves, followed by a spot of kayaking or swimming in peaceful hidden coves. Back on board, enjoy a personal cooking class, or simply relax with a cocktail as sun sets over the emerald waters.



## 3 VICTORIA MEKONG

The 35-cabin 4\* Victoria Mekong cruises serenely back and forth between the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh, and the Vietnamese town of Can Tho in the Mekong Delta each week. This elegant ship makes a wonderful addition to any private tour of Vietnam and Cambodia.



## 4 HIDDEN BEACHES

With over two thousand miles of coastline stretching from north to south, Vietnam's golden sands offer the perfect sanctuary. From over-the-water bungalows to rustic eco retreats and pristine private islands, Vietnam has a beach for everyone.





## 1 TRULY HISTORIC HOTELS

Rediscover the romance of Indochina with a stay at the 5\* Raffles Hotel Le Royal. A Phnom Penh landmark since 1929, Le Royal's French colonial architecture, snow-white façade and grand dining rooms evoke memories of travel's golden age.



## 2 LUXURIOUS ECO RETREATS

The rainforest-cloaked Cardamom Mountains are Cambodia's best-kept secret. Elevate your experience with a stay in safari-style suite at Shinta Mani Wild, an ultra-luxe tented camp inside a 865-acre private nature reserve. From waterfall picnics to private expedition boats and hiking with park rangers, anything is possible here.



## 3 MANGROVE TREE PLANTING

Why not 'give back' by joining a Cambodian eco-project for a day? Journey through a flooded forest by boat, collecting mangrove seeds as you go. Afterwards, head to the coastal fields to plant your seeds, where they'll grow up as part of an essential mangrove forest.



## 4 EXPLORE ANGKOR WAT IN STYLE

The vast, enchanting complex of Angkor Wat is a classic destination for all visitors to Cambodia. Consider seeing it from a new perspective – by bicycle, tuk-tuk or even a chauffeured classic car. Escape the crowds and travel from temple to temple in comfort as you explore this astounding legacy of the Khmer civilisation.

If you wish, we can also arrange a champagne breakfast at sunrise, or for you to be accompanied by a dedicated photographer who knows all the best angles from which to capture your adventure.







## 1 DISCOVER BANGKOK'S SECRETS

From hidden canals to women-led Muay Thai academies and historic districts like Kudi Chin, there's more to Bangkok than most people ever imagine. Uncover its secrets on a personalised private tour.

## 2 THAI JUNGLE TRAILS

Spend a day trekking in the jungle-swathed hills around Chiang Mai, a scenic paradise where you can enjoy any number of unforgettable experiences. Meet minority hill tribes, visit organic coffee plantations, or paddle a raft through the rainforest – north Thailand has it all.



## 3 CRUISE PHANG NGA BAY

Take a longtail boat through the otherworldly Phang Nga Bay, where immense limestone towers erupt dramatically from the emerald waters. A quarter of the size of Halong Bay, but no less beautiful, this sun-soaked paradise is a magnificent sight.



## 4 HELP SAVE THE BEARS IN LAOS

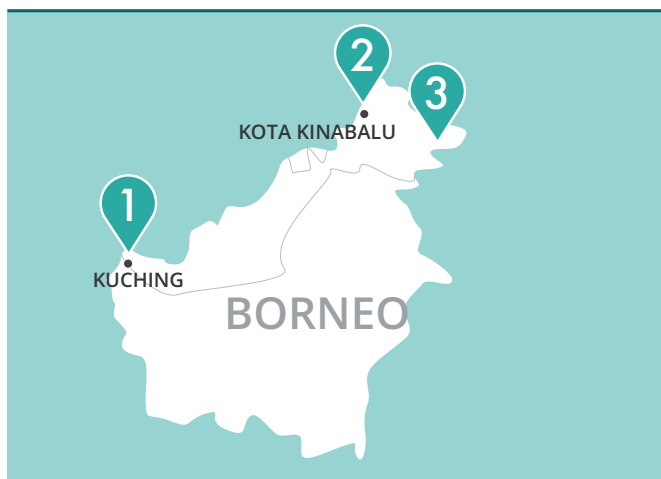
At the foot of Laos' tropical Kuang Si waterfalls, you'll find the Free the Bears wildlife sanctuary, which has been rescuing sun and moon bears from the illegal wildlife trade since 2003. Learn about their crucial work on a behind the scenes tour of the sanctuary, during which time you'll meet the resident bears and even prepare them a special meal.



## 5 LAOTIAN COOKING CLASS

Take a little bit of Asia home with you with a Laotian cooking class. A local chef will help you select ingredients from their garden before the lesson. Afterwards, enjoy your creations beside the Kuang Si Falls, and cool off with a dip in its beautiful pools.





## 1 MANGROVES & FIREFLIES

Take a wildlife-spotting cruise through the mangrove forests of Kuching National Park, home to proboscis monkeys, Irrawaddy dolphins and estuarine crocodiles. Come sunset, watch in awe as fireflies congregate in the overhead canopy, illuminating them like tropical Christmas trees.



## 2 TREK THE KINABALU RAINFORESTS

Dating back over 130 million years, the Kinabalu rainforest is one of Earth's most important biological sites, with innumerable species of endangered flora and fauna. Keep an eye out for the rare Rafflesia plant, which produces the world's largest individual flower.



## 3 SEPILOK ORANGUTAN SANCTUARY

This state-run orangutan sanctuary has been 're-wilding' baby orangutans since 1964. Hear all about it on a visit to the centre's nursery, where you'll see the babies learning crucial life skills, before taking a walk in the forests where the released orangutans now live independently.



# Special groups

## Planning your own private group?

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Melanie WYNNE

Project Manager, Phil Hoffmann Travel, Glenelg, SA







# EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way to not only break up your journey, but also to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

Most of the extensions and stopovers that you'll find in the following pages are available to be added onto any of our tours. Just ask your Reservations Consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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## SAPA SHORT STAY

**4 DAYS**

Overlooking a valley of picturesque terraced rice fields, Sapa is the perfect place to immerse yourself in both scenic beauty and culture, and to embark on a trek through the spectacular countryside.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,570	\$3,020

### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Sapa)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore the rice fields of Sapa

### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO SAPA

Transfer around five hours from your hotel in Hanoi to beautiful Sapa town, a vibrant settlement nestled in an area of verdant rolling hills. The rest of your day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: WATERFALLS & MOUNTAINS

Travel a short distance through mountainous scenery to Hoang Lien National Park and visit Silver Waterfall, Love Waterfall and Heaven's Gate. There'll be a lovely stop for refreshment – a cup of tea at a local orchard. (B)

### DAY 3: HILLTRIBES

Today visit Ta Van, a small Giay village, an area that is home to local hilltribe communities. Walk through the scenic rice terraces to learn about the traditional life and culture of the Black H'mong people. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART SAPA

Spend the morning at leisure before your transfer back to Hanoi airport. (B)

## HANOI & NINH BINH

**5 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 includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hanoi, 1 night Ninh Binh)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Enjoy stunning scenery in Ninh Binh

### 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

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

**5 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 includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hanoi, 1 night Halong Bay)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Float through tranquil Halong Bay

## 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)

## 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)

# MUI NE BEACH

**4 DAYS**

One of Vietnam's most accessible beaches, Mui Ne is a gorgeous strip of coastline that has something for everyone! From action-packed pursuits like kite-surfing to quaint local fishing villages to visit, this town is more than just sun and sand.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,098	\$2,198
Deluxe	\$1,190	\$2,380

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Return private transfers with driver only
- Touring as stated



Relax on Mui Ne Beach

## DAY 1: ARRIVE MUI NE

Travel by road from Saigon to the beautiful beaches of Mui Ne. Check in to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

## DAY 2: MUI NE SAND DUNES

Spend the morning at leisure before embarking on a trip into Mui Ne's huge sand dunes to explore. Then, head north to Fairy Spring, an idyllic stream before a visit to a nearby fishing village where you can observe local life. (B)

## DAY 3: MUI NE FREE DAY

Enjoy your free time in Mui Ne to relax. (B)



## VETERAN'S RETURN

**3 DAYS**

Visit Vung Tau and Bach Dinh, see the battlefield of Long Tan and the former Australian army base.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

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



Reflect on the Vietnam war at Vung Tau

### 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

**6 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



Stroll the beautiful streets of UNESCO World Heritage-listed Hoi An

### 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: HOI AN

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

**5 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



Enjoy a daily sundown cocktail onboard

#### 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 CHAU

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 NAO

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

**6 DAYS**

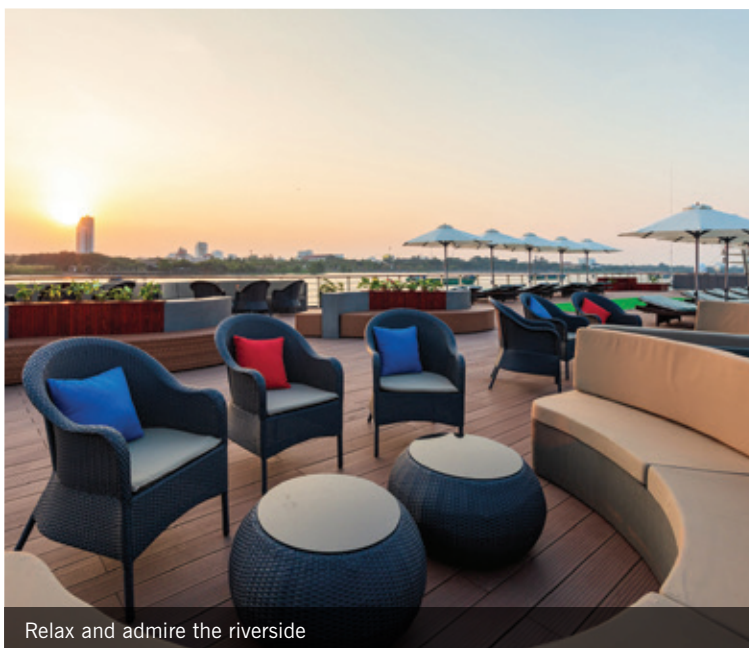
This five-night itinerary offers a slightly longer opportunity to enjoy the stylish Victoria Mekong.

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

#### 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

weaving and incense making before stopping at a local pagoda. 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

**5 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



Explore Angkor

## 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

**4 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 includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Siem Reap)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore the jungle-embraced temple of Ta Prohm

## 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)



# KUALA LUMPUR CITY STAY

**3 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 includes

- 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.*



Explore the non-stop metropolis of Kuala Lumpur

## 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 Tudor-styled 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)

# BANGKOK CITY STAY

**4 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 TRAVELLER
Standard	\$535	\$985
Superior	\$560	\$1,035
Deluxe	\$680	\$1,240

## Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Bangkok)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore some of the hundreds of magnificent temples of Bangkok

## DAY 1: ARRIVE BANGKOK

Make your own way to your Bangkok hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

## 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)



# LAOS EXPLORER

**5 DAYS**

The perfect introduction to the magic of Laos, explore the country's cultural heart, Luang Prabang, home to golden temples and colonial beauty, and laidback, charming capital city Vientiane.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,850	\$3,120
Deluxe	\$2,480	\$4,900

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Luang Prabang, 1 night Vientiane)
- Touring and entrance fees
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers
- Domestic flight (Luang Prabang - Vientiane)



Visit Wat Pha That Luang

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE LUANG PRABANG

Arrive in Luang Prabang, the cultural heart of Laos. Board a tuk tuk for a first look at the city, from Wat Xieng Thong, to Wat Mai and the National Museum. (D)

#### DAY 2: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

After breakfast, travel south to the scenic Kuang Si Waterfalls, stopping en route at the Living Crafts Centre and the Free the Bears sanctuary for rescued sun bears. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: PAK OU CAVES

Cruise along the Mekong River to visit the Pak Ou Caves,

with stops at a local village for lunch before cruising back to Luang Prabang. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: FLY TO VIENTIANE

Board an early flight to Vientiane, Laos' laid-back capital. Visit Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa and the Patuxai Victory Monument. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: DEPART VIENTIANE

Today, visit the weird and wonderful Buddha Park. Home to more than 200 intriguing statues, it's a must see before heading to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# LUANG PRABANG

**5 DAYS**

Home to a mix of colonial heritage and outstanding natural beauty, Luang Prabang is the spiritual heart of Laos. Discover its many beautiful treasures, from the saffron-clad monks and golden temples to the picturesque Kuang Si Waterfalls.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,120	\$2,300
Deluxe	\$1,280	\$2,880

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Luang Prabang)
- Touring as stated
- Entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers



Swim in Kuang Si Waterfalls

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE LUANG PRABANG

Arrive in Luang Prabang. Climb Phousi Hill for a sunset over the city, before visiting the night market and experiencing traditional Lao food and dance. (D)

#### DAY 2: EXPLORE LUANG PRABANG

Enjoy a half day exploring this charming city before enjoying a local craft experience learning bamboo weaving, and taking part in a cooking class. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: TAKBAT CEREMONY

Rise early to take part in the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat and pay

a visit to a fresh food market. After breakfast, journey up the Mekong to visit the Pak Ou Caves. (B,L)

#### DAY 4: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Visit the Living Land Farm, a community project that produces organic food to help fund community projects - learn how they grow their produce before a delicious lunch. Head to Kuang Si Waterfalls to refresh, before returning to the hotel. (B,L)

#### DAY 5: DEPART LUANG PRABANG

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



## EL NIDO BEACH STAY

**5 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 TRAVELLER
Casa Kalaw	\$845	\$1,545
Miniloc Island Resort	\$2,225	\$4,299

### Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights El Nido)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Daily activities (Miniloc Island Resort package only)



Discover limestone lagoons

### 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

**5 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



Explore hidden coves and beaches

### 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)



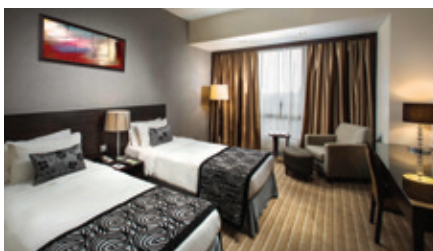
# SINGAPORE STOPOVERS

Singapore is a city just waiting for you to discover its magnificent mix of tastes, sights and sounds. As one of Asia's most iconic and vibrant cities it offers experiences such as exploring Sentosa Island, Gardens by the Bay, cultural neighbourhoods and, of course, an ever growing selection of food!

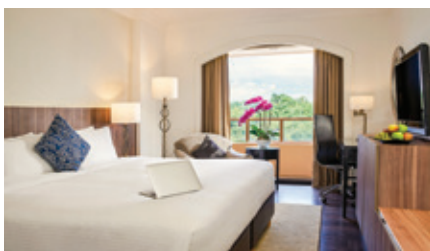


Visit Singapore's iconic Merlion

## 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.



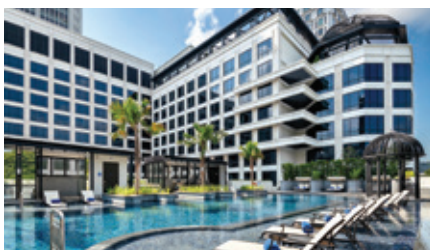
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Conveniently located at one of the world's most famous shopping streets, Orchard Road, the Orchard Rendezvous Hotel is a short walk from Orchard MRT Station and only a five-minute drive to Singapore's breath taking Botanic Gardens, making it an ideal starting point for your Singapore adventure.



**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.



**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.



**GRAND PARK CITY HALL ★★★★★**  
The Grand Park City Hall is located conveniently in Singapore's Civic District only a stone's throw from major shopping malls, dining hubs and entertainment. It is less than a ten minutes' drive to marina bay sands. Iconic sites such as the Singapore Flyer and Chinatown are only minutes away.



**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

## 3 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	\$405	\$755
Orchard Hotel	\$480	\$905
Grand Park City Hall Hotel	\$515	\$975

### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



Delight in the famous Singapore cityscape

### 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

## 4 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 TRAVELLER
Peninsula Excelsior	\$590	\$1070
Orchard Hotel	\$705	\$1310
Grand Park City Hall Hotel	\$760	\$1420

### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



See the wondrous Supertrees in the Gardens by the Bay

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### 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)

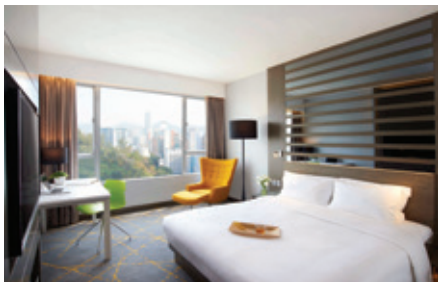


# HONG KONG STOPOVERS

Hong Kong boasts award-winning gastronomy, a colourful nightlife and unbeatable city views from panoramic Victoria Peak or from the deck of a sampan on the harbour. A sophisticated and lively metropolis, Hong Kong's mix of colonial influences, futuristic modernity and distinct Chinese traditions make it the ultimate East-meets-West destination.

Hong Kong skyline

## 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.



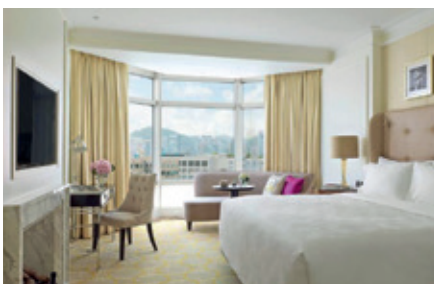
### EATON HOTEL ★★★★★

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.



### HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ★★★★★

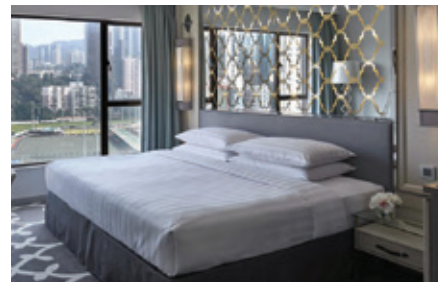
For those who like comfort and functionality with their luxury, the Harbour Grand's spacious rooms with floor to ceiling windows, some with harbour views, are perfect. The glass-walled pool, range of international restaurants and half hourly shuttles to Tsim Sha Tsui add to the appeal.



### THE LANGHAM, KOWLOON ★★★★★

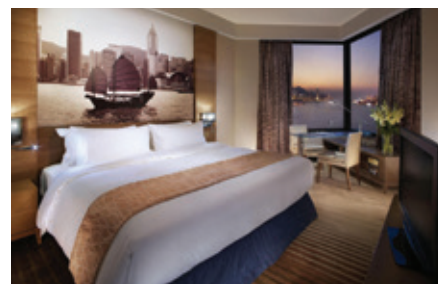
Located at the heart of the Tsim Sha Tsui shopping district, the Langham exudes a timeless elegance. Boasting a three Michelin-starred restaurant, a roof top pool and luxurious accommodation, the Langham's personalised service is one of many things that will make your stay here perfect.

## 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.



### 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

## 3 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
Harbour Grand Kowloon	\$630	\$940

### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



Aberdeen Fishing Village

### 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

## 4 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 TRAVELLER
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



Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

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### 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. (B)



# A word from our preferred airline partners

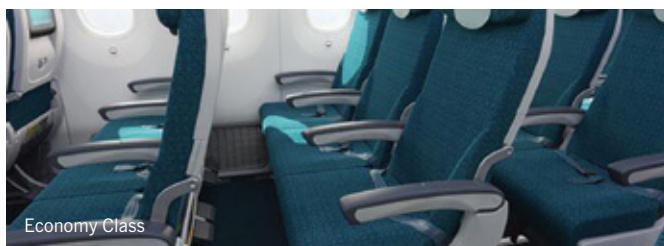


## VIETNAM AIRLINES

Vietnam Airlines, a 4 Star carrier rated by Skytrax and a member of SkyTeam Alliance, is proud to be one of the region's leading airlines. With an extensive global network, fleets of modern aircrafts and exclusive services from ground to air, the airline is dedicated to providing every passenger an enjoyable and relaxing journey.

Positioning itself as an internationally recognised brand characterised by Vietnamese traditional culture, Vietnam Airlines aims to become an influential airline in Asia.

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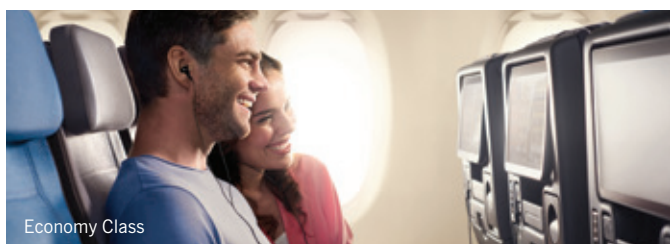
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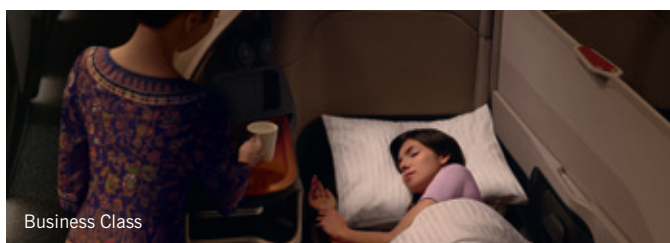
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Economy Class



Premium Economy



Business Class



## SINGAPORE AIRLINES

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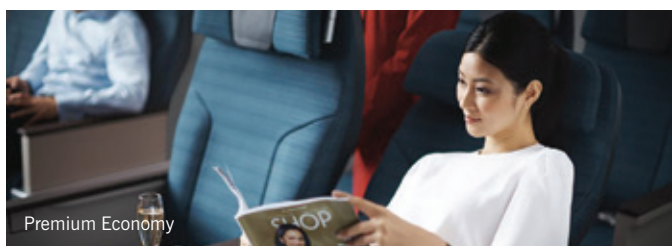
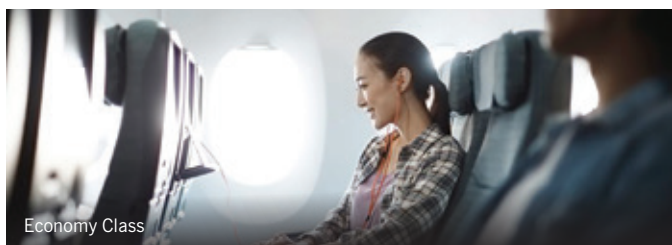
For more information visit [singaporeair.com](http://singaporeair.com)

Enjoy a stopover in the bustling city of Singapore. Refer to pages 74 & 75 for a selection of our preferred hotels and recommended services.

## 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.





## CATHAY PACIFIC

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The airline offers flights to over 200 destinations worldwide via their hub in Hong Kong, with connections onto destinations including China, Japan, Korea, South East Asia, India and more.

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Enjoy a stopover in the cosmopolitan city of Hong Kong. Refer to pages 76 & 77 for a selection of our preferred hotels and recommended services.



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## AIR TRAVEL NOTES

- 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.



# 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.

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## EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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Lotus Blanc Hotel – Cambodia



Bhaya Classic – Vietnam



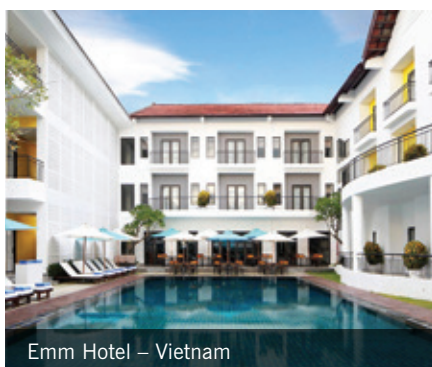
Lisu Lodge – Thailand



Victoria Mekong – Vietnam



Chitthareune Mouang Luang Hotel – Laos



Emm Hotel – Vietnam



Waterfront Hotel – Borneo

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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.

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# 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.

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

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

## 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 months.

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

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

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

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

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

Chiang Mai			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	15	21	8
Feb	18	25	3
Mar	21	27	13
Apr	24	29	27
May	24	27	110
Jun	24	26	129
Jul	24	26	129
Aug	23	25	240
Sep	22	25	235
Oct	21	24	121
Nov	18	23	25
Dec	15	21	11

## 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.

## Chiang Mai

Tropical Chiang Mai enjoys year-round warmth, with temperatures peaking in the humid summer months from May to mid-October. The winter months from November to April see comfortable temperatures and very little rain, making this the most popular time to visit.



# Your questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



Halong Bay, Vietnam

### **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](http://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. It is mandatory for you to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 with a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

### **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, which may enable you to share a twin room with another solo customer of the same gender who also requests 'Happy to Share', thus avoiding the need to pay single room supplements. Note that 'Happy to Share' requests can be received when you make your booking with us but will not be confirmed until your final payment due date. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain and is payable with your final balance in line with our normal booking conditions. 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.





Local vendor, Vietnam

### 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 1st February 2021 and 22nd January 2023. Celebrations last up to 10 days. New Year celebrations for Cambodia, Laos and Thailand are in mid-April every year. Some businesses may be closed and tourist sites will be busier.

### 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 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.

### Q. Is portage included?

**A.** Portage 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.**

## 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!

## 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.

### JOIN THE FAMILY

Keep up to date with the latest news, receive inspiring stories and be one of the first to hear about our exclusive offers. To subscribe, visit [wendywu tours.com.au](http://wendywu tours.com.au)

### KEEP IN TOUCH

Keep in touch with all of the latest news and offers by 'liking' our Facebook page and by following us on Instagram or check out our blogs at [wendywu tours.com.au/blog](http://wendywu tours.com.au/blog)



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



## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

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 set out the terms on which you contract with us for the arrangement and delivery of travel arrangements for your trip 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. By making a booking with us, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions. 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](http://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 "Payments" 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. We reserve the right to decline any booking at our discretion.

**OUR SERVICES** 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). This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements.

**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 (\$AUD) and are current at the time of publication. The most up to date pricing is available on our website. The price includes international flights (where tour specifies it is flight inclusive), 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, or 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.

**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.

**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.

**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. You agree that we have the right to pass on any costs we incur for alternative arrangements we put in place for your benefit in these circumstances.

**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 our 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 other expenses or loss you incur resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

**CANCELLATION BY YOU** Group Tours: Cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and are subject to the following cancellation charges (Cancellations are also dependent upon other additional charges imposed for air/rail/cruise 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, Cruise & Rail Tickets:** If airline, cruise and rail tickets have been issued, the rules of the fare will determine cancellation and/or amendment charges. It is often the case that air, cruise and rail tickets are non-refundable.

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. If you are not fully and validly vaccinated against Covid-19 in the destination(s) where services are to be provided, and particular suppliers refuse to provide you with travel arrangements, then you agree you will not be entitled to any refund for those arrangements. We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses you incur (including loss of enjoyment or the costs of alternative arrangements) if you are denied services in these circumstances.

Regrettably, cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. Please note that employees of any overseas or domestic 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. Please note Special Groups, Short Stays, Extensions & Tailormade tours may have differing cancellation fees, these will be communicated in writing at time of booking.

**ILLNESS OR VACCINATION STATUS PREVENTING TRAVEL** If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests (such as a PCR or rapid antigen test in relation to Covid-19 or vaccination requirements):

- an airline or other common carrier refuses your 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 for any loss or other costs you incur in connection with your booking (for example, airfares and visa expenses) if you are prevented from commencing or continuing your trip in these circumstances.

### Covid-19 credit redemptions

If: (a) we issued you with a credit due to your original travel arrangements being disrupted by Covid-19 and associated restrictions; and (b) you have redeemed that credit for new travel arrangements; then (c) you agree that we will not be obliged to refund you the value of the credit if you cancel your new travel arrangements.

If you cancel travel arrangements that have a value which exceeds the value of your credit (Excess Payment), then we will refund you the Excess Payment, less cancellation fees in accordance with the table below, calculated from the date which we receive written notice of cancellation:

- More than 75 days prior to departure - refund of Excess Payment
- Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of Excess Payment
- Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of Excess Payment
- 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of Excess Payment
- Any 'no show': 100% of Excess Payment

**CANCELLATIONS OR RESCHEDULING BY US** In these Booking Conditions, the term Force Majeure means an event or events beyond our control and which we could not have reasonably prevented, and includes but is not limited to: (a) natural disasters (including not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide, volcanic eruption), adverse weather conditions (including hurricane or cyclone), high or low water levels; (b) war, armed conflict, industrial dispute, civil strife, terrorist activity or the threat of such acts; (c) epidemic, pandemic; (d) any new or change in law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (including travel advisories and restrictions).

**Force Majeure - Prior to travel**

If in our reasonable opinion we (either directly or through our employees, contractors, suppliers, or agents) consider that your travel arrangements cannot safely or lawfully proceed due to a Force Majeure Event then we at our discretion may elect to:

- reschedule your travel arrangements (in whole or in part); and/or
- cancel your travel arrangements (in whole or in part), in which case our contract with you will terminate (in whole or in part).

If we cancel any of your travel arrangements, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other for the cancelled arrangements. However, we will refund payments attributable to the cancelled travel arrangements less: (a) unrecoverable third-party costs and other expenses incurred by us for the cancelled travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of the cancelled travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to the cancelled travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

**Force Majeure - During travel**

If due to Force Majeure we cancel travel arrangements after your trip has commenced, we will provide you with a refund of recoverable third-party costs for cancelled travel arrangements only.

**Force Majeure – General**

If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel arrangements are cancelled or rescheduled 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.

You acknowledge that the terms in this section are reasonably necessary to protect our legitimate business interests. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance that adequately responds to cancellation and rescheduling risks associated with Force Majeure events.

**Other cancellations**

**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.

If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure, you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid, or the offer of a trip of substantially equal quality if appropriate. We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur if your travel arrangements are rescheduled or cancelled



whether or not due to Force Majeure.

If we cancel your travel arrangements, neither party 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.

#### **CANCELLATION DUE TO GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC HEALTH**

**AUTHORITY** If you are ordered into a period of quarantine by a government or public health authority as a mandatory directive for any reason and this requires you to cancel or amend your travel arrangements with us within 75 days of your departure date, Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any third-party costs, cancellation fees or prepaid arrangements such as (but not limited to) airfares and cruise ship bookings.

We will not be responsible for any additional cost incurred to you while on tour if you are instructed by a government or public health authority to enter into a period of quarantine or to return home early, this includes any extra accommodation costs or amendments to your onward travel arrangements.

Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to recover as much of your funds as we can on your behalf, or negotiate a credit for future use, should a disruption to your travel arrangements occur due to a government or public health authority directive.

Wendy Wu Tours highly recommends you investigate and secure travel insurance options that best suit your individual circumstances, including any applicable to pre existing medical conditions and world events.

**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 (including but not limited to airport transfers) 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.

**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** It is strongly encouraged that you are adequately insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the trip of your choice. If you suffer from a medical condition which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention, or which may affect the normal conduct of the trip, then you must advise us at the time you make your booking request.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you will require special assistance from personnel which we cannot reasonably provide, then we may cancel your booking. Provided you notified us of your medical condition at the time you made your booking request, we will provide you with a full of refund of payments made. If you fail to notify us at that time or if you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time of our request, then this will be considered a cancellation by you.

We reserve the right to cancel your booking if any changed or non-disclosed medical conditions mean that you will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide. We strongly suggest that your travel insurance policy includes comprehensive cancellation coverage.

**VACCINATIONS** It is mandatory for you to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 with a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration. This is so we can provide a safe environment (by mitigating health risks) for our staff, our contractors, our suppliers and their staff, and our other customers (as relevant). It also assists to protect the communities you will visit. You agree to provide us with evidence of vaccination at least 6 months prior to the commencement of travel arrangements booked with us. If you fail to provide evidence of vaccination by the time required, then you acknowledge and agree that this will be deemed a cancellation by yourself. Please refer to the "Cancellation by You" section above.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING** A passport with a minimum of six months validity and at least 2 blank pages upon return to Australia is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders 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 issue 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-date information.

**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. Note that 'Happy to Share' requests can be received when you make your booking with us but will not be confirmed until your final payment due date. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain and is payable with your final balance in line with our normal booking conditions. Either way, our Customer Services Team will contact you around 75 days before departure to let you know whether a share partner has been found or not. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to change or withdraw this arrangement at any time. 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 whatsoever 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 SERVICES** We are not responsible for any additional activities or excursions which are not included in the booked itinerary or which we sell as agent for the principal operator. Any advice or recommendation made by a guide or local representative does not make us responsible.

**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 kilometres from the nearest international airport. Up to 10 extra kilometres 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. 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 itinerary. 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.

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@wendywu.com.au](mailto:customerrelations@wendywu.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 upon request.

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**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 [wendywu.com.au/help-and-advice/privacy-policy](http://wendywu.com.au/help-and-advice/privacy-policy).

**BROCHURE VALIDITY** Tour itineraries and prices in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and prices are based on exchange rates as at 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tax changes or levies imposed by any government or their agencies or any airline. Prices are subject to change without notice. Departure dates of tours are subject to change due to future airline schedules. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to make alterations to itineraries, departure dates and prices due to circumstances beyond its control.

**AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES** It is the travel agents' responsibility to ensure that all invoice and itinerary details and documentation issued by Wendy Wu Tours are correct and that the customer is aware of amendment and cancellation conditions and other provisions of these Booking Conditions. It is also the agent's responsibility to provide copies of valid passports at time of deposit. If the agent fails to satisfy these obligations, you must make any claims against the agent and you hereby release Wendy Wu from all such claims.

**LAW OF CONTRACT** This contract is governed by the laws of the state of New South Wales and any legal action arising therefrom shall be litigated only in the appropriate court in that state having jurisdiction in that claim.



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